

# YOUR VIEWS

## Picture of the Week



THIS stunning picture was taken from Duncan Downs in Whitstable and sent in by Times reader David Ponsonby. ■ Do you have a similarly beautiful picture? Email it to us at [newsdesk.times@KRNmedia.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk.times@KRNmedia.co.uk) with "reader's picture" in the subject line.



■ **@matcollier:** Layla Collier posted her list at Santa's post box in Herne Bay @ baypromoteam @ TimesHerneBay.  
 ■ **@rwrate:** @MyEighties @FavershamTimes I remember Bryan Adams singing Reggae Christmas while Pee Wee Herman was doing a conga line. #IMissThe80s.  
 ■ **@oneintheoven1:** Excellent article in the Canterbury Times. Thank you so much! @TimesSeries #foodanddrink #doughnut #girlboss.  
 ■ **@Cattersby:** @TimesWhitstable What good is a Post Office a long walk for the old from the town centre? Three Co-Ops? Please NO!!



## Don't close the crossing for these non-accidents

THE proposed closing of the Glebe Way railway crossing was news to me when I saw Terry Hudson's letter:

I must protest that the incidents that have taken place down the years are not "accidents". They appear to me to be either deliberate acts of suicide – or deliberate acts of stupidity.

Those on the regrettable course of suicide will always find a way. On the other hand, one recent incident involves someone absorbed in their headphones – often seen in the High Street and elsewhere, people endangering their lives for the sake of "looking cool".

Thirdly, like a lot of kids, I used to play "chicken" on that very crossing in question. However, if my parents had found out they would have thrashed the backside off me.

No one ever suggested closing the crossing in those days to my knowledge, and I think the idea should be resisted at all costs.

G Brechley,  
Herne Bay

## Thanks for giving all our dogs a lovely Christmas

DOGS Trust Canterbury would like to thank shop tenants and security staff at County Square Shopping Centre in Ashford, and locals from the Fordwich Arms Pub, for their incredible generosity in providing a special present for each of the 60 rescue dogs who will be spending

## Readers' opinion

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Christmas at the Rehoming Centre. This wonderful gesture will help all the homeless hounds in our care enjoy a very merry Christmas whilst they wait for their forever homes.

Adam Levy  
Dogs Trust Canterbury

## Flowers and knitting are a delightful spectacle

OUR village of Beltinge is so very lucky!

Throughout the year we have Herne Bay in Bloom supplying us with a beautiful flower display, which makes it look very appealing and a joy to see. Now we have some very kind people that have knitted lovely little families that sit on top of the post boxes – they are delightful!

I would just like to say a very big thank you, we all have given so many people a great deal of pleasure. Happy Christmas to you all and a very happy new year.

Veronica Kemp  
By email

## University archives' help should be fully credited

I WOULD like to acknowledge the assistance received from Heriot-Watt University, the eighth oldest higher education institution in the United Kingdom and the first technological university, especially their museum and archive.

In my Way We Were article in the December 9 edition of the Times, headlined "Formation of Mechanics' Institute paved the way for city workers' education. Learning for masses comes to Canterbury", the Leonard Horner and Edinburgh

School of Arts students' photographs credit should have acknowledged "Heriot-Watt University Museum and Archive", as mentioned in the latest copy I submitted, not just Wikipedia Commons.

In 1969, when Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson's embryo "University of the Air" began to develop, Shadow Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer Iain Macleod described it as "blithering nonsense"; a view not dissimilar from why it has taken 30 years to reach this stage of unsupported progress with founding Chaucer University, as an Open Technical University evolving from the original Mechanics' Institute established by Dr George Beaney.

Click on the links in the online editions of my Way We Were articles to go straight to the background and further reading references.

My articles and letters are also available to access online under Latest Articles in the right-hand column of The Chaucer Education Project's virtual learning environment website: [chauceruniversity.com](http://chauceruniversity.com).

I take the opportunity to wish all readers a very happy Christmas.

Richard West  
The Chaucer Education Project  
Canterbury



BACK THEN: Iain Macleod campaigning at York in the 1970 General Election

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