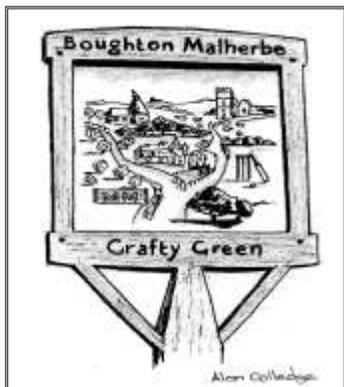


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Front cover: 'Chip' - a Border Terrier belonging to Richard and Abigail Webb

News from St. Nicholas Church

Portaloo: This last month we have been subjected to visits by local vandals who have pushed over the Portaloo in the churchyard on several occasions. On their last visit they managed to make the tank spill into the cabin, which will cost us a considerable sum to have put right, which we can ill afford. The Portaloo will be taken away during the next month to be cleaned.

We have also informed the Police and they are keeping a surveillance of the area. We have given descriptions of the culprits but we need to catch them in the act or to get photographs of them. If you are in the area of St. Nicholas please keep a watch for these people, particularly in the early evening.

Cream Teas: We will be starting to serve Cream Teas on 3rd July 2.00- 5.00pm and hope to continue until mid September. We look forward to good weather and also to greeting many of our old and new customers. It has been decided not to increase the price of £2.50 this year, but if you feel that the teas are worth more, then a donation would be gratefully received. So the 3rd July is the day and we look forward to seeing you one afternoon.

Water: Connecting the Church to the mains water supply is a step nearer with a Deed of Grant (Wayleave) being signed by both parties, to enable us to lay a water pipe across our neighbour's land and to take a spur off his supply. We can then think about a toilet suitable for use by the disabled as well able bodied people and also creating a kitchen area in the tower.

Coffee Morning: There will be no Coffee Morning in the Village hall this month owing to staff holidays but we hope to see you all again in July on the 13th.

Gentleman Breakfasts: The Gentleman's Breakfasts are well attended each month with a variety of speakers and are enjoyed by those who go along. There are three people from Boughton who go and they would be pleased to introduce anyone else who would like to join them. Ring 01622 850210 for more information. The speaker at the next Breakfast on the 25th June at 8.00am will be Mr. Guido Braschi, he will speak on 'Life and Faith in Burma'. Ring Frank Allen on 01622 850559 or Dick Venn on 01622 858195 to reserve a place. The breakfasts will have a summer Break in July and August starting again in September.

Joan Davidson

Wine Tasting Quiz Night

Seven of us spent a very enjoyable Friday evening at the Wine Tasting Quiz at St Edmunds Centre, Platts Heath. The evening commenced with fish and chips at the Kings Head and then, after a glass or two of Ken's finest, we made our way to Platts Heath.

None of us had been to the Centre before and were all pleasantly surprised at the warm welcome we received on arrival. The object of the quiz was to identify a variety of white and red wines, guess the price and name the Country of Origin. We were encouraged to write comments, some taking this part more seriously than others. Jacqui Thompson's "like cough medicine" showing a complete lack of appreciation of the rich and complex aromas and the use of the word "lovely" so many times just indicated Janet Legon's overall love of any alcohol.

By the time we had sampled all eleven wines, most having to be tried three times, we were all enjoying the evening immensely.

Two of our team, Jane Brameld and Pat Anderson, managed very good scores by engaging in conversation with anyone who looked like they might know a Chardonnay from a Shiraz but the outright winner was Gary Thompson who was presented with a prize of two cut glasses. Gary's in depth knowledge of fine wines obviously coming from a misspent youth.

I understand, from the committee at Platts Heath, that they may arrange another evening like this and if so, I would highly recommend it.

Janet Legon

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Clive Woollett 1952 – 2011

I'm sure many of you will have already heard of the sudden loss of Clive back in April this year but for those of you who were not aware there will be a memorial service at St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe on Saturday 4th June at 1pm followed by a raising of glasses to say a fond farewell at the King's Head.

Clive was a resident of Grafty Green for thirty years and was quite literally a larger than life character in so many ways. I was first introduced to Clive around eight years ago and immediately warmed to this big gentle loving family man with a big heart and a big appetite not only for fine wine and great food but for life itself.

Clive never did anything by half - except for DIY maybe - he was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to see the best part of this world we live in. His work allowed him to travel to many different countries and he had a story to tell from wherever he'd been. I was privileged to enjoy his company on many occasions and hear many of these tales along with many of his age old adage's or Clive speak as I would call it. He had many motto's but the one that rings true every time is "always live for today for you never know what tomorrow will bring" and how right he was.

Clive adored life's luxuries, he loved fast cars, luxury holidays and oh how he loved expensive watches but for all that he'd experienced of the great things that life has to offer he loved nothing more than simply being at home with his family "It doesn't get better than this" he said smiling one sunny afternoon sitting in the back garden, beer in one hand burger in the other as he looked around at family and friends.

A great and true friend to those who were lucky to have his friendship but more importantly, an adoring husband to Hazel and doting dad to both Michael and Alex, who are missing him terribly. The family would like to say thank you for the many kind words they have received and they hope you will be able to join them on Saturday.

It's always difficult when someone we know passes on, we can never quite believe we will never see them again. We will always have our memories and we have so many great ones of Clive, which make us laugh and give us comfort but for me I will so miss those twinkling blue eyes and that cheeky smile.

He will be greatly missed but be forever in our hearts.

Angie McElvanney
On behalf of Hazel, Michael & Alex

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

| | Find the missing word? |
|----|---|
| 1 | ___ It, A No 1 hit for Michael Jackson |
| 2 | Life on ____, BBC series in which a policeman was mysteriously transported back to 1973 |
| 3 | Guns N' ____, Who had hit song "Sweet Child of Mine" |
| 4 | Harry ____, Orson Wells character in "The Third Man" |
| 5 | The _____ Josey Wales, 1976 Clint Eastwood film |
| 6 | Leslie _____, Actor who played the role of Dirty Den Watts |
| 7 | ___ Neeson, Irish actor and star of Schindler's List |
| 8 | Father _____ Investigates, US series with Tom Bosley |
| 9 | _____, Could be White, Gibbs or Manilow |
| 10 | ___ Dwarf, Cult TV comedy series on a spaceship |

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Pet's Corner!

