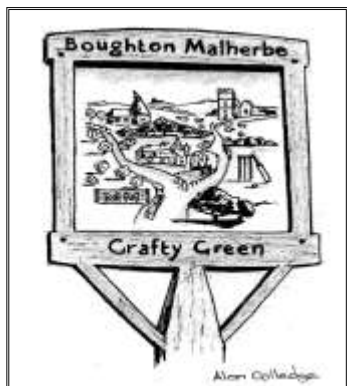


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Anything for the **September** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th August**

Front cover: Morris dancers performing recently at the Kings Head Pub Grafty Green

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning prayers during the August holiday season prayers will be said at St.. John the Baptist Church Harrietsham on 7th, 14th, and 21st August and will resume at St. Nicholas in September on the first Tuesday of the month at 9.30a.m.

Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th August at 10.30-12.00 noon. Freshly made coffee homemade cakes and scones will be on offer; donations will be gratefully received and sent to our project in Zambia. Do come along and join us we are a friendly group we look forward to welcoming you

The Cream Teas have made a slow start this season owing to the indifferent weather we've had at the week-ends, but we are hopeful that the weather will improve during August. Fresh homemade scones, homemade jams, whipped cream and a pot of coffee or tea all served at a very reasonable price.

Ride and Stride The Friends of Kent Churches are organising their sponsored bike ride again this year on Saturday 13th September and we will be looking for people to ride or stride for us. Please contact Joan Davidson for forms and more details.

Harvest Supper We are hoping to run a Harvest Supper again this year with a little help from our friends on the Hall Committee; we do appreciate your support. We are all getting older and the more people who can help the better to spread the load. The date proposed is Saturday 27th September so please make a note in your diary.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Green Village Hall News

On Sunday **7th September** we're having a **Treasure Hunt!** (A leisurely drive around the local countryside looking for the answers to clues - and, hopefully, opening your eyes to some interesting features in nearby places that you haven't noticed before.)

The Treasure Hunt will start from the Village Green at 12.00 noon, with cars being waved off at intervals over the following 15 minutes or so. There will be a few stops en route (to stretch your legs as well as your mental faculties!) and your mini-adventure will finish about 2 hours later at a secret location within the village where we will host a **grand barbeque** with licensed bar for those who have taken part. (So no need to plan Sunday lunch!)

The Treasure Hunt will be suitable for all ages and, at the BBQ site, there will be the opportunity to play games - for those who still have some energy to run off!

Cars entering the Treasure Hunt must have at least 2 occupants (we don't want to distract a lone driver) but may have more. A charge of £6 per head is being made to

cover the cost of the food (and, hopefully, add a little to our coffers for future Village Hall improvements).

Tickets are on sale NOW at the village shop. *Please buy yours early, so we know how many to cater for.*

I mentioned last month that we now have a **website** for the village hall. The address is www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk I'm sure there's scope to expand and improve it as time goes by, but already you can view forthcoming events, see when the Hall is free if you're thinking of booking it, and get contact details for the regular activities there - such as the yoga class, short mat bowls club and 'Dazzle', the children's drama group. You can also view photos of past events. Have a look and tell us what you think. There's a 'Contact Us' page via which you can book the Hall or just send us a message.

Finally, we are running a **'Phil-The Bag'** fund raising session again in October, where we invite you to bring your unwanted textile items to the Hall for re-cycling. It would really help us if, until then, you could keep hold of any unwanted clothes, curtains, towels, bed linen and similar textile products. Belts, shoes & bags are also acceptable.

If you haven't room to store your unwanted articles then contact us and we'll store them for you. A contact number for Village Hall matters always appears on the inside cover of this magazine but you can now also contact us via the web-site!

Previous 'Phil-The-Bag' sessions have raised in the order of £200 each from your unwanted bits and pieces, so it's really worthwhile. More details next month.

Richard Pillborough

Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

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Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden	
May 10	Plant Sale on Village Green	
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	

In August we will visit The Walled Garden at Hawkhurst TN18 5DH. This is a family run nursery with 13 glasshouses set in a Victorian walled garden. To access the garden take the Cranbrook bypass passing the Hartley Dyke Farm shop on your left. The walled garden is signposted left from the road in about 3/4 mile.

Please call Irene Ayling (bookings secretary) on 01622 842507 if you have not already put your name on the list so that she can advise the nursery about our numbers.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any of our meetings or events which are friendly and informal. For further information about the club you can contact Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 12th August.**

The Agenda for this meeting 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

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ullcombe, 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

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Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		%
	59	59	
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	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
Ullcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

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Saturdays

59	59	59	59
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	1604	1836
0921	1327	1611	1841
0928	1334	1618	1848

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The Len Valley Group of Churches need a part-time permanent PA / administrator.

