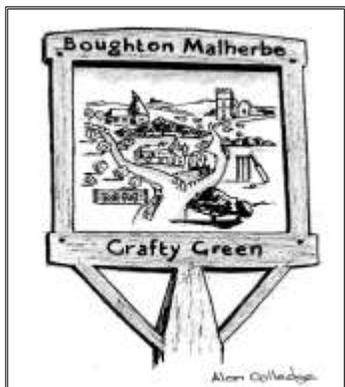


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Front cover: Boughton Malherbe enjoying its second spring in 2015, when temperatures soared to 10 degrees C and more, with birds singing and daffodils in bloom - photo taken on a sunny December morning. Colour picture on the below Parish Council website.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers will be at St. Nicholas Church at 9.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday this month (and at All Saints, Ulcombe, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday). Prayer requests can be left at any time in the box in the church porch, the porch is always open.

Coffee and cakes will be in the Village Hall as usual from 10.30am - 12 noon on the 2nd Wednesday, the 10th. February.

Lent begins with a benefice service on Ash Wednesday, 10th February, at 7.30 pm in All Saints Church, Ulcombe.

Bible Study continues on Thursdays, 10.30am-12noon, at Wierton Villa, where the group is looking at Paul's first letter to Timothy. For further details ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766.

Lent lunches will be from 12-2pm on Wednesdays, beginning on the 17th February. Sally Alexander will host the first one on that day at Bowley Oast East, phone 01622 859549 if you need further information. Sylvia Close has kindly offered to host the second one on February 24th at her home, phone 01622 891954 if more details needed. Other dates and venues will be in next month's magazine. All proceeds from these bread and soup lunches will benefit Christian Aid.

As I write, Joan Davidson is in Maidstone Hospital, our prayers go out for her, Mike and family.

Sally Alexander

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to **5th March 2016**.

Grafty Green

Saturday 13th Feb 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 13th Feb 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 20st Feb 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

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2 nd January	Coppicing & footpath clearance	Bull Heath
6 th February	Coppicing/glade creation	Hurst Wood

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**Thursday 11 February 2016, 7pm**

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Chaired by BBC's John Warnett

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- Fran Wilson, Leader, Maidstone Borough Council
- Matthew Balfour, KCC Cabinet Member Environment & Transport
- Rob Jarman, Head of Planning, Maidstone Borough Council
- Gary Thomas, Maidstone CPRE • John Horne JPG
- Other Council Representatives

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club

| Date                     | Speaker/Event | Topic                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Jude Lawton   | Work of Plant Heritage, Collections in Kent |

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February Jude Lawton is coming to speak to us about the 'Work of Plant Heritage, Collections in Kent'. This promises to be a very interesting talk about an important subject.

Our grateful thanks go to Elizabeth Hall who in January gave a most entertaining talk on Rhododendrons and The Sea Shore which hit a note with the 'collector' in all of us. Elizabeth's displays were imaginative and her personality engaging and we look forward to inviting her back again sometime soon.

The list for our weekend away in Cambridgeshire in June is filling up but there are a few places remaining for others if they would like to join us. Please call Carole Frost if you can come on (01622) 757536. Deposits of £50.00 per person will be collected by Doreen our Treasurer at our February meeting. The remaining £200.00 is due in April.

TIP OF THE MONTH - Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering and Summer-flowering shrubs that flower on new wood also hardy evergreen trees and shrubs and jasmines and late flowering clematis. Apply organic-based fertilizers and mulch after feeding. Start Dahlia tubers into growth in shallow trays and re-pot or top-dress shrubs in containers.

Our friendly and informal meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is £1.00 for members, please feel free to bring a friend (entry £2.00) for non-members and your plant and seed swaps if you have any! There is always time for a chat with tea/coffee after questions at the end of the talk

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Saturday 5th March 2016



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**The alternative route is via Lenham Road, Chaingate Road  
(Park Road) and Headcorn Road.**

## February 2016 News From Platts Heath School

Welcome back to another news update from the good ship Platts Heath Primary School.

### Premier Sports

Well done to the two Year 3&4 dodgeball teams who took part at the recent tournament. The support from parents and carers was fantastic - once again we were the best supported school! This term it is 'Fencing' for Year 5&6.

### Silence in court

Shackleton Class had a visit from a magistrate. He spoke to the children about the workings of a courtroom and how our legal system works from arrest to conviction (or acquittal). The children were able to role-play cases and ask questions about the law.