Keeping Tortoises - Part One Why These Reptiles Do Not Belong In Our Gardens!

Tortoises remain a popular pet and there are many different species to choose from. Some tortoises hibernate, whereas some of the larger species do not. Some come from quite hot, dry habitats, others from a more humid climate. Some are protected by law, requiring licenses in order to purchase one, and can therefore be very expensive to buy. It is therefore essential that you buy them from a reputable breeder or specialist shop.

What happened to the 'Garden Tortoise'?

Between 1946 and 1984, over 6 million tortoises, mainly Mediterranean Spur-Thighed and Hermann's tortoises, were imported into the UK, 20 million into Europe.



They were taken straight from their dry and hot, wild habitat to live in people's gardens, hibernating during our long winter months.

80% of these tortoises died, the life-span of the remaining few was about 3 years.

Why did they die? Tortoises are reptiles, and are therefore **ectothermic** - they rely on their environmental temperature to warm their body. These tortoises required a temperature of around 85-95 degrees F and about 2500-3500 hours of strong sunlight in order to stimulate sufficient eating, digestion and metabolism of their food, as well as to absorb sufficient calcium from their diet to grow and maintain a healthy skeletal and

muscle system. Their maximum hibernation time is 2-3 months. Our poor sunlight, cold temperatures and long winters did not enable the tortoises to carry out these vital activities, and the long, cold hibernation meant that they had insufficient energy stored to see them through.



All of the tortoise species require specialist housing called a vivarium where they are housed for the cooler part of our year, providing sufficient heat and UVB exposure. During the hottest days, they will greatly enjoy and benefit from a romp in a secure garden!

More next month on keeping these fascinating pets!

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Jenny Whittle - News from County Hall



Getting Back on Track in Rail Services - Kent County Council's campaign to stand up for the county's commuters has been heard loud and clear by Transport Minister Theresa Villiers. At a recent meeting in Westminster, KCC Leader Paul Carter and KCC Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste Bryan Sweetland presented the Minister with a copy of the Rail Action Plan for Kent. This 15-point

plan, developed after extensive consultation with local rail and commuter groups, MPs and Kent's Parish, District and County Councils, aims to shape the next Kent rail franchise from 2014.

The main recommendations are:

- High Speed services all day to Deal & Sandwich
- Reduced journey times along the North Kent line from the East Kent coast via Medway to Victoria & Cannon Street
- New City service all day on Maidstone East line to Blackfriars (Thameslink from 2018), to reinstate City connections from Maidstone and West Mailing
- Retain Cannon Street for Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells
- New direct service to Gatwick Airport

Maidstone as the County Town needs a rail service that is fit for the 21st century, and, whilst the new High Speed Service from Maidstone West via Strood is to be welcomed, we desperately need a return of the Cannon Street service and regular services into the City. KCC is applying pressure on the Government and Southeastern to make this happen.

Liverton Hill signage - At long last, the Liverton Hill signage scheme will be installed just before or after you read this piece! I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Pat Anderson, for her help in preparing this scheme and attending meetings with Kent Highways and myself.

Improving the Quality of Road Repairs - I would like to thank Headcorn Road resident, Chris Wheal, for accompanying the KCC Director of Highways, John Burr and myself on a tour of local roads. Chris has prepared a dossier of photos showing where road repairs have not been done to an adequate standard. John will now go back to the contractors with a clear message that shoddy repairs are unacceptable and that highways inspectors must do a more thorough review to ensure that taxpayers' money is well spent. The "find and fix" potholes campaign went well last year but we must ensure that longer-term roads maintenance programmes are properly undertaken and last many years before having to be redone.

Supporting Children's Services in Kent

As the Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services, I have launched two campaigns recently - firstly to encourage more people to become foster carers and secondly, to entice bright young people to consider social work with children as a career and those who are thinking of return to KCC as a social worker to do so.

Between April 2010 and March 2011, KCC successfully reached its target of recruiting 120 new foster carers and is looking to recruit the same number by March 2012. We now have some 700 in total, helping to care for the majority of the 1700 children in the care of KCC. They provide loving and caring homes for children and young people who need support away from their families. KCC's Fostering Service offers a range of benefits including financial rewards and comprehensive training, along with supervision and professional support. If you would like to find out more, please log on to our website, www.kent.gov.uk/fostering or contact our Initial Enquiries Team on 0845 330 2968. I know foster carers in Boughton Malherbe and would like to thank them for the vital work they do to support vulnerable children.

It is highly likely that some readers will be working as a social worker in Children's Social Services at KCC or elsewhere. KCC is significantly improving the salary and benefits for new and existing children's social care staff. In doing so, it intends to attract professionals from across the south east to join or stay with one of the biggest social care teams in the country. [Newly qualified](#) or [principal children's social workers](#) who join the council will be offered £2,000 as part of a welcome package. Current experienced social workers in frontline teams will receive a salary increase of up to £3,000 and this will also apply to new experienced staff joining these teams.

This year, KCC is aiming to recruit 100 social workers and 24 social care managers to ensure that we provide a properly managed and supervised service and enough frontline staff to support vulnerable children and families. The minimum starting salary for qualified social workers increased last month from £23,054 to £26,422. The pay rates increase depending on experience and job role. The new package of golden hellos, retention payments and increased starter salaries has been introduced to match the packages offered by other councils in Greater London and the South East region.

If you would like to find out more about professional opportunities in KCC's Children's Social Services, log on to www.kent.gov.uk/jobs or telephone 01622 605535. Alternatively, you can contact me direct.

Jenny Whittle
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BUS SERVICE 59

Grafty Green – Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood

Shown below is the revised Monday to Friday timetable which Arriva which is introducing from 11th April 2011. The only change from the outline times shown in March's magazine is that the proposed 1550 departure from Maidstone will now leave at 1600.

