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**Front cover:** The last visit of the Library Van in Grafty Green - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.  
The service has now been withdrawn - case of 'you didn't use it so you've lost it!'

***Photo courtesy of John Collins***

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Down Memory Lane** - First of all, many apologies for not having put the following in last month's Magazine.

On 30th April we were entertained to an evening of memories when John Collins gave us a presentation of photos of events which have taken place over the past years. We spent a most enjoyable evening remembering the good times and fun we had raising money to maintain the village hall and the Church, whilst at the same time keeping up the village community spirit.

John is our cameraman and he has a record of events and changes that have taken place in Grafty Green and its' environs. We saw photos of folk who are no longer with us such as the former landlord and lady of the Kings Head and John and Lucy Collins (who ran the raffle at most village events during their lifetimes) and those who did so much for the village in the past. We thank you for a most enjoyable evening, John, and we thank everyone who gave generously to the collection that was made afterwards. Thanks also to the ladies of the Church and the Village Hall committee, who provided the refreshments during the Interval.

**Bible Study** at Weirton Villas, Grafty Green will be enjoying a well earned break until September.

**Morning prayers** will be held in St. Nicholas on Tuesday 5th & 19th and at All Saints Ulcombe on 12th & 26th July at 9.30a.m.

**Morning Coffee** in the Village hall on Wednesday 13th July 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Homemade cakes and scones will be served with coffee and tea. Come and join us - we are a friendly group and look forward to seeing you there. Donations will be given to a charity in Zambia.

**Men at Breakfast** are having a break until September.

**Cream Teas** will start on 3rd July at St. Nicholas from 2 - 5 p.m. Homemade scones and cream served with freshly made jams, and a pot of tea or coffee. Proceeds will be in aid of Church Funds. Come and enjoy the Kentish countryside whilst you tuck into our delicious cream teas.

**Benefice Service** will be held at St. Nicholas Church on 31st July at 10.00 a.m. Please come along and join us.

**Len valley Benefice Vision Day** will be held on Saturday 30th July 9.30a.m.-12.30. Our facilitator for the day will be Kerry Thorpe. Please join us to discuss planning for Dick's successor. Everyone is invited - the venue will be announced in due course.

**Ashford Invicta Singers** will be giving a Concert at Challock Church (in aid of Church Funds) on Saturday 9th July at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £10.00 available from Joan Davidson, Helen Davies or on the door. Those of you who came to the Concert in the Tythe Barn, Court Lodge last year will know what an enjoyable evening 'The Invicta Singers' will give you, so do come along and support this event.

**Joan Davidson**

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## **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

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## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the AGM and the Annual Parish Council meeting, will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 19.30. (Note : This is a date change from 4<sup>th</sup> July)**

The Agenda for these meetings and the minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

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### **Wednesday evening 7 – 8.30**

My Wednesday evening class is full at the moment but please call me if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

### **Thursday morning 9.30 – 11**

If you can't commit to a regular class please feel free to drop in on Thursday – drop in rate £8

### **Saturday Yoga practices**

10 – 11.30 investment £7 - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

I have a web site: [www.yogawithsusan.co.uk](http://www.yogawithsusan.co.uk) which gives more details about yoga and the classes. Please note that I am not running classes in Platts Heath for the moment

**Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher**

## **News from Helen Whately - Your MP**

As I write Parliament is in turmoil, question marks hang over the leadership of both main political parties and we're all watching the economy to see what the impact of the country's decision to leave the EU might be. I hope by the time you read this things will have settled down. In the meantime, I'm still working hard, getting on with the job of being the MP for Faversham and Mid Kent, and looking to the future.

I want to make sure every child gets the best possible start in life. I'm gradually visiting every school in the constituency, and particularly spending time at schools with tougher catchment areas to understand what help they need to best support their pupils. Recently I visited Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Park Wood and Roseacre School in Bearsted. The challenge of getting mental health support for children has been brought up with me several times by teachers, and I'm looking into what can be done to improve that.

In some areas around Maidstone there's a shortage of school places, which means some children are offered places at schools far from home and they (and their parents) have to cope with a time-consuming journey to and fro each day. I spoke to KCC about this as they are responsible for school places, and it's clear we need a new school as soon as possible. I've written to the Education Funding Authority [EFA] urging them to get on with the first step – securing a site. We need them to move quickly so that the school is ready for 2018. I will be monitoring progress closely.

