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**Happy New Year to all our readers**



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**Front Cover:** The cast at the Pantomime performance held in Grafty Green Village Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

## News from St. Nicholas Church

### A very happy New Year to everyone!

As always, at this time of year, we look back and cherish the memories of the past months. Here, at St. Nicholas, we have so much to thank God for.

We have welcomed so many friends, those who are celebrating, those who are sad, those who, week by week, meet in this place to pray together, sing, laugh, share our good and our not-so-good moments, support one another and our community and wider world, all through the strength we receive from God's gift of love. Especially as we have just been celebrating this Christmas, the birth and God's gift of Jesus.

### God is with us!

**Morning Prayers** continue at 9.30am on Tuesdays, at St. Nicholas on the 15th and 29th, and at All Saints, Ulcombe on the 8th and 22nd.

**Bible Study** will begin again later this month at Weirton Villa, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green. Contact Joan Drury for details on 01622 853766.

**Christmas Coffee Morning.** We enjoyed our time together, the well decorated Village Hall, the Christmas music, the chance to buy a Christmas present and the delicious scones and cakes. Many thanks to those who make cakes and scones each month for the Village Coffee Morning, and to those who enjoy eating them!

**The Village Coffee Morning** will be on Wednesday 9th January from 10.30-12noon.

**Christmas at St. Nicholas** has been very special, beginning with the lighting of a candle on the Advent wreath each of the 4 Sundays before and on Christmas Day.

The **Carol Service** took place in a packed Church, with the familiar and impressive Bible readings and music. We all enjoyed the time to talk over mince pies and mulled wine. Many thanks to those who decorated the Church so beautifully, under Sandra's guidance, and to all those who gave the food and drink.

The **Crib Service**, led by Anne and Alice, on Christmas Eve was a delightful, quieter, intimate occasion, welcoming the Baby Jesus to his place in the stable, ready for all the grandeur and pomp of the **Christmas Day** celebrations.

It is with great sadness we mourn the loss to our community of Margaret Hoad and Roy Wickens, with both funerals so soon.

We give thanks for all those who have supported the work and fellowship of St Nicholas so faithfully and generously through 2018 and will do through 2019 and for all those who have found God's peace and strength with this community and in this place and for all those who may seek his presence here in the coming year.

**Sally Alexander**

# News from Helen Whately MP

## Helen's round-up of the year

Brussels, charades and long arguments - in Parliament it's like every day is Christmas! Top of my wish list is getting a break from Brexit debates and spending some time with my family.

Thankfully, we've moved back home after we were flooded out in spring. While in Westminster it feels like a political earthquake, it's lovely to return to normality at home. I'm hugely grateful for the kind messages and offers of help we received.

In the summer, the Prime Minister appointed me the Party's Vice Chair for Women. In this centenary year of women winning the right to vote, I've been at the forefront of a cross-party campaign to get more women to stand for election. Parliament is very different from how it was in 1918, but a century on, just under a third of MPs are women. One thing we know is that many women wait to be asked. If you're a woman reading, please consider putting yourself forward.

I've also been working hard on my local campaigns. There's not room to cover everything in this newsletter, but I've included some highlights .

Brexit has divided Parliament. Some people argue for a Canada-style free trade deal, others would prefer to stay in the single market or not to leave at all. But the Prime Minister is not Santa Claus and she can't please everyone. She fought hard for a pragmatic deal that respects the result of the referendum by ending free movement and huge payments to Brussels without risking jobs and curtailing trade with our largest export market.

As I write, we're anticipating the vote on the EU Withdrawal Agreement and it looks unlikely the Government will win. Whatever happens, I'll try to do the right thing, to the best of my judgement, for Faversham and Mid Kent and the country as a whole. I am not looking to be a hero, nor to have any particular place in history. I am just deeply aware of my responsibility to the people I represent. Being MP for Faversham & Mid Kent is a privilege and an opportunity to do good, but it's also a responsibility. This year that responsibility has weighed particularly heavily on my mind. As the year comes to an end, I hope that next year we will be able to move on from the divisions of Brexit and focus on all the things that we want to do to make this constituency and the country a better place to live.

