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Anything for the **August** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mf.hitchins@virgin.net) by **20th July**

Front cover: Shaun the Sheep - Now on display at Grafty Garden Centre

News from St. Nicholas Church

Millie Hart Ordination

On 3rd July at 11.00am, Millie Hart will be ordained Deacon at Canterbury Cathedral by Bishop Trevor Wilmott. Millie is a member of Harrietsham's Congregation and has been a Reader for several years now. Three to four years ago she was accepted to train as a Local Ordained Minister and will be licensed to work only in our Benefice. Millie will continue to train in the next year and will be ordained Priest next year when she will be able to perform all the duties of a fully trained Minister of the Church of England.

Please pray for Millie as she starts her ministry here among us. After the ordination there will be a gathering at Harrietsham Village Hall from 1.30pm-4.00pm, to which you are all invited.

Cream Teas

Cream Teas will start on Sunday 11th July at 2.00-5.00pm. The price will be the same as in other years - £2.50 for two scones, whipped cream, fresh strawberry jam, butter and a pot of tea or coffee. For those with a savoury tooth, cheese scones are usually available.

Please support us in this project and enjoy a pleasant afternoon sitting in the sun, chatting to friends old and new and enjoying the Kentish countryside with the Weald of Kent stretching away before you. We are hoping to get water laid on at the church in the not too distant future, so if you think that £2.50 is not enough for your tea please feel free to give a little extra. Thank you.

PCC Meeting

The St. Nicholas PCC will meet on Wednesday 7th July at 7.30pm in St. Nicholas Church.

Prayers

Each Monday morning, prayers are said in St. Nicholas between 9.30am and 10.00am. Anyone can come and join in or leave a Prayer Request in the box in the Porch.

Joan Davidson

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Jam and _____, Jennifer Saunders series about a village women's group
2	Larry _____, Host of The Generation Game after Bruce Forsyth
3	_____ Jones, Director of The Life of Brian
4	Mike _____, Terrific comedian and played Frank Butcher in the square
5	_____ Green, Friend's character who arrived as a runaway bride
6	June _____, TV veteran and appeared in four Carry On Films
7	_____ of Arimathea, Wealthy man who entombed the body of Jesus
8	J.M _____, Playwright whose Peter Pan was first performed in 1904
9	_____ Kelly, Now the wife of Peter Philips
10	Bjorn _____, Swedish tennis ace of the 1970's

THE VILLAGE DRAINAGE/SEWAGE SYSTEM

As many of you may already know, our village drainage system suffers constant problems. Blockages occur regularly, causing water to rise up into manholes and flood the road, **not just water but sewage too**, sometimes backing up into properties and overflowing into gardens.

On 3rd June 2010 Southern Water sent a special vehicle to remove blockages that normal jetting could not shift. This resulted in the removal of large lumps of congealed fat.

Regular maintenance may reduce the problem but the best solution is for us not to put fat down the sink. This is easier said than done, but what some residents are doing is using kitchen paper towels to soak up small quantities and putting larger amounts into a container and leaving it to solidify before putting it into the rubbish bin.

If anyone has any better ideas please send them to the Parish Magazine for publication (no need to disclose your name). In the meantime please try not to put fat down the sink; it congeals with other waste to cause major blockages. You may not be affected but your actions could affect your neighbours without you realising it.

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News from Maidstone Council

Brenchley Garden Band Season

Sunday 27th June will kick off a 10-week extravaganza of jazz, brass, military, rock and pop music, when Maidstone Borough Council's annual band season comes to town.

The band season opens with the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment Band. It will close with wartime favourites by Micky Driver on August 29th

The rest of the line-up looks like this:

- Sunday, June 27 – Princess of Wales Royal Regiment Band (Military)
- Saturday, July 3 – Pete's Corner (Jazz)
- Sunday, July 4 – Maidstone Youth Music Society (Jazz)
- Saturday, July 10 – Maidstone Winds (Classical)
- Sunday, July 11 – Hobo Jones and the Junkyard Dogs (Skank)
- Sunday, July 18 – Kent Police Band (Brass)
- Sunday, July 25 – Billy Wears Dresses (Pop)
- Sunday, August 1 – Goosebumps (Swing)
- Sunday, August 8 – Haley Sisters (Country)
- Sunday, August 15 – Hot Rats (Irish Folk)
- Sunday, August 22 – Samba Pelo Mar (Samba)
- Sunday, August 29 – Micky Driver (Wartime Favourites)

The weekly event, run by the council's arts development team, is free to attend. Concerts start at 3pm, finishing at 4.30pm. Deckchairs are available for hire for £1.

