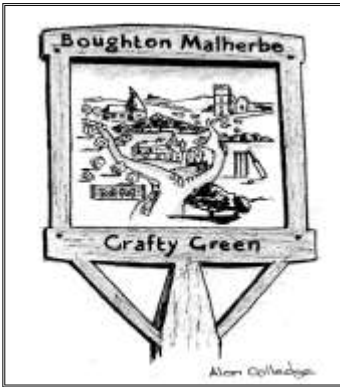


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Front Cover: The market stall as displayed at the Harvest Supper held in Grafty Green Village Hall . This produce was auctioned off at the Harvest Festival service held the next day in Boughton Malherbe Church. Picture courtesy of Christine Hollingsbee

News from St. Nicholas Church

Prayer requests can be left as usual in the box in the church porch. They will be collected and prayers said as soon as possible.

Morning prayer will be in St. Nicolas at 9am on Mondays. In All Saints, Ulcombe, at 9am on Tuesdays; in St. Mary's, Lenham at 9.30am on Wednesdays and in St. John the Baptist church, Harrietsham on Fridays.

Bible Study continues at Wierton Villa, the home of Joan Drury. The life of Moses is the theme for this term and is proving an intriguing subject, with so much to discuss. Joan is an excellent leader and gives everyone a lot to think about. For more information contact Joan on 01622 853766

Evensong A reminder that Evening Prayer will return to it's winter time of 3.30pm from Sunday 8th December. There will not be an Evening Prayer service on the second Sunday in November.

Remembrance Service at 10.15am on 10th November will replace our usual evensong.

The Village Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 13th November in the Village Hall from 10.30-12noon We are enjoying catching up with lots of friends each month, as more are coming to enjoy the home-made cakes and scones. Alice is returning from New Zealand and we hope she will be baking again for us, even though she has a job lined up.

Harvest Supper on 12th October was a great success and enjoyed by us all. So many thanks to those who worked hard to provide a beautiful autumn themed occasion, the Grafty Green Grocer's barrow was a 'masterpiece' on the stage, what a clever idea, Sandra. Many thanks to all who cooked, prepared and served, and enjoyed the food. The buzz of conversation was non-stop. We enjoyed using the new kitchen facilities, many thanks from us all for the hard work Richard and everyone has done in the kitchen and elsewhere in the Hall. The Harvest Supper raised £507-50.

Harvest Festival on 13th October was a special occasion, as always, with the church decorated and awash with gifts of all kinds, celebrating the generosity God has showered on us, with copious fruits, vegetables, flowers and food. Many thanks to all those who worked to make the church look so beautiful and those who brought gifts and joined us in the celebration. Everything was auctioned afterwards as we enjoyed the refreshments together, raising £312, to be given equally to Mid-Kent Hospice and to Christian Aid's Ebola Outbreak Appeal working in West Africa during this new outbreak of the Ebola disease. **Anne's Quilt** raffle raised £117 and the winner, drawn after the service, was Jenny Palmer. We hope you enjoy your new cosy quilt, Jenny.

Vanessa also gave thanks to all those who have helped with the Cream Teas during the summer, and many were at the service. They have helped us to make so many friends over the years.

Bernard. We sadly said farewell to Bernard at the Crematorium in Charing on October 15th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat. We had lots of chat with Pat over the years as she was a wizard with the washing-up at the Cream Teas.

Eco-spot. This week we had a conversation with the ladies serving at the deli-counter in Sainsbury's, hoping to get cut cheese without plastic wrapping. They were really helpful, but admitted that even their 'paper' bags were not recyclable.

They did remind us that we could always bring our own containers to carry away the cooked meats and cheeses. Another thing for me to remember when shopping! Turning back the clock is not easy!

Our environment in an area of this parish is coming under threat from Maidstone Borough Council's plans for a **New Town** to be developed at Lenham Heath, also covering land south of the motorway on Bowley Farm and Bowley Mill, and along the Stour Valley, in Boughton Malherbe Parish, with a new motorway junction there. How can we protect the amazing wildlife, eg. kingfishers, nightingales, Merlins and so many others from this destruction?

Sally Alexander

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be in Grafty Green Village Hall on **4th November** 2019 at 7.30pm

Important Reminder - Please Read

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints that dog walkers are allowing their dogs to foul the Village Green and not picking up the mess.

