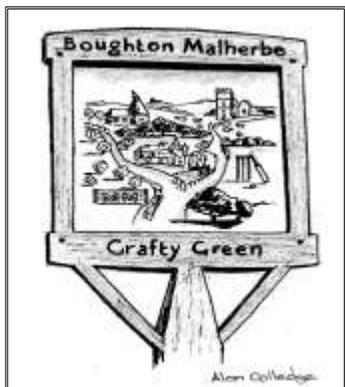


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Anything for the **February** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th January**

Front cover: The winning team at the Christmas Quiz: "Jane's Rays"

News from St. Nicholas Church

We Wish You All A Very Happy New Year

Morning Prayers will be said at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe on Tuesday 7th and 21st January at 9.30am. On Tuesdays 14th and 28th they will be said at All Saints Ulcombe. You will be very welcome to join us should you wish to come. They last just half an hour (or you can put a request in the box in the church porch asking for a prayer to be said for you).

Coffee Morning: The Village Coffee morning will be held in the hall on 8th January between 10.30am and 12.00 noon. Homemade cakes and scones will be on offer and freshly made coffee and teas will be available. Do come and join us. We are sending the donation monies to a project for clean water in Zambia.

Carol Singing: After meeting by the Christmas Tree on the Green, we began our Carol singing at the Old Rectory, Boughton Malherbe then went to March Farm, the Who'd a Thought It and finished at the Kings Head, arriving there at about 9.15pm. We collected £138 which will be sent to Demelza House Children's Hospice. Thank you to all those who came along to sing with us.

Licensing of Millie Hart: Millie Hart will be licensed as an Associate Priest in this Benefice at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham on 19th January by Bishop Trevor Willmot. The Service is at 10.00am.

Crafty Fair: The stall for St. Nicholas at the Craft Fair was groaning with goodies on 1st December and the other stalls were equally full but, unfortunately, the punters did not come in great numbers. This was a shame as the stall holders had worked hard to make a good show. We sold all our craft items at and after the fair and raised over £300 for the church Fabric Fund.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall

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Village Hall News

As a new year dawns, anything that happened before Christmas seems a long way off – but I would like to thank everyone who supported our Quiz Night on 7th December for their generosity in buying raffle tickets, contributing prizes and taking part in our 'Heads & Tails' game, all of which helped us to a profit of around £700 for the evening. Rest assured the money will be put to good use in maintaining & improving our lovely village hall and in providing entertainment in the future.

Looking to the future, please keep your eyes open in the coming weeks for news of another themed 'food' evening. As I write this, the date and details have still to be finalised but if you enjoyed our bawdy 'French Evening' last year (and surely everyone who came did!) then I'm sure you'll enjoy what's served up this time.

Looking still further ahead, to the sunny days of summer, we intend to build on the success of our 'Silly Olympics' and hold another outdoor event. But what? Well, we'd like you to tell us. Elsewhere in this magazine is a questionnaire which you can complete and hand in to the village shop or Kings Head pub. Please do. We'd really appreciate your views.

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

The Great Leeds Book Sale

The stock of books received for the sale in November was even greater than ever – thank you everyone – and although sales were good (much the same as last year, though we don't actually count) we have a bigger than usual unsold stock. We can store quite a lot, but there is a limit. We will pass many on to other charities, but it has been suggested that some of the better books could perhaps be sold over the internet to add to the funds, and that there may be people who would be prepared to help in trying to make such sales. It would be a job that someone could do from home at any time of the day or night, when it suited.. It would be wonderful if this were the case – so any volunteers please 'phone me on 01622 842915.

We also have acquired a very good stock of CDs of a range of music types. These we sell on at £1 each; if you would like to inspect, with a view to buying, again call me on 842915.

Finally, in spite of all the requests to the contrary, people still delivered video tapes with their books. These will be thrown away unless someone lets me know during the next month that they would like them.

Brian Hardy

Grafty Green Summer Event

Suggestion box

Please select you preferred options for the next Grafty Green Summer Event, tear this out and pop it into a Suggestion Box in either the Kings Head or Post office.

