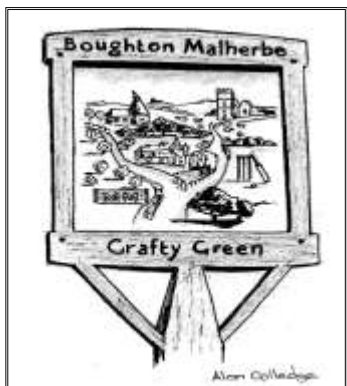


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**Front cover:** Four Alpacas on the loose recently near the church at Boughton Malherbe. Photo courtesy of Chris King

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Archdeacon's Visit:** On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am, a Benefice Service will be held at St. Nicholas at which the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Venerable Stephen Taylor, will dedicate our new kitchen and toilet facilities. This is the first date that could be arranged for the Dedication since the kitchen and toilet have been completed.

Please come and join us on what we hope will be a memorable day in the history of our parish Church.

**Morning Prayers** will be held at St. Nicholas this month as major works are being carried out at All Saints, Ulcombe for the next two months. This meeting takes place at 9.30a.m. and lasts about half an hour on Tuesday Mornings. If you would like to join us and pray for our parishes and the wider world, please just come along.

**Lent Lunches** were held this Lent in four homes in the Parish. The entrance was by donation and the grand total will be sent to Christian Aid as our contribution to Christian Aid week, which is held in May. We raised over £300, so many thanks are due to all those who supported these Lunches.

**Garden Club – Plant Sale:** St. Nicholas will be running the Cake Stall at the Plant Sale, which will be held on the Green on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Do come along and support both the Gardeners Club and the Church. We hope to have a variety of cakes and pastries for sale. If you would like to contribute to this by giving a cake or pie, we will be most grateful.

**Village Coffee Morning** will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30a.m. until 12 noon. We are collecting funds towards a fresh water supply for 4 small villages in Zambia which Tearfund are organising. Do come along and join us. We have coffee (or tea if you prefer) with fresh homemade cakes and scones. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you there.

**The Men's Breakfast** will be held at the Dog and Bear, Lenham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8 a.m. when a full English breakfast will be served at a cost of £8.50 per head plus the opportunity to hear a very interesting speaker. This is a Benefice wide venture - just let Dick Venn know if you would like to come on 01622 858195.

**Ladies Breakfast** - Starting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8.30a.m.-10.00a.m. a Ladies Breakfast will be held in the Community Centre Lenham. £4.00 includes a Continental Breakfast and a very interesting Speaker. For tickets contact Helen Venn on 01622 858195 or Mair Chantler 01622 859672. This too is a Benefice wide venture.

**Joan Davidson**

## Village Hall News

At our AGM last month, we welcomed a newcomer to our committee, Stefania Graziola (who was the inspiration behind our 'Italian Meal and Magic' evening at the end of March) and we said goodbye to Annie Henderson, who has served on the committee for the last two years and whom we sincerely thank for her past help and support. The committee now comprises myself, Sue Burch, Sarah Cutbill, Stefania, Carol Hulm, Margaret Neaves, Barbara Pearce, Sandra Pilborough, Jacky Simmons, Jacqui Thompson and Robert Turner.

The AGM agreed a number of expenditure priorities (see below) and also considered what future events we might run over the next year. We just don't have the resources at present to mount a major summer event like a fete (which we know many people would like) but we wondered whether a Treasure Hunt, by car or on foot, finishing with a bar-b-que, would be a fun thing to do in the fine weather. Do let me know what you think.

The 'Italian Meal and Magic' evening appeared to be enjoyed by everyone (even by the cooks responsible for turning out the 80+ anti-pastas, lasagnes and desserts!) and it was certainly a financial success, yielding a fantastic profit in the order of £800. This will help us do a number of things, including replacing our ageing (and broken) cooker and buying a large projector screen which will be permanently installed on the ceiling of the stage and able to be pulled down when required (a facility that more than one of our regular hirers have said they would find useful).

More fundamentally, though, we decided at the AGM to do away with the coin operated electricity meters in the Hall. This is a radical step, as the meters yield a worthwhile contribution towards our quarterly electricity bills, but users have said they find it inconvenient to have to find and feed-in 50p coins to use the heaters (and to have to guess how many to use). Also, several people have been confused as to why there are 2 meters and as to what operates off each.