Please ensure when walking your dog that you always carry a suitable bag with you.

The Green is used by many dog walkers and children, as well as other residents and visitors and the Parish Council requests that we all please play a part in keeping our public spaces clean and free of litter. It is therefore important that anyone walking a dog on the Village Green or around the Village always picks up after their dog.

There is a bin on the Green which can be used to deposit waste. The Parish Council has now arranged for Maidstone Borough Council to adopt this bin and replace it with one marked for both litter and dog waste.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Monday to Friday

Route number
Notes

Grafty Green Kings Head
Ulcombe The Harrow
Kingswood Village Hall
Kingswood Ashford Drive
Warmlake Crossroads
Chart Sutton Buffalo's Head
Boughton Monchelsea Cock Inn
Boughton Monchelsea Albion
Linton Corner
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill
Wheatsharf, Loose Road
Maidstone King Street
Maidstone Cannon Stop B
London Road, Somerfield House
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park

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Saturday

Route number
Notes

Grafty Green Kings Head
Ulcombe The Harrow
Kingswood Village Hall
Kingswood Ashford Drive
Warmlake Crossroads
Chart Sutton Buffalo's Head
Boughton Monchelsea Cock Inn
Boughton Monchelsea Albion
Linton Corner
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill
Langley Plough
Sutton Road Morrisons
Wheatsharf, Loose Road
Maidstone King Street

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Public Holidays

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

As the days get chillier and the nights draw in, it's tempting to hunker down and hibernate for the winter, but here are a few things on offer at the Village Hall that I hope will tempt you out.

First, on **Saturday 23 November**, it's our regular **winter craft fair**. If you've been before you'll know that it features the first-class work of local people offering hand-made food and non-food items at very reasonable prices. So, for a unique Christmas gift or just to stock up with home-made pickles, do come along. (Note that it's on a Saturday this year.)

Then, just 2 weeks later, on **Saturday 7 December**, is our ever popular **Christmas quiz night**. Tickets for this event are available NOW from the Grafty Green Post Office Stores (thank you for this facility, Rob). If you can't get to the shop, you can also get tickets via me - but payment and collection is a bit trickier that way.

The price (which includes our usual sumptuous ploughman's supper + mince pies and all the enjoyment you can consume) has been held again at just £8 per person.

Please help us to help you by getting your tickets early and completing the form at the shop as you buy them – this will enable us to know how many we are catering for and will ensure you sit with others in your team. There can be any number of people in a team, up to a maximum of 8, but teams of 4 or less may have to share a table.

Also available very soon from the village shop will be the **Boughton Malherbe 2020 Calendar** and this year it's a little different! You've heard of Yorkshire's "Calendar Girls", well this year we feature the "Boughton Boys", the best beefcake we could muster from the area, displaying their credentials (in the best possible taste!) in aid of Village Hall funds. Give yourself a treat and a chuckle in a good cause. The price has been held at £6 despite advance orders stacking up already!

Finally, looking to the New Year, we will again be offering a **professional pantomime** - oh, yes we will! Last year, for the first time in living memory we ventured tentatively into pantomime territory and all agreed that we should repeat the idea, learning from our experiences, keeping what worked and changing what didn't. This time we've found a different company who will perform a more traditional panto: "Jack & the Beanstalk" on **Saturday 25 January**. It's a family friendly show with all the usual singing, dancing, thigh-slapping and audience participation. Tickets (Adult £10, Child £5, Family 2+2 £25) will be available soon from... you guessed it.... Rob at the village shop. It's a **4 o'clock start** this year and there will be refreshments on sale. Why not note the date in your new calendar!

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman.



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Grafty Gourmet - Maple Glazed Parsnip, Chestnut and Feta Nut Roast

I often get asked if I can do a vegetarian recipe for the magazine. This has got to be the nut roast of all nut roasts. This vegetarian recipe is packed with the different textures and flavours of nuts, herbs, feta and sweet, sticky parsnips.

