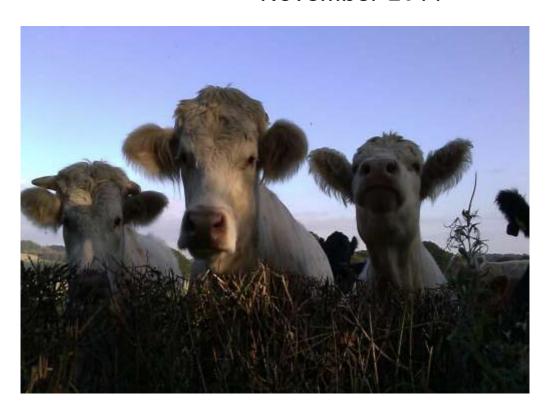


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Front cover: Inquisitive cows looking over the hedge in Woodcock Lane!!

News from St. Nicholas Church

Harvest Auction - The Harvest Auction of the produce, which was brought to decorate the Church, took place after Evensong on Sunday 9^{th} while coffee and some delicious cakes were served, raised £170 for the Maidstone Christian Care charity. You may read about this Charity in an item elsewhere in this magazine.

Weekday Prayers - Prayers will be said at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesday mornings the 8^{th} and 22^{nd} at 9.30 to 10.00am. These are said alternately with All Saints, Ulcombe.

Village Coffee Morning - The Village Coffee Morning will be held on 9th November between 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall, Grafty Green. Coffee, tea and cakes will be served. Do come along and enjoy a good chat and friendship. You will be very welcome.

Remembrance Sunday - There will be a Service of Remembrance at St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe at 10.15 am on 13th November, which will include a two minute silence at 11 am. A wreath of poppies will be placed between the WW1 and WW2 memorials on the north side of the Nave. David Essex will officiate at this Service.

Gentlemen's Breakfast - The Gentlemen's Breakfast will take place at the Red Lion in Lenham Square on Saturday 26th November at 8.00am. The speaker this month will be Warrant Officer Steve Martin of the Naval Christian Fellowship. A good English breakfast is served at a cost of £5, so ring Frank Allen on 850559 or Dick Venn on 858195.

Harvest Supper -A most enjoyable evening was had by all those who supported the Harvest Supper on 22^{nd} October. We served a meal of melon, choice of quiches with salads, apple pies and lemon meringue pies, custard and cream followed by cheese and biscuits with a selection of Cox and Spartan apples and conference pears. We made a handsome profit of just over £540 for Church Funds. Thanks are due to all the people who helped by cooking quiches, preparing salads, cooking beetroot and providing potatoes and to those who cooked them. To those who gave raffle prizes, many thanks. Also thank you to everyone who helped by washing up and clearing the tables at the end of the evening and leaving the Hall as we would like to find it.

Ride and Stride - On 9^{th} September several of us did a sponsored walk for the Friends of Kent Churches 'Ride and Stride' and we raised £182, which has been sent to the Friends for their Funds. After the money is gift aided, half of the amount raised is returned to us for our Funds. The friends were formed to help Churches with the cost of repairing Church Fabric and PCCs can apply for their help when large building repairs are needed like reroofing etc.

Joan Davidson

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Purple, Power Ballard by Prince & the Revolution
2	, Webber, Composer of Phantom of the Opera
3	True, Classic Cowboy movie with John Wayne
4	Like The Wolf, 1982 song by Duran Duran
5	Heath, Late Brokeback Mountain star
6	My Lady , Musical with Audrey Hepburn
7	Panda, 2008 animation about a Panda who learns Martial Arts
8	Marvin, Soul Icon who sung 'I Heard it Through the Grapevine'
9	The Wears Prada, Film with Meryl Streep
10	Bunny, TV Cartoon Rabbit

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

A 16th Century Coaching Inn haunted by "Dover Bill" the Highwayman!



Traditional Sunday Lunches Fresh Fish Fridays Lunches and Suppers

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Beer Garden



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Grafty Green Village Hall Update

Firstly, some good news: The collapsing kitchen has been fully restored! For this we must thank Gary Brooker (who has also offered his services as 'on-call handyman' for any future maintenance work) and KCC Cllr Jenny Whittle, who dug deep into her Community Grant allocation to fund the work in full. We really are grateful, Jenny.

Further improvements to the fabric of the hall are slowly being made, and will continue as funds allow. We want our hall to be one we can be proud of, not apologetic for.

Next, thank you to those who returned the questionnaire about village hall activities. Sadly, it wasn't a big response (I had to disregard many of the suggestions collected in the pub as being either immoral, illegal or physically impossible!) and there was no clear consensus as to what a majority would support — so your committee has opted to try a few old favourites to start with, and we'll see how we go.