Additionally, there has been a call for improved heating arrangements for the early morning yoga class, in particular. Although the recent roof insulation has helped to maintain heat in the Hall, it is not possible to start the heating process until someone arrives, with a pocketful of 50p coins, to switch on the heaters. Without pre-payment meters, however, we can install a programmer that will automatically bring on the heating prior to a class (or any other event) and automatically switch it off after a given time, or once the Hall is at a set temperature.

This will make the Hall much more user-friendly and efficient – but at a price. The proceeds from the Italian evening will help fund the removal of the meters and the installation of comprehensive controls, but the loss of income from the meters will be on-going. For this reason the committee decided at the AGM that we must raise the Hall hire fee once the meters are removed.

The fee has stood at a very low £6 per hour for some time and, quite apart from the need to recoup the loss of 'meter income', we believe that improvements made (and planned) to Hall facilities justify a modest increase in the fee to £7 per hour, for residents of the Parish and regular hirers (£8 per hour for most others). Given that this sum will include the cost of heating in future, we hope you will agree.

**Richard Pilborough**  
**Hall Committee Chairman**  
**Tel: 850484; email pilborough@graffty.plus.com**

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**The Honywood & Douglas Charity  
Lenham**

(Registered Charity No.211272)

The Trustees hereby give notice that the following almshouse accommodation is available:-

- A first floor flat comprising bedroom, sitting room, kitchen and bathroom at Douglas Court, Faversham Road, Lenham.
- A one bedroom bungalow comprising sitting room, kitchen and bathroom at Honywood Almshouses, High Street, Lenham.

Applicants must be 60 years of age or more, able to look after themselves and have lived in the Parishes of Lenham or Boughton Malherbe for at least two years.

Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary, as below, to reach her no later than 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

**Mrs. Pat Sutton,  
18 Headcorn Road,  
Platts Heath,  
Lenham,  
ME17 2NH**

**Ken and Eve Sweet  
extend a warm welcome to**

## **The Kings Head Grafty Green**

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



**Traditional Sunday Lunches**

**Fresh Fish Fridays  
Lunches and Suppers**

**Booking Advisable  
01622 850259**

**Children's Room      Beer Garden**

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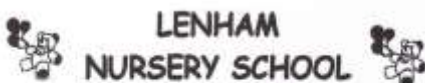
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In brackets are areas of specific interest, although all councillors are available for any matters relating to Boughton Malherbe.

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## **LENHAM NURSERY SCHOOL**

at Lenham Primary School,  
Ham Lane, Lenham.

The Nursery School is  
Ofsted Registered  
and a member of the  
Pre-School Learning Alliance;  
holds an excellent Ofsted Report  
and has validation to accept  
Early Years Funding.

*We're here to serve your needs.  
Why not call in to discuss  
your requirements?*

It's never too early  
to add your child's name to our Waiting List.

**Contact Sara Siddons**

**07967 128056**

Registered Charity No. 1041661

# **ARE YOU DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) AWARE?**

**a public access AED is now available in the village**

## **FREE TRAINING TAKING PLACE – VILLAGE HALL**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> 10am & 7pm : May 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm : May 31<sup>st</sup> 10am**

**SESSIONS WILL LAST 90 MINUTES**

**Reserve a Place : Chris Wheal 01622 858100**

**IF ADMINISTERED WITHIN 8 MINUTES OF ONSET  
CHEST COMPRESSIONS & DEFIBRILLATION  
CAN SAVE A CARDIAC ARREST CASUALTY**

***=BETTER TO LEARN BEFORE A REAL EMERGENCY=***



## **GRAFTY GREEN PLANT SALE ON THE GREEN SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY**



**10 – 12**

**VARIETY OF QUALITY HARDY PERENNIALS AND  
ORNAMENTAL GRASSES**

**plus much more!**

**TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES as  
well!**

## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden</b>	
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Plant Sale on Village Green</b>	
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh	
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham	
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest Park and Burghley House.	
August 5	The Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst	
September 2	Visit to Blackthorn Trust	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

Our Summer visits begin on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> with a visit to Old Frith Farmhouse at Otterden. This is a 3/4 acre NGS garden with wide ranging interesting and unusual plants. If you have not already put your name on the list please call Irene Ayling on (01622) 842507. Irene can also give you details about how to get there. To get to Frith Old Farmhouse from the A20 take Hubbards Hill and follow signs to Eastling. After 4 miles turn left signed Newnham/Doddington. Postcode is ME13 ODD.

There is also a Plant Sale on May 10<sup>th</sup>, do come!

Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along for the evening or to any of our meetings which are friendly and informal. For further details about the club or any other event please contact Sue Burch (01622) 850381 or Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526.

