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Front Cover: The wares for sale in the Eco Shop at Boughton Malherbe Parish Church. Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Good news.

This month we have celebrated services and events which felt almost back-to-normal. In some respects, they may be the 'new normal', with face-covering, hand sanitising and social distancing still being encouraged. None of these seem a great hardship if lives, livelihoods and the NHS are protected.

Looking forward to the booster jabs next week and giving thanks for the many who have already had them.

The Church Porch. An ongoing reminder that the porch is always open for all who need shelter or quiet time, though the main church building is open only for weekly services. Anyone who wishes may obtain a key from the churchwardens at any other time. Their contact details are elsewhere in the magazine or on the porch noticeboard.

Please avoid the West Door and tower area for the time being. Repairs to the fallen masonry are in hand.

Celtic Morning Prayers are said at 8.45-9.15am each Monday in the side chapel. Please contact Rev. John Huggins or the churchwardens at any time, if you have prayer requests. Prayers will be said at Monday morning prayer time or in private if you wish.

Other services are accessible. The Church of England has links to regular services and daily prayers, including Morning Prayer from the Canterbury Cathedral garden with the Dean. This is readily available on Facebook and a wonderful start to the day.

Services for November

7th 9.30am Communion

14th 10.30am Remembrance Sunday

21st 9.30am Communion

28th 11am Benefice service (venue to be announced)

Harvest Festival took place on 10th October. We had almost as many people joining in as we are allowed safely (with social distancing), which made for a real celebration. The auction of produce raised £160 for Demelza House children's hospice and 6 large boxes of non-perishable food were delivered to Maidstone Homeless Food Bank. Many thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church and gave so generously. It was good to be able to offer refreshments safely for those who could stay.

The Crafty Grafty Christmas Fair on 27th. We are looking forward to having a stall at the Fair, with handmade items etc. Am already getting to work with needles, crochet hooks and fabrics, anyone else fancy joining in? St. Nicolas eco-church products will also be on sale. More on that from Vanessa.

Funeral. On 5th October at Charing Crematorium, we said farewell to Rev. Tony Old with a service of celebration of his life, led by the Rev. David Doonan. We heard tributes and special memories from Joan Drury and others, giving a warm appreciation of his ministry and life, with special mention of his untiring support and work for the Deaf Society.

Thank you to all who help in so many ways to keep St.Nicolas alive and thriving in this community. There are those who clean, polish, tidy, sweep, weed, wind the clock, make coffee, make jams, cakes and biscuits, decorate and bring flowers, are welcoming to everyone who visits, who give time and expertise in caring for its future, its finances, its place in our midst, support its hospitality and events and its charitable giving, for St.Nicolas is there as a 'rock' of hope and love for each person in this community and beyond.

If any one would like to give a little of their time and skills and join in, you would be most welcome! We do laugh a lot (and cannot always reach the cobwebs).

Sally Alexander

Boughton Church Eco Shop November

Thank you to all of you who have come to support the Eco Shop in the last few months. So far, thanks to you, we have made around **£130 pounds** profit which will be shared between the Church, Kent Wildlife Trust and Tree Aid. More importantly though we hope to have encouraged more people to use ecologically friendly products, reduce plastic waste and of course eat chocolate to help the mountain Gorillas of Virunga National Park. We have also loved sharing tea and cake with you once a month after evensong at 4:30. This community event is something we would like to continue on a monthly basis. However, this month on Remembrance Sunday the shop will be open in the morning. We will be back to our afternoon tea and shop event in December. So, thank you for such a good start and please make it a routine to come back and re-fill! It was so encouraging seeing both new faces and old friends coming together and we have loved all the positive feedback and words of encouragement – Thank you!!

The Eco Shop is open after every church service and by demand every Wednesday from 3-5pm.

This means that the **opening times** for the eco shop are:

7th of November 10:30- 11 am

14th of November 11:30 – 12 after Remembrance Sunday

21st of November 10:30 – 11 am

Every Wednesday 3-5 pm (just briefly call me on 07889945396 beforehand)

As Sally mentioned we will also be at the Grafty Green Christmas Fair on the 27th of November.