For more information call arts development on 01622 602827 or visit www.maidstonearts.com

NEWS FROM ULCOMBE'S VILLAGE SCHOOL

Supermarket vouchers seem to have become a full part of our activities in schools. Thank you to everyone who has brought in their own, as well as tokens from friends and family. Every little really can help. For many years now Tesco and Sainsbury's, in particular, have provided equipment in exchange for them. In recent years we have been able to get a new football kit and goals, a video camera and digital cameras and a range of other sports and ICT equipment. Tesco vouchers have already been collected, but Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens need to be in school by Friday 9th July.

IN THE NEWS

HOORAY!!!! The Man from DfE, He Say, "Yes"

Please excuse my poor grammar, but those of you who remember the 'Del Monte' adverts may understand my apparent aberration. You may recall that Kent County Council have had to apply to the DfE (formerly the DCSF) to be able to sell the plot of land which used to be our adventure play area. I am delighted to inform you that this has now been approved. There is still a long way to go, but this is another step towards our goal of building a new library and other improvements.

Our thanks go, in particular, to Mrs Wilkins and other members of the Buildings Sub-Committee of the Governing Body, who have put so much time and energy into this project already.

Battery Recycling

We now have a box for all used batteries in school. This is to help meet a national target of recycling 25% of all batteries by 2012. This includes lithium-ion cell batteries, though these particular batteries must be fully discharged and the terminals taped over when deposited. Feel free to bring in batteries from friends and neighbours too.

Residential Adventure

As last term came to an end many of Tawny Owls were on their travels, as our Residential Adventures took the lucky ones across the sea to ... the Isle of Wight. This took place during the Bank Holiday weekend, so we must say a special thank you to the staff who gave their time to take the children away. Ms Farrow and Mr Sheehan both spent the weekend with myself and staff and children from two other local primary schools.

The children took part in a variety of activities, with highlights including Zip Wire, Trapeze (climbing a telegraph pole and jumping off!), Abseiling, Dragon Boating and the food! The children had a fantastic time making friends as well as getting stuck into some very challenging tasks. Well done to those who went for representing the school so well!

A New Playground ...

The playground was re-laid during the recent week long break, though we still need this to be finished properly, as many of you will have seen. The contractors have returned to inspect their work and we hope this will be seen to very soon. Rest assured that we will not be parting with the school's money until we are satisfied with the job.

Non-Uniform Day

This was a chance to dress in our 'home' clothes for the day on Friday 18th June in exchange for donations for tombola prizes. Children in Year 6 were at Safety In Action during the morning. Find out next month how well they did!

The World Cup

Wednesday 23rd June was the day when England played Slovenia in their final group match of the World Cup. Children were given the chance to watch the first half in school as it started at 3pm. By the time you read this you will know, even if you try not to, how well this went I am sure.

Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner

The Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner took place on Friday 25th June. Part of the theme for this was Fathers' Day, so it was particularly pleasing to welcome gentlemen from the school and wider community on this occasion. This was a great success yet again. Our thanks go to Miss Mercer, our new School Cook, for whom this was her first Friends' Dinner.

Sports Day and the Summer Fayre

Our Sports Day and Summer Fayre took place on Saturday 26th June. As usual this was a fantastic event, and it was great to see everyone there. Children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of races, and watching some of the grown-ups try too! The Summer Fayre followed on, with a barbecue, cream teas, drinks and other refreshments on sale, as well as various activities to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the Fayre, supporting our school. Special thanks go to the Friends of Ulcombe School, our PTA, and the staff team, who did so much work before, during and after the event, to make it such a success.

STILL TO COME

The World Cup –Friday 9th July

Do you want to see England win the World Cup? Why not join us for a Film Club Special. All of the pupils, their parents and our friends from the wider community are welcome to come along and cheer England to victory. There will be cakes and soft drinks on sale from 3.15pm, with the final from 1966 shown from 4pm. If you cannot join us for kick-off, feel free to join us later if you can. This Film Club Special will end just before 6pm.

Summer Ball – Saturday 10th July

The following day, on Saturday 10th July, the Friends of Ulcombe School will be hosting the second F.U.S. Summer Ball. This was an enormous success last year, and everyone who went had a great time. If you want to know more contact the School Office or any of the FUS committee.