## Lenham Family Festival

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> in and around Lenham Community Centre

Refreshments, BBQ, Children's Games, Tug of War, WW1 Community singing, Stalls and lots of music to suit all tastes and much much more. - See posters around the area for more details.

Proceeds in aid of Demelza Hospice, Cancer Research UK & Alzheimer's Society



## Carriageway Repairs in Your Area

### Road Surface Treatment

**Liverton Street, Liverton Hill,  
Headcorn Road, Platt's Heath**



#### When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

This is to let you know that, as part of the on-going maintenance and improvement of the highway network, Kent County Council will be treating the surface of Liverton Street, Liverton Hill and Headcorn Road, Platt's Heath from its junctions Chain Gate Road to a point just past Woodcock Lane.

The Surface Treatment work will start on 16 May 2014 and should be completed in only 2 days. Working hours will be between 9.30am and 3.30pm. This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. We will also put up signs along the road before we start showing the date we plan to start work.

#### What we plan to do

We will use a product called 'Surface Dressing' to treat the road. Surface dressing is quick to apply, which means less disruption to road users, residents, local businesses and the emergency services. It is a cost effective way of prolonging the life expectancy of the road before any major repair works are required. It also benefits from having a low carbon footprint.

Surface dressing is applied directly onto the existing road in two stages. The first is the application of a hot binder which is sprayed onto the road surface and the second is the laying of chippings onto the binder. (Sometimes we lay 2 or more layers of chippings depending on the design). These layers seal the surface to prevent water penetration, restore texture and improve skid resistance. The carriageway is then rolled using a rubber wheeled roller. This is to ensure the chippings are properly embedded and stick into the binder permanently. The continued action of the traffic also helps to embed the chippings as well.

To make sure all the binder is covered with chippings, we lay enough onto the road to ensure a full covering, and to make certain there are no gaps. There will be some loose chippings left, which is quite normal, and consequently we erect 20mph speed limit signs to slow vehicles down as they pass over the new surface. These signs will be on site until the road has settled down and all programmed sweeps have been carried out.

Generally after seven days of the completion of the surfacing the road markings will be reinstated.

#### How you can help

During these essential works, it will be necessary to use a road closure, so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. Any pavements will remain open at all times. A signed diversion route will be via Lenham Road, Eastwood Road, The Street, Ulcombe Hill, Lenham Road and Headcorn Road.

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption, but we will try to keep these to a minimum. Access to properties will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property. If you have any particular access needs, please let the workforce on site know.

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality.

If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out, so the road is clear for us to resurface.

If you need more information, please call us on 03000 41 81 81

You can also visit our website [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways) to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads.

***For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.***

**Mondays to Fridays**

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339
Warmlake Corner	0717	0732	0950	1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356
Linton Corner	0737	0746	1003	1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	0804	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	0803	1019	1414
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0814	0814	1020	1415
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	0825	1031	1426

**Sundays & Public Holidays\***

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

**Saturdays**

59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	1604
0740	0937	1343	1611
0745	0942	1348	1616
0747	0944	1350	1618
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	1615
0759	0956	1402	1618
0802	0959	1405	1621
0807	1004	1410	1626
0811	1008	1414	1630
0815	1012	1418	1634
0820	1020	1426	1632

**CODES**

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Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

**Mondays to Fridays**

Service No	School Days Only		59
	59	59	
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	1745	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	1312	1652	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

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0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langley	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	1604	1834
0916	1322	1606	1836
0921	1327	1611	1841
0928	1334	1618	1848

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## Too Much Information? Oh No!

"I need a wheelchair. Where can I get one?" I had no idea until I visited the recent **Community Awareness** event organised by the Parish Council. The answer is the Red Cross. I had always pictured them helping sufferers of conflicts in places across the world but they have a base in Kent from which they help local people at times of crisis. So do contact them (0800 0280 831) for items including bed cradles, back rests, commode chairs as well as a wide range of wheel chairs.

I collected leaflets from several organisations including Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Kent Police, Brighter Futures, Voluntary Action Maidstone and CROP. The latter is an advocacy group new to me. They have an office in Lenham (01622 851200). Their staff are available to advise on consumer disputes, abuse, family conflict and the difficulties associated with moving into sheltered accommodation or residential care. Completing application forms for attendance allowances, disability allowances and so on are a nightmare but CROP staff will help.

