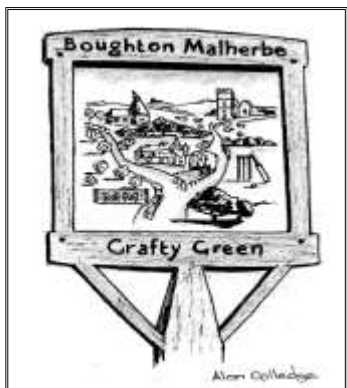


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Front cover: Volunteers doing clearance work at Chilston Ponds. See article in magazine for details

John Maunder

It is with great sadness that we inform you John Maunder passed away on Saturday 19th October in Maidstone Hospital. He had been suffering from cancer for a number of years but it had been in remission. However during the past few months the cancer returned and though he was upbeat about conquering it again, it was not to be.



John moved to Grafty Green in 1987, but most of the village did not see much of him then as he was frequently away working for Sainsbury's as an Architect and Project Manager.

After he retired in the mid 1990's he became a familiar face in the village, helping in such activities as the Youth Club and with the celebrations for the Millennium. He became a member of the Village Hall committee and helped organise village entertainments. John helped many villagers with any planning applications as he was very knowledgeable and understanding of

the latest building regulations. After retirement he started going to the Kings Head pub, where most of us initially met him.

He enjoyed going on holiday to exotic far flung places with his family. After a trip to New Zealand, he became inseparable from his New Zealand fleece! He also joined the Thorne family on many holidays.

John contributed to this magazine (starting in October 2007) with his monthly insight to the Night Sky. He was a keen viewer of the heavens and was regularly out in the garden with his telescope viewing some distant planet or star.

John was a lovely gentleman with a dry sense of humour and we will all miss him.

His funeral will be at Charing Crematorium on Monday 4th November at 11.20.

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Ride and Stride: Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride, which took place on Saturday 14th September raised £212 for St. Nicholas and the Friends of Kent Churches. We are very grateful to Murray Motley who cycled for us this year and visited 27 Churches during the day. We are also grateful to Sylvia Close who was our welcome person at the Church and whose sponsorship money is also part of our total. Thank you both very much indeed.

Harvest Supper: A most enjoyable evening was had on 28th September by all those who supported the Harvest Supper this year. A very big thank you is due to our organiser Sandra Pilborough and to all those who helped by cooking quiches, jacket potatoes, pies and making the pates. The hall was beautifully decorated with hop vines, sunflowers and poppies. Many thanks also to everyone who donated and served the food and to those who gave the Raffle prizes. Thank you to our two barmen JC and Mike Hitchins for manning the Bar. We raised a very good sum of £685 towards Church Funds.

Harvest Festival and Auction: Our Harvest Festival Service was held at St. Nicholas on Sunday 13th October at 3.30 p.m. and afterwards we auctioned the produce that had decorated the Church. £140 was raised which will be sent to Demelza House Children's Hospice.

Village Coffee Morning: The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 13th November at 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon, when we will be in the Village Hall with homemade cheese scones and cakes and cups of coffee (or tea if you prefer). We look forward to welcoming you - do come and join us. Donations will go towards our Connected Church project helping to get boreholes for a water supply for four villages in rural Zambia.

Morning Prayer: Prayers will be said in St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe and All Saints Ulcombe on Tuesday mornings at 9.30 a.m. during November beginning at All Saints, on 5th.

The Christmas Crafty Grafty Craft Fair! St Nicholas will have a Stall again this year at the Craft Fair to be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 1st December, 10.00am-4.00pm, so look out for us there, do come along and support this project, it was most successful last year. Come and see what it's all about.

Joan Davidson

Ken and Eve Sweet
extend a warm welcome to
The Kings Head
Grafty Green

A
16th Century
Coaching Inn
haunted by
"Dover Bill" -
the Highwayman!



