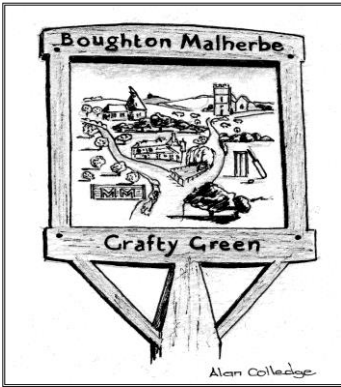


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**Front Cover:** Guess who? The 'new normal' from 24 July.

Picture courtesy of John Collins

## **News from St. Nicholas Church.**

**The Porch at St.Nicholas** remains as a welcoming space for anyone for private prayer and peace. The main church building and its facilities are still closed, but please keep an eye on the church noticeboard for changes, as services, following all Covid-19 safeguarding measures, will be starting very soon.

**Morning Prayer** continues to be said daily in the Parish at 9.30am. If anyone would like to join us, 'virtually', please contact Rev. Anne Price on 01622-924963 or [revanne@lvb.org.uk](mailto:revanne@lvb.org.uk). Feel free to join in any day. If you have any prayer requests please contact the vicar, Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Anne Price or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said in Morning Prayer time.

All other regular events are still 'on hold', but there are discussions continuing for the future, as the present safety measures may become the 'new normal' and we will have to work with them.

**Our First Service at St.Nicholas** since March will be taking place outdoors on Sunday 26th July at 11am. Everyone will be able to easily social distance and be invited to provide their own drinks and biscuits. This will be a great occasion for a safe gathering for those who are able to join in.

(We will go indoors if wet!)

August services at St.Nicholas are as follows;

Sunday 2nd 9.30am. Holy Communion  
Sunday 16th 9.30am. Holy Communion  
Sunday 30th 10am. Morning Worship

**Eco-spot.** Wonderful, as I look out of the window beside me, to watch a family of three wrens jumping in and out of the plant containers just feet away and as we yesterday rescued a new-born 'mole' from a small pit in the garden. Actually, I did think this very small, black, closed-eyed creature had ears that were much too big for a mole, but far too busy cleaning him up, washing the fly eggs off and warming him up, to take much notice. Delivered him to a lovely vet surgery in Maidstone, who were delighted to take him, despite the fact he was actually a rabbit!! They gave us an update later in the day to say he was fit and feeding well and one of the nurses was taking him home for overnight. The following prayer seems appropriate.

Prayer from the pew sheet for Sunday 26th July

Heavenly Father, whose only yearning for all creation Is expressed  
in the word 'love',

Thank you for your protection and presence.

We pray for wholeness for all our neighbours,  
And we ask that wisdom, courage and peace would be our  
hallmark as your people in this time

In the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit. Amen

**Sally Alexander**

## **Marking 2020!**

Thoughts from Sue Burch:-

I have been thinking about how this year has been so extraordinary! A year that will not be forgotten and that it should be marked in some way.

Hence, my idea is to organise a group photo, a similar idea to the one taken to commemorate the millennium but perhaps taken in front of the church where there is a natural bank, so useful to get everyone in the frame.

It's an idea that I am floating now to see if there is any interest in taking part – email me [burch1997@aol.com](mailto:burch1997@aol.com) or phone 850381. There are quite a number of villagers who have moved in since 2000 and it would be lovely to record their joining our community.

A date in the autumn, when we are able to gather in larger groups, will be advertised and a photographer organised.

Looking forward to hearing from you, **Sue**

## **Yoga with Susan**

Zoom yoga sessions are running weekly - Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings which you can join; let me know and I'll include you in the invitation.

If you would like one to one yoga practice, I am happy to offer this from home – again call me if you would like to discuss this option.

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## COVID-19 update from KCC Cabinet Member, Shellina Prendergast



I am sure that the easing of Covid-19 restrictions over the past few weeks has been welcomed by many Kent residents.

I for one have enjoyed being able to finally see family members and friends again, even if still at a safe social distance.

However, this doesn't mean that the virus has gone away. We all still need to be even more alert than ever to the risks.

Our [Protect Kent and Medway](#) campaign aims to raise awareness of these risks, and how it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to continue to protect ourselves, our families and our communities.