A new timetable leaflet is awaited

Please note that there are no changes being made to the Service 59 Saturday timetable operated by NuVenture, nor to the Schooldays only Service 66 timetable, also operated by NuVenture.

Service 59 Timetable - Mondays to Fridays from 11th April 2011

| | Sch | NSch | | NSch | Sch |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Grafty Green, Kings Head | 0710 | 0721 | 0930 | - | - |
| Ulcombe Post Office | 0717 | 0729 | 0937 | - | - |
| Kingswood Village Hall | 0722 | 0733 | 0942 | 1430 | 1430 |
| Kingswood, Ashford Drive | 0725 | 0736 | 0944 | 1432 | 1432 |
| Warmlake Corner | 0731 | 0742 | 0950 | 1438 | 1438 |
| Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head | 0735 | 0745 | 0953 | 1441 | 1441 |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn | 0738 | 0749 | 0956 | 1444 | 1444 |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Albion | 0741 | 0751 | 0958 | 1446 | 1447 |
| Linton Corner | 0746 | 0756 | 1003 | 1451 | 1506 |
| Loose Road / Old Loose Hill | 0750 | 0800 | 1006 | 1454 | 1509 |
| Wheatshaf | 0756 | 0806 | 1012 | 1500 | 1515 |
| Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2 | - | 0814 | 1020 | 1508 | 1523 |
| Maidstone Chequers | 0808 | | | | |
| Somerfield Hospital | 0817 | | | | |
| Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park | 0826 | | | | |

Sch - Schooldays

NSch - Not Schooldays

On Schooldays the 1430 from Kingswood runs via Cornwallis Academy (arr 1457/dep 1506)

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| Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2 | 1220 | 1350 | 1600 | 1715 |
| Maidstone Chequers, Stop J4 | 1222 | 1352 | 1602 | 1717 |
| Wheatshaf | 1229 | 1359 | 1609 | 1724 |
| Loose Road / Old Loose Hill | 1233 | 1403 | 1613 | 1728 |
| Linton Corner | 1237 | 1407 | 1617 | 1732 |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Albion | 1242 | 1412 | 1622 | 1737 |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn | 1245 | 1415 | 1625 | 1740 |
| Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head | 1248 | 1418 | 1628 | 1743 |
| Warmlake Corner | 1251 | 1421 | 1631 | 1746 |
| Kingswood Village Hall | - | 1426 | - | - |
| Kingswood, Ashford Drive | 1259 | - | 1639 | 1754 |
| Ulcombe Post Office | 1306 | - | 1646 | 1801 |
| Grafty Green, Kings Head | 1313 | - | 1653 | 1808 |

The Grafty Gourmet

I thought it was about time that I did a vegetarian recipe. So give this healthy dish a try. You can always substitute the "hippy" food (lentils and chick peas) and add minced lamb instead. If so, fry the lamb together with the onion and garlic before adding the other ingredients.

Vegetarian Moussaka - Serves 2

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 2 Large Aubergines, sliced | 250g Mushrooms, sliced |
| 400g Tin of Green Lentils, drained | 2 Tablespoons Tomato Puree |
| 600ml Vegetable Stock | 2 Teaspoons Dried Mixed Herbs |
| 2 Bay Leaves | 3 Tablespoons of Water |
| 1 Onion, chopped | 150ml Natural Yogurt |
| 2 Garlic Gloves, finely chopped | 1 Large Egg, beaten |
| 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil | 100g Cheddar or Mozzarella Cheese, grated |
| 400g Tin of Chopped Tomatoes | Fresh Ground Black Pepper |
| 400g Tin of Chick Peas, drained | |

1. Place the sliced Aubergine in layers in a large sieve, sprinkling each layer with salt. Cover and leave for at least 30 minutes to allow the bitter juices to be extracted.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan, and gently fry the onion and garlic for 4 to 5 minutes.
3. Add the drained lentils, chick peas, tomatoes, vegetable stock, mushrooms, tomato puree, herbs, bay leaves and water, and bring to the boil. Then simmer, covered for 10 minutes.
4. Pre heat oven to 180 degrees. Remove the bay leaves from the mixture and season to taste with salt and black pepper.
5. Rinse the aubergines slices and pat dry with kitchen paper. Place a few of the slices in a frying pan and fry each side gently. This will need to be done in batches, so that each slice is evenly fried.
6. Arrange a layer of the sliced aubergines on the bottom of a deep casserole dish and spoon over a layer of the lentil mixture. Continue the layers until all the mixture and aubergine slices are used up, finishing with a layer of the lentil mixture.
7. Beat together the yogurt and egg and season with salt and black pepper. Pour over the mixture in the casserole dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake for 45 minutes.

News from Ulcombe's Village School

This has been a strange time for us in school, not least because this term has been such a short one. The term started with holidays and a special wedding day, and has then been filled with class photographs and National Tests (formerly known as SATs) for children in Year 6 and some of the younger children. We have also found the time to successfully appoint a new teacher to join our team from September.

SUMMER FAYRE AND SCHOOL SPORTS' DAY

I hope you have Saturday 18th June in your diary, but if not you might want to turn to it now. It is our annual Sports' Day followed by our Summer Fayre. The Friends of Ulcombe School, our PTFA, have been hard at work preparing for this for some time now, with a variety of food, drink, activities, stocks and stalls to enjoy. The races start at 11am, with the Fayre following on immediately afterwards at around 12noon. See you there!

Sporting Success

On the sporting theme, I have some great news to share with you all. The School Football team competes in the local area league and this year performed incredibly well. In fact, we share the top spot with Lenham Primary School, more than three times the size of Ulcombe, which is a truly remarkable achievement. We are not sure, at this moment, whether the title of champions will be shared or if the two teams will go head-to-head in a play-off. We will let you know next month. In the annual Lenham tournament, on Saturday 7th May, we were up against fourteen teams from the Maidstone and Ashford areas. As ever, the team played incredibly well, and finished as Plate Final runners-up. We are still hopeful that the local area cup competition will take place, though we are awaiting confirmation and the all important first round draw.

