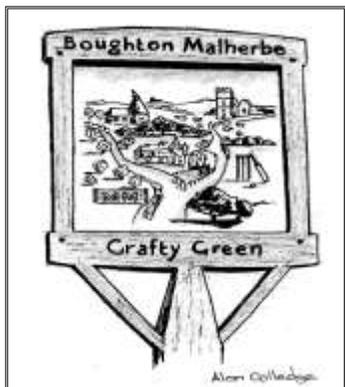


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Front cover: Pat Anderson (left) being presented with a thank-you bouquet from Councillor Sylvia Close to mark her retirement from her role as Parish Clerk

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayer this month will be held at 9.30am at St. Nicholas on Tuesdays 3rd April and 17th April.

Lent Lunch: Our last Lent Lunch will be held at Foxes Earth on 4th April thanks to Pat and Keith Anderson. Pat is a very good cook and always provides us with some beautiful soups and usually some of her delicious cakes for a dessert.

Easter falls on 8th April this year and there will be a Family Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am, followed by Coffee.

The Village Coffee Morning will be on 11th April at 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall, Grafty Green. Tea and coffee will be served and a selection of homemade cakes and scones. There is no charge for this but donations will be sent to charity at a later date.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held on the 26th April, 2012 at St. Nicholas Church - 7.30pm for the Vestry Meeting followed on by the General Meeting. Do come and hear what has happened at your Church during the past year and about the plans for the future. i.e. the removal of four pews to create more space at the front of the Church and removal of the pew by the Font. There are also plans to create a kitchen and a toilet at the rear of the Church.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee: On Saturday afternoon 2nd June, we are proposing to have a Footpath Walk followed by tea and cake. Times have yet to be agreed, so more next month.

Joan Davidson

My walkabout cat

Two years ago I rescued two black and white kittens (Felix type) from the RSPCA (a brother and sister who had been abandoned in a warehouse). Unfortunately I lost the female last year when she was knocked down and consequently worry a lot when her brother doesn't come home for hours at a time. I would love to know where he goes so that Adrian (my husband) doesn't have to wander the streets looking for him.

We live in Woodcock Lane backing onto the fields, and whenever our cat leaves the garden he always heads in the direction of the orchard and fields at the bottom of the garden. He doesn't have a collar on as I am concerned he may become caught somewhere, but he is chipped in case of accidents.

If anyone sees him on his walkabouts, I should be really grateful if you could let me know where either by email on SFrandon@aol.com or by telephone on 850556.

**Many thanks
Frances**

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Lloyd Webber, Composer
2	The _____ Life, 1970's TV sitcom
3	_____ Suchet, Poirot actor
4	Billy _____, Some Like It Hot director
5	Air Force _____, Harrison Ford film
6	_____ Phoenix, Early Corrie actress
7	Oh _____, 1959 Neil Sedaka hit
8	_____ Dogs, 1971 Dustin Hoffman film
9	Private _____, Film starring Goldie Hawn
10	Jessica _____, Driving Miss Daisy actress

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Elections

Thursday 3rd May 2012



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Elections are due to take place on Thursday 3rd May. BUT there needs to be a minimum of 6 candidates standing, otherwise there will be what is termed a "walkover". That is, no election at all, and those who stood for election, whether they be current councillors up for re-election or new candidates, will form the new Parish Council. Hardly democratic!

So, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council needs you! As you'll have read last month, it doesn't matter how much or how much or little time you have or what your background is. The important thing is that you care about your community enough to play a part in it, thereby ensuring that our Parish Council is representative of the parishioners it serves.

Nomination papers are available from Pat Anderson (01622 858350), or Janet Barnes at Maidstone Borough Council on 01622 602242. The forms have to be completed and returned by midday on 4th April at the latest.

Next month the magazine will appear a few days early. This is so that anybody standing for election can, if they wish, put in a few lines about themselves – electioneering at its finest!

There's not much time left, so go on, put yourself forward and stand for election. This will be your last chance for 4 years!