The Summer Production – Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July

This year's Summer Production is called The Pinafore Pirates, and it is a spoof of Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas. Children have already started learning lines and songs. This promises to be very entertaining indeed. The performances will take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July (pencilled in for 2pm and 6.30pm respectively). We will confirm details and how to get your tickets nearer the time. The dress rehearsal is provisionally booked in for Wednesday 14th July at 2pm.

Leavers' Celebrations

Please put Thursday 22nd July in your diary. We will start this day, the last of the school year for pupils, at All Saints Parish Church for our Leavers' Celebration. This is another event to which we warmly invite parents, wider family and friends and supporters of the school from the wider community.

And finally ...

On behalf of Ulcombe Cricket Club many thanks to all of you who supported 'Cricket for Life' in the middle of June. Unfortunately Ulcombe could only manage the runners-up spot in the cricket tournament, but we were delighted to raise almost £500 for Cancer Research.

As always, please come in and see one of us if you have any questions about the school. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the school in so many different ways.

Best wishes, as ever,

Mr V Hampton, Head Teacher

Village Coffee Morning

The next Village Coffee will be on 14th July 10.00-12.00 noon. Do Come and join us at the Village Hall or you may find us on the Green this time it depends on the weather, for a friendly chat and a cup of Coffee or Tea and a Biscuit or a piece of Cake. There is no charge for this but if you feel that you want to give something there will be a pot for donations

'Liverton Hill 30mph Campaign Group'

Residents of Liverton Hill are campaigning to extend the 30mph speed limit from Grafty Green through Liverton Hill to Platts Heath. Traffic over the years has increased and the narrow lanes make travelling at speed, hazardous for all road users, and causing many accidents on the hill itself.

Two meetings have been held to date with an aim of bringing a report to KCC to reflect the views of residents regarding the 30 mph speed limit. Council and Parish Council representatives are aware of the campaign and support is growing daily.

The area has a number of specific features which hopefully will ensure the success of the campaign. Some of the features add to the interest of the area but also increase the dangers for those unaware of them. Examples include natural springs running down the hill causing slippery surfaces particularly in winter, six public footpaths opening onto the road way with part of the roadway as a KCC promoted route for walkers and variable road widths with many bends.

There are approximately 32 households in Liverton Hill, nearly all having driveways opening directly onto the road. Pulling out onto the road where the geographical features make it difficult to see, along with natural vegetation and parked cars must make this the right time to promote a reduction in speed in order to ensure the safety of not only residents but also visitors and through traffic.

If you have any comments or feel you could help with the campaign please email the group secretary Robert Stuttle at 30onthehill@gmail.com.

The 'Liverton Hill 30mph Campaign' has a website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/site/30onthehill/>

Speedwatch

Speedwatch has now started in Grafty Green so you might find a few words about it useful. The scheme is aimed at encouraging drivers to observe speed limits in rural areas, and for our community the 30 mph through Grafty Green. It is a scheme operated by trained volunteers organised under the auspice of Kent Police, Kent County Council and Boughton Malherbe Parish Council. Strict guidelines are in place and the volunteers have no authority whatsoever, they merely monitor results and when necessary pass details to the Police.

For vehicles travelling at less than 35 mph they may see their speed displayed on a monitor but that's it. For vehicles travelling at 35 mph and above details of the speed and vehicle will be logged, and if the log over a twelve month period reveals two infringements an advisory letter will be sent by the Police. If a third infringement is noted a further letter will be sent and the vehicle will become part of a 'pro-active' Police list. Additionally any significant infringement of the 30 mph limit will be passed to the Police for immediate follow up.

I re-iterate the emphasis is very much about getting drivers to acknowledge and respect speed limits for safer communities and that the start of this scheme will be seen as something very positive for the village.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me as the scheme co-ordinator Chris Wheal, telephone 01622 858100 or cwcancelcare@aol.com, or alternatively ring the local Police Rural Office on 01622 604392

Finally if you would like to help, volunteer sessions are usually just two hours at a time, and even just once a month would be a help, please contact me.

**Chris Wheal
(Speedwatch Co-ordinator)**

Always take a small magnet on your Holiday; they come in handy at the end of your stay !!.

HOTEL KEY CARDS

Ever wonder what is on your magnetic Key card?

Answer:

- a. Customer's name
- b. Customer's partial home address
- c. Hotel room number
- d. Check-in date and out dates
- e. Customer's credit card number and expiration date!

When you turn them in to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a hand full of cards home and using the scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping on your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically 'overwritten' on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process.

But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!

The bottom line is: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and NEVER turn them into the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card, it's illegal, and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader.

For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip!

If you have a small magnet, pass it across the magnetic strip several times. Then try it in the door, it will not work. It erases everything on the card.