As spring leads into summer so football leads onto cricket. Our team had a great time playing in the local area Kwik Cricket tournament at Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Club on Tuesday 17th May. In fact they won all bar one of their matches, and this single defeat was to the eventual tournament winners. We are pleased that as well as having our own after-school cricket club, Mr Pass has been able to come along and teach cricket to our older children as part of the Chance 2 Shine project.

With rounder's, athletics and possibly even golf competitions to come, we are looking forward to a very sporty summer.

Tawny Owls Go West

The month of May ended with many of Tawny Owls, our oldest class, making their way down to Osmington Bay in Dorset for their Residential Adventure Week. For the third year running we invited two other local schools to join us for this trip, which made it a great opportunity to make new friends as well as a wonderful opportunity to face new challenges. The weather will, we hope, have been sunny and we will, we know, have had a great time taking in part in activities such as abseiling, tunnel trail

and quad biking. We are looking forward to telling you all about it next month.

Looking Ahead

The next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner is on Wednesday 15th June at 1pm. If you have not booked your seat already I am afraid it may be too late, but you can still come along later that afternoon to the special Father's Day Assembly. This will start at around 2pm.

Looking further ahead than that, all the way into July, you are all very welcome to come along and see what we get up to in school during our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 13th July. This might particularly be of interest to those of you with Pre-School children, as well as those of you who have children here now, but everyone, regardless of your link or interest in the school, is warmly invited to join us.

Moving towards the end of our school year we will have an end of year production to enjoy, which is open to all again. Look out for dates and details in next month's newsletter. We will also have our Leavers' Service, to be held at All Saints Parish Church at 9.15am on Friday 22nd July. We look forward to seeing you at any, or even many, of these forthcoming events.

Please remember that if you have any questions about what happens here at school you can visit our web-site, send us an e-mail, telephone us, or even pop in.

Kindest regards,

Mr V Hampton *Head Teacher*

Beekeeping Taster/ Introductory Talk

Pluckley Village Hall, Station Road, Pluckley

Friday 17th June from 8pm to 9pm. Cost is £5 per person.

The talk is aimed at giving important information into the conservation of bees and the craft of beekeeping. It is not intended to give knowledge on how to keep bees successfully.

For more information contact Debbie or Pat Hillman by email:
the1ark@btinternet.com

Grafty Geeks - Computer Tip of the Month

Where do my attachments go?

This is one of the most frequently asked questions, another one is how do I find my files, (documents or pictures)?

So do you wonder what happens to these documents and pictures, and how you can save them onto your computer instead of just keeping them in your emails?

You may ask why you need to save these documents onto your computer, well if you have documents and pictures sent to you often, it wouldn't take long for you to forget where they are and if you make changes to the documents you are sent you may have difficulty finding these changes on a later date.

If any of this is familiar to you what you need to know more about is **managing files and folders**.

A file is an item that contains information—for example, text or images or music. When opened, a file can look very much like a text document or a picture that you might find on someone's desk or in a filing cabinet. On your computer, files are represented with icons; this makes it easy to recognize a type of file so you know which application was used to create it.

A folder is a container you can use to store files in. If you had thousands of paper files on your desk, it would be nearly impossible to find any particular file when you needed it. That's why people often store paper files in folders inside a filing cabinet. On your computer, folders work the same way.



In Windows Vista and Windows 7 you can find your files in Libraries which are accessed through the Computer icon on your desktop or via the Start menu.



Typically, the Libraries that are provided for you when you buy a computer are:

- > Document Libraries
- > Picture Libraries
- > Music Libraries

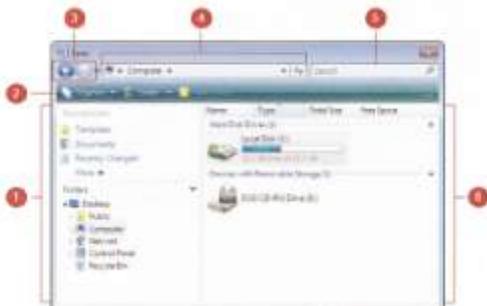
These Libraries are known as **default libraries** and are **folders** where documents, pictures and music will be saved unless you change the location yourself which can be done if you have set up your own filing structure.

When files are saved they will automatically go to one of these folders depending on their type, for instance word documents will go into the Document Library and Pictures will go into the Pictures Library. The computer has been programmed to do this for you.

These **default folders** are ready when you first start using your computer, they are the manufacturers' settings and can differ from computer to computer. However you can create your own filing structure so you can be more aware what is being stored on the computer and then you will be able to find your work much quicker. This will also mean you will be able to find the documents and pictures to attach to emails and send to people.

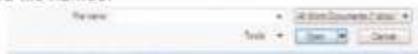
When you select an option to look at the files and folders on your computer you will open a new window like this:

There are numerous ways of accessing this window, but no matter what you select to look at your folders, or to open files to work on this is what you will get:



1. The **Navigation Pane**: lists storage devices available to you and displays the **folders and subfolders** contained within these. There are two parts to this pane, a list of Favourite Links and a list of all **Folders**. You can hide the folders list by clicking on **Folders**. You can use the **Navigation Pane** to browse through the available **folders and subfolders**, to locate the required document. Click on the arrows to expand and collapse the folder hierarchy, thereby displaying and hiding the hierarchy within **folders**
2. The **Toolbar**: buttons enable you to control the display and organisation of the files displayed in the window. For instance, you can move files and create new folders using the **Organise** tool, or you can change the **File List** to display the files as icons instead of as a list.
3. **Back and Forward buttons**: When selecting Open file from an application like Word, this window will be displayed. The **Back** button allows you to backtrack through selected folders and the **Forward** button moves to forward again. *(This is only available when using "Open File" options from applications)*
4. The **Address Bar** displays the file path location of the files that are currently displayed in the **File List** pane.
5. The **Search box** enables you to use search criteria to locate a file. This criteria can be based on file name, file type or author for instance and can be Boolean filters (e.g. AND, NOT, OR etc) for more advance
6. The **File List** pane displays a list of files and subfolders contained within the folder currently selected in the **Navigation Pane**. You can double-click on a folder or file in this list to open it.