This month, of course, we have the 60's/70's evening with Chicory Tip and next month is another chance to pit your wits in a quiz evening (very popular and hugely enjoyable last time). Early in the New Year we plan to hold a 'race night' (picking winners in filmed horse races) (I think we should call it "GG Racing" – get it??) Following that we have in mind an evening of wine & cheese appreciation, a beetle drive and a 'foody' evening (including tasting, of course!) where we can swap recipes for party & picnic food that we might offer at our Jubilee celebration next June.

Finally for this month, we are having a Village Hall clear-out day on Saturday 12 November, starting at 10.00am, taking stock of what is stashed away in various dark corners and discarding what we think we'll never use again.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE HALL THAT YOU WANT TO ENSURE IS NOT THROWN OUT, OR IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OBSCURE (BUT USEFUL) ITEMS THAT WE MIGHT BE IN DANGER OF DISCARDING IN OUR IGNORANCE.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman (01622 850484)



Out of a Clear Blue Sky

So, there we were sipping our pre lunch cocktails, discussing whether we should have the Pinot Grigio or the Viognier with our lunch. The day was as perfect as it could be and we decided to eat on deck overlooking the harbour.

Glancing at my mobile phone I saw that I had three voicemails. The husband doesn't like too much contact with home when we go away so I surreptitiously listened to the first one as he drifted back to the bar.

Well, suffice to say, " Jan, your house is burning down" was not welcome news but after quick call to book some flights, we were flying home. Daughter Charlotte, and her husband were cat sitting and thank God, they got out before the fire took hold.

We arrived home at sometime past mid-night and even at that late hour Peter and June Newing were there to give us both a big hug and Jacqui Thompson popped round to reassure us that she had Margaret, our cat. In the gloom of the headlights we surveyed what was left of our home and the situation did seem pretty bleak.

The following day, however, Nevil Plummer called in with his lads, and set to to clear all the charred remains. Something was being done and it made us feel so much more positive. Pat and Keith Anderson made us numerous cups of tea and were there to provide us with a shoulder to cry on.

Its going to take a long time to rebuild The Barn but we feel really lucky to live in such a lovely village surrounded by the nicest of people, we have had so many offers of help and we would just like to thank everyone for their support.

Janet and Steve Legon

Chicory Tip

19th November 2011

Grafty Green Village Hall 8pm Licensed Bar, Raffle

Tickets - £8 - Nibbles included Available from Post Office or Margaret Neaves - 01622 850320 Mandy Hitchins - 01622 858937

Fire in Grafty Green

A number of concerns about 'failings' in rural Fire Brigade cover have arisen following the recent tragic fire at the Barn Headcorn Road Grafty Green on 1st October. Your Parish Council is very concerned and would like to reassure Parishioners there has been, and continues to be, considerable dialogue with Kent Fire Brigade, Kent Fire Authority, Kent County Council and South East Water regarding the response to this incident, and for the future with proposed re-structuring and cuts which are the subject of the Fire Brigade consultative document running between 31st October and 12th January.

As soon as it is practical a public meeting will be held to fully discuss the cover delivered by KFRS and South East Water with this incident together with your opinions for the consultative document. Also we can discuss how we can help make ourselves safer.

I am sure all readers will join with me in sending heartfelt feelings to Steve & Janet Legon and a hope for a speedy resolution to these issues.

Robert Turner Chairman, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Grafty Green: Roads Update - SHAMBLES

The only way to describe Kent Highways regarding on-going saga of the long overdue essential repairs and safety issues following the resurfacing of the three mile stretch of Lenham Road between Grafty and Headcorn over a year ago. Not much has happened, not least of which is the 'patch' opposite Woosden Hall. Promises but no action.

In late August a hint of work started but stopped abruptly, then told work would have to be done under a road closure which would not happen until October half term to minimise inconvenience. Now writing this on Monday of half term and just found out no road closure set to be implemented or indeed work definitely scheduled. Hard hitting e-mail sent to Director of Highways. **STOP PRESS** ~ Wednesday afternoon and there is activity with a Kent Highways crew starting 'cutting out' with no road closure or even traffic lights'. Victor Meldrew immortal words 'I don't believe it'!! Maybe the message has finally landed and registered or a 'miracle'.

I must add thanks to the help from Jenny Whittle, our County Councillor whom I know has battled very hard on these issues with me \sim its been a tough one to crack and lets hope that what now appears to have started will go through to satisfactory completion.

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BUS SERVICE 59

Grafty Green - Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood Saturday buses saved from withdrawal

Following discussions with Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr. Bryan Sweetland and KCC Officers, both Kent County Councillor Jenny Whittle and Maidstone Borough Councillor Mike Fitzgerald (representing the East of Maidstone Rural Transport Group) have reported that KCC have agreed to continue funding for the Saturday Service 59 (and also the Saturday Service 13 to Hollingbourne) at the current level of service until the end of March 2013.