Firewatch

With the magazine this month you should have received a 'Fire Fact Sheet' which hopefully many will find useful. In the sheet mention is made of 'emergency hammers' to keep in cars - these can be purchased from many outlets - Toolstation on Haselmere Trading Estate, Sutton Road, Maidstone have them in their catalogue at £2.53, Amazon have a price of £5.98, E-Bay numerous new at in between prices, Halfords £12.99. Obviously you need to satisfy yourself regarding quality and suitability etc. albeit they all look similar. Similarly, hi-visibility vests, fire extinguishers, fire blankets, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can all be competitively sourced from the outlets mentioned and many others. Strangely the price at Screwfix has shot up from about £2.99 to £14.99 for the hammer!

Chris Wheal

Village Hall News

Short Mat Bowling comes to Grafty Green! - Following my article in the March Malherbe Monthly, Chris Wheal offered his help in setting up a short mat bowling club in the village and, even better, has acquired a mat for us all to have a go on! So we've now arranged two "taster" sessions in the Hall for anyone who wants to see what it's all about.

Come along on Bank Holiday Monday, **9th April**, at **2.30** in the afternoon, or the following evening, Tuesday **10th April**, at **7.30**. Everything will be provided, free of charge, and you can see whether bowling is for you. (Wear clean flat shoes or slippers, or be prepared to play in stocking feet.)

If there is sufficient interest in forming a club then the Village Hall will finance the purchase of a mat and bowls for members to use. Do come along and try your hand with all the rest of us who have never handled a bowl before! No need to book, just turn up. Refreshments provided and good time guaranteed.

If you like the idea but can't get to either session, just call me and I'll let Chris know of your interest.

Next, a reminder of an event in the Hall on the morning of Saturday **21st April** (10.00 - 11.30)

Come and share your favourite picnic recipes and pick up some new ones. (If you can provide a sample of a recipe for tasting that would be fantastic.) The idea is to enhance the social side of our Jubilee celebrations on 4th June with this early gastronomic get-together.

On 4th June there will be a hog roast but we would like you to bring your own salads and 'side dishes'. It's a special occasion, though, so push the boat out with new variations of pies, flans, anti-pasta mista, salads, crudités, dips, breads, etc, picked up at this event.

Please contact Sue Burch in advance (tel. 850381 or email burch1997@aol.com) if you intend to come along, and let her know whether or not you have a picnic recipe to share.

Finally, we have a date for our long awaited, much anticipated, **Beetle Drive**. It's Saturday **28th April**. The last time a Beetle Drive was held in the Hall it was a riot, I'm told, so don't miss out! Do, please, put that date in your diary **now** (Go on, I'll wait)

Get your tickets from Rob at the Village Shop next time you call in, or contact Barbara Pearce on 850232. Doors open at 7:30. Ticket price (£6) includes a lavish ploughman's supper. (Bring your own drinks, there's no bar this time.) Never driven a beetle before? Nor have I, but there's a first time for everything!

So, lots to do and something for everyone this month, I hope. Do join in.

Richard Pilborough (01622 850484)

"Robert tries his hand at bowling"



Report from County Councillor Jenny Whittle



Reducing the speed limit on Liverton Hill

I dread writing about this matter, as the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Liverton Hill has been beset by delays for which I can only apologise. By the time this article has gone to print, a statutory Traffic Regulation Order advising residents and motorists about the proposed speed reduction will have been advertised. The new 30mph speed limit if approved will stretch from the top of Liverton Hill straight through to Grafty Green (but not the part from Platts Heath to Liverton Hill). On the basis that most if not all of the responses are positive, the speed limit will be introduced shortly thereafter.

A new speed indicator device in Grafty Green

I have ordered a new speed indicator device for Grafty Green to encourage motorists to slow down and adhere to the speed limit. This is at the request of the Parish Council who will jointly fund the sign with me (from my Member Highway Fund).