This email newsletter is a great way to keep in touch with you and let you know important news - not only about KCC's continued response to the pandemic, but also about the work going on to keep all vital services going during these unprecedented times. So please spread the word and [encourage friends and family to sign up and get involved](#).

Parents (and children!) will be reassured that a decision to push back the date of the Kent Test until mid-October has been made. Of course, underlying everything we do as a local authority is looking after the safety and well-being of all communities and residents. Whilst we aspire to 'business as usual', our focus has to remain on looking after those that need us most.

I really hope that we can harness the incredible community effort we have seen across Kent in the past few months, and that volunteers continue to come forward to help in any way they can.

I'd like to thank everyone in Kent for their amazing commitment to adhering to government restrictions over the past few months. I know at times it hasn't been easy. **Let's continue to work together to keep our community as safe as we possibly can.**

Kind regards and keep safe,

Shellina Prendergast  
KCC Cabinet Member for Communications, Engagement and People

# Village Hall News

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The Village Hall is slowly awakening from its virus-induced slumbers! We may have to wait until the Spring of next year to hold our 60s/70s themed meal that was originally scheduled for last March, but one thing we must do immediately is to hold our Annual General Meeting, postponed from May. So, a 'Covid-aware' AGM will now be held at the Hall on **Tuesday 18 August at 7.30pm.**

Don't stop reading!

An AGM may not excite you as much as prawn cocktail, coq au vin, and Black Forest gâteau (washed down with Liebfraumilch and Mungo Jerry) but, on the other hand, if that sort of thing is not for you, why not come along on the 18<sup>th</sup> and tell us? Have your say on the events we organise - and the way the Hall is run in general.

You could go further. Perhaps you would like to actually join-in the organising or the running, in which case we have two options for you. Option 1: You could add your name to the 'Friends of the Village' roll that we have organised. This is simply a list of those who might be available to help out when we need extra assistance in, for example, food preparation, erecting marquees for the village fete, slapping paint on the Hall walls or weeding the flower bed alongside. Better still, option two, why not offer your services as a committee member? We'd love to have some new faces on the team, particularly younger folk and folk new to the village who could bring a fresh perspective to our deliberations. We have formal meetings only every 3 months and, in-between, groups of people take forward ideas for village events, investigate potential Hall improvements or undertake minor tasks to maintain the Hall, so the commitment is not huge.

Contact me if you'd like more info, or just turn up on the night – you can be assured of a warm, friendly welcome (if not quite a 'summer of love'!)

*Richard Pilborough*, Hall Committee Chairman

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## **The battle goes on.....**

We hope everyone has been keeping safe and well during these uncertain times and have been using the time in lockdown to get out and explore our beautiful local countryside.

SOHL has continued to work behind the scenes, albeit virtually, on the campaign to stop the Council's plans to build a garden town at Lenham Heath.

Obviously, we were disappointed when the council agreed in April to waste a further £100,000 of taxpayers' money to continue with the exploration of its garden community. Then in June, we heard that the council had whittled down nine of the garden community submissions in its 'call for sites' to just three which included the Heathlands scheme, without any evidence published to back up its decision.

But SOHL remains undeterred and has pledged to continue to represent the views of local residents in the campaign to stop the council's plans to concrete over our beautiful green heath lands.

We would like to thank residents for all their emails and messages of support over recent months which have been heartening. As one resident so aptly put it 'we might have lost the fight, but we will not lose the battle'.

We have taken the time during lockdown to start preparing a persuasive and evidence-based case to oppose the council's garden community proposal, ahead of its formal consultation in October, when the call for sites submissions will be appraised. The key areas we are focusing on include planning, infrastructure, environment and archaeology.

Already three of the eight landowners have pulled out of negotiations with Maidstone Borough Council and as a result, the council has been forced to review its master plan. We were hoping to have had more detail of what is included in the revised masterplan at the council's Policy and Resources Committee on 24 June, but unfortunately, this was not forthcoming. All this

work continues to be conducted behind closed doors and without public scrutiny.

The next Key dates are the 21st July when the officer for the proposal is due to provide additional details including a high-level financial model for the scheme. After this it will be October 2020 when Maidstone are due to have a Public Consultation on the Preferred approach (Regulation 18b).

