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Front cover: Grafty Green Village Hall – 10th June 2004 'Super Thursday'. European, Maidstone Borough and Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Elections.
Photo courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Ashford Invicta Singers

Ashford Invicta Singers will be giving a concert at Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill, Grafty Green on Saturday 11th July at 7.00pm. The tickets are £7.00 and there will be no charge for children. A raffle will be held during the evening. The Invicta Singers sing light music such as songs from Oliver and My Fair Lady, as well as a selection of Abba's hits, folk music and some popular light classical pieces too. You're welcome to bring a picnic along from 5.00pm and enjoy it in the garden or the surrounding area, or just come for the concert.

Please bring your own chair or rug, but if you bring a table please fold it up before the concert begins so that more people can sit on the lawn and enjoy the music. The concert usually lasts about 2 hours and if the weather is kind it will be a lovely evening. Should the weather prove to be wet we will have the concert in St. Mary's Lenham, but of course the picnic part of the evening will not be possible. Tickets available from Joan Davidson on 01622 850210. The proceeds will go towards projects at St. Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe.

Cream Teas

Cream Teas will be available at St. Nicholas on Sunday afternoons between 2.00pm - 5.00pm starting on 12th July until the middle of September. Do come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon eating delicious cream teas and looking at the view of the Garden of England across the Weald of Kent. We look forward to welcoming friends old and new and hope that this summer will bring dry Sunday afternoons; but still come if it's wet - we will serve your teas in the Nave of St. Nicholas.

New Bibles

It has been suggested that we buy bibles for use during the services. They will be the 'Today's International Version', which is written in a modern way and is much easier to understand. There will be some bibles kept at the back of the Church, where we keep the hymn books and it is hoped that those people who come to church regularly will buy a bible for their own use.

We also want to buy a new bible for the Lectern. This Bible will be quite expensive and we are planning a coffee morning on the 13th June at 10.00am in the village hall, to help pay for this Bible. You might like to sponsor a bible or contribute towards the Lectern Bible which will cost £330. The individual bibles

will be £9 each and the pages will be numbered to correspond with page numbers in the Lectern Bible

The New Pattern of Services

Our new pattern of services started last month; here is a quick resume.

- 1st Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion, Taize at Ulcombe 7.00pm
- 2nd “ 9.30am Morning Worship, 6.30pm Choral Evensong
- 3rd “ 9.30am Sung Communion
- 4th “ 9.30am Family Praise Service
- 5th “ 10.00am Benefice Service - look for Posters to see which of the 4 Churches is to hold this Service

A Reader is Licensed

In the spring, the ‘Warden of Readers’ licensed Miss Joan Drury to be a Reader in the Len Valley Benefice. Joan has been a Reader for many years working in Graveney near Faversham and in London before retiring to Kent to live in Grafty Green. The service was held in St. Mary’s Lenham. During the Interregnum it was good to have Joan at hand to help with services and we had the benefit of her experience as a Reader to draw on, but at that time she only had the permission of the Bishop to help in this Benefice. Joan had to wait until Dick Venn was in post before she was officially licensed.

Rev: Marian Bond Associate Priest

Marian Bond is to be licensed to be an Associate Priest within The Len Valley Benefice. Marian has lived in Harrietsham with her husband Andrew for many years and raised her family there. Marian was ordained Deacon in Canterbury Cathedral and a year later ordained Priest at St. Michael and All Angels, Marden and has been serving her NSM Curacy in Marden, which comes to an end on the day she is to be licensed as an Associate Priest here in Len Valley Benefice. The Archdeacon, The Venerable Philip Down will license Marian at St. Mary’s Lenham at 7.30pm on 22nd July, 2009

Joan Davidson

Rubbish! Part 3

Grateful thanks to village resident, Richard, who has offered to pick up litter in the sections of Woodcock Lane and Church Road which are near to the village shop. More offers of help would be appreciated.

Joan Drury

Mondays to Fridays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, King St, Colman House, Stop L2	1227	1402	1555	1555
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	1229	1404	1557	1557
Wheatsharf	1236	1411	1604	1604
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1240	1415	1608	1608
Linton Corner	1244	1419	1612	1612
Corwallis Academy	1505	1505	1505	1505
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1249	1424	1617	1617
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1252	1427	1620	1620
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1255	1430	1623	1623
Wormlake Corner	1258	1433	1626	1626
Wormlake Road, Village Hall	1438	1438	1636	1636
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1306	1523	1634	1646
Ulcombe, Post Office	1313	1530	1641	1653
Grafty Green, King's Head	1320	1535	1648	1700
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	1535	1535	1535	1535
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1544	1544	1544	1544

