

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front Cover:** Picture of a Barn Owl taken in the village with Greensand Way in the background. We have lived here for 18 years and first time we have seen one !!. Picture courtesy of Gavin Rees

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

**Harvest** has begun all around us, as the lush green fields now look warm and golden with the hope of good crop yields from all the hard work of nurturing and caring through the year and the heartache of bad weather threatening to cause damage. Not only farmers, but gardeners and so many who enjoy the plants and food grown around and by them.

Despite the challenges the countryside has blossomed and looks wonderful as always, God certainly knows a thing or two about caring for his world. As I write, we are in the middle of a thunderstorm with a very heavy downpour of rain! Hope all is well.

**The Porch.** There is no change here, always open as a quiet place to rest and ponder. The church is now open for services each Sunday and for anyone wishing to use a key from the churchwardens, their numbers are in the contacts at the front of the magazine.

Still take care to avoid the West Door and tower area. Repairs are in hand to the masonry above.

**Celtic Morning Prayer** continues at 8.45am-9.15am each Monday morning in the side chapel. If you have a prayer request contact Rev.John Huggins or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said at prayer time or in private if you wish.

**Other services** are available. The Church of England has links to regular services on their website and there is a daily prayer on Facebook.

**Rev. Charlotte Coles** celebrated her first communion service on July 11th at Ulcombe, outdoors in the sunshine. We are so grateful to all those who provided a picnic, packed lunch, for everyone.

#### **Services at St.Nicolas**

August:1st. 9.30am Holy Communion

8th. 3.30pm Choral Evensong

15th. 9.30am Holy Communion

22nd. 11am Informal

29th. 10.30am Covid Memorial Service (details will be posted on the church notice board)

**Thursday 22nd July.** A group of about 40 members of Friends of Kent Churches visited St.Nicolas in the afternoon. The area looked at its best in the warm sunshine. Despite masks, ventilation, distancing etc. we were assured that they had enjoyed

seeing the history and uniqueness of the building first-hand. They were later going on to visit Egerton and Pluckley churches.

**Eco-spot**. A delight this week while clearing some wet and soggy compost in plant pots was the presence of a tiny lizard. It is so dry in the garden here, that I have not seen them, as when we lived at the Mill. Of course, a big responsibility of where to put him/her for safety and in a damp area. No problem, took him down to the Mill and was told to put him/her in a drain from the field in to the millpond, always wet, where he shot off, looking much happier! Melissa has seen quite a few in her garden this year. Sure, he will like the rain this afternoon.

#### Enjoy the fruits of this year's harvest!

Sally Alexander

#### **Eco Church St Nicholas News:**

This month has seen restrictions lifted and Covid infections soaring, the logic is hard to comprehend. We have therefore decided to postpone the opening of the Eco shop and the monthly tea and cake sale until numbers drop and we can do it all more safely. I am sorry to all those who were planning to come and support us on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July; thank you and please bear with us.

In the meantime, there has been some lovely feedback from the schoolchildren who planted out the first flowers in the churchyard; this was really encouraging to hear. The church and churchyard have been at the centre of the community for centuries, and yet the younger generation often feel alienated from the place where their grandparents and great-grandparents may have been baptised, married and buried. It is really encouraging if the community of all ages feels welcome and able to reclaim this space as a place to meet and mingle, whether they have a spiritual connection to the church or not. I therefore hope that the autumn term will bring more classes from Platt's Heath school and I also look forward to the next garden club churchyard event which aims to plant buddleias that have been grown specially.

In memory of John Millen, who tended the flower bed outside the church so beautifully, I wonder whether we should use some of our funds to ensure that these two beds always look welcoming and beautiful, both to remind us of John and provide nectar throughout the seasons. We could plant a succession of bulbs and perennials, which flower reliably and may naturalise. If anyone knows which types of flowers John particularly cherished or could advise which bulbs would give a good succession of flowers, I would be very grateful for the advice. Bulbs may also lend themselves even better to being planted by the school children.

