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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

It is such a pleasure to at last be able to start bringing you news of forthcoming events and get together. It has been a very long time for all of us and I am sure we will all enjoy the opportunity to socialise with our friends once more. Please do be careful, however, as Covid-19 is still very much in evidence in the UK and we would not want to see any of you get sick at this late stage in the pandemic.

This month's Network gives a hint of forward plans at the Village Hall (see pages 8 and 9), the Gardening Society (page 14) and the Friends of St St John's (see page 33) and there are some items about events that have already taken place, the Wives Group BBQ (page 14), for example, and our intrepid Health Walkers (page 29) who are back in action. The Craft and Chat, and Knit Crochet and Natter Groups are also back (see pages 24 and 25) and have provided us with some lovely photos of their work, some of which grace this month's front cover.

There is news from Harrietsham CofE School (pages 10 and 11) and we are pleased to be able to congratulate a team of pupils who have made it through to the final of the Tri-Golf Competition at Sandwich (see page 37).

We hope to have the Diary and the Day-to-Day events calendar back in the September issue of Network, so please make sure to let us have the details of your club and society meetings and local events for inclusion in the magazine.

Jan - Editor

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Harrietsham Village Hall Trust

Good News!

Your Village Hall is opening evenings and weekends in August!

The committee held their first face to face meeting since March 2020 on 30 June and they have decided to open the hall evenings and weekends starting 2 August. If you would like to book a private hire, please contact Jeanine at bookings@harrietshamvillagehall.org.uk. The hall will reopen fully on Monday 13 September for all clubs and private hire, please contact Jeanine.

Covid lockdown has given the committee time to get some much needed maintenance done – a new boiler has been installed, the three heaters in the Ambrose Hall have been replaced and fans in the ceiling have been added to circulate the heat. The floor in the main hall has been fully refurbished and looks splendid! Also, the kitchen shutters have been serviced and rewired so hopefully there will be no further problems with them.

Unfortunately, our treasurer has resigned so we are looking for someone to fill that role. If you have some spare time and an accounting background and would like to join our team to run your village hall, please contact me at chair@harrietshamvillagehall.org.uk.

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I hope you have all kept safe and look forward to seeing you all back at the hall.

Steve Brown - Chairman





Above: the new heaters, and below , the newly refurbished floor. Photos supplied by HVHT



Harrietsham Network

News from Harrietsham CofE Primary School

To say that this has been a very unusual year would be an understatement! However, as reported before, the school has not been closed (even during lockdowns!) and the staff and children have continued to work very hard.

When the children arrived back for Term 5 it was to find that the main gate had moved to accommodate the building work which is still ongoing. Arrivals and departures were still staggered but everyone was used to this! All the children were still in their class pods but now there was some mixing between Classes 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 outside in the playground.

Year 6 have had a busy term. Firstly they had to move classrooms to accommodate the work on the new build. Many of them have had swimming lessons to ensure that they have the opportunity to be able to swim 25m and to take part in Water Safety lessons by the time they leave school. Some other children from Key Stage 2 have also been able to do swimming this term. Then at the end of the term Year 6 had their Activity Week which, as the name suggests, was truly active! The children took part in a Street Dance Workshop, Football Tournament, Water Survival and Circus Skills. They also spent a day at Wild Times and another at Bedgebury. They had fun on two different loops and on the zip wire and finished off the week with a 'sleepover' at the school. Then later on in Term 6 all the children took part in Bikeability and they all achieved their Level 2.

Meanwhile the 2 Reception classes arrived at school dressed in different costumes representing the job they would like to do when they are older. This was the culmination of their learning centred around 'People Who Help Us'.

The Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium visited the school and Year 1 & 2 learned about the Moon and Year 5 learned about the Planets. All the classes have had the opportunity to appreciate and discover more of the wildlife on their doorstep by visiting Teers Meadow where they have participated in a variety of activities including Botanical Bingo, creating Wildflower Cocktails (NOT for drinking!) and using natural objects to make paintbrushes and create paintings.