Now you understand the **Save** or **Save as** window, next time you download a file from an email just take a moment to see where that file goes. The **Save** or **Save as** window looks almost the same as the one above and the one you select from the Computer icon on the desktop. The only difference between the window when you select the Computer icon or Libraries from the Start Menu and the **Save** and **Open** window is they have input fields and buttons so you can type file names.



You can create your own folders to organise what you store on your computer so when you save something from an email you can select the folder you want before it is saved.

For more on Files and Folders use Help and Support from the Start Menu, select Windows Basics and follow the links.

One more tip – if you do decide to organise your computer storage area only ever delete files or folders that you have created within the default libraries, because your computer uses files and folders to run programmes, so unless you absolutely know that you don't need a file **DON'T DELETE IT**

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Weekend Freighter Service up to 15th October 2011.

Grafty Green

Saturday 30th July 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 8th October 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 30th July 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane
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Saturday 6th August 09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens
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St Edmunds Centre - Platts Heath

St Edmund's Committee, Annual General Meeting – Mon 23rd May 2011

Chairman's Report

Thank you for coming to this year's Annual General Meeting for St Edmund's Hall. As we all know, St Edmund's Hall continues to be a vitally important facility for Platts Heath village. It not only doubles as a school hall for Platts Heath Primary School but also provides the one and only shared community facility for the village – a place for local people to meet, socialise and take part in activities.

Over the past year, the Hall has continued to be regularly used by groups – including Platts Heath School, the Toddler Group, the Karate Club, the Morris Dancers, Line dancers, Keep Fit Club (now finished), Angie for the annual New Year's Party and other private hirers for parties.

In addition, the Hall Committee members have organised and hosted some exciting events including a Karaoke Evening, a Christmas Carol and Mulled Wine Evening, a Quiz Night, a Cheese and Wine Evening, a Rounder's Match and a Children's Play Day.

The past year has also seen some considerable improvements to the fabric of the Hall and its facilities. The interior has been re-painted (although there's still a bit left to do on the stage), the pathway around the side of the Hall has been re-tarmaced and the windows have been re-painted. Also, thanks to a grant from the Grass Roots Foundation, we now have some very good quality film equipment and a screen, from which we now hope to run a Film Club.

The continued success of the Hall is dependent on the support of the Committee and sponsors. I would like to thank the Committee members for all their hard work over the past year – particularly when you all have lots of other commitments with which to contend. I would also like to thank Tricia for giving us newer members lots of help and guidance over the past year and also for securing the Grass Roots grant that paid for the film equipment. I would like to thank Duff – for being our DIY/Technical Director, and also the band of volunteers who helped him with the painting, Clive Bartlett – for helping set up the Film Club, Sandra Allen and Chris Horwood – for helping with the gardening, Hazel – for giving us her time for the Karaoke evening, John and Helen – for giving us their time for the Quiz Night and also various "other halves" (Bob Dibley, Rich Cousins, Paul Bennett and Phil Frazer to name a few) for often being roped in to setting up, tidying up and other delegated errands. Finally, I would like to thank the organisations who provide the Hall with funding and grants including the Grass Roots Foundation, Lenham Parish Council and the Hatch Charity.

From discussions at recent Committee meetings, it appears that the focus for next year is likely to be on maintaining funds through fund-raising events (in case of further maintenance and repair), keeping up the regular use of Hall by existing groups and also encouraging new users of the Hall – perhaps the elderly and secondary age children who currently don't have much of a representation at regular events. The recent "knocking on doors" exercise carried out by Karen, Becs and myself was very successful at re-igniting interest in the Hall, both from new residents and also residents who have used the Hall in the past, perhaps when their children were young, but have not done so for a while. As a result, we saw a few new faces at the following Cheese and Wine evening. It would be great if we could harness some of this renewed interest this coming year to get some more helpers on board.

Thank you again for all your efforts over the past year and I look forward to your continued interest and support over the coming year.

Kate Stansfield

Secretary's Report

I would like to thank you all for attending this evening. You may have noticed the hall has been completely redecorated this year in accordance with our lease agreement with the diocese thanks to our committee members. We have once again been lucky to secure a grant from Grassroots Grants which enabled us to purchase equipment to start our own film club. Clive Bartlett has volunteered to help set up the club and I believe they will be starting to show films soon.

Our mother and toddler group remains popular and continues to bring in a number of bookings for children's parties. Karen also organised a fun day again, and she plans another one for during the summer holidays too. Mr Piers Anscomb the new Headteacher of Platts Heath School has used the hall for a variety of activities this year. Mrs Thursting of the Black Dragon Academy of Karate and Kickboxing continues the club on Monday evenings 4.45 - 6.45 for the young members of the village. The Morris Dancers continue to use the hall during the winter months and the Line dancers throughout the year.

Once again I have to thank the very popular quiz masters John and Helen Nye who never fail to entertain us on quiz nights and help raise much needed funds. Special thanks go to Angie McElvanney and Hazel Wooletts for the New Year Eve party they put on, which raised quite a lot of money. Also thanks to Sandra Allen who has helped me with the hard work in the garden from time to time.

Finally may I thank all those villagers who have supported me during my term as secretary and wish the remaining committee every success in the future?

Tricia Dibley

St Edmunds Centre - Monthly Update

There has been little happening this month apart from the wine quiz held on the 6th May which was quite a success and made another £77.00. The AGM was held on Monday 23rd May at which I stood down as secretary however I will remain a Trustee.

At this point I have to say a big thank you to my fellow committee members for the beautiful flowers they presented to me and Tom Sams for his very kind words. I feel confident that the new chairman Kate Stansfield will lead the committee onto even greater things.

The new contact for booking the hall is now Mrs Karen Yardley our vice chairman who can be contacted on 858208. Karen is also the leader of the Toddler group who meet on Monday mornings 10am - 12 noon.

The Film Club committee tested the equipment and it was quite impressive they will shortly be ready to start showing a variety of films at reasonable prices. I sincerely hope you will support their efforts as a lot of work has gone into acquiring the equipment and setting up the club.

