December The Forester January 2021

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December 2021 & January 2022 Issue

Welcome to the December and January double 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 Brenda Smeeth. This month's Sudoku puzzle is on page 26, last month's puzzle solution is on page 11.

The Kingswood Players are back with a panto in the New Year. This time it's Sleeping Beauty. Looking forward to that. *see page 19 for details*

Its quite a crowded issue this month due to Christmas and it's also a double issue. So we we're short of space for the lovely pictures of the Poppy display in Challock Church, *see page 4*.

Lots of articles & puzzles in this issue so plenty to cogitate when you are not rushing around Christmas shopping.

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

Thank You

Mick Maidens (Editor)

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Challock Church Events

Call Clare on 740356 or Peter on 740213 for clarifications and the latest information.

Christmas Songs and Carols at the Church Saturday 4th December 2.30 pm

Lynwen and the Challock Ladies Singing Group lead an afternoon sing-along for everyone, young and old. Entry by donation, children free. Interval refreshments and mulled wine on sale.

Organised by the "Friends of Challock Church". All proceeds go to maintaining the building.

Christingle

Sunday 12th December 10.30 am

Children's and parents candle procession and carols led by Rachel. Please be early to park. *Collection for the Children's' Society*

Carols in the Methodist Church

Sunday 19th December 3 pm Joint Methodist and Anglican fellowship and carol service

Christmas Candlelit Evening Service

Friday 24th December 10 pm

First Communion service of Christmas led by Revd Cathy Sigrist. All are welcome. Arrive early please to park. Must start on time.



Remembrance Day Poppy Display Pictures





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What's on at The Methodist Chapel?

Sunday Services at 10.30.am at the Chapel on 2nd & 4th Sundays. Zoom services on other Sundays at 10.30.am

Tuesday Village coffee morning - 4th Tuesday of each month 10.30am - 12.00 There will be no December coffee morning at the Chapel but please join us for a New Year coffee morning on 25TH January 2022 at 10.30-12.00

Wednesday Ladies Singing Group - every Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00pm

9:30am **Pebbles - Parent & Toddlers Roaring Twenties -** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month 2.00 - 4.00pm - Over 55's Club

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Dear Friends,

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, mistletoe and wine, minced pies, baubles and santas and decorations galore, everyone frantically seeking the perfect gift – yes, it must be that time of the year – Christmas!

Christmas is certainly a time for celebration and it is also a time for salvation & a time for reconciliation. It's good news & it's absolutely free and it's there for everybody!

For some odd reason, some believe that to be a Christian means being gloomy or miserable, and that Christians can't have fun or be happy or celebrate – well it's just not true! Come and visit our Christmas Tree Festival in Chilham $(1^{st} - 12^{th})$ December or come to one of our services during this festive season.

God wants us to be happy and to celebrate and one very good reason to celebrate Christmas comes from Luke 2:10-11 when the angel announced, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

The good news of Christmas is the Gospel message about the greatest gift of all time. And the gift? That God sent His only Son, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, to be amongst us and to bring great joy and salvation to all who welcome him. The purpose of Christmas is to share this gift and what a perfect opportunity! It's a holiday that focuses on the Saviour of the world. That is why I celebrate Christmas.

I love Christmas. It's a wonderful time of the year and it's a wonderful story to tell, but please do remember that the only reason that we celebrate Christmas is because we are celebrating the birth of a baby, God's son, in the town of Bethlehem some 2000 years ago. This baby wasn't born in a palace or mansion, to come and lord it over everyone, but in a humble stable, where the cattle lived. And the first visitors? The shepherds. Not the high & mighty but the humble and lowly. So during this season's festivities, try & make time to remember & to give thanks to God for his very precious gift to us that costs absolutely nothing and truly put "Christ" back into Christmas.

Next year will be a special year when we celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

St. Mary's Church Chilham celebrating her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee $2^{nd} - 5^{th}$ June 2022



Finally I would like to thank you all for your help and support during the past year and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Covid free New Year.