We are looking for someone to be the friendly voice of our churches – so you must be good on the phone and have empathy with the wide variety of people who contact us.

We are looking for someone to work with the four churches preparing notice sheets, orders of service, presentations etc – so you must be good with a computer, able to work with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, documents and data in “the cloud,” etc, and be able to pick up errors quickly and work accurately and rapidly.

We are looking for someone to organise our two clergy and their workload, to help them with administration, filing, emails, etc – so you must be flexible and able to prioritise.

We are looking for someone who attends church, is familiar with the Bible and comfortable working with Christians. You will need to be enthusiastic, a self-starter able to work on your own and in teams.

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August classes are planned for Wednesday evenings, drop-in, no need to book 7 – 8.30 £6 a session in the Village Hall.

Thursday morning classes please telephone for a place; 9.30 – 11 contact me by calling 850381.

Call me if you would like to know more about yoga or to book a one-to-one practice.
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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Blood	Less	Wood	Stain
2	Ahead	Air	Away	
3	Belly	Floor	Hall	
4	Hand	Over	Sheet	
5	Patent	Jacket	Bound	
6	Butter	Kidney	Runner	
7	Staple	Dog	Fire	
8	Television	Square	Sun	
9	Brother	Term	Way	
10	Touch	Cause	Soul	
11	Country	Double	Bar	
12	Health	Last	Ski	
13	Board	Room	Pin	
14	Counter	Good	Tape	
15	Eleven	Fours	Sign	
16	Landing	Coach	Back	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Ted, Clerical sitcom set on Craggy Island
2	Joe _____, Owner of the holiday camp in Hi-De-Hi
3	_____ and Lola, Children's cartoon series
4	Beverly _____, American 1984 film
5	_____ Almanac, A 1967 top 10 hit for The Kinks
6	Lorenzo's _____, 1992 film with Nick Nolte & Susan Sarandon
7	A _____ India, 1984 film by David Lean
8	_____ J Raffles, Gentleman thief created by EW Hornung
9	Gilbert _____, Schoolboy who was Anne of Green Gables love interest
10	_____ Kasparow, Chess player

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Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

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

Grafty Green

Saturday 30th August 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 30th August 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

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

Wed 9th Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

Fri 19th Sep to Sun 21st Sep First World War Remembrance trip

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

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

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

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If you have an iPad and need to get on to the internet where there is no Wi-Fi, you can get a Pay As You Go (PAYG) SIM card. It's just the same as the SIM card for a mobile phone and then you can just top it up in the same way you top up a Pay As You Go phone.

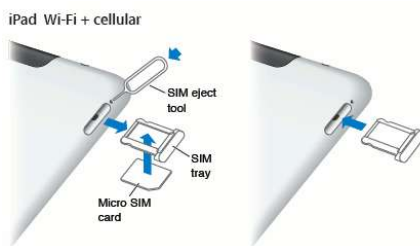
This is particularly useful if you are visiting friends who do not have Wi-Fi, going into hospital where you might need your emails or going on holiday if you want to use it as a Sat Nav or get local tourist information. There are three easy steps to get this set up:

Step 1: Purchase an iPad Micro-SIM

All the major providers offer a PAYG-SIM, some as little as £5.00, but you pay for what you get, so look out for the best deal for your needs. The offers can be confusing, so the best thing to do is Google “*what’s the best value tariff for your iPad*” which will take you to Moneysupermarket.com and provide you with the latest information on the best deals at the time. If I tried to summarise them here it is likely to be out of date by the time you read this article. **Tip:** Go for the best speed you can get and if you want to download data just remember that 1GB (Gigabytes) = 1000MG (Megabytes).

Step 2: Install the SIM

On the bottom left side of your iPad 3G you will see a small slot with a tiny hole next to it. You should have been given an SIM eject tool with your iPad, which looks like a paperclip. If you don't have a tool then you can use a metal paperclip. Push this into the hole and the SIM Tray will pop out. Fit the SIM into the tray (it can only go in one way) and put it back into the iPad. Turn your iPad on and you will see the Wi-Fi bars being displayed in the top left corner, like the ones you see on your phone when you have a signal.



Step 3: Register your SIM

You register your SIM via iTunes. You will need to confirm the phone number of your SIM and the SIM serial number. Once complete, you will be able to use your iPad anywhere and top up the card as you need it.

Grafty Gourmet

A perfect summer dish, and so easy to put together. Serve with either rice or pasta such as linguine.