Theme: Games Talent Competition Fete Style

Explanation:

Games = as last year, with different games and challenge other villages

Talent Competitions = Grafty's got Talent, invite village groups to host competitions throughout the day (some could be during the lead up to the day, to include bake off, bowling, dancing, gardening and others

Fete Style = old fashioned fete with stalls, tombola's, ice cream, displays and princess parade

Date: it has been suggested that we run this earlier in the year or even on the bank holiday

End June August Bank holiday Early Sept

Any Additional Suggestions:

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Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
January 7th	AGM – Janet Bryant	Winter Flowers
February 4 th	Lesley Feakes	Mountains of the Moon
March 4 th	Davis Godden	Norway - Flora
April 1 st	Steve	Spring show and Bushcraft
May 6 th		Firth Old Farmhouse
May 10 th		Plant Sale
June 3 rd	Outing	Timbers East Farleigh
July 1 st	Outing	Norton Court Teynham
11 th - 13 th July	Weekend away	Barnsdale/Stowe
August 5 th	Outing	The Walled Nursery Hawkhurst
September 2 nd	Outing	Visit to Blackthorn Trust
October 7 th	Autumn Show and produce bring and buy	Bring and Buy/swapping
November 4 th	Outing	Kent Wild Life Trust
December 2 nd	Social and quiz	

Our first meeting of the New Year will begin with a brief Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.30.pm on January 7th in the Village Hall. Following this our speaker Janet Bryant will give a talk on Winter Flowers.

Our meetings are friendly and informal and visitors are always welcome. For further details about the club please contact Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381.



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Grafty Gourmet

A twist on a traditional bread pudding recipe. Perfect for those cold Winter nights. Try using brioche or pannetone instead of plain bread to make it extra special.

Butterscotch Bread Pudding - 8 Servings

300g of day old bread torn into small pieces
1 litre of milk
100g caster sugar

125g butter (melted)
3 eggs (beaten)
2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

For the Butterscotch Topping:-

300g dark brown sugar
8 tablespoons of golden syrup
400ml of water

1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees C. Butter a 23 x 33cm baking dish (or similar size).
2. In a large bowl, combine the bread, milk, sugar, melted butter, beaten eggs and vanilla extract. Mix well. The mixture should be the consistency of porridge. Then pour into the prepared dish.
3. In a saucepan, bring the brown sugar, golden syrup and water to the boil, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. The carefully pour the hot syrup mixture over the bread mixture.
4. Bake in the oven for 1 hour, until nearly set, and serve. (the mixture should wobble and not be totally solid when ready).

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 14th January 2014. No collections are scheduled up to that date for the below locations.

Grafty Green

Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Green Lane

Ulcombe

Lodge Gardens

Resilience – Community Self Help

At the last Parish Council meeting the subject of 'resilience' was raised and discussed and further discussion will take place at the meeting on January 28th. In these difficult austere times some 'self -help' can make a real difference to our lives and safety – 'self help' has always been around us and the current discussion and proposals really reflect some new thoughts. Whilst the parish council is at the heart of the community and should have an active interest it should not be, or indeed is it practical for them originate and administer everything. There is of course wide ranging debate and views regarding the levels of service which should be provided by the emergency services, county, borough and parish councils' but the reality is money is tight hence self- help is on the agenda.

A recent article in Malherbe Monthly focused on *Community First Responders* – a volunteer organisation within ambulance services whom work in a 3 mile radius of their home, particularly in rural areas, to provide emergency 'first person on scene' assistance prior to the arrival of a paramedic crew. The CFR's are mobilised by ambulance control centres at the same time as mobilising a 999 ambulance crew – CFR's importantly carry defibrillators and oxygen as well as an array of other equipment; it is an established fact that the first few minutes of medical emergencies can be critical to patient outcomes hence the origination of the CFR schemes meaning trained local help is available almost immediately pending paramedics whom probably would have a longer response time – importantly CFR's are ***additional to and not in place of paramedic response.***

Our ambulance area **SECamb** operates the CFR scheme and has indicated it would support a scheme in our locality and considers it important. As CFR's are volunteers it would not be practical to achieve 24/7 cover however by operating a dual system a reasonable compromise can be achieved:- by having trained and equipped CFR'(s) supplemented by a 'public fixed defibrillator' whereas the latter is in a locked cabinet accessible to the community with SECamb holding the lock code which is given to 999 callers when appropriate (defibrillators are easy to use albeit some basic training is advantageous). It is intended to push ahead to develop a scheme in Boughton Malherbe: Lenham, Kingswood and Egerton have CFR's, Bearsted have a public defibrillator, Coxheath and others are developing schemes. It will cost money to implement and fund raising will soon start.