### Class Names - Somewhere, beyond the Sea

The classes for 2015 to 2016 are named after famous British explorers who are linked to the theme of 'The Sea'.

Year R & 1 & 2 are **DRAKE** class after Sir Francis Drake

Year 3&4 are **NELSON** Class after Lord Horatio Nelson

Year 5&6 are **SHACKLETON** class after Sir Ernest Shackleton

### Reading Challenge

Our new reading challenge is well underway and it's all very fishy! The children all have their reading record to fill in every time an adult listens to them read. Once they have been listened to 10 times they receive a fish for our display, 50 times earns them a starfish and 100 times earns them a dolphin. The English display outside Nelson class is awash with their achievements. All achievements can be viewed on our website,

***[www.platts-heath.kent.sch.uk](http://www.platts-heath.kent.sch.uk)***

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**Piers Anscomb**  
***Headteacher***

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Thursday morning 9.30 – 11- last practice on 18<sup>th</sup> February

Contact me on 850381 for more information.

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New term will commence on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April – no classes during March.

I have a web site: [www.yogawithsusan.co.uk](http://www.yogawithsusan.co.uk) which gives more details about yoga and the classes.

Please note that I am not running classes in Platts Heath for the moment

**Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher**

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## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 19.30.**

The Agenda for 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

## February Music notes

Just a few local concerts to tell you about in February, but of course the key music entertainment will be the local pantomimes, which are included in my list below. Also I have some advance news. Many people will be familiar with the Easter work by Stainer – *The Crucifixion*. Stainer's Great-grandson David Pennant has composed a new follow-on work *The Resurrection*. It sits comfortably in the same format as *The Crucifixion* – i.e. choruses for a choir, soloists' passages and hymns for audience. Its first public performance will be on Saturday 12th March, 7.30pm at All Saint's Church Maidstone and I give no apology for mentioning it especially now. This is something that you need to book on your diaries now. The work is 35 mins long and will follow on from a performance by Maidstone Choral Union of *The Crucifixion*. I will of course remind you next month. Here is my selection for this month:

- Friday 5th Feb at 7.30 pm and Saturday 6th February at 2.30 and 7.30pm at Leeds & Broomfield Memorial Hall, Leeds. Captain Hook's Revenge. Tickets from LADS members or at the door.
- Wednesday 10th Feb to Sat 13th Feb in Hollingbourne Village Hall, 7.45 pm each evening plus 2.30pm on Saturday – The Hollingbourne village pantomime is Mother Goose. Tickets from Christopher's village shop.
- Sunday 14th February 3pm at Groves Hall, Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society give an afternoon concert featuring Anthony Brown (saxophone) and Leo Nicholson, (piano). Tickets at the door include tea with home-made cakes!! Info (only) 01732 843129
- Friday 26th February, 7.30pm at Rochester Cathedral, Harry Christophers with the Sixteen choir and orchestra return to provide an evening of Handel's works. Tickets 01634 338141.
- Saturday 27th February, 7.00pm at The Space Performing Arts Centre, Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HU, the Kent Festival of Wind and Brass includes performances by Maidstone Wind Symphony and the BAE Brass Band. Enquiries 01732 366500
- Saturday 5th March, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas church, Leeds, a chamber music concert by the Helier Quartet. Tickets and details 01622 842915.

My radio choice this month is the lunchtime concert (1-2pm) from the Wigmore Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb; The concert broadcast on radio 3 is a selection of piano works by Chopin and Brahms, performed by Behzod Abduraimov,

**Brian Hardy**

## Grafty Gourmet

This month's recipe is a great tasting and warming soup. Ideal for vegetarians and great for these cold winter days.

### **Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash Soup with Garlic & Lemon Toast**

#### **For the soup**

500g sweet potatoes, peeled and diced  
1 butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and diced  
1 tbsp clear honey  
1 tbsp olive oil  
2 onions, roughly chopped  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
1 litre vegetable or chicken stock  
1 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp grated nutmeg  
100ml double cream

#### **For the toast**

1 tbsp olive oil  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
100g butter, at room temperature  
zest 1 lemon  
2 tbsp chopped chives  
1 tbsp chopped thyme  
2 ciabatta loaves, cut into slices