With every blessing

Yours in Christ Cathy

CHURCH SERVICES – CHALLOCK, MOLASH & METHODIST CHAPEL

December 2021 and January 2022

See website: kinaswoodbenefice.co.uk

5th December - Advent 2

- 9 30 AM Holy Communion at Challock Church
- Methodist's Zoom Service 10.30 AM

12th December - Advent 3

- 9.30 AM Holv Communion (BCP) at Molash Church
- Christingle Carol Service at Challock Church led by Rachel 10.30 AM
- 10.30 AM Holy Communion at Challock Methodist Chapel

19th December - Advent 4

3.00 PM Joint Anglican/Methodist Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel 4.00 PM Carol service and Lessons at Molash Church

24th December - Christmas Eve

Candlelit First Communion of Christmas at Challock Church 10.00 AM

25th December - Christmas Day

Holv Communion (BCP) with Carols at Molash Church 9.30 AM

26th December - Christmas 1

No Services

2022

2nd Januarv - Christmas 2

- 9.30 AM Holy Communion at Challock Church
- 10.30 AM Methodist's Zoom Service
- 9th Januarv - The Baptism of Christ - Plough Sunday
- 9.30 AM Holy Communion (BCP) at Molash Church
- 10.30 AM Covenant Service at Challock Methodist Chapel

16th January - Epiphany 2 World Religion Day

10.30 AM Lay-Led Family Service at Challock Church 10.30 AM Methodist's Zoom Service

23rd January - Epiphany 3

9.30 AM Lav-Led Morning Worship at Molash Church Morning Service at Challock Methodist Chapel 10.30 AM

30 th January	- Epiphany 4	World Leprosy Day
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If you would like to be involved in any way at all (not necessarily flower arranging) please contact Pam Hamilton on 01227 730559 to register your interest. We will then arrange a meeting in the new year to gather everyone's ideas together and begin planning for the Jubilee bank holiday.

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On 12th December as the festival concludes, there will be Carols and the lighting of the Chilham Village Christmas Tree by Bishop Rose at 6pm in Chilham Square followed by refreshments in the church. See the websites for St Mary's Church and The Friends of St Mary's for more information.

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Please ensure prior to Gam Presented prior to Gam Christmas 2021 waste and recycling collections

During the festive period your refuse and recycling collection days may be altered. Check out the 2021/2022 calendar below for any changes!

You will be pleased to know that during the festive period, recycling and refuse collections will not need to change this year due to Christmas falling on a weekend. Here's everything you need to know about this year's Christmas collection schedule.

Please ensure bins are

Bulky / large item waste collections will be suspended from Monday 27 December 2021 to Monday 10 January 2022.

Garden waste collections will also be suspended for the two week festive period and resume as usual on Monday 10 January 2022.

Weekly Monday clinical collections will be as normal on Monday 21 December and Monday 28 December 2021 and also on Monday 3 January 2022.

Week	Normal collection day	Revised collection day
60	Mon 20 Dec	No Change
Recycling	Tues 21 Dec	No Change
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	Mon 27 Dec	No Change
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Refuse	Thurs 30 Dec	No Change
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60	Mon 3 Jan	No Change
	Tue 4 Jan	No Change
Š	Wed 5 Jan	No Change
Recycling	Thurs 6 Jan	No Change
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Tree Recycling

This special fundraising campaign is celebrating its 10th anniversary. In that time, more than £125,000 has been raised for local hospice care. The campaign offers real Christmas tree collections from homes across the Ashford borough.

Ashford residents can register their real Christmas tree for collection. Pilgrims volunteer elves will collect the tree from your home and take it for recycling. In 2020 a record breaking 1,350 real Christmas trees were collected by the charity, raising more than £21,000 for vital end-of-life care. Ashford Borough Council is proud to support our local hospice and we're hoping even more people will register and donate to have their tree collected and recycled. Register your real tree for collection by midnight on 6 January 2022 by visiting www.pilgrimshospices.org/ treerecycling

Pilgrims Hospices team of volunteer elves will safely collect your tree to be recycled from Saturday 15 - Tuesday 18 January 2022.



