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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

Jan has been on holiday for a few days so I have taken over editing Network for this month. Thank you to all those clubs/organisations and contributors who have sent in copy for inclusion this month.

Hopefully it won't be too long until the village hall is open again and we can all get back to meeting up with our friends at our various societies, clubs and organisations. Sadly the decision has been made to cease our monthly whist drives. The Whist Club has been one of the oldest clubs going in the village hall, but age and health have beaten us - unless of course someone would like to take over the helm from Michael and me.

It was lovely to walk up to the Booth Field at the end of May and see Harrietsham Cricket Club playing once again with one lady player (see Rod's article page 11). The tennis club was also in full swing.

Don't forget to send us any articles you may wish to be included in the Network magazine (details below). A copy is delivered to every household in the village and its environs. We would love to hear from you.

Have a wonderful summer and let's hope the weather is kind to us.

Denise Williams - *Associate Editor*

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Beating the Bounds *Part Three*

Following the Beating of the Bounds in 2002, the following report appeared in the July 2002 Issue of Network: -



THE
QUEEN'S
GOLDEN JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS
IN
HARRIETSHAM



Saturday June 1st. The Jubilee weekend got off to an excellent start on the Saturday morning with a dance workshop led by the Springs Dance Company which was attended by 15 young people from the village. After an afternoon rehearsing and setting up, the H.C.U. were delighted that so many additional tickets were bought at the door, bringing the number attending the evening performance to about 100. The programme varied from humorous - Jonah and the Whale set to a Louis Armstrong jazz number, to more serious pieces danced to the music of pan pipes and spoken poetry. Twelve of the youngsters who had taken part in the workshop returned for the evening performance to demonstrate what they had learned and received very well-deserved applause. The whole day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, participants and audience alike.

Sunday June 2nd. The Ecumenical Jubilee Service was really joyful and quite well attended and put one in the mood for the afternoon showing of "A Queen Is Crowned". The film ran for 90 minutes and was very nostalgic. It was narrated by Sir Laurence Olivier and the music was wonderful. Despite the fact that the quality of the film cannot be compared to today's standards, I think everyone who saw it enjoyed it - as indeed they did the cream teas!

Monday June 3rd. Beating the Bounds were the order of the day. Starting at 12noon in East Street, two groups set off - one north, one south - led by Dick Putland, Ray Tong and Martin Hebblethwaite. It felt rather like watching one's troops going into battle - one wasn't sure when they would be seen again! The plan was for them to re-assemble at the end of the route in the Glebe Field, where there were games being organised for children, plus a sausage sizzle and a hog roast. They did indeed all return and were each awarded certificates to prove that they had beaten the bounds.

Ray Groves (who older inhabitants will remember as the village postmaster) and John Bailey (seen opposite) presented their certificates. They have both beaten the bounds together on two previous occasions - once in 1931 when they were 12 years old and in Harrietsham Scouts and then again in 1983 when the bounds were last beaten. It was really great to have them here on this occasion and I should think must be something of a record. Our thanks to them both for attending. The Hog roast, in the capable hands of Bob Wood, was a huge success as usual and enjoyed by everyone. Prizes were awarded for the best "Hero" (Britannia won!) and the best decorated house (Little

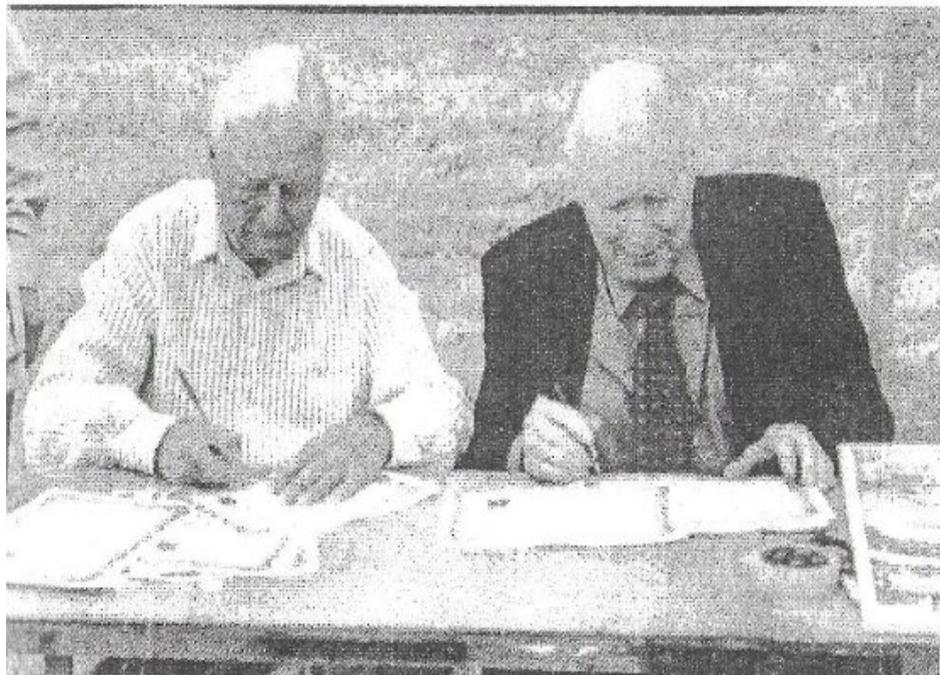
Danes, in Ashford Road) and Jubilee Mugs were distributed to all the children present.