This is, of course, good news but use of the service needs to increase if this is to be no more than a temporary reprieve. So the message 'USE IT OR LOSE IT' remains as strong, if not stronger, than ever.

John Collins

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone Rural Transport Group

Grafty Green Gardening Club



Tuesday November 1^{st} is the next meeting and our speaker is Alison Sollis who will be speaking on the interesting topic of 'Composting'. Do join us – we start at 7.30, tea or coffee with biscuits is provided. We will also be organising contributions for the December social.

Plans for 2012 are underway with some excellent ideas for outings, weekends away and entertaining speakers – if you have any topics you would like covered then we would be very happy to hear from you; talk to us – Sue Burch on 850381 or Rosemary Smith on 850526.

The Grafty Gourmet

For those of you that know me, I've had a 'thing' recently for making pies. As the shooting season is now under way, I thought this warming recipe a good idea, especially as the evenings are starting to feel a lot colder. This recipe makes 4 good sized portions and is great served with either chips or vegetables.

Pleasant Pheasant Pie

1 Whole Pheasant

5 Thick Rashers of Bacon

1 Large Leek (sliced)

1 Largish Onion (finely chopped)

1 Stick Celery (chopped)

6 Sprigs of Thyme

2 Fresh Bay Leaves

1 tsp Dried Oregano

1 tbsp Butter

1/4 Cup Chicken Stock 1/4 Cup White Wine

1 tbsp of Salt

2 tsp Freshly Ground Black Pepper

1 Pack Pre-made Shortcrust Pastry

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 200c(180c fan oven). Put the thyme and bay leaves into the cavity of the pheasant. Rub in 2/3 of the salt and pepper over the bird and smear over the butter. Place the bacon over the pheasant and pop into a casserole dish with a lid on and put in the oven for 40-50 mins until the juices run clear
- 2. Once the pheasant is cold enough to handle strip the meat from the bird and discard the bones and skin, shred the meat with your hands and dice the bacon and put to one side.
- 3. Fry the leeks, onion and celery in a pan with a little olive oil, until soft. Add the stock and wine and cook until reduced slightly, then add the pheasant and bacon with the oregano and remaining salt and pepper and simmer for a few minutes. If the mixture is still slightly watery add a tablespoon of cornflour to thicken. (mix the cornflour with equal amount of water in a separate cup, then add to the pheasant, to avoid lumps).
- 4. Roll out the pastry to the thickness of a one pound coin, and line the inside of a dish (the size to suit four portions). Trim the excess from around the top of the dish and roll to make the top of the pie. Spoon in the pheasant mixture and place the top piece of pastry over the dish. Crimp the edges of the pastry and poke 2 small holes in top of pie with a knife to let steam escape when cooking. Use any left over pastry to make a decoration for the top of the pie. Brush the top of pie with milk and place the pie in oven for 30mins or until golden brown.



Grafty Green Christmas Quiz

Saturday 10th December 2011 at The Village Hall Grafty Green 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm Tickets £7.50

(this price includes a sausage and chip supper)

Teams to be eight or less

Licensed Bar, Free nibbles

All proceeds to be donated to St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe and Grafty Green Village Hall

Tickets will go on sale on 1st November and are available from Pat Anderson, Sharon Jennings, Jacqui Thompson and Janet Legon

News from Ulcombe's Village School

The next term at this school will be ...

TERM 2, CALLING AT FIREWORKS, REMEMBRANCE, CHILDREN IN NEED AND ALL EVENTS TO CHRISTMAS.

What better way to end Term 1 and start Term 2, when transport will be our theme, than a station-style announcement?

The children have had a wonderful time learning about the sea in our topic of 'Ahoy There' during Term 1. We have had our Pirate Day, as well as trips to Chatham Dockyard for Tawny Owls and Hastings for Barn Owls and Owlets. Thank you so much to all of the staff and parents who have helped to make these trips so successful.

The children came back from Hastings wanting to raise money for the RNLI, and so we held a cake sale on the last day and raised almost £50. The children made or decorated cakes during the day, all wonderful to taste of course.

As we move on to the next topic, called, 'From A to B,' we will be thinking about all sorts of transport. Read on to find out how Tawny Owls will be getting to drive a London Underground train and more in the capital.

Term 2 promises to be a busy one with Fireworks' Night, Remembrance Day, classes being re-decorated and then the build up to Christmas. We have an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 30th November. <u>Everyone</u> is welcome to come and look at some of the work the children do during a normal school day.

Library Update

I hope some of you have been able to make comments to Maidstone Borough Council planners about the proposed residential development for the disused adventure play area, at the northern end of the school site. By the time you read this the consultation period should have ended and the case officer should have come to a decision. If the application has been successful, it will be full steam ahead for our new library!