Mrs Holland arranged for the whole school to take part in the Guinness World Record attempt to achieve the Largest Simultaneous Sing-Along by singing 'Lovely Day'. Fortunately it was a sunny afternoon which was perfect for singing outside together. As I write, there has not been verification that the record was broken!

There were individual Sports Days for Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 but unfortunately, due to ongoing Covid restrictions, parents were not allowed to attend. There were Potted Sports in the playground followed by Sports Day races in the field with all the children competing to get points for their 'Houses'. All these activities take a lot of organising and the school is fortunate to have a dedicated teacher who does this as well as many other sporting activities.

All this activity has been going on alongside the children's learning as well the building of the new school. It is hoped that at least one of the classrooms will be ready for September with the rest of the building work completed by the end of the year. As well as the two new Reception Classes there will also be an extra class in Key Stage 2 bringing the total up to 11. Three new teachers will also be joining the

school in September as well as one returning part-time after maternity leave. Many of the children who will be joining the school for the new academic year have visited with their parents although, once again, this has had to be restricted due to Covid.

I am also delighted to announce that the school has a substantive Head Teacher appointed in May. Following 18 months as Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Waller Davis was confirmed in the role to the delight of the children, the staff, the parents and the governors. I know everyone wishes her well – she has certainly had a lot to cope with during Covid and is hoping that life will return to normal in September.

Term ended with a farewell service for the Year 6 children as they go on their way to secondary schools in the Autumn. At the time of writing this was due to be held in the church, one of the few occasions when the whole school will have been able to get together throughout this very 'different' year.

Katherin Daking

Parish Council Hedge Cutting Scheme

The annual hedge cutting scheme will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 2 November 2021. If residents would like to be included, could they please email the Parish Clerk (harrietshampc@aol.com).

Please note that, even if you are a regular user of the scheme, you do still need to confirm you wish to be included this year.

Mrs Amanda Broadhurst - Clerk - Harrietsham Parish Council
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Sudoku Corner

The object is to use the numbers 1-9 once each in every row and column and also in every quadrant of 9 squares (heavily outlined). Enjoy! Answers on page 37.

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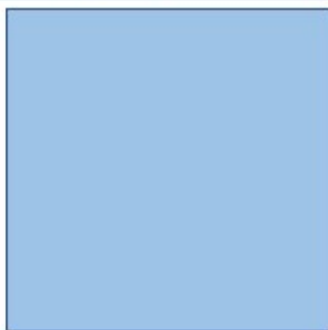
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On the 14th of June, we saw our club bowling again, not at Harrietsham Village Hall but at Lenham Community Centre. This is a temporary measure until we can return to Harrietsham Village Hall, however, we have no idea when that will be at the moment. The generous arrangement for us to borrow bowls equipment from LenARA cannot last forever but it has given some club members the opportunity to meet again and start playing bowls even if it is with Covid regulations in place.

It was good to see the club members arrive, to see they were all well, and see them bowling again. It took a little while to get used to the different playing surfaces and to get rid of the ring rust but it was soon evident that they had not lost their touch. Approximately half the club have been able to enjoy playing under this arrangement and with a short rota in operation, as we can not play with more than twelve persons at each session, we can continue to "Keep on Bowling".

Phil Gooda - Chairman

Wives Group Update

Wives Group has held its first meeting of 2021! This was a very enjoyable BBQ held under Covid rules in Jackie's garden. Having to hold it under slightly different rules has not dampened our spirits. We were really pleased to be able to meet up again after such a long absence.



For the rest of the year we are hoping to resume our usual programme with some slight alterations. We have not booked any speakers and we will possibly have to change our venue but we will still meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm. Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome.

We hope to resume 'normal service' in 2022!

Katherin Daking

Harrietsham Gardening Society

At last we seem to be coming out of lockdown and will be able to resume our activities. As yet we have no details about the Hall or possible restrictions but at least it is good news.

