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Anything for the **February** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th January**

Front cover: The winning team - 'Noel's Knowalls' at the Christmas Quiz held in the Village Hall on December 10th 2011. Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

We wish you a very Happy New year and good health and prosperity in 2012

Morning Worship Service

We have decided to suspend the Service of Morning Worship at St. Nicholas starting from January 8th for a trial period of six months. Congregations at this Service are very small and as we have an Evensong on the second Sunday, we have decided to see how this is received. Please feel free to put forward any suggestions you may have. We can always re-instate this Service if there is desire for a service at 9.30am on the second Sunday of the month.

If you have another suggestion for a different type of celebration at this time, let us know. Please ring Dick Venn 01622 858195 or one of the Wardens Joan Davidson on 01622 850210 or Kenneth Alexander on 01622 859549.

Christmas Quiz

Thank you so much to everyone who helped and organised the Village Quiz held in the Village Hall on 10th December. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The great sum of £1440 was raised and shared between the Church and the Village Hall. Thank you to all who supported this event and a big thank you to Niall from The Bell House, who met the bill for the sausage and chip supper.

Village Coffee Morning

The first Coffee Morning of the New Year will be held in the Village Hall on 11th January 10.30pm – 12.00. Do come along and enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee/tea and a biscuit, cheese scone or a piece of cake. Hope to see you there.

Gentlemen's Breakfast

The first breakfast of the New Year will be held at the Red Lion, Lenham Square on Saturday 28th January. It starts at 8.00am and lasts for about two hours. Breakfast is a full English, which is £5.00 per head. There will be a speaker and this month it is Stephen Plumb, an Evangelist. Next month's speaker will be Chris Parkinson on the Army Benevolent Fund. If you would like to come to the Breakfast, ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195 or Frank Allen 01622 850559.

Joan Davidson

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Love _____ In The Sand, A hit for Pat Boone in 1957
2	_____ and the Dreamers, Has a hit with I'm Telling You Now
3	_____ Ladd, Gun slinging title role in the 1953 western Shane
4	Monster _____, Novelty chart hit from Bobby Pickett and the Crypt-Kickers
5	_____ Are Made Of This, 1956 Ballard from Dean Martin
6	One _____ Years BC, 1966 prehistoric film starring Raquel Welch
7	_____ Rodgers, Has a 1971 attempt in Eurovision with Jack in the Box
8	_____ Mothers Do Ave Em, Chaotic sitcom with Frank Spencer
9	Voodoo _____, 70's song by Jimi Hendrix Experience
10	_____ White, The young star of the hard hitting TV play Cathy Come Home

Ken and Eve Sweet
 extend a warm welcome to
The Kings Head
Grafty Green

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 Coaching Inn
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 "Dover Bill" -
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IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 7.00 PM

Grafty Green Village Hall

FIRE PREVENTION & PRECAUTIONS

presented by KENT FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

This is an important meeting for every resident as for many hours each day under new fire manning arrangements fire fighters would attend our area from Maidstone or Ashford (20 minutes minimum) and **not Headcorn or Lenham** thus it is imperative not to have a fire, or in the unfortunate event to be well prepared and have precautions in place.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service are keen to visit individual residents whom are elderly or vulnerable and advise on fire safety and fit suitable smoke alarms **free of charge**. A list for names is in the Post Office or contact Chris Wheal 01622 858100, or the Parish Council. If you would like to attend the meeting but do not like going out alone in the dark or have any mobility difficulties let us know and *we will make arrangements to take you*.

LASTLY REMEMBER THE CURRENT FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION WHICH HAS IMPORTANT RAMIFICATIONS REGARDING RURAL FIRE FIGHTING ENDS ON JANUARY 12TH. VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN – DETAILS ON KENT FIRE & RESCUE WEBSITE OR HEADQUARTERS AT TOVIL.

Any Queries Please Contact Robert Turner 850325 or Chris Wheal 858100

Grafty Green Village Hall News

Firstly, a great big 'thank you' to the team that organised the quiz night at the Hall before Christmas. It was not only a fun occasion but has benefited Hall finances very significantly, thanks to the generosity of the organisers, who are dividing the proceeds between the Hall and St.Nicholas Church.

At the Hall, we shall put the funds towards further improving the toilet facilities and towards events like next summer's Diamond Jubilee celebration, for which we have already booked a children's entertainer & bouncy castle and top local band Hobo Jones & The Junkyard Dogs (who have appeared at the Glastonbury festival for the last 3 years!) More on this event in future editions of the Malherbe Monthly but make sure you have the date in your new 2012 diaries (or your old Blackberries). It is **Monday 4th June** - a Bank Holiday of course.