Protecting Kent's roads

With 15 parishes in my electoral Division, I have received numerous complaints about the ongoing problem of HGVs using inappropriate rural routes. KCC views this issue seriously and has been developing a Freight Action Plan that will seek to introduce a number of initiatives to mitigate the impact of lorries on Kent's roads. A few of the actions highlighted in the plan include:

- work nationally to develop a standard method of data sharing with the suppliers of devices and local authorities
- work with the Freight Transport Association to promote best practice
- develop a facility to provide information to businesses on most suitable routes
- investigate the possibility of a Lorry Watch scheme (where Trading Standards officers fine lorry drivers caught flouting weight and width restrictions and other road regulations).

The plan will be issued for consultation shortly and will be adopted as a strategic approach to tackling a problem that has menaced Kent's rural roads for too long.

2012-13 KCC Budget

KCC has frozen its council tax precept for the second year running despite having to make £95 million savings and retaining eligibility criteria for adult social care to "moderate" - one of only a small number of authorities in the country that has not raised the threshold for accessing these services. Staff will also received a 1% pay increase after a two year wage freeze. KCC is also investing an additional £23m to

support the most vulnerable children in the county, including the 1500 children in our care system.

Kent Jobs for Kent Young People

A new £2m fund to provide help for employers to offer apprenticeships for young people is currently being formulated by KCC. It is hoped that this funding will help support up to 1000 opportunities for school and college leavers and graduates and provide a vital first step for young people to gain meaningful employment. There are too many young people struggling to find work and this fund is desperately needed to support them find jobs. More details will be announced shortly.

And finally

Please contact me if you need my support or advice. I can be contacted on either 01622 734897 or jenny.whittle@kent.gov.uk.

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Pat Anderson - Retires from Parish Clerk position

As you're probably aware after 31st March I will no longer be the Parish Clerk for Boughton Malherbe, can't quite believe that I had been in the role for 7 years but now I realise it must have been the '7 year itch'! I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone for the flowers and gift voucher that I received at the last meeting on 20th March, it was completely unexpected. I would like to wish Chris King all the very best as the new Clerk, I'm sure she'll do a fantastic job for the Parish. Thank you once again.

Pat Anderson

Pat Anderson took up the challenge to become Clerk to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council seven years ago. During that time Pat has worked tirelessly - even taking her laptop on holiday - for the Parish and in so doing has enhanced the quality of life for people living in the Parish.

The work load of the Parish Clerk has increased enormously in the last few years. Much of Pat's work has been battling with Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council as well as coping with an endless stream of E mails. By continuously chasing and chivvying Pat has achieved great results.

In addition to her chasing role Pat has spent much of her time "networking" with other clerks. Doing this she has put Boughton Malherbe firmly on the map. Thank you Pat for all your hard work and commitment to Boughton Malherbe. We all hope that Keith and yourself will enjoy your new found "free time."

Robert Turner, Chairman, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

An Outdoor Sport for All Ages

The outdoor bowls season runs from the end of April until the end of September. With free tuition available and only modest equipment costs, this is surely one of the best options for a healthy and social pastime. Suitable for all ages from 9 to 99, it is an enjoyable way of keeping fit and active.

Your local club is at Headcorn, the green is situated in Maidstone Road on the left just before reaching the village from Sutton Valence. It has one of the best bowling greens in the area. Headcorn is a very friendly and welcoming club with plenty of playing opportunities and a varied social calendar.

You are invited to come along and try it – alone or with a party. All you will need are some flat soled shoes with minimum tread pattern – we can lend you some bowls. To take advantage of this offer, please contact Roger Vowles on 01622 843560.

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings 7 – 8.30pm, 18th April – 30th May - 7 weeks (£42)

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11am, 19th April – 31st May (Not 3rd May) - 6 weeks (£36)

Drop in £8 a session. Concessions for under 18's accompanied by an adult.

Mixed ability class, beginners welcome.

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The benefits experienced from attending regular yoga classes:

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- Strength and stamina.
- Developing self-awareness.
- Increased concentration and focus.
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- Improved flexibility.
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- ✓ Think clearly
- ✓ Breath fully

Further details from Sue Burch – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 850381 or email graftyoga@gmail.com

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 18th August 2012.

