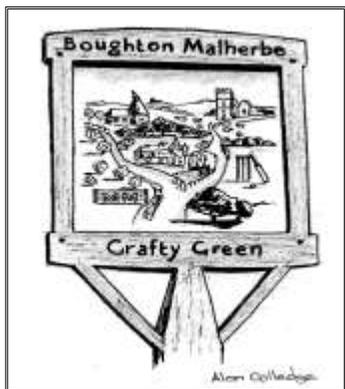


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Front cover: The Oak tree on Boughton Hill - Picture by Christine King

News from St. Nicholas Church

Cream Teas will continue throughout August and for the first two Sundays of September 2.00pm-5.00pm. So far this year we have had three very successful afternoons in the sunshine and welcomed friends old and new.

For those who haven't had a Tea yet, we serve a pot of tea or coffee, two scones, jam, butter and whipped cream at a very reasonable price. Do come along and join us - the teas will be served inside the church if wet.

Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride: The Bike ride is to be held on the 14th September this year and St. Nicholas Church will be open all day. Whether you are riding, walking or just visiting, it is a good day to visit Churches as so many will be open that are normally locked.

Sylvia Close will be welcoming visitors at St. Nicholas and looking for sponsors to cover the time she will give. The money raised is sent to the Friends and we receive a cheque back for half the amount raised, which goes towards our Funds. It would be good if we could find some riders or walkers to raise money for us. We have sponsorship forms available and a list of Churches that are open - just ask Joan Davidson on 01622 850210 for a form and get sponsorship from your friends. We would be most grateful to anyone who comes forward.

The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available soon. More about this next month, just make a note in your diary.

Village Coffee Morning: We meet for coffee and a chat in the village hall on Wednesday 14th August from 10.30-12.00 noon. Why not come along and join us? We would be very pleased to see you. There is no charge but we are grateful for donations. The money raised will be sent to a Charity at the end of the year. Last year we sent money to a small Charity in Kenya called 'Kisumu Children'.

Morning Prayers will be said at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham on Thursday mornings during August, at 9.30am for half an hour - this arrangement is just for the holiday season. Can you spare half an hour for this gathering?

Joan Davidson

Speedwatch Volunteers

Speedwatch in Grafty Green has become very successful, but we need volunteers to increase the teams. Training is generally done on site, takes less than an hour and is very straight forward..

If you have some spare time and are interested in becoming part of the team please contact Keith Anderson on 01622 858350.

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

Booking Advisable
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Children's Room Beer Garden

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Protecting Your Environment

I attended a Joint Parishes Group meeting on 22/7/13; the agenda was to be a presentation by Cllr Fran Wilson on the designation of green spaces within the Borough.

Mrs Wilson requested that all Parishes compile a list of green spaces, particularly those of Historic Interest, within their Parish with the intention of presenting these to MBC for consideration & safeguarding from future development within the forthcoming Local Plan.

The National Planning Policy Framework emphasises achieving three essential elements when creating Local Plans:-
Economic, Social & Environmental. For sustainable development they should be considered together.

MBC has to find a five year land supply for housing & also designate land for Commercial use to balance this growth, but Mrs Wilson believes that the Environmental aspect may have been pushed aside. We must identify land that is inappropriate for development at this stage in order to protect our Town & Countryside for the future. These sites should be considered when making planning decisions.

So far MBC has ignored these requests. Cllr Fran Wilson is again asking that Parishes & indeed Parishioners write with their concerns to MBC & hopefully these concerns will be published as a response to the Local Plan consultations. We were assured that this is not a politically based issue, but a genuine concern for our Borough.

You will probably have seen in the local press that development is again being considered around Junction 8 (Leeds Castle) area, which will inevitably affect us & neighbouring villages. We do need housing & workplaces but now is the time to make your views known on which areas you consider acceptable. Do you feel that there are areas within your village or the surrounding countryside that you would like to protect? Please make your views known now.

If you wish to respond you may do so by email to boughtonmalherbecp@gmail.com or by contacting any of your Parish council members or direct to franwilson@maidstone.gov.uk

Replies are requested by the middle of August if possible.

The next Boughton Malherbe Parish meeting is at the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th August & you are most welcome to attend & discuss any concerns you may have.