As a reminder we currently stock:

Sylvia's homemade jam and **Sally's** homemade marmalade. (£2.50/£3)

Friendly Soap palm-oil free in a variety of scents (£ 2.25/ 95g bar)

Fill Ethical Laundry liquid (£ 0.55/100ml), Washing up liquid (£0.35/100ml), Rinse Aid (£0.35/100ml), Bathroom Cleaner (£0.35/100ml), Steel and Glass cleaner (£0.35/100ml)

Faith in Nature Shower Gel (£0.90/100ml), Shampoo (£1/100ml) and Conditioner (£1/100ml)

Virunga Park chocolate milk and dark (£3.80/100g bar) – more expensive but profits directly support the Virunga National Park Bean to Bar project, which employs many of the widows of rangers killed in the protection of wildlife.

Serious Tissues Loo roll (£ 0.80/roll) As far as we know the only recycled loo roll that is made in England and for every roll sold, **Serious Tissues** plants a tree!

All liquids come as refills so please either bring your own containers or pay a deposit and use one of our containers.

I hope to see you all soon and thank you again for your brilliant support so far.

With best wishes

Vanessa (and Lily)

Closure of the Village Shop in Grafty Green

An Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on the 11th October in the village hall. 44 residents attended the meeting and there was a clear majority in favour of taking community action to explore all options for a shop/post office in the village. It was decided to establish a community committee to take this work forward. It was also decided that a questionnaire would be distributed to collect residents views to inform the discussions of the committee. The Parish council would like to thank those who attended the meeting and also thanks to everyone who returned the completed questionnaires we will publish the results and progress of the negotiations to find replacements in the December issue.



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In the aftermath of our announcement of the shop closure and the Parish Council meeting a number of questions, comments and opinions have arisen and I thought it helpful to take this opportunity to provide further information which I hope will allow people to better understand both our actions and the challenges facing any future shop.

In part, it appears that much emphasis has been placed on the personal reasons for closure and not enough on the financial. The personal reasons relate to why we are having to take action now but having decided that we need to change our circumstances, it is the financial position of the shop that means that we have chosen the closure route rather than other options that the public, and indeed we, would have preferred.

The long-term trend is that most shopping is done with a supermarket and only small intermediary purchases are made more locally. This convenience trade, even coupled with the Post Office trade, is not sufficient in a village of approximately 400 people to support a shop operating commercially (The Post Office does not pay a full salary). That is why very few villages the size of Grafty Green have shops. It is only because some have chosen to spend more and that not all hours worked have been paid, that the shop has survived as long as it has.

The decline in number of people in this category along with other uncertainties such as future government subsidy of the Post Office mean that a shop in the Grafty Green position does not make for an appealing investment. If we were to sell as a business the likely outcome would therefore be that the purchaser will be a developer. The idea of separating the shop from the house suffers from the same problem - a lot of investment would be required with a significant chance of failure and little reward for success.

Both the pandemic and the reduction in open hours that it precipitated do not change that position fundamentally. Without this flexibility the shop may well have closed sooner not only because of staffing but as the shop is more profitable thereby. The boost in trade at the start of the pandemic was short lived.

Whilst we feel sympathy for those who are concerned about a future without a shop in the village, especially the few who have been supporting it at a level that might have made it sustainable, this must be balanced with our other considerations. Even when staffed by volunteers, a small shop will have great difficulties with viability due to wastage without sufficient turnover. A shop in a small community will not be able to offer the same range and prices as elsewhere. Those who try to organise a shop for the future undertake a challenging task -- it will not succeed unless it is supported, and supported at a level probably greater than picking up convenience purchases forgotten at the supermarket.