We will be holding a Committee meeting in the near future and should be able to let the members have details as to future activities.

Hope everyone is raring to go again!

David Oversby Chairman



Farewell to Dr Graham Hagan

A representation of Len Valley Practice patients met Dr Graham Hagan, in the Community Hall at Lenham, in June, to say some very personal goodbyes to him. The event was organised by the Len Valley Practice Patient Participation Group.

It was a very special afternoon and, despite the Test and Trace procedures and the obligatory face masks, we enjoyed a relaxed and convivial time which was highlighted with a very amusing thank you speech by Graham. We were kept safe from the virus by the Community Warden, Martin Sherwood.

Graham thanked all of his patients and commented on the fact that when he first came to the practice thirty-six years ago he had dark hair (now white) and he did not need to wear glasses (now used to read the speech)! Despite his youthful appearance, that belied the fact that it was time for him to retire; and wearing some beautifully polished shoes, he and his wife Rebecca met with all of the patients present and gracefully accepted the verbal tributes to his considerable skills.

Alongside the refreshments there was a personal cake made for him by Mrs Maureen Garnett and two roses named 'Happy Retirement' and 'Freedom'.

Undoubtedly, he will be missed by his patients who have received excellent care over many years.

Marjorie Darby: Member of the Patients Participation Group.



Dr Graham Hagan giving his retirement speech, with Community Warden, Martin Sherwood, in the background.

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Isaiah 40:31

Sunday 1 August

- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Service (Fire Pit)
- 11.00 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship with Baptism

Wednesday 4 August

- 9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 8 August

- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

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

Sunday 15 August

- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 11.00 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

Sunday 22 August

- 8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Boughton Malherbe: Informal Service
- 11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

Sunday 29 August

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Top Tips

from Harrietsham Gardening Society



August is a month when you can sit back and enjoy the garden or make as much work as you want to. There are always essential jobs such as watering and harvesting crops but lots of things you can have a go at too if you're so minded.

Thinking of fruit, in August you can cut back raspberry canes which fruited in June/July, to four to six inches, leaving the new stems which will carry the fruit next year. If you are growing apples or pears as espalier or cordons, summer pruning is always a good idea. Look at the new growth which is in excess of 8 inches or so and cut it back to three leaves above the old growth. That will encourage the formation of fruiting spurs. Apples and pears grown as trees are best pruned in winter. As far as cherries, plums and damsons are concerned, these should be pruned in summer, so August is about the latest time, to avoid silverleaf infection. It's quite fun to have a go at budding a different apple on an existing apple in August. It's very easy to do and there's lots of advice on line. It's interesting to see a branch of red eating apples on a green cooking apple tree.

In the flower garden collect seeds of your favourites to sow next spring, as with all seeds they are best kept in an airtight container in the fridge. Keep taking the lower leaves off tomato plants, especially in a greenhouse, to enable air circulation and sun to get at the leaves and developing fruit. If it becomes too hot and humid there is a risk of blight affecting the plants, this will quickly spread to them from potatoes and vice versa. It's worth sowing a few extra runner beans early in the month, along with cabbages to overwinter and head next spring – Duncan is a good variety. Pull onions and leave them on the ground to dry, don't be tempted to cut off or wring off any leaves until they fall off when they're dry.

If you're really bored and want something to do, especially if we've had a dry spell, empty and clean out any water butts to keep them clean and disease free, ready to fill again as soon as it rains.

If you've followed the increasing fashion of not cutting your lawn and you want to create a flower meadow, or create the impression you're deliberately creating a flower meadow then now is really the time to start. Flower meadows can be really rewarding, the photo on page 23 is one in one of our member's gardens taken a month ago – there are bee orchids, pyramid orchids, hawkweed, oxeye daisies, birds foot trefoil, buttercups, clover, speedwell and daisies in profusion. The cowslips and primroses which were there earlier have faded away. If you want to create something like it, the simplest thing is just to use an area of your established lawn. Leave it all year, don't feed it, water it, weed it, use any chemicals or cut it. Then in late August mow it tightly down and remove all the vegetation. It will look sorry for a few days, but all the seeds will have fallen onto the surface ready for next year. It will take two or three years for the flowers to establish but it's worth the wait. If you haven't got an established lawn sow some wild flowers and fine turf grass seeds – fescues and bents, not ryegrass, in the spring, ideally in a really impoverished area such as, dare I say it most new-build gardens which are often highly compacted and full of subsoil not topsoil.