Barbara Pearce.
Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2013 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
January 8th	AGM – Adrian Hutchinson	Alpine plants
February 5th	Steve Harmer	History of gardening
March 5th	Rob Masters	Adventures on the allotment!
April 2nd	Spring show and George Pearson	Madagascar
May 7th	Old Farm Otterden, Near Faversham	Outing
May 10th – 13th	Weekend away Malvern Spring Show	
June 2nd (Sunday)	Old Bladbean Stud, Near Elham, Canterbury	Outing
July 2nd	Michael and Gill Bushell, Garden House, Surrenden	Outing
August 4th	Bexon Manor	Outing
Sept 2nd	Autumn Show Peter Kirby	My lost Kent
Oct 1st	Produce, jams chutney evening	Bring and Buy/swapping
Nov 5th	Sue Marshall	Love affair with Irises
Dec 3rd	Social and quiz	

On Sunday August 4th we will be visiting Bexon Manor at Hawkes Hill Lane, Bredgar, Kent, ME9 8HE. Admission is £4.00 and there are home made and cream teas available in the shop of this 2 acre walled garden.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. For information about this event or the Gardening Club telephone Rosemary Smith on (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch on (01622) 850381

Who'd A Thought It

15th Sept: 40th Anniversary of the Who'd A Thought It. Celebrations as we head back to 1973. Dress in 70's attire and disco! Activities hoping to raise money for Help The Heroes.



**Kent
Police**



PCSO Alan Beech
will be holding a
Police Surgery
outside
Grafty Green Village Hall
on
Thursday 8th August 2013
2.00 - 2.45pm

*Do call in and see him for a chat or
if you have any questions or concerns*

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Third ____ from the Sun, US sitcom with John Lithgow
2	Bernard _____, Jackanory favourite and OAP Winfred Mott
3	The only way is _____, A popular reality show
4	_____ World, Horticultural favourite with Monty Don
5	Sally _____, Corrie mother to Sophie and Rosie
6	_____ Bach, US pinup who played Daisy in the Dukes of Hazzard
7	_____ Henry, who plays feisty Shirley Carter in Eastenders
8	_____ Lloyd, Weather presenter who survived The Jungle
9	Green _____, Ch 4 medical comedy set in East Hampton Hospital
10	_____ and Away, Australian soap set in Summer Bay

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only See Note 1			
	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street	1230	....	1610	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	....	1612	1747
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	....	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	....	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	....	1627	1802
Cornwallis Academy	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	....	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1509	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1512	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1515	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1523	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1525	....	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1530	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	....	1703	1838
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	1535	....	....
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1544
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	1549

Saturdays

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0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
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Sutton	1258	1542	1812
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and	1303	1547	1817
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Sutton Valence, The Harbour	0731
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	0736
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0745
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	....	0930
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0717	0729	0750	0937
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0958
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826

Saturdays

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0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
....	Sutton
0807	1004	1410	Road
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News from Ulcombe Village School

Much loved, much missed, Much to celebrate

It is with great sadness that we start this article with a tribute to Mrs Lisa Arundel, who lost her battle with cancer at the end of June. Lisa truly loved village life in Ulcombe and thoroughly enjoyed taking an active part in the community. The contribution Lisa made to the school and the village was incredible and immeasurable.

The gap left will be incredible for all of us, including staff, friends and neighbours. However, this will be far more so, of course for her husband and their children, for whom Lisa remained an outstanding wife and mum. I am sure you will echo my sentiments when I write that they are all very much in our thoughts and we wish them the greatest possible comfort in their sorrow.

Time for Change

Everyone connected with the school, including family, friends and neighbours, was invited to the Leavers' Service on Tuesday 23rd July at All Saints Parish Church, when we celebrated the achievements and contributions to our school of all of the children in Year 6, and, of course, Mrs Wills. There were plenty of happy, funny and embarrassing moments to remember.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Tysoe will be joining the staff team to teach Barn Owls for three days each week. Mrs Boorman will be moving into Owlets Class and will be with the class full-time. The youngest class have already started to have their taster sessions as they get to know each other and become familiar with their new surroundings. We look forward to getting to know them!

Train Times

Our Model Railway Club made its way to the County Final of the KCC / Hornby Model Railway Competition. The children represented the whole of Maidstone in the Kent Final at County Hall on Saturday 13th July. We were delighted to have made it to the final and enjoyed displaying our model railway. We had imagined what our village might have been like if the railways had ever made it here.

Gardening Time

Our Gardening Club were exhibitors at the Kent County Show over the same weekend. They created miniature gardens using Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland as their theme. Well done to our avid gardeners for working hard on their creations.