Missed bin collections can continue to be reported via the usual Report It channel: www.ashford.gov.uk/wastecollections/reportmissedbin/

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Christmas Whist Drives: Molash (10th) Challock (20th)

4th December: Church Bazaar 3pm. All proceeds will help pay for parish bus (Where's that gone ?)

Evensong : Evensong on dark nights is not, understandably, very popular. So until the clocks go forward in the spring we will be having Evenson at 3pm. This is a lovely service and we hope that the new winter times will be more acceptable

Christmas Day Services: Holy Communion 7am and 9.30am Challock 8am Molash Family Service 11.15am Challock

Carols: December 12th Betteshanger School Choir 3pm at Challock December 19th: All invited to Methodists at 6pm. N.B No Evensong on either 12th or 19th. January 2nd 1966 – Service of Carols at Molash Church 3pm

Our Sorrows: Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Tharp and his family in their bereavement. Mrs Tharp will be much missed in Molash. May she rest in peace

Our Joys: Two little girls were welcomed into the family of the Church of God on October 24th at Challock Church. This was a real family gathering. The girls were Sandra Jane Smith and Sarah Jane Shirley

Good News at Molash: The buttresses are repaired at last and that remarkable tree removed from the Tower. There will soon be work done on exterior plastering The latest news is that the Friends of Kent Churches has awarded us £250 towards the cost

Two or three confirmation services are planned in the district during 1966 and the vicar would be glad to have the names of adults and young people who would like to join classes

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Nature Notes

Soon it will be Christmas and already wreaths are appearing on doorways, almost all carrying Holly and Ivy.

Holly

This is one of the most loved and respected trees in Celtic mythology and is the evergreen twin of the oak. It is said that whilst the oak was the controller of the light half of the year, the holly controlled the dark, winter months.

For centuries this magical tree has been represented by a holly wreath which was worn as a Crown by Celtic chieftains for good luck.



The holly trees abundance of spiked leaves are a great place for birds to safely make their nests. Hollies are either male or female, this becomes apparent as the tree matures; the male has pale yellow flowers and females white. The delicate scented flowers are loved by bees and butterflies which in turn pollinate the female trees which bear the red berries.

Remaining on the trees throughout winter holly berries are a rich source of food for birds, including redwing, field fares and mistletoe thrushes. Each berry contains four seeds which are dispersed by birds in their droppings. In folklore holly has long been said to protect against lightning strikes, and for this reason it was often planted close to a house Modern science has proved the truth of this myth, the spines act as tiny electric conductors.

To the Romans the holly was a symbol of immortality and they gave it to each other as a gift of good fortune and later as Christianity spread the green leaves and red berries came to be associated with Christmas.

lvy

Clingy, luscious, misunderstood Ivy has long been accused of strangling trees but it doesn't harm the tree at all. In fact it supports at least 50 species of wildlife with its nectar, pollen and berries including insects, birds and bats.

lvies have two phases of growth. In their juvenile stage plants send out long stems to seek out a vertical surface and in their adult stage the leaves change shape, growth becomes shrubby, flowers in autumn before berries ripen over winter.

The Roman god Bacchus was often depicted wearing a wreath of Ivy and grape vine. Ivy was also a symbol of intellectual achievement and wreathes of it were worn by winners of poetry contests.

As a symbol of fidelity priests often presented newlyweds with a sprig of Ivy and even today it is still the custom for bridle bouquets to contain a sprig.

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Challock Parish Council Minutes

Did you know you can look at the Parish Council meeting minutes online at www.challock.org and then click on Parish Council.

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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The Group is NON TUTORED and you will need to provide all your own art materials and subject matter and we do occasionally have exhibitions.