Celebrations then moved on to the Village Hall, where a disco had been organized for 12 to 16 year olds and was, I gather, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

The Jubilee Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the weekend so happy and successful and thanks also to the Parish Council for their financial contributions to the Springs Dance Co. and for purchasing Jubilee mugs for all the children of the village. Happily the rest of the weekend celebrations were self-funding.

Please note:

If your child has not received a mug by the end of July, please get in touch with Pamela Hounsom (859200). Your child is entitled to a free mug if he/she is 0 - 11years old, regardless of which school he or she attends.



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With grateful thanks to Peter Brown and Harrietsham History Society for the articles supplied from their archives for the 'Beating the Bounds' series. Will we do it again in 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

Jan - Editor.

Certificate presented to Elaine Lowery on completion of **Beating the Bounds** in 2002

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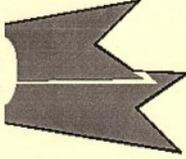
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Elaine Lowery

Beat the North/South Bounds
on Monday 3rd June 2002

Signed

R. K. Graves *John Bailey*



Harrietsham Cricket Club



History Made!

Not since Harrietsham Cricket Club was founded in approximately 1861 (thank you Peter Brown from the Harrietsham History Society for giving me some information on this) has the Club's first XI consisted of a lady cricketer, according to known records. This changed on Sunday 30 May 2021, when Laura Thorogood played as wicket keeper/batter for Harrietsham CC in our league game versus Kings Hill CC (unfortunately we lost). Laura moved to Harrietsham village in 2020, having played cricket in Essex and Surrey leagues previously. Due to COVID-19, HCC did not play any cricket in 2020, so not only was it a relief to get back out on the Booth Field in May this year, but it was delightful to welcome Laura as a playing member of the club. We sincerely hope that she won't be the last woman cricketer for the club in the future.

Our fixtures for the remainder of the season are as follows (all home matches are at the Booth Field), and we welcome supporters. Matches start at 1.30pm.

Sunday 27 June v Headcorn (home)
 Sunday 4 July v Woodcombe (away)
 Sunday 18 July v Frindsbury (away)
 Sunday 1 August v Linton Park (home)
 Sunday 8 August v Loose (away)
 Sunday 22 August v Norton Sports (home)
 Sunday 5 September v New Ifield (away)

Rod Martenstyn

Elevenes

As you will be aware the Village halls are being used for Covid Vaccinations and will be in use for the next few months. It looks therefore that we will be unable to start again until late summer or early autumn. As soon as I have any information I will be in touch with you all to confirm our start date. The Community Warden is geared up ready to go with his quizzes so all is good to go!

Marjorie Darby

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Harrietsham Whist Club



Sadly after many years of the Whist Club running at the village hall, we have decided to close it down due to ill health and old age!

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We would like to thank past and present members for your continued support and also Robin and Jean Collier who provided delicious homemade sausage rolls and cakes for our refreshments during the interval.

Michael Gear

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



At last we are bowling again and by the time you read this article, we will have taken part in our first roll-up on our return to bowls. This took place on Monday 14 June and I have been able to book every Monday afternoon at Lenham Community Centre from that date until the end of September.

Due to the goodwill and neighbourly relationship we have with LenARA, we have been able to borrow their Short Mat Bowls equipment giving us the opportunity to get back to bowling earlier than expected. A very big thank you to LenARA for coming to our aid in our hour of need.