There is much else to look forward to before then. While you have your 2012 diary out (or your Blackberry fired up) note **Sunday 22nd January** as the day when you need to bring to the Hall any unwanted old clothes, including belts & shoes, and any other unwanted textile items, for us to sell to "Phil The Bag" for recycling or for re-sale into developing countries. *(NB no off-cuts of material, nor pillows or duvets, please)*. Come along any time between 11.00 and 12.30 and stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chin-wag with whoever else turns up. *You don't have to have a full bag, any odd items are welcome.* This low-key event will further boost our finances, as we get £500 per tonne for all those old items we no longer need. If you can't get to the hall that day, call me beforehand and I'll arrange a collection from you.

At the time of writing, we've not been able to confirm a precise date for our next event at the Hall (which will probably be a Beetle Drive or evening of cheese & wine appreciation) but watch this space for news in next month's edition of the Malherbe Monthly.

Finally, did you know, you know you can hire the Village Hall for your own party, or for the meetings of clubs or societies you may belong to? We presently ask only £6/hr (about the cheapest for any community hall in the area) and, although rates are likely to rise this year, we will honour the existing rate for any 2012 bookings made in advance of the increase, including regular weekly or monthly bookings. To book, call Doreen Walter on 850387.

Richard Pilborough

We are having a 'Phil' the Bag fundraising collection!



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'Phil' the Bag

- Everyone is welcome to take part.
- Everyone gets a bag with the Malherbe Monthly magazine.
- Please fill the bag with your unwanted clothes, towels, bed linen, curtains, belts, bags and shoes
- The more it weighs, the more we get paid.
- See article opposite for details

**Our 'Phil' the Bag Recycle event is on 22nd January
at the Village Hall, between 11.00 and 12.30**

www.philthebag.co.uk

News From Platts Heath Primary School

Welcome to the New Year!

When you read this Christmas will be over for another year, but as I write the sound of children singing carols is still echoing through the school. We have had two lovely festive entertainments, the first a fantastic rendition of "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel" by Hoy class and the second a splendid Carol Concert in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Lenham, the children should be congratulated on producing such enjoyable Christmas performances.

At Platts Heath our classes are named after Olympic athletes that are competing in the London 2012 games. Each class will be tracking their namesake's progress and we have already received goody bags for the children from Paul Goodison (excuse the pun), we hope that Rebecca Adlington and Chris Hoy will be reading this and popping a signed photo in the post soon?

K'nex Challenge

Children from years 2-6 recently took part in the K'nex Challenge. For those of you who don't know, K'nex is a construction toy for children, enabling them to build a

variety of objects using rods and connectors with wheels and pulleys. This annual event is organised by the Education Business Partnership and the children, working in teams, were set a challenge to build a catapult that would launch a small object. The winners were judged on three categories, teamwork, design of catapult and measurement of distance travelled. Our winning team consisted of a Year 5 boy and Year 4 girl who then competed at the area final at BAe Systems in Rochester.

Christmas Open Afternoon

We recently held a very successful open afternoon for those children starting school in September 2012. The children who attended took part in a variety of activities, including decorating biscuits, making Christmas decorations, listening to a Christmas story and singing Christmas songs, as well as meeting and playing with our current Reception class, a good time was had by all. If anyone is considering schools for their children and would like to meet our small, friendly team at Platts Heath please call Mrs Kennett on 01622 850316. The deadline for applications for admission in September 2012 is Saturday 14th January 2012.

Now read on to find out what exciting events we have planned for 2012.

Pedal Power Smoothie Promotion

As part of our healthy schools program for 2011/2012, we have introduced a fun way for children to make their own smoothies, using "Pedal Power". It's a bicycle with a smoothie maker attached to the back wheel!

The session starts with a short talk about healthy eating. I try to engage the children with a few basic questions about 5 a day and the benefits of eating lots of fruit and vegetables.

Then the real fun begins. Each child gets on the bike and pedals furiously for 15 seconds to produce the smoothie. (The bike is attached to a static trainer so it stays in the same place). I normally do girls against boys. It's a healthy bit of competition and the girls normally win!

Everybody gets to have a taste and because they have put effort into making it, they generally all try it and enjoy it. It's a great way for children that wouldn't normally eat fruit, to give it a try.

Tree Planting Event

In February the children from Adlington class will return to the Hucking Estate near Hollingbourne to help the Woodland Trust plant some more trees at this very important forest development.