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Village Hall News

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to all who contributed to our 'Phil The Bag' collection last month. Over a hundred bags of unwanted clothes were received which should result in a payment approaching £200 for the Village Hall. With this we hope to be able to fund a basic sound system for the Hall, which will mean that wherever you sit you will be able to hear what's being said from the stage.

We hope to have this installed in time for our Christmas Quiz, which is to be held this year on Saturday 7th December. This has been enormously popular each time it has been held in the past, so we're repeating the successful formula again this year, and now there will be no excuse for not hearing the questions properly!

Teams must consist of no more than 8 people (and teams of less than 6 may have to share a table, I'm afraid, as we just don't have enough tables for multiple small groups) but don't worry if you can't get a team together in advance, just come along and join with others on the night. Quiz tickets (priced £8, which includes a ploughman's-style snack at half time) will be available from Rob at the Grafty Green Village Shop from 10th November.

Until that date, Rob is kindly selling our tickets for a more imminent event, "Let's Dance" which we're holding on Saturday 9th November (see our whole page advert elsewhere in this magazine). Whether you're the sort that likes to dance or the sort that prefers to just sit, listen and watch others, do come along and hear familiar pop songs from the sixties through to the noughties played by a 4-piece live band featuring.... me!

Finally, a plug for the Craft Fair being held in the Hall on Sunday 1st December. Although this is organised independently of the Hall Committee, the organiser donates a proportion of the proceeds to the Hall so do please support this event (as so many of you did last year). That's it for this month – see you at the dance!

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

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1st December 2013

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Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2013 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
January 8 th	AGM – Adrian Hutchinson	Alpine plants
February 5 th	Steve Harmer	History of gardening
March 5 th	Rob Masters	Adventures on the allotment!
April 2 nd	Spring show and George Pearson	Madagascar
May 7 th	Old Farm Otterden, Near Faversham	Outing
May 10 th – 13 th	Weekend away Malvern Spring Show	
June 2 nd (Sunday)	Old Bladbean Stud, Near Elham, Canterbury	Outing
July 2 nd	Michael and Gill Bushell, Garden House, Surrenden	Outing
August 4 th	Bexon Manor	Outing
Sept 3 rd	Autumn Show Peter Kirby	My lost Kent
Oct 1 st	Produce, jams chutney evening	Bring and Buy/swapping
Nov 5th	Sue Marshall	Love affair with Irises
Dec 3 rd	Social and quiz	

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is on Tuesday 5th November. Our speaker will be Sue Marshall who will talk about A Love Affair with Irises.

The Garden Club Committee are currently planning a programme of events for next year and would like to hear from members if they have any suggestions or requests for visits.

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

Quiz Night At The St Edmunds Hall, Platts Heath,

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Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only See Note 1			
	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street	1230	1610	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	....	1612	1747
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	....	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	....	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	....	1627	1802
Cornwallis Academy	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	....	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1509	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1512	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1515	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1523	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1525	....	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1530	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	....	1703	1836
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	1535	....	....
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	....	1544	....	....
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	....	1549	....	....

Saturdays

Service No	School Days Only			
	59	59	59	59
0645	1241	1525	1755	....
0847	1243	1527	1757	....
0854	1250	1534	1804	....
via	1254	1538	1808	....
Sutton	1258	1542	1812	....
Road	....	....	....	....
and	1303	1547	1817	....
Langley	1306	1550	1820	....
....	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	1841
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Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	0736
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0745
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	0930
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0717	0729	0750	0937
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0956
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	....	....	....
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826

Saturdays

Service No	School Days Only			
	59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336
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0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
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0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
....	Sutton
0807	1004	1410	Road
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Creating Space for Protected Wildlife

Volunteers donned waders on Saturday, October 5th at Chilston Ponds near Lenham and took the plunge into the historic ice pond. The aim of the day was to remove some of the vegetation in the pond to prevent it from becoming completely covered by reed mace and other weeds. This is good news for the protected Great Crested Newts that are found in the pond as they need open water to perform their courtship ritual and is key to the survival of the species.