Grafty Green

Saturday 26th May 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Saturday 4th August 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 26th May 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Saturday 4th August 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 2nd June 09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Saturday 11th August 09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
April 3	Spring Show/Laurie Manser	More Gardening Memories
May 1	Sandra Pilborough and Sylvia Galton	Making the best of flower arranging
May 15	Ros Bennett	Ferns and Mosses in Elmstone Lane
June 9 Saturday 2pm	Outing Molesworth, Benenden	Private garden
July 3 6.30 pm	Eaglewood, Warren Street,	Mr and Mrs Darvill's garden
27 – 29 July	Weekend in Sussex	
August 7 6.30pm	Bean Place Nursery, Headcorn	Nursery visit
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Neil Coombs	Vintage Trees
Oct 2	Veronica Moore	Horticultural Therapy
Nov 6	Sue Buckingham	Wild flowers of the Mediterranean
Dec 4	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

Our April meeting and Spring Show is on Tuesday April 3rd in the Village Hall. Entries for the Spring Show can be booked in at the earlier time of 7.00pm and judging will take place during the evening which will also include a talk by Laurie Manser about 'More of his Gardening Memories'. Members and non members alike are invited to come along to enjoy the evening. For more details: Phone Sue Birch (850381) or Rosemary Smith (850526).

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Easy Chicken Coconut Curry - Serves 4

3 tablespoons curry powder
1 teaspoon ground ginger
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 white onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
4 chicken breasts - diced

1 small head cauliflower, chopped
1 can unsweetened coconut milk
1/3 cup chicken stock
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Heat a saucepan over medium heat, add curry powder and ginger and heat for 1 minute, until fragrant. Add the oil, onions and garlic and cook until onions are soft. Stir in the chicken and cook for 10 minutes.
2. Add the cauliflower to the pan and pour in the coconut milk and chicken stock. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Serve with rice.



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News From Ulcombe Village School

The Final Frontier?

Star Trek fans amongst you may think you know all about the final frontier. We are ending a term where all sorts of frontiers have been explored.

On Sunday 11th March I ran around the motor racing circuit at Silverstone. The idea of running a half-marathon had seemed a good one, but it was certainly a struggle for lots of participants with many falling by the wayside or needing assistance. I did complete the run, and many thanks to those of you who sponsored me. The money raised is being split equally between Sport Relief and our library project.

On Thursday 22nd March the children were exploring the sky with their kites. Children made kites during the day, then flew them high in the sky towards the end of it. For a donation of £1.50 or more the children were also able to bring their kite home at the end of the day, with money from our kite day also going to Sport Relief.

On Friday 23rd March some of the children were exploring the seas, as many of Tawny Owls headed off to the Isle of Wight for our Residential Adventure. Not only were we off on our travels exploring new places, but the children were be challenging themselves with climbing, abseiling, exploring tunnels and more. The children had an absolutely fantastic time tackling new challenges and making new friends with children from other schools.

As if that was not enough, the children have also been exploring space, thanks to the wonderful Observatory Centre's planetarium visit on Tuesday 20th March. As one child put it, "It was amazing and the man who did it was really funny. I learnt that you can fit about a million earths into the sun."

Easter Events

The term ended with several Easter activities. The FUS organized an Easter Bunny's Treasure Hunt. For 50p children could choose a square, with a wonderful Easter Bunny to be won by the person that picked the square where the treasure was hidden. We shall let you know next month who was the lucky winner.

On Thursday 29th March FUS organized our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children had to hunt for letters around the school, then put them all together to make a word or phrase. Everyone had great fun taking part, and children who contributed £2 were given an Easter Egg as a reward.

It was great to see so many parents and friends at All Saints on Friday 30th March as all of the children played their part in helping us to celebrate the wonderful Easter story. Well done to all of the children who played their part so well.