150g of unsalted butter
150-200g of parsnips, trimmed and cut
lengthways into 1.5cm slices
50g of pecan halves or pieces
50g of blanched almonds
30g of pine nuts
2 large leeks, sliced
200g of button or chestnut mushrooms,
finely chopped
200g of chestnuts, roughly chopped
2 large garlic cloves, crushed

3 fresh rosemary sprigs, finely chopped,
plus extra to garnish
½ small bunch fresh sage, finely chopped
4 fresh thyme sprigs, finely chopped
Small bunch fresh parsley, finely chopped
100g of fresh breadcrumbs
50g of plain flour
100ml of maple syrup
200g of feta cheese
3 large eggs

1. Heat the oven to 190°C/170°C fan. Lightly butter a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin and line the base with baking paper. Steam the parsnips for 5-8 minutes to take off the raw edge (they don't need to be cooked all the way through). Put in a colander and leave to dry.

2. Spread the pecans and almonds in an even layer on a baking sheet, then toast for 5 minutes in the oven. Add the pine nuts and toast for 3-5 minutes more until golden. Cool, roughly chop and set aside.

3. Melt 75g butter in a large frying pan on a low heat. Add the leeks, season with salt and pepper and cook gently, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes until soft and sweet, then transfer to a large mixing bowl.

4. Add the remaining 75g butter to the frying pan and turn up the heat to high. When the butter is hot and foaming, add the mushrooms, season with salt and pepper, then cook for 5-7 minutes, tossing every now and then, until golden brown. Add the chestnuts and garlic, then cook for 2 minutes, stirring so the garlic doesn't brown. Add the mixture to the leeks, along with the chopped nuts, chopped herbs, breadcrumbs and flour. Taste and season.

5. Wipe out the frying pan and put it over a medium-high heat. Add the maple syrup and a knob of butter. When bubbling, add the parsnip pieces, without crowding the pan. Fry for 3-4 minutes until golden, then flip over and cook for another couple of minutes on the other side. Remove with a fish slice, leaving the syrup in the pan, and put the parsnips, flat-side down and spaced out a little, into the cake tin. Leave the buttery maple syrup in the pan.

6. Crumble the feta into the nut mixture, then crack in the eggs and mix well to combine. Spoon the mixture on top of the parsnips and press down lightly. Bake in the oven for 45 minutes, covering the top with foil if it browns too much (a little colour is good). Let it cool in the tin for 10-15 minutes, then invert carefully onto a flat plate and peel off the baking paper.

7. Reheat the syrup in the pan, season with sea salt and add a few rosemary sprigs. Then brush over the top of the loaf, and decorate with the rosemary leaves.



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A message from your MP – Helen Whately

This is a copy of a letter sent to the Leader of Maidstone Council by Helen Whately detailing her response to the Maidstone Local Plan Review

Dear Ms Broom

Local Plan Review: Scoping themes and issues

As one of the Members of Parliament for the Borough of Maidstone, I would like to contribute to the scoping themes and issues stage of the Local Plan Review. I have consulted with parish councillors and residents and have the following points to make based on my informal consultation:

- **Community involvement and communication of the Local Plan Review**

Given the importance of the Local Plan Review and its ability to affect all our lives for many years to come, I think the council could do more to publicise the process and various consultations within the process more widely to encourage as many people as possible to take part in shaping our community.

- **Infrastructure**

In and around Maidstone infrastructure such as roads, rail, doctors' surgeries and schools (ranging from nursery provision upwards) is lagging behind housing development which is impacting on peoples' quality of life.

It is important that the local plan review takes a holistic approach to infrastructure and community facilities that not only meet today's needs but future needs as well. It needs to plan in the infrastructure needed for a growing population, and for new technologies such as electric vehicle charging points.

- **Financing infrastructure**

It is important that Maidstone Borough Council charges enough, collects and spends all developer contributions on infrastructure to support new and existing development. Some councils allocate a percentage of total CIL to local town and parish councils to spend on ultra-local projects such as improved footpaths, or to add to larger projects - such as a school or GP surgery. I think this is something that Maidstone Borough Council should consider as it helps to tie the developer contribution to the locality of the development.

The government makes available large sums of money for infrastructure and it would be good to see Maidstone taking more advantage of opportunities available to local authorities.

- **Development**

Some people have contacted me to say that their preferred option for the Local Plan Review to meet our housing need and to ensure adequate infrastructure would be to build a garden village, rather than constantly sprinkling development around existing communities without the adequate infrastructure to support it. I am mindful of these concerns. There has been too much development on the outskirts of Maidstone without sufficient infrastructure, particularly roads & public transport. I have been told that businesses and shoppers now avoid Maidstone because of the traffic, which is clearly detrimental to the local economy – as well as a reflection of the hours residents now spend stuck in traffic.