Some of the willow trees on the island in the middle of the pond were also cut down to create a more diverse habitat and also to provide a clear view of the historic ice house from the entrance of the park.

Mike Phillips of the Mid Kent Downs Countryside Partnership said, "It's really encouraging to see people who care so much about the places where they live. This sort of positive action taken by the Heaths Countryside Corridor is inspirational and shows what can be done when a community works together."

The site is managed by local charity, Heaths Countryside Corridor, and formed part of the Heritage Lottery Funded Wandering and Wondering project. The next volunteer day will be held on Saturday, November 2nd and all are welcome. Contact the Mid Kent Downs Countryside Partnership on 01303 815170 for more details.

News from Ulcombe Village School

From Harvest to Heroes and More!

Term 1 has certainly seen plenty of activity here at Ulcombe CE Primary School and Term 2 promises to be just as busy. September drew to a close with the children, families and friends celebrating Harvest at All Saints Parish Church. It was wonderful to see so many gifts and donations brought in to share with those in need.

Term 2 will start with a bang. The Ulcombe Village Fireworks' Night will be on Friday 8th November, organised by FUS. Gates will open at 6.30pm with tickets on sale in advance and on the night. The firework displays have been incredible in recent years, so do come along and enjoy the evening with families and friends from the village and beyond. Tickets will be available in advance and on the night. As well as the fireworks there will be food, drink and more on sale.

Read on to find out about the school's Act of Remembrance, the next Friends' Dinner and our Open Morning. There are even some dates for your diary as we prepare for Christmas.

A Week for Superheroes!

One highlight of October was our Book Week. It started on Monday 14th with the children and staff dressing up as superheroes, and ended in the same way. In between time children looked at how superheroes have been depicted in literature and spent time sharing books with children of different ages. We have set the children and their families several reading activities for the end of term, including a readathon challenge, a superheroes quiz and caption competitions for young and not-so-young. We look forward to seeing how well everyone has been able to do these, with many prizes on offer.

London Calling

For children in Key Stage 2 the term came to a close with a trip to London. We went up to The National Portrait Gallery to see how portraits have been used to show people in different lights and situations. It was fantastic to see the different styles that artists have used. We focused on Queen Elizabeth II and members of the Royal Family, comparing how their images have been re-created.

Remembering

All of our friends and neighbours are invited to join us for our special assembly on Monday 11th November, as we remember those who have been involved in war. The assembly will start at 10.45am and last for around twenty-five minutes. We will ring the school bell at 11am to mark the start of our two-minute silence. Anyone within earshot, but not able to come down to the school, will be able to join us in spirit.

The Next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner

The next ever popular Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner will be on Wednesday 13th November. Mrs Gare will be issuing a menu as soon as possible. If you would like a seat for dinner, or if you would like to know more, please contact the School Office. The older children wait at table and make sure you are suitably refreshed, then each class will take it turns to show off some of their recent learning.

BBC's Children In Need

BBC's Children In Need is on Friday 15th November. School Council will be thinking hard about how we can support this wonderful cause and help children throughout the UK who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

Come and See Us At Work

Our Open Morning will take place on Wednesday 27th November. This is a great chance for parents, prospective parents and friends to come and see what a day in school is really like. You are welcome to come anytime between 9.15am and 11.45am.

Friends Of Ulcombe School

FUS have already been piecing together another fantastic year of events for us all to enjoy. The first meeting has now taken place with Fireworks Night, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, Easter and even the Summer Fayre all topics of discussion. The committee have also been thinking hard about projects to be undertaken in the coming months and we look forward to telling you more in the coming weeks.

Fireworks' Night will be on Friday 8th November and has already been mentioned. The next date after this for your diary is the FUS Christmas Fayre, which will take place on Friday 13th December. The committee are thinking very hard about what to offer on the night. There will be some of the old favourites and possibly some new additions. One thing we do know is that Father Christmas is clearing a space in his diary to be here.