Information courtesy of: Metropolitan Police Service.

Contact Details for Local Police Officers

Your Local Police Officers can be contacted at Maidstone Police Station on 01622 604392, or stop us when you see us patrolling the village !!

PC Paul Kemslet and PCSO Siobhan de Burca

E-Mail: maidstonerural.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

Police Surgeries in your area

Please find the dates for our police surgeries. We are bringing our Mobile Police Station out to the Farmers Market in Headcorn.

Headcorn Farmers Market 9am - 12pm

Saturday 10th July 2010

Headcorn Primary School 2.30pm – 4pm

Thursday 6th July 2010



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The Grafty Gourmet

This is a great but simple Summer recipe. All we need to go with it, is a Summer. It is great served with New Potatoes and Asparagus. Be sure to use fresh Dill in the sauce, as this really makes a difference.

Salmon Parcels with Dill Sauce

For 2 Servings

Salmon Parcels

2 x 4-5oz salmon fillets
4 x sheets filo pastry
1 oz butter
Zest and juice of 1 lime
1 tsp grated ginger
1 spring onion (finely chopped)
1 clove garlic (pressed)
1 Tbsp fresh coriander (finely chopped)
Salt and pepper

Dill Sauce

2 shallots, finely chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup white wine
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
1 cup crème fraîche
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Salt and pepper

1. For the Dill sauce, melt the butter on low heat in a small sauce pan. Add the shallots and cook, stirring frequently, for five minutes. Be sure not to brown the shallots, otherwise they will turn hard and bitter. Pour in the wine and add half of the chopped dill. Turn up the heat to medium and boil the liquid until reduced to about half. Take off the heat and stir in the crème fraîche and mustard. Warm through just before serving and season to taste with salt and pepper. and stir in the remaining dill.
2. For the Salmon Parcels, mix together lime zest and juice, garlic, spring onion, ginger and coriander.
3. Melt the butter on a slow heat in a pan. Lay out 1 sheet of filo pastry, and brush with the melted butter. Lay second sheet on top, brush with more butter. Lay a salmon fillet about 2-3 inches from short side of pastry, season with a pinch of salt and pepper and put half of lime mixture on top.
4. Fold short end of pastry over salmon, then fold in the 2 long sides. Fold the salmon over twice more, (3 times in total), and cut off any remaining pastry. Do the same with the other fillet.
5. Put the parcels on a well-greased baking sheet, and just before baking brush with the remaining butter. Cook at about 170 degrees for 20-25 minutes, until brown and crispy.

Update on Lenham Valley Business Association

By the time you read this you should have had a 64 page A5 Business Directory pushed through your letterbox by an LVBA member, or volunteer, helping us to bring you a reference book of important information. Telephone numbers you can use in an emergency (mark them so you can find them quickly); information about your area - things you might otherwise miss; tips on surviving a house move; why you should get a will into place; business tips on cash flow; why you need a USP; Marketing your business: Ideas about websites and a long, long list of classifications that will tell you something about local traders right on your doorstep. All we ask is that when you contact a local business in the directory tell them where you found their name. Look after it because you won't be getting another until next April!

If you enjoy going on computer take a look at the online version of the Business Directory on <http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk/LVBA-Business-Directory-2010/flash.html> If you've never seen a webmag before then you really should go to see it. If you click the website addresses on the webmag you will automatically be linked to the website you have just clicked. If you click an email address your computer (unless you've blocked it) will launch an email in your system ready to go - all you need to do is type your message.

Now we don't pretend to be perfect so we welcome corrections that we've missed, links that might be wrong, telephone numbers you'd like to see in our edition in 2011, contact email and numbers are in the printed publication and online too. It's for you too not just us.

The Business Directory will undoubtedly double our membership because we know it has been difficult to find everyone working alone in their home (like many of us do now), as well as many of the businesses tucked away in the corner of villages. All we say to them is have a look at LVBA you will be amazed at what benefits you get for the small annual membership fee.

Networking meetings - see Lenham Parish notice board.

There is no meeting in August, but in September we will be back at the White Horse in Sandway. 6 until 8pm on Thursday 2 September. Check out the website for full details.