Barbecued Chinese Pork Serves 4:-

1 kg of cooked prawns	1 tablespoon flour
6 cloves of garlic – crushed	½ cup cream
1 cup chicken stock	½ teaspoon dry mustard
2 tablespoons white wine	1 tablespoon chopped parsley
115 g butter	salt and pepper, to season

1. Heat the butter and garlic in saucepan over a medium heat, until garlic softens. Add the flour and stir for 1 minute.
2. Gradually add stock and wine, bring to the boil, and then simmer on low heat for 2 minutes. Add the cream and stir until combined and thickens.
3. Sprinkle in mustard and season with salt and pepper. Continue stirring, when sauce begins to boil add the prawns. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes to warm the prawns through. Sprinkle the parsley into sauce, stir, remove from heat and serve with pasta or rice.

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The same Bully beef and boring biscuits
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The mighty explosions from nowhere
The hardship of the war.
The crack of a gun, the bang of a shell
The hardship of the war.
The trenches, cold, dark and damp,
But amongst all of that
The poppies still grow in the fields
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By Holly Jenkins
Age 9

Holly Jenkins who was one of ten children in Kent and Essex to win a prize in a competition organised by Lakeside



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Music Notes, August 2014

August is the holiday season, and from my researches it is clear that most of our local musicians are on holiday this month. None of our major orchestras or choirs are performing, and the lunchtime concerts at All Saints Maidstone and URC Maidstone have ended (one last concert at All Saints - see below). A couple of our local churches are filling the gap with highly recommended concerts, and there are three free afternoon organ recitals at Rochester Cathedral, 4.30pm on 3rd, 17th and 31st that might provide a cultural boost for some.

Otherwise it looks like a few days in the Lake District, for the Lake District International festival on 2nd-15th August (for listings and bookings call 01539 742621) or a holiday in Wales for the Machynlleth festival on 17th-24th August (tel 01654 703355). Of course the Proms are on every day throughout the month, and every one is broadcast on radio 3 if you can't get up to London. A good selection will be shown on tv BBC4, and from those my selection would be prom 16 shown on 31st August – some interesting music performed by the Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra.

Here are the local items:

- Thursday 1st August, 1.05pm at All Saints' church Maidstone – last of the series of Summer lunchtime concerts is an organ recital in aid of Demelza House children's hospice. Free entry, retiring collection.
- Friday 15th August, 7.00pm at St. Mary's church, Lenham, The Belgian choir Lamidore will give a concert as part of their tour of Kent & East Sussex. Admission free.
- Saturday 30th August, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas' church, Leeds. "Is my team ploughing?" – a concert of folk songs, madrigals and poetry by Mixed Blessings.. Tickets 01622 738580

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Saddle up for Air Ambulance bike ride

Life-saving charity Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance is appealing for cyclists to sign up for this year's Double 100 Cycle Challenge and help save lives at night.

The 100-mile or 100km bike ride is to be held on Sunday, September 28th, to mark the first anniversary of the launch of the night flying service.

Last year's annual event raised more than £12,000 and organisers are aiming to double its success this year with two starting points at the helicopter bases at Marden and Redhill.

Both new circular routes will include all counties covered by the Air Ambulance and this year's Double 100 has kindly been backed by main sponsor Fidelity Worldwide Investment.

Corporate Citizenship Manager Vicki Haxton said: "Fidelity is delighted to be supporting the Double 100 Cycle Challenge and helping to raise money for this incredibly worthy cause.

"The air ambulance is a vital service in this area and we recognise the significant contribution they make towards saving lives in our community. We are looking forward to many of our employees participating in the event."

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance launched its night flying service last September in a move expected to benefit a further 400 to 500 patients a year.

The charity now has to raise an extra £1million a year to fund the cost of a 24-hour service, up from £5million to £6million.

The 2014 Double 100 has also been sponsored by Howard Cundey Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents, and supported by the Asda Foundation, Warburtons and Southern Water.

The ride is open to regular and occasional cyclists including individuals and teams with feeding stations along the scenic route. The first 200 riders to sign up will receive a special Air Ambulance jersey.

To register go to www.kssairambulance.co.uk/involved/double100 and for more information call Julie Clare on 01622 833833, or email juliec@kssairambulance.org.uk



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Christian Message - August 2014

The last week has been one of emotional farewell and motivational 'what's next' speeches. I've attended a campus closure reception, a graduation ceremony, a leaving lunch and an ordination service. There have been tears, laughter, fond farewells and a few glasses of bubbly to boot: so many endings and yet, so many new beginnings too. This is the time of year when a lot of people are looking at new careers whether in education, the arts, the Church or as yet, unspecified.

