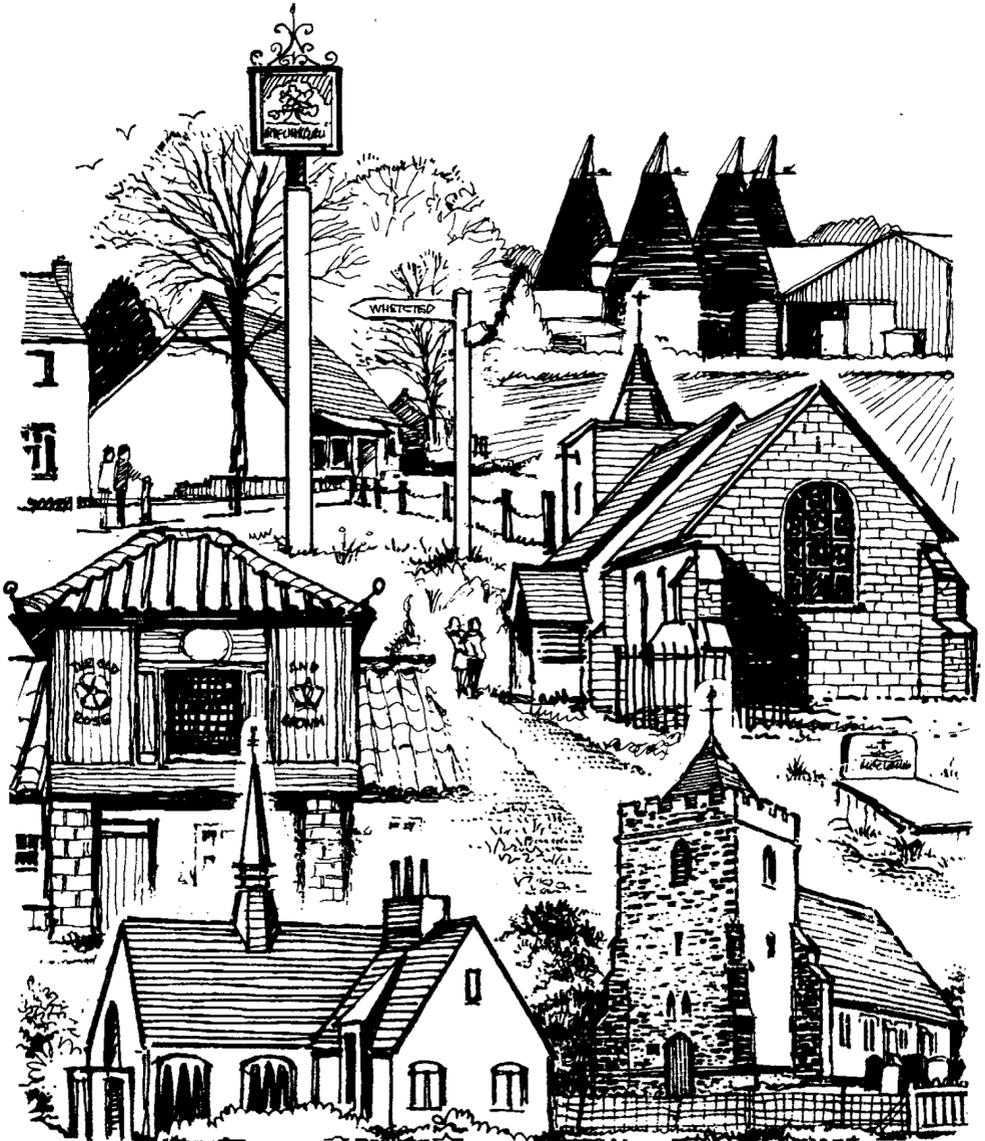


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PARISH NEWS



Church and Community News

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Capel United Church



Pastoral Letter – December

Between my writing these words and you reading them we will pass the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower dropping anchor in Cape Cod and the Pilgrim Fathers reaching America. After they had been 65 days at sea in cramped, unsanitary conditions they were understandably relieved. Lockdown seems a mild form of torture by comparison. They gave thanks to God by saying together Psalm 100:

*Give thanks to him and bless his name
for the Lord is good and his love is everlasting
his constancy endures to all generations.*



Initially they continued to live on the ship but during December made the first steps towards establishing the settlement they named Plymouth. Modern America had begun. They had sailed from the English Plymouth because they felt they could not live the sort of life God wanted Christians to live in the political circumstances of England at that time. It was more important to shape a community around Bible principles than to be physically comfortable.

Much water has flowed down the Hudson River since then. But when President -elect Joe Biden quoted from the Bible in his first speech after election, he was reaching back to the earliest foundation of the United States. Dollar banknotes all still assert *In God we trust*.

As the United States now rethinks what sort of country it wants to be, it may be some sort of comfort that the new President reads his Bible and takes it seriously.

But only a limited comfort. For Presidents, like the rest of us, are imperfect and easily swayed by less attractive motives. The Pilgrim Fathers tried really hard to set up a godly settlement but soon tensions emerged; and they never really worked out how to include the native Indians in their vision for a Christian society where all are equal.

Every human effort to create the perfect society struggles and if there is a

pandemic going on as well, it becomes even harder. What Christmas 2020 will be like remains a puzzle but however we celebrate, its message will remain the same. That God understands and cares so much he was willing to come among us at a moment in history, so we need never struggle alone again. Eventually dying on a Cross is worse than 65 days in a little wooden ship, but God thought it was worth it.

Whatever else happens this Christmas, God is there for you.

