



KENT RECYCLES – DO YOU?

Are you confused about what plastics you can recycle?

Kent Councils have teamed up with national recycling charity Pledge2Recycle Plastics (Part of RECOUP) to help reduce that confusion. The

charity, that works to educate and advise citizens about plastics recycling, has created a dedicated website for Kent to provide information about plastics recycling and help answer your recycling related questions.

www.pledge2recycle.co.uk/kent

As part of this collaboration look out this year for competitions for local schools, community, sports and litter picking groups! Pledge2Recycle Plastics are hosting several competitions to help win recycled products, sports kit and litter picking kits.

Find out more details by following the Pledge2WIN links on the website.

YES PLEASE

Remember, you can recycle ALL bottles whether from the bathroom and kitchen as well as plastic packaging in the form of a pot, tub or tray.

All bottles should be empty when placed for recycling with the tops back on.

Pots, tubs and trays should have the absorbent layer and film lid removed as these need to go into general waste.

It is important that ALL PLASTIC PLACED FOR RECYCLING is CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE and NOT in any carrier or black bags.

NO THANKS

- Please DO NOT put toothpaste tubes, pill packs, nappies, textiles, batteries, and food into recycling.
- Textiles should go to specific banks either at community/retail/or Household Waste Centers
- Carrier bags, bread bags and empty frozen veg packets can go to your local supermarket front of store collection please check at www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

Did you know

Sainsbury's superstores now take ALL flexible packaging in front of store collections including items such as crisp packets, biscuit wrappers and salad bags. Find out more www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/sustainability/plan-for-better/our-stories/2021/flexible-plastics.

Find out more

The team at Pledge2Recycle Plastics are happy to take your queries you will find them @pledge2recycle on social media or get in touch via the contact form on the website.

PLEDGE2RECYCLE PLASTICS – CUTTING THE CONFUSION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• Why do I need to put the tops back on the bottles before recycling?

The tops go with the bottles to the reprocessor where they are cut up into flakes and the bottle and tops (which are different plastics) are separated before they are turned into pellets. The pellets made from the bottle themselves are then sent to either make new bottles. The pellets made from the tops are sent to go into garden furniture or items for construction such as piping or traffic cones.

• How clean does my recycling need to be?

At the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) all the mixed dry recycling is sorted by type (paper, cardboard, steel cans, aluminium cans, and plastics). This process involves a lot of complex machinery which gets covered in the residue and dirt that householders place in their recycling bins. This residue can cause machinery to breakdown. Many UK MRF's also have a section where material is hand sorted, so not a pleasant job if the material is covered in food remains. Remember also that the cleaner the recycling is the greater the quality and higher value the material will be to the recycler. It also keeps your bin clean if you empty, rinse and dry before recycling.

• Can I recycle my bleach bottles?

Yes, make sure they are empty and put the top back on.

• What do I do with the film lid on food, fruit, and vegetable punnets?

Remove the film lid and the absorbent layer and put these into general waste as these are not recyclable at the moment. Make sure the tray or punnet is empty, clean, and dry and recycle.

• Where can I recycle my carrier bags, and bread bags?

Many UK Supermarkets are now taking carrier bags and bread bags etc. in their front of store collections. Please look for the OPRL label on your soft plastics and wrappings and check out our links on www.pledge2recycle.co.uk/kent for further information.



• Should I stop using plastic packaging?

Plastic packaging provides many benefits to products and compared to alternative materials it uses less energy to produce, reduces transport costs and CO2 emissions because it is lightweight, and significantly reduces the amount of fresh food waste by protecting it in a hygienic environment and extending its shelf life.

Did you know?

- Bananas in a flexible bag extend their shelf life by 3 days
- Plastic bags reduce waste of potatoes by two thirds
- Cucumbers extend their life when wrapped in film by 14 days
- Advanced plastic packaging extends the life of steak up to 10 days

• Why do some brands still use plastic for food products – surely, we can use other materials such as glass?