KCC Community Wardens have been around since 2002 and there are now nearly 200 primarily covering larger parishes like L Lenham and Headcorn. It

is difficult to quickly summarise their role – they can be likened to the long forgotten 'traditional village bobby' – they patrol in uniform but do not currently have any powers but are trained to deal with wide ranging aspects of rural living and have important roles regarding the safety, well-being or worries of lone or older residents, the vulnerable, young families, the young and youth. Stuart Ellesmere (the Headcorn warden) is to start 'patrols' and contact with Boughton Malherbe very soon – his contact number 07969 583923.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service Community Volunteers – non-operational volunteers form part of the community safety team and cover diverse roles promoting fire and road safety. A further role developed since our first major fire back in October 2011 has been the regular visual checking of village fire hydrants ensuring both visibility and availability to fire-fighters albeit we hope they will never again be needed – they can become overgrown or damaged. Robert Turner and Chris Wheal now regularly check our hydrants but welcome any 'extra' eyes and Chris can help with fire and road safety advice including free KFRS home safety visits – 01622 858100 or 0800 923 7000.

Highway Issues – whilst pot holes are the biggest single issue, there are others such as overgrown vegetation obscuring visibility, flooding and extra large puddles, blocked rights of way (footpaths), litter, damaged or missing road signage, litter etc. Many of these issues can be easily resolved and some are in fact already done by a few people on an ad-hoc basis – for instance large potentially dangerous puddles have been easily remedied by digging small verge channels to drain water into ditches. Subject to insurance clarification with the parish council it may be possible to form a 'works team' that could meet perhaps for three or four hours once a month to attend to any of the straightforward 'niggling' issues which occur.

Policing – unfortunately it is probably true to say now this is very much 'reactive' and unlikely to change in the next few years, however there is an opportunity for 'self-help' with the volunteer Special Constabulary – but it does rely on 'volunteers'. Neighbourhood watch can play a part and there are big efforts to re-vitalise this but again it relies on enthusiastic volunteers. Speedwatch again can make a difference to road safety by promoting speed awareness and Boughton Malherbe is fortunate to have a very small group of dedicated volunteers.

If you can help or have any queries regarding Policing, Community Wardens or Highways please contact Robert Turner 01622 850325 or Ambulance CFR Scheme and Fire Chris Wheal - 858100

Emergency and Help Contact Details

Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies **999**

First Aid Support – when an ambulance has been called using 999 interim support prior to paramedic arrival can be requested by calling 07979 864929 (Chris Wheal) - please note this is a voluntary help facility that will not always be available and is temporary prior to the setting up of a SECamb Community First Responder scheme. Please note this additional volunteer facility will not be available 24/7

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Calor Gas	<i>Emergencies</i>	08457 444999
KCC	<i>Emergencies</i>	03000 41 41 41

KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07977 981983
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	07773 397125

Police *NON EMERGENCY - (including PCSO Alan Beech)* **101**

Fire	<i>General Enquiries</i>	01622 692121
	<i>Home Safety Visits</i>	0800 923 7000
	<i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i>	01622 858100

Ambulance General Enquiries **01622 747010**

Ulcombe C of E Primary School News

Phew! We are all looking forward to two weeks of rest and relaxation after reaching the end of an incredibly busy and exciting term. In fact, the last two weeks of term have been exceptionally busy, with a visit from Ofsted, Father Christmas visiting our Christmas Fayre, a Panto from Family trust, our Nativity Play, Christmas Lunch and our Christmas Service at All Saints Church, Ulcombe.

Father Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to land at Ulcombe Village Hall and walk down to the School to officially open the Christmas Fayre.

Family trust entertained us on Tuesday with a pantomime based on the Christmas story which the children loved, judging by the sounds coming out of the Hall! A traditional Christmas lunch was enjoyed by children and adults alike on Thursday, with the staff and governors serving the children, Christmas music and crackers being pulled everywhere!

Our Nativity this year, The Bossy King, was a huge success, playing to packed houses on both performances. Congratulations to our excellent cast and choir for doing so well! After both performances we held collections for the Heart of Kent Hospice and raised £52.98 in memory of our much missed friend, Lisa Arundel.