Nicholas Eastwood

Village Hall News

Frog Racing

I am pleased to report that we held our Frog Racing evening at the hall which was well supported with much excitement and enjoyment had by all. The event raised £601.50 for the hall which will be used to help with both the cost of further renovations and to meet the cost of future events. I would personally like to thank our sponsors who generously supported the event:-

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Craft Fair – Saturday 27th November 2021 10 am to 2 pm

We will be holding our Annual Craft Fair at the hall from 10 am to 2pm on Saturday 27th November where you can purchase a variety of handmade crafts such as jewellery, cards and many other handmade items whilst enjoying tea and cake and a catch up with your friends in the village. The fun doesn't stop there for our friends at Ulcombe Village Hall will be holding their Christmas Fair on the same day from 2pm, so you can take the short hop over to Ulcombe to complete your shopping in the afternoon!

Christmas Quiz Saturday 4th December 2021 from 7.30 pm

I am also pleased to advise you that our Christmas Quiz will be returning at 7.30 pm on Saturday 4th December when your host for the evening Richard Pilborough resplendent in his pink suit and ably assisted by his elves will test your knowledge. There is sure to be much banter, backchat and terrible jokes together with a ploughmen's meal and a pay bar, it will be an eventful evening with lots of fun. There will be teams of 8, but don't worry if there are not eight in your party we can find you a team to join on the night. Tickets are £8 per person and are available either from the Post Office or directly from Richard on 01622 844648.

Panto Dick Whittington 4 pm Saturday 29th January 2022

We are pleased to welcome back Gerry Graham's Touring Panto's again at 4pm on Saturday 29th January and this year they will be performing Dick Whittington. Many of you will remember their excellent performance of Jack and the Beanstalk last time they visited the hall prior to lockdown so we are looking forward to another afternoon of fun and audience participation. Tickets are available either from the Post Office, myself on 01622 851351 or will be available at both the Craft Fair and the Quiz Night.

The cost will be unchanged at £10 for an adult, £5 for a child or a family ticket for two adults and two children will be £25.

Cathy Hill's New Art Class – 1 pm to 3 pm Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Cathy Hill a local professional artist has kindly agreed host an art class at the hall between 1pm and 3pm on Wednesday the 3rd November. This will be a taster session and the charge will be £15 for a two-hour session. If there is enough interest Cathy will host a regular weekly art class at the same time every week thereafter.

Examples of Cathy's work can be viewed online at

www.facebook.com/cathyhillartispag Cathy will provide any materials that are needed for the taster session. Please let me know on 01622 851351 if you would like to attend.

Short Mat Bowls Club – Tuesday Afternoons at the Hall between 2 pm and 4.30 pm

The Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club are looking for new members – if you can play that is great, but if you have never played before you can easily learn with this friendly club. It provides good gentle exercise in a friendly environment; you just need to wear flat soled shoes all the equipment you need can be provided. If you would like to give it a try please either telephone Joan on 01622 858100 or come along to the hall on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm when you would be welcome to join in.

