

# Malherbe Monthly

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Anything for the **April** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20**<sup>th</sup> **March** 

**Front cover:** Sunrise over a frosty landscape on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Colour picture can be seen on the Boughton Malherbe website

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

**Women's World day of Prayer** Service on 4<sup>th</sup> March will be held at 10.30 a.m at St. Mary's Lenham and at 7.00p.m at All Saints Ulcombe.

**Morning Prayers** will be held on  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $5^{th}$  Tuesdays of the month at St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe at 9.30 a.m. (and at All Saints Ulcombe on  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Tuesdays).

**Village Coffee Morning** will be in the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 a.m - 12.00 Come along and enjoy a chat with fresh coffee and homemade cakes and scones.

**Weirton Villa Bible Study** group will be on Thursday mornings 10.30 a.m to 12.00 - we are working on Paul's letters to Timothy. There are several lent Groups being held around the Benefice. Pew sheets with the times can be found at the back of churches or ring the Church Office for details.

**Lent Lunches** The next Lent Lunch will be held at Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill on  $2^{nd}$  March at 12.00 - 2.00p.m. On the  $9^{th}$  we will meet in the Village Hall, Grafty Green and the  $16^{th}$  March will be at the Old Rectory, Boughton Malherbe. We serve freshly made soups and crusty bread.

**Mothering Sunday** falls early this year on the  $6^{th}$  March. We will be holding a Service at 9.30 a.m when flowers will be distributed to children for their mothers

**Palm Sunday** is 20<sup>th</sup> March when Palm Crosses will be distributed at the morning Service.

**Good Friday** 25<sup>th</sup> March there will be an hour's devotion Service at 2.00 p.m. after which Flower Ladies can start to decorate, if they wish.

**Easter Day** 27<sup>th</sup> March the Service will be Holy Communion at 9.30a.m.

**Joan Davidson** 

### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 19.30.** 

The Agenda for these meetings and the minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

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

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# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council needs YOU!

- ⇒ Are you passionate about your local Community?
- Do you have a desire to support local projects/ people?
- Would you like to voice your opinions on local issues or services?
- Do you have some spare time and wish to do something useful?
- Would you like to volunteer alongside like-minded people?

If you answer "yes" to any of the above questions

## then your Parish Council needs you!

Parish Council Elections are on Thursday 5th May this year and there will be at least one vacancy as Cllr Barbara Pearce has moved to New Romney and therefore will not be standing for re-election. Will you consider it?

If you would like more information on the role, or an informal chat, please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the current Councillors.

## **Village Hall News**

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

With several villagers unwell or choosing to spend the month of February on the other side of the world, the numbers for our Cockney Night were somewhat depleted – but you'd never know it from the noise we made!

A traditional English meal (including jellied eels for those who really wanted to enter into the spirit of the evening) was followed by 2 hours of solid Cockney entertainment from 'Gordon Bennett'. Providing the backing on piano or banjulele, Gordon led us in some spirited singing, over-enthusiastic dancing and communal spoon playing. (I apologise to those living near the Hall if we kept you awake – and, to the lady who attempted to play the forks, I hope your hand gets well soon!)

The pictures opposite sum up the night, really!

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**And now for something completely different!** For those who prefer their nostalgia to be quieter, less interactive and more personal, do come along to the Hall on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April** when John Collins (unofficial recorder and archivist of village events for decades) will be presenting **an evening of photographs old and new**. These will include images not only of 'happenings' within the village over the years but also of the local area, showing how it has changed – or not.

If you're a long-term Grafty Greener you may well see yourself on the screen and if you're a relative newcomer it's a great chance to learn a bit about the village and its recent past. More details will appear in next month's Malherbe Monthly but do put the date in your diary now and keep the evening free. Drinks and nibbles will be available in the interval and there will be a chance to chat. If you're in contact with former villagers who have moved away, do get in touch with them and invite them back for what should be a great evening of reminiscing.