On Our Travels

On Wednesday 21st September Tawny Owls headed north, all the way to Chatham's Historic Dockyard. Of particular interest was the Titanic exhibition, as the children have been finding out about this in class. We were also shown how ropes were made, and some of the children tried to make it themselves. After lunch there was time to explore HMS Ocelot, HMS Cavalier and HMS Gannet as well as seeing some 'retired' lifeboats.

On Wednesday 12th October Barn Owls and Owlets headed south, all the way to Hastings. First stop was the Blue Reef Aquarium, where the children learnt more about what lives in the sea. Barn Owls then went on to the Fisherman's Museum and Owlets went to the Lifeboat Station. The two classes met at the RNLI shop for a chance to spend their pocket money.

Tawny Owls will be on their travels again soon. On Friday 25th November they will be going to London on the High Speed Rail service, before travelling around the capital on the Underground, by bus, on a river cruise and by Docklands Light Railway. They will also get the opportunity to drive a train, in a way. We will be visiting Transport for London's Learning and Development Centre, seeing how London Underground signalman, train drivers and station staff are trained, and having a go on the simulators.

With all of our trips, thank you very much to the parents and staff who give up their time to organize the trip and help out on the day.

Friends came to Dinner

On Wednesday 19th October we hosted another Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner. Parents, grandparents and friends from the wider community came into school for a wonderful roast lunch, cooked by Ms Mercer and served by some of our older children.

After dinner the children from all three classes entertained us, showing and telling some of the things they have learnt during this term about the sea. We heard about their trips and saw some of the work that the topic has inspired.

Charity Corner—RNLI and Children In Need

As you will have already read, the children and staff were incredibly eager to do something to support the amazing work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution following the recent educational visits. The children learnt, whilst in Hastings, that it costs a staggering £405,000 per day to run all the Lifeboats around our coastline. That is almost £3milion per week! Almost 1.5 million lives have been saved by Lifeboat crews since the organization started. To learn more visit www.rnli.org.uk or ask Owlets! We are so pleased that we were able to support this great cause.

Looking ahead, early in Term 2 we will be holding activities for BBC's Children In Need. This is on Friday 18th November. School Council will be working out how we will be raising money for another very worthy charity. If you have any great ideas already, please feel free to pass them on.

Friends of Ulcombe School

Our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, FUS, has planned another fantastic year of events for 2011/12. Although it seemed that orders were a little slow to come in to school, there are obviously plenty of green fingered people amongst you, even in autumn. Thank you to everyone who helped raise over £50. We hope to run a similar scheme in the springtime.

FIREWORKS' NIGHT is just a few school days away on Friday 4th November. As always, FUS have worked really hard to make sure that this will be another wonderful event. The gates open at 6.30pm. There will be a variety of things on sale, from glo-sticks to burgers, and face-painting to mulled wine. See you there!

The next big event for FUS, is also less than two months away. It is the CHRISTMAS FAYRE, which will take place on Friday 9th December at 6.30pm. There will be an even wider variety of stalls and activities than before, and there is a rumour that Father Christmas himself will be making an appearance. I have heard that Rudolph and co will be

delivering him to the Village Hall soon after 6pm, before he walks the last bit of he journey to school.

Have you seen Phil the Bank? Following on from the success of Phil the Bag back in the spring, we now have our very own clothes bank. Please bring all your clothes along that are ready for recycling, and 'Phil' will do the rest, with money going to the FUS each time. So now really is a great time to clear out that wardrobe!

Time to remember

Our Remembrance Day Assembly is now an annual event. All parents, grand-parents, family and friends are invited to join us for our special assembly on Friday 11th November at 10.45am. This will include a two minute silence at 11am.

We take this short time in the day to remember what people have done to try to make our world a safer and more peaceful place. We spend time reflecting on what we might be able to do to make our corner of the world more peaceful, too. It is always fantastic to be joined by members of the community for an event such as this one. Everyone is welcome!

There is more information about all of these and other events coming up on the School's web-site, www.ulcombeschool.ik.org. Remember that if you have any questions, you just pop in and ask.

Mr. Vincent Hampton Head Teacher

Lenham Players will continue the celebration of its 50th anniversary season with the world premiere of 'Happy Endings?' on 18th and 19th November in Lenham Community Centre. Specially written for the Players by Glenn Bryan, 'Happy Endings?' comprises three short plays, each one offering a humorous yet sensitive description of the characters whose life it portrays. Tickets are £8 each and will be available from Len Valley News, Lenham Community Centre (mornings) or by calling 01622 858561 - bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Raffle Appeal

I hope that by now you have **19th NOVEMBER** firmly circled on your calendars. This is of course the date for **CHICORY TIP** to entertain us at our Village Hall.

If you feel you do not have the stamina!, or perhaps are double booked for this date, then a donation of a raffle prize for the evening would be very welcome.