Jon Thompson
Grafty Green Village Hall

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

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Village Hall

Saturday 4th December

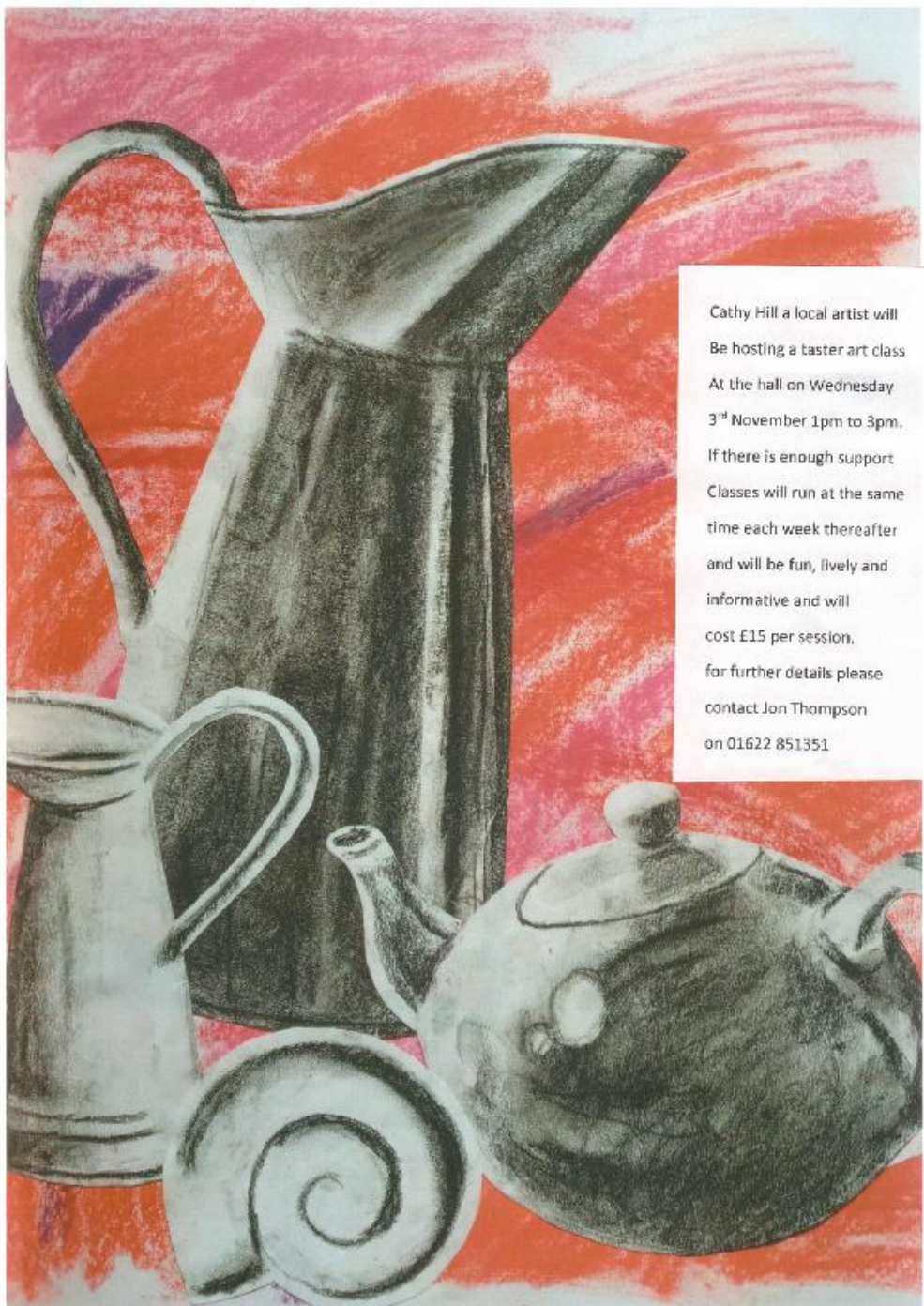
Doors open 7.30pm
Quiz starts at 8.00

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(Ticket price includes ploughman's-style supper)

Up to 8 people per team



Cathy Hill a local artist will
Be hosting a taster art class
At the hall on Wednesday
3rd November 1pm to 3pm.
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informative and will
cost £15 per session.
for further details please
contact Jon Thompson
on 01622 851351

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Dick Whittington



Grafty Green Village Hall

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Monday and Thursday mornings at 9.30 and Wednesday evenings at 7

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To join my classes call me on 07803 962339 or email on
graftyyoga@gmail.com

A Local Guided Walk – 6th November with Sue Burch

I am leading a 3-mile walk leaving the village green at 9.45am; there are a number of stiles and an incline leading to the Greensand Way plus spectacular views over the weald. I will be on the green from 9.30 to greet anyone who wants to join me.

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59 BUS SERVICE

On and from Monday 1st November, the 59-bus service will be operated by Nu-venture under contract to Kent County Council, rather than by Arriva. However, on schooldays only, Arriva will continue to operate the 0643 89 service from Grafty Green to Maidstone and the 1612 return 59 service from Maidstone.

The timetable is basically unchanged which means it is still primarily a feeder service to and from Sutton Road, Morrisons, requiring a change of buses to travel to and from Maidstone Town Centre. One significant alteration is the retiming of the Mondays to Fridays 0925 service to now depart from Grafty Green at 0930, thus ensuring that Senior Citizens passes can be used.