1. Heat oven to 200C fan. Put the sweet potato and butternut squash on a baking tray and add the honey and a drizzle of olive oil. Roast for 40-45 mins until soft and starting to caramelize at the edges, stirring occasionally.
  2. Meanwhile, fry the onions in 1 tbsp olive oil until soft, then add the garlic, chicken stock, cinnamon and nutmeg. Bring to the boil, and simmer for 5 mins.
  3. Remove the sweet potatoes and butternut squash from the oven and add to the pan with the stock. Blend everything until smooth using a stick blender. Stir in most of the cream and bring back to a gentle simmer, and season with salt and pepper to taste.
  4. To make the lemon & garlic toasts, gently warm some olive oil and garlic in a pan over a low heat for a few mins; the garlic should be softened but not browned. Remove from the heat and mix in the butter and lemon zest until smooth. Leave to cool, then stir in the chives and thyme.
  5. Toast the ciabatta slices, and top each with a spoonful of garlic butter. Serve with the soup, drizzled with the remaining cream, and some black pepper
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### Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

|    | Word 1   | Word 2   | Word 3   | Answer        |
|----|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 1  | Reel     | Socks    | Wool     | <b>Cotton</b> |
| 2  | Operator | Snake    | Talker   |               |
| 3  | Card     | Finger   | Linked   |               |
| 4  | American | Day      | Pipe     |               |
| 5  | Coloured | Purpose  | Tasking  |               |
| 6  | Butchers | Stage    | Strings  |               |
| 7  | Jig      | Sea      | Stew     |               |
| 8  | Acquired | Buds     | Good     |               |
| 9  | Box      | Hog      | Row      |               |
| 10 | Estate   | Free     | Special  |               |
| 11 | Home     | Solution | World    |               |
| 12 | Craft    | Hot      | Pressure |               |
| 13 | Courts   | Martial  | Suit     |               |
| 14 | Cupids   | Golden   | Root     |               |
| 15 | Form     | Keep     | Standing |               |
| 16 | Living   | Opinion  | Truth    |               |

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

|    | Find the missing word?                                                 |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | _____ Baby, A No 2 UK hit for Roy Orbison                              |
| 2  | The Only Way is _____, TV reality series                               |
| 3  | _____ Gay, First top ten hit for O.M.D                                 |
| 4  | Minority _____, 2002 futuristic thriller with Tom Cruise               |
| 5  | Meg _____, US film actress                                             |
| 6  | Marc _____, T.Rex singer                                               |
| 7  | _____ at Tiffany's, 1961 film starring Audrey Hepburn & George Peppard |
| 8  | Iggy _____, Stage name of James Osterburg                              |
| 9  | _____ and Old Lace, 1944 black farce starring Cary Grant               |
| 10 | I fell _____, 1964 hit for The Beatles                                 |

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2. Monday 18 April at 7 pm in the church - Annual General Meeting. All members are welcome to attend who we hope will contribute ideas for the future.
3. Sunday 19 June at 3pm in the church - a Cream Tea and Brass Band Concert with the UK Paper Band from Sittingbourne. The band will provide an afternoon of light entertainment. It has been in existence since 1883 and the original players were workers at the new paper mill which was built to supply The Daily Chronicle with paper. Hence the name adopted in 1988. Tickets £10
4. Saturday 10 September at 7.30 pm - the very popular Police Choir will be giving a concert in Ulcombe Church. Tickets, price £10, will include light refreshments.
5. Saturday 19 November at 7.30 pm in the church - an Auction of Promises at 7.30 pm which will include supper. (We will soon be coming to you asking for your promises!)



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## The Ulcombe Friendship Club

This is a local club which lives up to its name!

It has been going since 1998 and is open to anyone who has a free afternoon on the last Thursday in the month.

We meet in the village hall at 2.30 pm. We have a variety of activities as you will see from the programme below. We have interesting speakers coming, a fun afternoon, a Saturday afternoon Cream Tea, a Garden party, a New Year lunch, a Christmas party, and a couple of outings.

When we meet in the village hall, we all enjoy a lovely tea which is prepared on a Rota basis by our members.

Membership is just £8 a year which goes towards hiring the hall. To supplement our income we have a raffle each month and two coffee mornings in people's homes.

It is a very friendly society as the name implies. Members range in age from 50 to 90 – and we have a number of men among our membership.

If you happen to be free on the first Thursday in the month, do come along and join us. We would love to see you. If you need a lift, that can be arranged.