Music Time

Our guitarists led a great assembly in mid-July, when they got to show off the skills and entertain us with their music. It was wonderful to hear a wide range of music played for us so well.

Friends of Ulcombe School

The FUS Summer Fayre took place on Saturday 22nd June. This year was another enormous success. There was high praise for the Fayre and welcoming atmosphere that all those who were present helped to create. What was even more amazing was that the Summer Fayre raised an astonishing £1,136.32. FUS are currently seeking to purchase a defibrillator for the school, which we hope members of the wider community might be able to use. The amount raised will cover a significant amount of the costs of this equipment, and may well, in the future, save lives, and so prove to be beyond value.

The end of year disco took place on Friday 19th July. The children put on their glad rags and dancing shoes before throwing some shapes and busting some moves. (In plain English they enjoyed dressing up and dancing!) DJ Richie did a fantastic job, as ever. This was followed by a very enjoyable and relaxing barbecue for the older children.

Phil The Bank continues to be a great success. This will be less accessible during the school holiday, so if you are intending to bring clothes down please check the gates are open first. Thank you to every single one of you who has helped by recycling old clothes, curtains, shoes, handbags and more. The gazebo has changed colour and the PE Shed has also had a facelift and some additional structural support. Our thanks go to FUS and the willing volunteers who have taken on these tasks with such eagerness, giving up their own time and energy.

We Went To See Groombridge Place

On Thursday 27th June the whole school made the trip across Kent to Groombridge Place, near Tunbridge Wells. We all had a wonderful time walking through the gardens and exploring The Enchanted Forest. The children were able to spend time in different areas, with Crusoe's World being a particular favourite. The children saw a variety of animals, including the world famous Zedonk and reindeer. They were also treated to a Birds of Prey display.

We Went To See The Wizard ...

... the wonderful Wizard of Oz. The whole school took part in our end of year production, which saw us taking on an adaptation of this classic film from 1939. The children really enjoyed getting to grips with the songs and their speaking parts and did tremendously well despite some late casting changes. The older children took the leading roles and earned rave reviews. Well done to all of the cast and choir, and all the adults in school and out, who helped the children in so many ways.

Premier Sport Survey – Fencing Comes To Ulcombe

In conjunction with Premier Sport we sent out a survey about the possibility of having a club before school. Following the responses we have decided to try holding a weekly Fencing Club. I look forward to telling you more about it as we go through Terms 1 and 2.

Still To Come

The end of term does not mean the end of work for the grown-ups in school. We have several people lined up to come and complete work in and around the school during the coming weeks. Staff will also be in school to prepare for the new academic year.

As ever, if you have any questions, or if you would like to offer your time to help in some way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school. We send our very best wishes to all of our leavers for the future, whatever it might hold. To everyone we wish you a very happy summer.

Best wishes,

Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.*

LVBA networking: The more the merrier!

Reasons to be cheerful.

Reasons to join LVBA (in case you can't get to see them on our website):

1. Proven business successes among the businesses that network regularly.
2. Business directory to every home and business (for this point alone the membership fee is a good purchase)(due soon).
3. An online Business Directory right now!
4. The opportunity for members to be listed up to 5 times the LVBA website.
5. The opportunity for members to advertise vacancies free of charge, on the website.
6. The opportunity for members to advertise items for sale free of charge, on the website.
7. The opportunity for members to advertise member to member offers free of charge, on the website.
8. An open door to real expertise from professionals who are happy to share their knowledge for free.
9. LVBA has a professional image and a good reputation
10. An organising committee of enthusiastic experienced professionals.
11. A website which is high on search engines.
12. Monthly promotional leaflets provided to the member and non member mailing list to help promote the association networking meetings.
13. Up to 12 free network meetings annually and a chance to see local venues.
14. Offer schemes aimed at increasing business for all members by encouraging their staff to buy from other members.
15. Links for the association from online directories, Facebook and LinkedIn (and links from others members or not).
16. Regular support from The Village Directory, KM, Lenham Focus, Harrietsham Networker, Malherbe Mag, Parish websites and In and Around Kent. Plus other publications.
17. You get the chance to hear about and see (before others do) lots of information that could help or effect you.
18. Scams are cashing in on your money! Scam warnings every time we see a new one!
19. Chance to help develop your local area.
20. Chance to work with others to put on events locally.
21. The association has been designed for successful local networking, it is not a franchise from another country, it is not designed to make money for an 'owner', it is not run by people too busy to give their time for detail, it is run by a professional with understanding and current hands on experience of marketing, presenting and successful organising.