I have also been encouraged to think about other wildlife events at church, especially bat walks. I love bats and think this is a great idea, so may I ask who else would be up for a walk at dusk with a bat-monitor or two? Do call me if you feel inspired (07889945396).

I hope that the next newsletter will be filled with dates of Eco shop openings and cake sales, that the infection rates have dropped by then and despite it all you all remain safe and well.

#### Vanessa Goodwin

#### Yoga Classes - Grafty Green Village Hall.

No classes during August but will start again on Monday 6th September at 9.30.

Wednesday evening 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7 and Thursday morning 9<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30.

All classes are mixed ability.

Enrolment and further details – please call Sue on 01622 850381 or 07803 962339

#### A message from Boughton Malherbe Parish Council to all residents.

We are organising a roadside litter pick on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Volunteers will be very welcome. We will gather at 10.30 AM on the Village Green,

Litter grabbers, black sacks, and Hi viz jackets will be available, please bring your own disposable gloves.

Please call Ron Galton on 01622 850 369 to confirm in advance if you will be joining us. You can leave a message if there is no answer.

#### Sue's Nature notes

#### Woodlice by Daisy Meadows -

#### 'What is lurking nearer to the soil?'

There are 35 species of woodlice native to Britain and remarkably they are not insects but crustaceans, with shrimps, crabs and lobsters as their relatives. They have 14 legs and breathe through gills which is why they frequent damp dark places during the day and come out to feed at night.

Children love overturning stones or containers to discover woodlice, which when picked up obligingly roll into a ball, play dead, or run away depending on their species. They have many local names but are commonly known as slaters and pillbugs, these being the ones that roll up.

Their outer shell is called an exoskeleton which they moult as they grow bigger. They do this in two stages, shedding the back half first, then the front half a day or so later. They navigate by using the two antennae at the front and the two small "tubes" called uropods sticking out of the back of their bodies. Some species also use these to produce chemicals to discourage predators. Woodlice get rid of their waste by producing ammonia which passes through their shells as a gas. Children might like to test this by keeping woodlice in a jar for a short time and then sniffing the air inside.

A common woodlouse can live for three to four years. Apart from man, its main predators are centipedes, toads, shrews and spiders.

Woodlice are a gardener's friend as they are great recyclers and play a vital role as decomposers, especially in the compost heap. They feed on decaying wood, leaf litter, fungi, fallen fruit and decaying vegetable matter.

To attract woodlice to your garden, keep areas where they can hide during the day and provide a compost heap, wood piles and fallen vegetation. You will have an army of armadillos, pillbugs, slaters, cheesy-bugs, chiggy-pigs or any other local name they are called, working for you.

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## An Update from the Parish Council

The Parish Council is now meeting in public again. All local residents are welcome to attend meetings and can speak. The dates for meetings in the coming municipal year are:

6th September 8th November 24th January 2021 7th March 2021

Agendas are posted on the village green notice board and on the parish council website. Meetings take place at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The Parish Council has commissioned KCC to erect a map of local footpaths, also containing local information, on the village green. It is hoped that this will be in place at some point this summer.

A reminder that the traffic calming works on Headcorn Road through

the Grafty Green will take place in the week commencing 23rd August and there will be some disruption. Results of a traffic survey conducted just to the south of Grafty Green village centre in April can be found on the traffic calming page on the website.

#### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Regards

Chris Hume Parish Clerk Boughton Malherbe PC 07972 630555

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## Saturday 7<sup>Th</sup> August 10.00am until 1.00pm

Pop along and enjoy our **free** refreshments tea/coffee and cakes or savoury snacks

Come and find out about all the fun things that go on in our village hall, meet the committee members and the people that run the different clubs.

Find out about the history of the village hall and our hopes for the future.

Enjoy a chance to chat to friends and make new ones in our COVID secure village hall in Church Road.

Donations of cakes and savoury snacks would be very welcome please bring them to the hall from 9.00am on  $7^{th}$  August.