Margaret Neaves (850320) and Mandy Hitchins (858937) are selling tickets, but any raffle prizes can be collected by me (850232) or alternatively can be left in the Post Office.

Don't miss what is sure to be a great evening,

Barbara Pearce



Grafty Geeks - Computer Tip of the Month

Address	(Also see URL). An address or website that you type in to find places on the internet. They begin with www (world wide web), followed by the name of the organisation or company.
Attachment	This is a file of information that can be sent as part of (attached to) an email. It may contain text, photos, music or video files.
Blogging	A blog (short for weblog) is a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption
Broadband	An 'always-on' connection to the Internet using specially installed equipment that works with your phone line to deliver online information and images rapidly to your computer
Browser (or Web Browser)	This is a piece of software (computer instructions or a computer programme) which lets you explore, or browse the internet.
Chat room	A place on the Internet, accessed through a computer or mobile device, where people communicate by typing messages.
Email	Messages sent electronically (over the Internet) from one computer to another
Favourites	A place on your Internet browser to store web addresses that you use often, or don't' want to forget.
Filter	Computer software that allows you to block certain material from your computer. You can, for example, block websites with inappropriate content.
Firewalls	Firewalls are used to prevent unauthorised Internet users from accessing private networks or individual computers connected to the Internet. All messages entering or leaving the computer pass through the firewall, which examines each message and blocks those that do not meet the specified security criteria.
Hackers	A hacker is a person who tries to gain unauthorised access to other computers and cause damage or send viruses (see below)
http:// (HyperText Transfer Protocol).	Defines how messages are formatted and transmitted, and what actions Web servers and browsers should take in response to various commandsand appears when you type an internet address into the address bar.

Hypertext	A special type of database system, in which objects (text, pictures, music, programs, and so on) can be creatively linked to each other. When you select an object, you can see all the other objects that are linked to it. Eg: When a link is available on the internet it will become a hand when you point with the mouse.
Icon	A small picture or image, often self-explanatory, which makes something happen when you click on it.
Internet	(Also see Web) A worldwide network of computers that connects people and information. Also known as 'the net' or 'the web'.
ISP (Internet Service Provider)	You need several things to connect to the Internet: a browser on your computer, a modem (see below) and an ISP to connect you. ISP's are commercial companies that have different ways of charging you for their services. Well-known ISP's include AOL, BT, Tiscali and Freeserve, there are many others
Modem	A modem is part of your computer that lets it communicate with others through telephone lines. Some modems are built into computers and some are added on as external devices.
Online/Offline	Being online means being connected to the Internet. Offline is sometimes used as another term for the real world (ie outside the Internet).
Social Networking	The practice of expanding the number of business and/or social contacts by making connections through individuals eg: LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Bebo there are many others
Spam	Like junk mail through your door, spam is email you haven't asked for and don't want. You can create a Spam folder in your email so spam will not appear in your inbox.
URL (Uniform Resource Locator)	Also see address. Another term for an Internet or website address.
Web	The vast collection of websites that have been put into the Internet by companies, organisations and individuals.
Webcams	This term is short for web cameras. They are special video cameras that can be linked to the Internet so you can see the person you are chatting, for example on Skype.
Viruses	A computer program or macro that "infects" computer files by inserting copies of itself into those files. When the infected file is loaded into memory, the virus can infect other files.

Report from Jenny Whittle, County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East

30mph On The Hill Campaign

A consultation was recently undertaken to reduce the speed limit on Liverton Hill from 60mph to 30mph following the "30 on the Hill" campaign. I initially called for a continuous 30mph speed limit running from Platts Health through Liverton Hill and Grafty Green, but was advised by a Highways officer that this would not be appropriate for the following reasons:

"Having looked on site, the distance between the end of the Platts Heath speed limit and the start of the proposed limit at Liverton Street (Liverton Hill) is 250m. There is no intervisibility between the limits at the point of the speed limit terminal signage. There are no properties within this length so really it shouldn't be 30mph. Sandway does not have a speed limit and is about a third of a mile from Platts Heath with I think, only a pair of semi detached cottages in the way of development. Linking it to Platts Heath 30mph would not be effective in reducing vehicle speeds as it is so rural in character and would also take a lot of repeater signs".

Residents on Liverton Hill also contacted me prior to the consultation, asking why there could not be a continuous speed limit through these areas and I cited the above reasons. I am now told that following an objection by the Police to the recent consultation on the basis of sharp changes in speed limits over a relatively short stretch of road, Kent Highways can actually implement a continuous speed limit! Kent Highways will need to go out to consult again as the original proposals have been amended. I am advised that The revised Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised by the end of November and a note will be dropped through the doors of residents living on Liverton Hill. I thank all those concerned for their patience.

Lenham Youth Centre

A KCC consultation on the future of Kent's Youth Service has now concluded and I am campaigning to protect the future of Lenham's popular Youth Centre. KCC is in a very difficult position, having to find at least £65m in savings for 2012-13 and similar sums expected for at least the following years. Savings on this scale cannot be delivered with having some impact on frontline services.

