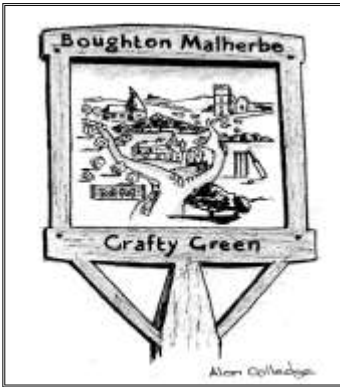


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**Front Cover:** Poppy display at the recent Fete in Grafty Green

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Morning Prayers** 9.30 - 10am at St Nicholas on Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 30th and at All Saints, Ulcombe on 9th and 23rd.

**Bible Study** begins again, after the summer break, at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green, the home of Joan Drury, on Thursdays from 10.30am - 12noon. We will be looking at the story of Joseph, of 'the technicolour dreamcoat' fame, from Genesis, in our first session. For details contact Joan on 01622 853766.

**The Village Coffee Morning** is in the Village Hall from 10.30am - 12noon on Wednesday 10th. All the usual tasty cakes and scones and chat will be on offer.

**Flower Festival** in St. John the Baptist Church in Harrietsham on September 15/16th was well worth the visit and the beautiful arrangement symbolising the parable of the coins from Luke and Matthew's gospels, by Judy Stevens representing St. Nicholas Church was quite a 'showstopper'!

**The Village Fete** was enjoyed by all on the 8th August and we appreciated the atmosphere created by the hard work and creativity of the organisers. On our church stall we met and talked with lots of interesting and friendly visitors and we had a great view of all the events and games. The jams, scones and cakes proved popular. We were also pleased to celebrate the success of the Suffragette Movement of 100 years ago with posters, rosettes, clothing and sashes. We have a lot to thank them for, as also we gave thanks to the local men who died in the Great War. The wonderful handmade memorials to them that were on view at the Fete will be displayed in St. Nicholas until Advent.

**Remembrance Sunday** Do see the information elsewhere in the magazine of how the church community would like to remember and pray on Remembrance Sunday 11th November at 10.15am for friends or family members, not only local people, killed in any conflict. Do let us know who they are with photos, names or stories. We would like to have them on display in the Church. Join us if you can.

**Harvest Supper** is on the 13th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets from the Village Stores are £8. See more information in this magazine.

**Harvest Festival** is in St. Nicholas at 6.30pm on 14th October. More details are elsewhere in the magazine.

**The Alpha Course** has already begun and our prayers go with all those who are taking part, as participants, leaders, speakers, cooks, or 'washer-uppers'. If you would still like to experience this course please contact Sarah at the church office on 01622 850604.

So much to get involved with together this Autumn!

**Sally Alexander**

# **Helen Whately**

## **MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at one of my surgeries

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## **News from Helen Whately MP**

It's been a busy start to the new term in Westminster where I've asked questions on International Trade and Equal Pay, and spoken in debates on up skirting and proxy voting. The headlines may be all about Brexit but there is other work going on too. I've also got some new responsibilities as the Conservative Party's Vice Chair for Women. Meanwhile there's plenty going on with my local campaigns on Cleve Hill Solar Farm, East Kent Hospitals, Operation Stack, Brenley Corner, Farming and Accessibility.

At the moment, disabled passengers, parents with buggies – anyone who can't use stairs – can't get onto the London-bound platform at Headcorn. There are similar problems at Faversham station where the lifts constantly break down. Thankfully, after years of campaigning, the Faversham lift is finally getting replaced with bigger, easier-to-use and more reliable lifts. Works have already begun and are due to finish in November. As for Headcorn, I've been arguing that this station should get a share of £300 million fund to improve step-free access at train stations and we're expecting an announcement soon.

If getting a train is tricky when you have a disability – catching a plane can be uncomfortable, undignified and unsafe. Being manoeuvred into your seat in front of the entire plane can be mortifying, and risky if the person assisting you isn't properly trained. Once you're in your seat, you can't get out, even to go to the toilet. I've heard that people avoid drinking water for hours before a flight and wear incontinence pads. During the flight, your wheelchair may be stored in the hold and could be lost or broken, so when you arrive at your destination you're stuck. I've introduced a new Bill to make sure airline staff are properly trained and that wheelchairs are stored safely.