Because it is lightweight, plastic packaging can save energy in the transport of packed goods. Less fuel is used, there are lower emissions and there are cost savings for distributors, retailers and consumers. For example, a yogurt pot made from glass weighs about 85grams, while one made from plastic weighs 5.5grams. In a lorry filled with a product packed in glass jars, 36% of the load would be accounted for the packaging. If packed in plastic pots, the packaging would amount to just 3%. To transport the same amount of yogurt, three trucks are needed for glass jars but only two for plastic pots.

• What can plastic packaging be recycled into?

Plastic packaging can be recycled into a wide variety of products including clothing, t-shirts; toys, chairs and tables; headphones; kitchen utensils; paint pots; car parts; cuddly toys; filling for duvets and sleeping bags; pens and pencils; building materials such as fencing, flooring, piping, etc; garden furniture; buckets and - of course - more plastic packaging! Drinks bottles can be made back into drinks bottles, milk bottles can also be made back into more milk bottles.

• Why don't all Councils collect the same types of plastic?

Local authorities use different facilities and waste management providers to collect recycling materials from households and recycling points. Some of these can only accept specific plastic types and therefore residents are given different messages about what they can and cannot recycle in different areas. Local authorities also have contracts with waste management providers and changing or terminating these can be a long and costly process. However, the plastic industry would like to see all councils collecting the same types of plastic and will continue to promote this as best practice and the UK government is discussing the possibilities of consistent collections across the UK.

If you live in Kent and one of the 13 Kent Councils you are, able to recycle the same plastics packaging wherever you live in Kent.

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Happy Days – Chatter and laughter of children splashing around in the sunshine

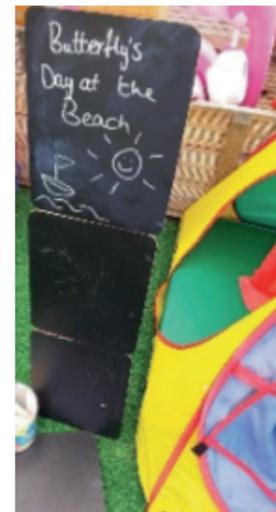


By Caroline Wiles

There's something wonderful about listening to the chatter and laughter of children splashing around in the sunshine. Lashings of sun cream and lots of water play have allowed our little ones



to keep cool and explore their senses as they scoop, pour, slide and splash! Our little Butterflies enjoyed making the most of their beach themed free-flow area; building sandcastles and paddling has certainly kept them busy. Here's hoping they slept well after their fun (but exhausting) days!



As ever, summer is a bitter sweet time of year when we say goodbye to our Bumblebee's as they take their next steps and move on to "big" school. We will miss each and every one of our Bumblebees but hope they come back and see us soon. We cannot wait to see how grown up they look in their smart new uniforms. Fly high little Bumblebees!

We have limited availability for three and four-year-olds for September but please call the office to find out more. If you are interested in a place for your child, either in September or beyond, please call us on 01795 424348 or use the contact form on our website www.happydaysuk.co.uk. Stay safe and have a great summer everyone!

QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
7PM START
£20 PER TABLE (up to 6 people)
WE'RE BACK!
Raising funds for Swale Cats Protection
To secure your table, please call Joa at iwadequizzes@gmail.com or call 01795 437372
Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road

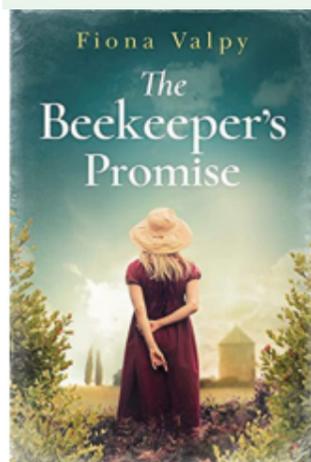


Iwade Reading and Book Group
By Jackie Kemp

The Reading Group enjoyed a summery vibe in The Woolpack's garden this month. It was challenging to discuss books as a group whilst we maintaining social distance but even so we had a good time and are so lucky to have had such a pleasant venue to meet.