If you would like to know more about the work of FUS, or if you would like to become more involved, please speak to Mrs Tew or any of the committee.

Even More Variety Than Ever

We have an even wider range of clubs than ever this term, including some of our old favourites, such as football, gardening and Film Club. As you know from last month's issue, the list now also includes Dance and Fencing, both taking place before school once each week and proving very popular. Karate has also started each Monday after school for a total of eight weeks. We hope that there is something for everyone.

Can you help?

We are always very grateful for every one of our parents, friends and neighbours who are able to offer a helping hand during the school day and beyond it. Thank you very much to those of you who responded to this request in last month's article. If you think you can help us, from hearing children read to running an extra-curricular activity or from caring for our grounds to looking after our library, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

As ever, if you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school.

Best wishes,

Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.*

Ulcombe Pre-School



General News: The children have been enjoying many craft activities this term including making and painting sugar dough shape decorations and gluing autumn pictures made with leaves and twigs. They have also been making the most of the role play corner, where they have been dressing up and creating many different role play games.

Halloween Coffee Morning: A huge thank you to all of you who supported our fundraising event in October; these events are essential for the pre-school and we really appreciate all the help and support we receive from members of the village.

Car Wash Event: We are holding a car wash fundraiser on Sunday 17th November, in Ulcombe Village Hall car park. More details will follow but please keep this date in your diary!

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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Grafty Geeks - Windows 8 – Customising the Start Screen

Moving Tiles

To move a tile simply click and hold the left mouse button and drag the tile to the desired location, then release. The other tiles will automatically re-arrange themselves.



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1. First right click the required tile to display the context menu
2. Then locate and click the "Unpin from Start" option which will remove the tile from Start.



Adding New Tiles to follow in the next Magazine

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service

Grafty Green

Saturday 2nd November 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 2nd November 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 9th November 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Weekly Yoga Practice in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings 7 – 8.30 6th November – 11th December

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11, 7th November – 12th December

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The annual Great Leeds Book Sale will be held this year on Friday November 15th from 4.00pm to 8.30pm and Saturday November 16th from 10.00am to 2.30pm at St. Nicholas' church Leeds. Note that this year we are extending the opening hours to cover the Friday evening for people who can never make Saturday mornings. There will be some 14,000 books for sale – yes 14,000! – so something must be there to suit everyone's taste. As well as paper-backs and hard-backs for a quiet read yourself, there are plenty of splendid books in as-new condition which would make excellent gifts.

A sale of this size is obviously not just for the residents of Leeds – it is a major local attraction. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you browse. Car parking is immediately adjacent. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 15th or 16th.

If your bookcases are already full, it is not too late to make some space for more, inexpensive purchases by donating some books to the sale – just deliver them to the church any day between 9.00am and 4.00pm, and leave them in the South porch (but no old magazines, videos or second-hand toys please; save these for the next jumble sale or boot fair; and please no encyclopaedias – we can't sell them nowadays).

If you would like more information about this important local happening, please give Brian Hardy a ring on 01622 842915, or email bjhardy@theiet.org. Otherwise, just come along!

Great Promises on offer at the Auction of Promises to be held on Saturday 16th of November at 7. 30 pm in All Saints Church, Ulcombe.

A week in a three bedroom farmhouse in France in September which sleeps six; a weekend for 4 in an old dairy with a swimming pool; a dinner party for up to eight; the use of a swimming pool for a day; two London theatre tickets; a dinner party for four; a trip to the airport; five days B & B for 2 in the village of Hitdorf, Germany, with guided tours of Cologne and Bonn or Aachen; six hours gardening; a bottle of Bombay Gin; two hours hedging, trimming or other practical work; several cases of wine; an evening's respite care; a portrait in charcoal from a photograph; several cases of wine; a bouquet of flowers via Interflora; 100 logs cut to size and delivered and many others.