Celebrating Mothering Sunday

This year we again held an Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner during the week before Mothering Sunday. All parents, grandparents and friends from the wider community were welcome to come in for a roast beef dinner at 1pm, when older children looked after diners by waiting at tables and making sure that no one went thirsty. The Mothering Sunday Assembly followed, when all of the children showed off some of their work and helped us to celebrate what mothers do for us.

Put 1pm on Friday 1st June in your diary as this will be the date of our next Friends' Dinner, when the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be the focus of the after-dinner entertainment. Please do not wait for an invitation before booking your place. All of our friends from the village are welcome!

Friends of Ulcombe School

Congratulations if you were a winner in the FUS prize draw that took place at the Mothering Sunday Assembly, following the last Friends' Dinner. Thank you very much indeed to anyone who donated prizes and if you bought a ticket. This raised over £100!

Moving on to the summer, dates to put in your diary are Saturday 23rd June and Saturday 14th July, which is our Sports Day and Summer Fayre and Summer Ball, respectively. This year we plan to run our Sports Day on the penultimate Saturday in June from 11am, with the Summer Fayre following immediately afterwards. Saturday 14th July is the date of our FUS Summer Ball. As in the past there will be an auction with wonderful lots to bid for, as well as a great meal and the chance to dance the night away. If you have not booked your places already you will need to do so as soon as you can, either to the School Office or to Mrs Berry.

FUS and the School Council are continuing to work together to improve our school. The Council has been raising money for a wooden gazebo. This could be used as an outdoor classroom, shelter for the children during playtimes and shelter for grown-ups when coming to collect the children. I am delighted that we have got so far with this project, and that we are now simply waiting for a date for it to be installed.

Lastly, FUS are trying hard to organize a Bingo evening with our friends at the Village Hall in the future. It looks like this will be a joint event taking place in the autumn. Watch this space!

As ever, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school. We hope to see you at one of the forthcoming events.

With Very Best Wishes,

Mr V Hampton
Head Teacher

Platts Heath Baby and Toddler Group

We meet in the St Edmunds Centre, School Lane on Monday mornings between 10am and noon (even in school holidays!). We are a small, friendly group of Mum's and little one's and would welcome newcomers.

Please do call in and see us or if you would like more information, call Sarah on 01622 859174. There is a small charge of £2 per family. We hope too see you soon.

Platts Heath St Edmunds Centre

Come & join us for an evening of karaoke!
Friday 27th of April from 7.30 till late,
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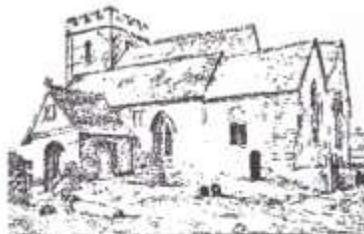
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St. Nicholas - Boughton Malherbe

St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe

Services in April

Palm Sunday

1st 9.30am Holy Communion BCP

Good Friday

6th 2.00pm 1 Hour Devotion

Easter Day

8th 9.30am Family Holy Communion

Easter 2

15th 9.30am Holy Communion CW1

Easter 3

22nd 9.30am Family Service

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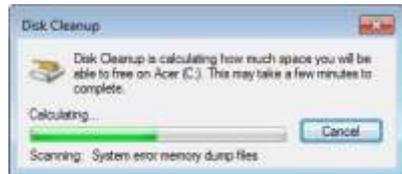


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You can use Disk Cleanup to clean up all the files on your computer, for more information about the different types of files you can delete, Go to Help and Support, from the start menu.

To perform a quick clean-up of some of the most common files on your computer do the following:

1. Click the Start button . In the search box, type disk cleanup, and then, in the list of results, click Disk Cleanup.



2. If the Drives list appears, click the hard disk drive that you want to clean up, and then click OK.
3. In the Disk Cleanup dialog box, on the Disk Cleanup tab, select the check boxes for the file types that you want to delete, and then click OK.



If you are unsure of what the file types are then do not delete them until you are sure of what you are deleting by using Help and Support.

I would recommend that you delete Temporary Internet Files, these are created when you browse the internet and the Recycle Bin, which is where the files you have deleted go, just in case you need them again. It might be worth checking what you have got in the recycle bin before deleting the files.