Our final event of this year was the Christmas Service, held at All Saints Church in Ulcombe. The children had practised their songs and readings and gave another stellar performance to family and friends.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 you now need to apply for a Reception place to start in September 2014. The KCC is encouraging everyone to apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions where full instructions are available. The closing date for applications is midnight on 15th January 2014. The DFE number for Ulcombe School is 3083 and parents are welcome to come and look around the school if they were unable to visit on our Open Day. Please phone on 01622 842903 to arrange a convenient time.

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher

Ulcombe Church of England and Kingswood Primary Schools Collaboration

Ulcombe Pre-School



Christmas coffee morning

A huge thank you to all the people who came and supported our Christmas coffee morning fundraiser. We managed to raise a brilliant £195 towards pre-school funds and all enjoyed the children's Christmas singing!

The children have enjoyed a huge variety of Christmas activities this term including making decorations, learning Christmas songs and having a Christmas party with a very special visitor! Everyone at Ulcombe Pre-School would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and a terrific 2014!

Spaces at the Pre-School

We currently have spaces available for children over the age of 2. If your child is already 3 then pre-school is free and there is some funding available for 2 year olds. (Conditions apply, please contact Helen Leat on committeeups@hotmail.com or call 07511658728 for more details)

Toddler Morning

There is a toddler morning every Tuesday 9.30am- 11.30am held at the pre-school in Ulcombe Village Hall. Please bring along your little one for a play and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat yourself. We hope to see you soon! (Please note this is term time only)



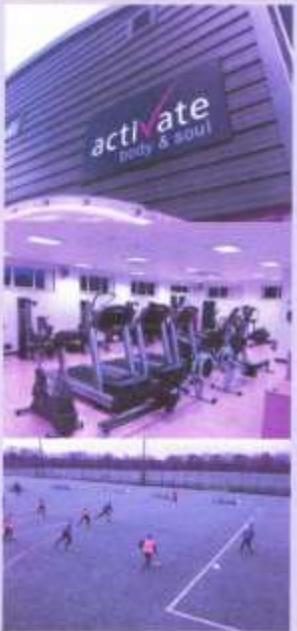
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Lenham Valley Business Association

For some, including me, our hopes and expectations left a feeling of wishing 2013 would become 2014 as soon as possible. Personal tragedies, illness, operations and deaths seemed to be all too frequent, not just amongst my family and friends but for more others too than I have ever experienced in any previous years. A tough time to say the least, a truly annus horribilis for too many.

Through it all though life went on and the demands on a determined business owner, stop for no man (or woman).

A good way to meet new business contacts is networking, real live networking not just online. LVBA provides a bundle of that and not just the monthly networking events run on your doorstep. From time to time you will receive emails about other opportunities like funding presentations from Kent County Council and Maidstone Borough Council; a free training opportunity for those over 50 setting up their new business; a networking opportunity at Leeds Castle for those involved in tourism and presentations and events at other establishments around the Borough.

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LVBA wishes you Annus Mirabilis - a Wonderful Year!

Alan Reading Chairman

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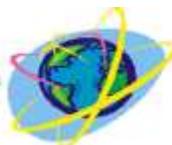
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Windows 8 – Awareness Sessions

Windows 8 introduces a radical new full-screen-sized Start menu that's designed for touch screens like many mobile phones and tablets.

As this is such a radical change we are offering to run an Awareness course for 4 weeks in the New Year.

Day & Time: Saturday 12noon – 1pm

Location: Telecottage, Millennium Hall, Egerton

Date: 11th January for 4 weeks, Cost: £25 inclusive



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Grafty Geeks – What's New in Windows 8.1

Microsoft has now introduced Windows 8.1, here are some of the new things to look out for:

1. **Search:** Get results from your PC (such as files, songs and settings) and from the web with Bing. For some searches you can tap or click right from the results to open maps, play songs or call a business.
2. **Using multiple applications on one screen:** Arrange applications side by side in whatever size suits you best.
3. **Personalisation:** More tile sizes, more colours options and animated backgrounds
4. **All applications:** See all your apps in one place with the Apps View. You can choose which apps to pin to Start so you can keep you Start screen organised.
5. **New built-in apps:** Windows comes with new built-in apps, including Calculator, Alarms, Reading list, Food & Drink and Health & Fitness
6. **Photos:** Edit your photos with rich editing tools in the new Photos app.
7. **Desktop features:** The Start button has returned to the taskbar (tap or click to get to Start). Or go straight to the desktop or Apps view instead of Start when you sign in. Use the same background for your desktop and Start
8. **Lock screen:** Answer Skype calls, take photos or see a slide show of your photos without having to unlock your PC.