Saturdays

Service No.	See Note 1	
	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Chequers Bus Station, Romney Place, Lower Stone Street, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road (return Sheals Crescent, Hayle Road, College Road, Mill Street, High Street, King Street), Loose, Linton Road, Linton Cross Roads, Heath Road, Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Green Lane, Heath Road, Four Wents, Brishing Road, Amber Lane, Chart Sutton, Wormlake Road, Wormlake Cross Roads, Charway Street, Broomfield Road, Kingswood, Ashford Drive, Charlesford Avenue, Caysar Drive, Gravely Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Ulcombe Hill, Ulcombe, The Street, Pye Corner, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green.	1303	1547
Buses running via Langley run as normal from Maidstone to Loose Road, then Sutton Road, Langley, Sutton Road, Wormlake Cross Roads, then as normal route to Grafty Green.	1306	1550
Buses terminating at Kingswood run as normal from Maidstone to Kingswood, Charway Street, then Gravely Bottom Road (Village Hall), Caysar Drive, returning via normal route.	1309	1553
Service 66: Corwallis Academy, Heath Road, Four Wents, then same route as Bus 59 to Pye Corner, Lenham Road, King's Road, Headcorn.	1604	1604
	0907	1320
	0914	1327
	0921	1334

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Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	0736	0736	0736	0736
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0745	0745	0745	0745
Ulcombe, Post Office	0723	0723	0915	1325
Kingswood, Village Hall	0730	0750	0922	1332
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0735	0755	0927	1337
Wormlake Corner	0738	0757	0929	1339
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0746	0744	0908	1345
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0739	0747	0909	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0742	0750	0911	1351
Corwallis Academy	0745	0753	0944	1354
Linton Corner	0820	0820	1457	1732
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	0750	0758	0949	1359
Wheatsharf	0756	0802	0953	1403
Maidstone, King Street	0758	0800	0957	1407
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0810	0814	1005	1415
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0808	0817	1005	1415
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826	0826	1005	1415

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Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0810	0814
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0808	0817
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826	0826

Sundays and Public Holidays

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

NOTE

1. The Saturday buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council by Nu-Venture (Tel: 01622 882288), NOT Arriva.

CODES

★ - These buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council. If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to Transport Integration, Kent County Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent ME19 4QG.

* - Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.

R - Sets down only upon request by passengers boarding at or before Loose Road, Plains Avenue.

Grafty Garden Cuttings – June

I am extremely grateful to whichever agent or agents, be it human, feline or feathered, responsible for clearing away one of the major problems that has plagued our garden - rabbits. We have not seen one for months, so I have plucked up the courage to remove many of the wire surrounds from trees and shrubs. Not only has this improved the look of the garden, it has made mowing and weeding so much easier. Long may it continue.

Many birds have nested around the garden and all the usual suspects are busily feeding young. Unfortunately, magpies, cats and the Sparrow Hawk are much in evidence, preying on many of these, but plenty remain and we have heard the now rare Cuckoo on many occasions. We hope the birds continue to visit, unlike earlier in the year, although none have visited our feeders for months and in fact, for the time being I have even removed them altogether, for fear of the food going rancid. The Sparrow Hawk comes very close to the house and even escaped by flying right through our garage, which happened to be open, front and back, possibly because the pigeon it was after, did likewise.

After the most colourful and bloom filled spring for years, the winds during last month have done much damage, bringing down leaves, branches, beating new growth to death and flattening many plants. A little judicious staking will help, or for some, a prune back to encourage second growth may be needed.

Everything can be planted out, if not already in place, so the usual jobs will be needed; weeding, careful watering and a watch kept for pests and diseases. A few aphids or caterpillars can easily be picked off or blasted away with a hose pipe on full power, but a major infestation may take more than a few ladybirds or wasps to control.

I give my houseplants a rest by re-potting and placing them outside somewhere shady, for the summer months. The major problem with this is what they bring back in with them: slugs, ants, caterpillars and vine weevils being the major contenders. A thorough check-over is therefore needed, plus a treatment watered in, to deal with the latter.

Garden visits - Wisley again, to see the wisteria (there are both Japanese and Chinese varieties, one of which twines clockwise, the other anti-clockwise but which is which, I cannot remember!) and magnolias and Pashley Manor for the tulip festival and bluebell walk which are beautiful and worth making a date for in next year's diary.

Rosemary Smith

Malherbe Monthly Magazine

This magazine can now be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition, all back issues for 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

This web site also hosts all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and gives details of up-coming events in the Village Hall. The below link will get you there:

www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Headcorn Bowls Club

Do you like the outdoors, would you like to enhance your social life and play an enjoyable easy exercise game in a friendly mixed club environment? If the answer is 'Yes' then Bowls could be the answer ~ any perception of it being for retired people only is a wrong one. It is a game enjoyed by all age groups and increasingly so with younger people. Often newcomers comment 'If only I had found it sooner'.

Headcorn Bowls Club 2009 season has started. It is a vibrant club with an excellent green and facilities, full program of matches at all levels, including internal club friendly games particularly suited to newer players. There is also a varied and active social program and regular newsletter. July hosts a day trip to Windsor including a scenic river Thames cruise to Marlow. Free coaching available to newcomers. For further details full details contact Chris 01622 858100 or David 01580 291996.