#### Music Notes for August 2021 – B Hardy

As I write the news is coming through that the virus restrictions have at last been lifted on amateur musicians, including choirs. With holidays for many families still being in August, rehearsals for most groups will not start until September, but at least plans long prepared are eventually being put into operation and to my certain knowledge venues are now being booked for Autumn and Christmas concerts – even if the latter are very much a matter of faith, The Maidstone URC lunchtime concerts were successfully held in July but the Leeds Castle concert was postponed to September 4<sup>th</sup> and I have no information on any local music events in August.

At national level the proms will be "on" throughout August and as I said last month you can buy proms programmes from the large booksellers, including that one on the internet. Around 20 of this year's Proms will be filmed and made available on BBC iPlayer for 30days after the last night. A particular performance to look out for on BBC4 will be Saint-Saens *Carnival of the animals* in the family prom on Sunday Aug 29<sup>th</sup>

Meanwhile I continue to search out anniversaries; here they are for just 1st August:

- 1st Aug 1989 British pianist John Ogden died aged 52. He won first prize at
  the London Liszt Competition in 1961 and consolidated his growing
  international reputation by winning another first prize at the International
  Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1962, jointly with Vladimir Ashkenazy.
  A brilliant pianist, his own compositions number more than 200, and include
  four operas, two large works for orchestra, three cantatas, songs, chamber
  music, a substantial amount of music for solo piano, and two piano concertos,
  the first of which he recorded
- 1st August 1930 Lionel Bart, British composer of pop music and musicals, was born. Best known as the creator of the musical Oliver, his wide scope included the theme song to the James Bond film From Russia with Love and the songs Living Doll by Cliff Richard, Far Away by Shirley Bassey, Always You and Me by Russ Conway, and several songs recorded by Tommy Steele.
- 1st August 1919 Oscar Hammerstein I, German-born impresario, died in New York. First made his money in the US cigar and tobacco industry but went on to found theatres and opera houses in New York and London. His grandson

Oscar Hammerstein II was one of Broadway's most influential lyricists and book writers, as well as a director and producer.

And here is another music definition:

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#### Malherbe Monthly - Village Hall News August 2021

## <u>Save the date - Village Hall Grand Reopening Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 1.00pm</u>

To celebrate the end of lockdown we are holding a welcome back event at the hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and everyone is welcome to come along and socialise with your neighbours and friends in the village. There will be free refreshments so come along and have a chat with your friends over a cup of tea and a slice of cake or a sausage roll!

There will be a display detailing the history of the hall which is now 100 years old. Some of our regular hirers will be on hand to tell you about the activities that are held at the hall.

There will be a Lego building area to keep the children entertained

You can come and see the improvements we have made to the hall during lockdown.

It is your village hall and we are keen that it is used to it's full potential for your benefit and there will be a suggestion box for you to put forward any ideas you may have for the future use of the hall.

We look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jon Thompson Village Hall Chairman



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

	Find the missing word?
1	Eternal, The only No1 hit for 'The Bangles'
2	Rice Burroughs, The author of 'Tarzan'
3	Calvin, Fashion designer
4	John, US singer who had a No1 hit with 'Annie's Song'
5	Quant, Fashion designer famous for the Miniskirt
6	Ross, Former singer with the Supremes
7	Stealers, Scottish band who had a hit with 'Stuck in the Middle with You'
8	Arterton, Actress who voiced 'Clover' in 'Watership Down'
9	Rachel, Chef who joined 'The Great British Bake Off'
10	Jack, Star of 'A Good Few Men' & 'The Shining'

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Coffee	Dislike	Hit	Instant
2	Breaking	Criminal	Player	
3	Beach	Pavilion	Rock	
4	Ending	Fear	Mind	
5	Boy	Order	Ship	
6	Inner	Test	Train	
7	Breakfast	Channel	Queens	
8	Birds	Black	Haw	
9	Cast	Face	Writer	
10	Doner	Grinder	Pipe	
11	Biting	Hob	Varnish	
12	Bath	Guard	Lark	
13	Booth	Day	Station	
14	Ink	Ocean	Summer	_
15	Fully	Home	Up	
16	Identical	Set	Town	



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#### About Reconnect

Reconnect is uniting the Kent community in providing opportunities for children and young people to help them get ahead as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. We want our children and young people to reconnect with friends and family, get ahead in their learning and future employment, and be physically and mentally healthy. It's a year of exciting and varied opportunities, new and old, for children, young people and their families to become involved in.

