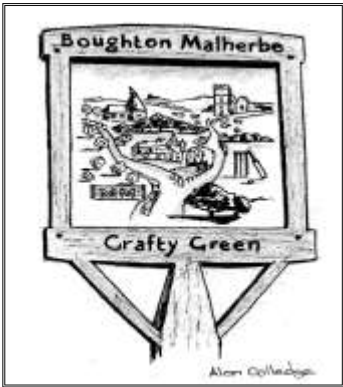


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Front Cover: Spring is coming - snowdrops in full bloom near the Church at Boughton Malherbe. Photo courtesy of Christine King

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayer will be held on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at 9.30 a.m. in St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe and on the second and fourth Tuesdays at All Saints Ulcombe. You are very welcome to join these sessions.

Bible Study/ House Group will be held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green, 9th March and on March 16th and 23rd. For further information about these groups please ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766. For those of you who are interested, we are a small group of people who meet to study passages from the Bible.

Lent Lunches We will be organising a number of Lunches again this year at which we serve homemade soup and crusty bread starting at 12.00 until 2.00p.m. The dates are:-

15 th March	Judy Stevens at	North Barn, Boughton Place, Boughton Malherbe
22 nd March	Sylvia Close,	51 Oak Lane, Headcorn TN27 9TG
29 th March	Sally Alexander	Bowley Oast East, Sandway,
5 th April	Vanessa Goodwin,	The Old Rectory, Boughton Malherbe
12 th April	Emma Stirling,	Rain Farm Eastwood Road, Ulcombe

Entrance is by donation and will be our contribution to Christian Aid Week which takes place in May.

Gentlemen at Breakfast will be on 25th March at the Dog and Bear Lenham at 8.00 a.m. when a full English breakfast will be served costing £8.50 per head. If you would like to reserve a place please ring Sarah at the Church Office on 01622 850604. or James Hodkinson on 01622 850137.

Ash Wednesday 1st March There will be a Service at St. Mary's Lenham at 9.30 a.m. and an evening service of Holy Communion at St. John's Harrietsham at 7.30p.m.

Women's World Day of Prayer services for this will be held at St. Mary's Lenham at 9.30a.m. and in the evening at All Saints, Ulcombe at 7.00p.m.

Joan Davidson

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Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
March 7	Nikki Gammans	Bumblebee Conservation
April 4	Alison Marsden - and Spring Show	Front gardens – making the most of your house
May 2	Steven Edney	Salutation Garden
May 6	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 4	Sunday afternoon Garden Safari around our village	
June 9 -11	Weekend away Somerset, Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton,	
July 4	Boldshaves, Woodchurch	
August 1	TBA	
Sept 5	Tram Hatch	
Oct 3	Stephen Harmer	History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show
Nov7	Fiona Wemyss	Blue Leaf Plants
Dec 5	Meal	



March meeting news - On March 7th at 7.30 in the Village Hall Nikki Gammans will be with us to talk about '**Bumblebee Conservation**'. This is a subject that will raise our awareness on the health and wellbeing of bees and as usual the evening is open to everyone. For non-members there is a small charge of £2.00 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and an opportunity to socialise,

ask questions of our speaker and swap plants if you have any surplus ones.

Looking forward - Next month we are holding our **Spring Show** and a list of subject entries will be available for you to take away on the March meeting evening.

Weekend away in Somerset 9/10/11 June - We are almost fully booked for Somerset with only a couple of seats remaining. If you make a late decision to come I will be happy to speak to you on the number below.

Tip of the Month - You can prune both bush and shrub roses now. Climbers are usually pruned in the autumn, so that they can be tied up and tied in before winter winds blow them about. Plant and divide perennials. Hardy perennials will grow quickly if planted now. Feed and mulch them following planting , and be sure to keep them well watered until they establish.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club (01622) 757536.

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

I hope you all have your tickets for the **Mexican Fiesta** to be held in the Hall on **Saturday 11th March**. With live music from a professional Mariachi band and a three-course meal with a Mexican flavour, this is shaping up to be every bit as much fun as our Cockney evening last year. It's not fancy dress but sporting a droopy moustache, slinging a blanket over your shoulder or arriving by donkey would add to the Mexican atmosphere!