As well as equality for people with disabilities – including hidden disabilities like mental health problems – I’m fighting for equality for women. I sat on the Committee for the Bill to make up skirting – the awful, intrusive practice of taking a photo up a woman’s skirt – a crime, and I was pleased when this Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons. As the Conservative Party’s new Vice Chair for Women, it’s my mission to encourage more women to step forward and stand for election. Since I’ve become Vice Chair, almost everyone I’ve spoken to knows someone – a woman – who would be a good MP or Councillor. But too often, women don’t quite have the confidence – they say things like “I’m not sure I’m good enough...” or “I don’t think I’d have time to really do it justice...” even though I know they are the sort of people who are brilliant at fitting things in and would give more time than others already in the job. If you’re reading this and thinking “that sounds like me”, please drop me a line and let’s have a chat. Or if you know a woman like that, please encourage her to do so. Don’t get me wrong, we need capable men to stand for election too, it’s just that there are a lot more men putting themselves forward than women.

There are so many passionate campaigners locally who make an enormous contribution to our public life. Like the Graveney Rural Action Team, who are doing a great job raising awareness of a proposal to build a solar farm the size of Faversham on the Graveney marshes. I’m extremely concerned about the scale of this proposal. I want Britain to have more sustainable energy, but this solar farm is just huge. I want much stronger reassurances from the developer that the beautiful landscape and local wildlife will not be harmed.

Our countryside is precious and needs looking after. Farmers work hard to protect the environment, but it’s a tough business and profit margins can be slim. For two years, I’ve been campaigning for a seasonal agriculture workers’ scheme, so that fruit growers can hire the workers they need to harvest their produce. There were growing fears that beautiful Kent fruit would be left to rot in the fields – so I’m delighted that the Government has listened and is now piloting a seasonal workers’ scheme. While the numbers are small at the moment, it’s a step in the right direction. If this pilot is a success I hope the scheme will be extended so that farmers can continue to access migrant labour after we leave the EU.

To make sure the country is prepared for Brexit we need to make sure our roads can cope if there are delays at the border – and that we won’t be paralysed by Operation Stack. The A2/M2 is a crucial corridor leading to and from the port, but at the moment Brenley Corner junction is completely unfit for purpose. It’s busy and dangerous, and while some sections have recently been upgraded with a new surface, the job’s only half finished. I recently met with Highways England to get some answers. They explained that two separate improvement schemes are underway at Brenley Corner. The first is the resurfacing scheme, and the second is the installation of pedestrian and cycle – ‘toucan’ – crossings. The proposal is that the remainder of the roundabout will be resurfaced when the crossings are installed. This is expected to take place before the end of the financial year, subject to approval.

On Operation Stack, Highways England have come up with a temporary plan to keep traffic on the London-bound part of the motorway while stacking lorries coast-bound. At the same time they are working on a permanent alternative to Stack. The Prime Minister is rightly working to get a deal that keep movement at our borders as smooth as it is at the moment – but it's responsible to be prepared.

It's tricky to fit all my news in here, so if you'd like to keep up-to-date with my campaigns on local healthcare, transport, housing, business and schools why not sign-up to my monthly email newsletter? You can subscribe at [www.tinyurl.com/helenwnews](http://www.tinyurl.com/helenwnews)



**Remembrance Sunday 2018**  
**Boughton Malherbe and**  
**Grafty Green**



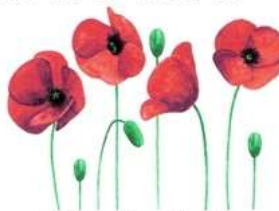
**Let us remember them together**

As this year marks 100 years since the end of the 1st World War we would like to invite our community to come together on the **11<sup>th</sup> of November at 10:15 at our Church of St Nicholas** to remember those who are missing from our community.

So many young lives were cut short; fathers, husbands, sons, brothers and friends of our village, their futures and descendants lost to us and to them. Please help us to remember them and give thanks for their lives and sacrifice.

**We would love you to come and share your photos, memories and stories of those who died and help us remember and pray for them and their families.** As this world did not remain at peace after 1918 we would like to extend our remembrance to all that have suffered and died in Wars since then. If you would like us to pray for family members and friends who suffered due to war even if they did not belong

to this community please let us know and we will include them in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact Sally (01622 859549) or Vanessa (858372) with your photos and stories of loved ones.



# Grafty Remembers 1918

By Carol Hulm

What a wonderful fete again, thank you to all those who helped and those who came along, we could not do this without you. We were lucky with the weather and I hope everyone enjoyed all the events. We had an aim to involve more children and encourage people from outside Grafty Green.



Firstly, we had the opening with the poem written by Jack (aged 9 at the time of writing), see below, then Aiden aged 9.5 who provided the commentary for the Birds of Prey.



Then there was the fancy dress with the winners coming from Cranbrook, two gentlemen who found out about the fete at the Church Cream Teas, the gentleman dressed as a women is 92.