Everyone is welcome to join - you don't need to be an artist.

Meeting arrangements: - weekly every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Venue: - Challock Memorial (Village) Hall TN25 4DH

Cost: - Approximately £2 a week which includes tea, coffee and biscuits

Why not give us a try? - The first session is FREE.

Contact Rob - 01233 742670 or email robsart@btinternet.com for further info.

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For more information or to book your space please phone Shirley on 01233 742744



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 07895494851. The Barn Shop are able to deliver basic supplies to parishioners in the village who are self-isolating. Please call Paul the Barn Shop on 740237 or email <u>paulbarkaway@yahoo.co.uk</u>

Challock Post Office Challock Post Office now operates from the Village Stores on Tuesdays & Thursdays 2 pm -4 pm. The service is being trailed for the month. Currently looking for a permanent venue.

Christmas Tree

A Christmas tree kindly donated by Foodari has been installed on the Lees, adjacent to the Memorial. The tree lights kindly donated by P J Edwards Haulage Ltd. The Primary School has been invited to decorate the tree. Parishioners are welcome to decorate the tree.

Christmas Pack & Dinner Requests

Through the William Oure Charity the Parish Council will be organising a Christmas Pack to be distributed to elderly parishioners who are living alone and to parishioners in need. The Christmas Pack will contain some festive food and items to help through the winter, Through the kind generosity of parishioners last year offering to provide a Christmas meal on Christmas Day, the Parish Council would like to organise the same again. Please could parishioners send in recommendations of parishioners who would like to receive a Christmas Pack and would like to receive a Christmas meal on Christmas Day. Please let the Clerk know if you are able to provide a Christmas meal to a parishioner in the village.

Speed watch

To date we have recorded 626 vehicles speeding and an advisory letter is sent by the police. To make a real difference we need to be running more sessions in the various approved sites around the village. The sessions run about an hour, so if you are able to spare an hour once a week/fortnight, please consider joining us. If you are interested in joining Challock Speed watch Scheme, please email **<u>csw@kent.police.uk</u>**. Commencing with on-line training followed by face-to-face training. We are looking for a site along Buck Street, heading towards Faversham direction and adjacent to the roundabout. If any parishioners are happy for the speed watch team to operate a session from their entrance/driveway, please contact the parish clerk. We can arrange with Kent Police to carry out a safety check.

Challock Speedwatch team would like to thank parishioners for their support.

Public Rights of Way Parishioners visit <u>www.kent.co.uk/public-rights-of-way</u> to look up on the definitive map public rights of way in Challock. Any problems with public rights of way i.e., vegetation overgrowth please report to the Parish Clerk to contact KCC. Clerk has reported leaning tree blocking footpath at High Snoad Wood

Highways Report a problem - parishioners can use the KCC online reporting system (<u>www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</u>) 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.

Clerk has reported signs obscured and hidden in hedgerow, junction at Souids Gate Lane, Canterbury Road. Missing/damaged deer signs Longbeech, Canterbury Road and Kings Wood, Faversham Road, Clerk has reported damaged Welcome to Challock Sign, Buck Street. Reported mud on Monkey Lane to KCC Highways. Salt bins have been



filled by KCC. Clerk has requested a salt bag to be delivered to St Cosmas Close.

Dog/Litter Bins – all litter bins can now be used for dog foul as well as general litter.

A252 Road Improvement Scheme

Outstanding works at the roundabout are due to be completed at the end of November, A road safety audit for the whole of the A252 conducted shortly afterwards. Clerk has requested the audit is conducted during the busier times at the roundabout when the school children are coming off the bus.

Funding Grants

Parish Council has been successful in Ashford Borough Council grant application for a new village website. A new website should be available in December. A grant application has been made for CCTV around the village hall and cricket pavilion.

The Lees - The Parish Council have agreed for the concrete bollards at the Lees entrance opposite High Snoad Wood to be moved up to the entrance to the Lees, Church Lane. Wooden bollards will be put in place of the concrete bollards.