Vegetarians are catered for, just note your requirement for a veggie option when you buy your tickets.



*Our band – “Tequila
Mariachi”*

The last date for buying tickets from the village shop is Sat 4th March – this is to give us time to prepare food for appropriate numbers – but if you are reading this after 4 March, or can't get to the shop, give me a ring on 01622 843292 and if we can possibly add you in we will.

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Turning to the summer, here's another date for your diaries: **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** is to be the day of The **2017 Grafty Green fete**, so why not write that on your calendar now, and keep the day free? Our present thinking is that we might give the fete a medieval theme. Why? Well, why not! A bouncy castle, village stocks, archery and mead sound to me like an excellent basis for a fun-filled afternoon!

People have expressed an interest in being involved with the next village Fete, we are therefore holding a meeting in the Kings Head on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Please come along and let us know how you would like to support the day, all ideas and volunteers welcomed. Or if you can't come along please send your ideas to [Carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:Carolhulm@gmail.com).

That's it for this month. See you at a Village Hall event soon.

*Richard Pilborough* Hall Committee Chairman

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## **Upcoming surgeries**

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## March Music notes

Some real quality concerts this month, many with religious overtones as it is Lent and Easter approaches. I would emphasise two items in particular; firstly, the concert on 19<sup>th</sup> March will involve members of the many choirs and orchestras which Jeffrey Vaughan Martin had developed in his career – the music will be all works which he especially liked and it will be a splendid event. Secondly the performance on 1<sup>st</sup> April of a new work by probably the leading living British composer is a special event for Maidstone, and follows a visit here by Chilcott himself to lead a workshop for singers on this very work. The performance therefore should be just as the composer intended.

Here then is the list:

- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the chamber concert produced by Sutton Valence Music Society features the cello /piano duo of Michael Petrov and Alexander Ullman, with a programme including work by Prokofiev, Janacek and Chopin. Tickets at the door for non-members.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, ME15 7RN, the celebratory concert in memory of the late Jeffrey Vaughan Martin will feature an orchestra of more than 80 players and a choir of 170. Tickets 01622 736392
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert features Mozart's *bassoon concerto* and Sibelius's *Symphony No2*. Tickets 07817 429143
- Also on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX, Bearsted Choral Society sing Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and Mozart's *Solemn Verses*. Tickets 012634 666730.
- Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm at All Saints Church Maidstone, ME15 6YE, Maidstone Choral Union sing Bob Chilcott's new musical setting for the *St. John Passion*, together with part III of Handel's *Messiah*. Tickets 01622 726193.

For radio listeners I would point out that on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March, which is "International women's day", radio 3 will follow the usual 3.00pm choral evensong (this day from Magdalen College Oxford) with a 4.00pm programme about a choral conducting course specially for women. Sexist possibly but it will be of interest to some readers perhaps?.

**Brian Hardy**

## **Grafty Gourmet**

Don't be put off by the number of ingredients in this recipe, as the actual cooking and preparation process is very simple and very quick. This mild, delicately fragrant curry has a rich creamy sauce that sure to be a winner. Serve with plain boiled rice or warm naan bread.

### **Slow Cooked Chicken Korma**

#### Serves 4

|                                             |                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 onions, quartered                         | 4 cardamom pods, crushed        |
| 3 garlic cloves                             | 1 teaspoon of paprika           |
| 4cm of fresh root ginger, peeled            | 1 teaspoon of ground turmeric   |
| 1 large chilli, chopped and seeds discarded | 1/4 teaspoon of ground cinnamon |
| 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs         | 300ml of chicken stock          |
| 1 tablespoon of sunflower oil               | 1 tablespoon sugar              |
| 25g of butter                               | 75ml double cream               |
| 1 teaspoon of cumin seeds, crushed          | 2 tablespoons of ground almonds |
| 1 teaspoon of fennel seeds, crushed         | pinch of salt                   |

1. Blend the onions, garlic, ginger and chilli in a blender or liquidiser, or chop very finely.
2. Cut each thigh into 4 pieces, heat the oil in a large frying pan and add the chicken. Cook over a high heat until evenly browned. Remove from pan and place in slow cooker.
3. Add the butter to the pan and when melted add the onion mixture. Cook over moderate heat for 3 minutes. Add all the spices and cook for a further minute.
4. Mix in chicken stock, sugar and salt. Bring to the boil and then transfer to slow cooker pouring over chicken. Stir in the cream and ground almonds, cover and cook for 5 hours on Low.