There were many interesting things to see on the day, too many to mention here, but the memorial corner with the trench set, Steven Hookins and the knitted poppy display (shown on the front cover) was excellent, along with the embroidered memories of the 14 men lost in WW1. Thank you to the ladies in the village who helped with this.

## Jack's Poem

The poppies in the wind then get  
blown up by a colossal black bomb.  
There are soldiers brave and strong  
in planes, in tanks, in WAR!  
The bombs are deafening  
The smoke is making me choke  
The puddles are made out of blood.

I look up to the sooted sky  
all i can see is explosions  
bits of planes are falling down  
blood is dripping on my head  
but i know it's a dog fight.

We are the British  
The Germans are the Hun

We hide in trenches  
but struggle to get out  
We fight to stay alive  
We fight to save our country  
We won't give up, we can't.

We are the British  
The Germans are the Hun

We can't go to sleep  
Fight day  
Fight night  
The people in the house praying for  
the war to stop  
They scream  
I want peace  
Let the war cease.

We are the British  
The Germans are the Hun

It's hard to dodge the bullets  
and get away from the bombs  
We can't get away because of the  
red squelchy mud  
How squelchy?  
Very squelchy

We are the British  
The Germans are the Hun

They used Bombs, aircrafts, rifles,  
machine guns, trench mortar,  
grenades and bombs  
These are strong  
These are powerful  
Shooting quickly  
Skimming your skin

We are the British  
The Germans are the Hun

5 years later peace flows again  
Birds are tweeting  
Poppies back in place  
There's bees on flowers  
And builders building quickly.

Jack Hills (age 9)



## Grand Draw Winners

Prizes	Donators	Winners
Hot Tub night for 2	Who'd Thought It	Ken Alexander
Smart Speaker	Ashley Law	Bev Hone
Leeds Castle Freedom Passes	AW Courts	Janet Baldwin
£100 Voucher	Whody Boudoir	Stephen Cody
£100 Cash	Village Hall	Richard Gore
£50 Voucher	Whody Boudoir	John Day
Tea for 4	Chilston Park	Bert King
Fish and Chip Supper	Kings Head	Jane Raye
Hamper	Bowls Club	Leslie West
Bag	Anonymous	Vinall
Wooden Ornament	Wood Turner	Janet McDonald
Ted Baker Ornament	Anonymous	Sarah Cutbill
Cheese Knives	Anonymous	Chris Wheal

## Other Winners

Game	Winners
Fancy Dress	Keith Piper and Edward Ryan, from Cranbrook
Hoop & Stick	John Cheney
Golf	Brian Shaw – scored 33
Guess the Weight of the Cake – Sponsored by Lenham Bakery	David Humphrey (Grandfather of Jack) – 6lb. 11oz
Photo Competition	Flowie Green – front cover of the Grafty Green Calendar, other 12 winners will be revealed in the Calendar.

Finally we would like to thank all our sponsors and those who gave grand draw prizes as follows: Who'd a Thought It, Ashley Law, Whody Boudoir, AW Courts, Chilston Park, Kings Head and the Bowls Club, Lenham Bakery, Lenham Fish Shop (for the burger buns). Also all the people who gave bottles for the Tombola.



All photos will be available at [www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk) and also on the Village Hall Facebook page. Pictures of the children have not been included unless permission has been received. If anyone does not want their picture on the website please let me know so I can remove it. [Carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:Carolhulm@gmail.com) or mobile: 07990 574214.



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## Grafty Gourmet

Enjoy this versatile vegetarian fritter recipe as a snack or for lunch, or serve with a green salad, yogurt and lime wedges as a light dinner.

### Carrot, Sweet Potato & Feta Fritters

800g of carrots  
2 large potatoes  
1 large onion  
600g of sweet potatoes  
5 medium free-range eggs  
200g of feta, crumbled  
6 tablespoons of wholemeal flour  
25g of fresh coriander, chopped  
2 tablespoons of cumin seeds  
300ml of vegetable oil  
Green salad, lime wedges and yogurt to serve

1. Peel and grate the carrots, potatoes, onion and sweet potatoes. Put in a colander over the sink with a big pinch of salt to drain for 30 minutes.

2. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, feta, flour, coriander and cumin seeds, then beat with a fork until mixed.

3. Squeeze as much liquid from the veg as you can, pressing down hard into the colander for 1-2 minutes, then add to the egg mixture. Stir to combine and season well. Heat the oven to 150°C/fan130°C.

4. Heat the oil in a wok or saucepan. Put a small handful of the mix in a slotted spoon and lower into the oil. Cook 2-3 at a time: fry for 1-2 minutes, then turn and repeat until golden. Put on a plate and keep warm in the oven.

