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Picture taken at the Harvest Supper of the new Priest in Charge of the Len Valley Benefice, Revd. Dr John Huggins, and his wife, Revd. Lorraine Apps-Huggins, who is Assistant Chaplain at The Living Well, the Canterbury Diocesan Centre for Healing and Wholeness at Nonnington.

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News from St. Nicholas Church

The Reverend John Huggins was Licensed by the Bishop of Dover as Priest in Charge of the Len Valley Benefice and installed by the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Venerable Stephen Taylor in a lively and happy service in St. Mary's Church, Lenham, on Tuesday 10th October. Community leaders, including the Mayor of Maidstone, spoke words of welcome to our new priest and his wife, Lorraine and family. Robert Turner, as Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council, welcomed them on our behalf. St. Mary's generously provided refreshments to the large congregation.

The Harvest Festival at St. Nicholas was held on Sunday 8th October. The Church was magnificently decorated as usual, with many pumpkins of all sizes, filled with colourful plants and flowers. Many thanks to Sandra Pilborough for her ideas and hard work and to all those who were so generous with their time and produce. The auction of produce raised almost £300 for the Disaster Emergency Fund. The cakes and refreshments were much appreciated.

The Harvest Supper on the 14th October took place in the Village Hall, looking very autumnal with hops and berries, flowers and fruit in the decorations. So many thanks to the Parish Hall Committee and all the helpers involved in decorating the Hall and preparing and serving the delicious supper. We were pleased to welcome Rev. John and Lorraine Huggins to the event.

The Benefice Service at St. John's, Harrietsham took place on Sunday 15th October celebrating Rev. John Huggins' first Service with us. It was followed by a buffet lunch for all, in the Church. Harrietsham were celebrating their Harvest Festival. So the church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce, but also full of amazing scarecrows, donated by the community. Well worth a visit.

Weekly morning Prayers continue at 9.30am on Tuesdays in St. Nicholas. Check with Joan Drury on 01622 853766.

Bible Study Group meets at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green on Thursdays, 10.30 to 12 noon. Contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766 for more details.

Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon on Wednesday 8th November. Our usual friendly event with Sylvia's famous cheese scones and other homemade cakes. It's good to chat!

Christmas Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 13th December, with a Bring and Buy, Crafts and Cakes in aid of the work of Tearfund, who support struggling and suffering communities worldwide eg Yemen, Cambodia, Somalia, Burundi, Iraq and so many other areas of poverty and distress.

We hope Joan Davidson is feeling better.

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Susan Burch

The late Peter Palmer

"Jenny, Andrew and Jacky would like to say "thank you" to all friends and neighbours for the lovely, thoughtful cards and letters of condolence we received. We were completely overwhelmed by your kindness and by the attendance at his service which made what was a difficult day more bearable."

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

6th November, 15th January 2018, 12th March 2018

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

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Grafty Gourmet

A Traditional Korean dish with a hot kick !
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Bulgogi

¼ pear, grated

1 garlic clove, grated

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 teaspoon of crushed chilli flakes

1 tablespoon grated peeled ginger

1 tablespoon light brown sugar

1 tablespoon sesame oil

1 pound boneless pork loin

2 tablespoons vegetable oil (divided)
salt

Sliced spring onions (for serving)

1. Combine the pear, garlic, soy sauce, chilli flakes, ginger, sugar, and sesame oil in a large re-sealable plastic bag or medium bowl. Using a sharp knife, slice meat into very thin strips. Add to the marinade and place in the bag or bowl. Squish everything around until the meat is coated. Let sit at room temperature 30 minutes, or chill up to 8 hours.

2. Heat one tablespoon of the vegetable oil in a large pan or wok over medium-high heat until oil is shimmering. Remove half of meat from marinade, letting excess juice drip back into bag; season lightly with salt and cook in a single layer without moving until lightly browned, (about 1 minute). Toss the meat and continue to cook, tossing occasionally, until cooked through and crisps at the edges, (about 3 minutes). Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining one tablespoon of vegetable oil and remaining meat adding a little more salt.

3. Serve with noodles or rice, topped with chopped spring onions.

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Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 10	AGM and Sarah Morgan	Alpines in landscape design
Feb7	Tim Ingrams	Hellebores
March 7	Nikki Gammans	Bumblebee Conservation
April 4	Alison Marsden - and Spring Show	Front gardens – making the most of your house
May 2	Steven Edney	Salutation Garden
May 6	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 4	Sunday afternoon Garden Safari around our village	
June 9 -11	Weekend away Somerset, Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton,	
July 4	Boldshaves, Woodchurch	
August 1	Orangery at Mystole, Chartham CT4 7DB	
Sept 5	Tram Hatch	
Oct 3	Stephen Harmer	History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show
Nov7	Fiona Wemyss	Blue Leaf Plants
Dec 5	Meal	

November 7th - Blue Leaf Plants.

We are looking forward to our November speaker Fiona Wemyss who is coming to talk to us about Blue Leaf Plants. I am sure that Fiona will expand our knowledge of these very attractive additions to our gardens and maybe introduce us to some new ones.