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## APPRAISAL HABITAT REGULATIONS PUBLICATION SUSTAINABILITY PUBLIC NOTICE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN ASSESSMENT

Regulations 2012: Publication of the Borough Local Plan Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 19) Maidstone

comment on these documents between 5 February and 18 March 2016. The Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment, together with the Policies Map and all supporting documents including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, can be viewed and downloaded from the council's website at Maidstone Borough Council is inviting members of the public to view and www.maidstone.gov.uk/localplan

future development of the borough to and distribution of development; . located; · Identifies where development will be constrained; and . will deliver the plan. A paper copy of the Local Plan can be inspected at the The Maidstone Borough Local Plan is the which sets the framework to guide the 2031. The Local Plan: . Sets out the scale Identifies, by site, where development will Explains how the council and its partners council's principal planning document following locations:

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purchased from Maidstone Gateway, or arrangements for purchase and postage Copies of the Local Plan can be Written Borough Local Plan should be made on the Comments Form, Representations emailing the Maidstone df@maidstone.gov.uk representations on be made can be submitted:

- Online using the council's web based consultation portal at: http://maidstone consult, limehouse, co. uk/portal
- By email using the council's comments form to: Idf@maidstone.gov.uk
- form to: Spatial Policy, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King By post using the council's comments Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ.

alongside the Local Plan when it is submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to be independently examined by a Planning examination is to consider whether the Representations will be considered Plan is sound (positively prepared, ustified, effective and consistent with national policy) and whether it meets legal equirements and the Duty to Cooperate. inspector. The purpose

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nspected at the Gateway and libraries isted above. Representations must be Consequently, comments on the Local Plan at this stage should focus on these matters. Representations must be made in writing (including electronically) to the addresses specified in (1), (2) or (3) above by 5.00pm on Friday 18 March 2016. Late representations cannot be considered. \*\*\* MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2011-2031 The council is also inviting comments between 5 integrated Transport Strategy, which: • Provides a framework for transport planning and decision making in the borough; · Addresses transport issues through a range of policies and actions for the Borough Council and its partners; and Sets out a programme of schemes and interventions to support the emerging Maidstone Borough Local Plan. The Integrated Transport Strategy can be wiewed and downloaded from the www.maidstone.gov.uk/localplan and a paper copy of the document can be made in writing (including electronically) to the addresses specified in (1), (2) or (3) above by 5.00pm on Friday 18 March February and 18 March 2016 on its draft website council's

## **Grafty Green Gardening Club**

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
March 1st	Hilary Newman	Pruning

On March 1st Hilary Newman will be coming to give a talk on the subject of 'Pruning', come along with questions if you have any. Plant swaps can also be done after the talk which will be followed by tea or coffee.

Jude Lawton's talk on Plant Heritage in Kent last month was very interesting. Thank you Jude!

28 members and their friends will be going to Cambridgeshire in June, deposits are all in, with the remaining amount due in April.

**Tip Of The Month** - Hardy Perennials will grow quickly if planted now. Feed and mulch them following planting, and be sure to keep them well watered until they establish. Also time to lift and divide overgrown clumps of summer-flowering herbaceous perennials. Most can be lifted in the Spring just as growth gets underway, and if the divisions are reasonably sized, they should flower later in the year. Support plants that will grow tall now, they look unsightly to begin with but the plants will soon hide them.

Our friendly and informal meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Entry is £1.00 for members, please feel free to bring a friend (entry) £2.00. We are always pleased to see new members!

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## Village Hall Garden Volunteers needed!

The border alongside the village hall needs improving - if you would like to join the working party on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10 am we would love to see you; if you can bring a spade that would be most helpful.

Sue Burch, Grafty Green Gardening Club



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#### March 2016 News From Platts Heath School

Welcome back to another news update from the good ship Platts Heath Primary School.

#### **Premier Sports**

Well done to the Year 5&6 fencing team who took part in the recent tournament. The support from parents and carers was fantastic - once again we were the best supported school! This term is Tag Rugby for Years 3&4.