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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Cod	Horn	Town	Cape
2	Cat	Curtain	Phone	
3	Chess	Folk	Gentle	
4	Field	Sporting	Track	
5	Gastric	Jab	Swine	
6	Arctic	Dress	Vicious	
7	Colour	Date	Fold	
8	Baking	Cutlery	Milk	
9	Bath	Dancer	Root	
10	Film	Jet	Sun	
11	Chair	Pickings	Speak	
12	Baggage	Dog	Pan	
13	Going	Piped	Swim	
14	Bridge	Cutting	Model	
15	Chinese	Halloween	Paper	
16	Agent	Base	Bed	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Crowe, Star of Gladiator and Robin Hood
2	Morgan _____, Screen veteran of Driving Miss Daisy
3	_____ Perkins, Actor best known as Norman Bates in Psycho
4	Angel _____, Top 10 hit released by Roxy Music
5	_____ Gainsbourg, Influential French musician
6	Ludwig Van _____, German maestro
7	_____ Light Orchestra, whose most successful hit was Mr Blue Sky
8	_____ Flame, 1989 No 1 hit for The Bangles
9	Schools ____, 1972 chart topper for Alice Cooper
10	_____ to the Rhythm, 1985 hit for Grace Jones

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Forthcoming events for your diary

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Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm

The Pepusch Consort, will be playing a selection of Baroque music from a variety of composers including Bach, Purcell, Handel and of course Pepusch. All pieces especially selected for soprano, recorder, keyboard, spinets & bass viol.

Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm

Innominata is a small group of accomplished singers and instrumentalists who will delight your ears and uplift your spirits. They will be performing a wide variety of songs from madrigals to modern popular music, as well as a selection of sacred pieces. Guitar solos will be performed by Rodri Protheroe. Further information on these events, including price and availability of tickets, will be published in future editions.

Rita Strutt
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Yoga for Charity – Saturday 1st February 2014

Join me for the joy of a yoga practice in Ulcombe Village Hall, Headcorn Road ME17 1EB to raise money for 'tearfund' which aims to bring water and sanitation for communities in rural Zambia by providing boreholes enabling better health plus reducing time spent collecting water, therefore, improving the welfare too of the livestock and cultivation of vegetables.

9.45 for 10 o'clock start; closing the practice at 11.30 when tea/coffee and cakes will be served all for £10.

Cakes for sale and a cuppa at 11.45 for anyone wishing to support this venture but doesn't want to take part in the yoga practice.

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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 28th January 2014 at 7.30pm**

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

Music Notes, January 2014

Well, you may have had your fill of Christmas concerts in December (though there was a lot of competition for audience with three major concerts on 15th!) but Christmas doesn't end until twelfth night, and so there is still the opportunity for more in January. Beyond that it is a bit more difficult to find concerts in January, as many choirs and orchestras are now in "purdah" working on their next event following a Christmas performance. However you can still find music in Kent., even in January. Here is the result of my investigations:

- Sunday 6th Jan., 7.30pm at the United reformed church, Week Street, Maidstone – Maidstone choral union have a twelfth night concert. Free entry, with a retiring collection.
- Saturday 19th Jan., 3.00pm at Sutton Valence School - Sutton Valence Music Society sponsor a concert by the international award-winning octet VOCES8. Tickets at the door only.
- Saturday 25th Jan, 7.30 in Canterbury Cathedral. Canterbury choral Society with the London Handel Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah*. Tickets 01227 787787

As we go to press the radio & tv schedules for January don't seem to be available, but I am guessing that a good concert to aim for will be the New Year's Day Concert from Vienna on 1st Jan on BBC 1 .

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Christian Message - January 2014

I grew up in Scotland at a time when the shops were open on Christmas Day and the New Year Celebrations were the major event. In my family it wasn't the Hogmanay of partying and over indulgence that is often portrayed as the norm north of the Border.

Rather it was a time of renewal. Every cupboard, every corner, every normally forgotten cleaning chore was cleaned to a brilliant standard. The table was laid with the traditional foods, the fire black leaded and roaring and even the small children carried a 'wee dram' (non alcoholic, of course) to give to anyone who might visit. It was an outward sign to all that hope and expectation were alive and well in the family. The story, as I was told, was that if you had plenty at the turn of the year then you were sure to be prosperous in the months ahead. 'Plenty' meant being able to offer strangers food and drink, being generous and welcoming to anyone who happened to cross the threshold. It meant that however hard the past had been the future was full of promise.

The visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus brings a profound spiritual depth to this secular notion of hope and renewal. Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh symbolically confirm the Kingship and virtue of Christ on earth, deity or prayer and sacrifice through death and suffering. They are Gentiles, confirming that Christ came to redeem our sins once and for all – **all** ways and for **all** people. The meeting happened in the most ordinary of places, a stable. The witnesses were men of the fields – humble and poor. Even the animals in the stable were beasts of burden. All mirrored in the simple traditions of welcoming strangers at New Year.

Yet what happened at that first Feast of the Epiphany, fixed in our calendar as 6th January, celebrates the visit of the Magi as the revelation of the Incarnation of the infant Christ and the realization that Christ is the son of God. It brought the hope and promise of an eternal faith, a future full of the light of Christ in our world and an assurance that whoever we are or wherever we start from He came for our sake.

So, if our New Year Resolutions – made once and broken often – are to be worth the making, maybe we should resolve to follow His teachings in our daily actions not just for Christmas!

Ian Collins

Messy Church in January hosts....

A Crazy Science Party

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It's at **Harrietsham Primary School on Friday January 17th at 6.00pm** and tickets can be bought in advance or on the door. Tickets are £2 per child, £4 per adult or £10 for a family.



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Messy Church dates for 2014

Friday Jan 17th, Harrietsham School. Crazy
Science Party 6.00pm

Feb 15th, Lenham Church. 4 pm

March 15th Ulcombe Village Hall. 4pm

Friday April 18th . Lenham Church. 10.30



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Sunday/Main Services – January 2014

5th January – Epiphany

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

12th January – Baptism of Christ

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
09.30am Harrietsham Holy
Communion
11.00am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

**19th January – 2nd Sunday of
Epiphany**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10am Harrietsham Benefice Service
with licensing of Rev'd Millie Hart as
Associate Priest in the Len Valley
Benefice.

**26th January – 3rd Sunday of
Epiphany**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Family Worship
11am Lenham Family Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal

Auction of Promises at All Saints, Ulcombe

The recently launched Friends of All saints, Ulcombe, had its first fund raising venture in November an Auction of promises.

The response of the people in the village was very heartening. Some 56 generous promises of goods or action quickly arrived – ranging from offers of holidays abroad, trips to the airport, respite care, gardening of various sorts, use of swimming pool, cases of wine, assorted bottles of liquor, tutoring, music lessons,

The Auction was held in the hall, and half way through an excellent buffer supper was provided – and people sat at the new tables purchased for the church by The Friends.

Those present (and some who bid by phone beforehand) were incredibly generous, and the evening raised nearly £3,000.

This amount is greatly welcomed by the church as it faces a repair bill of well over £100,000. Some money has already been promised by English Heritage and a number of charitable trusts – but there is a long way still to go.

Molly Poulter

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Cod	Horn	Town	Cape
2	Car	Curtain	Phone	Call
3	Chess	Folk	Gender	Men
4	Field	Sporting	Track	Event
5	Gastric	Lab	Swine	Flu
6	Arctic	Dress	Vicious	Circle
7	Colour	Date	Fold	Blind
8	Baking	Cutlery	Milk	Tray
9	Bath	Dancer	Root	Tap
10	Film	Jet	Sun	Set
11	Chair	Pickings	Speak	Easy
12	Baggage	Dog	Pan	Handler
13	Going	Piped	Swim	Ashore
14	Bridge	Cutting	Model	Railway
15	Chinese	Halloween	Paper	Lantern
16	Agent	Base	Bed	Double

	Find the missing word?
1	Russell Crowe, Star of Gladiator and Robin Hood
2	Morgan Freeman, Screen veteran of Driving Miss Daisy
3	Anthony Perkins, Actor best known as Norman Bates in Psycho
4	Angel Eyes, Top 10 hit released by Roxy Music
5	Serge Gainsbourg, Influential French musician
6	Ludwig Van Beethoven, German maestro
7	Electric Light Orchestra, whose most successful hit was Mr Blue Sky
8	Eternal Flame, 1989 No 1 hit for The Bangles
9	Schools Out, 1972 chart topper for Alice Cooper
10	Slave to the Rhythm, 1985 hit for Grace Jones



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