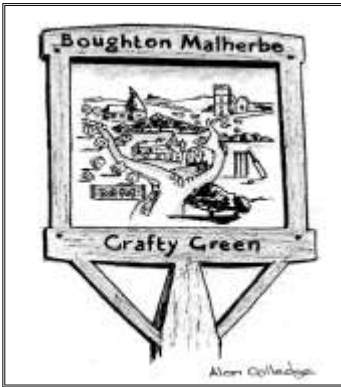


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Front cover:. Local resident Diana Parker celebrating her 90th birthday on Monday 25th April

Photo courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9.30a.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday at St. Nicholas and on the 2nd and 4th at All Saints, Ulcombe.

Bible Study will be at Weirton Villas on Thursdays at 10.30 a.m. Interested new people will be welcomed - ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766 for more information.

Ladies Breakfast on Saturday 7th May at 8.30 a.m. at the Dog and Bear. The speaker is Faith Woodcock from Family Trust in Maidstone. Please book through the Church Office on 01622 850604, Helen Venn or Mair Chantler.

Village Coffee Morning will be on 11th May at 10.30 a.m.- 12.00 noon in the Village Hall, Grafty Green. Donations are sent to a charity for clean water in Africa.

Rose Service will be held on Sunday 8th May at 3.00p.m. in St. John's Harrietsham. Bring a rose or collect one when you arrive. It is a time to light a candle for reflection and remembering those we have lost and giving thanks for having known them.

Men's Breakfast will be held at the Dog and Bear on Saturday 28th May at 8.00a.m. There will be a speaker and English Breakfast will be served for £8.50 which includes tea/coffee. Ring the Church Office on 01622 850604 or Dick Venn on 01622 858195 to book a place.

APCM was held in St. Nicholas on Wednesday 20th April and the Churchwardens and Treasurer and PCC were voted back into office, but we are still in need of a Secretary. If there is anyone who would be interested in holding this post, we would be very grateful. Please ring one of the Churchwardens. It is not necessary to be a member of the PCC to do this job.

Retiring On Sunday 10th April after Evensong Dick Venn announced he will be retiring on 30th September. Dick and Helen will have been with us 8 years by then.

Joan Davidson

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Village Hall News

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The 2016 AGM of the Grafty Green Village Hall Management Committee will take place at the Village Hall on **Monday 16 May at 7.30pm**

You are all invited!

AGENDA:

- Receive the minutes of the last AGM and deal with matters arising;
- Receive the Chairman's report on the work of the committee last year;
- Receive the annual accounts and the Treasurer's report;
- Open discussion of the committee's work;
- Elect a committee for the coming year;
- Consider further Hall improvements;
- Consider ideas for future events;
- Review the Hall hire fee;
- Any other business;
- Confirm date of next meeting.

Please come along, cast your vote and have your say.

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## ***Would you stand for election to the Committee?***

Whether you are a long-standing local resident or a new-comer you will be made very welcome! Just turn up at the meeting.

Every committee needs new blood, new ideas, different folk with different approaches. This is vital if we are not to get stuck in a rut, so if you have ever considered putting yourself forward (or even if you haven't!) do please offer yourself this time.

We have full meetings only about every 3 months but, in between, small working groups take forward ideas for events or deal with Hall maintenance and improvement issues.

Do get involved – it's fun! For further information just give me a call or drop me an email. I look forward to hearing from you.

***Richard Pilborough*** (current committee chairman)

Tel: 850484 Email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be the AGM and the Annual Parish Council meeting, will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 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

### **Uncontested Parish Election**

The Parish Election was uncontested and so there will be **no Parish Council Election on 5<sup>th</sup> May**. However, there will be 2 other Elections on that day – for the Police and Crime Commissioner, and MBC Councillor for the Headcorn Ward.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May following a Planning Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.

Do come along if you can – a great opportunity to catch up on what's happening locally and to meet your new Councillor, Annie Allum.

### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

- Would you like to represent the views of local people?
- Do you wish to contribute your business or personal skills and expertise?
- Do you care about your Community?
- Are you concerned about your local area?

If so, perhaps you might consider becoming a Parish Councillor. A vacancy has arisen as Cllr Mike Hitchins has stood down. If you are interested please contact Christine King, Parish Clerk: 01622 850711 or [boughtonmalherbecp@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonmalherbecp@gmail.com)

### **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

#### **New Members Always Welcome - Join Us**

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Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

**Following a Chimney Fire in the Kings Head pub on Thursday evening it seems appropriate that a repeat of the following article that first appeared in Malherbe Monthly last September might be worth another read !!**

**"Don't give us the brush off, sign up to alerts and avert a fire" say fire-fighters**

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is launching a new free, email alert system to help keep you, your home and business safe from chimney fires.