**P Anscomb
Headteacher**

Ashford Valley Hunt - 20 Dec 2011



Pictures taken by Chris King at the top of Church Road Boughton Malherbe



Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only				
	59	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1220	1350	See	1610	1725
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, J4	1222	1352	Note	1612	1727
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1229	1359	1	1619	1734
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	1233	1403	....	1623	1738
Linton Corner	1237	1407	....	1627	1742
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1242	1412	....	1632	1747
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1245	1415	1509	1635	1750
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1248	1418	1512	1638	1753
Warmlake Corner	1251	1421	1515	1641	1756
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1259	....	1523	1649	1804
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1426	1525	1651	1806
Ulcombe, Post Office	1306	....	1530	1656	1811
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1313	....	....	1703	1818
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	....	1535	....	....
Headcom, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1544
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	1549

Saturdays

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and	1303	1547	1817
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* - 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, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4QG.

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

Sundays & Public Holidays*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

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Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

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Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	0930	
Ulcombe, Post Office	0717	0729	0750	0937	
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942	1430	1430	
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944	1432	1432	
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950	1438	1438	
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953	1441	1441	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956	1444	1444	
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0958	1446	1447
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....	....	1505
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003	1451	1506
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006	1454	1509
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012	1500	1515
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020	1508	1523
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0806	....	....	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826	

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Pet's Corner!

WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL THE VET?

We hope that we will never find ourselves in a situation where our pet's life is in danger, but it is better to have some knowledge of what constitutes an emergency.

Anyone can perform first aid. First aid is used to preserve life, prevent deterioration of the patient and to prevent suffering.

If you have access to the internet, search for YouTube clips on performing CPR in your pet for some useful demonstrations and tips on first aid - be prepared!

When should I call the vet?

- If your pet is unable to breathe / has stopped breathing altogether
- If your pet is bleeding heavily



- If your pet has been **poisoned** or you suspect they may have been
- If your pet has been **burnt or scalded**
- If your pet has a suspected **fracture**
- If your dog is **retching but not bringing anything up**, has a **swollen abdomen** and is restless
- If your pet is **straining to pass urine** but nothing is passed
- If your pet has an **eye injury**
- If your pet has been involved in an **road traffic accident** or a **long fall**
- If your pet is **'fitting'**
- **Severe allergic reactions** or injuries that **inhibit breathing**

Problems that, if they occur out of hours, could wait until the veterinary practice re-opens in the morning:

- Mild lameness, especially if your pet can bear weight
- Blood in the urine (unless trauma is suspected such as a dog attack or road traffic accident)
- Swelling of the ear flap
- Insect stings (unless your pet suffers from a severe allergic reaction)
- Cut nail quick, minor abrasions and cuts

Remember that your vet will always be willing to see your pet out of normal working hours if you are worried about their condition.

Article written by
Lesley Still VN, Petaholics Ltd.
www.petaholicsltd.co.uk

Parish Council Elections - Boughton Malherbe - May 2012

You may not be aware that there will be an election for Boughton Malherbe Parish Council in May 2012. The Parish Council is elected every 4 years for a term of 4 years and now is the time to think if you would like to become a councillor. With the Localism Bill proceeding through Parliament it is expected that Parish Councils will be given additional responsibilities to undertake on behalf of the parishioners.

At the time of writing, it is not known if the current Parish Councillors will be standing for an additional term - Boughton Malherbe has 5 councillors and if all 5 stand again and no new candidates stand for election then the election will not proceed and the current Parish Councillors will be elected without a vote !!!

Further information on how to become a Parish Councillor and the procedure to follow please contact the Parish Clerk or Maidstone Borough Council.

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings 7 – 8.30, 11th January – 8th February

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11, 5th January – 9th February

Investment £6 a session or discount for block booking.

Mixed ability class, beginners welcome.

The Yoga class can be tailored or adapted to suit any age, male or female.

The benefits experienced from attending regular yoga classes:

- A general glow and feeling energised.
- Confidence grows.
- Open body language.
- Developing fitness and tone.
- Strength and stamina.
- Developing self-awareness.
- Increased concentration and focus.
- Physical and mental balance.
- Improved flexibility.
- Reduced levels of stress and relief from tension.

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Yoga gives you the opportunity to:

- ✓ Move freely
- ✓ Think clearly
- ✓ Breath fully

Further details from Sue Burch – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 850381 or email graftyyoga@gmail.com

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Grafty Green Gardening Club 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
Jan 10	AGM – Hilary Newman	Plant Hunters
Feb 7	Jacqueline Aviolet	Hardy Geraniums
March 6	Sue Scrivens	More Wayside Plants
April 3	Spring Show / Laurie Manser	More Gardening Memories
May 1	Sandra Pilborough and Sylvia Galton	Making the best of flower arranging
May 15	Ros Bennett	Ferns and Mosses in Elmstone Lane
June 9 Saturday 2pm	Outing Molesworth, Benenden	Private garden
July 3 6.30 pm	Eaglewood, Warren Street,	Mr and Mrs Darvill's garden
27 – 29 July	Weekend in Sussex	
August 7 6.30pm	Bean Place Nursery, Headcorn	Nursery visit
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Neil Coombs	Vintage Trees
Oct 2	Veronica Moore	Horticultural Therapy
Nov 6	Sue Buckingham	Wild flowers of the Mediterranean
Dec 4	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

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.