Voluntary Action Maidstone (01622 756662) run a transport service for those who because of illness, frailty, age or disability cannot manage on public transport. There are costs. The charge for a journey of under 75 miles in Kent is 45p per mile plus a booking fee of £4.

I learned so much. I had no idea, for example, of the number of people who are victims of a variety of scams. A DVD shown by the charity THINK JESSICA ([www.thinkjessica.com](http://www.thinkjessica.com)) enlightened me.

Information about Maidstone Borough Council's plans for residential development was available and councillors encouraged residents to attend the presentation in Headcorn later in the day.

This was a valuable event for the community. There was opportunity to meet those involved in community life including councillors and KCC community warden Stuart Ellesmere. There was also an endless supply of tea served by Margaret Neaves and a box of Quality Street.

During the afternoon Joanne Harris of AW Court presented a defibrillator to KFRS Community Volunteer Chris Wheal. This will be located at AW Court and operational arrangements for it are being made and will be published as soon as possible.

**Joan Drury**

## Emergency and Help Contact Details

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

Note a 'Public Access Defibrillator' is sited and available 24/7 at A W Court's premises in Headcorn road. Only the ambulance 999 control centre is able to give the access lock code if appropriate.

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>
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>

## **Ulcombe C of E Primary School News**

I have been asked to use the following quote from Peter Titchener the chairman of Ulcombe Parish Council as the content of the school article this month:-

"Miss. Emma Hickling took over Ulcombe Church of England Primary School as executive headteacher in November 2013. She was already the headteacher at Kingswood primary school. Ulcombe school was vulnerable; it had falling standards and a falling roll. The staff were very supportive and we worked well as a team to improve the school rapidly.

In December 2013, the school was inspected by OFSTED and received a "requires improvement" judgement. This was a huge improvement on the grade the local authority had judged it to be in November 2013.

In January 2014, she also became the executive headteacher of Leeds and Broomfield Church of England Primary School, as the collaboration extended to include the third school. A collaboration of this type allows the leadership across the schools to strengthen, and the schools to be in a stable position. The executive headteacher is training to be an OFSTED inspector and a Kent Leader of Education.

Ulcombe School in April 2014

- Roll of 60 risen from 45
- Team good teachers
- Children who are making rapid and sustained progress
- Improving attendance
- Supported by the local authority
- Linked to a good local school and another church school
- Developing senior and middle leaders
- Strengthening governance

The school had a visit from HMI – her majesty's inspector, in April - to check on progress since the last OFSTED, progress was judged to be sustained and rapid

A letter will be published after this visit.

Ms Hickling has committed to be the executive headteacher for three years under the memorandum of understanding between the three schools"

## Curry & Quiz Evening

Kings Head Pub Grafty Green

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm

Meals £9 each, Vegetarian curry  
available

Phone 850259 to book



[www.pilgrimswayartists.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimswayartists.org.uk)

## THE PILGRIMS WAY ARTISTS

*Invite you to their*

**17th Annual Summer Exhibition**

**in Lenham village 14c Tithe Barn, Kent ME17 2QD**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May to Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**10am to 6pm daily - entrance & car parking free**

***(Late night 8pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Closes 4pm on 26<sup>th</sup> May)***

***30 local artists, potters and sculptors exhibiting over 300 works.***

***Illustrated catalogue of exhibitors £1***

**ARTISTS DEMONSTRATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 21st May**

**6:30pm to 9pm. Entrance £5 including refreshments**

***Come along and see the artists at their easels and discuss their work***

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**Members Craft Stalls Friday, Saturday, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 4pm**

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- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May with SMBA at The Weald of Kent Golf Club speaker Hilary Steel, Editor of Kent Women in Business Magazine
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July speaker Emily Chapman from Loud Monkey Social network update.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at The Oak in Charing. Speaker to be arranged.
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at The Dog & Bear, Lenham. Speaker to confirm.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at The White Horse. Speaker Helen Topliss, Business Advisor at Mid Kent College.