## **Kent is getting a medical school, now it's time to sort out our hospitals**

It's been a difficult year for healthcare, especially the long cold winter of 2017/18. One reason East Kent's hospitals have struggled is that they can't recruit enough doctors for A&E. In March we had a great success for the campaign for a medical school. Kent will get one of five new medical schools to train a new generation of

doctors. Having worked on this with the Kent universities and the local NHS since 2016, hearing this news was one of the best moments of my year.

Now we need to make sure we have great hospitals, clinics and GP surgeries for them to work in. I have pressed the local NHS to give proper consideration to a new specialist hospital in Canterbury.

While hospital decisions are contentious, the continued uncertainty means that hospitals are getting more dilapidated, so the NHS must get on with it.

### **More money for mental health**

I was re-elected chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Mental Health, giving me the chance to influence national policy—and I was delighted when the Chancellor announced an extra £2 billion for mental health.

Locally we're seeing the benefits of investment, with £500,000 allocated for mental health teams in all our A&Es and a new £2.3 million mother and baby unit in Dartford for new mothers needing inpatient care. My biggest concern locally is children and young people's mental health services, where we have long waiting times. I'm working with colleagues to put pressure on the NHS to get a grip of this service.

### **No more Operation Stack**

Leaving the EU without a deal would have particular consequences for Kent. We know what it's like to have the county turned into a lorry park because of Operation Stack. I have called on Ministers and Highways England to make sure traffic can flow if we get delays at the Channel crossings. The new plan is called Operation Brock, and involves a contra flow on the M20. Manston Airport and the M26 have both been identified as options for further queuing but there are questions about feasibility. The reality is even small delays at the border could lead to some very long queues. A Brexit deal which avoids border checks would put us in a much better position.

### **Fairer flying for disabled people**

I decided to change the law to make flying more accessible after a constituent from Kingswood told me what a nightmare he'd had at an airport in my advice surgery.

I've introduced a Private Member's Bill to make sure airport and airline staff are properly trained and wheelchairs are kept safe during the flight.

Disabled people have been overlooked while able-bodied people have benefitted from cheap, easy, flights. We've made buses and trains more accessible, now it's time to make flying fairer.

## **A seasonal agricultural workers pilot scheme for fruit farmers**

Our countryside and economy are enriched by fruit farming. But it's a tough business as farmers are struggling to find workers to pick and pack fruit.

This is a problem across the EU, but it's particularly hard in Britain because of the fall in value of the pound. Campaigning with other MPs,

I got the Government to agree to pilot a seasonal agricultural workers scheme for 2,500 workers from outside the EEA.

It's a good start, but the horticulture industry employs 80,000 seasonal workers a year, so I'll be working to make sure the pilot scheme is a success and can be scaled up.

## **Solar park could obliterate marshes**

I'm worried that plans for a solar farm will cover Graveney marshes, harming wildlife and changing the landscape beyond recognition. Though the developer has listened to concerns and reduced the scale, it's still huge.

Solar energy is important for a sustainable, green future – but this is just massive. With 880,000 panels,

it will industrialise swathes of open countryside. This beautiful, eerie landscape loved by walkers might never be the same again.

## **New lifts at Faversham station—now Headcorn needs them too**

The faulty lifts at Faversham station were finally fixed in December. Great news for disabled passengers, parents with buggies – anyone who can't use stairs. Now it's time for other stations like Headcorn and Lenham to get step-free access. With over 600,000 passengers a year, Headcorn is a particularly strong candidate and I've been working hard with borough, parish and county councillors to raise its chances. The Government has announced a £300 million fund to improve step-free access at train stations, and we've just heard Headcorn has been shortlisted for a share of the money. I'll be making a strong case for this station to be prioritised for funding.

Thank you to everyone who's got involved in campaigning and fundraising in 2018. Have a Happy New Year and a great 2019

# **Helen Whately**

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at one of my surgeries

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## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## **Yoga Classes at Grafty Green Village Hall**

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Happy New Year. Sue Burch

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## Grafty Gourmet

This is a great but simple recipe, ideal for these cold winter nights. You can use any vegetables you like for this recipe, you do not have to use what is suggested. Great served with crusty bread.