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## **Grafty Garden Centre aka Boughton Park !!!**



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# **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

## **From the Unapproved Minutes of a Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Approval of Minutes** – having been previously circulated, the Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, were approved, and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

- Hazel Hill/Street Name – in progress
- UK Power Networks have completed their work to clear the electricity wires, Clerk to contact Britchers.

### **Public Session**

Issues of excessive traffic speed and possible deterrents were raised and discussed.

### **KCC/MBC Reports**

#### **KCC –Jenny Whittle:**

- Assured that all HGV signage will all be done before she steps down.
- Planning Inspector response to the Local Plan: he believes a bus lane at Wheatsheaf will sort traffic problems. KCC disagree with this and will look more closely at the Leeds/Langley Relief road possibility. Traffic volumes have increased by 40 percent in past 10 years! Thameslink will be coming out of Maidstone East next year (2018) which will lead to people using the Headcorn/Lenham road to get to Headcorn Station as it will be the nearest one.
- 2 Foster Carers were recognised in the New Year Honours list.
- Kent schools are higher than the national average at Good and Excellent.
- 'Clean Kent' and a pothole blitz will be happening in the next couple of months
- Freight transport strategy – will be sent out soon, do complete it.
- Drainage – the work outside the Homestead still hasn't been done and was promised yesterday. Jenny will chase.
- There is a Budget Meeting next week. It will be a difficult year – flat cash so same amount of cash for 2019/20 as for 2015/16, but taking inflation into account is a lot less. There is pressure on health and social care.

#### **MBC – Shellina Prendergast:**

- no of homes recommended is 17660 homes – the Inspector recommended a lower amount. Re 5 year land supply, Rob Jarman has confirmed that the Borough is now at 6.2 years, so great news. Review will be in 2022. It was recommended that development in Lenham be reduced from 1500 to 1000. It is estimated that the Local Plan will be adopted in May 2017.
- Proposed cuts and Planning and Enforcement is of great concern.

- Regarding speeding traffic, a 'red carpet' (as is often seen outside primary schools) might help.

**Voluntary Warden Service** – Resolve whether to join the scheme – it was considered a good idea if we joined forces with other parishes. Clerk to Check with Ulcombe and East Sutton.

Resolve choice of nominee for Community Award Scheme – There was an idea from a member of the public. Cllrs to e-mail ideas.

### **Local Policing/Community**

Police Report – Clerk to circulate

Community Warden Report – no report

KFRS – no report

Speedwatch- there has been no Speedwatch lately.

### **Highway and Footway Matters**

Liverton Hill, ditches, gullies, potholes

- Roads in the Parish seem good compared to other parishes re lack of potholes.

- Drain cover issue on Liverton Hill, between (above) Cllr Allum's and entrance to the orchard.

- Sue Laporte would like to come out with Martin Taylor Smith, new Steward, by way of introduction. Clerk to e-mail her for prospective dates. HGV signage – taken at item 7.

59 Bus - Cllr Collins

The next meeting of the East of Kent Rural Transport Group is on 6th March 2017, and he has not heard of any proposed changes. Buses have been unreliable – either breaking down or held up in traffic in Maidstone. On 9<sup>th</sup> January, the 25 to 1 bus hadn't arrived by 2.15pm.

### **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended**

Cllr Turner attended the KALC Meeting on 30h November – at which the Parish Services Scheme was discussed, as was the Precept and the fact that rural parishes pay double taxation; also air quality in the vicinity of the Wheatsheaf in Maidstone which is 'outside European limits,' and that the Parish Charter will be updated.

### **Finance**

The Clerk had circulated the accounts to date.

- To note the Balance at the Bank: Nat West £28474.31  
Santander £500.00

- Income since the last Meeting VAT £185.33

- Bank Reconciliation (attached) – seen and signed by Cllr Collins

- Any cheques to sign- Rosemary Smith, for Care of the Green

- Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting – payment to R. Smith was approved.