SOHL continues to work hard to call the council to account on these issues by raising them through the local media, via Freedom of Information requests, by lobby councillors and asking pertinent questions at the council's committee meetings. We believe this work is beginning to pay off as some councillors seem to be getting to grips with the issues facing this scheme, which is positive.

We will be regularly posting updates to our website: [saveourheathlands.co.uk](http://saveourheathlands.co.uk). Or you can find us on Facebook or Twitter.

**Tell us what you think:** Now that lockdown is easing, we are planning to hold a series of resident engagement events over the coming months, so please watch for more details

In the meantime, we would really appreciate your help in planning our future campaign and telling us how we can keep you informed. Please could you spare five minutes to complete our survey –

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7VH7R7N>

## **Helen Whately**

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**Two updates from the Parish  
Council:**

The Parish Council arranged for a gate to replace the stile on footpath **KH483** between Woodcock Lane and Headcorn Road with a metal gate. Maidstone Borough Council were commissioned to erect the new gate, and we are pleased to report that it is now in place.

Our Kent County Councillor, Shellina Prendergast, has informed the Parish Council that a decision has been taken to locate the Lorry Park/Customs Point at Sevington near junction 10 at Ashford - which will come as a relief to our Parish and neighbouring villages.

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bird	Clock	Weight	<b>Watcher</b>
2	Film	Post	Writer	
3	Butter	Soda	Sour	
4	Bug	Flower	Linen	
5	Cape	Clerk	Ghost	
6	Barrier	Estuary	River	
7	Coach	Down	Motion	
8	Blue	Honey	Walk	
9	Captain	Practise	Splinter	
10	Bone	Chatter	Threats	
11	Ascension	Christmas	Easter	
12	Apple	House	Surgeon	
13	Baths	Nose	Numeral	
14	Land	Stay	Stream	
15	Ball	Cushion	Hat	
16	Bar	Piano	Pigeon	

	Find the missing word?
1	Kathleen _____, Actress who starred in 'The Jewel of the Nile'
2	_____ Ryder, who starred in 'Edward Scissorhands'
3	Wayne _____, Footballer who holds the record for the most England goals
4	_____ Fields, Music Hall performer who sang about 'Sally'
5	Denise _____, Former Corrie star now a regular on 'Loose Women'
6	____ Cross, International humanitarian organisation
7	Elsie _____, Icon Corrie character
8	_____ Spears, 'One More Time' singer
9	Noel _____, 'Deal or No Deal' presenter
10	_____ Foster, Architect of 'The Gherkin' in London

# Grafty Green Gardening Club

## Programme 2020

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
7 <sup>th</sup> January	AGM and Kevin Tooher	Winter Interest
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Dr. Tim Ingram	Snowdrops
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Jacqueline Anthony	National Garden Scheme – how it works
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Show, Lucy Adams from Doddington	Dry Gardens
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Coach outing to Leonardslee	
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Garden Safari	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Outing (own transport) to Sandgate Castle Community garden	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Visit to Doddington House Garden</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Autumn Show & Floral Art Competition for Margaret Hoad Prize	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Weekend away in Herefordshire, Cotswolds Wildlife Park & Gardens, Moores Meadow Gardens, Stockton Bury Gardens, Oxford Botanical Gardens, staying at The Penyard Hotel, Ross on Wye,	
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Ian Gray, Mammal Society	Hedgehogs
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Simon Ginnaw	A Year in Mote Park
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Social and Quiz	

## Grafty Green Gardening Club - update

Outing to Doddington Place Gardens - 4th August, meeting at 6.00pm. The address is Church Lane, Sittingbourne, Postcode: ME9 OBB. We plan to use own transport for this trip but if you need a lift call Sue Birch to see if something can be arranged. We are apparently the first group to visit the gardens since shutdown and they are looking forward to welcoming us in.

The outing last month to Sandown Community Garden in Deal was very much enjoyed by about a dozen of us. It was a calm and mild evening which prompted some to stay longer or arrive early to make the most of our visit.

Meanwhile - in our gardens we can look forward to harvesting our vegetable crops now and enjoy them full of flavour. Keep an eye out for apples and pears that are beginning to drop as these will be ready very soon for eating. Watering might need to be done more than once a day if the weather is very warm and feed needs to be added when watering container plants. Deadheading, and the pruning of woody plants, especially roses can be undertaken too.