John Ellis
Church Secretary



Prayer Points

- Pray for the people of the United States of America and their new President, Joe Biden.
- Pray for local doctors, nurses and other NHS staff putting personal Christmas plans aside while they care for the most vulnerable
- Pray for families where a COVID-19 death will overshadow their Christmas
- Pray that you will feel God with you this Christmas
- Give thanks for the best thing that has happened to you this week



From the Church Records

Interments of Ashes		
25 th October	Valerie June Keeler	St Thomas à Becket, Capel
27 th October	Josephine Pearl Humphrey	St Thomas à Becket, Capel
8 th November	Doris Joan Kingsley	St Thomas à Becket, Capel
Funeral and Burial		
5 th November	Joyce Denise Beech	All Saints', Tudeley
<p><i>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:54-56)</i></p>		

Editors Corner

It doesn't seem possible that another year has gone by, but I am sure that few will mourn the passing of 2020 which has been such a difficult year for so many. Lost loved ones, cancelled holidays, events, weddings and number restrictions on those events which have taken place have meant that we are not likely to forget 2020 in a hurry.



However, it seems we all looked out for each other and in true Capel style, the local community pulled together. The FOG Covid Volunteer group ensured that any vulnerable or isolating neighbours were supported, proving what a caring community we live in!

In addition, we were unable to print and deliver the Parish Magazine but determined to continue with production, we published it online for the first time. This was very well-received, but many people missed the paper copy and so when we are able, we aim to offer subscribers the option of paper and/or pdf editions.

Having just resumed the paper magazines, we find ourselves back in lockdown and restricted to the online magazine again. As is usual for the December magazine, we have asked the children of the Parish to help brighten up our Christmas magazine by designing a Christmas Card. We had a select number of entries which you will see on page 21. All the winning artists have been awarded prizes, and they are: Meralis Fuller, Isla Vincent, Nancy Fuller and Daniel Scorey. We would like to thank the children who entered the competition for their efforts.

On behalf of the Parish Magazine Committee, we would like to wish all our readers, contributors, distributors and all involved in the magazine production a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous and Healthy New Year!

Hilary and Claire

*P.S. Any articles for the January issue must be with us by **Tuesday 8th December** please at the very latest as we like to get the January issue all wrapped up before Christmas. There will be no grace this month for late entries!
Thank you*



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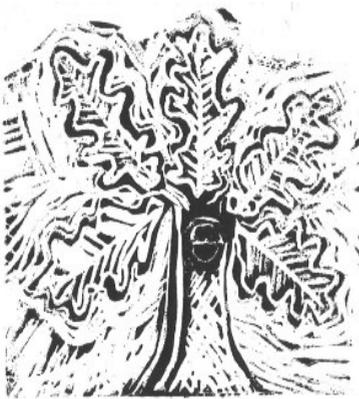
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Five Oak Green Community Gardening



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COMMUNITY GARDENING

I write this after a series of amazing frosts that have put the end to our nasturtiums now and reminded me to move some of the more tender plants. As of now we have a greenhouse which allows a bit of protection. We are really looking forward to seeing what we can grow in it and just need to finish the path and make staging for it. It's a balance between tidying the garden but leaving enough cover for the bugs to hibernate over

the winter.

Despite the very wet Sunday we had plenty of help and in no time managed to plant 250 Mixed Trumpet Daffodils down at Falmouth Place. We are really looking forward to seeing them pop up in spring and are hopeful that it will enhance the display throughout the village.

As the nights are drawing in and Gardeners World has ended for the year there's plenty of other sources to get your garden fix from. One book I've been really enjoying is the Garden Jungle by Dave Goulson, it's absolutely fascinating. I really recommend it to anyone who has an interest in nature. Also if you listen to podcasts a couple of garden related ones that are very good are Roots and All, created by Sarah Wilson. Another one by a local gardener Andrew O'Brien who I was at college with has a podcast called Gardens, Weeds and Words. If anyone has any garden related recommendations, please let us know so we can share.

Lastly sadly we were unable to gather for our container bulb planting, due to Covid restrictions however plenty of lovely help was offered to get them all in. There's a mixture of some perennial plants and lots of early crocus, blue anemone and grape hyacinth.

Sophie Peers

Parish Chairman's notes December 2020

At the time of writing we are in the first week of the second lockdown. By the time you read this I hope we will all have come through it safely. For anyone in temporary financial difficulties arising from the virus and its consequences a reminder that there is a Parish Hardship Fund managed by the Parish Council in association with Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre. This fund will make grants to residents in short term financial difficulties. Details can be found on the Capel Parish Council website www.capel-pc.org.uk or directly from PWCAC <http://www.pwadvice.org/capel-residents/4594766472>

The Vision For Capel document produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party will be available on the parish council website www.capel-pc.org.uk and elsewhere on social media. At the time of writing it is going live in the middle of November. The document is based on the questionnaire issued in August to which nearly a quarter of households in the parish replied. Thanks go to everyone on the working party, parish councillors and volunteers, who distributed the questionnaire, analysed the feedback, and wrote up the results all in a little over two months. The document is being circulated to all those in authority who have an influence on life in this parish so that the views of our residents will be clearly understood.

On Sunday 8th November, a wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish Council, alongside that of the British Legion and other local groups at the Brampton Bank memorial. This was a short, socially distanced ceremony with no invited audience as it was during lockdown. The attached card reads "In loving memory of those from Capel Parish who gave their lives that we might live in freedom"



As this is the last issue of the magazine before Christmas the Parish Council wishes all its residents a Happy Christmas (in whatever form that may take) and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Hugh Patterson



Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. Our volunteer leaders offer a variety of walks, mostly on Sunday mornings with additional mid-week rambles each month. Our walks are usually circular and about 5-6 miles in duration. We explore the beautiful Kent countryside from different starting points within the Tonbridge and Malling area and, occasionally, further afield. New members are welcome, as are those wishing to try us out before joining Ramblers.

