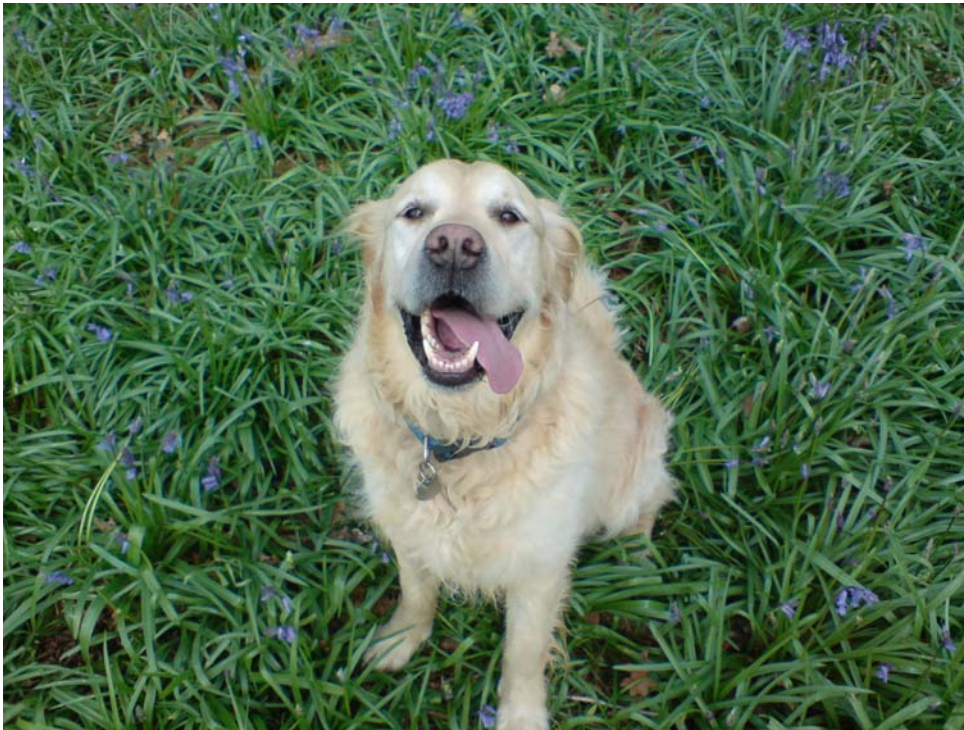


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Front cover:

Pippin – see article ‘Every dog has his day’ to discover his secret !!!

News from St. Nicholas Church

Flower Festival

As I write this, the Flower festival is almost upon us. We have a good team of flower arrangers from around the area representing other churches in neighbouring benefices, all very willing to help us at St. Nicholas to make a good show. Please come along and support us.

The Church will be open on Friday 3rd October 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm. On Saturday the Church will be open from 11.00 am - 5.30 pm and at 7.30 pm. There is to be a concert with a small group from the Tenterden Singers called 'Rob's Recruits' singing light music (the same type of music as the Invicta Singers). Also in the programme we have Doreen Hulm - Soprano, Annie Hawkes - Contralto and Janet Norfolk - musician and poet, Janet Davies and Rob Eastwood on violins accompanied by Pamela Hinton on the keyboard and Claire Houston playing her harp. There will be light refreshments in the interval. Tickets are £5.00.

On Sunday 5 October, it is our Harvest Festival Sunday and we celebrate with a special Harvest Eucharist at 9.30 am. The celebrant is Tony Old, whom we have got to know well during the Interregnum. The Church will be open again from 11.00 am-5.00 pm. At 6.30 pm, we have a 'Songs of Praise' followed by an auction of the produce, the proceeds of which will go to Demelza House Children's Hospice.

Please come along and support one or all of these events. We need to keep abreast of legislation with disabled access and a toilet. We also need kitchen facilities to help make the production of the cream teas easier, as well as other on-going repairs and the up keep of our beautiful little Church on the Hill.

Cream Teas

The Cream Teas have been a very profitable event again this year, in spite of the very mixed weather we have experienced this 'Summer'. Friends old and new have come along to sit, sometimes in the sun but more often in wind and dullness, inside the church or in the churchyard. A big thank you is due to Sylvia, who had the bright idea about 9 years ago to serve cream

teas on Sundays and to Sally who makes most of the scones - she says she can almost make them on auto-pilot as she has made so many over the years. Thanks also to Geo. Charlton & Son for the strawberries for the jam, which is enjoyed by everyone. To the backroom people, who turn up each Sunday and dispense teas and coffees; wash up; relay trays and fill jam dishes only to fill them again on busy Sundays. It is so lovely to have the church humming with chatter and laughter. Thank you all for your support.