Other local networking groups can only follow.

Alan Reading, Chairman Lenham Valley Business Association

Grafty Geek - Cloud Drives – Why use them?

There are numerous Cloud Drives available nowadays, Google Drive, Sky Drive, Dropbox etc. What these drives do is allow anyone to share documents without having to email them. There is a lot of space available on these Drives for free from the different Service Providers but you can also pay for additional space if you need it.

There are many benefits to using these drives, here are the top 3 reasons people are using them:

1. Gives access to others to add comments or make amendments which is a very useful collaborative tool. It saves you creating a document, sending it via email to ask people to comment and then send it back so you can update it.
2. Gives you access to your own documents from any computer that has access to the internet, which eliminates the need for you to download your important documents to discs, sticks or other medium to take to meetings etc.
3. Back-up – if you save your important documents to a Cloud Drive, they will be available from any computer connected to the internet, so if your computer crashes, your documents are available from a new or different computer.

As previously mentioned, there are many different Drives, but I am going to use Google Drive as an example as that is what I am familiar with. To get a Google Drive you need to download Google Chrome as your Internet Browser. Once installed, you will see the Google Drive menu in the header row of the Google Chrome Browser. **Warning:** you will need to have a Gmail email account.



Once setup it is easy to Add documents to the Drive and then "Share" those documents with people who also have access to the Google Drive. It is safe, because only people you share with will be able to see your documents. When you share documents with someone they will receive an email to let them know you have shared a document with them with a link to that document.

You can also set up a Google Drive on your computer which synchronises updates to the document as you go. If you have documents in your Google Drive on your PC it will automatically update the document so people who are sharing this document will see the latest updates.

To set up the PC Google Drive, from Google Chrome select PC Drive, this will then provide you with a step by step guide to set this up. You will then be able to move any document, or a folder into the Google Drive which will then be available to you and anyone you wish to share with from anywhere on the internet.



The other Drives have similar, just as easy to set up options, but you will need to work out which is the best one for you and the people you share with.

County Councillor Jenny Whittle report for Malherbe Monthly



On my door knocking activities at and between election times, it saddens me to see so many older people at home alone, often only having contact with carers and the odd visitor. Recently Kent County Council announced a £380K boost to battle isolation and loneliness among elderly people. The cash will be used to develop volunteer befriending services across the county to visit vulnerable older people and bring them back into the community. Befriending is already making a difference to people's lives but this money, which is part of £18million government funding to improve adult social care, will extend it to even more people.

Sandra Richards, 70, began volunteering as a befriender in 2007 and has been visiting 'Nora', who has dementia, once a week since 2009. She said: "She lives in a fairly rural area where, if you haven't got a car, you are pretty well stranded. I decided to take her out in the car because it gets her out of the four walls and it stimulates her memory. For example, she used to have a horse for many years so we visited a friend of mine with horses and she was delighted. It gave her a chance to talk about her own horse with the lady who owned them.

"I wanted to do it because it's giving something back into the community. I used to be a community nurse for years and I know how there are these forgotten people no-one seems to think much about and I wanted to help in some way. This lady is fun and makes me laugh, so we both get something out of it."

Sandra is a volunteer with charity CARM, through its Well-being At Home befriending service which aims to reduce social isolation and improve mental health, as well as help people to stay in their own homes for longer. CARM is just one of the voluntary agencies which deliver befriending services across Kent.

'Nora' said: "I'm lucky that I like people and I get on really well with Sandra. She has a yellow car like I used to have – I'm really jealous. She takes me out to the garden centre which is lovely."

Loneliness can lead to depression and poor health and befriending is an effective way to combat the effects of social isolation. Befriending aims to help people live more fulfilled lives, reduce social exclusion, increase access to community resources, information and advice, improve health and wellbeing, and to help people become more independent. More than 60 voluntary agencies have applied for year-long grants to pilot new models of befriending from next month (JULY). KCC will then use these schemes to develop a countywide befriending service in 2014.

If you would like to get involved in befriending or know of somebody who could benefit from this service, please do let me know.