Group walks are currently paused until at least 2nd December 2020. We will be restarting as soon as we can, dependent upon government guidelines and Ramblers national guidelines. Meanwhile, to find out more about our group please visit: <http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk> or email info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk.



A CAPEL QUIZ

Test your local knowledge with these 5 questions. All you need to know can be found in the Capel Explored books or on the History Society's website. There are no prizes, and the answers will be posted on the website on Friday 4th December

<https://capelhistory-co-uk.webnode.com>

What plane crashed on Moat Farm in 1950?

Who opened the War Memorial Cottages?

What building was named in memory of Tom Tolhurst?

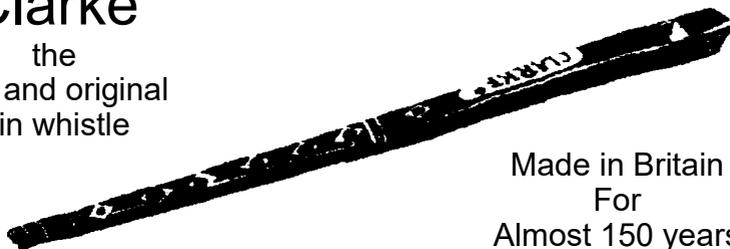
Under what type of tree was Thomas Becket said to have preached?

Who designed the windows in All Saints, Tudeley?



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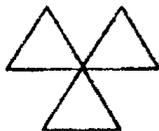
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CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING.

Pat Crawford provides the rural focus press group comment and advice column

The latest reports from scientists put climate change into grim perspective. After what they describe as '10,000 years' of relative stability', changes to the climate are 'dramatic' with heatwaves and flooding 'more severe and more frequent'. They go on to explain that even when (if?) zero-emissions is achieved, 'some amount of further warming is locked-in for the next decade because of physical inertia in the geophysical system'.

Controlling waste frequently requires energy, thus the news that start-up Entocycle is breeding insects – black soldier flies – on food waste to create sustainable protein for animal and pet feed appears to be a massive step forward. (even better if we could reduce food wastage!). The enterprise, aided with funding from the government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, is expected to be able to process 33,000 tonnes of food waste a year (Entocycle was set up by Keiran Whitaker who holds an MSc in environmental design from Manchester University).

According to a recent report in the journal Nature, warming in the oceans has caused some marine species to migrate towards the poles. At the same time some benthic invertebrates on the Northwest Atlantic shelf are pushed into warmer waters which could lead to increased mortality among various species - possibly including scallops and other commercial shellfish.

The US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement (pledge to keep temperature rise to below degrees 2C) came into effect at the beginning of November. The US, under the Obama administration, acceded to the agreement on 3rd September 2016. Under the terms of the Agreement, withdrawal from the deal is possible any time after three years from the date of signing up. It is significant that, at the time of writing, the results of the USA election have been declared. It will be interesting to see what stance Joe Biden takes when he's in the White House.

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. This includes our vitally important farming industry. 'Support British Business' will help to save existing jobs, create new ones and assist the country back to economic stability.

Footnote. Sponsored by Patricia Crawford Associates and MHA MacIntyre Hudson, the Rural Focus Group includes representatives/individuals from the National Farmers' Union, Country Landowners' Association, Action for Communities in Rural Kent, The English Apple Man, Hadlow Rural Community School, Greenwich University, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Ken Lyndon-Dykes, Kent Farmers' Market Association, Friends of the Earth, Kent Young Farmers, Professor Ian Swingland, Produced in Kent, Men of Kent



.....from PoPPYS advice for all occasions

Many friends spent the first lock down tidying and cleaning so the whole house sparkled, cupboards were lined up like soldiers and visitors, if they were allowed, would be unable to find a speck of dust in all the usual places.

Second lock down and now can't be bothered? Here are 5 top tips to give your home that fresh and clean feeling without the effort of the first lock down, and who would even notice?

1 Leave your duster and a can of Mr Muscle, Pledge or polish of your choice on view after spraying a squirt into the air of each room to show you have been busy polishing.

2 Dust under the cupboards or bed creeping out? Use your hair dryer to blow it back under for a dust free room

3 Open a cook book at a complicated recipe and throw a bit of flour around the kitchen. Serve a delicious home cooked meal, which was actually delivered by the nice Tesco man earlier in the day and microwaved in its plastic tray. Leave a few 'used' saucepans in the sink then offer to wash up for more brownie points.

4 Ironing pile getting to look more like Mount Everest? Fold and place T shirts, jumpers etc under the existing ironed ones. When they are pulled out to wear the family member will assume they are a bit crumpled because of their lack of care when exiting other garments.

5 Spending hours putting socks in pairs? Have a box by the front door to throw all washed socks in so the family can pick a pair each day. Tell them it is your plan to encourage better communication between them, to build on the very foundations of love in the home and you are doing it in their best interests.

Now put your feet up and open the good wine, life's too short to drink the cheap stuff!

Dates for your diary

Regular Events

N.B. The regular events listed below are the pre-Covid timings – please check with your group organiser that the events have re-started and are happening at these times.