However I know what a lifeline the Lenham Youth Centre provides for children and young people in the parishes across east Maidstone, with a range of interesting activities on offer. No doubt parents also appreciate the chance to have a break! I have written a response to the consultation and if you would like to see a copy please telephone or email me.

Jenny Whittle

County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East 01622 734897 or jenny.whittle@kent.gov.uk

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Report	Uniform	Finishing	School
2	Degree	Military	List	
3	Waiter	Figure	Line	
4	Martial	Squash	Crown	
5	Steak	Edge	Jack	
6	Moth	Roman	Penguin	
7	Sleeping	Ship	Dancing	
8	Station	Open	Bar	
9	Grey	Penalty	Surface	
10	Ringing	Diving	Blue	
11	Cleaner	Packed	Flask	
12	Writer	Smoke	Wide	
13	Main	Rail	Rage	
14	Board	Pitch	Ice	
15	Holiday	Footpath	General	·
16	Contact	Level	Sore	

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

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

Grafty Green

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

Platts Heath

Saturday 17^{th} December 14:30 - 15-10 -: Green Lane Saturday 17^{th} 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

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on 15th November at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to the public and there will be time set aside for public representations to be made.



St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

You are invited to our Film Night on **Friday 25th November** 2011. Doors open 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m. screening. Admission £3. Please bring your own drinks and refreshments. We are showing **'The Reader'** starring **Kate Winslet** & **Ralph Fiennes.** Certificate 15. Running time 120 mins.

A law student discovers, during a court visit, that the women (Hannah) with whom he had a brief relationship with several years previously was an SS officer now on trial for war crimes. The student does not reveal Hannah's secret that could have influenced the outcome of her trial. This leads to devastating consequences for the law student. The film also deals with the guilt confronting contemporary German youths in coming to terms with the actions of Nazi Germany

Cheese Tasting Evening

You are invited to come & enjoy our cheese night, 2nd December, St Edmunds Hall, Platts Heath. £3 entrance per person.

Our local expert will be giving an interesting talk and have many cheeses to sample. You will be able to place any orders on the night and have them arrive in time for Christmas. Those of you that came to our cheese & wine evening in May will remember how fantastically delicious they are!

So spread the word & bring a friend. Wine will be available by the glass on the night for a donation.

Please call Karen Yardley 01622 858208 if you are interested in coming. Hope to see you there!

Lenham Valley Business Association update

Just £65 a year gets sole traders into 6,000 directories and on to a website getting thousands of hits every year.

Lenham Valley Business Association is about to put a local business directory through your door in the coming month. Six thousand copies have been printed this year and the majority of those will be delivered to every home and business in the Charing - Ulcombe - Harrietsham triangle.

There's a sliding scale of membership fees that starts at £65 for a sole trader and ends with £165 per year if you employ more than 100 employees. For that you can come to all our network meetings, have up to five mentions on our website and the same in the business directory. That's better than good value! See www.lenhambusiness.co.uk for benefits of membership and a simple online joining form.

In October we met at Chilston Park where Jenna Hunter, from Whitehead Monckton presented "Essential HR issues - ways to protect your business". Our second presenter, Flo Churchill, Maidstone Borough Council told us and answered questions about Maidstone's Core Strategy. Also at the meeting. our latest new member, Simon Burchett from Channel Photography, displayed a selection of aerial photographs of the Len Valley area taken just days before. One, of Charing, appears on the front cover of the new business directory. Look out for more information about Channel Photography at next months networking meeting.

At 5.45pm on Tuesday 6^{th} December - a meeting where we are doubling up with the South Maidstone Business Association at Chilston Park Hotel. If you are a first timer go to the Lenham Business website and register to attend. It costs nothing and we can provide with you with some good networking. Every first Tuesday of the month in 2012 (apart from June) we will be networking somewhere nearby. Make sure you stay in touch. Remember sole traders pay only £65 per year!

For information by telephone call Alan Reading 01622 82084

Alan Reading, Chairman Lenham Valley Business Association

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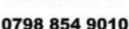
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SUTTON VALENCE CHORAL SOCIETY Autumn Concert 20th November 2011

Sutton Valence Choral Society opens its 22nd season with a world premiere of Reginald Moore's Songs of Praise and Lamentation. Hidden in Durham University since it was composed in 1952, this work has been painstakingly reproduced from the composer's handwritten original, especially for this concert. Add to this the finest of Schubert's six Latin Masses, his Mass in A flat Major, and Poulenc's Gloria – first performed fifty years ago, and you have a glorious mix of music – old and new.

The concert takes place at All Saints' Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6YE on Sunday 20 November at 7.30pm.