Licensing of Dick Venn

On Thursday 16th October, 2008, Dick Venn will be licensed in St. Mary's Lenham to be Priest-in-Charge in the Len Valley Benefice by Bishop Stephen Venner, the Bishop in Canterbury and Bishop of Dover. Many people have been invited to this service, but most of all we need you the parishioners to come to this very important service to see our new Priest (Vicar or Rector according to which Parish you live in) installed in post.

We welcome you, Dick and Helen and your family and pray that your time among us will be a very happy one.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper is to be held on Saturday 25th October 2008, in Grafty Green Village Hall. This year it is being organised by Mair Chantler. We are very grateful to Mair for taking on this event for the church and the village. The autumn would not be complete without a Harvest Supper and as a member of a farming family, it is most appropriate that Mair should take on this Event.

Joan Davidson

QUIZ NIGHT

QUIZMASTER JOHN NYE

ST EDMUNDS CENTRE

SCHOOL LANE PLATTS HEATH

SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM

£3.00 PER PERSON TEAMS OF 4 OR 6

TO BOOK A TABLE RING JAN 859412 OR TRICIA 858891

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS AND GLASSES

GRAFTY GREEN GARDENING CLUB

PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER

TOM HART DYKE

Traveller, Gardener & Raconteur

'The World Garden'

Tuesday 7th OCTOBER 2008 at 7.30pm

VENUE : Grafty Green Village Hall

Tom is familiar to many when his dream to create a World Garden at the family home of Lullingstone Castle was featured on television. This followed an episode in his life when he was kidnapped and held hostage whilst travelling in Venezuela.

ALL WELCOME

ENTRANCE BY TICKET ONLY

COST: Free to members

£2.00 Per Person for Non-Members

Tickets : Sue. Burch 01622 850381 or Carole Frost 01622 850381

Every dog has his day!

One of the best, sunniest, warmest days of summer 2008 was Pippin's day.

It did not begin well for him. His morning stroll with Tony King was interrupted when Tony offered to help the valiant ladies of St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe erect a gazebo in the church grounds. While Tony came to their rescue Pippin, who belongs to Tom King, wandered into the church.

Maybe prayer was his intention but in the tower his eyes lighted on plate after plate of delicious cakes. A veritable feast prepared for guests attending an early afternoon wedding.

"Where's Pippin?", asked Tony when the gazebo was in place. Where indeed? Soon the smiling golden retriever emerged from the church having carefully removed the cover from my tray of lemon slices and eaten the lot!

In a recent article in the Church of England Newspaper the former Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. Richard Llewellyn pleaded with Christians to show greater care for animals. I am pleased to have been able to respond to his plea so quickly but even more pleased to have met a dog as wise and discerning as Pippin!

Joan Drury

October quiz - around Britain

On Monday I went to Mumby. On Tuesday I went to Tuesley. On Wednesday I went to Wednesfield. On Thursday I went to Thursby. On Friday I went to Fridaythorpe. On Saturday I went to Satterleigh. On Sunday I went to Sunbury.

Which counties did I visit during my busy week? – Answers near the back

Harvest Flower Festival

Church of St Nicholas
Boughton Malherbe



Friday 3rd October 1.00pm - 4.00pm. **Church Open**
Saturday 4th October 11.00am - 5.30pm. **Church Open**
7.30pm - **A Concert** will be held. Tickets £5.00

Sunday 5th October 9.30pm - **Harvest Thanksgiving** Sung Eucharist
The officiator will be **Rev: Tony Old**
11.00am - 5.00pm. **Church Open**
6.30pm - **Songs of Praise**
7.30pm - **Auction of Produce** - Proceeds of this will be
donated to Charity.

Refreshments will be served each day. Teas and coffees in the morning, ploughman's lunches at noon and tea and cake in the afternoon. Refreshments also available during the concert. There will be a portaloos for your convenience.

GRAFTY GREEN HARVEST SUPPER
ON SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2008

GRAFTY GREEN VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.30 PM

PRICE: £6.00

COME OUT TO CELEBRATE THE HARVEST WITH A
GOOD HEARTY SUPPER, WITH FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOURS, WASHED DOWN WITH A GLASS OF
WINE OR PINT OF BEER FOLLOWED BY MUSIC
AND DANCING.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: MAIR CHANLTER
(859672) AND VILLAGE SHOP
LICENCED BAR AND RAFFLE

YOGA

For new Mums and Baby

Weekly class

Thursday mornings

11.15 - 12.30

Grafty Green Village Hall

£5 a session

Autumn term starts

4th September 2008

Suitable for beginners Wear clothes that allow free movement and bring a small blanket and anything to help your baby stay comfortable.