Mon Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri	Capel Pre-school	8.30-11.30am 8.30am-3.30pm	Capel Village Hall
Monday	Bowls	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Capel Village Hall
Monday	Pilates	8-9pm	Capel Village Hall
Monday	Karate	8.00pm-10.00pm	Goldsmid Hall
Tuesday	Ringcraft	7-10pm	Capel Village Hall
Tuesday	Badminton	8.00pm-10.00pm	Goldsmid Hall
Wednesday	Mobile Library	9.45-10.15 am (fortnightly)	Oak Road
Wednesday	Dance Lessons	4.00pm-10.00pm	Goldsmid Hall
Wednesday	Beavers	4.45pm - 6.00pm	Capel School
Wednesday	Rainbows	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Capel Village Hall
Wednesday	Brownies	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Capel Village Hall
Wednesday	Guides & Rangers	7.00pm – 8.30 pm	Capel Village Hall
Thursday	Line Dancing	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Capel Village Hall
Thursday	Capel Toddler Group	9.30-11.15am during term time	Five Oak Green Church
Thursday	Cubs	6.30pm	Five Oak Green Church
Friday	Scouts	7.30-9pm	Capel Village Hall

Other Events for December

Wednesday 16 th	Parish Council Flood Group Meeting	To be held virtually 6pm	Contact the Clerk for joining instructions
Monday 21 st	Parish Council Meeting	To be held virtually	Contact the Clerk for joining instructions

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Office Opening Hours – Our office is currently closed as per government guidelines. The clerk can be contacted via email on clerk@capelpc.co.uk.

PARISH MEETINGS – The next full Council & Planning meeting will be held on Monday 21st December (held virtually). Please contact the Clerk for joining instructions.

Allotments – There is currently a waiting list for allotments, please email clerk@capelpc.co.uk to be added to the list.

Plots are allocated following the order of the date of receipt of the application form and parishioners who do not already have an allotment will take priority over parishioners who already hold a plot. If you live outside the parish those who live in the parish will take priority.

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Mrs June Darbyshire, Capel Grange Farm - 01892 833608 up to 9pm only

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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20/02714/FULL – 2 Stonecastle Cottages Whetsted Road Five Oak Green Tonbridge Kent. First floor rear extension and ground floor rear extension. *Recommend Approval.*

Full application details and Committees comments can be found for the above applications at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search or on the parish council website minutes.

Flooding

At the close of the last Parish Council's Flood Meeting, I said that we would hold another meeting if people would like it. Although I haven't more than a couple of requests, I would like to hold another meeting at 6pm on 16th December via Zoom. To make the meeting focused can I ask that if you have any questions, observations, thoughts, etc. please let myself or the Clerk know by 14th December.

Thanks

Charles Mackonochie

December 2020 Services

Sunday 6th Advent 2 – Five Oak Green		
10am Cafe Church		Rev. Wendy Swan
	Readings	
	Sidespersons	Mrs S Gale, Mr P Gale
	Readers	Mrs S Gale, Mr P Gale
	Intercessor	Mr P Gale
Sunday 13th Advent 3 – Tudeley		
3:30pm Carol Service (*)		Rev. Pamela Ive and Mr John Ellis
	Readings	
	Sidespersons	Mrs P Gregory, Mrs J Mignacca, Mr H Patterson
	Readers	Mrs J Mignacca; Mr H Patterson
	Intercessor	Mr J Ellis
Sunday 20th Advent 4 – Tudeley		
3:30pm Carol Service (*)		Rev. Pamela Ive and Mrs Susie Pinder
	Readings	
	Sidespersons	Mrs J Willoughby, Mrs S Pickett; Mr P Harris
	Readers	Mrs P Dunkin Wedd, Mrs J Willoughby
	Intercessor	Mrs S Pinder
Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve – Tudeley		
3:30pm Carol Service (*)		Rev. Pamela Ive and Rev. Wendy Swan
	Readings	
	Sidespersons	Mrs C Curling, Mrs R Waghorn, Mr P French
	Readers	Mrs E French; Mrs R Waghorn
	Intercessor	Mr P French

Thursday 25th Christmas Day – Five Oak Green		
10am Holy Communion CW		Rev. Jeremy Ive and Rev. Pamela Ive
	Readings	Isiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-14
	Sidespersons	Mr H Patterson, Mrs S Patterson
	Readers	Mr H Patterson, Mrs S Patterson
	Intercessor	Mrs S Patterson
Sunday 27th Christmas 1 – Tudeley		
10am Holy Communion BCP		Rev. Jeremy Ive
	Readings	Isiah 61:19-62:3; Luke 2:22-40
	Sidespersons	Mrs S Pickett, Mrs S Gale, Mr P Gale
	Readers	Mrs S Pickett, Mrs S Gale
	Intercessor	Mrs S Patterson

(*) Attendance at the Carol Service will need to be booked – please see the accompanying booking instructions



Christmas Carol Services

For many, a highlight of the Church year are the various Christmas services, and in Capel the church buildings are often stretched to the limit with the numbers who attend. But this year of course will have to be different.

At the time of writing, the hope is that we shall be able to offer a carol service open to everyone at All Saints Church in Tudeley, and including some of the popular elements of the candlelight carol service usually held on the Sunday evening before Christmas. Currently singing is not allowed in church so it is likely there will be more listening to a choir or recorded music than is normal. We hope nonetheless the story of Christmas will catch the imagination as much as ever and anchor our personal and family celebrations in the real meaning of Christmas.

Social distancing guidelines however have a major impact on the number of people that can be in church at the same time. The regular congregation is now used to patterns that allow us to worship safely and these will be used over

Christmas too. To make it feasible for as many people as possible to share in a carol service, we plan to hold largely the same service three times in the days leading up to Christmas. To ensure those who come can all be safely accommodated, we ask everyone who wants to attend a carol service to book in advance.