Musical Director Bryan Gipps conducts the choir of 90, accompanied by the Beresford Sinfonia. The choral society is delighted to welcome four distinguished soloists - Helen Bailey (Soprano), Carris Jones (Contralto), Michael Jamieson Smith (Tenor) and Rupert Reid (Baritone).

Tickets, priced £12 and £8 (£6 and £4 for under-18s and those in full-time education) are available from choir members or by ringing 01233 840540. Further information may be found at www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk

Sutton Valence Choral Society (regd. Charity no. 1119160) supports Kent Air Ambulance Trust (regd. Charity no. 1021367)

The November Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Libra for most of November, and moves into Ophiuchus at the end of the month.

Full Moon occurs on Thursday 10th November when in Aries, and **New Moon** is on Friday 25th November.

Mercury is at its greatest distance east of the Sun in the middle of November, and sets less than an hour after the Sun. So again we are unlikely to see this elusive planet this month.

Venus is slowly reappearing as the "Evening Star", and by the end of November it is setting in the southwest in the early evening. It will still not be easy to see this month.

Mars is rising in the east around midnight, and is high in the southern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving steadily south eastwards in the constellation of Leo. We will have to wait until much later in the year to see any detail through a telescope.

Jupiter is again well place for viewing in the evenings this month. It is high in the east 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 south-eastern 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.

During the second half of November we can see the **Leonid** meteor shower. They will be generally active between 15^{th} and 20^{th} November, and appear to radiate from a single point in the "Sickle" of the constellation of Leo, and will probably peak around 18^{th} November. The best time to view them is in the early hours of the morning. This is also the best time of the year to see sporadic meteors. These can be seen at any time and in any part of the sky.

I have been asked to provide some information on the International Space Station (ISS). This was conceived way back in 1993, and was a joint project involving America, Russia, Japan, Europe and Canada. The space station is maintained in orbit at an altitude of between 173 miles and 286 miles, and travels at an average ground speed of 17,227 mph., completing 15.7 orbits per day. It is possible to see the ISS, as a steadily moving star, just after sunset. Full details of the sightings, giving details of the times, duration and directions are available on http://spaceflight.nasa.gov.

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Food for Thought

It was while praying during a Bible study in Weirton Villa that the idea came to Sally Alexander. She had heard a news item about the need for food for the many hungry families in this country. 'Why', she suggested, 'don't we do something and collect food in the village and take it to Maidstone Day Centre?'

No sooner said than done! Rob and Hazel Eastwood readily agreed to a collecting basket being placed in the village shop. Already it is being filled. There is another in the porch of St Nicholas church.

Who is the food for? Homelessness can happen to anyone. Marriage breakdown is a common cause; then there is unemployment; illness may lead to falling behind with rent or mortgage payments or a sudden death and the associated funeral costs can lead to debt.

The Day Centre in Knightrider Street is run by Maidstone Christian Care and is a place of safety for those in trouble. As well as emergency food parcels cooked meals are provided and advice given.

In addition to the homeless parents struggling to feed their children are helped. Those in need of food parcels are referred by Family Support Workers, Social Workers and GP's.

It costs £125,000 a year to run the Day Centre which was set up in 1986. As with all charities finance is a problem and income for the last 2 years has been less than expenditure. KCC and Maidstone BC make grants and last year £21,500 was donated by churches and individuals. St Nicholas church Boughton Malherbe recently gave £170 raised at their harvest auction.

Many of us buy more than we need and our cupboard contain items rapidly approaching their sell-by date. Do HELP those in need by putting a tin or a packet of non-perishable food in the basket in the shop or the church. It won't make much difference to you but it will certainly help someone who knows what hunger means.

Foodstuffs most urgently needed are long life milk, tinned food (eg rice pudding, fruit, vegetables, complete meals such as spaghetti with sausages and macaroni cheese). Other very useful items are dried potatoes (Smash), pot noodles, marmite, peanut butter, long life juice, tea and coffee.

Christian Message November 2011

Sitting here in beautiful sunshine it seems like a precious extension of the summer, although by the time this goes to print it will probably be a distant memory. My mind is taken back to August when I had the opportunity to visit sunny Madrid and spend some time with my sister-in-law. We have been doing a course together learning how to hear God better. We enjoy sharing our spiritual journey and talking about how God has been speaking to us.

We decided to follow in the footsteps of St Teresa of Avila who was a <u>Carmelite nun</u> and a <u>Spanish mystic</u>. She founded a monastery and a convent in Pastrana, a place not too far from Madrid.

We visited Pastrana on a roasting hot day, and somehow ended up being out in the hottest part of the day. We followed some signs to a place called 'the nun's dining room' which we thought would be a good resting place. We ended up in a garden, where someone had thoughtfully placed some chairs under a spreading tree. We sat in the shade and spent some time in quiet prayer, imagining the nuns resting there in days of old. It was a special time and we could sense the presence of God there.