We had an animated discussion about Greenwich Park by Katherine Faulkner. This is a thriller full of twists with mystery running through it. Everyone who'd read it seemed to have been drawn into it and was affected by it. The group considered it an untaxing, quick and entertaining read despite the unlikely circumstances of the story and several annoying technical errors.

Our next book of the month, nominated by Christine Freshwater, is The



Beekeeper's Promise by Fiona Valpy. We meet next on 13 July. The Woolpack has been booked but we're keeping an eye on The Barn in case we are able to return there. We'll

post the actual venue on our Facebook page as soon as we know.

Many members of the group are voracious readers and one book a month is a drop in the ocean to them. So we've introduced a second monthly book option, a classic. We drew up a shortlist of candidates and decided on Nevil Shute's A Town Like Alice as our inaugural choice for this month.

Both books are available for purchase quite cheaply on EBay or World Books.



Iwade Village Fête

My how we've grown!! We now have over 25 stalls, 2 dance demonstrations and hopefully a demo from a local personal trainer.

We have loads of raffle prizes all from local businesses: Bodycare voucher, Massage by J voucher, Dance Classes Voucher with Dance4Kent, WaxMelt Hamper from Whiffy Wax Wonders, card making class for 2 with Auntie Ish Crafts, a Chocolate Hamper from Neat's Treats, a bespoke sign from Oscar Rose Designs, bespoke Christmas Crate from Hundred Acre Crafts, a framed A5 print from Claire Louise Photography, a voucher for the Tray Bakery and a hair/make up voucher from Precious Brides. Raffle tickets will only be sold on the day.

We have stalls covering food, drinks, arts and crafts. We have a bottle tombola, a pick a jar stall, guess the sweets in the jar stall and I'm hoping to add some more games, and Claire's Inflatables have donated a bouncy castle for the day.

The headshave event will be at 1pm.

So lots and lots going on – Make a date - August 14th - in your diary now and make sure you get there.

HELP NEEDED! STILL!!



Iwade@TheBarn
Trust require a secretary

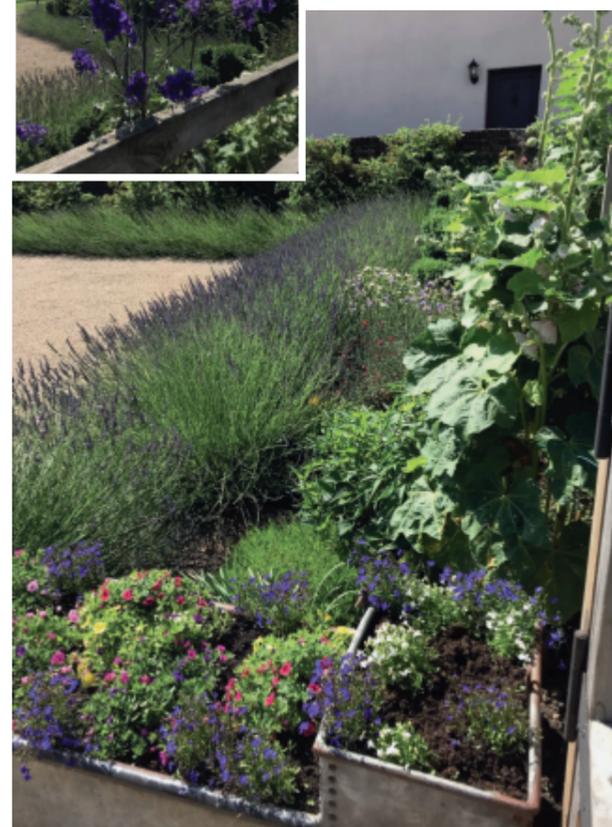
This is a voluntary role where you will be responsible for acting as the charity's Secretary and providing support to the trustees.