There has also been a significant reduction in adult and child day return fares for travel from the communities only served by the 59, which means that, for example, the adult day return fare from Grafty Green to Maidstone will now be **£4-90**. The through ticketing arrangements to and from Maidstone Town Centre will continue despite two operators being involved.

The service will be under constant review but comments I have already received suggest a strong preference for reverting to a through service to the town centre. Any comments are welcome at any time – they can be sent to wjcollins@btinternet.com – but the next meeting of the East of Maidstone Transport Group, on which I represent Boughton Malherbe Parish Council, has been called for 22nd November so any comments before that date would be particularly useful.

Apart from the impact of any road closures, something that is outside the operator's control, I am very confident that the new operator will generally provide a much more reliable service.

As with most things, of course, the message is **use it or lose it**, so why not at least try it out!

John Collins

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone Transport Group

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Lenham Film Club
at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way

Friday November 12th
Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm

Music, romance, comedy! What better than **Yesterday** (PG13) to cheer the bleak days of November? When struggling song-writer Jack Malik, played by Himesh Patel, awakes after an accident, he wows his friends by singing 'Yesterday'. Thanks to a global hitch in time, the Beatles and their music are new to them, and he acquires world fame by playing and singing their songs as though they were written by him. But his childhood sweetheart Ellie, played by Lily James, isn't happy...

Director Danny Boyle. Running time 1hr 56 minutes.

For more information, please check out our website (www.lenhamfilmclub.org), follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub) or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com. Perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

Admission: members £4, non-members £5

Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

Music Notes for November 2021 – B Hardy

At last, the programme of local amateur concerts is back to full strength. I am able to revert to providing a list which will keep you entertained for much of the month. Check the timings – some artists seem reluctant to add the time to their publicity so you will have to buy a ticket perhaps to find out when it starts! Anyway, here is the list:

***Sat Nov 13th**, in Holy Cross Church, Bearsted ME14 4EE, Bearsted Choral Society's first concert of the season is of Mozart's Requiem Mass and Joseph Haydn's Little Organ Mass. Tickets at the door or via tickets@bearstedchoral.org.uk

***Sat Nov 20th**, in All Saints' Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, The Maidstone Singers are joining forces with the Central Band of the Royal British Legion to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Royal British Legion. The concert will include Sir Karl Jenkin's The Armed Man – a moving Mass for Peace. Tickets contact: tickets@themaidsingers.org.uk

***Sun Nov 21st**, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, Sutton Valence Choral Society perform Fauré's Requiem and several works by Handel. Tickets 01622 861313

***Sat Nov 27th**, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone ME15 7RN, Maidstone Symphony orchestra's second concert of the season features French oboist Olivier Stankiewicz in Mozart's Oboe Concerto. The concert also includes works by Rossini and Brahms. Tickets Phone 0333 666 3366.

***Sat Dec 4th**, 4.00pm at All Saints' Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, Maidstone Choral Union will hold an afternoon Christmas concert which will include Wassail by Alexander L'Estrange and Carols for choir and Audience. Tickets from mcuconertmansager@gmail.com or at the door.

If you are unable to get out – and I know some of us are still self-isolating – remember BBC radio 3 provides a quality afternoon concert every weekday at 2.00pm. It lasts till 5pm every weekday except Wednesday, when choral evensong takes over at 3.30pm. There is a further concert broadcast from a leading concert hall at 7.30pm every weekday.

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

	Find the missing word?
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Grafty Gourmet

This pork dish is guaranteed to be juicy and tender. A great roast for a Sunday or for those cold nights. Serve with potatoes & vegetables of your choice.