Finally, cut back any lavender plants by about one third and take some cuttings – insert a third of a stem into an equal mix of compost and sharp sand, cover with a clear polythene bag and pot on after 5 or 6 weeks.

Happy gardening!



Photo of a Garden Meadow supplied by Harrietsham Gardening Society

JPK Project

On behalf of my sister Jill Parker M.B.E. I would like to thank those of you who contributed to her recent appeal. We know who you are! She has had a few knock-backs recently and has had to put the build date back to January next year.

If there is anybody out there who intended to do something, but didn't get round to it, we would be very grateful if you could either look at her website at JPK Project, or contact me on 859310. I have to confess I am rather desperate to help her further.

She is so close to realising her dream - and also her 79th birthday!

Thanking you in anticipation,

Jackie Bevan

Harrietsham Network

Craft and Chat, and Knit, Crochet and Natter

We have started our garden meetings again under gazebos, socially distanced and each with our own small table to work on.

In May, we at last got to finish our bejewelled beetles and, at our June meeting, we enjoyed a metal embossing session with Kim using metal embossing tools and the metal from Poundland aluminium roasting tins! We do like to improvise!

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to July's meeting at which we will be recycling the metal from tomato puree tubes which we will be embossing this time by machine and then colouring with alcohol inks to make bookmarks with. Other things can be made with the tomato puree tube metal including card toppers, brooches and flowers and leaves to add to bracelets, etc. The session can be used as inspiration and, after completing the bookmark, people can use their imaginations to create whatever they think of with this 'free' metal which can even be sewn through on a sewing machine!

We have not decided yet what the project will be for August's meeting but this will be decided well ahead of time and everyone who comes to our meetings notified. Attendees always have the choice of either taking part in the group project or doing their own thing.

Again, at the time of writing, we will be having our first meeting of the year of Knit, Crochet and Natter on 8 July. Some plan to bring their own projects along, two people are going to learn how to knit and there will also be a demonstration on two methods of incorporating beads into knitting via a knitted beaded bracelet project. Samples of beaded knitting will be available to see.

If you are interested in joining us in either one or both groups, please contact me on 01622 851885.

Hazel Roots





Recycled Tomato Puree Tube Photo Collage.

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This month's front cover shows a collage of beautiful jewelled beetles, created by Harrietsham Craft and Chat Group members.



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News from St John the Baptist, Harrietsham

Many of you will have noticed during the past year that our Victorian weather vane has developed a rather alarming tilt to the side (pictured below). This follows a winter (and an early spring) of very high winds. Hopefully by the time you read this it will have been restored to an upright state with stronger supports so that this does not happen again.



Of similar concern is the condition of our porch roof, again not surprising in a church of the age that ours is. The problem is the wood battens supporting the roof tiles which are suffering a severe case of dry rot which has then resulted in severe sagging of the whole roof. This work has had to be carried out immediately in order to mitigate the possibility of tiles falling off the roof.

As with many old buildings, remedial work of any kind is extremely costly and, due in some part to the severe restrictions of the past 18 months, the church does not have the reserves to fall back on to pay for these repairs. Whilst we are very grateful to the Friends of St John's who are always willing to help pay for this kind of work, they also have suffered through not being able to hold fund raising events as they have in the past. We would therefore be very grateful to receive any donations from people in the village to help pay for this work which can be made via our Treasurer, Mike Cuerden.

On another note, on Sunday 8 August the Weald Rotary Club will be holding their Annual walk on the Pilgrims Way. The church will be open on that day to serve refreshments to both walkers and visitors.