As the club re-opens we are keen to welcome new members, so even if you have not bowled before and you are looking to take part in a sociable activity why not come and give it a try, You may find the game is more of a challenge and more skillful than you think, but the more you play and the better you get, the more addictive it becomes.

For further information contact Phil Gooda 01622 851217

Phil Gooda (Chairman/Secretary)

Harrietsham in Bloom



Our village volunteer team have been busy planting up the summer bedding into the planters and beds. We have used geraniums throughout, predominately red with some white and mixed colours. After all the rain in May the soil was very moist for the planting up so hopefully the plants will get off to a good start.

Tony Bell: Harrietsham in Bloom would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Carole and all the family for their sad loss. Tony was very much an “unsung village hero” working tirelessly behind the scenes helping out many village groups. For HIB, Tony helped with repairs to our wooden planters for many years before starting a programme of building new replacement wooden planters which were finely crafted to last many years. Last autumn Tony was a key volunteer digging the holes for the 10,000 daffodil bulbs that were donated to HIB and which produced such a fine spring display. We shall miss his cheerful contribution and dedicated support.

Thank you for your continued support - any enquiries please contact the Chairman on 859352.

Andrew Rogers

Sudoku Corner

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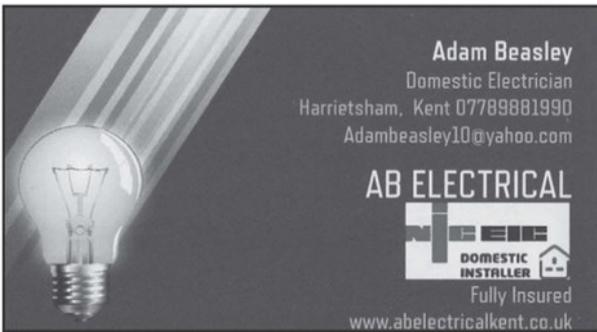
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Isaiah 40:31

Sunday 4 July

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Ulcombe: Informal Service (Taizé-style)

Sunday 11 July

11.00am Ulcombe: **Benefice Holy Communion** to celebrate our curate's ordination

Lenham: Breakfast Church will be joining the market on this day.

Sunday 18 July

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

11.00am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 25 July

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00am Boughton Malherbe: Informal Service

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Top Tips

from Harrietsham Gardening Society



July is here already, a month for reaping the rewards for your efforts in the garden and looking ahead to next year as well. Seeds of biennials such as Sweet Williams, honesty and wallflowers can be sown now ready for planting out in autumn into their flowering positions. If we've had no rain lately make sure you soak the drill prior to sowing seeds to give them the best chance to germinate. Continual watering is of course necessary as they grow away, as it is for any newly planted shrub or tree. The roots need at least a year to develop post-planting before they can take up adequate water to avoid plants being stressed.

Fruit trees will generally have undertaken the 'June drop' and thinned out the fruit they are bearing naturally but it is a good idea to look over your trees and thin apples etc. so that ideally fruit will not touch each other; you need to imagine their size at maturity. Continual dead heading of flowers will help to keep blooms being produced rather than energy going into forming seeds, as well as keeping plants tidy. Removing immature side stems from plants such as dahlias can help specimen flower heads to form and if your sweet peas are looking tired and have reached the top of their supports, untie them, place the stems on the ground and let them grow up again.

Tomatoes will benefit from a weekly feed of a high potash fertiliser and a teaspoon full of Epsom salts in a 2 gallon watering can a couple of times in the growing season. Don't lick the spoon! Tomatoes have a long history. They can be traced back to the early Aztecs around 700AD, but it wasn't until the 1500s that they arrived in Europe. At first they didn't catch on as they resembled the fruit of Deadly nightshade plants and indeed were connected to illness and death amongst the richer population. This was because they ate off pewter plates which contained a high degree of lead that was leached out by the acidity of the tomato. Poor people who ate off wooden plates were ok and soon the popularity grew. There is also a legend that in order to promote the popularity of tomatoes and allay fears about their effects, in 1830 in America, a Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson set out to eat a basket of tomatoes on the steps of the local courthouse. A crowd of 2000 congregated to watch his certain demise, with a band playing dirges and women fainting whilst waiting to see him 'foam at the mouth, twitch and generally carry on until he finally expired'. He didn't, tomatoes were redeemed and were gradually accepted as food, though generally in a highly processed form, after extended exposure to heat, vinegar, and spices ie as the forerunner to tomato ketchup. In the 1880's tomatoes were very popular as an ingredient of pizzas and at this time Queen Margherita came to the throne in Italy. You can see where this is going – yes – the Margherita Pizza was created and named after her. The name was also inspired by the three colours of the Italian flag, green for the Basil topping, white for mozzarella cheese and red for the tomatoes.