The three services will all be at 3.30pm and be on Sunday 13th December, Sunday 20th December and Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December. You can ask for tickets for up to six members of your family or social bubble, who will normally all be seated together.

If you wish to come to a carol service, please let me know as soon as possible but at the latest by Monday 7th December. An email to john.ellis@urc.org.uk would be preferable but a telephone call to 01732 353914 is also possible. Please state clearly how many seats you would like and which date would be your first choice. If you are able to come on another date if your first choice is not available, please state your second and third choice dates too.

I will then come back to you before Sunday 13th to let you know what seats it has been possible to allocate to you. Some details about practical matters you will need to know will also be sent then.

Inevitably all the plans are provisional because we cannot know yet what Government or Church regulations may be in place. But we very much hope everyone who would like to share in a carol service will be able to do so.

We appreciate that some people will not want to attend a physical gathering and we shall put a Carol Service on the church website www.tudeley.org, which can be followed at any time at home.

In short: if you want to come...

- send john.ellis@urc.org.uk an email by Monday 7th December
- say how many seats you want
- give your first choice of date: 13th, 20th or 24th
- add a second or third choice of date if possible

We look forward to seeing you!

John Ellis
Church Secretary

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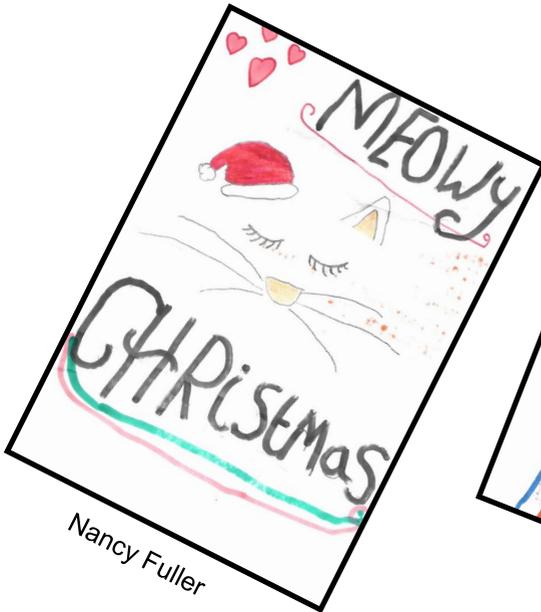
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**From the Kent & Sussex Courier
OCTOBER 1892**

CAPEL'S "QUAINT AND ANCIENT" CHURCH

On Sunday last the annual harvest festival was held at the quaint and ancient parish church of Capel which is dedicated to St. Thomas à Becket.

The sacred edifice was most elaborately decorated for the occasion with cereals, fruit, flowers, vegetables, autumn foliage, hay and loaves of bread while the festival banner was suspended over the gallery.

The Rev. G. Lachlan, the curate, preached in the morning and the Rev. F. Frost, former curate, in the evening. The weather in the morning was very stormy which no doubt accounted for the absence of many brethren from a distance, but it cleared up about noon and, though threatening during the afternoon, it was fortunately fine.

The band of the East Peckham corps of the Salvation Army kindly gave its services. The procession was formed up at the Chequers at two o'clock and the route taken covered over six miles owing to the straggling character of the parish which consists of number of detached hamlets.

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Yalding Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We know that some of our readers are registered with the doctors at Yalding Surgery, hence publication of the following article. Articles from Yalding may also be relevant for patients of other GP surgeries.

Due to the pandemic the PPG have been unable to meet, we arranged a zoom meeting in October to kick start us back into action. The Minutes of this meeting can be seen on the Surgery's website for you to read.

As we expressed our huge thanks and gratitude to Wendy our departing Chair, Dr Scott welcomed and thanked James as our new Chair.

Appointments

Appointments with the GPs or the Paramedic will be telephone consultations initially, only then and if the clinician deems it necessary for a physical examination can a face to face appointment be booked. This is following

guidance to all General Practice Surgeries on how to operate.

Flu Season

Flu vaccines for healthy patients between the ages 50-64 will be released mid-November. The Surgery cannot give these vaccines sooner as they are held centrally by NHS England and will not be released sooner; this is despite local pharmacies being able to give the flu vaccine to this age group.

The date of our next meeting will be 19th January 2021 at 1pm via Zoom. If you would like to join, please contact Jacqui via the PPG link on the Yalding Surgery's website.



CAPEL CONFINED

2020 will go down as one of the most significant years in UK history, possibly THE most significant.

Capel History Society is seeking to record for future generations how ordinary people in the parish are coping with the extraordinary.

Could you please help by accessing our survey (see link at foot of this message) and adding anything else which will inform our successors.

We are hoping for 50 people to take part so after you've finished please feel free to point other family members/friends living in the parish to the survey link.

As a first step, the end products are already on the society's website <https://capelhistory-co-uk.webnode.com/history>

They will also be stored in our archive to be kept for posterity and the information provided may be used in a future publication.

To access survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P79GD78>

With thanks

Dave Thompson, Capel History Society

The Night Sky in Five Oak Green – December 2020

Over the last few months, we've been watching the two "gas giants" Jupiter and Saturn low down in the evening skies initially in the south east but now more towards the south west. During this time, we have observed them moving slowly but steadily closer together. On the first of December they will be about 15° above the horizon in the south-south-west at 5pm when they lie approximately 2° apart – about four Moon diameters. By the 17th there is just $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ between them when they will be joined by a slim crescent Moon that is a little to their east (left). They continue to close, with Jupiter doing most of the running, until on the 21st they will be just 6' (six arc minutes) apart. A circle, as you know, consists of 360° and an arc minute is one sixtieth of one degree. Given how close together they will be, it may be difficult for the naked eye to split them. Following this "conjunction", as it is known, Jupiter continues its eastward journey leaving Saturn in its wake.