The evening is in aid of the restoration of Ulcombe's beautiful mediaeval church which needs £80,000 for repairs and restoration.

It promises to be a fun evening with a buffet supper in the middle (cost £7). Tickets can be obtained in advance from Molly Poulter on 01622 842988 or at the door.

Tithe Barn To Host 2nd Mid-Winter Craft Market Event

Lenham's medieval tithe barn is to be the host venue for a pre-Christmas hand made Craft, art and produce market. The market, to be held over the weekend of 23rd / 24th November 2013, is believed to be one of the largest of its kind seen in the county this year. It will showcase the work of mainly Kent based artisans working with a wide range of materials as diverse as clay, glass, iron, wood, wool and silver. Also including producers selling meat, cheese, honey, preserves, wine, chocolate & many more. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the craftsmen and purchase some original and unique gifts.

Sharon Prior, representing organiser Cloth and Clay, said "We have tried to include something for everyone in respect of the diversity of product on display and the price range. We will be offering a light lunch and refreshments all day, it is our hope that visitors of all ages will find plenty to keep them interested and entertained

There is no charge for entry or parking and the charity we are supporting this year is DEMELZA children's hospice appeal. The market will be open from 10am until 4pm on both Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November.

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Car	Horse	Pigeon	Racing
2	Read	Service	Stick	
3	Blood	Card	Kidney	
4	Bashing	Meal	Set	
5	Knot	Pillow	Shod	
6	Comforts	Mythical	Sea	
7	Cliff	Forward	Rough	
8	Fashion	Interior	Label	
9	Boost	Nuclear	Saving	
10	Forwarding	Home	Web	
11	Bloc	Middle	Promise	
12	Car	Notes	Sparingly	
13	Bag	Baked	Runner	
14	Bit	Great	Tom	
15	Box	Electronic	Registered	
16	Average	Board	Heavens	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	____ Crosby, US Crooner
2	Air _____, Flying branch of the Armed Forces
3	_____ Rudge, A Dickens character
4	Nina _____, Singer of My Baby Just Cares for Me
5	____ Sykes, Hattie Jacques comic partner
6	Britney _____, Oop's I Did It Again
7	_____ Lane, Liverpool location for a 1967 Beatles Hit
8	Thora _____, Late actress who played Edie Pegden in Last of the Summer Wine
9	_____ Willis, Action Movie actor
10	_____ Grove, Children's drama series

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Grafty Gourmet

I had some left over Feta cheese at home and thought I would try it with chicken. It worked wonderfully. This is yet another very simple recipe, with a slight Greek influence. Its great served with rice, pasta or just a simple cucumber and tomato salad.

Chicken Stuffed with Feta Cheese & Bacon - Serves 2

8 tablespoons olive oil	4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 teaspoons lemon juice	4 slices feta cheese
4 cloves crushed garlic	4 slices bacon, fried and drained (or grilled)
1 tablespoon dried oregano	
salt and pepper to taste	

1. Preheat oven 175 degrees C.
2. In a small bowl combine the oil, lemon juice, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper. Mix together.
3. Cut a slit in each chicken breast, place chicken in a baking dish and pour oil mixture over chicken.
4. Stuff each chicken breast with 1 slice feta cheese and 1 slice bacon. Secure open sides with toothpicks.
5. Bake uncovered at 175 degrees C for 30 to 35 minutes.

Water, water....everywhere?

It's the rainy season again, but next time you curse the wet stuff give a thank you instead for the technology that brings that rainfall into our houses as clean water. How different would our lives be without an abundance of water?

In Zambia it is not uncommon for families, young children and adults alike, to walk four kilometres every day over steep, rough terrain, just to get fresh water to drink and cook with. Farms often fail to support the families who run them because of a lack of fresh water. Children miss out on getting an education because they are too busy fetching and carrying heavy containers of water. Disease is rife because water is unsanitary.