Alan Reading, LVBA Chairman

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only					School Days Only	Not School Days	School Days Only	School Days Only
	59	59	59	66	59				
Maidstone, King St, Stop L2	0948	1227	1402	.....	1555	1555	1615	1700	1750
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, J4	0950	1229	1404	.....	1557	1557	1617	1702	1752
Wheatsheaf	0957	1236	1411	.....	1604	1604	1624	1709	1759
Loose, Loose Rd/Old Loose Hill	1001	1240	1415	.....	1608	1608	via 1713	1803	
Linton Corner	1005	1244	1419	.....	1612	1612	Suton	1717	1807
Cornwallis Academy	.....	.....	.....	1505	.....	.....	Road	.....	.....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1010	1249	1424	.....	1617	1617	and 1722	1812	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1013	1252	1427	1509	1620	1620	Largley	1725	1815
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1016	1255	1430	1512	1623	1623	.....	1728	1818
Warmlake Corner	1019	1258	1433	1515	.....	1626	1636	1731	1821
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	.....	1306	.....	1523	.....	1634	1646	.....	1829
Kingswood, Village Hall	1024	1308	1438	1525	.....	1636	1648	1739	1831
Ulcombe, Post Office	.....	1313	.....	1530	.....	1641	1653	.....	1836
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1320	1648	1700	1843
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	1535
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1544

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Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

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Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0745	
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0720	0723	0915	1325	1703	
Ulcombe, Post Office	0727	.....	0730	0750	0922	.....	1332	.....	1710
Kingswood, Village Hall	0732	.....	0735	0755	0927	1027	1337	1440	1715
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0735	.....	0738	0757	0929	1029	1339	1442	1717
Warmlake Corner	0743	.....	0744	0801	0935	1035	1345	1448	1723
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	via	0739	0747	0804	0938	1038	1348	1451	1726	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	Largley	0742	0750	0807	0941	1041	1351	1454	1729	
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	and	0745	0753	.....	0944	1044	1354	1457	1732
Cornwallis Academy	Suton	.....	.....	0820	.....	.....	.....	1507	.....
Linton Corner	Road	0750	0758	.....	0949	1049	1359	1502	1737
Loose, Loose Rd/Old Loose Hill	.....	0756	0802	.....	0953	1053	1403	1506	1741
Wheatsheaf	0756	0800	0806	.....	0957	1057	1407	1510	1745
Maidstone, King Street	.....	0810	0814	.....	1005	1105	1415	1518	1753
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn	0808	
London Rd, Somerfield Hospital	0817	
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826	

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Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings - 7 - 8.30 pm
 Term starts Wednesday 9th June - 13th July
 and
 Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.00 am
 Term starts Thursday 10th June - 14th July

The term will run for six weeks and the fee is £30. Drop in students £6 per session. If you are able to make any of these dates and would like to join in please give me a call -

Sue Burch - 01622 850381, email:burch1997@aol.com
 Mobile: 0780 3962339

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Grafty Green Gardening Club

Date	Topic	Speaker
5 th January	AGM – Best of Kent slide show	Robert Canis
2 nd February	Bee Keeping	Mrs. Barbara Harris
2 nd March	Growing Vegetables	Mr. Andrew Fletcher
6 th April	Spring Show History/making walking sticks	Mr. Dennis Worcester
10 th April	15% off at Rumwood Nursery 9.30 – 4.30	
4 th May	Visit to Turkey Mill	
25 th –27 th June	Weekend visit to Dorset, staying Norfolk Royale Hotel Bournemouth. Gardens: Stourhead (NT), Abbotsbury, Kingston Maurwood, West Dean	
6th July	Mere House, Mereworth	Andrew Wells
3 rd August	Belmont House, Throwley	Head Gardener
7 st September	Autumn show - Iceland/wild flowers	Sue Buckingham Wild flower expert
5 th October	Nuts and Seeds	Tom Hart Dyke
2 nd November	Kent Gardens Trust	Elizabeth Cairns
7 th December	Christmas Social with entertainment	Geoff Doel and Mick Lynn

We are a very sociable bunch and love to welcome new members. The fee to join is £5 for the year and a small entry fee of £1 on the door for events attended.

The July Night Sky

At the start of July the Sun is in the constellation of Gemini, and moves into Cancer on Tuesday 20th. On Tuesday 6th July, the Earth is at 'aphelion' – its furthest distance from the Sun.

New Moon occurs on Sunday 11th July, and will be visible in the western sky at sunset. Full Moon occurs on Monday 26th July, in the constellation of Capricornus.

It will not be possible to see Mercury this month, as it sets only a few minutes after sunset. Again this month Venus is visible in the western sky as soon as it starts to get dark, and sets in the northwest in late evening. The "Evening Star" is so brilliant, it can even be seen in the twilight sky.