Local Fitness

If you have over indulged during the festive season (and who hasn't), maybe you would like to try the easy to follow, calorie burning dance exercise routine called **ZUMBA**.

Classes are held in Headcorn Village Hall on Monday mornings 11.00 to 11.45am. Nothing too serious, just fun exercise & stretching to Music, lead by Lynne Coombes. The class suits anyone who has not exercised for a while, or following a fitness plan. No special equipment needed just arms, legs, loose clothing & comfy flat shoes/trainers and water.

Interested, in getting fitter with out the slog then give Lynne a call 01622 691966. Transport a problem? Call Barbara on 01622 850232.

Give it a go, nothing to lose except a few calories.....

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 24th March 2012.

Grafty Green

Saturday 17th March 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 17th March 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 14th January 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Saturday 24th March 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens



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The Grafty Gourmet

This is too easy to make, yet its another simple but tasty recipe. If you a lover of Baileys, I'm sure you will enjoy this.

Baileys & Chocolate Cheesecake

100g butter	300ml double cream, whipped
250g digestive biscuits, crushed	100g grated dark chocolate
600g Philadelphia cream cheese	cocoa powder or more grated
25ml Baileys	chocolate, to dust on top
100ml icing sugar	

1. Melt the butter slowly in a sauce pan and add the crushed digestive biscuits. Mix well until the biscuits have absorbed all the butter.
2. Remove from the heat and press into the bottom of a lined 18cm/7in spring form tin. Place in the refrigerator and allow to set for one hour.
3. Meanwhile, prepare to the filling. Lightly whip the cream cheese then beat in the Bailey's and icing sugar. Fold in the whipped cream and grated chocolate. When smooth, spoon evenly onto the biscuits.
4. Refrigerate and allow to set for a further two hours. Once set, remove and decorate with cocoa powder or grated chocolate over the top.

Road Closures

There are to be 2 road closures in the Parish during January and early February.

On 28th January between the hours of 09.30 and 15.30 Headcorn Road Grafty Green will be closed from Liverton Hill Farm to Blenberry Farm. This is to facilitate BT works access to overhead cable to restore customer service. Kent Highways Services suggested diversion route is via Church Road and Park Lane (good luck with that one because if you meet anything along Park Lane you better be good at reversing!!!)

The second closure is on 13th February and this is scheduled to be for 3 days. The location for the closure is essentially the road that runs alongside Boughton Malherbe Church and will be approx 150 meters long. Again this closure is for BT to replace a Telegraph Pole. The suggested diversion route is via Liverton Hill and Park Lane !!

Grafty Green Quiz

Saturday 10th December saw the second Grafty Green Christmas Quiz. Yet again it was a sell out with thirteen teams all pitting their wits against one another.

It was a fun evening hosted by Tom La Dell who managed to keep an enthusiastic crowd well under control. During the break everyone enjoyed a sausage and chip supper, kindly paid for by Niall and Karen McNulty, and a quick game of Heads and Tails raised eighty pounds to add to the final total.

A Wii system was auctioned and Nick Eastwood secured the winning bid. The winners of the quiz were a team called Noel's Knowalls (see picture on the front page) who were presented with a trophy that will be displayed in the Kings Head.

We raised the wonderful sum of £1440 which will be split between the Village Hall and St Nicholas Church.

A special thanks to all who helped us, the ladies who baked the mince pies, Sarah and Karen, Nial, Jane and Ruth and Margaret, who so kindly cleared up afterwards. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles of wine and prizes for the raffle and to all those of you who attended the quiz and made it such a success.

Janet Legon and Pat Anderson

Malherbe Monthly - a big thank-you

Every month the Malherbe Monthly is distributed to all households and businesses in the Parish of Boughton Malherbe, Platts Heath and selected businesses in Lenham. Do you sometimes wonder how the magazine gets to you ? - probably not.

Well to start with after the magazine is printed they are all delivered to Sylvia Close in Grafty Green. She then has the unenviable task of batching up the magazines and delivering them to the actual people who trudge around the parish delivering them to your doorstep. They do this month after month, come rain or shine and all for free. To my shame I do not know all of these distributors but without them the magazine would go undelivered and unread (well some may not be read anyway) and eventually the advertisers would desert and the magazine would flounder.

So to all of you **I THANK-YOU** for your efforts and hope that you will continue to help in the distribution of what is effectively your magazine.

Mike Hitchins

Happy New Year From Ulcombe Village School

Out with the Old ...

For the second school term our topic was 'From A to B' and it certainly feels like it has been quite a journey with plenty of highlights.