If a garden village is to be built, it needs to be in the right location with existing access to road and rail links, as well as access to broadband which enables home working and takes the pressure off road and rail.

The Local Plan Review needs to build the homes that local people need. People tell me there is an excess of executive (four to five bedroom) homes in parts of the borough, and a shortage of affordable homes as starter and family homes. Smaller homes are higher density so not only better meet local housing need but protect more of the countryside. Affordable homes need to be built in sustainable locations near family and community support networks as well as transport links and other facilities. Having a 40% affordable housing contribution in remote rural areas, and 20% in urban areas results in people with lower incomes not being near the support they rely on including transport links and jobs.

There needs to be a bigger focus on retirement housing and two-bedroom homes that can be used by down-sizers and new families. Building more retirement accommodation not only encourages older people to live in more suitable accommodation that is often less isolated, cheaper to heat, with fewer hazards that can cause falls- but it also frees up much needed family homes.

In the interests of balanced communities new developments need to contain a mix of all types of homes. Within this mix Gypsy and Traveller sites and pitches that should not be concentrated in isolated locations such as Headcorn and Ulcombe. A more dispersed approach is needed to prevent ‘ghettos of the future’.

- **Garden Village – East of Lenham**

Although I am not against a garden village in principle as a solution to Maidstone meeting its housing figures I am concerned about the proposals to locate this at Lenham Heath.

The Local Plan Review is an excellent opportunity for Maidstone Borough Council to take a holistic approach to planning in partnership with the local community. The plan should not only aim to provide for housing, but do so in ways that protect and enhance:

- integrated, strong local communities
- health and wellbeing
- Local character and heritage
- sustainability
- biodiversity and the natural environment

by including these themes as major planning considerations.

In any event, it is imperative that the next iteration of the local plan includes infrastructure to support the growing local population, to make sure that growth improves quality of life for my constituents rather than worsening it. I hope the council takes this chance to involve as many residents as possible in its design so that our new Local Plan is one that the whole community can support.

Yours sincerely

Helen Whately

Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent

Clarification on the Traffic Calming Project

Further to the update on traffic calming in the October edition of Malherbe Monthly the Parish Council would like to clarify an important issue. This refers to the location of the proposed new village gateway and red tarmac strip. It was stated in the October edition that this feature must be located **within** the 30mph zone running through the village centre. The Parish Council had previously understood that this did not include locating this feature where the 30mph zone joins the national speed limit zone. Thanks to photographs supplied by Chris Wheal from other villages, we have received confirmation from KCC that we can locate this proposed feature anywhere within the 30mph zone - including at the point it joins the 60mph zone at the Headcorn end of the village.

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Christmas Tree Lighting

Grafty Village Green

**30th
November
at 5pm**



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a visit from Father Christmas

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Expert	Eye	Box	Witness
2	Traffic	Church	Prison	
3	Biscuit	Whistle	Can	
4	Class	Head	Mind	
5	Driving	Rifle	Long	
6	More	Green	Lasting	
7	Weight	Name	Ear	
8	Bean	Hand	Ear	
9	Acting	Branch	Bank	
10	Eclipse	Recall	Sum	
11	White	Cake	Ring	
12	Carpet	Card	Tape	
13	Lock	Cattle	Reference	
14	Corn	Wall	Sun	
15	Timing	Step	Way	
16	Agent	Effects	Constable	

	Find the missing word?
1	Nigel _____, 1992 F1 world champion
2	_____ Tim, Bob Cratchets youngest son
3	The _____, 1961 Paul Newman film about a Con Man
4	_____ and Stripes, Flag of the USA
5	Ruby _____, A Rolling Stones track
6	_____ George, Frontman of Culture Club
7	Bonnie _____, Husky welsh vocalist
8	_____ Zellweger, Bridget Jones Diary actress
9	Stephen _____, Horror author of The Shining & Carrie
10	_____ Lynn, The forces sweetheart

Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5.00 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden. Non members are most welcome at any meeting for a small fee of £2.00.