### Easy Chicken Casserole

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 chicken legs or breasts
- 1 large onion, peeled, halved and sliced
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and thickly chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped or pressed
- 120ml white wine or chicken stock
- 1 (400g) tin chopped tomatoes or punnet cherry tomatoes or 6 fresh tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato puree
- Pinch salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

1. Heat oil in a heavy pan over high heat and fry chicken until lightly golden.

2. Add onion, celery, carrots and garlic. Move them around the pan before adding the wine.

3. Turn down the heat, add the tomatoes, tomato puree, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer on a low heat for 50 - 60 minutes (the longer the better). You could also bake it in the oven at 180 degrees C, if you prefer. Taste and season with salt and pepper before serving.

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## **BUS SERVICE 59 – Big Changes Coming?**

In May 2018, Kent County Council launched the Big Conversation “which is exploring innovative and sustainable ways of providing transport to rural communities in Kent” (KCC’s words, not mine!).

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, KCC announced five proposed pilot schemes, one of which will involve major changes to the 59 route and to the level of service. The pilots are due to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and run for at least 12 months.

In conjunction with the East of Maidstone Bus Group, a Big Conversation Working Group has been set up to develop the proposals, led by KCC and with representatives of each Parish Council along the route, and it is an opportunity for parishes to engage directly with the team designing the pilot and improve plans through their local knowledge.

Two meetings of the Working Group have already taken place at which KCC first presented their initial timetable and route proposals, and then responded to parishes’ immediate reactions to those proposals.

The next stage is a public consultation which will take place between 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February. Parishes have yet to receive the consultation documents and exact details of how it is to be conducted so only a flavour of what KCC’s current thinking can be given this month. The full consultation details will have to wait until the February edition of Malherbe Monthly.

### **Summary of the Proposals**

The first thing to stress is that the proposed changes to the 59 service only affect Mondays to Fridays off-peak and Saturdays. The existing Monday to Friday schools services, ie the 06.45 from Grafty Green and the return 16.12 from Maidstone will be unchanged, although efforts are being made to achieve a later departure and a shorter journey time for the morning service (which currently goes via Coxheath as an 89!) to make this journey more reliable and more attractive to potential users. The service 14 to and from Cornwallis Academy is also not affected by the proposed changes.

The intention of the changes to the off-peak service is to replace the current infrequent services which operate to and from Maidstone Town Centre with a more frequent feeder service terminating at Park Wood Morrisons to connect with the high frequency services from there (at least every 10 minutes) to and from the Town Centre.

KCC states that “the basic principle is that through curtailing the route length and connecting with high frequency commercial services, communities can benefit from greater journey opportunities albeit through the need to make connections”.

Including the schools services, the return journey opportunities will double from 3 to 6, and provide connections to Headcorn and Tenterden as well as Maidstone. The possibility of using Warmlake Crossroads as an additional place for making connections is also being looked at. A downside of achieving greater frequency is of course the need to change buses, but great emphasis is being put on the need to maintain connections as this is accepted as absolutely key to making a success of the pilot.

KCC has already had discussions with Arriva who have apparently agreed to operate the pilot commercially (most of the existing Monday to Friday service is already operated commercially by Arriva).

Once it starts, the pilot will be under continuous review but the question has been asked as to how success or failure is to be measured. In particular, given that the pilot is to be run commercially, what happens if it is deemed to have failed? Would this mean that the service would be lost completely, or would KCC still financially support some sort of service in the future? Answers are awaited so watch this space!

Look out for far more details and how you can make your views known in February's Malherbe Monthly, but the usual warning remains and now needs to put even more strongly:-

**USE IT OR YOU ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL LOSE IT!**

**John Collins**

**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone Bus Group and the Big Conversation Working Group**

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**Grafty Geeks**



**WhatsApp – Why is it so popular**

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden.