If you would like to advertise in Malherbe Monthly and reach the whole of Boughton Malherbe, Grafty Green, Liverton Street and Platts Heath, the monthly costs are:

1/8 page	£3.00
1/4	£5.00
1/2	£10.00
Complete page	£20.00

Phone 01622 858937 or Email mf.hitchins@virgin.net

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

Find the missing word?	
1	Ho ___ Minh City, Official name of Saigon
2	___ me to you. A Beatles song
3	Huckleberry ____, A Mark Twain character
4	The Wrong ____, Wallace and Gromit animation
5	Dame ___ Dench, Whose TV credits include 'A Fine Romance'
6	___ and Clive, A Pete and Dud Partnership
7	David ____, Possibly better known as Del Boy
8	___ Alexander, A former Corrie regular
9	My name is ____, US show about a waster who wins the lottery
10	Mel ____, Not the Nine o'clock news reader

**Platts Heath School
Traditional Summer Fayre
Saturday 27th June
1pm until 4pm**

Stalls, Refreshments, Tombola, Traditional Games,
Bouncy Castle, Grand Prize Raffle, Hot Food,
Crockery Smash, Coconut Shy, Competitions & Entertainment
And back by popular demand the Hobby Horse Gymkhana!

You will find us on the School Field, Green Lane, Platts Heath

St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

The Trustees of St Edmunds held their AGM on Monday 20th May 2009 and were pleased to see a few more of the villagers this year. The committee welcomed the toddler group leader Karen Yardley onto the committee. I am sure as a younger member of the community she will bring some fresh ideas with her.

Sadly the oldest member of the committee **Eve Felton** has decided at the age of 84 to retire.

Eve was a founder member of the "Friends of St Edmunds" which were formed to save the hall from closure back in 2003 when the church representatives told us to "use it or lose it".

She worked tirelessly out in all weathers along with the rest of us clearing the building of the ivy and hawthorn that had grown up covering the walls around the outside. Gardening to bring back the garden which was also over grown .

Cleaning up the inside and baking the cakes for our coffee mornings and carol singing evenings at Christmas. She has supported all the events we put on up to the present day.

I will miss the support and advice she has given me over the years. Eve had always been an active member of the church where she lived before moving to Platts Heath, and her experience was invaluable to me a newcomer to community service. However the friendship we have formed will remain and she has agreed to remain one of the trustees.

Anyone wishing to hire the hall can do so by phoning me on 858891 or Duffrey Robinson on 850463.

Patricia Dibley Secretary

ST EDMUNDS TRUSTEES ARE HOLDING A
ROUNDERS MATCH & BAR-B-CUE

PLATTS HEATH SCHOOL FIELD

GREEN LANE PLATTS HEATH

SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2009

2.00PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

ADMISSION FREE

How about joining a Yoga Class?

Yoga exercises promote increased flexibility, postural alignment, balancing muscle groups and counter-acting the overuse of specific muscles used in our everyday activities. Yoga also focuses on being able to breathe with control; using the breath with movement to bring balance between the body and the mind.

Generally, the class will start with a warm up through the joints and stretching the muscles and then practicing sequences of moves that improves co-ordination and grace, strengthening areas of the body and building stamina.

Each session finishes with a relaxation to allow the mind and body to feel rejuvenated. To be able to relax and reduce stress provides a natural way to boost the immune system, sooth the nerves and promotes a positive state of mind.

Sue's Yoga Classes

Yoga for agility, strength, stamina and relief from stress

current class at

GRAFTY GREEN VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH ROAD

Thursday Mornings - **9.30 - 11**

Mixed ability class but also suitable for beginners

£5 a session

Would like to join a class but this time doesn't suit?

Would you join at a different time/day?

How about a Wednesday afternoon or evening?

For further details contact Sue Burch on 01622 850381

Trial session half price.

There will be two yoga sessions on Wednesday 3rd June -

- 4 pm to 5.30
- 7 pm to 8.30

This is because of the elections on the Thursday when the hall is not available. Anyone is welcome to come and join us. The cost is £5 for the session. If you are interested and would like more details please call me on 850381.

GRAFTY GREEN GARDENING CLUB 2009 PROGRAMME

Date	Topic	Speaker
6 th January	AGM + Vegetable growing - hints and tips	Sissinghurst gardener: Amy Cabey
3 rd February	Dry Garden	H. Newman
3 rd March	Butterflies	Steve Weeks
7 th April	Spring Show & River Medway Part 2	Graham Johnson
Saturday 9 th May	Plant Sale – on the Green	
5 th May	Local garden visit	Sissinghurst
5th June –7th June	Weekend visit to Hampshire	
12 th July	Lullingstone Castle – World Garden visit	Tom Hart Dyke
4 th August	Social at Myrtle House, Grafty Green	
1 st September	Autumn show - Aspects of showing	Lesley Feakes
6 th October	Village Signs	Avice Harms
3 rd November	Kent in the 1900 century	Bob Ogley
1 st December	Gardening quiz and supper	

Further details from Sue Burch on 850381 or Rosemary Smith on 850526

- ❖ Membership to the gardening club is only £5 for an action packed year
- ❖ Regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the village hall at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated. 75p for members and £1 for visitors.
- ❖ The club enables members to swap plants/seeds, share ideas and improve their growing skills.
- ❖ Meetings are friendly and informal; visitors are always welcome; refreshments included.