#### **Platts Heath Multi-Cultural Week**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan was 'Cultural week' here at Platts Heath Primary School. Each class studied a different area of the world. Drake class studied Australia, making their own didgeridoos and aboriginal paintings. Nelson class studied Nepal, creating their own prayer flags and sampling some traditional Nepalese cuisine. Shackleton class studied St Lucia, creating a 3D island to put on display in their classroom and also sampling some of the traditional cuisine. Look out for our photos in the KM newspaper!

#### **Theatre ADAD**

We took our Year 6 children to see the Theatre ADAD production of 'WASTED'. This thought provoking drama along with the subsequent question and answer session ensured that the children had a better understanding of the issues associated with drug use and misuse. We were joined by the Year 6 students from the surrounding local schools.

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Piers Anscomb Headteacher

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## Weekly classes

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## **Saturday Yoga practices**

10 - 11.30 investment £7

2<sup>nd</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> April

I have a web site: <a href="www.yogawithsusan.co.uk">www.yogawithsusan.co.uk</a> which gives more details about yoga and the classes.

Please note that I am not running classes in Platts Heath for the moment

Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

## Planning Applications before Boughton Malherbe Parish Council in February 2016

**APPLICATION REF: 16/500802/FULL** 

PROPOSAL: Replacement of existing extension & garage with new

single storey annex

ADDRESS: Jacaranda Headcorn Road Grafty Green Kent ME17 2AP

## **Grafty Gourmet**

Another very simple recipe, which tastes so much better than ones purchased from the supermarket.

## **Easy Chicken Kiev's**

2 x 75 g boneless, skinless chicken breasts
40 g unsalted butter, at room temperature
4 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
50 g fresh white breadcrumbs
1 tbsp freshly grated parmesan
1 tbsp plain flour, seasoned with salt and pepper
1 egg, beaten
1-2 tbsp vegetable oil

- 1. Using a small knife, horizontally cut a pocket into each chicken breast.
- 2. Mix together the butter, parsley, garlic and a little salt and pepper. Spoon the mixture into the pocket of each chicken breast. Stir together the breadcrumbs and Parmesan.
- 3. Dust the chicken breasts in the seasoned flour then the beaten egg and finally, roll in the breadcrumb mixture. Heat the vegetable oil in a large frying pan and cook the chicken for 5-6 minutes on each side until golden brown and cooked through.



To our friends in Grafty Green...

A huge thank you for all the cards and gifts you sent to celebrate the birth of our little girl Penelope Ines Pavesi, born on the 13th December 2015.

Stefania, Jacopo and Zoe

#### **March Music notes**

Much very good music locally in the first half of the month, not much at the end, which gives me the excuse to give early publicity to the Russian singers performing at Leeds church on  $3^{rd}$  April:

- Saturday 5th March, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas church, Leeds, a concert by the Helier Quartet, in aid of repairs to the church roof (really!). Tickets and details 01622 842915.
- Saturday 12th March, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone., a performance by Maidstone Choral Union of Stainer's Crucifixion plus the first public performance of Pennant's Resurrection. This is a unique opportunity! Tickets 01622 726193.
- Sunday 13th March, 3.00pm at The Groves Hall, Sutton Valence School, a concert by the Primavera Piano Trio in aid of The Heart of Kent Hospice. Tickets 01622 861133.
- Saturday 19th March, 7.30pm at the Maidstone Leisure Centre, the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Mahler's Symphony No.9 and Arutiunian's Trumpet Concerto. Tickets 07817 429143 or at the door. Preconcert talk at 6.40pm.
- Sunday 3rd April, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds, a concert by the Hermitage Ensemble, a group of Russian Orthodox singers from St. Petersburg. Again, something really special. Details 01622 842915

On the TV this month I would draw your attention to a series of programmes on BBC4 which unearth historical television footage of great musicians performing at the BBC. The first is on 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm, with pianists, followed on 11<sup>th</sup> March by 60 years of legendary violinists. The series continues on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm.