Programme 2019

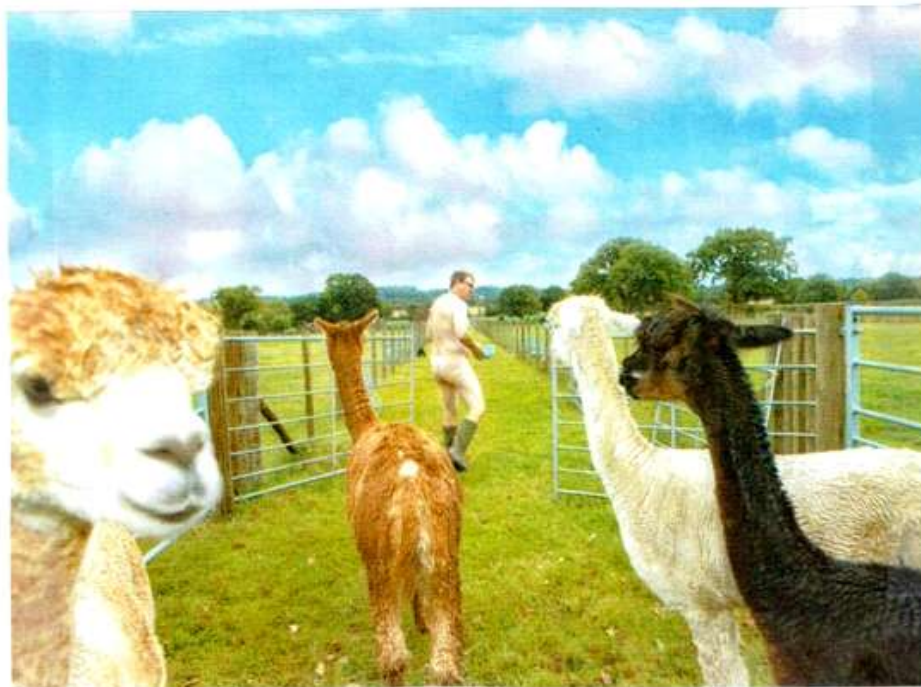
Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
January 8	AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green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

On November 5th Andrew Daws will give us a talk entitled 'Hops'. The year is moving on and a good number of us are looking forward to our trip to Wisley on December 10th (please note that this date is different to the one printed on our programme) and check leaving time nearer the time too.

The Garden in November - An abundance of rain has given our gardens a well earned drenching and highlighted the beautiful Autumn colours as they emerge from verges, parks and gardens. It is indeed a good time to be out walking or in the garden. It's time to clean out bird boxes and give feeders a scrub too with weak bleach water. Check bonfire pile for wildlife and if any hedgehogs (there are a few around) or toads hibernating in it then leave them in peace, taking away some of the heap to burn elsewhere if you must, but leaving the creatures some debris. These creatures are great allies in controlling pests.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club

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The brilliant **Rocketman** (15, 2019) is our irresistible 8th November choice. Based on Sir Elton John's heady breakthrough both to stardom and personal happiness, it combines all your favourite songs with the story of how the diffident young Reginald Dwight changed his name to Elton John and became the world-famous superstar we know today. **Rocketman** is described as a musical fantasy – and you're in for a fantastic evening!

For more information or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com. Keep an eye open for our posters (it's possible we might slip in an extra performance during the month), follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub), perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

***Rocketman:** Running time: 2hrs 1min. Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.*

November Music Notes

I give no apology for once again recommending the Hospice Concert on November 2nd, in the hope that most readers will get this report in time to be reminded. This is the biggest charity concert in the area, held every 2 years, with all the singers and players giving their time without charge. Really not to be missed. The other November events also offer plenty of excellent choices and it is with no disrespect to other wonderful concerts that I also draw your attention to the opportunity to hear John Lill in concert in Maidstone.