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
May 1	Colin Moat	50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)
May 5	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire, visiting Harlow Carr, York and Breezy Knees	
August 7	Outing - Samphire Ho, Dover	
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Jeanette Lerwell	Designing with Plants
Sept 9	Coach outing to Kew – book with Sue Burch 850381	
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Philip Johnson</b>	<b>How to grow sweet peas</b>
Nov6	Elizabeth Cairns	Planting the English Garden
Dec 4	Social - shared supper and quiz.	

Members and non-members alike enjoyed an excellent day out at KEW gardens last month. A highlight was the Temperate House which has for the last 5 years been undergoing a restoration marking it's 155th anniversary. It was good to be able to see these special plants, many now endangered given space once more to thrive. The next project at KEW will be the restoration of the tropical Palm House which we can all look forward to in the future.

Our Autumn show was a great success, there were some lovely flowers and veg on show despite the tricky growing conditions this summer. Congratulations to Sue Burch who won first prize and our thanks to Lesley Feakes, Bill Vinall and Janet Collins who assisted her with the judging!

**On October 2nd 7.30** in the Village Hall we will welcome Philip Johnson to give us a talk '**How to grow Sweet Peas**'. There will of course be our usual tea/coffee/biscuits after the talk and time to share our gardening news too. We look forward to seeing you all again as we look forward to the Autumn season of talks and events.

Tip of the Month - Clear fallen leaves from the lawn and amongst the plants as these can encourage slugs if left lying. Heap them up by themselves and leave to rot down into leaf mould or mix with other cuttings for the compost heap. Prune tall shrubs to about half their height. Cut back, lift and divide perennials. Finish planting Spring cabbages and Autumn onion sets.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club**

# Volunteers wanted



**Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?**

**Grafty Green Speedwatch** Scheme is looking for volunteers to support them in reducing speed and improving the safety on their local roads with the support of the police.

Speedwatch is a community based scheme where volunteers record speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. **96%** of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months within Kent.

## CONTACT US

If you would like to join your local group and help please

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**Kent  
Police**

## **Resolution to Flooding at Woodcock Lane**

For some time the Parish Council has been attempting to get Kent County Highways to address the occasional flooding of the road at the Village end of Woodcock Lane. In response KCC have always insisted that the cause lies with poor maintenance of the ditches by land owners.

Persistence has paid off, and the Parish Council was able to convene a site meeting with various departments of KCC and relevant landowners from either side of Woodcock Lane. In this way everyone could come to a common agreement on what is causing the problem and the best solution.

As a result a number of actions were agreed by everyone present. The drainage department at KCC is raising an order for a civil crew to clear around the ends of the culvert and install kerb spillways/grips in the verge over the culvert headwalls in Woodcock Lane. Plus they will install a kerb grip at the end of the ditch near the gully at the farm entrance in the junction of Church Road so the water drains freely into the ditch.

This work will be carried out when the Highways team sets up the road closure for installing a tarmac bund on the road to better direct the water in the ditches.

Our thanks to Sean Wickens who attended the site visit and has assisted by clearing their ditches of vegetation to receive the re-directed water.

It is hoped that this will provide a permanent solution to a long standing problem.

**Clerk to the Parish Council**

## **Announcement**

The suspended public enquiry to consider the Appeal against refusal of the planning application at plots 1-5, land at rear of The Meadows, Lenham Road by Maidstone Borough Council **will not** recommence on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 AM in Maidstone Town Hall as previously published by Maidstone Borough Council.

Due to a number of circumstances the public enquiry is now cancelled, and a fresh enquiry may be called sometime next year.

An update will be published when more information is available

**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

## **Tony King -- Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The Parish Council are very sorry to announce that Tony King has decided, for personal reasons, to resign as a Parish Councillor.

Tony was a member of the Parish Council for about seven years, where he held the role of Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. As such he has given much of his time to serving the Parishioners of Boughton Malherbe.

As a Parish Council we have benefited from Tony's experience, we are sorry that he has resigned and we are most grateful for all his help and input over the time that he has been a Councillor. We wish Tony and Chris a long and happy retirement

**Robert Turner**

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council - Vacancy**

Following the resignation by Tony King from the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council there is now a vacancy for a new member to be Co-Opted. Either the Parish Clerk or myself would be interested in hearing who might wish to become a member of the Parish Council

**Robert Turner**

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

12th November, 14th January 2019, 11th March 2019.

## **Urgent Road Closure – Woodcock Lane Grafty Green – from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for up to 2 days**

The road will be closed at Woodcock Lane, Grafty Green.

The alternative route is via Coldbridge Lane and onto Headcorn Road.

This is to enable repair works to be carried out by Kent County Council.