A wide range of duties including managing administration related to trustee meetings including agenda setting, paper organisation and minutes, etc.

If you would like to come and join us, and assist in the running of the Barn, or would like further information please email trustees@iwadebarn.org.uk or send us a message via our Facebook page – We look forward to hearing from you.



Beautiful flower displays at the Barn



Summer activities for Iwade Youth

Brogdale CIC & Swale Youth have got some exciting plans for the summer holidays! From Wild Outdoor Day to Crafternoons, Day trips to our Skatepark Celebration days, there will be activities throughout all of August for young people aged 8-19 to take part in!

To find out more keep an eye on our social media (@swaleyouth) our youtube channel bit.ly/SYCYoutube or email louise@brogdalecic.co.uk to be added to our mailing list. The majority of our activities are free or at a low cost, so are great to get involved with. Let's have a great summer, full of fun!



URGENT HELP NEEDED

The Iwade Observer is in desperate need of a volunteer to take over our desktop publishing role.

If you have some knowledge or experience in this area and would like to give something back to the Village, please get in touch for more information:

the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

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Iwade Allotment Association	01795 421945 mcquadecj@yahoo.co.uk (Christine McQuade)
Swale Wildlife Rescue	07877 280348 (8am to 8pm)
Neighbourhood Watch	(Terry Wiles) Facebook search: "Neighbourhood Watch. Iwade Village"
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Please inform us of any updates by emailing us at: the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

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HELP NEEDED!!!!

Getting the Iwade Observer to your letterbox needs the combined efforts of about thirty people ranging from editing and desk top publishing, to transport, bulk distribution, and delivering.

If you think you'd like to get involved in any of these 'jobs' please get in touch with us, we are always in need of help, and you could help with just a few minutes to spare each month. Roles from twenty minutes of commitment to many hours!!

Get in touch at the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

Many thanks.

Tinkerbells ... looking forward to the fruits of their labours!

By Donna Barker

We have made the most of the nice weather over the past month spending lots of our time in the garden. The children have been taking good care of our vegetables and we are hoping to have a good amount of potatoes, carrots and beetroot which will be picked and bagged up by the children to share with their families at the end of term. The topic of the term has been all about healthy living, children have taken part in various activities relating to keeping ourselves fit and healthy, the children will be making fruit kebabs and salads over the next few weeks. We were also really fortunate to have the Community Champion from Morrisons visit the children and brought in all the resources to enable the children to plant their own flowers for home.

July brings us to the end of another academic year; the year has flown by and we cannot believe it is time to say goodbye to all the children leaving for school. We are keeping everything crossed that we will be able to go ahead with celebrations planned for the leavers. We would like to wish all the children starting school lots of luck, we are sure they will all continue to excel at school.

Whilst that brings us to a close this academic year, we are very excited to welcome back all of our children and meet the new children and their families who will be joining us in September. We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays and look forward to catching up with you all in September.

Finally, we have limited availability at both of our settings for September, sessions are filling fast therefore if you require a place for your child please call in alternatively you can email enquiries@tinkerbellspre-school.co.uk

An important message from DMC Iwade Health Centre and Iwade Patient Participation Group.

We need to ensure that as many patients are aware of the new data opt from NHS Digital.

Using your Health Data for Planning and Research

Information about your health and care helps the NHS to improve your individual care, speed up diagnosis, plan your local services and research new treatments. It can also help research organisations to explore new treatments or make discoveries.

You can decide that you do not want your information to be used in this way.

There are two main options;

Option 1: Opting out of the GP Data for Planning and Research (GPDDR) Formally known as GPES.

This means you don't want your data to be extracted from your GP clinical system and used for Planning and Research Purposes. You can opt out at any time but opting out before the end of June 2021 will mean your data is not extracted by the new process. Opting out after that date will mean that no further extractions will occur. Find out more.