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

## **Grafty Gourmet**

This is a great barbecue recipe. Cooked on kebab skewers this chicken with a spicy, sweet sticky glaze are sure to go down well.

### **Oriental Barbecued Chicken**

12 Chicken thighs, boneless and skinless  
2 tablespoons of soy sauce  
1 tablespoon of sesame oil  
1 thumb-sized piece ginger, grated  
4 Spring Onions, sliced

For the glaze  
4 tablespoons of Korean chilli paste (gochujang)  
2 tablespoons of clear honey  
Juice of ½ lime  
1 tablespoon of soy sauce  
1 teaspoon of sesame oil  
2 tablespoons of sesame seeds

1. Mix the chicken in the soy sauce, sesame oil and ginger. Thread each thigh on two long metal skewers, so that each skewer pierces one side of the thigh. Keep threading the chicken, making sure it's packed onto the skewers tightly. Chill until you're ready to cook. Mix the ingredients for the glaze.
  2. Heat the BBQ. Cook the kebab for 5-8 mins on each side (depending on the heat). Once nicely charred but not fully cooked through, start painting on the glaze. The honey will catch if cooked for too long – the key to nice sticky chicken is applying the glaze in layers, turning the kebab often.
  3. Once the glaze has been used up and the chicken is cooked through (about 20 mins in total), transfer to a plate and leave to cool for 5 mins before serving scattered with spring onions.
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## Music Notes for August 2020

August is always a month when it is difficult to find local concerts, so this year with nothing local will not be so very different from usual. As virus restrictions continue to relax (I hope writing that doesn't bring on a "second wave" and a new lockdown) more professional orchestras are managing to put something on the airwaves or internet. The amateur however remains stifled. It looks as if we still won't be able to sing together – no hymns in church – and even looking ahead to September, when all schools are expected to be back, the government instructions say "Singing, wind and brass playing should not take place in larger groups such as school choirs and ensembles, or school assemblies,".

So, what can we offer? On the radio Classic FM has its new Alexander Armstrong Show at 9.00am on weekdays. Many of us only know Armstrong as an actor and as a presenter to the TV series "Pointless", but he is a skilled musician. As a boy he was a chorister at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh and he went on to Trinity College, Cambridge on music scholarships. He played the piano and the cello, the latter of which he dropped in favour of the "much more masculine" oboe. So, his music choices and coverage of the selections should be much better than the offerings of some presenters in the past.

BBC of course has The Proms every day this month – but not as we know it! Until 27th August they will be archived Prom recordings. It is planned that for the last two weeks of the Proms, that is, starting 28th August, they will be live concerts from the Albert Hall, but exactly how it will be done is still to be determined as we go to press. In the same way, the Edinburgh International Festival has been cancelled but daily at 11.00am in August BBC Radio 3 will be broadcasting some of the best performances from recent festival history.

As regards the internet, last month I included a reference to a list of sites offering concerts and I repeat it here: <https://www.classicfm.com/music-news/live-streamed-classical-music-concerts-coronavirus/>

A browse through the offerings of U-tube will also turn up lots of interesting possibilities. Try exploring!

**The musicians dictionary continues in lockdown: Tuxedo:** A type of ill-fitting black suit worn by male musicians during a performance. It must be at least ten years old and too large or too tight. The female equivalent is any dress, knee-length or longer, which is vaguely black (i.e. black, grey, brown, blue, purple, chartreuse, etc.).

**Brian Hardy**

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## Christian Message August 2020



*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom....waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water....*

*Isaiah 35:1 & 6 – 7*

This picture was taken in June in the fields at the back of Lenham near the railway – the earth was already showing signs of real dryness. The day I walked it was the first day for weeks that promised rain – but it didn't come. As I write this article in June, I cannot say what happened next as you read this in August....did we get the rain I wonder?

But one thing struck me that day in June. The earth was dry and crying out for rain and in it's need cracks had appeared, warning signs, yet these very same warning signs would be the means by which the rain, when it came, was able to penetrate the earth faster, rather than just running off the concrete like surface. The cracks would enable at least some of the goodness of the rain to reach deeper soil and be stored....