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2	Diamond	Shod	Sleeping	
3	Electric	Fan	Storage	
4	Head	Jack	Yellow	
5	Golden	Legs	Sight	
6	Best	Book	Newspaper	
7	Horn	Horse	String	
8	Bar	Carrion	Scare	
9	Dustbin	Eye	Skid	
10	Belt	Fingers	Grocer	
11	Free	Market	Rogue	
12	Album	Notes	Shirt	
13	Drinks	Notice	Time	
14	Book	Packing	Suit	
15	Friday	Humour	Will	
16	Fight	Fish	Swallower	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Brian _____, Actor who played Foggy Dewhurst in Last of the Summer Wine
2	The _____ of Hazzard, 70's, 80's American TV series
3	_____, The first name of Mr Hudson in Upstairs Downstairs
4	Anne _____, Actress who plays Deirdre in Corrie
5	_____ my Soul, A 1978 hit for Bob Marley and the Wailers
6	Diana _____, Emma Peel in The Avengers
7	_____ and Bernie Winters, Comedy partners and brothers
8	Richard _____, Late actor of The Good Life
9	_____, First name of Maggie Smiths character in Downton Abbey
10	John _____, Shep's owner on Blue Peter

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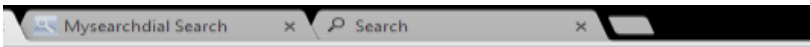
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# Grafty Geeks – Adware Remover

Have you ever accidentally downloaded internet browsers when downloading other applications and wondered where they came from eg: MySearchDial.

After downloading a useful application like WinZip or Skype you suddenly find when opening the normal Internet Browser (Google or Internet Explorer) you get additional tabs appear automatically eg:



These come as packages when you download other applications and are hidden in the download questions, so if you don't pay full attention and just keep clicking yes when accepting agreements you may accept something you didn't expect and will then find that the Internet Browser is behaving differently the next time you use it, which can be very annoying.

These are known as Adware and some can be viruses so you need to remove them. They can sometimes be very difficult to remove, especially MySearchDial, as it does not go away if you uninstall in the normal Control Panel, Programs and Features, Uninstall function.

Luckily there is a very useful tool that I found when this happened to me called Adware Remover. It's free, provided by a group called Techsupportall, is very efficient, quick and completely removes the offending Adware.

Search for it in your browser, download it and then select Scan and Repair. It takes about 10 mins in total and is well worth it.

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Membership is £10 a year, but visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

### Programme:

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May Talk by Bronwen Sadler on: *Gramps War: the History of the Great War.*

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May Outing to Greenwich – *Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Queens House and Royal Observatory*

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Jun Talk by Dr John Mercer on: *William Morris and the Red House*

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sep to Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sep First World War Remembrance trip

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Talk by David Debenham on: *The white colonial – Benefactor or Plunderer*

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on: *Researching the History of a House.*

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Talk by Geoff Hutchinson on: *What is Christmas? Exploration of Christmas folklore*

## Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of June 2014.

### Grafty Green

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

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1 red pepper - chopped	25g freshly grated parmesan cheese (optional)
225g fresh chorizo sausage - diced	
300g passata	

1. Preheat oven to 190 degrees C. Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil. Add pasta and cook for 8-10 mins or until al dente, drain and set aside.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large deep frying pan over medium/ high heat. Add the chicken and lightly brown on all sides. Add the red pepper and chorizo and cook for 5 minutes until the chorizo is hot and the chicken is no longer pink in the centre.
3. Add the chilli flakes and cook for 1 minute. Add the passata and cream, bring to a simmer over medium/high heat, then reduce heat to medium/low and simmer for 5 minutes, until the sauce has thickened.
4. Add the drained pasta to the frying pan and mix well. Spoon the mixture into an ovenproof dish, Add about a quarter of the cheddar and mozzarella mix and stir into the sauce mixture. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top. Bake in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes or when the top is golden.



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## Music Notes, May 2014

After a burst of concerts before Easter, not so many of our local organisations are performing in May, so I have had to spread my net rather more widely this month:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 8pm at Bradbourne House ME19 6DZ – East Malling Research Station Music Club are putting on a concert by piano virtuoso Junko Kobayashi. Programme includes Scarlatti and Beethoven sonatas and works by Debussy and Chopin. Tickets at the door. Info only 01732 843129
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May , 7.45 pm (doors open 7.00pm) at church of St. Mary the Virgin, Ashford – the award-winning vocal ensemble Voices8 perform a concert of *a capella* choral music. Tickets 0754 8679199
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at Mote hall, Maidstone – Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's last main concert of their season features works by Ravel and Gershwin, with pianist Tom Poster playing Ravel's *Concerto*. Tickets 01622 735830
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May-Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm (6.30pm on Saturday) at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks, Kentish Opera are performing Smetana's *The Bartered Bride*. Tickets 08456 432987

Don't forget that the final stages of Young Musician of the Year are broadcast on BBC 4 on Friday evenings, leading to the semi-final and final on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> respectively.