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Lullingstone Castle – Sunday 12th July

Visit to Tom Hart Dyke's The World Garden



Grafty Green Gardening Club has booked a coach to take residents of Boughton Malherbe/Gardening Club members to Lullingstone Castle on Sunday 12th July, leaving Grafty Green (by the Post Office) at 1 pm.

The coach is free for members and Boughton Malherbe residents but entry to Lullingstone is £6 adults and £5.50 senior citizens. Please book your place with either:

- ❖ Carole Frost, 850221
- ❖ Rosemary Smith, 850526
- ❖ Sue Burch 850381

News from Ulcombe

Ulcombe History Society meets on Tuesday 30th June to hear a talk by J. P. Jarvis on Windmills and Qatermiolls and the work they did. The Society is open to anyone interested in history. It meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

The talk will be followed up on Wednesday 8 July by a visit to a recently converted windmill in Ashford. More details Molly Poulter 01622 842988.

The Ulcombe History Society is organising a two day guided visit to Waterloo on the 19th and 20th of September. Cost £230. There are still a few spaces available. Details from Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

Ulcombe Friendship Club meets in Ulcombe Village Hall on Thursday 25th June. This month we will be visiting a Fish Farm and the visit will include afternoon tea. For details please contact Dorothy Playford on 01622 842826.

There will also be a Coffee Morning at The Old Dairy, Street Farm, Ulcombe, home of Molly Poulter, from 10am to 12noon on Saturday 27th June. Details 01622 842988

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

As mentioned in last month's magazine Maidstone Borough Council has been reviewing this service and now have issued the new timetable up to 30th August 2009. The main difference is that all Grafty Green times will be on a Sunday and the freighter will only be here for 45 minutes – so get there early.

Additionally there will be no service for collecting electrical items i.e. no separate freighter to pick up items such as TV's, monitors, etc. They state it is against EU rules and they have to provide a separate freighter to do this. That may be true but isn't that exactly what they did before the review, so the truth must be they are cutting costs and reducing the service. This will only increase the likelihood of fly tipping.

Grafty Green

Sunday 28 th June	14:15 – 15:00 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd
Sunday 23 rd Aug	14:15 – 15:00 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Sunday 10 th May	12:15 – 13:00 -: Green Lane
Sunday 28 th June	11:15 – 12-15 -: Green Lane
Sunday 23 rd Aug	11:15 – 12-15 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Sunday 28 th June	12:30 – 13:15 -: Lodge Road
Sunday 23 rd Aug	12:30 – 13:15 -: Lodge Road

Lenham

Sunday 19 th July	14:15 – 14:45 -: Lenham Heath Rd – Boughton Rd (alternates with Warren Street)
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The following information relates to the reviewed service:

Important Information

- Only freighter staff are authorised to load items into the vehicle. For your own safety you must remain outside the cordoned area, children must be kept away from the freighter at all times.

- In busy periods, it may be necessary to queue to hand over your bulky items; abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.
- Please approach the vehicle from the side and always be aware of moving traffic.
- Please do not leave items on the pavement or road before or after the freighter visits.
- Freighters have the right to refuse to accept waste particularly if it is hazardous, can cause damage to the vehicle or cause danger to the public, such as:
 - Flammables
 - Large quantities liquids/powders
 - Paints/Oils
 - Lighting tubes
 - Vehicle parts/batteries/tyres etc
 - Commercial waste
 - Clinical waste
 - Asbestos
 - *Plasterboard
 - *As of 1st April 2009, plasterboard can no longer be collected by the weekend freighter or household bulky collections; this is due to the acid produced when landfilled. Waste plasterboard should be taken to the Household Waste Recycling centre in Tovil.

Electrical Items:

We can no longer collect electrical items such as fridges, televisions, monitors and vacuum cleaners. Under European legislation we'd have to provide a separate vehicle to continue to collect these items.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. You can dispose of electrical appliances through our paid for [bulky collection service](#) or take electrical/hazardous items to the [household waste recycling centre](#) at Burial Ground Lane, Tovil, Maidstone.

Maidstone Borough Council

The Grafty Gourmet

This recipe comprises of chicken dredged in Cajun spice, served on a bed of pasta and cream sauce, complimented with the bright colours of red and green peppers. I have adapted this recipe, and made it recently for the first time. I will certainly put it down as one of my favourites. Take care not to over cook the chicken; otherwise it will lose its moisture and flavour. Spaghetti or any pasta of your choice can be used in place of linguine.

Pollo di Principessa

Serves 2

4oz Linguine Pasta	1 Cup of Double Cream
2 Skinless Boned Chicken Breasts	¼ Teaspoon of Dried Basil
1 Medium Onion, finely chopped	¼ Teaspoon of Salt
1 Red Pepper, sliced	¼ Teaspoon of Ground Black Pepper
1 Green Pepper, sliced	½ Teaspoon of sugar
2 Tablespoons of Butter	2 Cloves of Garlic, crushed
Olive Oil	A Good Squeeze of Fresh Lime Juice
2 teaspoons of Cajun Seasoning	¼ Cup grated Parmesan Cheese

1. Melt half the butter (1 Tablespoon) and add 1 crushed clove of Garlic. Brush the garlic butter over each chicken breast. Then dust the top of each chicken breast with the Cajun spice. Wrap each breast in tin foil and place in a pre-heated oven at 180° for 20 minutes, or until juices run clear from chicken when pierced with a fine skewer.