We need more houses locally as well, but I have always been clear that the numbers need to be sensible, we need investment in infrastructure and the public must be properly consulted. I was outraged that Maidstone Borough Council tried to rush through four controversial developments at short notice, just weeks ahead of the public inquiry into the Local Plan. I am also very concerned about the sheer number of houses being built onto local villages. I've spoken to the Planning Minister, Brandon Lewis, to ask whether these decisions can be delayed.

I'm also working to improve healthcare for our community - and nationally as a member of the Health Select Committee. It is estimated that a third of patients in hospital could be better treated elsewhere. Last year people in Kent spent over 50,000 unnecessary days in hospital because their move back home or into alternative care was delayed. In Whitstable an innovative new 'vanguard' medical practice is devising new ways of caring for people in the community, closer to their homes - but it is early days. Locally, I'm holding joint meetings between the NHS and Social Services to tackle this problem, and in Parliament, I challenged the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, to tell me what he is doing to ensure people are cared for in the right place. He replied that helping people live healthy happy lives at home is a priority and confirmed that an extra £2.6 billion is being invested in GP services with this aim.

We're now into fete season so I've had the pleasure of going to several local fetes and fairs, along with joining celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Fingers crossed for a sunnier July and the passing of storms in Westminster. As ever if you have a problem, big or small, that you think I can help you with please don't hesitate to ask.

**Helen Whately**

**ROAD  
CLOSED**

## **Emergency Road Closure**

**Liverton Hill, Grafty Green - 11 July 2016  
(Maidstone)**

It will be necessary to close Liverton Hill,  
Grafty Green from 11 July 2016.

It is likely the road will be closed  
for up to 3 days.

The road will be closed between the junctions  
of Headcorn Road and Elmstone Hole Road.

The alternative route is via Lenham Road,  
Ulcombe Hill, The Street, Eastwood Hill,  
Headcorn Road and vice versa.

This is to enable carriageway repairs and gully  
cleansing to be carried out by KCC.

## **Cheering up Chilston Ponds**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 2pm.**

The Chilston Pond site has a few areas where the weeds are getting out of control, making the site less attractive for people to spend time in. Also invasive weeds will continue to spread and so action now will help keep these under control.

Simon Vining from Mid Kent Downs Countryside Project will be running this volunteer event for the Heaths Countryside Corridor and tools will be provided. Simon has considerable experience in environmental conservation and leading events and will make this an enjoyable event.

We will meet at Chilston Ponds which can be found on Lenham Heath Rd just down the hill from The White Horse pub.

Food and drinks will be provided and all are welcome.

For more details please see our website <http://www.heathsc.co.uk/> or call Simon Vining on 01303 815170

**Ruth Lovering (trustee Heaths countryside corridor)**

## **Helen Whately** **MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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### **Upcoming surgeries**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, Maidstone

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, Headcorn

## "It's a Magical Life."

Egerton artist Cathy Hill, is holding an exciting exhibition and sale of vibrant, original and whimsical pictures. Made with a sock-knitting needle and a tin of wax-oil crayons, Cathy's unique artwork is colourful and full of magic. [www.cathyhill.co.uk](http://www.cathyhill.co.uk)

Also on show will be delightful textile art by Jean Osborne and sculptures by Emma Broughton.

Please come to the preview on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 6pm.

The exhibition is free and will be open on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 6pm.

The Grand Opening  
of Chilston Home Farm as a holiday home, in Sandway.

Chilston Home Farm, has been beautifully refurbished by Liz Meeck and Glen Everett and is ready for holiday and weekend lets from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Please see the website at [www.chilston.co.uk](http://www.chilston.co.uk). This large family farmhouse with cosy aga and wood burners, sleeps 9 people in 5 bedrooms, some featuring four poster beds and en suite bathrooms. The house has a music room, games rooms and even has an outdoor wood-fired hot tub! Come and see!

Please note that the farmhouse has quite a lot of steps so if you are less mobile, you might like to check in advance with Liz Meeck on 01622 858956. Disabled parking or dropping off only, in the farmyard. Parking available across the road at The White Horse pub.