**Molly Poulter**

### Programme 2016

|                                 |                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 21 January             | New Year Lunch                                                      |
| Thursday 25 February            | AGM and Games and Quiz afternoon                                    |
| Wednesday 9 March               | Coffee Morning                                                      |
| <b>Thursday 24 March (note)</b> | Neil Arnold - <i>Spooky Kent</i>                                    |
| Thursday 28 April               | Martin Heard - <i>Nelson's Mistress Lady Hamilton</i>               |
| Wednesday 25 May                | Outing                                                              |
| Saturday 11 June                | Cream Teas in village hall                                          |
| Thursday 30 June                | John Pearce - <i>Murder comes gift wrapped</i>                      |
| Thursday 28 July                | Garden Party                                                        |
| Thursday 25 August              | Tea party                                                           |
| Wednesday 28 September          | Outing                                                              |
| Wednesday 12 October            | Coffee morning                                                      |
| Thursday 27 October             | Marianne Martin - <i>An afternoon of laughter</i>                   |
| Thursday 24 November            | Brian D'Arcy - <i>Living with the ghosts of the Tower of London</i> |
| Thursday 15 December            | Christmas Party with Pearly King and Queen                          |
| Thursday 27 January             | New year Lunch                                                      |

## Christian Message February 2016

"Go and boil your head. No, the sun's not made out of lava, it's made out of gas you blimmin' bummux," Alfie tells George in "The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds," a TV programme I watched last autumn. Amazing what children know and amazing their arsenal of inventive insults!

The night sky, space, our place in the universe has fascinated us since the dawn of humanity.

Only 50 years ago on 3rd February 1966 the Soviet Union's space probe Luna 9 became the first craft to achieve a soft landing on the Moon. That was soon followed by the first manned moon landing in 1969 by America's Apollo 11.

Now Major Tim Peake, the first British astronaut at the International Space Station is spending 6 months orbiting the earth doing experiments in zero gravity.

Mankind's capacity for exploration and technological innovation is truly amazing. And the speed is similarly amazing, especially when you consider that there are still people alive, like the Queen, 90 this year, who remember when aeroplanes were in their infancy.

Mankind, made in God's image, is creative and innovative. Even though we are beginning to explore and chart both space and the hidden depths of the oceans our capacity for wonder is still present.

Psalm 19 begins:

***The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.***

And Psalm 139 says

***Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.***

The Creator God who is behind our astonishingly varied and complex universe is also the God who knows us inside out. Psalm 139 continues,

***You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.***

This creative, innovative God, who sees into the depths of our secret, innermost thoughts wants to accompany us on our journey through his universe. Perhaps on the next clear night we might look up at the stars and try to imagine their distance. Then reflect that God is also close to us, nearer than anyone else.

**Helen Venn**

## **Looking under the Bonnet**

In 2014 I saw a flier about a group called FocusonFaith. A few members of the Len valley churches decided to explore and attended a meeting of the group in Ryarsh village hall . The speaker was excellent and the lunch was equally good.

Focus on Faith was set up by a group of Christian women who felt called by God to organise Bible days for women in Kent.

Jennifer Rees-Larcombe, a well known speaker, will be coming to Ryarsh for the next meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 9.15 to 2.15pm. She has called her talk, 'Under the Bonnet.'

Why not come along? You can book by visiting the web site [www.focusonfaith.co.uk](http://www.focusonfaith.co.uk) or ring me on 01622 853766 to join a group which we in the Grafty Green Bible study group will be organising.

**Joan Drury**

## **Messy Mums twin a toilet**

Did you know that 40% of the world's population does not have access to a toilet! As mums, we appreciate all our conveniences (!) nappies, changing mats, taps, toilets and baths! At Christmas at Messy Mums we collected enough money to twin a toilet. A certificate is now hanging proudly in the church toilets showing us the toilet we've paid for in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Providing dignity and the prospect of good health for a family, our twinned toilet is helping flush away poverty.

Messy Mums is not just for mums; grannies, carers and dads bring their babies and children along to our friendly, supportive group which meets every Wednesday morning in term time in Lenham church. Toys, chat, tea and coffee, story time; come and join us. [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)

**Next Messy Church : Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>**



*The Len Valley Benefice*  
*Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe*  
Sunday/Main Services – **February 2016**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast service  
**9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
**10.30 am** Ulcombe: Family Worship  
**11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion  
**3.30 pm** Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.30pm** Ulcombe: **Ash**  
**Wednesday Service**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service  
**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion  
**10.45am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion  
**11.00am** Lenham: Morning Worship  
**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am** Holy Communion: Chippendale Lodge

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service  
**9.30am** Harrietsham: Morning Worship  
**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion  
**10.45am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship  
**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**8.00am** Dog & Bear, Lenham: **Men's breakfast**  
**4.00pm** Ulcombe Village Hall: **Messy Church**  
**5.00pm** Harrietsham: **Prayer and Praise**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**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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**Once upon a time.....**

A recent Christian message in this magazine provoked discussion about loneliness. I have just heard about an opportunity to make new friends. In Headcorn Library (Kings Road) Bob Chance reads short stories aloud from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The introductory session was, apparently, enjoyed by all who went along. Dates arranged so far are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March. Why not go and meet the other listeners?