2. After about 5 minutes, place the Linguine in a saucepan of water and bring to the boil, then simmer for about 12 minutes, until al dente.

3. Whilst the pasta and chicken are cooking, melt the remaining butter with the olive oil in a frying pan and sauté the onion for 2-3 minutes. Then add the sliced red and green peppers and simmer until soft and tender.

4. Add the cream together with 1 clove crushed garlic, basil, salt, black pepper, sugar and lime juice and stir the mixture with the onions and peppers until warmed through.

5. When Linguine is cooked, drain and add to the cream and pepper mix in the frying pan. Stir into the sauce so that the pasta is even coated, and simmer on a very low heat, to keep warm, stirring occasionally.

6. Remove the Chicken breasts from the oven and place on a chopping board. Slice each breast diagonally into strips. Serve an equal mix of the pasta and cream mixture onto plates, and place the sliced chicken breast on top. Sprinkle with grated parmesan cheese.

Lenham Wanderers Football Club



invites you to our

Annual Presentation

& Fun Day

at

William Pitt Field, Old Ham Lane, Lenham

Sunday 7th June 2009

2 p.m. till 6 p.m.

**Come along with your family and friends
to join our end-of-season celebrations!**

Trophy Presentations plus:

Barbecue Raffle

Tombola Strawberries & Cream

Drinks Garden Games Cake Stall

Tuck Shop Bouncy Castle

Football Games

... and more!

Citizens Advice Service in Maidstone

The need has never been greater for sound, practical advice to help people through these difficult times. As the recession bites, Bureaux in Kent have been experiencing an unprecedented increase in demand for employment, welfare benefits and debt advice. Falling interest rates, banks calling in their loans, companies having to make redundancies and businesses folding seem to be in the news every day. Good quality advice is a key element in helping people, who are finding themselves without work, needing help with debt and other money issues, to get back on their feet.

Maidstone Bureau opened on 1st January 1940. Maidstone Borough Council funds the Bureau's core services, which allows the organisation to provide advice and assistance to the community of Maidstone with the help of volunteers. The Bureau is one of busiest in the County and in 2008/9 our advisers dealt with 8,000 new people, raised 27,000 contacts on behalf of their clients and dealt with 58,365 issues. Evidence shows that this year Bureaux in the South East have dealt with 27% more debt issues, 26% more welfare benefits issues and 24% more employment issues than last year.

The Bureau employs 23 paid staff and has 50 volunteer advisers, 7 trainee advisers, and 13 volunteer admin workers. The five major areas of our work are Welfare Benefits—28%, Debt—34%, Employment—9%, Relationship—7% and Housing—7%. Other areas of work are Education, Finance, Health, Immigration, Tax, Legal, Travel, Utilities and Signposting.

The Bureau is also able to provide specialist advice in Debt, Housing, Benefits, Employment and Family Law to clients who are Legally Aidable. This work is funded through a contract with the Legal Services Commission. For clients who need advice in basic legal problems we are able to offer 15 minutes free appointments with Legal Advisers every Wednesday. These sessions are supported and run by local Solicitor firms. Local Accountants also offer similar once a month free appointments for clients with accounting problems.

In addition to all the various local authority and government departments in Maidstone, the Bureau has very good working relationships with a large number of local charities and other organisations, which can be a source of additional specialist help and advice for our clients.

The amount of Debt matters dealt with by our advisers increased from £7 million in 2007/08 to £9.6 million in 2008/09. The average debt of each client was £20,403. 93 clients with a total of £147,492 rent arrears and 53 clients with £167,887 mortgage arrears. 63 clients were prevented from becoming homeless. The figures for the current year show that there is a 37% increase of debt within the space of the last 4 months.

The CAB service is Free; there is no charge or cost to our clients. It is Independent and although we are funded by MBC we are empowered to dispute their decisions or policies fairly where necessary. Our advice service is Confidential and we do not contact any person or organisation without our client's authorisation and consent. It is also Impartial as we do not take sides but will negotiate with third parties on behalf of our clients. The CAB service aims to make this service available to everyone, no matter who or what they are.

Advice and assistance is provided to our clients every Monday to Friday, 10am till 4pm from 2 venues. Our main office is at 2 Bower Terrace on Tonbridge Road and the second venue is at the Maidstone Gateway in King Street. Advice is also provided to clients who contact us by phone, letter or e-mail. Outreach sessions are held on a monthly basis in Parkwood, Shepway, Lenham, Headcorn, Staplehurst and Marden so that local people have the benefit of our service without having to travel into town. Clients do not need to make appointments at any venue, as we operate an open door system whereby they are given as much time as the matter requires.

Our Advisers are trained to take a holistic view of advice giving and not deal with problems in isolation – e.g. we do not deal with debts individually, if there are mortgage arrears with other debts we will deal with all of them as well. Our experienced advisers will investigate their client's problem and look at the root cause of each situation. They will then review the options available to the client and the likely outcomes of each option. Clients are then presented with a set of options and empowered to make their own decisions on which option to take. Our advisers have been very successful in securing additional financial support for many of our clients from various trusts and charities. Information and advice is given to all our clients using an Information system called AdviserNet, which is on the Citizens Advice intranet and kept up-to-date by our national association. A very brief version is available to the public on www.adviceguide.org.uk.