Between 2010 and 2014, KFRS tackled almost 1,350 chimney fires around the county. From KFRS research carried out earlier this summer, one in three people who responded to a KFRS online survey\* said that they hadn't had their chimney swept in over a year, if at all.

Head of Community Safety, Lee Rose, said: "Chimneys can turn into blazing furnaces when they catch fire, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage and putting your home, family and business at risk.

"We're launching the clean sweep alert– it's safe and easy-to-use and you can sign up in seconds. It will send you a message to remind you to get your chimney cleaned and inspected if you haven't already had it done yet. That way you can make sure it's free from debris and in good working order before you light it when the weather cools down. This will help to prevent fires and structural damage to your property."

If you have a chimney, open fire, wood burner, Aga or other 'real flame' appliance, it's vital that you ensure it is properly installed and serviced by competent engineers, so you can safely curl up next to a warm, cosy fire throughout the colder winter months.

Lee added: "The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning can occur at any time, in any home or enclosed space. Blocked flues and chimneys can prevent carbon monoxide escaping, allowing it to reach dangerous levels. Make sure you don't get caught out by a silent killer. Proper care and maintenance will allow you to enjoy the benefits of using your fireplace safely and, as it will run more efficiently, it could save you money too!

"Don't take chances with safety, sign up for the free clean sweep alert and get your chimney and flues inspected and swept annually. Follow our common sense chimney fire safety advice and keep your home and business fires burning safely this winter."

To sign up for the clean sweep alert visit [www.kent.fire-uk.org/cleansweepalert](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/cleansweepalert).

## **Grafty Green Gardening Club**

| Date                      | Speaker/Event                          | Topic                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>May 3rd</b>            | <b>George Pearson</b>                  | <b>Flora from around the world</b> |
| <b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Plant sale on the Village Green</b> | <b>In Village Hall if wet</b>      |

On May 3rd George Pearson will be coming to the Village Hall to give a slide show and talk about 'Flora from around the World'. Members and Non-members alike are most welcome to come to view what promises to be a very interesting evening. The talk will start at 7.30 prompt, entry is £1.00 for members, please feel free to bring a friend, £2.00 for non-members. Plant swaps/raffle tea and coffee is plentiful! We look forward to seeing you there.

On May 7th we are holding our Plant Sale on the Village Green (or in the Hall if it is wet or cold). In addition to a generous array of plants we will be providing Coffee/Tea and biscuits. and range of home baked cakes for you to purchase and take away. We will be grateful for donations of home made cakes on the day!

A very big thank you to all of the Villagers who volunteered and worked hard to provide materials and labour to dig and prepare the Village Hall Garden with a foundation for the railway sleepers which are now in place and will provide a strong edge between the plants and gravel path beside the Village Hall. A job well done!

Tip of the Month - Beware of night frosts! Keep an eye out for pests and diseases. Keep mowing and feeding lawns and dead head spring flowering bulbs and let the stalks and leaves remain for at least 6 weeks.

Our meetings are friendly and informal and start at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Entry is £1.00 for members, please feel free to bring a friend £2.00 for non-members. we look forward to seeing you there!

### **'Litter pick for the Queen' - April 9<sup>th</sup>**

A very big thank you to all those who turned out on a wet Saturday morning to pick up litter in and around Grafty Green.

Ron Galton and I took twenty three large plastic sacks full of a wide range of rubbish to the tip in Tovil. In addition to the crisp bags, coke tins and empty coffee cups there were numerous car parts and possibly the most unusual were four half aluminium beer kegs found in the ditch opposite Crumps lane.

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**Robert Turner**



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**Wednesday evening 7 – 8.30**

**Thursday morning 9.30 – 11**

No class on 5<sup>th</sup> May as the hall will be used for elections

If you can't commit to a regular class please feel free to drop in on any of my classes  
– drop in rate £8

### **Saturday Yoga practices**

10 – 11.30 investment £7 - 4<sup>th</sup> June

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**

## **Grafty Gourmet**

This is a great Spring dish and goes great with new potatoes. Just a little care required when flambéing.