## **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

## Curry Night

There will be a Curry night at the Kings Head Grafty Green pub on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in aid of Macmillan Nurses for the help they gave to Margaret Neaves

There will be 2 different types of Curry , Rice and Poppadoms

Please contact The Kings Head on 01622 850259 if you wish to come.

Donations only

## Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

There have been two Planning Committee Meetings recently. There is not enough space in this issue of the magazine to publish the minutes. They can however be read on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council website - [www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk/](http://www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk/) Click on Parish Council, then on Minutes.

## Maidstone Business Networking news

Business Networking event Tuesday 16 October 6.10pm Cobtree Manor Park Golf Course, Blue Bell Hill ME14 3AZ- **Helping Business.** Neil McClean - Information Services Librarian Kent County Council Information Services

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Please arrive at 6.10pm, networking starts on arrival, presentation 6.30 for 20 to 30 minutes, organised networking resumes and finishes at 8.30pm. New or one off attendees and members of the public are welcome. Your first visit is free. **YOU MUST** register your attendance by email to [doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk](mailto:doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk) or by phoning 01622 820841



## Kent Association of Local Councils

You may recall that at the beginning of this year we sent out the e-mail below regarding Kent Police's new pilot Community Policing Volunteer project in West Division.

Kent Police is now undertaking a force wide recruitment campaign for Community Policing Volunteers – please see the attached link for further details

<https://www.kent.police.uk/jobs-recruiting-now/community-policing-volunteer/>.

**Terry Martin**

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**Broadstone area Bird Watching:** Recently I have been delighted by a regular visit of a barn owl appearing around 7pm and quartering the field between Myrtle House and the Pig and Whistle. The Barn owl is not the only new visitor; sightings of a cormorant and a little egret are visiting the new lakes at Judges Farm, herons have also nested and have been quite vocal and so have the buzzards which have also bred successfully this year.

**Sue Burch**

## Village Hall News

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With our summer fete behind us (on which subject, please see Carol Hulm's piece in this magazine), our thoughts turn to future events in the Village Hall.

The next happening will be the annual **Harvest Supper**, organised jointly by St.Nicholas Church and the Village Hall Committee, and this is to be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Tickets are available now from the Grafty Green Post Office Stores. You're very welcome to come along to this informal event, involving food, drink and nattering with friends, whether or not you are a church-goer. If you're new to the area it's a great way to meet folk and get to know more about the village.

Then, on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, it's our regular pre-Christmas **craft fair**. If you've been before you'll know that it features the work of some first-class local artisans offering hand-made food and non-food items at very reasonable prices. So, for a unique gift, or just to stock up with home-made pickles, do come along.

The following weekend, on **Saturday 1 December**, is our ever popular village winter **quiz night**. Tickets are not yet available, but do note the date and watch this space next month for how to get your hands on some tickets.

And...breaking news...it looks very likely that on **Thursday 27 December** the Grafty Village Hall will host its first **professional panto**! Yes, we're buying in a professional production of '**Robinson Crusoe**', a family friendly performance with all the usual singing, dancing tom-foolery and audience participation. So, if you were thinking of booking a panto this year, look no further than your local village hall! Further details next month, but **note the date**!

Now, is there anybody out there who would like a **free piano**? A fine upright piano has stood in the village hall, much-loved, but un played for far too long. It needs an owner who will use it (and, frankly, we need the space in the Hall where it presently stands!) so let me know if you can give it a good home.

And talking of increasing storage space in the Hall, I mentioned last month that we were considering extending the gents' loos and using the extra space for the storage of our tables. An alternative, cheaper, idea now put forward is to create storage space in the gents' toilet area by simply eliminating the urinals. A variation on the plan involves having just one unisex WC in each of the present toilet areas (one of which would be wheel-chair accessible). **We'd welcome your views on these ideas.**

Do get in touch with me if you would like any further information about the above, or the proposals I mentioned last month for a re-design of the kitchen. This is your Hall, and your input would be very much welcomed.

*Richard Pilborough*, Hall Committee Chairman.

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## October Music Notes

A very good selection of local concerts this month, and there are more if you look around. Do check with your local church for there are often local fund-raising concerts of remarkably good quality which don't reach my usual sources. Here is the list:

**Saturday 13th October**, 7.30pm at The Church of St John the Baptist, Wrotham Rd, Meopham DA13 0AA, The Kent Chamber Choir have a gala concert of opera favourites, to raise funds for the Kath Topping Vocal Award. Tickets 07376 425780 or at the door.