Mars is in the western sky at dusk and sets in the northwest shortly before midnight. At the start of July, Mars lies almost midway between brilliant Venus to its lower right, and slightly brighter Saturn to its upper left. Again this month the "Red Planet" appears about the same brightness as Regulus, but shines with a steadier more orange light.

Jupiter rises in the east around midnight, and is clearly visible in the southeast at dawn. The giant planet is less brilliant than Venus, but can still be seen even against a brightening sky. With binoculars Jupiter's four major moons can easily be seen. Saturn is in the western sky at dusk and sets around midnight. Relative to the stars Saturn is moving very slowly south-eastwards in Virgo. Again the famous rings can only be seen through a telescope.

In the biggest survey conducted using the Hubble Space telescope, astronomers studied 446,000 galaxies to see how matter was distributed. They found that the universe was growing faster and faster with time, as predicted by Einstein, whose theory of general relativity claimed that space and time were a geometrical structure that could be changed by the behaviour of the matter inside it.

It is said that the universe is made up of normal matter, dark matter and an unknown energy referred to as "dark energy", which causes the universe to expand. The astronomers confirmed that there is an unknown source of energy in the universe, which is causing the cosmic expansion to speed up, exactly as predicted by Einstein.

Neighbourhood Watch Message

This is a joint crime and community message from Maidstone & District Neighbourhood Watch and Mid Kent Maidstone Police. We would like to inform you of the following information for your area.

Police are advising anyone who owns a garden shed to protect their property following a number of shed break-ins in Maidstone recently.

Sheds and garages often contain expensive tools that, if stolen, can be used to break into the rest of the house. As a result, residents lose thousands of pounds worth of equipment because items of value are kept outside, without proper security.

Police in Maidstone are advising households in both rural and urban areas to follow precautions to prevent your shed from becoming an easy target for criminals.

- Never leave the shed unlocked. In addition, fit strong padlocks to the shed door and ensure that the door is solid enough not to be kicked in.
- Lock items such as ladders inside your shed to prevent burglars from using them to break into your house.
- Mark your property with a UV marking pen, which you can get from the front counter of Maidstone Police Station in Palace Avenue
- Purchase lockable steel boxes or anchor posts to store tools and various equipment.
- Fit alarms or security lighting to your shed.
- Make a note of the make, model, serial number and any distinguishing marks of tools and machines. The police can use these as a reference if property is stolen. Keep these details in a safe place.

The Neighbourhood Watch Office at Maidstone Police station on Palace Avenue sells various shed security equipment. For more information, please contact Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, Lorraine Hemphrey on 01622 604395.

St Edmunds Centre - Platts Heath

The Karaoke night was not very well attended this year however all those who did come along had a great time. Thanks to Hazel Woollett who gave her services and equipment free of charge we raised another £50 for hall funds. We may have missed timed the night as it was during half term.

The next item we are working towards is public address system and film projector equipment, so watch out for our update later in the year.

This year it is time to redecorate the inside of the St Edmunds Centre in accordance with the terms of our lease. This will have to be done during the school holidays 24th July-22nd August as the school use the hall during term time. Anyone who is willing and able to help in anyway, preparation, or painting are extremely welcome telephone Duffrey Robinson 850463 or Tricia 858891 to offer their services.

Joanne Canty our Line Dance teacher returned from successfully completing the "Help the Heroes" bike ride across the world war two beach sites in France. They raised in excess of £1,000,000 between 266 cyclists and came home to Dover aboard a Naval landing craft on May bank holiday.

Jo intends completing another ride in September, it is not too late to make a donation if you wish to.

The Line dancers keep going but do need some new members Thursday evenings 8-9pm.

Black Dragon Academy still meet 4.45-6.45 on Monday afternoons for the children anyone interested should telephone Mrs. Thursting on 01634 320238.

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

I hope you enjoyed last month's link word. Here is another to rack your brains – Paul Neaves
The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Days	Long	Years	Ago
2	Group	Iron	Stone	
3	Head	Stick	Up	
4	Ache	Thick	Trumpet	
5	Dog	Land	Wing	
6	Ball	Brow	Liner	
7	Khan	Saga	Stove	
8	Case	Cracker	Hazel	
9	Cock	Green	Sweet	
10	Detector	Down	Low	
11	Jack	Silly	Wild	
12	Age	England	Year	
13	Door	Place	Table	
14	Dead	Frying	Handle	
15	Cost	Fishing	Hair	
16	Chess	Folk	Gentle	