All our Volunteers work on a one-or-two day's per week basis and some who are unable to do a whole day can give us half days instead. Advisers are trained to competence level through an adult learning based initial training programme, which takes 6-8 months. Active training support is available every day. This training is mostly completed in the Bureau although some of the training packs can be taken home. Advisers are also able to research some of the information on our website from home. In order to complete their learning the final 4 days external training is taken at venues either in London or around the county. Once this programme is completed advisers are then fully supported and supervised to see their clients in order to help them with their problems.

If you are interested in joining a successful and committed team of volunteer advisers and you have one or two days a week available please ring 01622 750770 and speak to Maurice, our Guidance Tutor who will be glad to discuss and decide a training programme for you.

The CAB is not where you go to find out where to go; it is where you go for advice. The CAB can and does advise on all legal aspects of daily life.

Bonny Malhotra
Chief Executive
Citizens Advice Maidstone

Lenham Swimming Club

Following our earlier appeal - the good news is that a couple of volunteers have come forward, enabling us to run some of the pool sessions this year. Thank you to those who have kindly offered their time. Further offers of help are still needed and are very much welcomed.

It is planned to open the pool on Sunday 24th May. However, we can only open every other Saturday this year and our Sunday opening times will change. Session times are detailed below:

6.00 – 6.45pm	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
7.00 – 7.45pm	
2.30 – 4.00pm	Saturday (alternate)
4.30 – 6.00pm	Sunday

Our membership and admission fees have always represented a very affordable family activity; an important consideration in the current financial climate. Membership forms are available on arrival and membership fees and charges are as follows:

Membership Fee	Charge per Swimming Session	
	Members	Visitors
Adult - £4.00	£1.00	£2.00
Child - £2.50	£0.50p	£1.00

Chris Hills
Chairman

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

I hope you enjoyed last month's link word. Here is another
to rack your brains – Paul Neaves

The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Mover	Quake	Worm	Earth
2	Make	Time	Weight	
3	Grid	Pad	Smith	
4	Bind	Killer	Sea	
5	Hero	Model	Power	
6	Mother	Second	Trail	
7	Effort	Football	Sprit	
8	Conductor	Mini	Trolley	
9	Box	Mail	Speaking	
10	Finishing	Old	Sunday	
11	Passion	Power	Sun	
12	Cuddly	Executive	Soft	
13	Abraham	Cathedral	Green	
14	Poster	Score	Square	
15	Dealer	Fire	Open	
16	Barrel	Garden	Bottle	

Grafty Green – Speed Control Signs

Following a recent meeting with Michael Heath from the Transportation Dept of KCC Highways with regard to the site of the Police Speed Check signs, it was decided to put one on the 2nd 30mph sign at each end of the village and also it was suggested to put another road surface 30mph sign in a circle, in the middle of the village, near the barn which has '1896' on its roof.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

June Night Sky

The Sun is in the constellation of Taurus at the beginning of June, and moves into Gemini, reaching its most northerly point on 21st June, which is the Summer Solstice, (the longest day). I have a little more about the Sun later on.

Full Moon occurs on Sunday 7th June, when the Moon is in the constellation of Ophiuchus, between Scorpius and Sagittarius, and New Moon on Monday 22nd June.

Mercury is at its greatest elongation westward from the Sun on 13th June, but as it is rising less than an hour before the Sun we are unlikely to see this planet in June.

As Venus rises a couple of hours before the Sun, you should easily see the brilliant “Morning Star” very low in the east at dawn.

Mars appears very close to Venus this month, but as it is much further away, it looks much fainter. We must wait until later this summer to get good views of the Red Planet.

Jupiter is rising in the southeast around midnight, and it is well up in the southern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars, it is moving very slowly south westwards in Capricornus. Saturn is in the western sky at dusk, and does not set until well after midnight. It is moving slowly southeast in the constellation of Leo. Again with a telescope you should be able to see the rings and many of its moons.

June is the best time of the year to see Noctilucent (“Night-Shining”) Clouds. These are high altitude clouds, (over 80 km above the ground), which are still in the sunlight even at midnight. The best time to look for them is around 1 am.

Now back to the Sun. Scientists have unveiled ambitious projects to learn more about our star. Two space probes are to be sent in an attempt to get closer to the Sun than any previous mission. The spacecraft will travel more than 70 million miles to one of the least hospitable regions of our solar system. Scientists hope that the missions will help them answer a long list of questions, including why its outer atmosphere is hotter than its surface, and what causes solar wind, sunspots and flares. The two spacecraft are called Solar Probe Plus and Solar Orbiter, and will be launched in 2015 and 2017 respectively.