Rewilding Project - The Parish Council has approved for the continuation of the rewilding of areas 2 & 3 adjacent to Canterbury Road, opposite Green Lane junction and garage. To extend area 5. It was agreed to concentrate on these areas; to be established before looking to other areas of the Lees. Looking to move the planings site further back of area 5.

The Parish Council has applied to National Lottery funding "Together for Our Planet Initiative." Seeking funds for seeds for areas 2.3 & 5. Buddleia & cotoneaster for the perimeter at the back of area 5 and strip of land adjacent to the Halfway. For wooden planters made by local craftsman Les Langley to be sited at focal places in the village, i.e., primary school, church, Methodist Chapel and near the village sign on strip of land opposite the Halfway.

Queens Platinum Jubilee June 2022

Nation will come together over a four-day Bank Holiday weekend to celebrate The Queen's 70-year reign. Extensive programme of public events will mix traditional pageantry with cutting edge technological displays. Jubilee medal will be created and awarded to public services workers. Opportunity for the village to come together and organise events to mark this special occasion post pandemic. Challock Parish Council are looking to organise a picnic/hog roast and firework display on the bank holiday. Friday, 3rd June on the cricket ground. Welcome offers of help on the day. The Parish Council welcome ideas on celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

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 parishclerkchallockpc@gmail.com or via Facebook Page.

The Parish Council meetings: Challock Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5th January at 7.30 pm in the main village hall.

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Christingle



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Sarah Williams (Chair) Julia Phebey

Graham Wethered

Tony Dodd (Vice Chairman) Angela Goodsell

Parish Clerk Tina Cobourn, contact - molashpc@gmail.com or 07922 085423

Molash Parish Council Minutes

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

Molash Matters

Have you visited our MOLASH WEBSITE on molashpc.org.uk



Our Facebook page can be found at Molash Parish Council and follow us to receive updates on what's happening in the village.

Unfortunately due to some of the councillors being indisposed we didn't have a meeting in November, the next Molash Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 9th December 2021 in The Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome. We do not have a meeting in January. As always Covid compliant.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MOLASH PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Peter Higgs of Chilham Farm Shop and Post Office again this year for donating the Christmas tree you will see on Molash Village Green.



More Volunteers Wanted With the nights drawing in and the

temperature dropping, we have completed less sessions in the last month but we would like to step up the campaign and with your help book more. Our Speedwatch Campaign has generated some astounding results. We have recorded hundreds of speeding vehicles through our village and the police take any follow up action necessary. The fastest to date on the Street have been in the 70's! IF YOU CAN SPARE AN OCCASIONAL HOUR please go onto the Speedwatch site to register: www.communityspeedwatch.org and follow the instructions to complete the online training session.

Please sign up

For the Second Year running we are decorating the Molash **Christmas Tree** on 5th December from 10.30am on the Village Green Please come along and help as we have hundreds of baubles to place on it and feel free to add your own spare baubles

All welcome

Carols around the Tree

To help get us in the Christmas spirit come and join us to sing Carols around the Christmas Tree on Thursday 23rd December at 2pm for about an hour.

Please contact Tina Cobourn, the Parish Clerk, on 07759 816757 with any matters you would like addressing.

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Challock & Molash Gardening Society

On Saturday the 18th November, the Society organised a talk by our old friend Richard Goodenough who gave his talk on "Wilderness and the 19th Century Landscape Artists". As usual, Richard made the talk well-researched, interesting and informative.

December 11th will see the Society hold its Christmas Social event in Molash where members will enjoy the usual fun and lively evening. Fabulous food, a wonky quiz and games, a scary horror story recited by a member, carol singing & a little alcohol will be the order of the night. Of course, the super raffle will be in attendance.