### Programme 2019

Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
<b>January 8</b>	<b>AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden</b>
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.
May 7	Outing - Warren Street House
June 4	Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies
June 6 - 9	Weekend, <u>Thurs</u> ; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u> , East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u> . Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u> . Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden.
July 2	Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare
Aug 3	Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)
Sept 3	Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.
Oct 1	Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru
Nov 5	Andrew - Hops
Dec 3	Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm

### GRAFTY GREEN GARDENING CLUB - AGM and SANDOWN CASTLE, DEAL

The First meeting of the year will be on 8th January in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30. It is our AGM but will only take around 10 - 15 minutes to conclude the business. Following that we have a talk about the gardens in the grounds of the ruins of Sandown Castle, once a Tudor fortification at Deal.

I look forward to welcoming you and should you need any further information please call me, Sue Burch - phone 850381.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club**

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## January Music Notes

January is in all respects an anticlimax from Christmas; the musical scene conforms to this picture. Many music groups are immersed in a new regime of rehearsals following a Christmas concert, and certainly most singers are resting their voices after an excess of carols. Nevertheless I have been able to find some concerts for you to enjoy:

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church, Week St., Maidstone: In the last of the Christmas festivities, Maidstone Choral Union present a 12<sup>th</sup> Night Concert. Join in with the carols and enjoy more mulled wine & mince pies afterwards! Free entry, with a retiring collection. No tickets required.
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm in Canterbury Cathedral, The Canterbury Choral Society with the London Handel Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah*. Box office: 01227 787 787
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the Sutton Valence Music Society have arranged a concert by BBC Young Musician finalist and pianist Sarah Beth Briggs. Programme includes works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms. Tickets at the door or contact 01622 863002.
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Shostakovitch's 5<sup>th</sup> *Symphony*. And works by Wagner and R. Strauss with soprano soloist April Frederick. Tickets 0333 666 3366(booking fee applies) or at the door. Free pre-concert talk at 6.40pm.

As I am submitting this text early, to meet publishers' Christmas deadlines, I cannot be sure of TV and radio information for January, but I would hope that the New Year's Day concert from Vienna will be on BBC radio 3 and perhaps on BBC 4 in the evening of New Year's Day. Check your schedules!

**Brian Hardy**

## Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

1. The January 2019 meeting of the Parish Council has been moved to the **21<sup>st</sup>** to allow more time to hear from Maidstone Borough Council regarding the precept
2. The Parish Council has purchased a salt bin which has been placed near the top of Church Road. Kent County Council refused to provide one but will provide us with the first load of salt to fill the bin. It will be maintained by the Parish Council thereafter
3. The Planning Appeal regarding Ash Gardens, Lenham Road will commence on the **16th January at 10.00am** in Maidstone Town Hall. Members of public are able to attend.



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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Account	Box	Safe	<b>Deposit</b>
2	At	Holder	Sweep	
3	Over	Take	Turtle	
4	Artic	Dress	Vicious	
5	Colour	Date	Fold	
6	Bridge	Cutting	Model	
7	Book	Offertory	Singing	
8	False	Jump	Kick	
9	Black	Buck	Bush	
10	Busy	Dogs	Warmer	
11	Bishop	Enemy	Marble	
12	Baggage	Dog	Pan	
13	Chair	Pickings	Speak	
14	Brew	Help	Work	
15	Going	Piped	Swim	
16	Baking	Cutlery	Milk	

<b>Find the missing word?</b>	
1	Celine _____, French - Canadian singer
2	_____ Watson, Harry Potter actress
3	National _____, Patriotic song
4	___ Mans, City in NW France famous as a motor racing venue
5	The _____ Papers, Novel by Charles Dickens
6	Finding _____, Oscar winning 2003 animation
7	_____ Kudrow, Actress who plays Phoebe in Friends
8	Blue _____, Descriptive of Carl Perkins & Elvis Presley's shoes
9	_____ Dean, Jane Torvill's ice partner
10	_____ Court, London exhibition hall

## **Burns Night**

### **Advance Notice**

FASU is holding a traditional Burns Night Supper on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Ulcombe Village Hall, starting at 7.00 pm.