Option 2: Opting out of NHS Digital using or sharing your health data (held by any provider, not just your GP), for Planning and Research purposes.

You can opt out at any time.

How do I Opt Out?

To opt out of your data leaving the GP Practice for Research and Planning (Type 1), just contact your GP practice by phone, email or post and let us know.

To opt out of your health data being used or shared by NHS Digital (Type 2), you can;

Call

The phone number is 0300 303 5678 – Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

Write

National Data Opt Out
Contact Centre
NHS Digital
HM Government
7 and 8 Wellington Place
Leeds, LS1 4AP

Email

enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

Online

<https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/manage-your-choice/>

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING - Wednesday 4 May, 2021
HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

This is a Parish Meeting called as required by the local Government Act, 1972. The meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the village who are registered electors to raise and discuss any subject affecting the village. Discussion and voting on any subject is restricted to electors, residents who are not registered as electors are welcome as observers. Residents wishing to speak are requested to give their name and the name of their road or street.

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Smith and Cheeseman and the PCSO (who could not attend due to Kent Police not supporting the use of Zoom because of security).

REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR (Read out by the Vice-Chair)

Over the past year the United Kingdom, along with the rest of the World, has faced the Covid-19 Pandemic and the impacts it has had on both health and the way everyone lives. We have now experienced two national Lockdowns, having to work from home, job losses, the loss of loved ones and not being able to mix with our families. The vaccination programme, which is currently being undertaken by the NHS, has reduced the number of Covid cases, but we are still warned to 'social distance' and the wearing of face masks has become a common sight.

The Parish Council last held a 'normal' face to face meeting in March 2020, then came three turbulent months of no meetings and having to find ways to make things work, within the confines of the 1972 Local Government Act. Central Government temporarily amended the Act to allow 'virtual meetings', which Iwade Parish Council took up and held its first such meeting in July 2020. Part of the new Legislation included not holding an Annual Parish Council meeting in 2020, with those in Office holding onto their posts until May 2021.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 4/5/21
HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Election of Chair, and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Alex Dollimore elected as Chair and will duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Barrie Whiting elected as Vice-chair and will duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

Election of Members of Committees and Other Bodies

Membership of Parish Council Committees and other bodies agreed as follows:

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| 1. Finance Committee: | Cllrs. Cheeseman, Langham, Lancashire and the Clerk |
| 2. Planning Committee: | Cllrs. Cheeseman, Dollimore, Lancashire Langham, and the Clerk |
| 3. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee: | Bring back to next meeting <u>Action: Clerk</u> |
| 4. Swale Western Area Committee: | Cllr. Cheeseman |
| 5. KALC Local Representative: | Cllr. Langham |
| 6. Village Hall Committee Representative: | Cllr. Langham |
| 7. The Barn Representative: | Bring back to next meeting <u>Action: Clerk</u> |
| 8. Highway Improvement Plan Committee: | Cllrs. Dollimore, Langham, Whiting and the Clerk |

Dates of Meetings 2021/22

Members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, with meetings commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 7.50 p.m.

So, what have we been carrying out during the Covid restrictions? The Parish Clerk has worked as normal managing day to day items, whilst some Councillors for health reasons went into isolation. We had to cancel the 2020 Festive Lighting Up event but managed to have installed a further 15 new displays plus a new 3D Cone Christmas Tree and star. The lights were lit earlier to help bring some cheer to the village.

For the fourth year running, the Parish Council has taken over the grass cutting contract from Kent County Council, as a result of KCC reducing their cutting regime to only six times per year. The grass is now cut to a strict standard and far more frequently; I am sure residents are proud of the neatness and general appearance of the village.

We have tried to tackle parking issues in The Street resulting in the siting of 13 Planters. Some residents have adopted these and planted them, resulting in a beautiful display along our main road. Elsewhere other planters are still being maintained by sponsors.