The Karate & Kickboxing Club run by Mrs Thursting from the Black Dragon Academy is held every Monday from 4.45 to 6.45. Please telephone Mrs Thursting on 07949 844 893 for details.

Line dancing is on Thursday evenings at 8pm-9pm we still need new members so if you fancy a new way to exercise do come along and join us.

A rounder's match will be the next event on Sunday 3rd July in the school field starting at 2pm do come along and bring a picnic with you everyone has a great time.

DOG POO: Would the person responsible for dumping green plastic bags of dog excrement in the St Edmunds dustbin when it has been emptied by the dustmen and left out on our pathway please take their dog poo home and dispose of it in a more suitable place. Can anyone who sees the person doing this please telephone either Duffrey Robinson or Karen Yardley so they can take it up with the guilty party. This is a community centre and has very high hygiene standards.

Tricia Dibley



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Grafty Green Gardening Club

Grafty Green Gardening Club programme for 2011. Membership is £5 for the year. Visitors are welcome at any of the meetings. Further information from Sue Burch 850381

| Date | Topic | Speaker |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|
| June 7 | Outing private garden – Westways, St.Faiths Lane Bearsted | |
| July 5 | Coach outing to Salutation Garden in Sandwich | £12 Plus entry fee pp |
| August 2 | Outing Knowle Hill Farm, Elizabeth Cairns | 6.30 pm |
| Sept 6 | Autumn Show - Sue Scrivens | Saltwood Foxglove |
| Sept 24/25 | Weekend to Malvern, Worcestershire, Bank House hotel and Country Club. | Three Counties Autumn show |
| Oct 4 | Brogdale National Fruit Collection | Tasting Apples and Pears |
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Grafty Green Gardening Club Spring 2011

There is no meeting in May; our next event is an outing to a private garden Westway, St.Faith's Lane, Bearsted, ME14 4JN (off Tower Lane, approach from Yeoman's Lane) on Tuesday 7th June, arrival time is 6.30. As parking is limited please share transport where possible. Donations to the diabetes charity.

There is a **change of date** for the coach outing to The Secret or Salutation Garden in Sandwich; this is scheduled for Saturday 2nd July **NOT** the 5th. It is intended that we arrive in Sandwich by about 11am and return to Grafty Green at 6.30. The cost of the coach is £12 and entry is £6. Lutyens devised the three-and-a-half acres of ornamental gardens with the help of Gertrude Jekyll. After lying neglected for 25 years, The Secret Gardens has undergone a remarkable transformation in the last four years; now restored to its original beauty. If you wish to book seats please contact Carole on 757536; we would like a deposit of £6 to be paid on booking and the balance (£6) to be paid by 25th June.

The weekend to Three Counties Show September 23rd to 25th: there are a couple of places left on this trip £148 per person sharing a twin and £178 for a single, again contact Carole to book. If you have got your name down we would like a deposit of £20 and final payment by September 6. During the weekend we will be visiting Slimbridge Wild Fowl and Wetlands Trust and also Charlecote Manor; plenty to see and do. Bank House Hotel and Country Club is where we stay, dinner bed and breakfast.

Enjoy your garden,

Sue Burch

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The June Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Taurus at beginning of June, and moves into Gemini on the 21st. On this date the Sun reaches its most northerly point, so this is the **Summer Solstice** (the longest day).

New Moon occurs on Wednesday 1st June, and **Full Moon** is on Wednesday 15th June, in the constellation of Ophiuchus. On this occasion the Moon is exactly opposite the Sun, so we have a **total eclipse of the Moon**. When the Moon rises at about 10 pm it is already in shadow, and the first glimpse of the Moon will appear just after moonrise. The Moon will be totally exposed within an hour.

Mercury is at superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 12th June, so again it is unlikely we will be able to see this elusive planet this month.

Venus is also rising less than an hour before sunrise, so the "Morning Star" will again be almost impossible to see this month.

Mars is slowly emerging from behind the Sun, and by the end of June it is rising in the northeast in the early hours of the morning. It is still very difficult to see as it is on the far side of its orbit.

Jupiter has also emerged into the morning sky. At dawn it is much further right and higher up than Mars, and is much brighter.

Saturn is in the south-western sky at dusk and sets just after midnight. It is much brighter than the stars and shines with a steadier light. Its famous rings can only be seen through a telescope.

I know that many of you will have read about the discovery of the first habitable planet outside our solar system. The "exoplanet", called Gliese 581d, is 20 light years away and has conditions that could support life, including possible oceans and rainfall. The planet orbits a red-dwarf star similarly called Gliese 581, on its outer fringes called the "Goldilocks Zone", where the temperature is not so hot that water boils away, or so cold that water is perpetually frozen.

Even though it may be technically habitable, it would not be very comfortable for humans, as gravity is twice that of Earth, doubling the weight of anyone standing on the surface, and the atmosphere is dense with carbon dioxide. Scientists from the Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, are particularly excited as the Gliese system is relatively close to the Earth, and with future telescopes it may be possible to search for life directly.

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|----|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
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| 2 | Door | Pan | Starting | |
| 3 | Main | Put | Sail | |
| 4 | Dealer | Fire | Open | |
| 5 | Book | Morse | Name | |
| 6 | Finish | Fit | Opportunity | |
| 7 | Cuddly | Executive | Soft | |
| 8 | Box | Mail | Speaking | |
| 9 | Mover | Quake | Worm | |
| 10 | Chimney | Clean | Stake | |
| 11 | Finishing | Old | Sunday | |
| 12 | Gas | Pot | Suit | |
| 13 | Book | Film | Under | |
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So what do all these terms mean..... Well essentially it is new ways of producing energy (heat and electricity) to maintain our comfort levels in our homes and offices without relying on fossil and traditional fuels such as oil and gas, and saving on our water usage. What follows is a summary of each of the technologies:

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) – These are panels, about the size of a doorway, that fix to your roof or frame works anchored into the ground that produce electricity. The electricity is then fed back into the national grid and can also be stored in batteries within your premises. The electricity produced can be bought from you by the electricity companies.