Note: You can also delete files from the Recycle Bin by “right-clicking” on the icon on your desktop and selecting “emptying the recycle bin” from the pop-up menu.



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Keith Anderson – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.



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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Council	Agent	Car	Estate
2	Mother	Twister	Tied	
3	Sweet	Soup	Nut	
4	Railway	Role	Super	
5	Roast	Eater	Tomato	
6	Landing	Hover	Air	
7	Duty	Fall	Speech	
8	Submarine	Physics	Family	
9	Cheese	Industry	Pie	
10	Butter	Green	Fish	
11	Wedding	Tense	Day	
12	Bush	Water	Hip	
13	Nature	Race	Rights	
14	Doze	Fight	Frog	
15	Hand	Down	Milk	
16	Modern	School	Form	

The Olympic Torch passes near to our Parish on the following dates/times:

Day 62 – Thursday July 19th 2012

Harrietsham

A20, Ashford Road, Harrietsham. 18:19hrs from Ashford Road/Church Lane to Ashford Road/Lenmead at 18:30hrs.

Leeds Castle, Maidstone – Evening Celebration site.

18:33hrs from Leeds Castle entrance lane at Broomfield Road along Causeway, Main Drive, Grassed area and Event Space to Celebration Stage at 18:50hrs.

Day 63 – Friday 20th July 2012

Maidstone

06:42hrs from Mote Park along Mote Avenue, Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, King Street, High Street, A229 Bishop's Way, A229 Mill Street, Archbishop's Palace entrance, river approach path, to Archbishop's Palace at 07:05hrs.

07:10hrs Transfer of Flame by boat from Archbishop's Palace to Maidstone Rowing Club river jetty at 07:25hrs to upload flame onto river jetty.

07:30hrs from River Jetty Forecourt along James Whatman Way to A229 Royal Engineers' Road at 07:32hrs.

The April Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Pisces at beginning of April, and moves into Aries on the 19th.

Full Moon occurs on Friday 6th April when it appears to be in the constellation of Virgo, and **New Moon** is on Saturday 21st April.

Mercury is at its greatest distance west of the Sun on 18th April, so in theory this elusive planet may be visible just before sunrise low in the western sky.

Venus is again a brilliant "Evening Star" this month. It can be seen in the western sky just after sunset, and remains visible late into the evening. Relative to the stars it is moving rapidly eastwards, in the constellation of Taurus.

Mars is high in the southern sky at dusk, and doesn't set in the west until dawn. Relative to the stars it is almost stationary in the constellation of Leo. Through a telescope it may be possible to see the dark and light patches on the surface, together with the white North Polar Cap.

Jupiter is low in the west at the start of the month, and by the end of the month it disappears below the horizon less than an hour after sunset. It is therefore not the best time to view this planet as very little detail can be seen.

Saturn is in opposition to the Sun on 15th April, so this month can be seen all night. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly north-westwards in the constellation of Virgo. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

This month is the turn of the **Lyrid** meteor-shower, which will probably peak around midnight on 22nd April. The meteors will appear to radiate from a point in the constellation of Lyra, close to the bright star Vega.

Last January I reported on the latest results from the Large Hadron Collider at Cern regarding the hunt for the elusive "God particle". I can now report that scientists at the Tevatron particle accelerator in Boston have found similar evidence of its existence despite using different methods to search for it. However, scientists are still expressing doubts as to whether the Higgs boson, otherwise known as the "God Particle" really does exist. The Higgs boson, which gives other subatomic particles mass, is viewed as the final missing component of the Standard Model, the most widely accepted explanation of how particles behave.

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 8th May 2012.**

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What do we mean by 'something special'? Ideas that have been mooted include: provision of village bench/notice board/map/sign, restoration of village pond, repairs to church/village clock, planting of community orchard/woodland/allotment facilities, repair/restoration of heritage buildings/historic landmark/feature (e.g. windmill, village pump), improvements to/re-decoration of village hall/sports pavilions.