- Approve Precept – Cllr Collins had calculated 3 Precept Options, the first of which was chosen: option 1 – To maintain the current Band D charge of £24 (this was the charge in 2015/2016 and was maintained in setting the precept for 2016/2017).

Current Band D charge of £24 x 219.5 (Tax Base) would generate a

precept of £5,268. With no LCTS, there would be a decreased in funding of £154 but there would be no change in the parish element of Council Tax.

**Cllr Collins proposed a precept of £5,268 , Cllr Galton seconded, Unanimous approval.**

- Approve the Budget agreed by Finance Committee, with any amendment incorporating decrease in PSS allowance added later.

**Cllr Collins proposed approve the Budget for 2017/2018; Cllr Galton seconded; Unanimous approval.**

History Society – Finance Update

Every household had received a free copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the book. No further contribution to the Parish Council is imminent.

Consider, and resolve if agreed, any spending for Christmas lights, wooden finger post for the Green, and further community spending. This was discussed and Cllr Allum is going to produce a plan.

**Cllr Allum proposed allocating funds to the Christmas project; Cllr King seconded; Unanimous approval.**

The Clerk will contact the recommended (by Sue LaPorte) Finger Post suppliers for a quote.

### **Correspondence –**

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### **Further Information**

- Cllr Turner noted that, at Petts Wood, there appear to be an increased number of G and Ts and asked that all keep an eye out.

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 19.30.**

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



## Keep in touch with the Parish Council and Local News!

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's new website has been up and running for several months now. In conjunction with Malherbe Monthly it is the *only* place to go to for reliable and accurate information and news about Boughton Malherbe Parish Council, with useful links to other Parish and County websites.

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|----|----------|----------|---------|----------------|
| 1  | Package  | Bank     | Camp    | <b>Holiday</b> |
| 2  | Threat   | Time     | Bone    |                |
| 3  | Travel   | Secret   | News    |                |
| 4  | Driving  | Long     | Soft    |                |
| 5  | Martial  | Portrait | Make-up |                |
| 6  | Public   | Sunday   | Board   |                |
| 7  | Belt     | Hot      | Back    |                |
| 8  | Smoke    | Daisy    | Saw     |                |
| 9  | Label    | Left     | Rack    |                |
| 10 | Main     | Happy    | Field   |                |
| 11 | Heavy    | Off      | Free    |                |
| 12 | Leader   | Brass    | Cross   |                |
| 13 | Bearing  | Balance  | Power   |                |
| 14 | Compound | Vested   | Human   |                |
| 15 | Security | Digital  | Shy     |                |
| 16 | Talking  | Jacket   | Home    |                |

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

|    | Find the missing word?                          |
|----|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Basil _____, Children's character               |
| 2  | _____ Cash, Known as The Man in Black           |
| 3  | Loose _____, Lunchtime TV programme             |
| 4  | _____ Eden, Former British Prime Minister       |
| 5  | Punch ____ ____, Popular seaside puppet show    |
| 6  | Roy _____, England football manager 2012 - 2016 |
| 7  | _____, Surname of US actors Charlie and Martin  |
| 8  | Auguste _____, French sculptor                  |
| 9  | _____ Manilow, Singer of Copacabana             |
| 10 | Central _____, Coffee shop featured in Friends  |



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## Daffodil Tea

**Leeds churchyard** is well known in the area for its wonderful display of daffodils in March. In spite of the difficulty in guessing when they will actually come into flower, the church has this year taken a gamble on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, and declared it "**Daffodil Day**". For a small contribution tea and cakes will be available to visitors on that afternoon, from 2.00 till 4.00pm, to sustain them while enjoying the display. Do come!



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## Lenham Family Festival

The Lenham Family Festival Committee has been meeting for several months now to plan the 2017 event.

If you haven't heard of the Lenham Family Festival before, this is an annual event that takes place in Lenham over a weekend in June. The aim of the Festival is to provide a fun event that brings the whole community together, is affordable for families, and will raise funds for the chosen charities that are selected each year.

The main day of the 2017 Festival will take place on **Saturday 10 June 2017**. As usual there will be a large variety of stalls in the Lenham Community Centre car park, refreshments for sale, and music from local bands. In addition, there will be performances from various local groups, including dance and theatricals, inside the Community Centre.