### **Flambéed Chicken & Asparagus**

4 boneless, skinless, chicken breasts  
1 tablespoon of plain flour  
2 tablespoons of olive oil  
1 knob of butter  
4 shallots, finely chopped

4 tablespoons of brandy  
300ml of chicken stock  
asparagus spears, halved  
1 tablespoons of crème fraîche  
1 tablespoon of chopped tarragon

1. Dust the chicken with the flour. Heat the oil and butter in a large, wide pan with a lid, add the chicken, and fry on all sides until nicely browned. Add the shallots, then fry for about 2 minutes until they start to soften, but not colour. Pour in the brandy and carefully ignite, (stand well back until the flames have died down). Stir in the stock and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat, cover, then cook for 15 minutes until the chicken is just tender.

2. Add the asparagus to the sauce. Cover, then cook for a further 5 minutes more until tender. Stir in the crème fraîche and tarragon and warm through. Season to taste.

### **Dick the Vic to retire**

I have been Priest in Charge of the Len Valley Benefice since October 2008 and Helen and I have decided that now is the time to retire. Our last day here will be September 30<sup>th</sup>.

We have had a challenging, stimulating and exciting time in the Len Valley and have been pleased to see lots of initiatives begin and take shape. It has been a privilege to work among everyone in the villages of Harrietsham, Ulcombe, Boughton Malherbe and Lenham – not forgetting Sandway, Platts Heath and others, too!

We shall be moving to Malmesbury in Wiltshire where we hope to be able to enter into community life and make new friends.

We will miss you sorely!

*Rev Dick Venn and Helen*

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and its environs, to an Art Class in Harrietsham village hall on Tuesday afternoons run by Kent Adult Education.

Unfortunately, last year, due to lack of student numbers to make the class viable the course was cancelled. We hope to start this up again in September 2016, subject to the village hall being available and also James Allen our tutor from Platts Heath. The class is a very friendly one and we cover all aspects of art, watercolours, acrylics, oils, pastels etc. etc.

This class runs from September to the end of June and is on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.30pm and is usually a 30 week course and there are concessions.

We need a core group of 8-10 people to make it viable. At the moment we have six people who would like to come back.

I'm sure there are some budding artists out there who would enjoy an afternoon painting and drawing. If we have a good summer and the weather is kind to us we may find an idyllic spot and go outside to paint.

If anyone is interested or would like further information please contact me. If you do decide this could be the course for you then you would have to join through the Kent Adult Education scheme – contact details can be found on their website.

**Denise Williams 01622 859410**

## May Music notes

Plenty of music in Kent this month, but most of it requires a journey. I have selected some of the most attractive events, but there are others such as lunchtime concerts at Canterbury Cathedral on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>; a search of your local magazine may show something nearer home. Meanwhile, here is my list:

- Saturday 14th May, 7.00pm at Rochester Cathedral, a concert by the London Welsh male voice choir. Another quality concert at Rochester. Tickets 0800 046 3396
- Also 14th May, 7.30pm but at the Colyer-Fergusson Concert, the University of Kent, CT2 7NB – a performance of Haydn's Creation by a joint choir from Bearsted Choral Society and Sittingbourne Orpheus Choral Society. Tickets available from the Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury.
- Saturday 21st May, 7.30pm at the Maidstone Leisure Centre, the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No.2, featuring soloist Callum Smart (a winner of the strings section of the BBC's "Young Musician" competition, and Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony. Info phone 07947 636. Tickets also via MSO web site
- Also 21st May, 7.30pm, but at St Mildred's church Tenterden TN30 6AR the Kent Chamber Choir present "Songs of Celebration" in support of Canterbury Oast Trust. Quality singing. Tickets 07715 399320
- Saturday 28th May, 7.30pm at the Chatham Central Theatre, the City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra concert includes a new work by Amy Morgan, as well as works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky. Tickets 01634 338338

On the TV this month, the semi-final of the BBC Young Musician 2016 competition is on BBC 4 on 7<sup>th</sup> May and the final is on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

There will also be a jazz award as part of the competition, and this will be shown on 13<sup>th</sup> May, also on BBC4.