Winners of the raffle held at the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Molash were; Pat Harvey, Delenda James, Joy Elvy, Gill Prince, Sidonie Delaney, Paul Lowe, Rachel Spicer, Jo Mitchell, Tierney Bell, Pauline May and Michelle Rogers. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who bought raffle tickets to boost the amount donated to Macmillan. Total was just over £700.

The Society wishes a Merry Christmas and Happier New Year to all

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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.**





A New Year a New Start Thinking of Volunteering?

Can you spare a few hours per week?

Wish to help in your community?

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Ashford Borough Citizens Advice offers a wide range of voluntary roles including fundraising, form filler, advisers and trustees. Our trustees maintain the awareness of the business and generate funds for Ashford Borough Citizens Advice. Friends of Ashford and Tenterden carry out fund raising activities to enable them to make grants for products or services to support the work of Ashford Borough Citizens Advice.

Diane Downing, District Manager at Ashford Borough Citizens Advice said:

"Our volunteers make a huge difference to people's lives.

"They give up their free time to help people in their community. People have complex problems which impacts on their well-being. We are as an independent, confidential advice service aim to support and give advice and information appropriate to the needs of the community.

> "Volunteering is for everybody and it brings its own rewards. It's a great way to meet people and learn skills.

"If you'd like to help people in your area and can spare a few hours, we'd love to hear from you."

Thanks to the contribution volunteers play in Ashford Borough Citizens Advice, 2 out of every 3 clients have their problem solved and 4 out of 5 say the advice received improved their lives.

If you're interested in finding out more about volunteering with Ashford Borough Citizens Advice contact Diane Downing

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The Health and Social Care Bill 2021 - The Shape of Things to Come

The Health and Social Care Bill 2021 has been slowly making its way through Parliament with remarkably little public comment or media coverage, yet it will introduce significant changes in the way in which we will receive GP and wider primary care services. Some have argued that this is the wrong bill at the wrong time, but a reform of the Social Care system is long overdue and the bill legislates for greater integration between health and social care although it falls short of the comprehensive 'fix' which is needed.

The vehicle for greater integration will be the new Integrated Care Centres, statutory bodies under the control of central government. These will replace Clinical Commissioning Groups, which replaced Primary Care Trusts as recently as 2013. The problem is that the NHS cannot deliver the services we need without the workforce to do it. In 2019, 68% of surveyed GPs found it difficult to recruit a GP and this rose to 70% in 2020. Workforce shortages are seen as the most substantial barrier to progress and the problem could be compounded as 34% of GPs surveyed in 2021 had plans to leave practice within the next 5 years. We simply do not have enough primary care staff to deliver the services needed by an aging population. However ambitious the plans and however often you shuffle the cards, there are still only 52 cards in the pack and a finite number of overloaded GPs available to see patients.

As the Royal College of General Practitioners pointed out in its evidence to the House of Commons Bill Committee -

"The success of the reforms does not lie solely in changes to legislation or the modifications to decision making powers within central authorities. Successful integration relies on the building blocks of newly designed patient pathways and the relationships between frontline health professionals, their teams, and the patients they serve Patient participation and representation is key towards ensuring that citizens are involved in shaping the health services they need.... More needs to be done to ensure patient representation links the local level to those responsible for planning care at the top".

Hear hear to that, but so far there has been a woeful lack of consultation or patient participation in shaping things to come.

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Climate Change is Happening

Pat Crawford provides the Rural Focus Press Group Comment & Advice Column

COP26 is currently in progress. So far plenty of promises have resulted, many of which are similar to pledges made in Paris in December 2015. That was the 21st COP (Conference of the Parties) but during the 1990s most countries in the world had signed up to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) that was designed to stabilise greenhouse gas "at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic (human induced) interference with the climate system." Everyone can make their own conclusions but, we mustn't lose heart.

We need financial resources and sound investment in order to reduce emissions and promote adaptations in every part of the world. The sums involved are considerable - in fact, huge – but the benefits would outweigh upfront costs.

One of the biggest problems relates to the fact that so many decisions made by politicians around the world are based on short-termism.