Many of our usual stalls have confirmed they will be returning this year for the main event on the Saturday. Items for sale will include cakes, aromatherapy products, luxury ice cream, jams, cards and shabby chic items to name but a few. The burger bar will be back, and Lenham Social Club will again be providing a bar. Tea and cakes will also be available inside the Community Centre where more entertainment will be provided, including dance displays by GDC School of Dancing.

The City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra will also be returning for another performance to be held in Lenham's historic Tithe Barn. Please note that this will take place the following weekend, on **Saturday 17 June 2017**.

There will also be a live music event at Lenham Social Club on **Friday 9 June** and music from Sixpenny Piece during the market in Lenham Square on **Sunday 11 June**.

We are pleased to announce that the two charities we have chosen to support this year are The Katie Piper Foundation and Lenham Primary School. The Katie Piper Foundation's aim is "to have a world where scars do not limit a person's function, social inclusion or sense of well being". The charity does a fantastic job in helping people with burns and scars to reconnect with their lives and their communities. Lenham Primary School, after consulting the children, has decided it will use its share of funds for the development of a quiet area on the school field. They would like to purchase some picnic benches for one corner of the field and maybe some parasols too so the area could also be used for outdoor learning.

Festival Committee meetings will now be taking place on the **last Monday of each month at 7.15pm** in the Appleton Room at Lenham Community Centre. If you are interested in becoming involved, you will be most welcome.

## Volunteers Wanted

If you are not able to join the Committee but would like to be involved in a smaller way, we always need volunteers to help out on the main day of the Festival with a variety of tasks, none of which are particularly onerous. Even if you can only volunteer an hour of your time, it will be much appreciated and it is always great fun and very rewarding being part of a community event such as this. You will probably find you get much more out of it than you need to put in! If you would like to be involved in this way, **please contact Gail on 01622 850126**. She will be compiling a list of names and contact details of willing helpers to be contacted nearer the time.

Look out for further details in each month's edition of Malherbe Monthly Magazine but most importantly...

Make sure you put these dates in your diaries now!!! You don't want to miss this exciting event.

## Heart of Kent Hospice

Bluebell Walk  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Harrietsham Village Hall, ME17 1JX

Get Behind Heart of Kent Hospice by taking part in its annual Bluebell Walk following a traditional 6 mile walk amongst the bluebells on the North Downs and through some of Kent's most beautiful countryside.

You can begin your walk anytime between 8.30 am and 10.30 am. Make sure you grab a hot drink and check out the scenery at our picnic pit stop  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way round the route. Upon your return why not purchase a treat from our ever popular cake stall, peruse the selection of goods at our mini Spring Fayre, and enjoy some light entertainment around the village hall where food and drink will be available.

Discounted early bird entry is now open - £10.00 per adult £3.00 per child - £25.00 per family (2 adults and 3 children). Early bird entry closes on 14<sup>th</sup> April after which times prices will increase.

For full details and for information about our 'Messages to Heaven' and Bluebell Walk limited edition T-Shirt offers please visit [www.hokh.org](http://www.hokh.org)

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**Subject:** Revolting English - protests  
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Do not charge your brother interest, whether on money or food or anything else that can earn interest. (Deuteronomy 23:19)

*Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? He who lends money without usury(interest). (Psalm 15: 1 and 5)*

Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow. (Proverbs 13:11)

*Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)*

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? (Isaiah 55:2)

*You cannot serve both God and money. (Matthew 6:24)*

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. (1 Timothy 6:10)

*Keep your lives free from the love of money. (Hebrews 13:5)*

Be shepherds of God's flock; not greedy for money but eager to serve. (1 Peter 5:2)

***Jesus said: 'seek first his (God's) kingdom and his righteousness.'***  
***(Matthew 7:33)***



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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> November | Installation of gate           | Chilston Ponds |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December | Coppicing & footpath clearance | Hurst Wood     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> January  | Build a bug bank               | Bull Heath     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February | scrub clearance                | Chilston Ponds |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March    | Coppicing/glade creation       | Hurst Wood     |