Christmas activities have taken centre stage in more ways than one. 'We Three Kings' has been incredibly well received by audiences during the last week of term, as Owlets and Year 2 have taken the lead in our Christmas play. Illness has threatened most, if not all, of the cast but, as they say, the show must go on. Also during the final week the children were joined by staff and governors for their Christmas lunch. Our thanks go to Ms Mercer for her great cooking, which was enjoyed by all. The term ended with our Christmas Service on Friday 16th December, at All Saints Parish Church. It is always lovely to come together for services such as these and our thanks go to the Ministry Team and Church Wardens for making this possible.

As well as all of this, during the last week of term we were been thinking about the work of Barnardo's. Children made baubles, which are on the tree at All Saints Parish Church, and all of the designers and artists were entered into a draw to win Barney Bear. The donations made following our productions and Christmas service will be put with money raised by this competition to support this fantastic charity. We will let you know next month how much we were able to raise.

Father Christmas made his annual stop-over at Ulcombe on Friday 9th December, when he joined us for the FUS Christmas Fayre. There were so many things to do, including the tombola's, games, crafts and spotting famous people. There was also the chance to buy various jams, pickles, chutneys, cakes, books, holly wreaths, refreshments and food, and much more. Our thanks go to Mrs Arundel, Mrs Tew and all of the FUS Committee as well as all of the other willing volunteers, whether they be staff, parents or friends from the community, who made this evening possible. Thank you to everyone who helped organize the event, helped coming down from the Village Hall with Father Christmas and who 'manned the stalls'.

The FUS also helped during our Open Afternoon nine days before, by providing refreshments. This was very much appreciated, and a great opportunity for parents and prospective parents to meet and chat.

By the time you read this the draw will have taken place for the Christmas Cake Raffle. Congratulations to Mr Roe, who will be enjoying this, perhaps with a little help from the family. If you did not see the cake it was a remarkable celebration of the wonderful village of Ulcombe. Thanks again go to Mrs Arundel for her hard work in making the cake, and also to those of you who helped to supply the ingredients.

The trips that children have been on have been an undoubted highlight. All of Tawny Owls who went to London had a great time and benefited from unique learning opportunities. For the whole school, the trip which FUS supported to the Bluebell Railway was a huge success.

From our 'Behind the Scenes' perspective the visits from Ofsted and the Diocese for our inspections have been very significant parts of our term. We were very pleased to have much of our own thinking backed-up by the findings of the two inspections. The Ofsted report is available to read on the School web-site and should

also be available on Ofsted's web-site. I will pass on the report from our church inspection as soon as possible, which we expect to be even more positive than the Ofsted report.

... And in with the new.

Making Our School Even Better!

As you know planning permission has been granted for a small development of houses on the disused adventure trail here at school, and we are working with KCC to make sure everything that needs to be done is done as quickly as possible. The money from the sale of this land will help to fund our much needed improvements including a wonderful library and, we hope, improvements to the entrance area and offices. If you have not seen the plans for our school, they are still on display in the entrance area.

We will be improving our ICT hardware, with a wireless network and a number of new laptop computers during the holiday and early January, so that we can put it all to good use in the new year!

On Your Marks, Get Set, for 2012!

You will all know that the Olympic and Paralympics' Games are coming to the UK in 2012. As part of our preparation we have made our commitment to promoting Olympic and Paralympics' values through our work. This will be particularly so in Term 6, but we will be working towards it in different ways throughout the terms leading up to then.

As we start the year we will be thinking about being healthy, encouraging the children to make healthy choices. We will focus on healthy packed lunches, walking to school and taking part in healthy activities during the lunch break. We know that everyone will want to support this, as we all know that healthy bodies often help to support healthy minds.

Park And Stride Logo Competition—FOR ALL AGES

You will all have heard of Park and Ride, but we at Ulcombe want everyone to Park and Stride. We know that for many it is impossible to walk all the way from home to school, but for those who cannot walk all the way we want to encourage parking at the Village Hall and walking down from there. This will help everyone to get some valuable exercise each day.

We will launch this scheme fully in the new year, but to do that we need a logo. This is where we all can play our part regardless of how old we are or young we feel, whether we attend school, we have a child at the school or we regard ourselves as a friend of the school.

We are looking for a logo that we can use on a banner, posters and school notepaper. There will be a transport related prize for the winning entry in each of the following categories: under 7's, under 11's, under 18's and 18 and over. The overall

winner will receive a family ticket for the Spa Valley Railway at Tunbridge Wells.

The deadline for entries has been extended to Friday 6th January. There is more information on the School Web-site. It would be wonderful to have so many entries that the decision was a tough one. Designs can use any medium and be posted, delivered or emailed to the school. We look forward to receiving your ideas!

AND FINALLY ...