As usual, this evening talk is open to members and non-members alike. Please feel free to come along if this or any other of our evening events, we always welcome new members.

Following a very successful anniversary year in 2017 we are looking forward to completing the planning for our 2018 programme of events. Meanwhile there is our Christmas meal to look forward to in early December at the Rose & Crown/ Mundy Bois. There is still time to browse the menu and make known your choices to Sue or Carole by 27th November please.

Tip of the Month - Insulate plants in pots from frosts by wrapping bubble wrap or other layer around the pots and group pots together. Tie up plants like cordylines to protect the growing tip from excess winter wet which will rot it, and wrap in fleece. Plant bare-rooted stock throughout the dormant season (from now till March) and tie in climbers. Lift Parsnips and carrots and store in boxes of sand and they will keep well through the winter.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green
Gardening Club (01622) 757536.**



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Village Hall News

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First of all, a huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated, once again, to our Phil-The-Bag collection. I never cease to be amazed at how many bags appear on these days. The event generally raises around £200 for Hall funds, so I'm hopeful that you will have helped us raise a similar amount this time. It may not 'fill-the-bank', but it certainly helps to pay the bills and keep our lovely hall in good repair.

Now, you'll be pleased to know that a **Village Calendar** has once again been produced by the Hall committee and is available to purchase at the village shop (thank you, Rob, for giving us this facility). It contains beautiful photographs of views and wildlife taken in and around Grafty by local people and can be yours for the very reasonable sum of £5. Look out for the bright commemorative poppy on the front. But before we leave 2017 there are two events to enjoy at the Hall.

Firstly, there is our annual **Craft Fair** on **26th November**. Turn up any time between 11.00am and 3.00pm and you'll find not only locally hand-made craft items of the highest quality but also teas, coffees and mince pies to enjoy - and Father Christmas will be there again this year, too!

Our final event of the year will be the traditional **Pre-Christmas Quiz**. This is set for **Sat 2nd December**. It's always a lively, fun affair so do come along. Tickets will be on sale soon from the village shop (thank you *again* Robert!) or from me (contact details below). The ticket price of £8 includes the usual sumptuous ploughman's supper and, of course, there will be a licensed bar.

Please help us to help you by getting your tickets early and completing the form at the shop as you buy them – this will enable us to know how many we are catering for and will ensure you sit with others in your team.

There can be any number of people in a team, up to a maximum of 8, but teams of 4 or less may have to share a table. I'm looking forward to it already!

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman
Tel. 844648; email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com

November Music notes

I am biased perhaps, but I give no apology for drawing your attention to the organ recital at Leeds church on 18th. This young organist has won prizes and competitions and is also a budding composer.

Then I must repeat my reminder of the Hospice Concert on October 28th, in the hope that some readers will get this report in time to have their memory jogged. This is the biggest charity concert in the area, held every 2 years, with all the singers and players giving their time without charge. The November events also offer plenty of other excellent choices:

- Saturday 28th. October is the 12th International Voices for Hospices Day. In our area this will be celebrated at 7.30pm with a concert performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado* at Mote hall, organized by and in aid of the Heart of Kent Hospice. The festival choir will be conducted by Maidstone Choral Union's Martin Hindmarsh. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 11th November, 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted (ME14 4EE), Bearsted Choral Society will perform Brahms *Requiem*. Tickets 01634 666730 or at the door.
- Saturday 18th November, 2.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds (ME17 1RJ) there will be an organ recital by the celebrated young organist Laurence Long. Another special event - tickets 01622 842915
- Sunday 19th November, 2.30pm at Sutton Valence school, the Sutton Valence Music Society presents a concert by the Lunaire Quartet, playing chamber music by Schubert, Beethoven and Barber. Non-members are welcome and can buy tickets at the door.
- Sunday 26th November, 7.00pm at All Saints' church, Maidstone (ME15 6YE), Sutton Valence Choral Society perform Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Tickets: 01622 861313.

In October and November BBC music is concentrating heavily on Russian Music and the centenary of the Russian Revolution. It is not one of their highlighted events, but for a taste of real Russia I would recommend Choral evensong on radio 3 on Sunday 19th Nov at 3pm. It features Rachmaninov's *Chrysostom Liturgy* sung by the St. Petersburg Chamber Choir.

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1	Arranging	Wall	Bed	Flower
2	Health	Block	Age	
3	Magazine	Definite	Leading	
4	Evening	Fancy	Sense	
5	Waiting	Service	Elbow	
6	Pinching	Whistle	Bad	
7	Crystal	Sighted	All	
8	Printing	Release	Gang	
9	Driving	Poetic	Fee	
10	Crunch	Tax	Note	
11	Television	Speed	Off	
12	Remote	Panel	Self	
13	Keeper	Make	Offering	
14	Glasses	Proof	Mind	
15	Bullet	Money	Surgeon	
16	Parking	Station	Open	