Apart from regularly feeding your tomatoes do remove the side shoots from other than bush plants and keep continuously watering to avoid splitting of fruits

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and blossom-end rot, (when a brown patch appears opposite the stalk). The latter is associated with calcium deficiency but regular watering helps.

In the meantime now is the time to prune any shrubs which have finished flowering such as Forsythia and later Philadelphus and Deutzia, which encourages them to produce new wood that will bear next year's flowers.

Finally, do sow a few more runner beans this month which will give you a crop right through until the first frosts in October.

Happy gardening

Harrietsham Community Speedwatch Group



In May, we carried out four road-side sessions, each lasting an hour-and-a-half. This means that for six hours, the speed of traffic on the Ashford Road was monitored and the drivers hopefully encouraged to respect the speed limit, making the main road safer for pedestrians and other users.

In the six hours, we logged 68 "speeders", of which 19 were travelling at over 40mph – and one was even spotted at 53 mph! A "speeder" here is someone driving at such a fast pace that they would be prosecuted for speeding if caught by the police.

In addition to spotting the speeders, we received a number of thumbs-up and waves from drivers who respected what we were doing and wished to encourage our endeavours.

While speed is an emotive issue, the simple truth is that the faster one drives, the more difficult it is to avoid a serious collision. Driving faster means less time available to slow down or stop.

If you agree that speeding in our village needs to be reduced, then come and join us. Volunteers are always needed. The idea is that you will be helping the community as a whole by helping to reduce speed and improve road safety. So if you have the odd hour to spare occasionally to help reduce speeding and improve road safety in Harrietsham, do come and join the team.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, communities monitor local vehicle speeds. Volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down. If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings, police can prosecute them.

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KENT COUNTY SHOW REPLACED WITH KENT COUNTY SUMMER FAYRE

It has been officially announced that the Kent County Show at The Kent Showground, Detling, will be replaced with a smaller event, 'The Kent County Summer Fayre', over the weekend of Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 July 2021.

The Kent County Show has over the years been a showcase event for farming, countryside, and rural life in Kent. With show jumping, livestock and equine showing, flower shows, vintage vehicles, food halls, woodland area and live entertainment, the Show is a celebration of the best of the County but has once again been postponed, however this year with a scaled back version taking its place.

James Forknall, Chairman, said: "After reviewing the Government road map, and the final opening date being so close to the show dates, we could not take the risk of all the hard work needed to put on a large-scale event for it then to be potentially pulled at the last minute. With staff changes also being a factor, a smaller scale event is far more achievable within the timescale we have to organise. It is so important to us this year, to put on a show to help business owners grow after some very challenging times, whilst also encouraging the public to once again enjoy a great and safe day out. It is very much hoped, and everyone at the Kent County Agricultural Society's aim, is to be able to put on a full Kent County Show in 2022".

The Kent County Summer Fayre will still feature some of the well known aspects of the Kent County Show such as show jumping, vintage vehicles, woodland area and live music, there will be a number of trade stands and catering options to suit all tastes. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly as there will be a limited number available.

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Further information will be found on the website in due course, however it is expected that tickets will be on sale towards the end of May.

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About the Kent County Agricultural Society (Registered Charity Number: 1001191)

The Kent County Agricultural Society has been supporting education and improvement in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and related industries since its foundation in 1923. It provides grants to Kent Young Farmers Clubs and offers university scholarships to students wishing to study in related fields. The Society also provides free education on farming to young children through the 'Farming in the Classroom' initiative and the Living Land event.

The Society's headline event is the Kent County Show; the region's showcase event for farming, countryside, and rural life. The three day show in July brings together the best food, animals, and entertainment that Kent has to offer and reveals the true spirit of "The Garden of England."

Alongside its work in supporting education in agriculture for young children and students, the Society also supports the county's agricultural and land-based industries and workers through recognition awards and its trade show, Farm Expo, in March.



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Harrietsham Village Hall

We all look forward to the day when the Village Hall will re-open for normal activities. The day draws nearer.