Why don't newbuild houses incorporate solar panels? Ground heat pumps? Charging points for electric vehicles? Installing this technology when a building is being constructed is far, far less costly than modifying an existing property.

Is greater integration needed in regard to projects that involve land-usage - for example, constructing more houses, planting more trees, installing more solar farms?

Land is a vital commodity yet the Environment Agency has already warned that it will be unable to protect some vulnerable areas as sea levels rise. Where will businesses and household affected be relocated? Meanwhile a UN issued report states that by 2030, half the world's population will be affected by flooding, storms & tsunamis.

Many of the figures incorporated in COP26 are almost unimaginably vast which can encourage a negative response from individuals: 'how could my tiny personal contributions make a worthwhile difference?' Of course, the answer is that added together, millions and millions of tiny actions would make an amazing difference.

Some better news: the government has pledged almost £2 billion to unlock brownfield land and 160,000 homes are planned. Sainsbury's is bringing forward its climate target and is now aiming to get to net zero by 2035 – five years earlier than previously planned. Led by the National Trust and other organisations, big plans are underway to plant thousands more trees. A report by Imperial College, London states that 'a massive effort to promote forest regeneration or plant trees on non-croplands across the globe could sequester up to 100 gigatons of carbon, an amount equal to ten years' of man-made carbon emissions at current rates'; however, the report continued 'Yet it would take these new forests about a century to capture this quantity of carbon'. Don't let's overlook that sequestering starts immediately a tree is planted.

MHA MacIntyre Hudson, one of the UK's largest accountancy firms, is leading a Campaign 'Support British Business'. Recognise, Appreciate, Value and Buy into everything we do well in Britain. Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, a Partner at MHA, comments "This includes food grown and produced by our wonderful farming industry". Support British Business' will help to save existing jobs, create new ones and assist the country back to economic stability.

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Dr Graham Jones, after a glittering career spanning nearly 40 years, retired in 2012 as Senior Director of Music, Household Division and Director of Music, Coldstream Guards a position unequalled throughout military music in Great Britain. During his illustrious career he has recorded over 40 albums and been responsible for the largest commissioning programme of wind band music in recent history commissioning over 30 new works. In 1993 Graham was made a Member of the British Empire for outstanding service to military music. Having retired from military service, in 2012, Graham is enjoying a second career as a guest conductor, adjudicator, guest speaker, lecturer, clinician, recording consultant and educator

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Our Society has a membership of c170 from across the Weald and North Downs.

Visitors are welcome at £5. If you join the money will be refunded. Membership costs £40 per annum for individuals and £70 per annum for couples. For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via **cmwillis75@gmail.com** or **01233 756377**.

Challock Village PC Contact Details



The Police Community Support officer is now Aarron Newell, He can be contacted either on **101 or email** <u>csu.ashford@kent.pnn.police.uk</u>

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For future reference if you put your postcode into the bottom of the Kent Police website <u>www.kent.police.uk</u> it will give you details of your local officers.





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



PROTECT YOURSELF

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



Coronavirus/COVID-19

Scams & Guidance

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



Pebbles is a parent and baby/toddler group which runs every Wednesday morning at 9:30-11:15am (term-time only)

Find us: Challock Methodist Church, The Lees, Challock, Ashford, TN25 4BE Cost: £1 per adult and £1 per child (18mth +) snacks for children are provided There is ample parking and lots of space for buggies/strollers

Join us for coffee/tea and relax whilst your child/children play

For more info, contact: Paula Thorne – 07813 880 041 or via the Facebook Group, Molash & Challock Mums



Please contact Kent Play Clubs office **01233 713813** for further details and registration forms.