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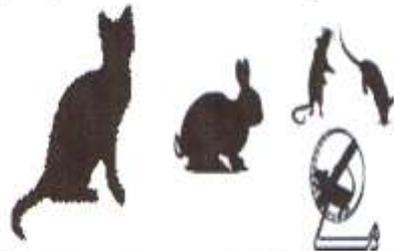
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Our next group of lessons (using Word 2007/2010, Picasa and a desk top publishing package) has now been arranged for the period September to December, as follows:

HOW TO GET STARTED (from the very beginning!)	13 th and 20 th September	10am/12 noon.
HOW TO GET ON LINE (for the very first time!)	4 th and 11 th October	10am /12 noon
HOW TO GET PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CAMERA TO PC	22 nd and 29 th September	7.30pm/9.3 0pm
HOW TO EDIT PHOTOGRAPHS	13 th and 20 th October	7.30pm/9.3 0pm
HOW TO EMAIL PHOTOGRAPHS	3 rd and 10 th November	7.30pm/9.3 0pm
HOW TO GET STARTED IN WORD	30 th September and 7 th October	7.30pm/9.3 0pm
HOW TO DO MORE IN WORD	21 st and 28 th October	7.30pm/9.3 0pm
HOW TO PRODUCE A NEWSLETTER	5 th and 12 th October	10am/12no on
HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN GREETINGS CARDS	26 th October and 2 nd November	10am/12 noon
HOW TO USE THE INTERNET	15 th November	10am/12 noon
HOW TO USE SOCIAL NETWORKS	22 nd November	10am/12 noon
HOW TO PRODUCE A CALENDAR	6 TH and 12 th December	10am-12 noon

We can also look at additional classes to cover such subjects as How to use eBay, How to use files and folders, How to shop on line, etc. if there is sufficient interest. And for everyone who wants to find out about their ancestors:

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Maidstone Borough Council has now issued the new timetable up to 15th August 2010. The main difference is that all Grafty Green times will be on a Sunday and the freighter will only be here for 45 minutes – so get there early. Additionally there will be no service for collecting electrical items .i.e. no separate freighter to pick up items such as TV's, monitors, etc.

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Sunday 8th Aug 12:30 – 13:15 -: Lodge Road

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Sunday 14th Jul 14:15 – 14:45 -: Lenham Heath Road - Boughton Lane

Lost for words!

On holiday recently we attended a basic Italian lesson and learned that Buongiorno is a general greeting meaning good morning/day/afternoon. Arrivederci is goodbye.

In England greetings have become less straight forward. At the check-out in Waitrose I was addressed HIYA, which I considered over familiar but appears to be company policy. Nearer to home a charming young man smiled and said RIGHT. How to reply was my problem. Did he say RIGHT! Or RIGHT? Has Hello I wondered been made obsolete by this form of greeting.

And then there's the curious way of parting. It has taken me some time to realise that SEE YOU LATER does not mean what it appears to mean. Often it is said by people I shall never, ever meet again! Farewells from the past seem to have been consigned to the waste bin. A vague memory of TA-TA took me to the dictionary. I learned that this was a 19th century form of goodbye used by children. Equally unattractive was CHEERIO which 'expresses good wishes on parting or before drinking.'

Ah well! They say that language is fluid. I think I shall be boringly conventional and stick to Good morning/afternoon, Hello and Goodbye unless a directive from Brussels commands us to use 'Au revoir' of 'Arriverdecì.'

Joan Drury

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Music Notes, July 2010

As indicated in last month's magazine, the Maidstone International Music Festival is providing a huge selection of music almost every day as I write. By the time you read this, the activities will be slowing down, but July still provides plenty of choice; in any case do please support the concert at Leeds Church on 17th.

- Saturday 3rd July, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's Summer concert is entitled "A night at the opera" and includes a wide selection of popular opera music. However, in line with the custom of recent years the Summer Concert will conclude with some traditional "prom" items! Tickets 01622 726193
- Sunday July 4th. Something different! Take a trip to the depths of Romney Marsh for an informal music gathering at Snargate Church. Tea and cakes will be served at 5.15 before the concert which starts at 6.00pm, and again after the concert. Some then transfer to the local Red Lion! The concert will include songs by Eva Ganizate, a French Soprano who has won a number of awards., and also some 'cello solos. No entry fee, but a retiring collection for charity.
- Sunday 11th July, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Choral Society Summer Concert of Choral favourites. Details 01622 842269
- **Saturday 17th July, 7.30pm at Leeds Church. Bearsted Choral Society's Summer Concert, which includes Simon Jenkins's *Adiemus*, extracts from the same composer's *Armed Man* and extracts from Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Details 01634 666730.**

Ooops!!