Solar Thermal – This technology utilises the heat from the sun to warm up your hot water in your home or business premises, again through panels situated upon a roof or ground level. Most common are systems that heat the hot water you use for bathing and washing. More recently solar thermal panels can be used to produce heat for your central heating system, but this technology is still in its infancy. Solar Thermal installations commonly now produce 70 to 80% of your hot water requirements, often saving you in the region of £200 a year.

Air Source Heat Pumps – Possibly one of the most effective methods of heating your hot water and central heating in your home. FREE energy is available within the air we breathe outside. The Heat Pump takes the energy from the air and turns it into heat for your property. Some models of pumps on the market are up to 400% more efficient than your boiler saving you up to £2000 a year on your heating bills.

Ground Source Heat Pumps – These machines are similar to the Air Source heat pumps whereby they take the free energy from the ground, i.e. low consistent temperature (8 to 10 deg C) heat and convert it to high temperature heat to provide heat for your hot water and central heating. These systems are ideal if you are starting a new build property or extensive renovations.

Windpower Generation – “Windmills” are of increasing interest for the national power generation. They are principally used to generate electricity and feed that energy back into the national grid. However smaller versions of the machines are becoming more popular within light/small commercial concerns such as office building and Garages.

Biofuel Heating – These are basically boilers that are fuelled by wood, wood pellets, compressed paper logs. Wood is classed as a renewable fuel as growing trees uses as much carbon dioxide as when the wood is burnt (Carbon Neutral). So when you burn a tree make sure you plant one in its place!! This type of energy generation for your heating and hot water can be very efficient and economical.

Wood burning stoves can easily be fitted to run alongside/support your boiler based heating system with the right installation. If you have a stove at present then perhaps investigate the potential of adapting it.

Water Harvesting – The average household uses 160 litres of water a day. Nearly half of this could be used from water collected or “harvested” within your property. Such a system could cut your water usage bills by half if you are on a water meter. Harvested water can be used to flush toilets, feed washing machines and dishwashers, washing cars and windows, watering gardens and filling ponds. Incidentally flushing toilets equates to almost a 3rd of all water usage in the home, possibly more!. There are two types of water harvesting :

Rainwater Harvesting – A system that will collect rainwater falling onto your premises. The “harvested” water is then filtered and re-used within your property.

Greywater Harvesting - Grey water is residential wastewater, which is discharged from baths and showers, wash hand basins and even washing machines.

So where do you go from here. In today’s “financial” climate the costs of such technologies can seem prohibitive in order to change our “environmental” climate. But gas prices are set to rise possibly 20% a year. Those of us on oil have already seen an increase from around 20p per litre in the late 1990’s / 2000 to somewhere around 70p at the end of 2010..... does that make a 350% rise in 10 years???

There is a big push by the Government and the Plumbing and Heating industry to move to renewable technologies and over the coming months and years we hope to see reduced material prices and possibly further grants and incentives.

What Simple Low Cost Measures You Do in the Short Term:

- Fit water butts around your property for outside water use.
- Install energy efficient and LED based light bulbs (could half your lighting costs)
- Fit time switches to standing lights.
- Turn down your thermostat by a degree or two.
- Fit thermostatic radiator valves to your radiators.
- Fit water flow restrictors/aerators to taps and showers.
- Only flush toilet after number two's !!!
- Fit draft excluder strips to old doors and windows. Check to see if they have sealant around the frames and adjoining walls.
- Repair any leaking taps and running overflow pipes.
- Consider a flush of your central heating system to allow water flow easier through your system. This will allow your boiler and pump to work more efficiently and not pump “custard” type fluid around your system.

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Messy Church has been running for several months in the Len Valley and has attracted many families. Eleanor and Madeline both referred to the activities. These are followed by a short time of worship and teaching during which new songs are learned.

The climax of the afternoon is tea together. Is it 'high tea' or 'low tea?' I'm not sure but what I do know is that it is an opportunity to meet as well as to eat. We all sit down together and the really clever diners do, sometimes, remember the names of those they have met! To use a cliché, a good time is had by all.

The last of the current series will be held in All Saints' church, Ulcombe from 4.30 to 6.30pm on Saturday June 18th. Jesus words, "I am the true vine" will be explored in a variety of ways. If you haven't tried this different kind of church why not come along? By the way, Messy Church is NOT sexist! Men are welcome and are actually needed to help with activities for boys. Helen Venn on 01622 858195 is happy to answer any questions.

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Christian Message June 2011

I was talking a few weeks ago with someone who told me that the Bible was a great story, but of course wasn't true, and in particular, the resurrection of Jesus couldn't be true. It was obvious, he said, that Jesus hadn't been really dead – just in a coma or a faint, and that the cool of the tomb had revived him.

Well, that's one view. To me, it doesn't stack up. To begin with, the Romans knew a thing or two about killing people – they knew how to crucify someone and they'd had a lot of practice at it. Add to that the fact that Jesus' side was speared and blood and water flowed out. In other words, his heart had stopped pumping and his blood had started separating into cells and plasma. That only happens when you're dead. Again, add that the grave clothes were still in the tomb, undisturbed.

But most compelling for me is the fact that those early disciples were totally changed by meeting the risen Jesus and by receiving the Holy Spirit who Jesus promised them. Remember, just a few weeks earlier they had all run away. Peter had denied he even knew Jesus. They locked themselves in their meeting room because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. But now here was Peter standing up in front of a crowd of thousands telling them that Jesus was alive, that he was God, that he was the Messiah. This is the same crowd that had bayed for Jesus' blood and demanded that Pilate and the Romans crucify him.

This kind of behaviour is not what you'd expect from someone who had run away, denied he knew Jesus or who didn't believe Jesus was really alive. It surely takes a fool to risk his life for a lie. In fact, many of the disciples were subsequently killed for their faith.

Would you die for a lie?

No, however inconvenient it may be for us in our rational, scientific world, the resurrection and the change in the disciples is a fact.

What is really exciting, though, is that this courage, this power to live a good life, the power to forgive, the right to be a child of God is available to all of us.