All details are on the Reconnect website.

#### Local events, activities and clubs

Clubs, groups and community organisations across Kent are offering a range of activities - from one-off events, to regular, weekly sessions. Find out more by visiting the Reconnect What's On guide.

#### Free bus travel for 11- to 18-year-olds

Young people in school year groups 6 to 13 can travel for free by bus from 22 July to 31 August. Pupils will receive their Reconnect bus pass from their school by the end of term. The Reconnect bus pass is also available for college students (via their college) and children and young people (aged between 11 and 18) who are home-schooled (via open libraries, youth hubs and children's centres).

Passes can only be used on journeys that start and finish in Kent.

Visit the Reconnect website for full details about using the bus pass.

#### 6-week leisure centre pass for £25 (or £10 if you receive free school meals)

Local leisure centres across Kent are offering a £25 six-week leisure centre pass to cover the summer holidays. Parents can buy the pass for their child or children direct from the leisure centre they want to use this summer. There is no limit on the number of times that children and young people can use their pass during the summer holidays. Full details of what's available at each participating leisure centre will be available on their websites.

Parents whose children receive benefits-related free school meals will receive an electronic Reconnect Discount Voucher enabling them to buy the leisure centre pass for £10.

Find the participating leisure centres on the Reconnect website.











#### Get ahead with your learning this summer

We have put together an exciting and innovative package of summer learning opportunities, designed to help children and young people catch up on any missed learning and to help them get a head start on the new school year in September with confidence. Full details are on the Reconnect website.

- Free access for GCSEs and A-Level students to a library of more than 2,000 podcasts about the subjects they'll be studying from September.
   We've teamed up with Audiopi who bring to life a wide range of subjects in podcast format – and they're broken down into short episodes 10-12minute episodes so students can tune in whether they're at home or on the move, fitting seamlessly around their lives.
- Free daily live maths and English lessons, fitness blast classes and Wellbeing Wednesday activities brought to children and young people by Invicta National Academy throughout the summer holidays. Available to all schoolchildren, KS1 to KS4, parents can pick and choose classes that fit with their child's needs. Classes are 45 minutes long and run 26 July to 27 August. Booking is open now.
- Get help with spelling those tricky words via the award-winning Sir Linkalot app, which is available for parents to download for free this summer. The Sir Linkalot app helps children of all ages spell any tricky word, all the way from 'was' to 'onomatopoeia' and is a gamechanger for those with dyslexia.
- Students can take a virtual trip to six destinations across the world and
  immerse themselves in the experiences of different cultures and
  perspectives using the Lyfta platform. The immersive and interactive
  journey gives children and young people the chance to connect with
  inspiring human stories from around the world, that model resilience,
  problem-solving, teamwork and other critical skills. Click here to access the
  registration form.
- There is a 50% discount for all Kent families and children to join Kent Children's University, where they can develop practical and personal skills, build confidence, and discover new interests and talents beyond the classroom. Participating families can use Children's University Online to search for fun and enjoyable learning activities that their child can take part in outside normal school time. Activities range from trips to tourist destinations, music lessons, sessions in sports clubs, learning a language and much, much more.

Visit our <u>summer learning page on the Reconnect website</u> for full details of each offer and how to access them.









#### Summer Reading Challenge - Wild World Heroes

This year's summer reading challenge is Wild World Heroes, a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with World Wildlife Fund UK. Running until 11 September 2021, the challenge is to read six library books to be in with a chance of receiving a medal and certificate (while stocks last). Find out more and to get involved, visit our website.