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**Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)**

|    | Word 1   | Word 2  | Word 3    | Answer         |
|----|----------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| 1  | Jubilee  | Rough   | Ring      | <b>Diamond</b> |
| 2  | Tooth    | Head    | Ear       |                |
| 3  | Eclipse  | Power   | Panel     |                |
| 4  | Magnetic | Mouse   | Air       |                |
| 5  | Smoker   | Drain   | Dream     |                |
| 6  | Threat   | Gossip  | Bone      |                |
| 7  | Fighter  | Escape  | Under     |                |
| 8  | Record   | Petty   | Damage    |                |
| 9  | Tiger    | Water   | Pad       |                |
| 10 | Sweet    | Crisp   | Jacket    |                |
| 11 | Shopping | Wine    | Price     |                |
| 12 | Living   | Play    | Any       |                |
| 13 | Drink    | Nuclear | Potential |                |
| 14 | Whole    | Faint   | Half      |                |
| 15 | Ground   | Axe     | Cry       |                |
| 16 | Golden   | Spread  | Bald      |                |

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

|    | Find the missing word?                               |
|----|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | The ____, Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh          |
| 2  | ____ Atkins, Charity in Emmerdale                    |
| 3  | Jane ____, TV actress and cake maker                 |
| 4  | ____ Abbot, First name of Madhouse star              |
| 5  | Jennifer ____, Surname of Absolutely Fabulous star   |
| 6  | ____, Waiter in Fawlty Towers played by Andrew Sachs |
| 7  | Olive ____, Popeye's girl friend                     |
| 8  | ____ Cleaver, Eileen Grimshaw in Coronation Street   |
| 9  | Jeremy ____, TV prankster who died in 2008           |
| 10 | ____ Bunker, US Television answer to Alf Garnett     |

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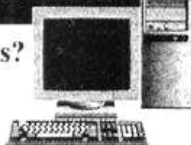
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3 pm**  
**All Saints Church, Ulcombe**

The concert will be given by the UK Paper Band from Sittingbourne. The band will provide an afternoon of light entertainment- with a delicious cream tea in the interval. If the weather is fine, guests will be able to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful view from the church. The band 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 price £10 (children £5) which includes a cream tea can be obtained in advance from **Molly Poulter** on 01622 842988 or just come on the day.

### **Missing Dog - Jazz**



Jazz went taken from my locked kennel at my home in Harrietsham on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016. She is a fully Trained working cocker spaniel with a docked tail and is 5 years old. Although very friendly she is wary of people she doesn't know and may not respond to normal dog commands like sit or come. There is a £500.00 reward for her return. Also missing /stolen from my area are a Gordon Setter and a Black Labrador. Jazz is chipped and registered on the database. Many people don't realise they must register their pets chip or that it is a legal requirement to chip your dog since the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2016.

Anything your readers can do to help will be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted as listed below

Mobile 07444007384 Home 01622 850070 or work mon-fri 07.00-1700 01622 858441  
or Email [simbarose@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:simbarose@hotmail.co.uk)

**Many Thanks**

**Karen Reeves**

## Lenham Valley Business Association

### Don't say we didn't tell you . . .

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All you have to do NOW is put them in your diary and turn up. Try it for free but please register. Register online or by phoning 01622 820841

**Wednesday 25 May** combined with SMBA at The Weald of Kent Golf Club. Speaker: Speaker Kelly Duke of Argo Life & Legacy who ran the Lenham Wrinkly Roadshow.

**Tuesday 5 July** Matthew Wilkes Wealth Management, Update on Pensions. and useful financial information.

**Tuesday 2 August** at The Dog & Bear Hotel. You will recognise actress Constance Lamb. Dynamic Speaking. You will not get that second chance to make a first impression. So it's vital to be ready to give your best.

**Tuesday 6 September** Steve Elliot, ACAS. Presentation by Steve Elliott, Senior Adviser/ Trainer at ACAS. How the advisory conciliation arbitration service assists businesses big and small to resolve and prevent disputes with timely intervention, information and advice.

**Tuesday 4 October:** The Harrow Inn. Speaker TBC.

**Tuesday 1 November** at Holiday Inn, Hothfield. Carrina Jane has been a Professional Make Up Artist, Beauty Therapist and Wellness Consultant for 17 years she will briefly introduce you to the ground floor income opportunity attached to her brand. An opportunity open to anyone interested to learn more.