The spending will concentrate on village/rural/community projects which chime with WKPS' stated aims of sustaining and protecting the character of Weald and its communities and promoting it as a viable and vibrant living area.

We have a special interest in "green" projects, use of sustainable materials wherever possible, reclamation/repair/re-use of what already exists but also fresh new ideas to fill gaps within the community.

To give everyone time to reflect and plan, we will receive applications up to **June 30th 2012**, decide on grants to be made in July and make payment to successful applicants in August.

All information and an application form necessary to draw up and file an application are on our website, www.wkps.org.uk. Just follow the link to Jubilee Fund and the information and application form can be downloaded in a matter of minutes.

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Flower Festival at All Saints Church, Ulcombe

A Flower Festival will take place at All Saints Church, Ulcombe, from Friday 27th April to Sunday 29th April. It will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on the Friday and Saturday and 12 noon to 6 pm on the Sunday. Theme is *A New Beginning*. Local organisations and other churches in the benefice will be providing arrangements.

Refreshments will be available throughout the Festival. There is ample parking at the church.

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Ulcombe History Society

The next meeting of the Ulcombe History Society will be held on Tuesday 24 April at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall. A talk by Canon Peter Brett on *The Mediaeval Priest and his parish*. All welcome. Light refreshments afterwards

The Ulcombe History Society is open to anyone interested in history. We meet at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village hall, and after the talk wine and nibbles are served. Membership is £8.00 and guests are charged £5.00.

Our year's programme comprises :

Tue 24 th April	Talk by Canon Peter Brett on <i>The Mediaeval priest and his parish</i>
Sat 28 th April	Outing to Fishbourne and Chichester
Tue 26 th June	Talk by Pippa and Albert Evans on <i>Aphra Behn – the seventeenth century actress and playwright</i>
Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th Sep (views please)	Weekend away - possibly Versailles and Fontainebleau
Tue 4 th December	Talk by Alan Stockwell on <i>The History of Pantomime</i>

'The hungry sheep look up.....' (Milton)

The March issue of the Downs Mail reported the worrying level of homelessness in Maidstone. Up to 40 people a day are dropping into the Maidstone Day Centre for food, showers and advice. Most of these are not stereotypical "park sleepers" but include businessmen and professionals who have lost their jobs and their homes.

In the face of this problem we can either respond by feeling helpless or ask the question, 'What can **I** do?'

In Grafty Green village shop and in the porch of Ulcombe church are containers for items of food for the Day Centre. Regularly Sally Alexander empties these boxes and takes the donated food to the Centre where it is much appreciated.

This is a problem which will not go away. We can choose to ignore it or resolve to make a weekly gift of food to help those in need.

Joan Drury

Christian Message April 2012

Reflection...

I could not forget the evening that I got the call from the bishop to let me know that Holy Family Church was offered to me as the parish priest. I had no idea how to react because it meant that I will be uprooted from my home since I have moved here to England in 2003. I struggled moving to a new place because it meant leaving behind my friends and new found family. The painful memory was still fresh in my mind when I moved to this country. I never knew the pain of leaving one's native land until I got here and after three months it suddenly dawned on me that I am alone in this part of the world. This is the feeling that runs across my system as soon as I knew that I am moving away. Yet this feeling slowly disappeared when I started to see the situation in the light of my vocation as a pastor. I realised that my life is meant to be spent according to the needs of the church. My desires for comfort should be eclipsed by the welfare of the church.

Life would have been extra difficult for me if I had not seen it in the light of my faith in Christ. I remember that my life was not mine since I was ordained to the priesthood. I felt sorry for myself for entertaining anxious thoughts about moving away because it did not take so long for me to realise that my worries were empty. The warm welcome and reassuring cooperation of the community of the Holy Family have simply made my settling process an excellent experience. The comforting words of my former parish priest resounds at the back of my mind that bring only your true self and sincerity to your new parish. I knew that I have not much to offer to my parish other than my humble service and availability to them. With this in mind, I am on my sixth month since moving here, I am grateful to Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark and to Holy Family Community for giving me the chance to preach the gospel in this corner of the diocese. I am happy to carry on the evangelization here so long as the gospel requires me to be in this parish.