For further details contact Sue Burch on
01622 850381

YOGA FOR GOOD HEALTH

* BALANCING * ENERGISING * DE-
STRESSING * MAINTAINING FITNESS

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

Find the missing word?	
1	Old _____, Manchester United's ground.
2	_____ Lusardi, Former Emmerdale Actress
3	Mount _____, Highest Peak in Japan
4	_____ Laine, British Jazz Singer
5	Thirty _____, A Novel by John Buchan
6	_____ Expectations, A Charles Dickens Novel
7	Aston _____, Football Club
8	_____ Strauss, The Inventor of Jeans
9	Mamma _____, Musical based on Abba Hits
10	_____ Cropper, Hayley's Husband in Corrie

Grafty Green Heating Oil Syndicate

Grafty Green has its own Heating Oil Syndicate. We have over 200 members who benefit from cheaper Heating Oil when ordered in bulk. If you are prepared to buy at least 500 Litres 3 or 4 times a year and are fed up with Oil Tankers trundling through your village every week causing damage to our roads, not to mention the environmental cost and you want to join, email europa.13@btinternet.com or call Keith Anderson on 01622 858350. We now reach out to over 25 villages in the Ashford and Maidstone area. This club is non profit making.

Keith Anderson

Grafty Gourmet

Those of you that know me, are aware that I am partial to chocolate. Particularly dark chocolate. This is one of my favourite desserts, which originates from France. I could happily eat a whole one to myself at one sitting!

It is very easy to make (with a pre made pastry case), but if you prefer to make your own sweet pastry, use 200g flour, 120g icing sugar, 40g powdered almonds and 2 eggs.

BITTER CHOCOLATE TART

(Serves 6) (or 1 of me)

1 x sweet pastry case

20ml cream

80ml whole milk

200g dark chocolate chopped into small pieces (70% cocoa is best)

1 large egg

1. Preheat oven to 220 degrees (or 200 on a fan oven) or Gas 6
2. Line a greased tart dish with the pastry and bake (blind) for 10 to 15 minutes.
3. Gently bring to the boil the cream and milk in a saucepan. Remove from the heat.
4. Add the chocolate to the cream and milk, stirring constantly until combined.
5. Pour into the cooled pastry tart or pastry case.
6. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes

The Tart is best served warm with cream or ice cream.....enjoy !

The Grafty Gourmet

Grafty Green Gardening Club
Autumn 2008



A few notes and reminders for the forthcoming meetings:

- ❖ Tom Hart Dyke of The World Garden at Lullingstone Castle will be coming to the Club on Tuesday 7th October. His talk is entitled 'Plant Hunting'. Members can apply for a free ticket but guests will be charged £2. Please apply early for your tickets as we understand that his talks are a sell out. Carole Frost on 850221 or Sue Burch on 850381 will be handling ticket allocations.
- ❖ St. Nicholas Church is holding a flower festival during the first weekend of October and we have been asked to help supply plants for a plant stall; have you anything that you can pot up for this? I know any contributions will be gratefully received.
- ❖ October is the time when the committee sits down to plan next year's programme – if you have any thoughts or ideas of what you would like to be included please let us know.
- ❖ December will be a practical/social evening making a decoration for the Christmas table or for the door, so with this in mind, if you have any seed heads, cones or greenery that you can bring on the night please save them for us. We will be providing the oasis and other floristry items; you might like to bring your own secateurs/scissors. We will also be providing wine/juice and nibbles.

Sue Burch

Grafty Garden Cuttings – October

From our correspondent in Canada !!!

We are mainly based in Edmonton, Canada's northern-most city in the province of Alberta, which is a land of extremes. There are forests, numerous lakes, rivers, prairies and 'badlands'; the latter formed by the action of water, but now dry and unforgiving and full of dinosaur bones and other interesting fossils, including the rare and beautiful gemstone, Amolite.

Despite the quantity of standing and flowing water, drought conditions exist at the moment and any rain is welcome: since we have been here the weather has been typically English - cloudy with showers (not enough) and some sunny, hot and gorgeous days. Normally, we find numerous mushrooms, but this year is too dry and trees are suffering. The birches are all dying and the cottonwoods throw down branches as soon as the wind blows.