In the meantime, please do contact me if you need my help or advice. KCC delivers over 300 different services to the 1.5m residents of Kent, including education, libraries, roads, social services and adult education. I can be contacted on 734897 or jenny.whittle@kent.gov.uk

Yoga Classes Grafty Green Village Hall

Summer Yoga Grafty Green Village Hall, Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11 August 8, 15, 22 and 29

No booking necessary - £6 a session

Yoga is excellent for flexibility, establishing strength and releasing stress leading to a balanced life. Yoga is suitable for all ages, men and women. Beginners welcome.

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Sue Burch, (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 26 years' experience) contact 850381, grafyyoga@gmail.com



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Wkps Asks: Wind Power – Blessing Or Blight?

Over the last few years, we have heard much about the importance of generating renewable, greener sources of energy. The UK is legally committed to meeting 15% of its energy demand from renewable sources by 2020.

However, according to The Guardian of 1 July 2013, *'..the UK is not on track to meet its 2020 European renewables targets, according to the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC).*

It continues *'...the EREC expects Belgium, Poland, Spain and the UK to miss their targets altogether..'*

For all who live in the Weald of Kent, the most visible or obtrusive component of the drive to renewable energy is onshore wind power. But, as the following figures published in June make clear, a highly questionable technology comes at a fantastic cost:

- Every job in Britain's wind farm industry is subsidised @ £100,000 a year
- From March 2012-February 2013, the industry received £1.2 billion in subsidy, paid by a supplement on the nation's electricity bills, the Renewables Obligation.
- Even if the maximum number of jobs forecast - up to 90,000 by 2020 - is created, the effective subsidy would be £80,000 per job

- Renewable Energy Foundation, a think tank, states that wind power subsidies add about £47 a year to household energy bills
- If UK reaches its target of 15% of all energy to be supplied by renewables, the subsidy will rise to approx. £6 billion in 2020
- Landowners can receive an average of £40,000 a year for each 3 megawatt turbine installed on their land
- The Government recently undertook to give local opinion a greater say in the siting of such developments and to force energy companies to make much greater compensation payments
- Energy companies will have a system of incentives in place to persuade local people to accept these developments.

*Source: Sunday Telegraph,
16/6/2013*

Of course, none of the above addresses the fact that wind power cannot be relied upon to produce power when we need it most e.g. during a cold snap, when winds are often very light indeed. Neither does it talk about the costs of removing and disposing of the turbines when they wear out.

We all need energy and, like many, WKPS would prefer it to be clean. But is this natural desire really an excuse to inflict such an expensive and relatively unproductive technology on us all?

Parish Calendar 2014

The Closing Date
for submitting photographs for the Calendar is
Tuesday 20th August.

All photos received will be on display at the Grafty Green Silly Olympics with just a number and location, and it will be up to you all to vote for those you'd like to see in next year's calendar.

The winning photographs will appear in the 2014 calendar complete with photographers' names.

If you haven't done so already, do have a look through your photos and send any to me at: christine-king@hotmail.co.uk, or if a paper copy, put in my mail box: Gowell Cottage, Boughton Malherbe.

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Saturday 31. August

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Final Details: As the name describes this is a **Decathlon** so there are 10 games, each of which have been sponsored by a local business as follows:

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5. Welly Wanging	Dean & Sarah
6. Darts	Kings Head Crib Club
7. Egg and Spoon	Tony Cook
8. Three legged race	Tony Cook
9. Sack Race	Malherbe Monthly
10. Fancy Dress Relay	Kings Head

The games are aimed for all ages. Games will be simplified for people with age challenges either very young or more mature, but this will be at the discretion of the games masters. The team will be able to select the best person to take part in the game when only one person is required. There are some games that need 2 people and some that will need the whole team.

Scoring: The team will be given a score for each game and then be placed on the leader board. Once all the games have been played by all the teams the final calculation will give the total score giving the Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Gold is sponsored by the Kings Head, The Silver is sponsored by Niall & Karen and the Bronze sponsored by Dean & Sarah.

Costs:

Team entrance £10 – spectators free

Refreshments (non-alcoholic) drinks, cakes, biscuits and Ice Cream will be available to purchase on the field

Additionally: On the day you will also be able to vote for the pictures to be included in the next Grafty Green Calendar

Finally there will be a fun race with a **£100 prize** (donated by Bill Bates) for the winner of the **Wheelbarrow Race (aka Pram race)**. Entry is free, it will take place from The Cricket Field to the Kings Head Car Park on Church road. There is an additional prize of £20 for the best dressed team. You will need to bring your own Wheelbarrows and be a team of two (**adults only**) but you do not have to take part in the Decathlon to get involved. This race will be at the competitors own risk.