Father Roy Tablizo

Please pray for me.....

There are times when we feel in need of prayer. We have put a box for prayer requests in the porch of Boughton Malherbe church. If you would like someone to pray for you please slip your request into the box. Similarly if you would like a visit from one of the clergy team please put your name and address in the box.

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9.30am Harrietsham Family Worship
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Worship

6th April – Good Friday

10.30am – 12noon Easter Craft, Messy Church – St. John the Baptist Harrietsham
2pm – 1hr Vigil at the foot of the cross in each church of the Benefice

8th April – Easter Day

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Holy Communion
11am Lenham Family Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton – Family Holy Communion

15th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship with Baptism
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

22nd April 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Worship
11am Lenham Family Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion

29th April 4th Sunday of Easter

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Ulcombe Benefice Service with Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Music Notes - April

With Easter in the month, many local churches will be presenting performances of Easter music. Stainer's *Crucifixion* is a popular choice, and this will also be broadcast on radio 3 on Sunday 1st April, performed by the BBC singers. Look out also for Bach's St. Matthew passion from Kings College Cambridge on Good Friday – 7.30pm radio 3. For live local concerts, here is my selection:

- Saturday 31st March, 7.30pm at All Saints Church Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's Spring concert is a Mozart celebration, including the sublime *Requiem* and later opera music. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 14th April, 7.30pm at the Church of St James the Great, East Malling, the East Malling Singers will perform parts 2 & 3 of Handel's *Messiah*. Details 01622 750943
- Sunday 22nd April, 7.30pm at All Saints' church , Ulcombe, the Sutton Valence Choral Society perform Haydn's *Creation*. Tickets 01622 842988 or 842269
- Friday 27th April, 7.30pm at Groves Hall (Sutton Valence school) the Grier Piano Trio have a programme that includes works by Beethoven, Schumann, Ravel and Schubert. The concert is organised by the Sutton Valence Music Society. Tickets at the door. Info 01233 756672

Brian Hardy

Classical CDs

As a result of donations following a couple of house clearances, Leeds church now has a very large selection of CDs available, mostly of classical music. Some are still in their original cellophane, unopened. They are all for sale in aid of church funds at just £1 per disc. If you are interested, please `phone Brian Hardy, 01622 842915.

Haydn's Creation

A very special performance of Haydn's *Creation* will take place in Ulcombe's beautiful mediaeval church with its wonderful acoustics on Sunday the 22nd of April at 7.30 pm. The performance will be given by the Sutton Valence Choral Society accompanied by the Beresford Sinfonia. The soloists will be Helen Bailey, RAM, soprano, Clifford Lister, RAM, tenor, and Gavin Horsley, RCM, bass.

Tickets, price £10 and £12 are available from Molly Poulter on 01622 842988, or from choir members.

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Council	Agent	Car	Estate
2	Mother	Twister	Tied	Tongue
3	Sweet	Soup	Nut	Pea
4	Railway	Role	Super	Model
5	Roast	Eater	Tomato	Beef
6	Landing	Hover	Air	Craft
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12	Bush	Water	Hip	Rose
13	Nature	Race	Rights	Human
14	Doze	Fight	Frog	Bull
15	Hand	Down	Milk	Shake
16	Modern	School	Form	Art

	Find the missing word?
1	Andrew Lloyd Webber, Composer
2	The Good Life, 1970's TV sitcom
3	David Suchet, Poirot actor
4	Billy Wilder, Some Like It Hot director
5	Air Force One, Harrison Ford film
6	Pat Phoenix, Early Corrie actress
7	Oh Carol, 1959 Neil Sedaka hit
8	Straw Dogs, 1971 Dustin Hoffman film
9	Private Benjamin, Film starring Goldie Hawn
10	Jessica Tandy, Driving Miss Daisy actress



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