Harrietsham Network

Christian Message

I doubt that there is anyone who doesn't look back on their life and talk about it. Unless we were babies at the time many of us will, for years, recall the difficult days of the Covid 19 pandemic. Difficult, yes, but this is only part of the story. There is a wonderful truth in the 5th verse of St John's Gospel chapter 5: ***The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.*** Many have discovered these words to prove true and their future memories will recall the kindness of neighbours, making new friends, discovering new interests, taking walks, reading more than before. Light in the darkness has proved true for many but is also special for those who trust in God. Days have been difficult but this is only part of the story.

The Gospel and Epistle writers of the New Testament wrote from experience and Christians continue to look back on what God has done in their lives. Maybe we are too scared of talking about how we have been guided by God. Sometimes I have thought of sharing a memory but have hesitated because I feared that listeners would be bored.

As a response to my hesitancy our curate Charlotte Coles is going to describe the way in which God led her to be ordained as a priest.

Here is what she wrote:

I originally trained as a licensed lay minister (a Reader), like Joan, which meant I led services and preached with the authority of the Church of England. God then began nudging me again and I felt called in a new way and this time I explored ordained ministry to the priesthood. This new call came during a week of prayer in which we were placed with a prayer partner for half an hour each day for five days. On one of those days we were given clay to mould whilst praying, which felt a little odd to begin with, but I stayed with it. Unconsciously, I moulded a small cup, which my husband said looked like an eggcup, but to me it was a chalice into which wine is poured during a service of Holy Communion. This was a key moment in my vocation, though at the time, although I knew it was special, I didn't realise the significance of it.

After much soul searching and talking with friends and my local Vicar at the time, and after going before different interview panels, I was put forward to train for the priesthood. I shall be ordained as a priest on Saturday 3 July. If you had told me twelve years ago that I would be going to vicar school and end up being ordained I probably would not have believed you. So God used other people to guide me and it took a while to trust that guidance and own it.

So I encourage all of you who have managed to read to the end of this article, to follow your heart and hear God speaking to you, and trust in his calling and the plans he has for each and everyone of us. If you feel that God is calling you, then please get in touch for a chat.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

With blessings,

Friends of St. John the Baptist's Church

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By the time this magazine goes to print, hopefully the Friends of St. John's will have had a committee meeting and their Annual General Meeting, so we can discuss fundraising and future events.

We have provisionally booked the Invicta Concert Band for a concert in the church on Saturday 25 September 2021. More details will be announced and look out for posters around the village. The band have played for us before and give an excellent performance. This will be an evening concert, time to be announced.

Hopefully our Ploughman's lunches will take place too, but we will probably be into October and our Soup Saturdays will commence.

If you enjoy our beautiful church and would like to see it preserved for the future, why not consider becoming a 'Friend'. It is open to all denominations and only costs £10 per year (£15 per couple). Application forms can be obtained from me secretary@friendsofstjohn.org

100 Club Lottery Draw

The result of the Fifty-fifth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club made on 12 June 2021 at Little Hatch and drawn by Audrey Joy in the presence of Michael Gear, independent adjudicator, is as follows:-

First prize £66.50 – number - 50 Robert Stythe
Second prize £39.90 – number 130 Glenda Dean
Third prize £26.60 - number 70 David Lowrey

A record 133 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £133

For further information and details of how to become a member of the 100 Club to help with the upkeep of our church, contact the Administrator, Chris Roots at 100Club@FriendsofStJohn.org

Denise Williams - Secretary

Harrietsham Network

For all dog lovers...sometimes things are meant to happen

We lost lovely Zeta the German Shepherd in November after being with our family for 12 years. By March we started looking for another dog but OUR dog was nowhere to be found.

In April, while election leafleting, a van went past with a name that etched on our brains - later to be etched in our hearts - **Fetcher Dog**.

This is a fantastic charity that saves dogs in Bosnia who otherwise would be killed or resigned to a sad miserable life.

Fetcher Dog aims to rescue as many of these dogs as possible. They have many local rescuers, picking up stray street dogs and removing as many as possible from kill shelters. All dogs are taken to safe and secure facilities where they no longer have to fear cruelty. They are fed and cared for and are taken to local veterinarians who help the volunteers nurse them back to health. They are given everything they need for a fresh start and the best possible chance of a happy, healthy life. **Fetcher Dog** then finds forever homes for these dogs in the UK. These dogs have been through so much that they desperately deserve wonderful families and they aim to pair all of the dogs with the best forever homes.