The four Churches in the Len Valley benefice: Lenham, Harrietsham, Boughton Malherbe and Ulcombe, would like to work with our village communities to help four villages in rural Zambia experience the fresh water that we take for granted.

What we would like to do, with your help, is join the Tearfund initiative to build five boreholes in four communities in the Choma and Kalomo districts of southern Zambia. This would be sufficient to provide freshwater for 1800 people, improving health, improving farming yields, improving quality of life.

Look out for activities over the coming year, for the benefit of our community and at the same time for the benefit of rural Zambians. Lets have some fun together, be it in the rain or the sunshine, and get a bit closer to water, water everywhere.

More information to follow in the next issue!

Lenham Valley Business Association

If you would like to meet 60 or 70 potential customers in one place . . .

. . . then you better come to Chilston Park at 5.45pm on Tuesday 3rd December!

Lenham Valley Business Association will be inviting South Maidstone Business Association to join them in a combined networking meeting. Each month, normally on the first Tuesday, we meet somewhere within the area from Harrietsham to Charing to Ulcombe, and we network. It's easy, it's fun and it's a happy event. See our website for full information and see our 'networking' page for the photos, dates and venues, our 'join now' page for the prices (sole traders just £65pa) and the 'benefits' page for the things you may be currently missing out on!

Tuesday 3rd December at Chilston Park Hotel, Sandway, Lenham. Our speaker is Peter Homewood, Vice Chairman of Kent County Council.

Remember the timings for the meetings - arrive 5.45pm for 6pm, meetings finish around 8pm. 01622 820 841 to talk to Alan Reading LVBA organiser or you can doitall@lenhambusiness.co.uk if you prefer to email. We look forward to hearing from you.

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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 12th November 2013 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, November 2013

There is local music aplenty in November, and for those who get their magazine early I have no hesitation in reminding you that Maidstone will be participating in a world-wide singing event on 2nd November, when choirs around the world perform in aid of hospices everywhere and Maidstone's Hospice Festival Choir will be performing Haydn's Creation. I include the details with the other monthly selections below. For a really full day singers may note that also on 2nd November, from 10.00am to 4.45pm, Sutton Valence Choral Society are running a Bob Chilcott Singing day. Tickets 01233 850050. Here then is the concert list:

- Saturday 2nd November, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, The Hospice Festival Choir and Orchestra perform Haydn's creation as their share in the World's largest singing event – "Choirs for Hospices". Tickets 01622 790195
- Saturday 9th November, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Wind Symphony present a Concert of Remembrance, including choral support from Maidstone Choral Union. Tickets email info@maidstonewindsymphony.org
- Sunday 17th November, 3.00pm at St. Nicholas' church, Otham, the second of two concerts organised by The Friends of Otham Church features a varied programme of songs and duets by Bel Canto. Tickets 01622 738218
- Saturday 30th November, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra open their 103rd season with a varied programme including the brilliant horn concerto by Glière, with soloist Tom Betley. Tickets 01622 735830.

On the TV this month I shall be looking forward in particular for the programme Requiem on BBC4 on 10th November (time tbc), a documentary in which John Birdcut explores the form's history. Not perhaps to everyone's taste, so as an alternative try radio 3 at 6.30pm on 13th November, when the LPO perform Mahler's *Symphony No7*.

Brian Hardy

The Dark End of the Year

The clocks have gone back, the afternoons are drawing in, the nights are longer. Some people are happy to pull the curtains, settle down with a book or the TV and enjoy the dark end of the year. But for many people there's a sense of sadness and loneliness: more time spent on their own; more time for thinking and depression and sadness. Colours bleach away from the landscape and it can seem that colour is missing from our daily lives too.

Of course the shops have been trinked out with Christmas goodies since the back to school promotions ended in September. But now we're into November the frenzied rush towards the commercialisation of Christmas can be depressing too.