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## Ulcombe History Society

The February meeting of the Ulcombe History Society in 2016 will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall. Ernie Warner will be talking on ***The 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Agincourt***

All welcome. Wine and light refreshments available beforehand

### Programme 2016

|                      |                                                   |                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues 19 Jan          | Talk: Albert Evans                                | <i>The English Gentleman: made in Italy</i>                                                                         |
| Tues 9 Feb           | Talk: Ernie Warner                                | <i>The 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Agincourt</i>                                                                |
| Tues 15 Mar          | Talk: Mrs Irene Fridman                           | <i>Jewish Life in Medway: comprehensive history of the Jewish community from the reign of William the Conqueror</i> |
| Sat 14 May           | Musical Evening at The Old Dairy with Bryan Gipps | <i>Mozart and the piano</i>                                                                                         |
| Sat 25 Jun           | Outing with Simon Elliot                          | <i>To Richborough, Reculver and Sandwich</i>                                                                        |
| Tues 12 July         | Evening visit with Anthea Bryant                  | <i>Tour and Talk plus supper to either Goodnestone or Faversham</i>                                                 |
| Fri-Sun<br>24-25 Sep | Outing to Cambridge. West Stow & Bury St. Edmunds |                                                                                                                     |
| Tues 18 Oct          | Talk: Alex Ferris                                 | <i>The plague doctors of Kent</i>                                                                                   |
| Tues 15 Nov          | Talk: Colin Brown                                 | <i>The Ordinance Survey: ancient and Modern</i>                                                                     |
| Tues 13 Dec          | Talk: Patsy Erskine-Hill                          | <i>British travellers to the Court of the Tsar</i>                                                                  |

The Society meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7. 30 pm. New members and visitors are welcome It is a friendly society and wine and nibbles are served before the talk. For more details contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

## Emergency and Help Contact Details

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

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**.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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>  |
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| <i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i> | <b>07773 397125</b> |

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|      | <i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i> | <b>01622 858100</b>  |

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

|    | Word 1   | Word 2   | Word 3   | Answer |
|----|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| 1  | Reel     | Socks    | Wool     | Cotton |
| 2  | Operator | Snake    | Talker   | Smooth |
| 3  | Card     | Finger   | Linked   | Index  |
| 4  | American | Day      | Pipe     | Dream  |
| 5  | Coloured | Purpose  | Tasking  | Multi  |
| 6  | Butchers | Stage    | Strings  | Apron  |
| 7  | Jig      | Sea      | Stew     | Irish  |
| 8  | Acquired | Buds     | Good     | Taste  |
| 9  | Box      | Hog      | Row      | Hedge  |
| 10 | Estate   | Free     | Special  | Agent  |
| 11 | Home     | Solution | World    | Ideal  |
| 12 | Craft    | Hot      | Pressure | Air    |
| 13 | Courts   | Marital  | Suit     | Law    |
| 14 | Cupids   | Golden   | Root     | Arrow  |
| 15 | Form     | Keep     | Standing | Order  |
| 16 | Living   | Opinion  | Truth    | Honest |

|    | Find the missing word?                                                     |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Dream Baby, A No 2 UK hit for Roy Orbison                                  |
| 2  | The Only Way is Essex, TV reality series                                   |
| 3  | Enola Gay, First top ten hit for O.M.D                                     |
| 4  | Minority Report, 2002 futuristic thriller with Tom Cruise                  |
| 5  | Meg Ryan, US film actress                                                  |
| 6  | Marek Bohan, T.Rex singer                                                  |
| 7  | Breakfast at Tiffany's, 1961 film starring Audrey Hepburn & George Peppard |
| 8  | Iggy Pop, Stage name of James Osterburg                                    |
| 9  | Arsenic and Old Lace, 1944 black farce starring Cary Grant                 |
| 10 | I fell Fine, 1964 hit for The Beatles                                      |



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