Don't forget to look for Mars because it is well placed throughout December. At the start of the month it is already 30° high in the east-south-east at 5pm and reaches due south just after 8pm with an altitude of 45° . As the days pass Mars rises earlier and reaches the meridian earlier but remains visible until well after midnight even by the end of the month. It's orange/red hue gives it away immediately. Its position on December 13th is shown on the map.



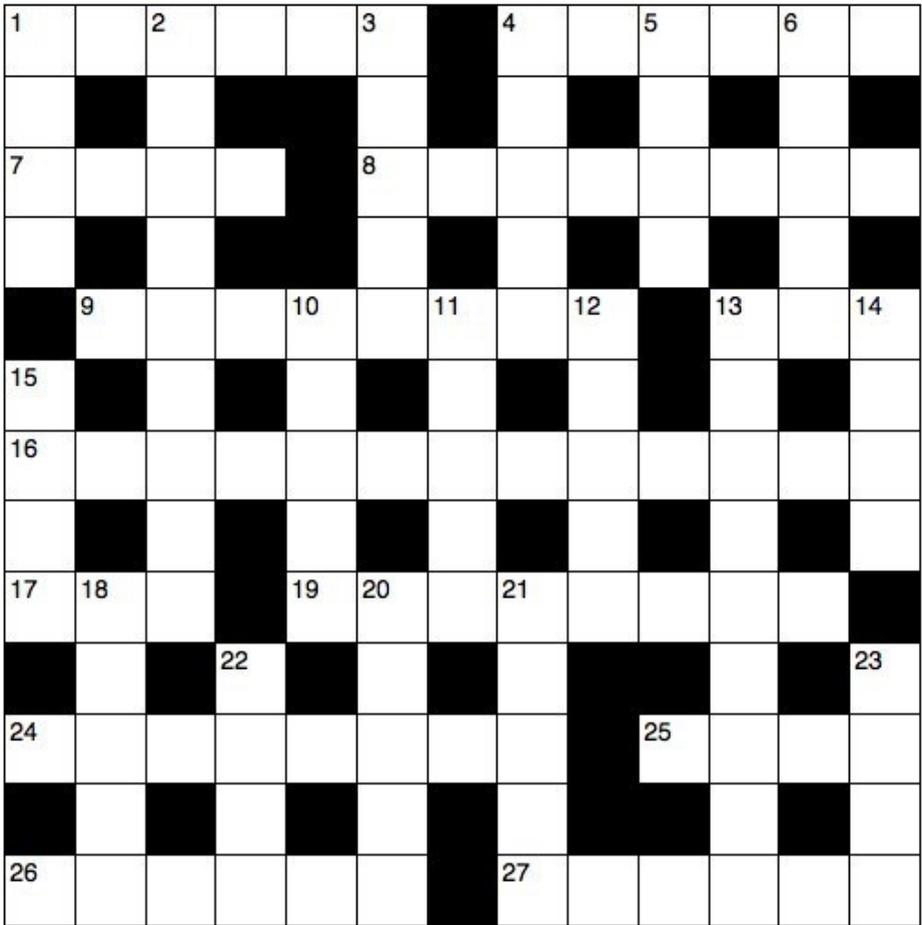
December brings the most active meteor shower of the year, the Geminids, so called because the meteors appear to radiate from a point within the constellation of Gemini. The shower is active from December 4th to the 17th but maximum activity is forecast for around 8pm on the evening of the 13th so it is worth looking as soon as darkness falls.

Meteors, or less scientifically shooting stars, are caused by tiny particles, typically the size of a grain of sand, which strike the Earth's atmosphere and vaporise, giving rise to the streaks of light that we are familiar with. They seem to radiate from a single point, the radiant, because they are travelling in parallel paths and therefore suffer from perspective in the same way that snowflakes do if you're travelling in a car or railway lines that disappear into the distance. Because of this you tend to see shorter meteors close to the radiant and longer ones further away. The position of the radiant is shown on the map by a circle with an "R" in it. It's useful to know where the radiant is because after you have seen a meteor you can follow its trail backwards to see if it comes from around that area, proving whether it was a shower member or not.

Astronomers can model the particle streams that are left behind by comets or asteroids as they pass in orbit around the Sun and can predict when the Earth will encounter the densest part of those streams. In the case of the Geminids the culprit is Asteroid 3200 Phaethon, a body with an orbital period of just under 1½ years that makes an approach to the Sun that takes it well within the orbit of Mercury. It has been observed for more than 35 years with the result that we know and can predict its position extremely accurately giving rise to the ability to pin down the time of peak activity so precisely. However, in practice, things are not quite that simple because the streams of particles that cause the meteors are perturbed over time by the planets and in particular by the gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn.

These particles are more correctly referred to as meteoroids when in space but become known as meteors when they "burn up" in the atmosphere. Should any fragments of larger meteors make it to the ground then they are classified as meteorites.

Brian Mills FRAS



Crossword Clues Answers Page 28

Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in

- Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

CAPEL CRICKET CLUB



Covid has caused the first part of the indoor season to be cancelled, but it is hoped competitive matches might be arranged as 2021 unfolds.