There are certain words which amuse me as they always crop up. You can't listen to much about education without 'pedagogy' and 'league tables' raising their heads, let alone the favourites in an art environment such as 'creative' 'innovative' and 'cutting edge'. Whether looking back or forward, in every field, 'extraordinary' and 'achievement' are of relevance. In regard to what's next, the emphasis is on 'diligence' and 'focus' or conversely 'adaptability' in order to achieve one's goals.

All commendable and all relevant but quite daunting for the student or colleague who really doesn't know what's next and who, after hearing such speeches, could be forgiven for asking "will I ever match up?" or "I really can't do all that, can I?"

In order to redress the 'high achievement' balance I'd add a few extra ingredients for encouragement. My essential words would be simpler:

'Faith': trust in God. He has an amazing plan for you and it is bound to be bigger than anything you, your tutors or your employers have already thought of.
Philippians 4:13 says *'I can do all things through him who strengthens me'*.

'Hope': fail, fail and fail again, but every time, brush off the bruised pride and 'fail a bit better'. Most of us take several attempts to get really good at the things that are important to us. Rarely are life's skills learned overnight.
Joshua 10:25 tells us *'Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous..."'*

'Charity': be generous with your time and talents, towards your colleagues and your employer, without counting the cost.

2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us that *'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'*

Most important of all 'Love': Carry out every task with integrity and regard to how it affects those around you.

In Romans 12:9 we hear that *'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good'*.

During the ordination service I attended, each participant was asked several questions to which they replied "by the help of God, I will". Armed with a few words from the Bible even the meekest among us can prayerfully reassure ourselves that "God willing, I can do it".

Pamela Cuerden
Bible quotations from the New Revised Standard Version.

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – August 2014

**Sunday 3rd August– 7th Sunday
after Trinity**

9.30am 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 17th August: 9th Sunday
after Trinity**

9.30 at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Morning Worship
9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton
Malherbe: Holy Communion
11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy
Communion
11.15am at All Saints,
Ulcombe: Morning Worship

**Sunday 10th August – 8th Sunday
after Trinity**

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:
Morning Worship
11.15am at All Saint's, Ulcombe: Holy
Communion
6.30pm at St. Nicholas Boughton
Malherbe: Choral Evensong

**Sunday 24th August – 10th Sunday
after Trinity**

8am at St. Mary's Lenham: BCP Holy
Communion
9.30 at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton
Malherbe: Family Worship
11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Family
Worship
11.15am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Holy
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**Sunday 31st August: 11th Sunday
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Many parents want their children to get to know the stories from the Bible and to have a firm foundation for their lives. But they are not sure where to start.

Here in the Len Valley Churches we want to be able to help by offering an alternative to our regular Sunday services. So in September we are starting a much shorter, informal service, first thing on a Sunday morning, beginning with toast, tea and coffee where the children won't need to be shushed and can join in at their level.

Come and try us out when we start our new weekly service at 9.30 on Sundays in St Mary's, Lenham in September.

Wizard in Grafty Green!

Recently families and friends braved the heat to watch Dazzle's performance of the Wizard of Oz in the village hall. It was a sparkling performance by a group of talented young actors.

Dazzle is an after school drama workshop which challenges confident children and builds confidence in the more timid. Contact Gail Kelly on 01622 850671 to find out more and/or book a place for your child.

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Blood	Less	Wood	Stain
2	Ahead	Air	Away	Miles
3	Belly	Floor	Hall	Dance
4	Hand	Over	Sheet	Charge
5	Patent	Jacket	Bound	Leather
6	Butter	Kidney	Runner	Bean
7	Staple	Dog	Fire	Gun
8	Television	Square	Sun	Set
9	Brother	Term	Way	Half
10	Touch	Cause	Soul	Lost
11	Country	Double	Bar	Cross
12	Health	Last	Ski	Resort
13	Board	Room	Pin	Drawing
14	Counter	Good	Tape	Measure
15	Eleven	Four	Sign	Plus
16	Landing	Coach	Back	Stage

	Find the missing word?
1	Father Ted, Clerical sitcom set on Craggy Island
2	Joe Maplin, Owner of the holiday camp in Hi-De-Hi
3	Charlie and Lola, Children's cartoon series
4	Beverly Hills Cop, American 1984 film
5	Autumn Almanac, A 1967 top 10 hit for The Kinks
6	Lorenzo's Oil, 1992 film with Nick Nolte & Susan Sarandon
7	A Passage To India, 1984 film by David Lean
8	Arthur J Raffles, Gentleman thief created by EW Hornung
9	Gilbert Byrthe, Schoolboy who was Anne of Green Gables love interest
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