I was particularly struck by how vital the shade of the tree is in such hot weather, and God seemed to be reassuring me that his protection over me would be like that tree. It says in Psalm 121

5The LORD watches over you—
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
 6the sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.

Afterwards as we walked back up the path we discovered the 'real' nun's resting place – a restaurant that we had walked straight past. We had been sitting in someone's back garden all along! We did laugh!

My 'tree' experience was just one of many times of hearing from God and journeying with Him. St Teresa wrote a lot about prayer, and in her writings she deals with her personal experiences with insight and clarity. She said;

"Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us."

I have discovered that it is so vital to spend time with our Heavenly Father who loves us, and also so important to have friends with whom we can share the journey. I thank God for my sister-in-law and many other friends that I have at church here in Lenham. Do come along to one of the local churches and meet some of us!



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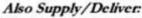


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Music Notes - November

November is a quieter month for local music, something of a lull before the great storm of concerts and carol services throughout Advent – the run up to Christmas. However, there are still good concerts to be found, and here is my selection to suit a range of tastes:

- Saturday 6th November, 4pm at All Saints Church Maidstone, Maidstone Wind Symphony performs a Concert of Remembrance, celebrating 90 years of the Royal British Legion. Tickets 01580 291056.
- Sunday 20th November, 7.30pm at All Saints Church Maidstone, Sutton Valence Choral Society's Autumn concert includes the <u>world premiere</u> of Reginald Moore's Songs of Praise and Lamentation and Poulenc's Gloria. The singers will be supported by The Beresford Sinfonia. Tickets 01622 842269.
- Tuesday 22nd November, 8.00pm at Bradbourne House (ME19 6DZ), The East Malling Research Station Music Club presents The Taskin Trio with an evening of Baroque chamber music, including Bach's *Italian concerto*. Information (only) 01732 843129; tickets at the door.
- Sunday 27th November, 3.15pm at Canterbury Cathedral not a concert but the cathedral Advent Carol Service, held in the nave.

Quote of the month

This is the first 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:

"It was noted that for considerable periods of a recent performance, the four oboe players had nothing to do. Their numbers should be reduced and their work spread over the whole orchestra, thus eliminating peaks and valleys of activity".

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The Len Valley Benefice Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe Sunday/Main Services – November 2011

6th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

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

13th November – Remembrance Sunday

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.15am Harrietsham Remembrance Service
10.15am Ulcombe Remembrance Service
10.15am Boughton Remembrance Service
10.45am Lenham Remembrance Service
6.30pm Boughton – Choral Evensong

20th November - Sunday before Advent

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

27th November – Advent Sunday

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion 9.30am Boughton Family Worship 11am Lenham Family Worship 11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion 6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Healing Service

St Mary's Church Lenham Sunday 20th November 6.30pm Speaker: ChristoThiardt

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a family event at Lenham Church Saturday 19th November at 4-6pm Crafts, activities and more tea, prayers, songs Call 01622 858195 for more information

Name This Child

The next information evening for parents considering the baptism of a baby in one of the Len Valley churches will be held at 7.30pm in Lenham Community Centre on Monday November 14th

It would be helpful if parents planning to attend would notify the church office on 01622 850604

The Great Leeds Book Sale

The annual Great Leeds Book Sale will be held on Saturday November the 19^{th} this year, from 10.00am to 2.30pm at St. Nicholas' church Leeds. There will be some 14,000 books for sale – yes 14,000! – so something must be there to suit everyone's taste. As well as paper-backs and hard-backs for a quiet read yourself, there are plenty of splendid books in as-new condition which would make excellent gifts.

A sale of this size is clearly not just for the villagers of Leeds – it has now become a major local attraction. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you browse. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 19^{th.}

If your bookcases are already full, it is not too late to make some space by donating some books to the sale - just deliver them to the church any day between 9.00am and 4.00pm, and leave them in the South porch (but no old magazines or second-hand toys please; save these for the next jumble sale or boot fair)..

If you would like more information about this important local happening, please give Brian Hardy a ring on 01622 842915, or email bjhardy@theiet.org. Otherwise, just come along!

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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Bugs Bunny, TV Cartoon Rabbit

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The Devil Wears Prada, Film with Meryl Streep

My Fair Lady, Musical with Audrey Hepburn

Heath Ledger, Late Brokeback Mountain star

Hungry Like The Wolf, 1982 song by Duran Duran

True Grit, Classic Cowboy movie with John Wayne

Andrew Lloyd Webber, Composer of Phuntom of the Purple Rain, Power ballard by Prince & the Revolution

Find the missing word?

Marvin Gaye, Soul Icon who sung 'I Heard it Through the

Kung Fu Panda, 2008 animation abouit a Panda who learns

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Eye	Sore	Level	Contact	9

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