Richard Daking
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Churchwardens

Photo from the Editor's photo album

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Len Valley Health Walks

Since restarting our Thursday walks in May, we have walked in the countryside around Lenham, Charing, Hucking, Harrietsham, Doddington, Leeds, Sutton Valance and Linton. Our Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning walks also recommenced in May. We hope to start our longer monthly Monday walks in August.

On 24 June we celebrated our 8th anniversary with what has become our usual walk in Hythe. We walked alongside the Royal Military Canal path to the end of the golf course, then turned right to follow the path to the sea front. Then we walked back along the sea front where we stopped for coffee. Then it was time for our fish and chip lunch which had been pre-ordered. We enjoyed our lunch sitting on the sea front. This is the fourth time we have done this, of course we weren't able to do it in 2020, and on each occasion we have had brilliant sunshine; we have been so lucky.



The photograph taken at Hythe this year shows Marjorie Darby on the left, and me on the right. It was in June 2013 that Marjorie started the walking group and successfully ran it until handing over the reins to me in January 2017. We have a lot to thank Marjorie for. It was due to her perseverance that the group were accepted into the Walking for Health family.

If you are interested in joining our friendly walking group or require more information, please contact me.

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Network Magazine September 2021 deadlines

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Something to ponder:

During the pandemic an entrepreneur set up a stall selling boxes of face masks for £10 each. His first three customers were three sisters who turned up together and they each handed over £10 to his assistant. The entrepreneur thought, hang on, they're my first customers and I want word to get out how reasonable I am so he said to his assistant 'Here's £5, give them that back as a discount.' His assistant was a bit shady so he gave the sisters £1 each and put £2 into his back pocket. Each sister had therefore paid £9 for their masks, three nines are 27 and £2 was kept by the assistant so what happened to the other pound?

Anon

Harrietsham Network

Christian Message

Let's Pay Tribute as a Community



The last two years have been extraordinary. We have seen more funerals in our community than within living memory and we have also seen volunteers and all types of key workers rise like modern-day heroes. The symbol of the rainbow - with the combined sense of rain and sunshine - has reminded us of our tears and our joys, our fears and our hopes. It's also reminiscent of God's promise to Noah: to preserve humankind from the forces of chaos in this world.

One of our hopes is that our vaccinated country (and, eventually, world), will find a way to emerge and look back on this pandemic. To crystallise that hope, we will hold a service at 10:30 on 29 August this summer in each of our churches in this area to remember, to celebrate and to reflect on what we have learned as a community.

We want to invite **you** to nominate people as **ordinary local heroes** - people who have done so much behind the scenes, perhaps hidden from the public gaze. Just send me an email with your thoughts, or else give me a call.

We also invite you to join us. Let's gather as a community, and let those who have lost relatives know that we stand with them, and remind those who have given that we appreciate them.

John P. Huggins (vicar@lvb.org.uk 01622 850280)



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Securitem Installations get our vote...

Securitem Installations, part of The Securitem Group, have been selected as a finalist for National Installer of the Year at the 21st British Security Awards, hosted by the British Security Industry Association.

The company who specialises in intruder alarms, access control and high-end CCTV was recognised for its recent work with the Canterbury Oast Trust. Following several threats of livestock theft at the organisations' Rare Breed Centre estate, during the early stages of the pandemic last year, which saw food shortages hit the country, Securitem Installation stepped in to support the charitable foundation.

The Kent based charity which supports disabled adults living on and running the family friendly farm required assistance to replace and recondition outdated security systems to better defend against any potential threat. However, the trust was left in a challenging financial position due to a forced closure of the tourist attraction due to COVID 19.

Securitem Installations attended the site, assessed the situation, and subsequently the engineer team repaired and reprogrammed the front security barrier, provided 5 new cameras with inbuilt audio system, arranged sponsorship of the alarm system. Securitem Consultancy a fellow Securitem Group company were brought on board to continue to monitor the threat throughout the duration of the crisis and provide any necessary response if required. All of this work was completed without any financial recompense, allowing the charity to retain funds for their valuable community work.