The following was noted in a recent parish magazine - not this one, I am pleased to say, although the thought of several new choir members makes us envious. We do recognise the problems of deterioration however!

"Appeal for help: Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some of the older ones."

Brian Hardy

Christian Message July 2010

Recently, an ordinary day at work began in an extraordinary and tragic way. As I sat at my desk, switching on my computer a colleague came in and told me of the sudden and unexpected death of a member of staff. My first reaction was disbelief. He had been fine the day before. I had seen him in the school playground on duty and at lunch in the Dining Room. I knew that, like all other teachers, he had been working hard to ensure that final examination preparations were being completed and deadlines met. Speaking to his wife by telephone and hearing the manner of his passing confirmed that sense of amazement. Andy had arrived home, tired from the day, his wife cooked a meal and, whilst watching the television, he had passed away peacefully.

As the news spread through the school and as I spoke first to staff and then to students there was a sense of loss, of astonishment and of shock. Close colleagues and students who knew him well were in shock. There were others who felt differently – the girl who was devastated because she had been rude to him the day before, a boy who had not turned up for a detention, even colleagues who had said things that were less than generous about him – they felt guilty and remorseful. The school was awash with these mixed emotions and I wondered how the reactions would develop on that first day.

I need not have been concerned. Ours is a Church of England school with a strong Christian ethos and the power of the faith of the whole community saw us through the day's grief.

Many, many students and staff visited the School Chapel to write and say prayers; they lit candles, were supported by our Chaplain and each other and, although they did not understand, were comforted through their belief in God. Students wrote messages and taped them to the door of his classroom – and, when there was no room left, wrote on the door. Every single one of the hundreds of messages was of hope and thanks for the life of their teacher. Flowers were laid at the foot of the school cross by others, including past students now at University.

A few days later, his daughter and elderly father of the teacher visited the school to be greeted by these memorials and, in the depths of their unhappiness, felt the power of the Christian love that moved our community to honour Andy in these ways. The classroom doors have been preserved exactly as they were left and the cards and prayers and Book of Remembrance are with the family.

The famous verses from Ecclesiastes (Chapter 3 vv. 1 – 8) gave us a focus for this period.

“Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses”
(v.1)

“He sets the time for sorrow and the time for joy”(v.4)

And

“He sets the time for finding and the time for losing” (v.6)

Although we lost an admired and loved colleague and teacher – we also found a renewed faith and sense of community. I can't imagine how we would have coped without knowing that Andy was resting in peace in everlasting glory.

Ian Collins

Sutton Valence Choral Society's Summer Concert

Sunday 11th July at 7.30pm

Sutton Valence Choral Society's summer concerts are traditionally fun events with members enjoying performing major choruses from popular operas and oratorios as well as singing solo songs. The society's other major concerts of the year attract professional soloists and a professional orchestra but the summer concerts still retain the high standards that people now expect from this strong well-disciplined chorus of eighty plus.

This year there is a "Spotlight on Sutton Valence School": two star pupils will also be performing; and there are four items in which the audience will be expected to join.

You can buy tickets, £8 to include a glass of wine, for their Summer Concert on Sunday 11th July at 7.30pm from Sharon Music in Maidstone, from any member or by ringing 01622 842269 or 01233 840540. The concert starts in Sutton Valence School Chapel but soon moves to the School's Refectory for wine and further song.

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4th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

11th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Morning Worship
11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Malherbe Choral Evensong
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18th July 7th Sunday after Trinity

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

25th July 8th Sunday after Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Praise Service
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11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Days	Long	Years	Agoo
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13	Door	Place	Table	Mat
14	Dead	Frying	Handle	Pan
15	Cost	Fishing	Hair	Net
16	Chess	Folk	Gentle	Men

	Find the missing word?
1	Jam and Jerusalem , Jennifer Saunders series about a village women's group
2	Larry Gryson , Host of The Generation Game after Bruce Forsyth
3	Terry Jones , Director of The Life of Brian
4	Mike Reed , Terrific comedian and played Frank Butcher in the square
5	Rachel Green , Friend's character who arrived as a runaway bride
6	June Whitfield , TV veteran and appeared in four Carry On Films
7	Joseph of Arimathea , Wealthy man who entombed the body of Jesus
8	J.M Barrie , Playwright whose Peter Pan was first performed in 1904
9	Autumn Kelly , Now the wife of Peter Phillips
10	Bjorn Borg , Swedish tennis ace of the 1970's

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