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## "It's a Magical Life" Exhibition of Artwork by Cathy Hill

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## July Music notes

Much more to choose from this month. As well as those I have picked out, the Great Comp Music festival provides a concert every weekend (either Saturday or Sunday) from 3rd July to 2nd October. These are top quality concerts; for full programme details phone 01732 882327.

For something more informal, there are lunchtime concerts at The United Reformed Church, Weeks Street, Maidstone, at 1.00pm every Wednesday. Free entry, with a retiring donation for a good cause. And of course "The Proms" start on 15th July.

Then we have the list, which is -

- Saturday 2nd July 7.30pm. at All Saints' Church Maidstone – The Best of British, a Summer Prom Concert by Maidstone Choral union, with works by Handel, Parry, Elgar and Walton. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 9th July, the Leeds Castle Open Air Concert, with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. Gates open 4.30pm. Main event starts 7.30pm. Tickets 0845 6526262
- Also on 9th July, 7.30pm at Sutton Valance School Chapel, the Sutton Valance Choral Society Summer Concert. Tickets at the door or from members.
- Saturday 16th July, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds, the Bearsted Choral Society concert features folksongs by Elgar, Rutter and Shearing. Tickets 01634 66673
- 24th July, 8.00pm at Great Comp, St. Marys Platt T N15 8QS – a piano recital by Alasdair Beaton, as part of the Greta Comp Music festival. Tickets 01732 882327.

First night of The Proms, Prom 1, is on 15th July – features Elgar's cello concerto played by Sol Gabetta. Live on BBC2 and 7 - 9.30pm on Radio 3

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### Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Painting	Cliff	Value	<b>Face</b>
2	Scene	Petty	Wave	
3	First	Under	Flat	
4	Piano	Slam	Son	
5	Driving	Long	Free	
6	Honey	Queen	Hive	
7	Life	Stand	Water	
8	Pinching	Whistle	Bad	
9	Bottle	Print	Navy	
10	Panel	Bird	Plan	
11	Brain	Proof	Birth	
12	Crystal	Headed	All	
13	Writer	Blood	Cast	
14	Shadow	Coat	Walk	
15	Service	Bath	Ball	
16	Black	Wish	Wine	

### Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Find the missing word?
1	___ Vegas, Casino City
2	Tel ____, Israeli City
3	The _____, Radio serial based in Ambridge
4	_____ Lauder, Cosmetic Brand
5	Demi _____, Actress in 'Ghost'
6	_____ Cotton, Played by Sean Tully in 'Corrie'
7	Celia _____, Actress in 'Calendar Girls'
8	_____ Puzo, 'The Godfather' Author
9	Barack _____, 44 <sup>th</sup> President of the USA
10	_____ Owl, Wintery sounding Bird of Prey

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## Grafty Gourmet

I tried this dish on my recent travels and had to try and make it upon my return. Chilli and Chocolate are quite often used in Mexican cooking to make classic dishes such as chilli con carne. Just a little dark chocolate, ideally with 70% cocoa solids, adds a great depth of flavour and richness to a spicy sauce.

### Chicken with Chilli Chocolate Sauce

2tbsp olive oil	1tsp chilli powder
500g skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into bite-size pieces	1tsp ground cumin
1 onion, chopped	1/2tsp ground cinnamon
1 red pepper, deseeded and cut into chunks	500g passata
2 garlic cloves, crushed	25g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), broken into squares

1. Heat the oil in a pan, add the chicken and fry over a high heat for 3-4 mins until browned. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and set aside.
2. Add the onion and red pepper to the pan and fry over a medium heat for 5 mins to soften. Add the garlic, chilli powder, cumin, cinnamon and passata and season with salt and freshly ground pepper.
3. Return the chicken to the pan and bring to the boil, stirring. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 mins, stirring occasionally until the chicken is cooked through.
4. Add the chocolate and stir until melted. Taste and add a little extra chilli powder, if required. Serve with rice.

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# Save the Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

## Grafty Green Animal Antics

(2016 Summer Event)



This year The Village Hall Committee wanted to do something a little different, so we are going to attempt to have an animal themed event, hoping to give you a varied and fun afternoon, finishing the day at the Kings Head with food and entertainment.