**Brian Hardy** 

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Jelly	Sit	Cry	Baby
2	Cloud	Pipe	Out	
3	Travel	Estate	News	
4	Ghost	Wreck	War	
5	Floor	Barn	Line	
6	Path	Bare	Note	
7	Cupboard	Stick	New	
8	Drink	Sell	Spot	
9	Limit	Dial	Way	
10	Sweet	Shop	Pep	
11	Partner	Prayer	Film	
12	Market	Collar	Pit	
13	Private	Lost	Hot	
14	Word	Boarding	Bus	
15	Horse	Thing	Pen	
16	Spirit	Best	Sea	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Sharples, Very early Corrie character played by Violet Carson
2	I of Jeannie, 1960's US comedy series with Larry Hagman
3	Twain, Starring Windsor Davies and Donald Sinden
4	Telly, 1970 cop series Kojack
5	The Trap, 1961 movie with Hayley Mills who played two roles
6	Races, With Penelope Pitstops Pink Car
7	Andi, BBC "The Broom Cupboard" Kids TV host
8	in Paris, 2011 Woody Allen comedy starring Owen Wilson
9	Dave, Singer who performed with Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich
10	Larry's Band, Who reached No 2 in 1982 with Zoom

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## **The Lenham Swimming Club**

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

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

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

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

Chris Hills Chairman



### The Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe

Dates for your diaries for upcoming events. Tickets for all these events can be obtained from Molly Poulter on 01622 842988 or Chris Parkinson on 01580 388402.

- 1. Monday 18 April at 7 pm in the church Annual General Meeting. All members are welcome to attend who we hope will contribute ideas for the future.
- 2. Sunday 19 June at 3pm in the church a Cream Tea and Brass Band Concert with the UK Paper Band from Sittingbourne. The band will provide an afternoon of light entertainment. It has been in existence since 1883 and the original players were workers at the new paper mill which was built to supply The Daily Chronicle with paper. Hence the name adopted in 1988. Tickets £10
- 3. Saturday 10 September at 7.30 pm the very popular Police Choir will be giving a concert in Ulcombe Church. Tickets, price £10, will include light refreshments.
- 4. Saturday 19 November at 7.30 pm in the church an Auction of Promises at 7.30 pm which will include supper. (We will soon be coming to you asking for your promises!)

## **Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)**

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to  ${\bf end}$  of  ${\bf April}$  2016

**Grafty Green** 

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

**Platts Heath** 

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

**Unfortunately** these will be the last Saturday Freighter collections as Maidstone Borough Council are stopping this service as part of their drive to cut costs. It would appear that this service is not used as much as it used to be. Additionally KCC is in consultation about the Mobile Library Service and the proposal is to terminate the service for Grafty Green and Platts Heath, thought it will continue for Ulcombe: what will be next??

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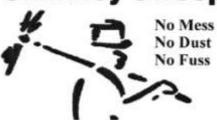
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## **The Ulcombe Friendship Club**

This is a local club which lives up to it name!

It has been going since 1998 and is open to anyone who has a free afternoon on the last Thursday in the month.

We meet in the village hall at 2 30 pm. We have a variety of activities as you will see from the programme below. We have interesting speakers coming, a fun afternoon, a Saturday afternoon Cream Tea, a Garden party, a New Year lunch, a Christmas party, and a couple of outings.

When we meet in the village hall, we all enjoy a lovely tea which is prepared on a Rota basis by our members.

Membership is just £8 a year which goes towards hiring the hall. To supplement our income we have a raffle each month and two coffee mornings in people's homes.

It is a very friendly society as the name implies. Members range in age from 50 to 90 – and we have a number of men among our membership.

If you happen to be free on the first Thursday in the month, do come along and join us. We would love to see you. If you need a lift, that can be arranged.