Find the missing word?	
1	Waterloo _____, A No 1 hit for The Kinks
2	_____ Morse, Actress who plays Mo Harris in Eastenders
3	Tom _____, Iconic scarf wearing Dr Who
4	_____ Herriot, TV chef
5	Martin _____, The face behind Inspector George Gently
6	_____ on Ice, A Contest with Torvill & Dean
7	Simon _____, Corries Steve McDonald
8	_____ Fitzgerald, Vocalist dubbed The First Lady of Jazz
9	Nancy _____, First women to sit in The House of Commons
10	_____ Currie, Tory MP who resigned in 1988 over a salamander scandal

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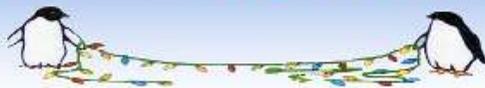
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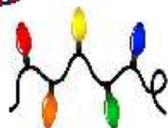
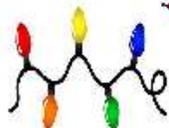
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Maidstone Business Networking

Two events one on November, one in December.

Speaker Sunil Rupasinha is a barrister who has practised at the London Criminal Bar for 25 years. He has prosecuted and defended in the full range of criminal courts, from the humble Magistrates' Courts through to the august Court of Criminal Appeal itself, and, in the full range of criminal cases, from shoplifting to murder. He has now set up a niche, road traffic defence practice in which he specialises in saving driving licences. In, 'Why I defend the 'Guilty'', Sunil will explain the ethical and moral dimensions of practice at the criminal bar by reference to a series of 'loophole' cases in which he has appeared. Check our website or Facebook for the confirmed date (**probably 8th/9th November**) and final venue.

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Saturday 2 December



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wine, raffle for hamper, quiz,
tombola, children's games



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If you would like to have a stall please
contact Molly on 01622 842988

Christian Message November 2017

At the time of writing I have just returned from a visit to the dentist and so that feeling of apprehension as I opened my mouth wide is still very fresh. Previously I had been sitting in the dentist's waiting room, contemplating possible fillings and other forms of legalised torture, but this phrase came in my head, 'what can anyone do to me?'. All right, so a visit to the dentist is not so dreadful. Our local dentists are very kind and as gentle as they can be.

Those words that came to me are from the New Testament book of Hebrews 13: 6 they tell us

'we can confidently say, 'the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid, what can anyone do to me?'

Further on in the book of Hebrews we could read the account of the sufferings inflicted on God's people, atrocities that we still read are inflicted by our fellow human beings around the world on each other.

What the writer to the Hebrews had in mind when he said so confidently, 'what can anyone do to me?' was not our immediate fate, but it was about our eternal destiny. He knew what God had promised.

None of us know what we may face in this world, good or bad. What we do know is that God's love is with us, not just now but for all eternity, and that nothing will ever finally be able to come between us and that great promise.

And so we too can confidently say,

'The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

I must try to remember that again when I next visit the dentist!

Reverend Millie Hart - Associate Priest - Len Valley Benefice



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Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – November 2017

Wednesday 1st November

9.30am Lenham: Holy
Communion

Sunday 5th November

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast
service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

11.00 am Ulcombe: Family
Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy
Communion

3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT
family worship

Sunday 12th November

10.15am Harrietsham:
Remembrance Service

10.15am Ulcombe:
Remembrance Service

10.15am Lenham:

Remembrance Service

10.15am Boughton Malherbe:
Remembrance Service

Wednesday 15th November

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 19th November

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning
Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

6.00pm Lenham: **Taize Service**

Saturday 25th November

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham:
Men's breakfast

Sunday 26th November

8.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion (Prayer Book)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Family Worship

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

11.00am Lenham: Family
Worship

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Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO	101

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<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07969 583923
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	07773 397125

Fire	<i>General Enquiries</i>	01622 692121
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	<i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i>	01622 858100

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Arranging	Wall	Bed	Flower
2	Health	Block	Age	Mental
3	Magazine	Definite	Leading	Article
4	Evening	Fancy	Sense	Dress
5	Waiting	Service	Elbow	Room
6	Punching	Whistle	Bad	Penny
7	Crystal	Sighed	All	Clear
8	Printing	Release	Gang	Press
9	Driving	Poetic	Fee	Licence
10	Crunch	Tax	Note	Credit
11	Television	Speed	Off	Camera
12	Remote	Panel	Self	Control
13	Keeper	Make	Offering	Peace
14	Glasses	Proof	Mind	Reading
15	Bullet	Money	Surgeon	Plastic
16	Parking	Station	Open	Space

Find the missing word?	
1	Warren Sunset , A No 1 hit for The Kinks
2	Lalla Morse , Actress who plays Mo Harris in Eastenders
3	Tom Baker , Iconic scarf wearing Dr Who
4	Minsky Herron , TV chef
5	Martin Shaw , The face behind Inspector George Gently
6	Dancing on Ice , A Contest with Torvill & Dean
7	Simon Gregson , Comtes Steve McDonald
8	Ella Fitzgerald , Vocalist dubbed The First Lady of Jazz
9	Nancy Astor , First woman to sit in The House of Commons
10	Edwin Currie , Tory MP who resigned in 1988 over a salarander scandal

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