Grand Finale - BBQ from 6.30pm at the Kings Head, followed by an Awards Ceremony & Disco from 7.30pm

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2	Chicken	Fun	Way	
3	Drum	Muffs	Shot	
4	Bin	Cruise	Eye	
5	Drip	Ice	Sherry	
6	Hopper	Roots	Snake	
7	Net	Snow	Wood	
8	Cordless	Seed	Sergeant	
9	Burst	Cover	Mushroom	
10	French	Master	Rack	
11	Jack	Students	Trade	
12	Cart	Hair	Play	
13	Card	Department	Keeper	
14	Fashioned	Stock	Timer	
15	Chop	Lip	Yard	
16	Frog	Hare	Slow	

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Ulcombe History Society

There are still a few spaces for the Ulcombe history Society's tour to York on the 13th, 14th and 15th of September. The overall cost which includes the coach, two nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, one evening meal, and entrance to Castle Howard and York Minster, will be £196. 30 if sharing a room, and £246.30 if a single room. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Molly Poulter as soon as possible on 01622 842988 so that extra rooms can be reserved.

The itinerary is as follows:

Friday 13th September

- 8.00 Leave Ulcombe
- 10.30 Coffee and convenience stop
- 13.00 Arrive Castle Howard
- 17.00 Leave Castle Howard for hotel
- 19.30 Dinner at Hotel

Saturday 14th September

- 10.00 Tour of York Minster
- 13.00 Coach leaves for Railway Museum (optional)
- 14.00 (Optional) Explore York – Castle Museum, Viking experience (Yorvik Museum), Treasurer's House, The Shambles, walk the walls etc
- 17.00 Coach leaves Railway Museum and returns to hotel
- 19.00 Dinner at own choice in York

Sunday 15th September

- 9.00 Coach leaves for Rievaulx Abbey
- 10.00 Arrive at Rievaulx Abbey
- 12.00 Coach back to Helmsley for a walk round the village and shops or leave for Beningbrough depending on travel time available
- 13.00 Coach leaves for Beningbrough where we have lunch.
- 16.30 Coach leaves for home
- 18.30 Comfort stop (perhaps at Stamford service station)
- 21.00 Home

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 27th August 2013 - Please Note: This is a change of date from the 13th to 27th March**

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

Grafty Gourmet

As this summer is now well under way, I thought I would do another barbecue recipe. This is a tasty, yet easy recipe for barbecued pork.

Barbecued Chinese Pork

Serve 4:-

1kg of pork neck	2 teaspoons of hisin sauce
2 star anise – crushed	2 teaspoons of grated ginger
2 tablespoons of light soy sauce	1 glove of garlic – crushed
2 tablespoons of brown sugar	2 shallots – chopped
1 ½ tablespoons of honey	Red food colouring
1 ½ tablespoons of dry sherry	

1. Cut the pork into quarters length ways.
2. Combine all the remaining ingredients in a dish and add the pork.
3. Refrigerate overnight, turning the pork occasionally, to soak up the marinade.
4. Barbecue the pork until cooked through, brushing with the marinade whilst cooking.

Cakes Needed!!

There will be a *Cake Stall* at the *Grafty Green Silly Olympics* on *Saturday afternoon, 31st August*, the proceeds of which will go to *St. Nicolas' Church*.

If you are able to donate some cakes
or help in any way,
please contact Sally on 01622 859549

The August Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Cancer at the beginning of the month and moves into Leo at the end of the month.

New Moon occurs on Tuesday 6th August. **Full Moon** is on Tuesday 20th August when in the constellation of Capricornus.

Venus rises at the beginning of the month in the east at 9:0 am, sets in the west at 9:0 pm in the constellation of Leo. So it may be briefly visible just before sunset. At the end of the month it rises in the east in Virgo in mid morning and sets in the west just after 8:0 pm.

Mercury, Mars & Jupiter are all grouped tightly together for the whole month in the constellation of Gemini. As they rise roughly at sunrise and set at sunset, it will not be possible to see them this month.

Saturn rises in the east at the beginning of the month at 2:0 pm in the constellation of Virgo, and sets in the southwest at 11:0 pm near the constellations of Virgo. At the end of the month it rises at 1:0 pm, and sets in the southwest just after 10 pm. It may therefore be possible to see the planet for about two hours after sunset. Through a telescope you may also be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

The famous **Perseid Meteor Shower** returns this month. The meteors appear to radiate from the constellation of Perseus, which is rising in the north-east in the evening, and is high in the east at dawn. The meteors are expected to peak in the middle of the month.