What can we do to restore our feelings of well being and contentment? Here's a suggestion: take a poem or a verse of scripture to sit and chew over to give yourself some winter sunshine. Here's a poem about the winter solstice:

Draw up the darkness, pull it round
yourself; let winter settle
as the light's door closes,
narrows to the soft,
unwinking gaze
of just one
bright eye.
Rest.

The path
before you
has been marked: trust
that the light will stretch
each day by the length
of a cockerel's step, whose crows
slough off winter, peel back the dawn.

(Katherine Venn)

And here are a few verses from the Bible, from Romans 8:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So may you find inner warmth and contentment in knowing the path has been marked out for you and that nothing can separate you from God's love in Christ. Let's wait hopefully for the turning of the year when we can slough off winter and peel back the dawn again!

Helen Venn



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"God, this isn't fair."

A disaster occurs in a remote part of the world. There's an appeal. Cheques are sent, prayers are said, relief workers go to the scene.

Several of my friends work for aid and mission organisations and I receive regular letters from them. Recently I was moved by the honesty of a letter from Ann (not her real name) who works in the Philippines where, in addition to war, natural disasters are a common occurrence.

It's hard for us in this country to imagine how aid workers feel but this letter paints a picture of their emotional struggles. Ann and her husband have not abandoned their commitment to the Philippines and are continuing their faithful development and relief work there.

Part of Ann's letter follows.

"I have been a missionary nurse for almost 30 years now. Hardships, suffering, heartbreak, calamities, sickness and death – I have seen them all. This wasn't just reading from newspapers of people I do not know but close up and personal.

I have taken care of and buried a patient named Moses, whose mother didn't even have the money to get him a decent casket. I have visited a woman in a dark, dirty and smelly prison, and she was not even a criminal but mentally ill.

My husband and I have travelled during red alert season to bring food to war evacuees. We have gone through bumpy, rocky or muddy roads up and down the mountains, taken small boats sailing through angry waves, walked across hanging bridges to conduct medical missions to people who have not seen a doctor or nurse in their lifetime.

I can go on with a litany of tragedies I have personally encountered in my life and somehow I have made it through with faith intact and a sense of fulfilment knowing the Lord allowed me, weak and frail as I am, to alleviate people's suffering and bring them hope.

However, the tragedy of typhoon Pablo has created in me a strong feeling of helplessness and utter hopelessness. Miles and miles of houses destroyed (looking more like a bomb has exploded and wiped out whole villages), banana plants on the ground, coconut trees uprooted, power lines all twisted and people staring blankly into space.

Standing on top of huge boulders of rocks where once families lived and loved, laughed and played, my heart was almost at the verge of being torn apart by sadness, my head starting to ache and my shoulders felt too heavy as if I was carrying all the burdens of this tragedy!

*I was tempted to say, "God, this isn't fair." I cried out to the Lord in the following days and searched the Scriptures. Many verses came to mind and I concluded that it is in times like this that we need to **run to God** and not away from him.*

"Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth....." (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

"He is before all things and in him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:17)

In my heart I know that God has been and will always be fair.

Joan Drury

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Communion

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9.30am Boughton Holy Communion

11am Lenham Holy Communion

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**10th November – Remembrance
Sunday**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion

10.15am Harrietsham Remembrance
Service

10.30am Boughton Remembrance
Service

10.30am Ulcombe Remembrance
Service

10.45am Lenham Remembrance
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**17th November– 2nd Sunday
before Advent**

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9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Holy Communion

11am Lenham Holy Communion

11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

**24th November – Christ the King
(Sunday next before Advent)**

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

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Horse	Pigeon	Answer
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6	Cliff	Forward	Rough	Edge
7	Fashion	Interior	Label	Designer
8	Boost	Nuclear	Saving	Energy
9	Forwarding	Home	Web	Address
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