All of the staff team hope you have had a very happy Christmas and wish all of our friends in the village and beyond a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012.

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Head Teacher

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Grafty Geeks - Computer Tip of the Month

MAKING YOUR FACEBOOK SECURE

When you first join Facebook the default security settings allow people to connect to as many people as possible. This has helped Facebook to grow, but it also means that people who are concerned about the security of their information do not use it.

However it is possible for everyone to select Privacy and Security settings that are appropriate for their own purposes. Everyone should check these settings to make sure they are not sharing their pictures, messages and other private information with people they don't know. Parents can also check the security settings on their children's Facebook to make sure they are not connecting to inappropriate people.

There are two pages on Facebook to select Security and Privacy:

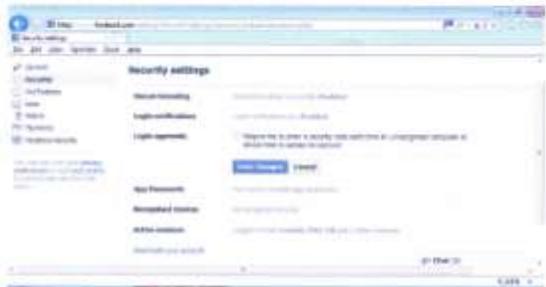
1. Account Settings – located in the top right corner on the home page, click the down-pointing arrow to show the menu below:



Then select: Security from the menu on the left

Here is a sample of the security settings. To change the settings, just select the item you want to edit, it will display the available options for you to select.

Here's a sample of the options available for Login Approvals



Make sure you read all the information provided on the options selected so you don't accidentally select something you don't need or want.

Set up login approvals

What are login approvals?

Login approvals use text message (SMS) confirmations to make it harder for unauthorized people to use your account.

How it works

When you try to log in using an unrecognized computer, you'll have to enter a security code that we text to your mobile phone.

Please note that for the first week after turning login approvals on, you will have the option to disable it even if you don't have access to your phone. This is for your convenience, but your account won't have the full protection of login approvals until that week has passed.

Grab your mobile phone to get set up in a few simple steps.

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2. Privacy Settings

From the same menu as Account settings, select Privacy Settings



Read the options carefully and use the **"learn more"** if you want to know more about how you can keep messages to your own group of friends and no-one you don't know.

Scroll down the page to see the options to select:

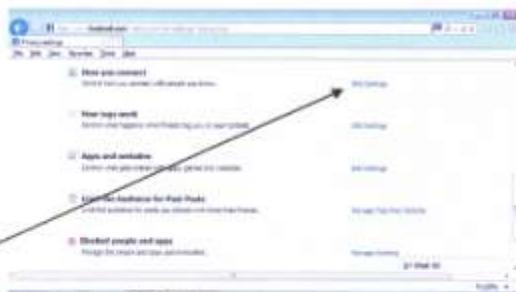
Privacy settings

Control Privacy When You Post

You can manage the privacy of your status updates, photos and information using the privacy audience selector — select who you or others can see afterwards. Remember: the people you share with can always share your information with others, including apps. To edit your privacy to see how it works or learn more:

Control Your Default Privacy

This setting will apply to status updates and other content to your Profile from a Facebook app that doesn't have the privacy audience selector. See Facebook for Windows.

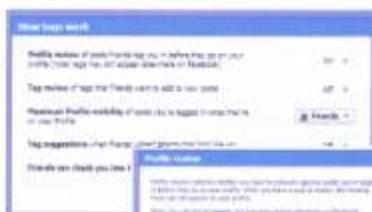


Use the **Edit Settings** to see what options you have available, then select the most appropriate for you. You will be presented with further options like the ones below:

How you Connect



How tags work – then Profile review



As you can see there are many options to select to keep your Facebook secure and as private as you wish. You can therefore set up pages to share with relations and friends around the world without the worry of the Whole World seeing them. It is not possible to recommend what you should select because everyone is different.





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A New format for the New Year

1-hour Individual sessions during the week (known as 1-2-1)

We would like to introduce a new way for you to get help from the Telecottage for 2012 as an experiment for 3 months. We will still be operating the Saturday morning clinics, but would like to offer weekday morning surgeries for people to come along and have a 1-2-1 for 1-hour with one of the volunteers, specifically designed for you and your particular need.

To help us manage this properly, we will be offering the dates and times shown below; you will need to call us to book a slot and provide your phone number, email address and what you need help with. We will also ask for you to pay the price of £5 prior to your session, by cheque, or by popping into the Telecottage on any Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon, where bookings can be taken and confirmed.