I thought it was time I up dated you again on the Mars Curiosity Rover. Since the launch in November 2011 and its long eight and a half month trip to a successful landing on the surface of the Red Planet in August 2012, it has revealed much about conditions on Mars.

In March 2013, for instance, computer models suggest subterranean flood plains beneath lava deposits, indicating water on the planet as recently as 500 million years ago, and in May the pebbles found in an ancient stream bed were slightly rounded, suggesting they were carried a long distance through water. In June, the surface rocks collected by Nasa's Spirit rover contained five times as much nickel as Martian meteorites found on Earth, indicating that the older surface rocks were formed in an oxygen-rich environment.

Finally, in July 2013 British scientists from Imperial College London have announced that it is the intention to plan a manned mission to Mars, featuring a spacecraft that can generate its own gravity.

John Maunder



Ulcombe Pre-School

General news: The pre-school has had a very busy summer term this year. In early July, we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Kent Fire Brigade, where the children were given some vital fire safety information and learned all about the job of a fire-fighter. The children's favourite part of the visit had to be a sit in the fire engine itself and an opportunity to use the fire-fighter's hose to put out a pretend fire!

We have also been on two trips this term; firstly we had our annual end of term outing to the Museum of Kent Life where the weather was extremely kind. The children enjoyed 'cuddle corner' with the animals, wandering around the old farm houses to find out what life used to be like, tractor rides and completing the 'hunt teddy' treasure hunt, so a good day all round. Our second excursion was down to Ulcombe Primary School, who kindly invited the pre-school children to watch their summer play. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show so our thanks go to all those involved.

Fundraising: The summer term has also been a busy fundraising period for the pre-school. The Friends of Ulcombe School kindly allowed us a stall at the school sports fete where we held a spinner stall and a treasurer island map game and managed to raise just over £80. The children also completed their own sponsored sports day event which involved a circular course of jumping, balancing, crawling, alongside some more classic races and a good time was had by all.

Toddler Morning: There is a toddler morning every Tuesday 9.30am- 11.30am held at the pre-school in Ulcombe Village Hall. Please bring along your little one for a play and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat yourself. We hope to see you soon!

Spaces at the Pre-School: We currently have spaces available for children over the age of 2. If your child is already 3 then pre-school is free and there is some funding available for 2 year olds. (Conditions apply please contact Helen Leat on committeeps@hotmail.com or Corinne Giles on 07940225341 for more details)

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Christian message August 2013

Time Out

August is the month when many of us will be going on holiday. Some will find somewhere warm to laze on the beach and swim; some will visit foreign lands and explore different cultures, cuisines and fascinating buildings from the past; others will exert themselves with new endeavours – cycling, sailing, scuba diving, mountaineering; and yet others will travel to foreign parts to meet up with families that have moved away. Then there are those who choose to stay at home and enjoy not having to work for a week or two in the comfort of their own home. Whatever the chosen activity, holidays are a time for relaxing and re-charging one's batteries.

Sadly, of course, there are those who have no opportunity of going away, even if they would like to, and one realises we do not live in an equal society. But at least, in this country, we enjoy a peace and a freedom that others, especially in the Middle East, long for in the midst of all their suffering.

Holidays are a time for reflection and re-evaluation of one's life. My last holiday, just before Christmas, was a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There we were made very aware of the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians. We met with a number of leading Palestinians who told us about the terrible things that were going on: Palestinian land forcibly taken for Jewish settlements; Palestinians forbidden to build on their own land; Palestinians forbidden to connect up to electricity and water even though the settlements round them had both; homes built by Palestinian forbears snatched by the Israeli authorities and given to Jewish families; Palestinians living just outside but working in Jerusalem, having to get up at 4 am in order to get through the check-out gate, manned by armed soldiers, in time for work. We visited an Arab refugee building which housed three thousand people cramped together. The manager told us that soldiers would arrive unannounced, and arrest people - who were never seen again. The stories went on and on, and we all felt anger at the way the Palestinians were being treated.

But then, after a visit to the Holocaust Museum, we were, once more, overwhelmed by horror, and a deep sympathy for the Jews who had suffered such appalling atrocities by the Nazis before and during the Second World War.