Similarly, although CCC's winter training programme cannot be put into action, indoor coaching will begin as soon as restrictions allow.

October usually sees the presentation of end-of-season awards, with the list of worthy winners published in the December issue of Parish News, but this year the ceremony and celebration of another year in the life of the club could not take place. Instead, awards will be announced on social media and a report will appear in January's magazine.

Another victim of Corona is the opening of our pavilion for carollers and friends to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after Carols on the Green. Nevertheless Capel Cricket Club's players and supporters take this opportunity to wish you all the best possible - and safest - Christmas. We look forward to a 2021 which allows cricket to continue to flourish in Capel for the enjoyment of Senior, Ladies' and Junior teams, our social members and spectators.

For further information please direct enquiries to capelcricketkent@gmail.com

Don Foreman



Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Depend. 4, Canopy. 7, Beak. 8, Irritate. 9, Zedekiah. 13, Ate. 16, Job's comforter. 17, NAE. 19, Lang Syne. 24, Blockade. 25, Five. 26, Enigma. 27, Drench.

DOWN: 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Excel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoofs. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aslan. 20, Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG. 23, Leah.

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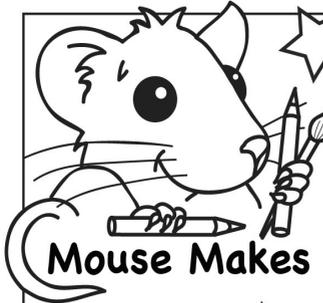
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from Luke 2 vs. 10,11,14

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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



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DECEMBER SNIPPETS

DECEMBER 1920

Capel FC were at home to Leigh 'A' on Saturday, the visitors arriving with only ten men. The homesters had all the best of the exchanges and led at half-time by six goals to nil. The second half brought two more goals to the home team. C. Fiddis (four), A. Powley (three) and C. Pemble did the needful.

DECEMBER 1930

For Sale: Two reliable ponies, cheap; 13 hands, ride or drive. Contact: Edwin Tully, Five Oak Green.

DECEMBER 1940

The wedding took place at Capel Church on Saturday between Miss Phyllis Grace Avis, of Bridge Cottages, Five Oak Green, and Pte. William Henry Dolding, of School Cottages, Tudeley. Mr H. Dolding, brother of the bridegroom, presided at the organ. Pte. Dolding has been a member the Capel section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade since it was started in 1931 and is now serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

DECEMBER 1950

Capel's newly formed Parent Teacher Association was marked by a social at the village school. Over 50 people attended the event which was to raise funds. Mr F. K. Peters, headmaster, says that at present there is no social life in Capel and he hopes the association will fill a long-felt want.

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The Story is still the same!

'Christmas may look different, but the story is still the same!' That's the message for Christmas in 2020. Coronavirus will make our celebrations this year look very different from usual. However, the message of the baby born in Bethlehem is still relevant!

In one nativity play, the highlight was to illuminate Jesus, with a light in the manger, when all the other lights were turned off. At the appropriate time, all the lights went out, including the manger one. The silence was broken when one of the shepherds loudly whispered: 'Hey, you turned off Jesus.' Of course, nobody can turn off Jesus this Christmas!

The angels announced, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will

cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.' (Luke 2: 10,11). The birth of this baby brings great joy and good news for everyone! As the king of the universe, He has come as our Saviour. In an uncertain world, He offers joy and hope, because He holds this pandemic in His hands. This is a real cause for joy!

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.' (Luke 2:14). We may feel anything but peace amid the anxieties over our current circumstances. How can a Jewish infant born to a peasant family in first century Palestine bring peace to our lives today? Jesus established peace with God through His death on the cross. Trusting the Prince of Peace for our lives brings God's peace amid the huge uncertainties we face. As the carol says, 'Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King.'

Article from The Parish Pump

Joseph and his Amazing Journey

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world... And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David. (Luke 2 1-4)

What a year we have had! But I suppose Joseph had had a demanding year as well. Having learned that his betrothed was pregnant due to divine intervention, he then learned of the Roman government's demand for a census.

These Bible verses show Joseph being a good citizen. Leaving home for a long journey in order to please the government would not have been welcome, but Joseph complied and obeyed the law.

This year the situation is reversed. Millions of us want to make a long journey, to visit our loved ones across the UK. But this year, because of coronavirus, the Government is asking us to stay at home.

The Romans had censuses for a good reason: to help them run the business of the empire. This Government has restrictions in place for a good reason: to help slow the spread of a deadly virus.

Following government rules and laws is not always easy or pleasant but as Christians we should be good citizens. As always this is a light-hearted guide to a complicated subject. If you are going home for Christmas, get proper advice – and have a Merry one.

Article from the Parish Pump



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A Quiz on 2020

- Q1. Job applications from weirdos and misfits were invited from people to work at which place in London?
- Q2. Which famous actor who died this year is associated with the phrase “I am Spartacus?”
- Q3. In February the Church of England advised against the practice of ‘intinction’ – what is it?
- Q4. In a world “where you can be anything, be _____” – what, wrote actress Caroline Flack on Instagram in December 2019?
- Q5. What were we supposed to do in March while singing the National Anthem or Happy Birthday twice?
- Q6. This year was a leap year. What do we call other years?
- Q7. Which village in the Peak District is associated with self-isolation during a previous plague?
- Q8. How long, literally, is quarantine?
- Q9. Why did President Macron visit Britain on 18th July? What other Anglo-French anniversary could he have remembered but for some reason it was not mentioned?
- Q10. How many countries launched space rockets to Mars this year?
- Q11. Who, in their resignation letter in August, on Twitter posted, “I have championed our work, built our relationships and celebrated the diversity of our staff... and will always be an ambassador for the UK and the new Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office” after a four year career in Downing Street which had included scraps with a neighbour? He was going to spend more time with a family in the country.
- Q12. Which day is the furthest away from Christmas Day?
- Q13. What was the Battle of the Tennis Court and why was it remembered in August?
- Q14. The BBC banned singing the lyrics from which song from the Last night of the Proms, because it had a link in their mind with slavery and colonialism?
- Q15. This year marked the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the What event did they start which led to a public holiday?