**Brian Hardy**

## Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting starting **at 7pm** followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting starting at approx **8pm**

The Agendas for both these meetings and the minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk



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## Christian Message - May 2014

### Dogs in a Manger!

Some readers may be surprised to learn that, even in these days of mobile phones, the public telephone box outside Grafty Green post office is used regularly.

Old fashioned coins are useless in this box. A card is the required currency. Not that this troubles the users for they are of the four-legged variety and, like HM the Queen, they do not carry money.

You have guessed it! They are dogs. I have even seen a queue. Tia, Holly and Toby are regular users. But why are they in a phone box? The reason is that they need a safe haven while their owners collect their newspapers and natter to other shoppers.

There is no discrimination. All dogs, whether pedigree or mongrel are welcome to relax in the box. They are safe. Even Gus, the adored shop cat, cannot get near them!

Reflecting on the canine goings on one morning it occurred to me that Christians like Tia, Holly, Toby et al have a safe place in which to take refuge.

Those who trust in Jesus know where to go to be safe. A place where everyone is welcome. Open the book of psalms and you will find details. Here are two examples: Psalm 31:1 *In you Lord I have taken refuge* and Psalm 46:1 *God is our refuge and strength*. Notice too, the words of Jesus, *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest* ( Matthew 11:28).

There are no KEEP OUT notices in God's kingdom nor is there discrimination of any sort. All are welcome. Do try this place of safety.

**Joan Drury**

### *All creatures great and small....*

Whether your pets are large or small they, accompanied by you of course, are warmly invited to the Len Valley Pets' Service in St Mary's Church Lenham on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Any enquiries to Rev Millie Hart on 01622 859753.

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5.30pm – 6.30pm Prayer and Worship  
in St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 4<sup>th</sup> May**

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy Communion

8am at St. John the Baptist,  
Harrietsham: BCP Holy Communion

9.30 at St. John the Baptist,  
Harrietsham: Family Worship

9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton  
Malherbe: Holy Communion

11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion

11.15am at All Saints,  
Ulcombe: Family Worship

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St. John the Baptist,  
Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Pet Service

11.15am at All Saint's, Ulcombe: Holy Communion

6.30pm at St. Nicholas Boughton  
Malherbe: Choral Evensong

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton  
Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am at St. John the Baptist,  
Harrietsham: Morning Worship

11.00am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion

11.15am at All Saint's, Ulcombe:  
Morning Worship

3pm at St. John the Baptist,  
Harrietsham: Rose Service

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

10.00am at St. Nicholas, Boughton  
Malherbe: Benefice Service with Holy Communion with dedication of kitchen and toilet by Archdeacon Stephen Taylor.

**Please note** that on Sunday 25th May 2014 there will not be a 8am Holy Communion service in St. Mary's Lenham or 6.30pm Informal Service in St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham

**Messy Church:** On May 17th, Messy Church will be joining with Harrietsham PTFA for their May Village Fair. Messy Church activities will be taking place throughout the day so come and find us on the Booth Field between 12. and 4pm. (And don't turn up at [4.pm](#) to the school as previously advertised!)

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Back	Down	Proof	Splash
2	Diamond	Shod	Sleeping	Rough
3	Electric	Fan	Storage	Heater
4	Head	Jack	Yellow	Hammer
5	Golden	Legs	Sight	Blind
6	Best	Book	Newspaper	Seller
7	Horn	Horse	String	Shoe
8	Bar	Carton	Scare	Crow
9	Dustin	Eye	Skid	Lid
10	Belt	Fingers	Grocer	Green
11	Free	Market	Rogue	Trader
12	Album	Notes	Shin	Sleeve
13	Drinks	Notice	Time	Serve
14	Book	Packing	Suit	Case
15	Friday	Humour	Will	Good
16	Fight	Fish	Swallower	Sword

	Find the missing word?
1	Brian Wilde, Actor who played Foggy Dewhurst in Last of the Summer Wine
2	The Dukes of Hazzard, 70's, 80's American TV series
3	Angus, The first name of Mr Hudson in Upstairs Downstairs
4	Anne Kirkbridge, Actress who plays Deirdre in Corrie
5	Satirise my Soul, A 1978 hit for Bob Marley and the Wailers
6	Diana Rigg, Emma Peel in The Avengers
7	Mike and Bernie Winters, Comedy partners and brothers
8	Richard Briers, Late actor of The Good Life
9	Violet, First name of Maggie Smith's character in Downton Abbey
10	John Nokes, Sheep's owner on Blue Peter



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