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

HELP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

There are several organisations that victims can contact if they want to get help:



Freephone 24-Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline, run by Women's Aid and Refuge

0808 2000 247 www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

There are also specialist helplines in Wales 0808 8010800, Scotland 0800 0271234 & Northern Ireland 0808 8021414 Men's Advice Line (for men experiencing domestic abuse) 0808 801 0327 www.mensadviceline.org.uk

> Victim Support 0808 16 89 111 www.victimsupport.org.uk

DO NOT confront the abuser. Do not do anything that may endanger you, the victim or their children

Challock Ladies Singing Group

Every Tuesday Methodist Chapel 2pm – 4pm.



Please do come and join us - no previous singing experience required.

Further information call: Lynwen 740610

DOMESTIC

ABUSE



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

We would pleased to see any new members.

Contacts - Mrs Jill Jones - Secretary - 01233 714610

Mrs Brenda Smeeth - 01233 740912

Puzzle Solutions

Crossword Solution (on page 53)

The Word Search

(on page 52)



Celebrations & Events - December & January 3rd Dec 2021 Elf Dav

Raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. Unleash your inner elf by dressing up.

Christmas Jumper Dav

10th Dec 2021

Organised by Save The Children to raise money to help children around the world.

Winter Begins

21st Dec 2021

The winter solstice represents the beginning of winter and is the shortest day.

Christmas Eve

Looking forward to Christmas!

Christmas Dav

Commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, which is celebrated around the world.

Boxing Dav 26th Dec 2021 Traditionally servants were given a 'Christmas box', usually a gift or money.

New Year's Eve Look forward the 2022 and celebrate the new year.

New Year's Dav Happy New Year! It's the first day of the year.

Winnie the Pooh Dav 18th Jan 2022 Celebrated on author A. A. Milne's birthday, with readings and teddy bear's picnics.

Burns Night 25th Jan 2022 Birthday of Scotland's poet Robert Burns, celebrated with a Burn's Night Supper.

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24th Dec 2021

25th Dec 2021

31st Dec 2021

2022

1st Jan 2022

Mick's Computer Chat

Christmas Logic Puzzles

Cypher Breaking Grid

Crack the cipher by completing the crossword-style grid, and it will reveal one of the greatest movie messages of all time.

In a cypher, individual symbols are replaced by new symbols. Here letters have been replaced by numbers.

We've given you a few letters to start. Use the box at the top to record the key to the cypher. All letters of the alphabet appear in both the key and grid ... but which is which letter?

The Tour Guide You are a hotel tour guide. Tourists staying in your hotel expect to be taken on a tour visiting all the city's attractions.

You have been given an underground map that shows all the locations of the attractions and how you can get from one to another using the underground network.

You must work out a route that starts from the hotel and takes your tour group to every tourist site. The tourists will be unhappy if they pass through the same place twice. They also want to end up back at their hotel.

Mick Maidens is the Owner of Kent PC's for Computer Repairs in Challock (Nr Ashford). **Email: support@kentpcs.co.uk Phone: 01233 740306**





Art Gallery



Science Museum

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Wordsearch



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- 1. Beverage made from apple juice (5)
- 3. Chewy candy (7)
- 7. Rice dish (7)
- 9. Sweetener (5)
- 10. Drink before a meal (8)
- 11. Made from flour, sugar and eggs (4)
- 13. The home of pizza (5)
- 14. Broth (5)
- 19. Green acidic fruit (4)
- 20. Slender pasta tubes (8)
- 22. Joint of meat (5)
- 24. Water container (7)
- 25. Flask for keeping drinks hot or cold (7)
- 26. Dough made from flour and water (5)

2. Sweet (7)

Down

- 3. Biscuit (6)
- 4. Slice of sweet raised bread (4)
- 5. Drinking vessel (3)
- 6. Food store (6)
- 7. Gather in the crops (4)
- 8. Sponge cake soaked in wine (6)
- 12. Filtrate (6)
- 15. Essential kitchen devices (7)
- 16. Dry red wine (6)
- 17. Carrot genus (6)
- 18. Knockout drink, Mickey ____ (4)
- 21. Plant stalk (4)
- 23. Fermented beverage (3)

Across

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