- Saturday 2nd November is the 13th International Voices for Hospices Day. In our area this will be celebrated at 7.30pm with a concert performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe* at Mote hall, organized by and in aid of the Heart of Kent Hospice. The festival choir will be conducted by Maidstone Choral Union's Martin Hindmarsh. Tickets www.hokh.org/events or tel 01732 885749
- Saturday 16th, November 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Church Lane, Bearsted, Kent, ME14 4EE, Bearsted Choral Society will give a concert of works by Brahms and by Elgar. Tickets 0333 6663366 or at the door.
- Sunday 17th November, 2.30pm at Sutton Valence school, the Sutton Valence Music Society presents a concert by pianist Simon Callaghan, playing works by Beethoven and Schumann. Non-members are welcome and can buy tickets at the door. Complimentary tea and cakes after the concert!
- Sunday 24th November at All Saints' church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, Sutton Valence choral Society perform Mozart's *Requiem*. Tickets 01622 861313.
- Saturday 30th, 7.30 pm at Mote Hall Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes John Lill, one of our greatest pianists, playing Brahms - *Piano Concerto No.2*. Tickets 07817-429143 or at the door.
- Also at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th November at St George's Church, Benenden TN17 4DL, the concert by Cranbrook Symphony Orchestra includes Mendelssohn's *Symphony No 3 "Scottish"* and Bellini's *Oboe Concerto*. The oboe soloist is talented student Caitlin Chiu. Tickets from www.thecso.org.uk (click "concerts") or at the door.

And this month's extract from the musician's dictionary:

Runs: An ailment particularly prevalent among singers of baroque music, especially that of Bach and Handel. Can often be remedied by proper diet.

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Christian Message November 2019 by Joan Drury

Maybe you're one of those worshippers who reads a passage of the Bible every day. On the other hand you may say, *'that's not for me; I don't have the time; it can't make much difference to my faith.'*

It's said that if a ballet dancer doesn't practise for one day, only she notices. If she doesn't practise for two days, the class notices and if she doesn't practise for 3 days, the whole audience notices.

Different church traditions give different weight to the habit of daily Bible reading but most would agree that it's an important discipline and helpful in strengthening faith.

A person may decide to give regular reading a go and then find that life becomes busier so that it's all too much trouble and seems irrelevant to their daily lives. On the other hand many who do persist find themselves helped and guided by what they read from the Bible each day.

Maybe thinking of the habit as a chore rather than a beneficial habit is a problem. Who wants a chore? A positive point of view is to regard it as an opportunity to spend time with God and engage in a conversation prompted by His word. Many years ago I met a lady who solved the problem by making a cup of tea; putting her feet up and reading some verses of the Bible. It worked for her! We are all different but all loved by the author of the Scriptures.

Many find the booklets produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship very helpful. These books include the passage as well as a short note about it. These notes are a great help to train or bus travellers as they can study God's word without carrying a Bible. If you would like to take a look at these booklets please contact me (01622 853766) or Jacky Bevan on 01622 859310.

Confession time! I struggled for years but persisted and eventually won the battle. Now there would be a noticeable gap in my life without my daily encounter with God. I think I'd rather miss my breakfast than my Bible reading!

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

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Sunday 3rd November

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship
11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th November

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 10th November

10.15am Boughton Malherbe: Remembrance Service
10.15am Harrietsham: Remembrance Service
10.15am Lenham: Remembrance Service
10.15am Ulcombe: Remembrance Service

Sunday 17th November

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th November

11.00am Chippendaye Lodge: Informal worship

Sunday 24th November

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Expert	Eye	Box	Witness
2	Traffic	Church	Prison	Warden
3	Biscuit	Whistle	Can	Tin
4	Class	Head	Mind	Master
5	Driving	Rifle	Long	Range
6	More	Green	Lasting	Ever
7	Weight	Name	Ear	Middle
8	Bean	Hand	Ear	Middle
9	Acting	Branch	Bank	Manager
10	Eclipse	Recall	Sum	Total
11	White	Cake	Ring	Wedding
12	Carpet	Card	Tape	Red
13	Lock	Cattle	Reference	Grid
14	Corn	Wall	Sun	Flower
15	Timing	Step	Way	Two
16	Agent	Efforts	Constable	Special

	Find the missing word?
1	Nigel Mansell, 1992 F1 world champion
2	Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchet's youngest son
3	The Hustle, 1961 Paul Newman film about a Con Man
4	Stars and Stripes, Flag of the USA
5	Ruby Tuesday, A Rolling Stones track
6	Boy George, Frontman of Culture Club
7	Bonnie Tyler, Husky welsh vocalist
8	Renee Zellweger, Bridget Jones Diary actress
9	Stephen King, Horror author of The Shining & Carrie
10	Vera Lynn, The forces sweetheart

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