Over this year we have all of us been under some great strain, we have experienced a lack of some of the good things in this life that we need. We have been vulnerable. Nothing is ever wasted with creation and with God; even the desert and wilderness times of our lives can be transformed to lush green pastures. Those deep needs in us, the cracks, the ravines can be filled with the goodness of God so much easier because they exist. If we all have closed, hard, maybe even shiny exteriors with no visible signs of wear and tear, vulnerability, brokenness or need how can we hope to reach each other –how can we reach God, how can He reach us?

Signs of wear and tear, brokenness and need are all around us and within us – let God love you and fill you with His love and let Him meet your needs this summer I pray, made all the easier for the cracks you bear....and if you can, let that overflow and help others to do the same.

**Rev. Lorraine Apps – Huggins**  
**Chaplain to The Living Well, Nonington.**



## **Grafty Green Stores and Post Office**

We needed to reduce our opening hours when the coronavirus came. This seems to have worked well. We thank you for your cooperation.

No one knows the future. We aim to open more but would like to keep to the present opening times as the definite lights- on / door- unlocked times and would encourage our customers to use these if possible. Outside these times, some of the time we will operate a door locked/ ring bell system, but you may have to wait a few minutes.

There may be those who, maybe for medical reasons, would want to come outside the advertised times to avoid being near others, or because the times are not possible. This could be arranged by contacting us.

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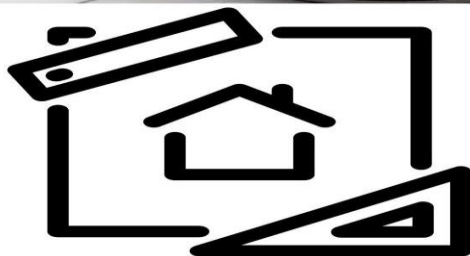
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### **Food**

Homeless Care still need donations of food for their work with the homeless. There is a box for gifts of food in Grafty Green village stores. Many thanks to all those who have given food in the past.

**Joan Drury**





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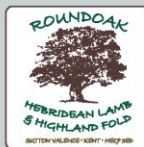
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Ambulance 999 note: an **aed** 'public access **defibrillator**' is sited and available 24/7 at the premises (in porch) of A.W. Court in Headcorn road. Ambulance 999 control centre will give 999 callers the lock code, if appropriate, to access the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

First Aid Support – when **an ambulance has been called using 999** - Interim emergency support (first aid and AED defibrillator), prior to arrival of paramedics / ambulance, may be available (not 24/7) by calling Chris Wheal on 01622 858100 -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                      ( <i>out of hours listen to -</i>	<b>01622 890294</b>
Lenham Surgery <i>recorded messages</i> )	<b>01622 858341</b>

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

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

KCC Community Wardens:

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

Maidstone Borough Community Protection - **01622 602202** – Noise, neighbours, Smoke, Travellers. Environmental Services – **01622 602162** – Fly tipping, Street cleaning, Litter, Bins, dead animals

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bird	Clock	Weight	Watcher
2	Film	Post	Writer	Script
3	Butter	Soda	Sour	Cream
4	Bug	Flower	Linen	Bed
5	Cape	Clerk	Ghost	Town
6	Barrier	Estuary	River	Thames
7	Coach	Down	Motion	Slow
8	Blue	Honey	Walk	Moon
9	Captain	Practise	Splinter	Group
10	Bone	Chatter	Threats	Idle
11	Ascension	Christmas	Easter	Island
12	Apple	House	Surgeon	Tree
13	Baths	Nose	Numeral	Roman
14	Land	Stay	Stream	Main
15	Ball	Cushion	Hat	Pin
16	Bar	Piano	Pigeon	Stool

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	Kathleen <b>Turner</b> , Actress who starred in 'The Jewel of the Nile'
2	<b>Winona</b> Ryder, who starred in 'Edward Scissorhands'
3	Wayne <b>Rooney</b> , Footballer who holds the record for the most England goals
4	<b>Gracie</b> Fields, Music Hall performer who sang about 'Sally'
5	Denise <b>Welch</b> , Former Corrie star now a regular on 'Loose Women'
6	<b>Red</b> Cross, International humanitarian organisation
7	Elsie <b>Tanner</b> , Icon Corrie character
8	<b>Britney</b> Spears, 'One More Time' singer
9	Noel <b>Edmonds</b> , 'Deal or No Deal' presenter
10	<b>Norman</b> Foster, Architect of 'The Gherkin' in London

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