There will be 3 x 1- hour slots available between 9am–12noon
on the following dates:

January: Monday 9th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 25th

February: Thursday 2nd, Monday 6th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 22nd

March: Thursday 1st, Monday 5th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 29th

The list below is not exhaustive but provided to give an idea of what can be covered:

Getting Started
Digital Photography
Family History
Word Processing
Tables in Word

Manage Files & Folders
Photos: Camera to PC
Edit Photos
Email Photos
Produce a Calendar

Produce a newsletter
Use the internet
Facebook/Twitter/Skype
Excel
PowerPoint

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Social	Fan	Sandwich	Club
2	Walking	Lip	Insect	
3	Sky	Whale	Print	
4	Made	Money	Meal	
5	Teapot	Box	Biscuit	
6	Jewellery	Bathing	Drama	
7	Line	Miniature	Model	
8	Common	General	Self	
9	Keeping	Summer	Table	
10	Bottle	Ginger	Garden	
11	Eye	Practice	Property	
12	Jubilee	Sterling	Lining	
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The January Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Sagittarius at beginning of January, and moves into Capricornus on the 20th. The Earth is at **perihelion** (closest to the Sun) on 5th January.

Full Moon occurs on Monday 9th January when in the constellation of Gemini, and **New Moon** is on Monday 23rd January.

Mercury is rising in the southeast just before sunrise at the start of 2012, and is therefore very difficult to see in the dawn sky. We will have to wait until March before we can see this elusive planet in the evening sky.

Venus is visible low in the south-western sky just after sunset, and again it is difficult to miss the "Evening Star" as it is the brightest object in the sky.

Mars is rising in the east in the late evening, and is high in the southern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving steadily south eastwards in the constellation of Leo. Through a telescope it may be possible to see the dark and light patches on the surface, together with the white North Polar Cap.

Jupiter is again well placed for viewing in the evenings this month. It is high in the southeast at dusk and shines all night, setting in the west at dawn. Though a telescope you should be able to see the dark and light bands together with the **Great Red Spot**. It may also be possible to see, even through binoculars, Jupiter's four major moons.

Saturn is rising in the east in the early hours of the morning, and is well up in the southern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly south-eastwards in the constellation of Virgo. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

The **Quadrantid** meteor shower produces a good display during the first week of January. They appear to radiate from a point in the now disused constellation of Quadrans Muralis, between the bright star Vega and the "handle" of the Plough. This point is low in the north at midnight, and climbs high in the east by dawn. The best time to see the meteors is expected to be in the early hours of Tuesday 4th January.

In my October article I gave you a brief update on the latest results from the Large Hadron Collider at Cern. Scientists were then expressing doubts as to whether the Higgs boson, otherwise known as the "God Particle" really does exist. It has now been widely reported that scientists are closer to getting their first glimpse of this elusive subatomic particle. Two rival teams have found similar results, which may indicate its existence, and further announcements are expected. The Higgs boson, which gives other subatomic particles mass, is viewed as the final missing component of the Standard Model, the most widely accepted explanation of how particles behave.

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Ulcombe History Society

The next meeting of the Ulcombe History Society will be on Tuesday the 6th of March. Following a brief AGM there will be a talk by Imogen Corrigan on *Our Anglo Saxon Heritage*. She is an excellent speaker and this will be her third visit to our society.

The Ulcombe History Society is open to anyone interested in history. We meet at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village hall, and after the talk wine and nibbles are served. Membership is £8.00 and guests are charged £5.00.

Our year's programme comprises :

Tue 6 th March	Talk by Imogen Corrigan on <i>Our Anglo Saxon Heritage</i>
Tue 24 th April	Talk by Canon Peter Brett on <i>The Mediaeval priest and his parish</i>
Sat 28 th April	Outing to Fishbourne and Chichester
Tue 26 th June	Talk by Pippa and Albert Evans on <i>Aphra Behn – the seventeenth century actress and playwright</i>
Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th Sep (views please)	Weekend away - possibly Versailles and Fontainebleau
Tue 4 th December	Talk by Alan Stockwell on <i>The History of Pantomime</i>

Food Parcels

There has been a generous response in Grafty Green and Boughton Malherbe to our appeal for tins and packets of food for the hungry and homeless in Maidstone. Items are being put into the basket in the shop regularly. To date Sally Alexander has taken 3 large boxes of food to Maidstone Day Centre. Thank you to all who have contributed.

The need continues particularly in cold weather. We understand that long life milk is always needed. We thank Rob and Hazel Eastwood for allowing the basket to remain.

The righteous said to the king, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?" The king (Jesus) replied, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:37.

Joan Drury

Christian Message January 2012

'Looking Like Christians'

Those of us who have been practicing Christians for a long time, perhaps for as long as you can remember, can easily forget what being a Christian is for! We pray, we go to church, we try to serve our community, because we believe these are the right, the Christian things to do, and they has become a routine part of our lives. But, familiarity breeds amnesia. We forget what its all for.