Joanne Creighton, Chief Executive of the Canterbury Oast Trust said "The compassion with which Joe and the team viewed our plight was truly humbling. All our concerns were carefully listened to, and the team quickly swung into action. Before we knew it, the team were arriving at our farm with van loads of equipment and assurances that we were not to worry. Within 24 hours, we had an overnight monitoring system and the comfort of knowing that Joe and his team were keeping an eye on our site while we were grabbing some much-needed sleep. Over just a few days, we went from having no site security to a high-quality CCTV and alarm system."

Securitem Installation CEO Joe McGee said "We actively support numerous organisations. Making a positive difference gives us great pleasure. Securing and protecting a charitable organisation at a challenging time was essential and we were honoured to have been able to help. The charity helps to support such a worthy cause and it was a pleasure to support them in their hour of need."

Kate Waters - Marketing Executive of the Securitem Group

*Network congratulates Securitem on being there to support and protect the Canterbury Oast Trust during the pandemic. Our good wishes are with you.
Editor.*



Securitam's premises and some of its very stylish fleet. *Photo supplied by Kate Waters.*

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100 Club Lottery Draw

The result of the Fifty-sixth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club made on 10 July 2021 at Little Hatch and drawn by Audrey Joy in the presence of Michael Gear is as follow: -

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

- First prize £66.50 – number 39 - Chris Harbord
- Second prize £39.90 – number 118 – Peter Underwood
- Third prize £26.60 – number 130 – Glenda Dean

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

Understanding the Impacts of Dyslexia

Do you know what Albert Einstein, Jamie Oliver and Pablo Picasso have in common? They are all famous, successful people with dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects 10% of the population (*British Dyslexia Association, 2019*). The three main areas it affects are writing, reading and organisation. However, despite these struggles, people with dyslexia are known to be incredibly creative and great problem solvers.

Impact on Writing

When pupils are struggling with spelling, it impacts on their ability to express themselves on paper due to a limited choice of vocabulary they can spell successfully. The extra effort expended on spelling also limits their ability to write fluently. In addition, pupils may have difficulties with handwriting.

Impact on Reading

The extra effort required by pupils to decode and recognise words has an impact on higher level reading skills. The skills of comprehension, inference, comparison and analysis are much harder to attain once they reach secondary school.

Impact on Organisation

Poor working memory, slow processing speed and organisational difficulties are also very common. This can impact on: time keeping; the ability to retain and remember; organising written and verbal information and planning; prioritising tasks such as homework.

All of these difficulties may lead to secondary effects of low self-esteem and anxiety.

A tailored approach to teaching

For typically developing learners, classroom and parental support is sufficient for literary acquisition. However, for learners with dyslexia, often small groups and one-to-one sessions are required. Research has shown that the learning programme should be structured, multi-sensory, cumulative, based on phonics and have opportunities for overlearning to develop automaticity. Multisensory learning uses as many senses as possible to make brain connections – and therefore memory links – stronger. Allowing time for repetition leads to the skills becoming automatic. The great thing is, these techniques are beneficial for all pupils with literacy difficulties, even without a diagnosis of dyslexia.

I believe that every child has the right to feel good about themselves and what they do. But for this, they need the right learning environment. I believe that with the right support, the strengths and talents of dyslexic people can really shine.

Teers Meadow



The entrance from the footpath off Stede Hill. *Photo from the Editor's photo album*

Sudoku Answers (to puzzles on page 11)

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

Easy

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

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For those of you, who like me haven't heard of Tri-Golf: -

Tri-Golf is an official alternative version of golf created for primary school children. This game uses light, plastic clubs and a rubber ball, which makes it very safe and much easier to hit. The game features a range of different colourful targets that can be attached to the walls and floor both indoors and out. (*premier-education.com*)

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