There will be Scottish pipe music, welcome bubbly and dram of whisky, smoked salmon, haggis, neeps and tatties, crannachan, Scottish tablet and coffee, as well as the essential traditional entertainment of speeches, singing and Scottish dancing until late – all included in the price

There will be a licensed bar selling wine, whisky and soft drinks. It will be a great evening's fun as well as supporting the village church's fabric. Tartan wear or smart casual. All are most welcome

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*Happy  
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## Christian Message January 2019

Calendars and new diaries are now in use. 2019 has arrived and each of us will add one digit to our age when completing forms. Children are delighted. "I'm 10 now!" The opportunity for new experiences; joining new organisations is anticipated with delight.

At the other end of the scale the picture is not so rosy. "Big birthdays", are celebrated but for some they are a prelude to being set aside and disregarded. Many of the elderly become objects of pity; written off; past their sell-by date. Such attitudes are unhelpful and often cruel. As far as God is concerned every human being, whatever their age, is precious and valuable. In some African countries my grey hair meant that I was treated with great respect!

The best can be in the future. After 86 years serving God Bishop Polycarp was betrayed by an opponent of the Christian faith and, in Smyrna in 155AD was burned to death. Officials tried to persuade this old man to renounce his faith. He refused. "How can I blaspheme my King and my Saviour?", he asked. The fire was lit. Polycarp was faithful in old age and for him the best was yet to be.

God's kingdom is wonderfully inclusive. There are opportunities for all ages and both sexes.

My ambition is to be faithful to the end: loving my neighbours as myself and praying for them. Anna and Simeon were very old when they saw the infant Jesus in the temple (Luke chapter 2) and Mother Teresa was not a teenager! The patriarch Jacob is described as "worshipping as he leaned on the top of his staff" (Hebrews 11: 21). The best can be yet to be.

"Oh, Jesus I have promised to serve you to the END" is a popular hymn. Whoever you are, whatever your age, Jesus invites you to follow him.

Happy New Year!

**Joan Drury**

### World Prayer Day

Slovenia is becoming a popular holiday destination. It has a fascinating history and in 2004 joined the EU. Find out more by coming to one of the World Prayer Day services in the Len Valley on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The women of Slovenia have prepared the service which is called, ***Come – Everything is Ready!*** Men and children are welcome to these services which will be at 10.30am in St Mary's Church Lenham and at 7pm in All Saints Church Ulcombe.

***The Len Valley Benefice***  
***Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe***  
**Sunday/Main Services – January 2019**

*Everyone is always welcome to any of our services or events.*

'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.' *Isaiah 54:2*

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast service

**9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Family Worship

**11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**3.30 pm** Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Communion)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**8.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30 am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**11.00 am** Lenham: Morning Worship

**3.30 pm** Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**11.00am** Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Morning Worship

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

**9.30am** Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**Tough Times**

This will be the subject of Helen Cooke's talk at the next Focus on Faith session in Ryarsh Village Hall on 20th March from 9.15 to 2.15

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

Answer	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3
1	Account	Box	Safe
2	At	Holder	Sweep
3	Over	Take	Turtle
4	Artic	Dress	Vicious
5	Colour	Date	Fold
6	Bridge	Cutting	Model
7	Book	Offertory	Singing
8	False	Jump	Kick
9	Black	Buck	Bush
10	Busy	Dogs	Warmer
11	Bishop	Enemy	Marble
12	Baggage	Dog	Pan
13	Chair	Pickings	Speak
14	Brew	Help	Work
15	Going	Piped	Swim
16	Baking	Cutlery	Milk
			Tray

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	Celine Dion, French - Canadian singer
2	Emma Watson, Harry Potter actress
3	National Anthem, Patriotic song
4	Le Mans, City in NW France famous as a motor racing venue
5	The Pickwick Papers, Novel by Charles Dickens
6	Finding Nemo, Oscar winning 2003 animation
7	Lisa Kudrow, Actress who plays Phoebe in Friends
8	Blue Suede, Descriptive of Carl Perkins & Elvis Presley's shoes
9	Christopher Dean, Jane Torvill's ice partner
10	Earts Court, London exhibition hall

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