#### Free youth mental health first aid training

This free introductory session for parents/carers covers:

- Some of the common mental health issues affecting young people, including depression, anxiety, eating disorders and psychosis.
- Skills to work better with young people living with mental health issues.
- Ways to support young people with a mental health issue and relate to their experiences.

Visit Maidstone Mind's website.

#### **Imago Family Fun Days**

Imago/Kent Young Carers are delivering family fun days across Kent for young carers and their families this summer. Contact 0300 111 1110 or email youngcarers@imago.community.

#### Young Persons Steering Group

Our Reconnect Young Persons Steering Group involves young people in the design and development of the programme and makes sure their voices are heard. The next meeting is in September - if you think your child might be interested in being involved, contact the Reconnect team: reconnect.kentcvp@kent.gov.uk.

#### 3 ways to keep in touch with Reconnect

- · Visit the Reconnect website.
- · Like the Reconnect Kent Facebook page.
- Sign up to receive the Reconnect newsletter straight to your inbox.

Discover more, visit: kent.gov.uk/reconnect





## Grafty Green Gardening Club Programme 2021

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic	
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Kevin Tooher	Pruning	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Lucy Adams	Dry Gardening	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Laura Brady	Vegetables & Herbs – Growing &	
		Cooking	
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Group Zoom 7.30	Flower Arrangements with a	
		Spring Theme	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet		
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe		
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Visit to The Croft at Thurnham		
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Grafty Open Gardens		
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Godinton Garden		
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Visit to Horton Farm		
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Kevin Tooher – Pruning. Margaret Hoad Rose bowl – See below		
10/11/12 Sept	Weekend away in Herefordshire		
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Ian Gray (Mammal Society)	Hedgehogs	
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	TBC		
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit Winter Event at Kew.		

#### **Grafty Green Gardening Club - Update for August**

**On August 3rd** we have booked an evening visit to **Horton Farm**, a unique market garden of 2 acres that grows 150 varieties of fruit, vegetable, herbs and edible flowers. The address is Horton Farm, Cockering Road, Chartham CT4 7LG. Please let Sue know if you would like a lift or are car sharing so she can let them know our numbers.

**Looking ahead** to our September meeting, we will be back in the village hall and there is a change of plan from the printed programme. Kevin Tooher will give us a talk and will answer your questions about pruning. Also, we will be awarding the Margaret Hoad Rose bowl on a theme of **'The last days of Summer'**. Displays should be in a tea pot, maximum size for the display no more than 18 inches.

**In our gardens:** - We can feed and water plants in containers and mow less frequently if the weather is hot. Hedges can be trimmed and we can complete summer pruning of wisteria. Ripening seed can be collected and cuttings taken from tender perennials. In the kitchen garden water and feed tomatoes regularly and remove yellowing leaves.

If you would like to join us for any of our meetings just turn up to the village hall on the first Tuesday of the month! For membership a subscription of £5.00 paid to our treasurer Doreen Hulm at Lavender Cottage, Headcorn Road will gain you updates and regular newsletters about all of our activities.

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

#### **Grafty Gourmet**

This is one of the simplest recipes ever. There is nothing better for a hot summer's day. You can use your favourite flavoured gins and tonic waters if you wish.

#### **Gin & Tonic Ice Lollies**

6 slices of cucumber 6 mint leaves 75ml of gin 250ml of tonic water 50g of caster sugar

This recipe makes 6 ice lollies. Get 6 ice lolly moulds and push a cucumber slice and a mint leaf into each one. In a jug, stir the gin, tonic and sugar until the sugar dissolves and the tonic loses its fizz. Divide between the moulds, push in the lolly sticks and freeze for at least 4 hrs, or preferably overnight.