**Tuesday 6 December** combined with SMBA at Chilston Park. Speaker Sunil Rupasinha of Kent Traffic Law.

## **Len Valley Churches Rose Service**

Our Annual Rose Service will be at 3pm on **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>** and this year it will be at St John the Baptist Church in Harrietsham. It's a service organised by the Len Valley Churches when we can remember those who have died. During this time we have the opportunity to light a candle during the service and to either bring a rose or collect one as you arrive at the church. There is also time for reflection, a time for our memories and for giving thanks for all our loved ones have meant to us and for all they will go on meaning to us. Everyone is welcome to join us and we will be pleased to see you but if you would like to talk to one of us please ring Rev Dick Venn 01622 858195 or Rev Millie Hart 01622 297296

## **The Lenham Swimming Club**

I am sure that the last thing you are likely to be contemplating at this time of year is swimming in an outdoor pool but, at Lenham Swimming Club, we are already turning our thoughts to the pool in order to prepare for opening again this summer.

Some of the volunteers who joined us in us in 2014 & 2015 have committed to helping at the pool again this year. However, we have inevitably lost some of our 'crew' as circumstances and commitments change. The pool cannot open without help and many of our volunteers do far more than they signed up for.

Are you able to help us continue to provide this community facility? We are hoping to encourage some more volunteers. Would you be willing and able to undertake the Royal Life Saving Society Emergency Response qualification and commit to a voluntary session one evening or a Saturday/Sunday per week during June, July and August? Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age but there is no upper age limit. The qualification is a two-day course which will be held at the pool once it is ready for use (likely to be mid to late May). This would be fully funded. There may be the opportunity to undertake the full pool lifeguard qualification (6 day course). This could potentially create an ideal career opportunity. NPLQ courses take place at a local Leisure Centre during May, June and July 2016. We also need helpers for the front desk to take payments for swims and run the tuck shop.

If you would be interested in finding out more about how you can help please contact me on 01622 859174 / 07981125593 or email me on [chills99@btinternet.com](mailto:chills99@btinternet.com) for more information. Thank you.

**Chris Hills**  
**Chairman**

**Ulcombe History Society**  
**Outing to Reculver and Richborough**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

This outing will be a guided tour by archaeologist Simon Elliott of Reculver and Richborough, two places that were very important under the Roman occupation. Many of you will remember that Simon Elliott gave us a very interesting talk a year ago and promised some time to take us round the digs.

The plan is to leave Ulcombe at 9 am and get to Reculver by 10.30 am Simon will meet us there and give us a talk and tour. Then we leave for Richborough, stopping on the way for lunch.

Lunch will be optional at your own cost. You can bring sandwiches or eat at a pub which we will identify beforehand. Please indicate below if you want a pub lunch in case we have to reserve tables

We meet Simon at Richborough at 2.30 pm for a further talk and tour.

As coaches are so very expensive, we have decided we will go in cars and hope some of you may be able to offer lifts.

The cost of the outing will be £10 which will cover the fee of Simon. If you are a member of English Heritage, entrance to the sites is free. If not, there is a small charge of £6.40 (£5.80 for concessions)..

Please complete the form below and return, with your cheque for £10 made out to *The Ulcombe History Society, dc* to our treasurer, John Moore, at Eastville, Eastwood Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone ME17 2DQ (Tel. 01622 850384

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I/we would like to go on the outing to Richborough \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form as soon as possible and not later than the 14<sup>th</sup> of May



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## Christian Message May 2016

What did, or does your father mean to you? The shops are already full of cards for father's day which, this year will be on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Maybe you are beginning to think if you might be marking the occasion this year, and how you might be doing this. My own Father died several years ago now, but I still like to give thanks for him. And now I watch my children as they show their appreciation for their father, all year round. Of course, this is how it should be in a loving family with good father role models. I wonder what sort of father you had.

Our Father ... the first two words of the Lord's Prayer. They are words that Jesus of Nazareth taught his followers to say. Do you ever wonder what sort of Father he is, our Father God?

As I have visited some of you in your homes I have seen how wonderfully close some of you are to your fathers who might now be elderly. I remember one father who was carer for his wife, she was suffering with Alzheimer's, and he himself was becoming isolated as he cared for her, but how he loved to spend time with his daughter when she visited them. It was such a joy to see their closeness, their fondness for each other.

This daughter and her father didn't always agree. They argued about all sorts of things, mostly about football and politics, and who made the best coffee. Do you wonder if Jesus meant us to think of God as that sort of father? Someone we can argue with? We might not always understand what he is thinking, but it is okay to talk to him about that and still love him, just as the daughter I mentioned did with her father.