Roast Pork Loin with Apples

For the pork:

1 boneless pork loin roast (approx. 1.5kg)
4 cloves of garlic
2 teaspoons of salt
½ teaspoon of freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons of olive oil
2 Granny Smith apples, quartered
1 large onion, cut into eighths
2 tablespoons of unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
2 fresh rosemary sprigs
2 fresh sage sprigs
¼ cup of maple syrup

For the green apple sauce:

1 medium Granny Smith apple, cored and quartered
½ teaspoon of freshly grated lemon zest
1 tablespoon of freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 small garlic clove, grated
¾ teaspoon of finely chopped fresh mint leaves
¾ teaspoon of finely chopped fresh sage leaves
½ teaspoon of finely chopped fresh parsley leaves
½ teaspoon of finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves
¼ teaspoon of salt
¼ cup of olive oil

1. Heat the oven to 180 degrees. Make garlic paste:- Cut off the stem end of the garlic cloves. Coarsely chop the garlic, then sprinkle with the salt. Hold the blunt side of the knife with both hands, to flatten. Use the knife to create a small garlic and salt pile, then press again. Repeat this process a few more times until you have a smooth paste. Sprinkle the pepper over the paste.
2. Score the pork skin and rub the garlic paste evenly all over. Set aside at room temperature for half an hour.
3. Brown the pork loin on all sides:- Heat the oil in a 10- to 12-inch pan over a medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the pork and sear on all sides until it's deep golden-brown and easily releases from the pan, 4 to 6 minutes per side. Once all sides have browned, transfer the pork loin to a plate.
4. Add the butter, onion, apples, and herbs to the pan. Turn off the heat, but keep the pan on the stove. Transfer to a roasting dish and scatter the apples, onion, butter, rosemary, and sage. Drizzle with the maple syrup. Add the pork loin and any juices to the roasting dish. Nestle the browned pork loin on top of the onion, apples, and herbs, and pour in any accumulated juices from the plate. Roast the pork loin for 1 hour.
5. Make the green apple sauce while the pork roasts. Place the Granny Smith apple, lemon zest, lemon juice, garlic, mint, sage, parsley, rosemary, and salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the blade attachment. Pulse until finely chopped, 12 to 14 pulses, scraping down the sides of the bowl when necessary. Drizzle in the olive oil and pulse again until well mixed.
6. Check that the pork has cooked through and rest for 20 minutes. Slice the pork loin crosswise into ¾ inch thick slices. Serve the sliced pork with the onion and apple pieces. Drizzle with some of the pan drippings and the green apple sauce.

Platts Heath Primary School

The end of a very busy term

I write this from home during half term at the end of a very busy term. This term we have all worked and played so hard as if it was the first return to a school without restrictions on visitors and pupil mixing since before the pandemic.

Very sadly we lost one of our teachers this term. Miss Killick who died suddenly. This was a very hard time for pupils, staff and parents alike as she was a much liked and respected teacher as well as being the PE lead across the aspire federation.

Staff have provided support for the children whilst keeping the routine as normal as possible. To celebrate her life, we held a dress up day and disco for Halloween as this was her favourite time of the year.

Highlights to the term include our celebration of harvest and donation of food to a local food bank, an open invite to parents to attend our rewards assembly on a Friday, the reintroduction of after school clubs and the ability for children to all play and learn together again.

The children have completed some fantastic learning within their history topics this term, including some very creative homework. We look forward to all things Geography in term 2.

If you are interested in a place for your child at our lovely little school we are holding two open afternoons in the coming weeks. Please contact the school office for more details.

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher

Anyone for badminton?

A friendly badminton club meets at Ulcombe Village Hall every Friday from October to May and would welcome new members - of any age and any (or no) experience - for their new season, starting now.

Contact Alan Burch on 07780 661409 for more information.

(Regrettably, no formal tuition can be given and minors would need to be accompanied by an adult)

Grafty Green Gardening Club Programme 2021

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
5 th January	Cancelled	
9 th February	Sophia Adams	Boughton Hoard
2 nd March	Laura Brady	Vegetables & Herbs – Growing & Cooking
6 th April	Group Zoom 7.30	Flower Arrangements with a Spring Theme
Sat 8 th May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet	
4 th May	Visit to Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe	
1 st June	Visit to The Croft at Thurnham	
12 th June	Grafty Open Gardens	
6 th July	Visit to Godinton Garden	
3 rd August	Visit to Horton Farm	
7 th September	Chris Lane – Witch Hazel & Wisteria. Margaret Hoad Rose bowl – See below	
10/11/12 Sept	Weekend away in Herefordshire, Cotswolds Wildlife Park & Gardens, Moores Meadow Gardens, Stockton Bury Gardens,	
5 th October	Ian Gray (Mammal Society)	Hedgehogs
2nd November	Kevin Tooher – Pruning	
7 th December	Social supper	

On 2nd November we welcome back Kevin Tooher to give us some expert advise on the subject of pruning and the tools needed for the job. We also have a surprise for you that will give you a lasting legacy of our twenty-five-year milestone.