We planted a further 8 Hornbeam trees either side of the footpath leading up to the Cairn, to create a peaceful avenue. Sadly, the stakes attached to each tree were ripped down and used as part of a bonfire. Kent Police are actively monitoring this, and residents were urged to report all incidents to the Police instead of using Facebook.

Our poor Handyman was faced with the task of planting a further 1400 Daffodil bulbs and 2000 Crocus bulbs in the village, but the resulting springtime display of flowers was wonderful and appreciated by many residents.

Members of the Parish Council are all volunteers, giving freely of their time and work with a strong commitment to enhance/fight on behalf of our community; here is hoping that in 2021/22, Covid permitting, the Parish Council can achieve even more.

Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Community Speedwatch

Concerned about speeding through the village?

A new Community Speedwatch has started operating in Iwade and are looking for volunteers to join the team.

Training will be provided and you will be helping to make our village a better place in which to live.

For further information contact Cllr Ray Langham at cllrrlangham@iwade-pc.gov.uk.

Please note this is an amendment to the item in the June issue – Contact Ray on the email address given above for more information.

Iwade Toddler Group – a quick update
By Louise Wade

With 'Freedom Day' having been postponed by another 4 weeks, this then brings us up to the school holidays, which unfortunately means Toddler Group will now not be returning until September.

Many of us will have children starting school, but hopefully there will be lots of new faces after so long away. We will update with a confirmed date in The Observer and also on our Facebook page (Iwade Parent & Toddler group), but hopefully see you on 7th September (fingers crossed!).

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL
NOTICE OF VACANCIES

NOTICE is hereby given that during the Covid-19 Lockdowns four vacancies have occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the date of this Notice.

If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancies by co-opting persons onto the parish council.

Persons wishing to be considered for these appointments should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than: -

19 August 2021

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address: -
Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk

Dated this 15 June 2021
Signed: **Lynda Fisher**
Parish of Iwade

Are your children asking questions about God?

Kingsquad is a fun-filled Christian school club run by volunteers and The Family Trust. It is a club designed for primary school children years 3 to 6, to help them explore the Christian faith in a safe environment. The children participate in games, craft, bible stories and well-being activities.

From Thursday 9th September we will be running a Kingsquad at All Saints' Church from 3.30 to 4.45. We will be running during term time only. There will be a small charge of £1 to cover the cost of refreshments and small prize given at the end of each session.

Please contact Carole Wiles on 07765 802026 or email me at chutson@sky.com if you are interested or want to know more.

Carole Wiles

Police surgery – PCSO Lee Fennell

Hello

Forthcoming police surgeries? I will be holding them at Mews Brewhouse on Sat 17 July and Sat 21 August, both at 2pm for an hour. Anyone who wants to drop in is welcome.

Many thanks
Lee

Dear Friends - Connections.

We all long for connections – to our families, friends, neighbours – to communities, colleagues, social life. This past year our connections have been under severe pressure. Sometimes they have been suspended or limited or taken new, unfamiliar forms. In all of this, how have we changed in ourselves? With all that has changed, are we different from who we were so many months ago?

So we may think we've fallen off, but we get back on. We go back and find that we can still keep our balance on the bike. The 'All Clear' sounds, and we emerge back into sunlight. Life may be feeling like all of these things at the moment, but we may still hesitate. Is it really time? Can we start reweaving all the webs we live by?

With the answers to these questions still being uncertain, what can we be sure of? Can our own determination keep carrying us through?

But if all that we are and love is treasured beyond ourselves, then so much is lifted off our own shoulders. Uncertainties there may be, but that one certainty remains. We are always secure in the love of God, all the good that we love in life and in others, God also loves and preserves. God's love can sustain us under pressure, can keep us afloat in the current, and can set us on firm ground in the end. When times are uncertain, we need to keep that one certainty in mind. We need to hold firmly to that one source of security and let ourselves be held up.

May the love of God heal, strengthen and guide us through all we are passing through.

With best wishes and prayer for God's blessing,
Ron Partridge, curate and chaplain (retired)
Lower Halstow