But Jesus said **our** Father, not *my* father. He said Our Father in heaven. That's what I'm suggesting is important. Not my father but ours, mine, yours, everybody's! Maybe you would like to explore what sort of Father he really is? Maybe you think that Jesus, our Lord meant that our heavenly Father is like all the best bits of everybody's dad, all rolled into one. Good, like the father I remember caring for his wife as he carefully held the cup to her lips to make sure that she had enough to drink.

Or maybe you think he should be like another father of a younger family that I'm thinking of. It seems to me that this father lets his children do what they like, he would say, because he loves them, but Our Father can help us see that 'doing our own thing' can bring pain to others, and actually it isn't good for us or our world either! Our Father in heaven does give us guidance to follow. He is our role model and Jesus has taught us about him.

Maybe Our Father hopes that we will find out more about him maybe even go to church or say some prayers and give him thanks for being the sort of Father he is. Do you wonder if Our Father laughs when we're all happy together, as my father used to. And do you wonder if Our Father is there with us in our disappointments and our

sadness as well. As Christians we know him to be our loving Father who is always there for us.

I suppose the best bit is that Our Father is *ours*, whatever our own dad is or has been like. Even if we have never known our earthly father. Yes, our Father in heaven is *ours*! All we have to do is recognize him as just that. Whatever you might be experiencing at this moment, whether it's grief, sadness, of sheer joy I encourage you to share your feelings with Our Father.

*So, Lord Jesus, thank you for sharing your Father with us and for telling us that he is our Father too. Thank you for letting us know that he thinks of each one of us as one of His family. God, our Father, thank you for being Father to all of us. Help us today to live as one family. Help us make you laugh with pleasure, and help us to love others the way you love us. Amen.*

**Reverend Millie Hart**



May Messy Church is on **Saturday May 14th** at 4pm followed by tea, at Lenham Church.

### **Len Valley Churches Ladies Breakfast**

Join us at The Dog and Bear, Lenham on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 am

A chance to enjoy a cooked or continental breakfast, meet new friends and listen to an inspiring speaker. This month it will be Faith Woodcock who works with Family Trust in Maidstone.

Family Trust visit local Primary Schools delivering a wide range of activities including assemblies and Kingsquads. To book your place, please ring or email the church office on 850604 or [churchoffice@lvb.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@lvb.org.uk)

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

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 4<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

8.30am Dog & Bear, Lenham: Ladies Breakfast

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

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  
3.00pm Harrietsham: Rose Service  
6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

4.00pm Lenham Church: Messy Church

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30am Holy Communion: Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham: Men's breakfast  
5.00pm Harrietsham: Prayer and Praise

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Ulcombe: Joint Len Valley Churches Celebration Service



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| NHS Medical Helpline                              | <b>111</b>           |
| Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals                     | <b>0845 155 1000</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  | Jubilee  | Rough   | Ring      | Diamond  |
| 2  | Tooth    | Head    | Ear       | Ache     |
| 3  | Eclipse  | Power   | Panel     | Solar    |
| 4  | Magnetic | Mouse   | Air       | Field    |
| 5  | Smoker   | Drain   | Dream     | Pipe     |
| 6  | Threat   | Gossip  | Bone      | Idle     |
| 7  | Fighter  | Escape  | Under     | Fire     |
| 8  | Record   | Petty   | Damage    | Criminal |
| 9  | Tiger    | Water   | Pad       | Lily     |
| 10 | Sweet    | Crisp   | Jacket    | Potato   |
| 11 | Shopping | Wine    | Price     | List     |
| 12 | Living   | Play    | Any       | Thing    |
| 13 | Drink    | Nuclear | Potential | Energy   |
| 14 | Whole    | Faint   | Half      | Hearted  |
| 15 | Ground   | Axe     | Cry       | Battle   |
| 16 | Golden   | Spread  | Bald      | Eagle    |

|    |                                                         |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|
|    | Find the missing word?                                  |
| 1  | The Chase, Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh            |
| 2  | Emma Atkins, Charity in Emmerdale                       |
| 3  | Jane Asher, TV actress and cake maker                   |
| 4  | Russ Abbot, First name of Madhouse star                 |
| 5  | Jennifer Saunders, Surname of Absolutely Fabulous star  |
| 6  | Manuel, Walter in Fawcety Towers played by Andrew Sachs |
| 7  | Olive Oyl, Popeye's girl friend                         |
| 8  | Sue Cleaver, Eileen Grimshaw in Coronation Street       |
| 9  | Jeremy Beadle, TV prankster who died in 2008            |
| 10 | Archie Bunker, US Television answer to Alf Garnett      |





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