This tempered our anger, but left us feeling that such horror should have elicited compassion for the Palestinians rather than the opposite – and we came away deeply saddened.

But our pilgrimage was an amazing experience. We visited all the places where Jesus preached, taught his disciples, and healed the sick and needy. Wonderful churches, built over the centuries, marked the sites of the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the Garden of Gethsemane – to name but a few. We visited the River Jordan where John the Baptist baptised Christ, we sailed on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed the storm, and we walked the Via Dolorosa where Jesus walked to his Crucifixion.

At each place we visited, we had a brief act of worship – finding a corner in the church or in one of the side chapels. There were so many pilgrims from all over the world doing the same thing that it wasn't always possible to find a space in the church, so we often sat out in the garden to read the relevant Gospel passage, sing a hymn, and pray. With people from so many different nations surrounding us, with their different languages and costumes, but all doing the same thing, we felt part of a world-wide Christian family, and it was wonderful.

As we travelled by coach from Galilee to Jerusalem, it amazed me to discover what huge distances Jesus and his disciples must have travelled during his three year's mission. Israel is long and thin – a bit like the British Isles – and Galilee is in the north while Jerusalem towards the south. They didn't have public transport like we have – but did all their travelling on foot.

Jesus took time out too – time that he spent in the hills communing with his Heavenly Father. The Gospels record many times when he went off to pray – especially those times before major events – when choosing his disciples, and when facing arrest and crucifixion. The disciples asked Him to teach them to pray, and He gave them the Lord's Prayer which is now translated into most of the languages of the world. He also taught the disciples that God, his Father, is not only the Lord God Almighty, He is also a loving Father. He taught them to pray to God as Abba – father – the equivalent of our word Daddy.

What better way to start our holidays – our time out – by saying quietly the Lord's Prayer?

Molly Poulter

Music Notes, August 2013

None of the major music groups in the area is publicising a concert in August – local music-makers obviously go on holiday at this time, and have a break from practicing. There may be some local musical events, so look out for them. I would take the opportunity to remind organisers of charity and fund-raising concerts that publicity needs to be put out well in advance. I am always willing to consider such events for my monthly selection, but often I do not find out about them in time to meet the print deadline for parish and village magazines.

If you would like to book a last minute musical holiday, I note that there is an international music festival in the Lake district, from 3rd-17th August - call 08456 442144 for details and another at Machynlleth from 18th-25th August – tel 01634 703355. Both offer a splendid selection of quality music. There are of course plenty of musical events at the Edinburgh Festival,, which runs from 9th August- 1st September.

Finally, may I remind you that "The proms" are now in full swing. Check your radio 3 programme daily. Prom 33 (Beethoven 8th August), prom 34 (Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, 23rd August) and prom 36 (Bach, 16th August) are on TV, BBC4.

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

11th Aug – 11th Sunday after Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
09.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

25th Aug – 13th Sunday after Trinity

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

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 14th September 2013.

Grafty Green

Saturday 24th August 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 24th August 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 31st August 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bank	Sausage	Swiss	Rolls
2	Chicken	Fun	Way	Run
3	Drum	Muffs	Shot	Ear
4	Bin	Cruise	Eye	Liner
5	Dtp	Ice	Sherry	Dry
6	Hopper	Roots	Snake	Grass
7	Net	Snow	Wood	Drift
8	Cordless	Seed	Sergeant	Drill
9	Burst	Cover	Mushroom	Cloud
10	French	Master	Rack	Toast
11	Jack	Students	Trade	Union
12	Cart	Hair	Play	Horse
13	Card	Department	Keeper	Store
14	Fashioned	Stock	Timer	Old
15	Chop	Lip	Yard	Stick
16	Frog	Hare	Slow	March

Find the missing word?	
1	Third Rock from the Sun, US sitcom with John Lithgow
2	Bernard Cribbins, Jackanory favourite and OAP Winifred Mott
3	The only way is Essex, A popular reality show
4	Gardeners World, Horticultural favourite with Monty Don
5	Sally Webster, Corrie mother to Sophie and Rosie
6	Catherine Bach, US pinup who played Daisy in the Dukes of Hazzard
7	Linda Henry, who plays feisty Shirley Carter in Eastenders
8	Stan Lloyd, Weather presenter who survived The Jungle
9	Green Wing, Ch 4 medical comedy set in East Hampton Hospital
10	Home and Away, Australian soap set in Summer Bay



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