Alternatively, **Saturday 13th October**, 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's opening concert for the season includes Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No.1, featuring Michael Petrov, and Mussorgsky/Ravel version of Pictures at an Exhibition... Tickets 07817 429143 or at the door

**Saturday 20th October**, 7.30pm at the Church of St James the Great, Church Walk, East Malling, Kent ME19 6AG, East Malling Singers will perform Handel's ever popular Messiah. Tickets 01622 750943 or at the door.

**Friday 26th October** 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, a concert by the Attard Zeriba Duo from Malta, under the aegis of the Sutton Valence Music Society. Programme includes works by J S Bach, Tchaikovsky and Iturraide.. Tickets at the door for non-members.

**Sunday 28th October**, at 4.00 p.m. at St George's Church, Church St, Gravesend DA11 0DJ, the Maidstone Singers join with Notability and Front Room to present a concert entitled "Three choirs, one voice". Tickets at the door or from members.

My usual advanced source of TV info is not available as I write this, so I will fall back on my standby reminder that on Wednesday afternoons at 3.30 radio 3 broadcasts Choral Evensong, from a different location each week. It is usually repeated at 3pm the following Sunday. These broadcasts are not just acts of worship, but performances of the cream of British church music- very well worth listening to.

Musician's dictionary item: **Klavierstück**: A term used by German furniture removers attempting to get a piano through a narrow doorway.

**Brian Hardy**

## The Great Leeds Book Sale

Following last year's success the annual Great Leeds Book Sale will be held early again this year - **on Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 4.00pm to 8.30pm and Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 2.30pm at St. Nicholas' church Leeds.** We are repeating the opening on Friday evening for those who can never make Saturday mornings – last year many people said they found it helpful. 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.

For sale of this size we obviously need and get support

from a wide area and it has now become a major local attraction – it is not just for Leeds residents. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you browse. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 20th or 21st or indeed both! If you like handling and exploring books, and would be interested in helping with setting out the books in the week before the sale, do let us know (see phone number below).

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 or old text books – 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](mailto:bjhardy@theiet.org). Otherwise, just come along!

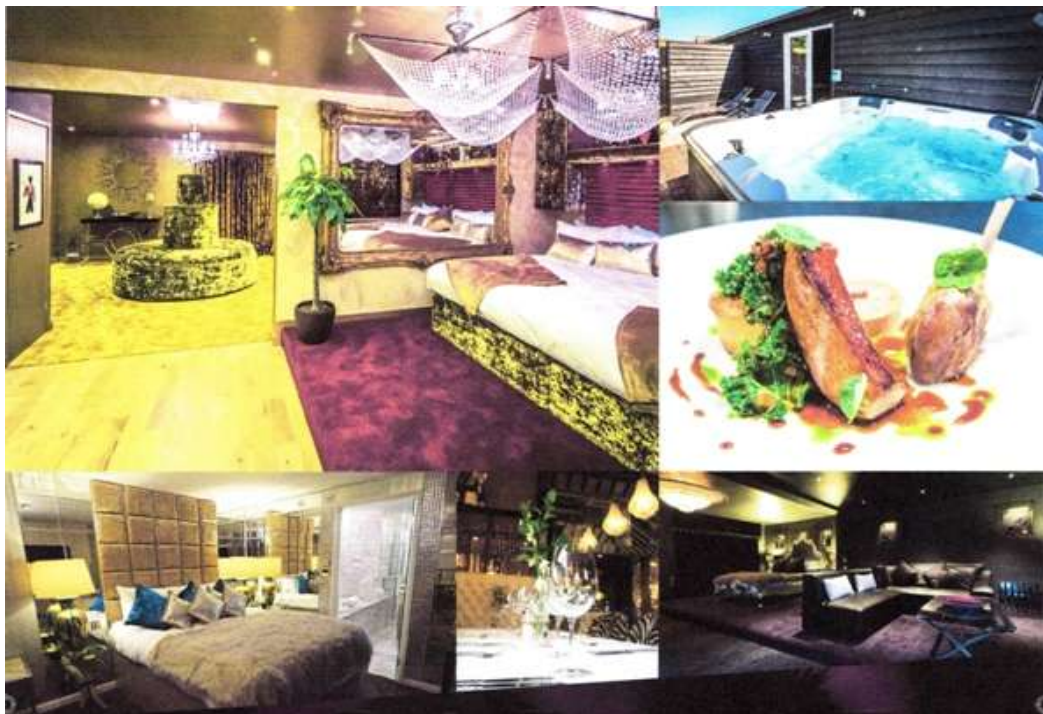


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As we lead into Autumn don't miss out on these dates for the diary, only at the Who'd A Thought It.

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There are many products available, some of them are free, some offer additional services which you may need to pay a monthly premium, so make sure you read all the terms and conditions and check that there are no hidden costs that you are not expecting.