Answers for Quiz on 2020

- A1. Job applications from weirdos and misfits were invited from people to work at 10 Downing Street.
- A2. Kirk Douglas was the famous actor who died this year and is associated with the phrase “I am Spartacus”.
- A3. In February the Church of England advised against the practice of ‘intinction’ – which is dipping the communion wafer in wine.
- A4. In a world “where you can be anything, be kind” wrote actress Caroline Flack on Instagram in December 2019.
- A5. We were supposed to wash our hands in March while singing the National Anthem or Happy Birthday twice.
- A6. This year was a leap year. We call other years common years.
- A7. Eyam is the village in the peak district is associated with self-isolation during a previous plague.
- A8. Quarantine is forty days long, literally, the word derives from the Italian expression quaranta giorni.
- A9. President Macron visited Britain on 18th July to commemorate De Gaulle’s broadcast to France in 1940. It was also the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo.
- A10. The United States, Europe, Russia and China have all launched space rockets to Mars this year.
- A11. The Foreign Office cat, Palmerston, in his resignation letter in August on Twitter posted, “I have championed our work, built our relationships and celebrated the diversity of our staff... and will always be an ambassador for the UK and the new Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office” after a four year career in Downing Street which had included scraps with a neighbour. He was going to spend more time with a family in the country.
- A12. Boxing Day is the day furthest away from Christmas Day (because you cannot travel backwards in time – think about it)
- A13. The Battle of the Tennis Court was part of the Burma Campaign during the Second World War. It was remembered in August as part of VJ commemorations.
- A14. The BBC banned singing the lyrics from which Rule Britannia from the Last night of the Proms because it had a link in their mind with slavery and colonialism. The decision was since reviewed.
- A15. This year marked the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Their celebration of harvest gave rise to Thanksgiving.

12 ways to avoid stress this Christmas

Change your expectations this Christmas. Don’t waste time lamenting what should have been. Instead, try and enjoy whatever is possible this year.

Make a list. Include sending cards, buying presents and organising food for the big day. Having a lists helps keep you in control of your life.

Set a reduced budget this year. With a pandemic raging, this no time to take on Christmas debt. If you can't pay for it this month, probably best not to buy it.

Exercise each day – it releases happiness-inducing serotonin. That will help you to keep calm and positive over the festive period.

Don't overindulge. Too much alcohol and rich food won't improve your life.

Keep calm and keep kind – urge your family members to try and avoid any flare up of family tensions. If you need to cry, cry, but then, keep on keeping on.

Remember those everyday essentials: batteries for new toys, toilet paper, milk, paper towel. Those things you never think about – until they are gone.

Entertain the kids: plan ahead various films, games and whatever it takes to give them a memorable Christmas.

Make the most of Zoom this year with far-flung relatives and friends.

Most of all, include God in your Christmas! This is His Son's birthday – include Bible readings and carols in your family routine over the festive period.

Article from the Parish Pump

All in the month of December

It was:

400 years ago, on 21st December 1620 that the first landing party from the British ship Mayflower arrived at what would become Plymouth Colony (now Plymouth Massachusetts). They began building houses there two days later.

300 years ago, on 31st December 1720 that Charles Edward Stuart, commonly known as 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' was born. Stuart claimant to the British throne and leader of the unsuccessful Jacobite rebellion of 1745-46. Grandson of King James II of England and Ireland (also known as James VII of Scotland).

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

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

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

75 years ago, on 27th December 1945 that the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and



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Development were formally founded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 years ago, from 18th December 2010 to December 2012 that the Arab Spring took place in North Africa and the Middle East. The Tunisian Revolution spread and became a wave of demonstrations, protests, riots, coups, foreign interventions, and civil wars in North Africa and the Middle East. The leaders and governments of several countries were overthrown and ousted, and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was killed (October 2011).

Article from the Parish Pump

Smiles

Children's Christmas Carols

Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
We three kings of porridge and tar
On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire.
He's makin a list, chicken and rice.
Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel.
With the jelly toast proclaim
Olive, the other reindeer
Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
Sleep in heavenly peas.
In the meadow we can build a snowman, then pretend that he is sparse and brown
O come, froggy faithful.

Miscellaneous observations during the Christmas season...

Putting on weight is the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

Christmas: The time when everyone gets Santamental.

People say it's the thought that counts, not the gift, but couldn't people think a little bigger?

Christmas is the season when your neighbour keeps you awake playing 'Silent Night'.

You might as well do your Christmas hinting early this year.

Father to three-year old: "No, a reindeer is not a horse with TV antenna."

Every year, Christmas becomes less a birthday and more a Clearance Sale.

Christmas is in my heart 12 months a year, and thanks to credit cards, it's on my Visa card statement 12 months a year as well.

Some of these new toys are so creative and inventive. This year they have a Neurotic Doll. It's wound up already.

Christmas is a time when people get emotional over family ties, particularly if they have to wear one.

Merry Christmas to all

What will be will be

Enjoy the moment with whomever you can.

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