After a research on their website, within a week, we had a home check, a report was written within a day and a zoom meeting with the trustees by the following week.

We were able to reserve OUR dog, a lovely 6 month brindle fluffy black snouted female. (Photo next page). Four weeks later she and 6 other dogs were driven from Bosnia to Doddington... how amazing!! **Fetcher Dog** look after their rescues for 2 days before the dogs are collected by their new families.

At the time of writing DOLLY has been with us only 2 days, she is a calm gentle happy girl and is already part of our family. We feel so lucky for that chance sighting that has changed hers and our lives.

Thank you, **Fetcher Dog**

The charity are always looking for adopters and funds, please take a look at their website **fetcherdog.com** or call them on 01795 859730

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Dolly—Tom and Janetta’s latest member of the family—how cute is she!!

Sudoku Answers (to puzzles on page 14)

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

Easy

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

Hard

Harrietsham Network

Recipe of the month

Molly Cake

Ingredients

250g stoned dates, chopped
300ml water
85g plain flour
85g wholemeal flour
3 tsps baking powder
1 tsp mixed spice
500g mixed fruit
50g ground almonds
80ml orange juice

Method

Boil the dates in the water and set aside.
Sieve the flour into a large mixing bowl and add all the other ingredients, stir in the wet date mix and the orange juice.
Turn the mixture into a 900g lined loaf tin, cover loosely with cooking foil and bake at 165 for one and a quarter hours.

Recipe supplied by Helen Hubble from a sheet purchased from Beth Chatto's Garden on a Gardening Society outing in aid of Cancer Research. This is suitable for vegetarians/vegans as it contains no fat, milk or eggs.

I have tried this and it is absolutely delicious and very easy to make – Denise Associate editor

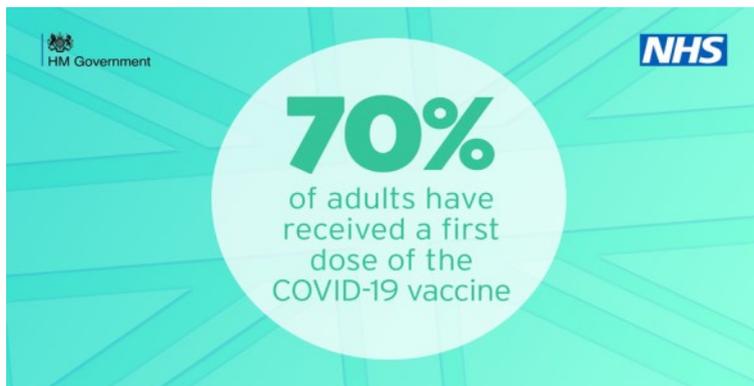
The Masked Intruder

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Edited Extract from a newsletter from *Helen Whately M.P.*

Our road to recovery



The past few weeks have seen glimpses of normal life return. When I was in Lenham recently, people were calling into shops, returned from the school run and chatting in the queue outside Home Bake. It was exactly the kind of afternoon that would have seemed normal in 2019, but now, fills me with hope and relief.

The progress we've made in bringing this virus under control is thanks to the hard work and sacrifices of so many people and the phenomenal success of our vaccine rollout.

Our local vaccination teams have been working flat out for the past five months getting jabs into arms. Over 580,000 people in Kent have now received two doses of a Covid vaccine, helping to save lives and get us back to something like normal life, but we are not out of the woods yet. Everyone can play their part by following the guidance, taking up the offer to get vaccinated and getting tested regularly. When your turn comes, get your jab!

Our local vaccination teams are continuing to do a truly incredible job at getting people vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers involved. With more restrictions easing, it's crucial people take up the offer to get vaccinated. More information is on the NHS website.

Helen Whateley M.P.

The next Issue of Network will be printed and delivered subject to Covid guidelines and will also be available on our website on 1 August 2021

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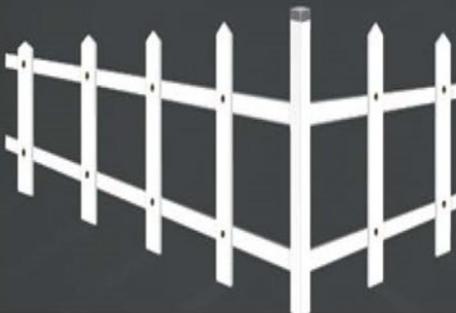
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