Google Password Managers to get the most up to date information on what is available.

If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com)

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Practice	Public	Major	<b>General</b>
2	Crisp	Couch	Hot	
3	Special	Large	Film	
4	Estate	Park	Wash	
5	Family	Sleeve	Stamp	
6	Water	Rock	Beef	
7	Rugby	Trade	Monetary	
8	Bottle	Polo	Line	
9	Paint	Elbow	Gun	
10	Ball	Income	Curtain	
11	Main	Test	Slip	
12	Television	Plate	Fee	
13	Missing	Second	In	
14	Football	Spirit	Mate	
15	Tennis	Spoon	Bird	
16	Passive	Jacket	Gun	

	Find the missing word?
1	____ Haley, Rock n Roll singer whose backing group were his Comets
2	Kym _____, Corrie actress who used to be in the band Hear'Say
3	_____ Bisset, Actress who appeared in Bullitt & Day for Night
4	The _____ Bride, Fantasy comedy featuring Cary Elwes
5	Halle _____, Oscar winning star of Monster's Ball
6	_____ of the Century, 1970's game show with Nicholas Parsons
7	Suzanne _____, Singer who sang Luka and Tom's Diner
8	_____ Kay, Comedian
9	Laurel ____ _____, Comedy duo
10	_____ Triangle, Mysterious sea



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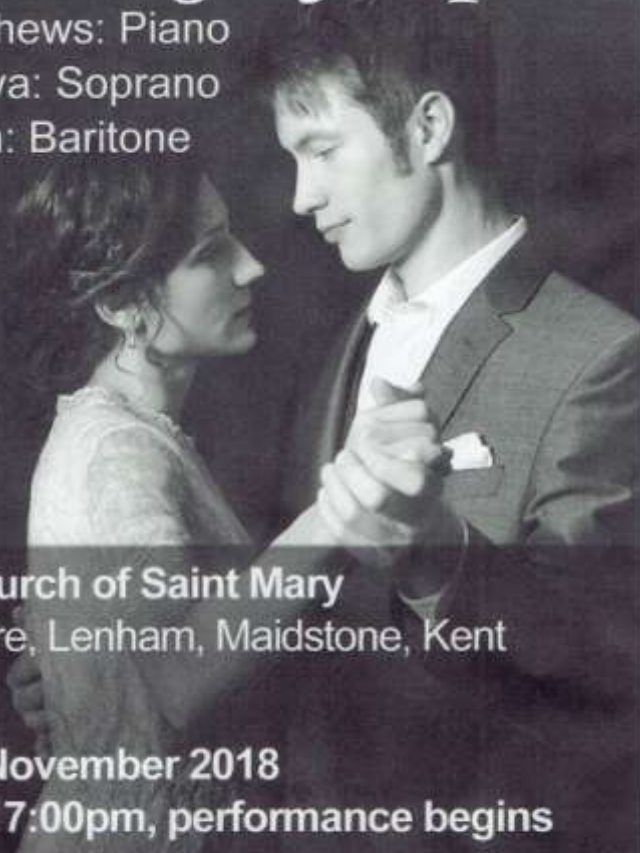


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## Christian Message October 2018

What an emotional roller-coaster the summer was for us all:

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We held our breath as 12 boys and one man were trapped in a cave in Thailand;  
We cheered or grimaced as Mr Trump arrived in England;  
We despaired as our favourite plants wilted under the blazing sun.

For me it was all the more a nail-biting time as my old job came to an end; I had to attend four interviews and my beloved cat went missing for eight days.

However serious or trivial, all these things affect our sleep, concentration or countenance, to a greater or lesser extent. A friend of mine claims that football did 'come home' because it United us as a nation during a time of 'Brexit' turmoil. Whether or not you agree, the international cave rescue effort certainly brought joy and hope, despite one tragic fatality.

On a personal level, throughout the job-hunting process, I prayed that, if I threw lots of balls in the air, God would show me what He wanted by whatever came down, presenting a result that showed the way forward. I admit to several restless nights before the job interviews and asking several friends to pray on my behalf, which they did, and for which I am really grateful.

Whatever our situation, it is important to sit, pray, listen to God and reflect, not muddling that with what our own selfish ends are dictating. Even then we sometimes need to consult wise counsel to be sure that our actions are in His name, and not our own.

As Psalm 139 tells us, God knows us better than we know ourselves. This is embarrassing and painful at times but it means we can rely on Him and that we are always in His care.