John Maunder

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th
May 2009

A MEETING OF BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD
ON Tuesday 12th May 2008 at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

PRESENT- Councillors: Mr R Turner (Chairman)
Mrs S Close
Mr R Galton
Mr M Hitchins
Mr S Wickens
Mrs P Anderson (Clerk)

Cllr R Thick
Jenny Whittle

5 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Jenny Gibson
PC Paul Kemsley

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Robert opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and confirmed that he was prepared to carry on as Chairman as long as Members wished him to. He asked if there were any nominations, Mike Hitchins nominated Robert to continue as Chairman and this was seconded by Shaun Wickens. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the clerk.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Ron Galton confirmed that he was happy to continue as Vice Chairman for the following year.

TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Jenny Gibson and PC Paul Kemsley.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REGISTER OF INTEREST CHANGES

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and no Register of Interest changes.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th March 2009 were **AGREED** and signed as a true record subject to grid being amended to Pumping Station on Leak on Liverton Hill paragraph.

LOCAL POLICING

The following crime reports had been received after the meeting:-

- 1/4/09 Vehicle interference in Woodcock Lane
- Attempted theft of cigarettes from Post Office. Offenders identified and dealt with accordingly.

MATTERS ARISING from Minutes of 25th March 2009

40-30 Mile Speed Limit Changes

PA reported that she had been in touch with Michael Heath at Kent Highways regarding the excessive speeding and inter-active sign issues. He suggests that we lobby our County Councillor (Keith Fermin), and that if enough pressure is applied our request might be considered. He did re-iterate that perhaps in the meantime we should install the Blue signs indicating a Police Speed Check Area with the Police carrying out speed checks. This was **AGREED** by the members on the proviso that a meeting be set up with Michael Heath to approve where the signs should be sited.

ACTION PA

HGV's Weight Restrictions

This issue will be put on the back burner for the time being.

ACTION PA

No. 59 Bus

John Collins had reported to PA that the subsidy per passenger on the Saturday contract continues to fall which is good news; it is up for renewal next April. All quiet from Arriva on the Mon-Fri service.

Potholes

Large potholes are still being repaired; Kent Highways had informed PA that because the new financial year had started, there could be money available for patching.

ACTION PA

Petsfield

PA reported that she had re-sent the letter to Richard Lusty which he passed on to Malcolm Greer who had contacted her this evening. He reported that an ecological survey was currently being carried out, the application would be re-submitted and a review was due at the end of May. Enforcement are to get on to the Agent

ACTION PA

Liverton Hill

A letter had been written to Kent Highways as requested, re the dangers on the hill now that it is narrower, pointing out that something needs to be done about the signage as drivers are not cautious enough. Damage only accidents are not reported to the Police, therefore no one is aware of how bad it is, and a meeting on site was requested.

ACTION PA

Village Telephone Box

PA had not contacted British Telecom but promised to do this as soon as possible.

ACTION PA

Footway in front of Lynwood House

Still to be repaired.

ACTION PA

Gully & Carriageway just below Stream Farm

PA reported that a large pothole had not been repaired and that because of a misunderstanding the item had been removed from Kent Highways spreadsheet by mistake, it has now been re-activated as an outstanding item.

ACTION PA

Water leak on Liverton Hill (Opposite Pumping Station)

This would be monitored by Kent Highways, because of the recent lack of rain there was no leak at the moment.

ACTION PA

Changing Stiles/Kissing Gates

Ongoing

ACTION RG

Notice Board

Our thanks go to Michael Smith for the superb job he has carried out by completely refurbishing and re-siting the Notice Board. All that needs to be done now is the lettering.

Drains Woodcock Lane

RG is still waiting for Mr Twickin to contact him.

ACTION RG

PUBLIC SESSION

Discussions took place with regard to the situation on Liverton Hill

A letter had been received from Kenneth Alexander asking to convey his thanks to the Parish Council from St Nicholas Parochial Church Council for replacing the gate post, post and rails on the steps to the Church

Jenny Whittle the Conservative Candidate, who will be canvassing our area, introduced herself to those present.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Woodsden Villa, Lenham Road TN27 9LJ – MA/00/0197

Application for full planning permission for the erection of a replacement dwelling. Permission Granted

Blenberry Farm, Liverton Hill, Boughton Malherbe ME17 2AL – MA/09/0330

Application for full planning permission for the erection of a two storey front extension, 1st floor side & rear extensions with 3 dormer windows.
Permission Granted.

Woodsden Hall, Lenham Road, Boughton Malherbe TN27 9LJ - MA/09/0716

Application for listed building consent to remove existing softwood flooring and bearers, replace with softwood treated bearers and oak flooring. There would be no objection from the Parish Council.

Grafty Green Garden Centre, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, Kent ME17 2AY – MA/09/0363

Application of a new building to house and operate a bio-mass electricity plant.
Permission granted.

Broadstone House, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AT – MA/09/0681

Application for full planning permission for the erection of a single storey rear extension (amendment to MA/08/2078). There would be no objection from the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Freighter Locations & Dates

Nat. Co-ordinator Sustainable Communities Act-requesting us to write a letter, RT had contacted the Co-ordinator to discuss and not necessary for us to write.