December 7th, this will be a social event with a shared supper plus a practical session to make a door wreath or table decoration for Christmas.

Planning for our 25th Anniversary year programme of events is well underway with a mixture of interesting talks that include some garden design ideas, the wilder side to your garden and some ideas on what to do with the unwanted visitors to your precious plants. We have planned the summer Garden Party in the village plus the weekend away! More details to follow.

Meanwhile in our gardens we can begin the winter pruning of deciduous trees, shrubs, hedges also fruit trees and bushes. Lift and store Dahlias and start off bulbs for Christmas. There is a check to be made of the bonfire heap for hibernating creatures

before lighting it. Birds are still to be seen bringing their young to our bird feeders and it is time to clear out bird boxes for them to shelter in on cold nights. Keep raking up falling leaves in dry weather, these can be used to make excellent soil conditioner, mulch, and ingredient in potting composts. In wet weather try to keep off your lawn altogether.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club



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Christian Message November 2021

Ancient church buildings abound in Kentish villages. Almost all of them are dedicated to one saint or another. Here in the Len Valley were are reminded of Mary in Lenham, John the Baptist at Harrietsham and Nicholas at Boughton Malherbe.

As a child I was confirmed in Graveney church which is dedicated to All Saints as is Ulcombe in the Len Valley. On November 1st the great hymn, 'For all the saints', will be sung in many churches.

What is a saint? According to the Oxford English Dictionary it is a word which is, among other things, used to describe a holy person; someone who is very virtuous; a member of the company of heaven. The saints are usually thought of as especially outstanding Christians; those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ.

I have no idea where the idea of calling a church building St John's or St Peter's came from or when the tradition began. If you do know PLEASE tell me! In his letters of teaching about faith the apostle Paul described Church members as SAINTS. Here are 2 examples. In Romans chapter 1 verse 7 and in his first letter to the Corinthian church he described them as 'God's holy people.' Similar words are used to open his letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul's letter to the Philippian believers begins, 'To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi.

Words change their meaning over the years and modern translations of the Bible tend to begin: 'to the church at'

Words may change but the original meaning of them does not vary much. Those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ are essentially the same as those to whom the apostle wrote many years ago. Many of our joys and sorrows are similar; our heartaches are the same and there is in all of us, I believe, the same desire to be faithful to the one who died for us and to obey his teaching .

So here, in the Len Valley churches WE are the Saints, all of us, God's holy people.

So here is a suggestion. Let's on November 1st pray in our homes for our fellow worshippers in the Benefice and for the growth of the Church in our nation. Paul's words from 2 Thessalonians 3:16 are relevant: ***Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you.***

Joan Drury

Len Valley Benefice November 2021

Everybody is welcome

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

Wednesday 3rd November

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 7th November

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

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

9.30am Ulcombe: Creative Service

11.00am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship *with Baptism*

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 14th November

10.15am Boughton Malherbe:

Remembrance Service

10.15am Harrietsham:

Remembrance Service

10.15am Lenham:

Remembrance Service

10.15am Ulcombe:

Remembrance Service

Lenham: Breakfast Church will be joining the market on this day.

Sunday 21st November

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

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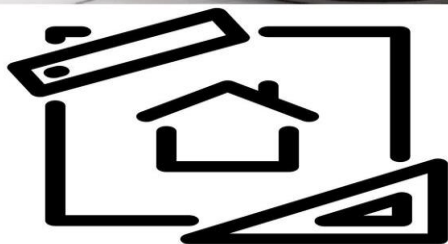
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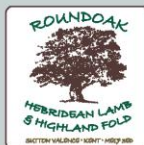
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