**Pamela Cuerden**

### Focus on Faith

The next Bible Day for women will be held in Ryarsh village hall from 9.15am to 2.15pm on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a small charge of £10 and this includes drinks, soup and a sandwich lunch. **Lizzy Smallwood** will be the speaker and she will talk about 'Life Saving Surgery' based on the letter from James.

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**Tuesday 16 January**

**John Moore**

*Education in India: challenge and opportunity*

**Tuesday 20 March**

AGM 7.30pm followed by

**Mrs Mary Smith**

*A Schoolgirl's War*

**Tuesday 17 April**

**Steve Hookins**

*Woolwich Women at War*

**Tuesday 15 May**

**Dr Marc Morris**

*Bad King John*

**Saturday 16 June**

**Trip to Greenwich**

**Tuesday 10 July**

**Evening outing to Elham**

**Tuesday 18 September**

**Simon Elliott**

*From Ragstone to Riches*

**Fri 14 – Sunday 16 September**

**Weekend trip**

**Tues 16 October**

**Patsy Erskine-Hill**

*The fire that took hold - printing, literacy  
and bookselling in early Renaissance Venice,  
the book capital of the world for 100 years*

**Tuesday 20 November**

**Melanie Gibson-Barton**

*Wandering in Flanders Fields*

**Tuesday 18 December**

**Imogen Corrigan**

*Powers behind the throne – the women  
of the first millennium.*

***The Len Valley Benefice***  
***Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe***  
**Sunday/Main Services – October 2018**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Communion)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship

6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong –

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service

**Magic Show**

The next Messy Church will be held on  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm to 6pm  
in Harrietsham School

COME with the whole family  
There will be refreshments  
& A GUEST MAGICIAN

*For more details ring 01622 850604*



## Emergency and Help Contact Details

Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies	<b>999</b>
Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO .....)	<b>101</b>

Ambulance 999 note: an **aed** 'public access **defibrillator**' is sited and available 24/7 at the premises (in porch) of A.W. Court in Headcorn road. Ambulance 999 control centre will give 999 callers the lock code, if appropriate, to access the **defibrillator**.

First Aid Support – when **an ambulance has been called using 999** - Interim emergency support (first aid and AED defibrillator), prior to arrival of paramedics / ambulance, may be available (not 24/7) by calling Chris Wheal on 07979 864929 -this is a voluntary 'good Samaritan' facility for residents. It is hoped a SECAMB (ambulance) community first responder scheme may start in future

NHS Medical Helpline	<b>111</b>
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	<b>0845 155 1000</b>
William Harvey Hospital	<b>01233 633331</b>
Headcorn Surgery	<b>01622 890294</b>
Lenham Surgery	<b>01622 858341</b>

Electricity (UK Power Networks)	
<i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i>	<b>0800 783 8866</b>
	<b>or 01243 508866</b>

Water	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>0333 000 0002</b>
Southern Water	Foul and Waste Water drainage/Flooding	<b>0330 303 0368</b>
Calor Gas	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>08457 444999</b>
KCC	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>03000 41 41 41</b>
	<i>Highways</i>	<b>03000 41 81 81</b>

KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	<b>07969 583923</b>
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	<b>07773 397125</b>

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

R.S.P.C.A	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>0300 1234 999</b>
Vet	<i>24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service</i>	<b>01622 734555</b>

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Practice	Public	Major	General
2	Crisp	Couch	Hot	Potato
3	Special	Large	Film	Extra
4	Estate	Park	Wash	Car
5	Family	Sleeve	Stamp	Album
6	Water	Rock	Beef	Salt
7	Rugby	Trade	Monetary	Union
8	Bottle	Polo	Line	Neck
9	Paint	Elbow	Gun	Grease
10	Ball	Income	Curtain	Net
11	Main	Test	Slip	Road
12	Television	Plate	Fee	Licence
13	Missing	Second	In	Person
14	Football	Spirit	Mate	Team
15	Tennis	Spoon	Bird	Table
16	Passive	Jacket	Gun	Smoking

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	<b>Bill</b> Haley, Rock n Roll singer whose backing group were his Comets
2	<b>Kym Marsh</b> , Corrie actress who used to be in the band Hear'Say
3	<b>Jacqueline</b> Bisset, Actress who appeared in Bullitt & Day for Night
4	<b>The Princess</b> Bride, Fantasy comedy featuring Cary Elwes
5	<b>Halle Berry</b> , Oscar winning star of Monster's Ball
6	<b>Sale</b> of the Century, 1970's game show with Nicholas Parsons
7	<b>Suzanne Vega</b> , Singer who sang Luka and Tom's Diner
8	<b>Peter Kay</b> , Comedian
9	<b>Laurel and Hardy</b> , Comedy duo
10	<b>Bermuda</b> Triangle, Mysterious sea



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