**All events 10am to 2pm on Saturdays**

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- 3.** The opportunity for members to be listed up to 4 times on this website.
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- 5.** An open door to real expertise from professionals who are frequently happy to share their knowledge for free.
- 6.** A professional image and a good reputation (started in 2009).
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- 9.** Up to 11 free network meetings per year and a chance to see local venues.
- 10.** Offer schemes aimed at increasing business for all members by encouraging their staff to buy from other members.
- 11.** Links for the association from online directories, Facebook and LinkedIn (and links from others, members or not).
- 12.** Regular support and information from Kent Messenger, Lenham Focus, Harrietsham Networker and Malherbe Monthly. Plus other publications.
- 13.** You get the chance to hear about and see (frequently before others do) lots of information that could help or effect you.
- 14.** Chance to help develop the area.
- 15.** Chance to work with others to put on events locally.
- 16.** Business directory to every home and business (subject to funding) (for this reason alone the membership fee is a good purchase). Bear in mind a sole trader can currently join for just £65 per year.
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**Women's World Day of Prayer  
(International and Interdenominational)**

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

St. Mary's Church, Lenham 10.30am  
All Saints' Church, Ulcombe 7pm

**Am I Being Unfair To You?**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of, 'Am I Being Unfair to you?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used throughout the whole world, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as 'Yolanda' – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears. The service focuses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20 vv 1-16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena 'Apol' Lazamana-Sta.Rosa. It is very thought provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

Why not find out more about the theme, the Philippines and the service? The Day of Prayer is not just for women. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, so please come along on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Focus on FAITH - Bible Days for Women**

Carolyn Edwards will speak on ALL GOD'S CHILDREN  
Ryarsh village hall - Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Ring Joan Drury (01622 853766) to find out more.

*The Len Valley Benefice*  
*Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe*  
Sunday/Main Services – **March 2017**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**9.30am** Lenham: Ash Wednesday Service

**7.30pm** Harrietsham: Ash Wednesday Service

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**10.30am Lenham: Women's**

**World Day of Prayer Service**

**7.00pm Ulcombe: Women's**  
**World Day of Prayer Service**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast service

**9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Family Worship

**11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**3.30 pm** Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy

Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy

Communion

**11.00am** Lenham: Morning Worship

**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe:

Choral Evensong

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am** Holy Communion:  
Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Morning

Worship

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**8.00am** Dog & Bear, Lenham:

**Men's breakfast**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering**  
**Sunday – *Special Services with***  
***gifts for Mums***

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy

Communion

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Family

Worship

**10.45am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Lenham: Family Worship

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

|    |          |          |         |          |
|----|----------|----------|---------|----------|
|    | Word 1   | Word 2   | Word 3  | Answer   |
| 1  | Package  | Bank     | Camp    | Holiday  |
| 2  | Threat   | Time     | Bone    | Idle     |
| 3  | Travel   | Secret   | News    | Agent    |
| 4  | Driving  | Long     | Soft    | Drink    |
| 5  | Marital  | Portrait | Make-up | Artist   |
| 6  | Public   | Sunday   | Board   | School   |
| 7  | Belt     | Hot      | Back    | Seat     |
| 8  | Smoke    | Daisy    | Saw     | Chain    |
| 9  | Label    | Left     | Rack    | Luggage  |
| 10 | Main     | Happy    | Field   | Event    |
| 11 | Heavy    | Off      | Free    | Duty     |
| 12 | Leader   | Brass    | Cross   | Section  |
| 13 | Bearing  | Balance  | Power   | Over     |
| 14 | Compound | Vested   | Human   | Interest |
| 15 | Security | Digital  | Shy     | Camera   |
| 16 | Talking  | Jacket   | Home    | Straight |

|    |                                                   |
|----|---------------------------------------------------|
|    | Find the missing word?                            |
| 1  | Basil Brush, Children's character                 |
| 2  | Johnny Cash, Known as The Man in Black            |
| 3  | Loose Women, Lunchtime TV programme               |
| 4  | Anthony Eden, Former British Prime Minister       |
| 5  | Punch and Judy, Popular seaside puppet show       |
| 6  | Roy Hodgson, England football manager 2012 - 2016 |
| 7  | Sheen, Surname of US actors Charlie and Martin    |
| 8  | Auguste Rodin, French sculptor                    |
| 9  | Barry Manilow, Singer of Copacabana               |
| 10 | Central Perk, Coffee shop featured in Friends     |



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