**Molly Poulter** 

#### Programme 2016

Thursday 25 February AGM and Games and Quiz afternoon

Wednesday 9 March Coffee Morning

Thursday 24 March Neil Arnold - Spooky Kent

Thursday 28 April Martin Heard - Nelson's Mistress Lady Hamilton

Wednesday 25 May Outing

Saturday 11 June Cream Teas in village hall

Thursday 30 June John Pearce - Murder comes gift wrapped

Thursday 28 July Garden Party
Thursday 25 August Tea party
Wednesday 28 September Outing

Wednesday 12 October Coffee morning

Thursday 27 October Marianne Martin - An afternoon of laughter

Thursday 24 November Brian D'Arcy -Living with the ghosts of the Tower of

London

Thursday 15 December Christmas Party with Pearly King and Queen

Thursday 27 January New year Lunch

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## **Christian Message March 2016**

Happiness is what we all aim at, isn't it? Work hard and you'll succeed. When you succeed, you'll be happy. That's the message we get. The trouble is, we know that that's not quite the way it works. If we're in work, each time we succeed and achieve our goals, we're given tougher targets to reach. Each year there's constant "improvement" – so no matter how hard we've worked, what goals we've achieved, next year we'll have to "do better." The whole system is a burden. It's just *tiring*. And it happens not just at work but at everywhere.

Our brains don't work so well this way and apparently we can be much more creative and successful if we re-programme ourselves a little bit. At our most recent men's breakfast\*, our speaker Brian Draper (drawing on the work of Shawn Achor) gave us an outline of the problem and made some suggestions as to how this negative process can be reversed so that we work from a positive start-point rather than a stressed, negative one.

"Ha!!" – I can hear the disbelief. But it works! Every day for a period of 21 days, try these five simple things and see if you don't find yourself happier and more able to cope with the pressures...

- 1. find three new things each day to be grateful for. Write them down. It might be a warm home, a friend, a letter, a sunset, or any one of a million things
- 2. write down (in a book or diary or journal) a positive experience from the day. Writing it down helps us experience it again and remember it
- 3. do some exercise. That helps us learn that what we do with our bodies has consequences
- 4. meditate. Find time to cut off all distractions, the phone, radio or TV, the tablet or PC, and concentrate on .... nothing except your breathing. Perhaps use a simple repeated prayer to help such as "here I am, in your presence, listening and waiting"
- 5. do an act of kindness. Pay for someone's bus fare or shopping. Pick up all the litter in the street. Give a neighbour a lift to the station or any deliberate kindness.

After 21 days, our brains begin to work differently and we find we start from a positive rather than negative position and we will find that we are happier and more content.

Jesus said that we shouldn't worry about money, clothes, food, but should look for God's kingdom. Then we'll be happy. That's success – and the five practices above can be a help on the journey.

Just time to fit it in before Easter!

\*Once a month a group of men get together at The Dog & Bear in Lenham for a full English breakfast and to listen to a speaker. Why not give it a try? Our next Breakfast is April 30<sup>th</sup> with Major Robin Alexander (retd) speaking on "Called to Serve." Contact Dick Venn on 858195, vicar@lvb.org.uk or see our website www.lvb.org.uk/mensbreakfasts.htm

#### **Looking under the Bonnet**

In 2014 I saw a flier about a group called FocusonFaith. A few members of the Len valley churches decided to explore and attended a meeting of the group in Ryarsh village hall . The speaker was excellent and the lunch was equally good.

Focus on Faith was set up by a group of Christian women who felt called by God to organise Bible days for women in Kent.

Jennifer Rees-Larcombe, a well known speaker, will be coming to Ryarsh for the next meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 9.15 to 2.15pm. She has called her talk, 'Under the Bonnet.'

Why not come along? You can book by visiting the web site www:focusonfaith.co.uk or ring me on 01622 853766 to join a group which we in the Grafty Green Bible study group will be organising.