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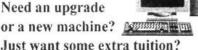
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#### **Christian Message August 2021**

#### Let's Pay Tribute as a Community



The last two years have been extraordinary. We have seen more funerals in our community than within living memory and we have also seen volunteers and all types of key workers rise like modern-day heroes. The symbol of the rainbow- with the combined sense of rain and sunshine- has reminded us of our tears and our joys, our fears and our hopes. It's also reminiscent of God's promise to Noah: to preserve humankind from the forces of chaos in this world.

One of our hopes is that our vaccinated country (and, eventually, world), will find a way to emerge and look back on this pandemic. To crystalise that hope, we will hold a service at 10:30 on 29<sup>th</sup> August this summer in each of our churches in this area to remember, to celebrate and to reflect on what we have learned as a community.

We want to invite **you** to nominate people as **ordinary local heroes**- people who have done so much behind the scenes, perhaps hidden from the public gaze. Just send me an email with your thoughts, or else give me a call.

We also invite you to join us. Let's gather as a community, and let those who have lost relatives know that we stand with them, and remind those who have given that we appreciate them.

John P. Huggins (vicar@lvb.org.uk 01622 850280)

#### **Len Valley Benefice August 2021**

#### Everybody is welcome

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:31* 

Sunday 1st August

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast

Church

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe:

Holy Communion (Book of

Common Prayer)

10.00 am Ulcombe: Informal

Service (Fire Pit)

**11.00am** Harrietsham:

Morning Worship with Baptism

Wednesday 4th August

9.30am Lenham: Holy

Communion (Book of Common

Prayer)

Sunday 8th August

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy

Communion

11.00am Lenham: Holy

Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy

Communion

**6.30pm** Boughton Malherbe:

Evensong

Lenham: Breakfast Church will be joining the market on this

day.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:

**Holy Communion** 

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast

Service

**11.00am** Harrietsham: Morning

Worship

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

8.00am Lenham: Holy

Communion (Book of Common

Prayer)

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy

Communion

11.00am Boughton Malherbe:

**Informal Service** 

11.00am Lenham: Morning

Worship

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy

Communion

Sunday 29th August

10.30am Community Tribute

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First Aid Support – when <u>an ambulance has been called using 999</u> - Interim emergency support (first aid and AED defibrillator), prior to arrival of paramedics / ambulance, may be available (not 24/7) by calling Chris Wheal on 01622 858100 -this is a voluntary 'good Samaritan' facility for residents. It is hoped a SECAMB (ambulance) community first responder scheme may start in future

NHS Medical Helpline		111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals		0845 155 1000
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Calor Gas	Emergencies	08457 444999
KCC	Emergencies	03000 41 41 41
	Highways	03000 41 81 81

#### KCC Community Wardens:

Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere	07969 583923
District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown	07773 397125

Fire	General Enquiries	01622 692121
	Home Safety Visits	0800 923 7000
	KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal	01622 858100

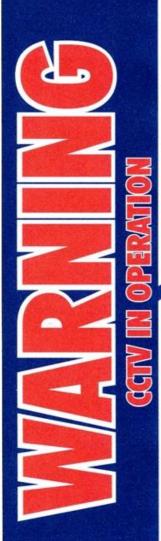
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Maidstone Borough Community Protection - **01622 602202** – Noise, neighbours, Smoke, Travellers. Environmental Services – **01622 602162** – Fly tipping, Street cleaning, Litter, Bins, dead animals

#### **Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle**

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Eternal Flame, The only No1 hit for 'The Bangles'	I		
Edgar Rice Burroughs, The author of Tarzan'	7		
Calvin Kline, Fashion designer			
John <b>Denver</b> , US singer who had a No1 hit with 'Annie's Song'			
Mary Quant, Fashion designer famous for the Miniskirt			
Diana Ross, Former singer with the Supremes			
Stealers Wheel, Scottish band who had a hit with 'Stuck in the Middle with You'			
Gemma Arterton, Actress who voiced 'Clover' in 'Watership Down'			
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Jack <b>Nicholson</b> , Star of 'A Good Few Men' & 'The Shining'			



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