We need:



<p>People willing to bring their Pets (all accepted) with ideas for how people can interact with them, e.g. a game, petting or feeding. Owners will be responsible for the safety of their animals.</p>	<p>Ideas for demonstrations: We are looking at bringing in some animals for the day and would like to hear from you with requests. So far we have investigated Owls, Fly-Ball Dogs and Meercats. No decision yet.</p>
<p>Sponsors to help with funding We are looking to have an event in the evening at the Kings Head, this could include a Hog Roast or BBQ.</p>	<p>Prizes for the Grand Draw This helped us fund the Fete last year, so we are having another one of these.</p>

Please contact Carol Hulm on 07990 574214 or 01622 853583. Leave a message if no response, or email [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com) – head it Animal Antics

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**If you have any interesting news that you would like to share please send it to Mike Hitchins at [mfhitchins@btinternet.com](mailto:mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next months issue**

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## Christian Message July 2016

It's Sunday morning. What shall we do today? Take in a service? There's plenty of choice. In the area covered by the Len Valley Benefice there are 5 places of worship. No problem! Different venues, different times. The would-be worshipper is spoilt for choice.

The decision is made. The service attended. So simple. Why? Because there is still in England freedom to worship.

Now imagine that you are a Christian in Kenya. Hassan was walking to his church in the outskirts of Nairobi. He was ambushed, beaten unconscious, apparently for his faith. Move across the seas to Sri Lanka. There some believers are denied a Christian burial. Local people insist that all burials are carried out in accordance with the traditions of the majority religion in the village.

Turkey is a popular holiday destination. There Christians have been sent threatening messages by email and text by those sympathetic to Islamic State (so called). God's people in Laos suffer discrimination including imprisonment and forced displacement from their homes. Despite this, in the north of the country tribesmen from 3 villages walk for 2 hours to worship with other Christians.

Many more stories of persecution could be given. Prison, torture, death are the fate of believers in China, India, Nigeria, North Korea, Iran, Pakistan, Eritrea, Afghanistan and many other countries.

The first followers of Jesus were persecuted, arrested, put to death. In his sermon on the mount Jesus had said, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you falsely and say all kinds of evil against you because of me." (Matthew chapter 5 verse 11).

The prevalence of persecution does not make it acceptable. What should our response be? Let me suggest that we value our freedom and speak out whenever we become aware that it is being infringed. I would also encourage those who pray to remember their fellow believers who are suffering (Hebrews 13:3).

Information about the persecuted church can be obtained by going to [www.releaseinternational.org](http://www.releaseinternational.org) or [barnabasfund.org](http://barnabasfund.org).

**Joan Drury**

*The Len Valley Benefice*  
*Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe*  
Sunday/Main Services – **July 2016**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service  
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
10.30 am Ulcombe: Family Worship  
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion  
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service  
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion  
10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion  
11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship  
6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am Holy Communion:  
Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service  
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion  
10.45am Ulcombe: Morning Worship  
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship  
10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion  
11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

10.00am Boughton Malherbe: Joint Len Valley Churches Celebration Service



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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Painting	Cliff	Value	Face
2	Scene	Petty	Wave	Crime
3	First	Under	Flap	Rate
4	Piano	Slam	Son	Grand
5	Driving	Long	Free	Range
6	Honey	Queen	Hive	Bee
7	Life	Stand	Water	Still
8	Punching	Whistle	Bad	Penny
9	Bottle	Print	Navy	Blue
10	Panel	Bird	Plan	Game
11	Brain	Proof	Birth	Child
12	Crystal	Headed	All	Clear
13	Writer	Blood	Cast	Type
14	Shadow	Coat	Walk	Over
15	Service	Bath	Ball	Room
16	Black	Wash	Wine	List

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	Las Vegas, Casino City
2	Tel Aviv, Israeli City
3	The Archers, Radio serial based in Ambridge
4	Estee Lauder, Cosmetic Brand
5	Demi Moore, Actress in 'Ghost'
6	Antony Cotton, Played by Sean Tully in 'Corrie'
7	Celia Imrie, Actress in 'Calendar Girls'
8	Mario Puzo, 'The Godfather' Author
9	Barack Obama, 44 <sup>th</sup> President of the USA
10	Snowy Owl, Wintery sounding Bird of Prey



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