At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the believers and Jesus' followers down the ages. Come and join us at All Saints' church, Ulcombe at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th June for a Pentecost celebration – we have a guest speaker and special music: and an opportunity to find out more about the faith and receive God's power for living his life.

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Music Notes - June

Perhaps the key local musical news for June is the announcement of the beginning of the annual Maidstone International Music and Dance Festival. There will be an almost daily programme of concerts and musical events for some six weeks starting on 12th June. Look in the local press for detailed information. Details will eventually be on the internet no doubt, but not at the time of preparing this!

So here is my selection for the month, from what I can find:

- Sunday 12th June, 6.00pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – the opening concert of the 19th International Festival, held in aid of charity. Music by the Maidstone Singers, school choirs and orchestra. Tickets 01732 521221
- Tuesday 14th June, another opportunity to hear the Russian singers Lyra, led by the choir master from St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg. This time at All Saints' Ulcombe at 7.30pm. I strongly recommended them last month, and if you missed them at Otham I urge you to try at Ulcombe, Tickets 01622 842 988.
- Sunday 19th June, 15.00-16.45, Maidstone Wind Symphony put on the first of the Summer bandstand concerts at Brenchley Gardens, Maidstone, as part of the Festival.
- Saturday 25th June, 7.30pm at Mote hall Maidstone, the big concert of the Festival, and another item not to be missed, is the Maidstone Choral Union event "Songs of the Sea, Sailors and Ships". A wide range of enjoyable music, ranging from G&S (excepts from *HMS Pinafore* & *The Pirates of Penzance*) to orchestral works including Mendelssohn's *Hebrides* overture and the popular prom pieces. Tickets 01622 726193

Brian Hardy

Musical Appreciation?

Extract from a parish magazine article giving advance publicity to the local school concert:

"The senior school are putting on a performance of "West Side Story", a musical based on Romeo & Juliet, in the church hall on Friday & Saturday evenings this week. We are all invited to attend this tragedy.

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

2nd June – Ascension Day

Deanery Ascension Day celebration. 8pm Holy Cross Bearsted

5th June – 7th Sunday after Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

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

12th June – Pentecost

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Morning Worship
11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Ulcombe – Deanery Pentecost Celebration

19th June – Trinity Sunday

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

26th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity. (The Birth of St. John the Baptist)

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

Baptisms: Parents who are interested in arranging for a child to be baptised are invited to an information meeting in Lenham Community Centre on Monday 4th July at 7.30pm.

Novena of Prayer Ascension to Pentecost

As part of the year of Discipleship, 24/7 Bishop Trevor has asked if we can spend time in prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost. We pray that the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control will become evident in the lives of our communities. To this end, the North Downs Deanery has arranged a 'Novena of Prayer' with evening services in several of our churches from Ascension Day until Pentecost. All services begin at 8pm other than the service on Pentecost which is at 6.00pm. The programme is as follows:

- 2nd June Ascension Day: Sung Eucharist at Holy Cross Bearsted.
- 3rd June Compline at St Mary's, Lenham
- 5th June Evening Service at St Peter's, Boughton Monchelsea
- 6th June Service at St Mary the Virgin, Thurnham
- 7th June Compline at All Saints, Hollingbourne
- 8th June Poetry and Icons at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham
- 9th June Iona Service at St. Martin's, Detling
- 10th June Taize Service at All Saints, Ulcombe
- 11th June Compline at St Mary's, Lenham
- 12th June 6.30pm Praise Service, All Saints, Ulcombe

For more information please contact the Benefice Office on 850604.

Jazz Al Fresco – Harrietsham

Don't miss this evening of great music, food and good company in the field behind the church on Saturday 25th June 2011 from 5pm onwards

Featuring Jim's Jazz Band and the Norton Knatchbull School Jazz Quartet the event will be a great chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and to enjoy some outstanding music. Bring your own picnic or try Dick Venn's barbecued bangers and burgers. We'll be selling soft drinks but we won't charge corkage on your own stronger beverages. There'll also be a raffle and all proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our wonderful historic church.

Entry £5 on the gate - children free. For more information contact Andrew Bond 858251 or Stuart Bligh 850490

Confirmation: Preparation sessions for confirmation will begin in the church room at Harrietsham village hall on Monday 20th June at 6.30pm. Enquiries about joining this group with a view to confirmation should be made to the church office on 01622 850604.

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
| 1 | Passion | Power | Sun | Flower |
| 2 | Door | Pan | Starting | Handle |
| 3 | Main | Put | Sail | Stay |
| 4 | Dealer | Fire | Open | Arms |
| 5 | Book | Morse | Name | Code |
| 6 | Flash | FH | Opportunity | Photo |
| 7 | Cuddly | Executive | Soft | Toys |
| 8 | Box | Mail | Speaking | Voice |
| 9 | Mover | Quake | Worm | Earth |
| 10 | Chimney | Clean | Slate | Sweep |
| 11 | Finishing | Old | Sunday | School |
| 12 | Gas | Pot | Suit | Boiler |
| 13 | Book | Film | Under | Review |
| 14 | Bugs | Circus | University | Oxford |
| 15 | Full | Knee | Shoulder | Length |
| 16 | Hero | Model | Power | Super |

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| | Find the missing word? |
| 1 | Beat It , A No 1 hit for Michael Jackson |
| 2 | Life on Mars , BBC series in which a policeman was mysteriously transported back to 1973 |
| 3 | Guns N' Roses , Who had hit song "Sweet Child of Mine" |
| 4 | Harry Lime , Orson Wells character in "The Third Man" |
| 5 | The Outlaw Josey Wales, 1976 Clint Eastwood film |
| 6 | Leslie Grantham , Actor who played the role of Dirty Den Watts |
| 7 | Liam Neeson , Irish actor and star of Schindler's List |
| 8 | Father Dowling Investigates, US series with Tom Bosley |
| 9 | Barry , Could be White, Gibbs or Mantlow |
| 10 | Red Dwarf , Cult TV comedy series on a spaceship |

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