NHS-Rurality of Area

MBC-Freighter Collection decision

MBC-Forward Plan of Key Decisions

MBC-Register of Electors -Notice of Alteration

MBC-Invitation to Civic Parade 24th May
KHS-Parish Portal Communication
KHS-Speed Limit Review
Clean Kent report
Highways Agency-M20 Junctions 4-7-Controlled Motorway Scheme
KHS-Electronic Communication on Public Path Orders & Definitive Map Mod.Orders

FINANCE

Balance in Hand on 25th Mar '09 **£4747.67**

The following cheques have been issued:-

300308	Audit Commission	161.00	
309	Village Hall	1000.00	
310	P. Anderson	631.28	
311	G.Green Gard.Club	750.00	
312	St.Nicholas Church	500.00	
313	B.Malherbe Hist.Soc.	500.00	
314	R.Smith (Notice Board)	198.50	
315	R James	<u>599.15</u>	
			(4339.93)

Plus Precept Receipt 1000.00

Closing Balance 12th May '09 **£1407.74**

The Accounts book together with the Annual Return for the Audit Commission were passed around to the members for perusal and then signed by RT as a true and correct record. PA said that John Collins would soon be auditing the accounts, after which they would be sent to the Audit Commission.

Quality Parish & Town Council Scheme

Nothing to report.

ACTION PA

ANY OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/ARISING

Freighter Locations

Re-scheduled from 8 times to 6 times a year for ¾ hour per collection.

Grass Cutting

Triangle of grass at the top of Coldbridge Lane needs to be cut.

ACTION PA

Footpath next to the Old Chapel

PROW need to be contacted to cut vegetation on above footpath.

ACTION PA

Clerk's Salary

RT reported that he had contacted KAPC with regard to the amount paid to the clerk. It was **AGREED** to increase the hourly rate by £1 to £9 per hour.

Malherbe Monthly – A member of the public said that the Malherbe Monthly was an excellent publication.

PA reported that she had received an invitation to attend a Clerk's Information Day on 19th May at a cost of £69. It was **AGREED** by the Members that she could.

Date of the Next Meetings

25th August 2009

17th November 2009

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9pm

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – June 2009

7th June 4th Trinity Sunday

8.00am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Praise Service
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Family Praise Service
7pm All Saints Ulcombe Taize Service

14th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe BCP Morning Service
11.00am Lenham Morning Service
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe, Choral Evensong

21st June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

28th June The Birth of St John the Baptist

8.00am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Praise Service
11.00am Lenham Family Praise Service
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Mover	Quake	Worm	Earth
2	Make	Time	Weight	Over
3	Grid	Pad	Smith	Lock
4	Bind	Killer	Sea	Weed
5	Hero	Model	Power	Super
6	Mother	Second	Trail	Nature
7	Effort	Football	Sprit	Team
8	Conductor	Mini	Trolley	Bus
9	Box	Mail	Speaking	Voice
10	Finishing	Old	Sunday	School
11	Passion	Power	Sun	Flower
12	Cuddly	Executive	Soft	Toys
13	Abraham	Cathedral	Green	Lincoln
14	Poster	Score	Square	Four
15	Dealer	Fire	Open	Arms
16	Barrel	Garden	Bottle	Beer

	Find the missing word?
1	Ho Chi Minh City; Official name of Saigon
2	From me to you. A Beatles song
3	Huckleberry Finn, A Mark Twain character
4	The Wrong Trousers, Wallace and Gromit animation
5	Dame Judy Dench, Whose TV credits include 'A Fine Romance'
6	Derek and Clive, A Pete and Dud Partnership
7	David Jason, Possibly better known as Del Boy
8	Jean Alexander, A former Corrie regular
9	My name is Earl, US show about a waster who wins the lottery
10	Mel Smith, Not the Nine o'clock news reader

Christian Message – June 2009

Spring came and went: while it was here some weeks ago my wife and I were away for a few days, visiting my mother (in her mid-nineties) and my sister in Herefordshire. New-born lambs were bleating, skipping and suckling and young calves were with their mothers. We had the usual full range of weather – rain, mist, drizzle, sunshine, wind. Since being back here we have seen spring flowers coming up everywhere, wonderful displays of bluebells and our first swallows. The scenery here on the Downs and the Greensand Ridge is inspiring.

All these sights reminded us of the nature and creativity of God. New life, with all its energy and youthful bounce – there is something in the miracle of birth and new life that powerfully calls us to God. Old life, with its wealth of love and experience to share. The astonishing power of wind, sea, rain to affect us now, as well as to shape our landscape over thousands, millions of years, giving us the beauty we see today.

My instinct is to thank God for all this and to treasure both old and new life, to let these things draw me near to God and give thanks for the constant turning of the year, the seasons, the sights, sounds and smells that give pleasure.

There is an old tradition that God has written two books: the book of Creation, and the Bible. Psalm 19 tells us of both. The first few verses remind us that

“The heavens keep telling the wonders of God,
and the skies declare what he has done”,

while the second half reminds us that

“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
more to be desired ... than gold, even much fine gold.”

Psalm 139 tells us that “You are the one who put me together inside my mother's body” and encourages us to “praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvellous!”

Praise God! – for what he has done in creation and what he does in the miracle of life. This is the God we can always turn to for help – his heart is always open. Praise God!

Dick Venn