The purpose of each and every local church is to serve its community, in the light of what Jesus came to do. The church doesn't exist for itself, and it doesn't exist to serve its local community's agenda. It exists for what Jesus lived, died and rose to make possible in its local community. The Church of England, The Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, and the United Reformed Church all describe the church as a 'foretaste' of God's kingdom. A friend of mine put it like this 'People should be able to see among us what God has prepared for the future world.' Being that foretaste will certainly require us to be involved in our communities, but most of all it requires us to look like Christian.

The future Jesus secured, through his life, death and resurrection, is one that will last eternally. "Of his kingdom there will be no end'. So his followers are called to live a way of life that has a lasting effect. We are to live according to his teaching. He said 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.' He taught that people who heard his words and put them into practice built their lives on a rock that could withstand anything that the storms of life threw against it. Being a Christian means being a person who lives in the presence of Jesus (through prayer and worship), and puts his teaching into practice. It involves asking him to show us how to live our lives as he would live our lives.

So lets be really radical this year and take the teaching of Jesus, in the Gospels, as the basis of our daily life. I recommend a new year's commitment to look like Christians, and see what difference people notice, and what difference we make. If, in this coming year, you were to be charged with the offence of being a Christian, would there be enough visible evidence to convict you?

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8th January – The Baptism of Christ (1st Sunday of Epiphany)

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Holy Morning Worship
11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton – Choral Evensong

15th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

22nd January– 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Worship
11am Lenham Family Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion

29th January – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Lenham Benefice Service
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Quote of the month

This is the third of a series of extracts from a report by an efficiency expert employed by the BBC to reduce the costs of its orchestra, as part of the current cost-cutting exercise:

“No useful purpose would appear to be served by repeating with horns the same passage which has already been handled by the strings. If all such redundant passages were eliminated, as determined by the utilization review committee, the concert we examined could have been reduced from two hours to 20 minutes, with greater savings in salaries and overhead.”

Brian Hardy

Music Notes - January

I hope my readers all had a good Christmas, and indeed are continuing to enjoy it during the beginning of this month, as the feast of Christmas formally only ends on twelfth night, the 6th January.

This is a final excuse for celebration and there are a number of Twelfth Night Concerts as a result. The one I recommend is at *The United Reformed Church in Week Street, Maidstone at 7.30pm on Friday 6th January*, when Maidstone Choral Union will lead the singing of carols and provide some solo concert items as well. Free entry, mulled wine and mince pies afterwards (if you haven't had too many by then) and a retiring collection.

Nothing much else in January – local musicians, like everyone else, are taking a rest after the hectic activities of December. Lots of good music on the radio however!

Brian Hardy



Messy Church has been going for a whole year now. If you and your family haven't visited us yet, put these dates in your diary and come along to sample the fun, games and food and enjoy the relaxed family atmosphere.



Please find below the dates of Messy Church in the New Year

- Jan 14th - 3 Kings Party Lenham Church
- Feb 11th - Harrietsham School
- Mar 10th - Messy Music Lenham Church
- April 6th - Good Friday Harrietsham Church
- May 12th - Lenham Church
- June 9th - Picnic Harrietsham

All from 4.00 - 6.00 except for Good Friday which is 10.30 - 12.00

Helen Venn

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Social	Fan	Sandwich	Club
2	Walking	Lip	Insect	Stick
3	Sky	Whale	Print	Blue
4	Made	Money	Meal	Ready
5	Teapot	Box	Biscuit	Chocolate
6	Jewellery	Bathing	Drama	Costume
7	Line	Miniature	Model	Railway
8	Common	General	Self	Knowledge
9	Keeping	Summer	Table	Time
10	Bottle	Cinger	Garden	Beer
11	Eye	Practice	Property	Private
12	Jubilee	Sterling	Lining	Silver
13	Question	Sunlight	Action	Direct
14	Credit	Sharp	Post	Card
15	Jacket	Cycle	Skill	Life
16	Agent	Bass	Bed	Double

	Find the missing word?
1	Love Letters In The Sand, A hit for Pat Boone in 1957
2	Freddie and the Dreamers, Has a hit with I'm Telling You Now
3	Alan Ladd , Gun slinging title role in the 1953 western Shane
4	Monster Mash , Novelty chart hit from Bobby Pickett and the Crypt-Kickers
5	Memories Are Made Of This , 1956 Ballad from Dean Martin
6	One Million Years BC , 1966 prehistoric film starring Raquel Welch
7	Ciudad Rodrigo , Has a 1971 attempt in Eurovision with Jack in the Box
8	Some Mothers Do Ave Em , Chaotic sitcom with Frank Spencer
9	Voodoo Child , 70's song by Jimi Hendrix Experience
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