Joan Drury

Easter Messy Church is on Good Friday at Lenham Church from 10.30 - 12.00

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

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

9.30 am Lenham: Communion

## Friday 4th March

10.30 am Lenham: Women's World

Day of Prayer Service

7.00 pm Ulcombe: Women's World

Day of Prayer Service

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March — Mothering

**Sunday** - Special Services with gifts for Mums

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe

10.30 am Ulcombe

11.00 am Lenham

3.30 pm Harrietsham

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Praver Book)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy

Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:

Evensong

## Wednesday 16th March

10.30am Holy Communion: Chippendayle Lodge

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

with Palm Crosses for all

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Morning Worship 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

## Thursday 24th March

7.30pm Lenham – Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday

10.30am Lenham: Messy Church 2.00pm Services in all four churches 'An hour at The Cross'

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Sunday

9.30am Harrietsham: Easter Celebration with Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Easter

Celebration with Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Easter Celebration

with Communion

11.00am Lenham: Easter Celebration

with Communion

## **Baptism Information Evening**

Parents who are thinking about the christening of a baby or a child are invited to an information evening in the Booth Hall, Harrietsham village hall on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm. Enquiries may be made to Sarah Hills in the Benefice office (01622 850604). If you are definitely planning to attend please let Sarah know.

#### Women's World Day of Prayer.

(International and Interdenominational)

## Friday, March 4th 2016.

St. Mary's, Lenham 10.30am All Saints Church, Ulcombe 7pm

#### RECEIVE CHILDREN, RECEIVE ME

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from different parts of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

On Friday 4th March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries, will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from Cuba and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects. In the British Isles alone over 6000 services will be held.

The theme 'Receive children: Receive me' reflects St. Mark's Gospel, chapter 10 verses 13-16, which is the focus of the service and a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of our love and respect.

The Republic of Cuba is the largest Caribbean island, located at the entrance of the Gulf of Mexico and called the 'Key to the Gulf'. Politically at odds with the USA, Cuba suffered greatly due to the economic embargo imposed upon it in 1960 but has found strength within itself to move on and overcome many of its problems.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service, men, women - people of all ages. We look forward to welcoming you on Friday, 4th March, 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Lenham and 7pm at All Saints Church, Ulcombe.

## **Ulcombe History Society**

The February meeting of the Ulcombe History Society in 2016 will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall. Ernie Warner will be talking on *The* 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Agincourt

All welcome. Wine and light refreshments available beforehand

## **Programme 2016**

Tues 19 Jan	Talk: Albert Evans	The English Gentleman: made in Italy
Tues 9 Feb	Talk: Ernie Warner	The 600 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Agincourt
Tues 15 Mar	Talk: Mrs Irene Fridman	Jewish Life in Medway: comprehensive history of the Jewish community from the reign of William the Conqueror
Sat 14 May	Musical Evening at The Old Dairy with Bryan Gipps	Mozart and the piano
Sat 25 Jun	Outing with Simon Elliot	To Richborough, Reculver and Sandwich
Tues 12 July	Evening visit with Anthea Bryant	Tour and Talk plus supper to either Goodnestone or Faversham
Fri-Sun 24-25 Sep	Outing to Cambridge. West Stov & Bury St. Edmunds	
Tues 18 Oct	Talk: Alex Ferris	The plague doctors of Kent
Tues 15 Nov	Talk: Colin Brown	The Ordinance Survey: ancient and Modern

The Society meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7. 30 pm. New members and visitors are welcome It is a friendly society and wine and nibbles are served before the talk. For more details contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

Talk: Patsy Erskine-Hill

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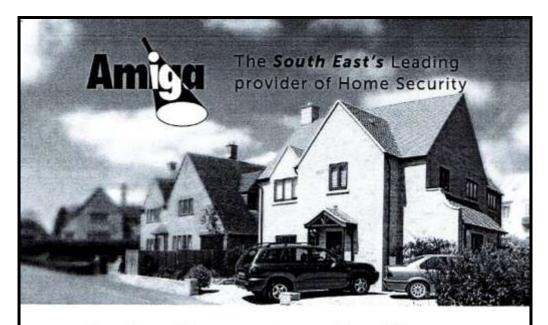
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9	Wacky Races, With Penelope Pitstops Pink Car	
S	The Parent Trap, 1961 movie with Hayley Mills who played two roles	
t	Telly Savalis, 1970 cop series Kojack	
ε	Never The Twain, Starring Windsor Davies and Donald Sinden	
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