The other trees of this region appear to be coping better: spruce, pine, willow, rowan and aspen with the beautiful autumn colours coming in early. Skeins of Canada Geese are calling their way south daily, so winter is not far behind. Other birds seen are the ubiquitous Sparrow, Blue Jays, Steller Jays (also blue), flocks of Chickadees (Tits very like our Coal Tits) and Robins. The Robins here belong to the Thrush family and are the size of our Blackbirds and have a similar gait. They are coloured in varying greys, with an apricot red breast and forage around the undergrowth, squabbling with each other.

Gardening here is difficult, with a very short growing season and little overwintering. Any perennials in tubs or pots, for example, have to be buried deep to prevent the roots being frosted. Petunias, sweetpeas, geraniums and African marigolds all do very well and, to some degree, many others of the same bedding plants that we grow. More people are taking an interest in gardening now and most 'yards' are mown, planted and tidy. The standard patch of 10 years ago, a stretch a variegated 'ground elder', has mostly disappeared. And if anyone says that type of ground elder does not spread: it does!

A flight across the Rockies gave us magnificent views of snow-clad peaks, snow fields and glaciers and we are now just north of Vancouver. Unfortunately, the glorious weather of the last three weeks has given way to cloud and a forecast of rain. This side of the country has endless forests, mountains and sea and is just beautiful. We have seen our first seal, hawks and a cloud of red winged blackbirds.

The climate is much more like England, so is gardening with the addition of black bears and cougars to spice life up somewhat. The bears are becoming more and

more daring and the cougars are huge and very dangerous. Luckily we have only glimpsed the former and seen the footprints of the latter.

A tour of Vancouver Island is on the agenda, with a visit to the amazing and renowned Butchart Gardens top of the list.

Rosemary Smith

St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

There is little to report on at present, September coffee morning went off well with some new ladies coming along. The next coffee morning will be Wednesday the 22nd October.

We said a sad farewell to Joan Canty as she and Dennis moved out of the village this month. They have always supported the St Edmunds Centre and we will miss them, however they decided it would be better to live closer to their daughter Joanne and their son Nicholas and his family.

I have to apologise to everyone as I put the date of our quiz night in last month's magazine as October and it is in fact Saturday the 15th November. Our vice chairperson Karen Taylor is organising the Harvest Supper and if you would like to donate something towards the food I am sure Karen would be happy to hear from you on 850383.

The line dancing is on Thursday evenings from 8-9pm £3 per person, we are a small friendly group and new members are welcome.

Finally if anyone wishes to hire the hall they can by contacting me on 858891 or Duffrey Robinson on 850463.

Patricia Dibley Secretary St Edmunds Centre

Just Sandy

I'd lived in Platts Heath for 14 years before I met Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, or just Sandy, as he preferred to be called, he would say the whole title thing was a bit of a mouthful for people to say. Anyway, I'd heard his name mentioned and seen his photograph in various newspaper articles, he appeared to be a bit of a local celebrity; farmer, politician and KCC leader, but you know what it's like, it's not often you actually get to meet these people who are always in the public eye, they always seem a bit untouchable. So you can imagine my surprise at my first encounter with Sandy when I called him at home to discuss the rumoured threat of closure of Platts Heath School.

He didn't seem at all put out that this rather perturbed Scottish woman had interrupted his evening at home to rant on about the trouble with KCC..., election tactics and parents rights to have a say in where their children are educated. He was very happy to speak with me and very softly and calmly reassured me that something could be done and that he would be right behind us, we arranged to have a meeting at the school later that week.

Now I'm not one to be easily bowled over, but within five minutes of meeting Sandy, I was. He was polite, courteous, warm; a true gentleman. He listened to what we had to say, valued our opinions and encouraged us to fight for what we believed in. Never in my life had I come face to face with someone who really made me believe that you could change things, that you could make a difference and that you did have the right to challenge. I remember him saying "As a parent you have the right, it's up to you".

Taking on KCC was no easy feat but I dread to think how much harder it would have been had we not had Sandy along side us, and he was there every step of the way, in all honesty I'm not sure we would have continued to fight as passionately as we did. In all of the meetings we had with him, he was always positive, supportive, encouraging, jovial and down to earth and we have some wonderful memories of him.

All those associated with Platts Heath School were privileged to have him speak on their behalf and what ever persuasion you are when it comes to politics you could have nothing but respect and admiration for this lovely man who, when he spoke of community, caring and the rights of every individual, you know he truly meant it. It is a sad loss for our community and he will be greatly missed but remembered greatly.

Angie McElvanney
On behalf of Platts Heath School

Changes – Platts Heath School

Here we are the start of a new academic year. We've had time to settle back down into old routines and for some of us we've tried to get used to new ones – how easy it is to get out of routine and how difficult it is to get back in, and just as we get back in to it, it will be time for another holiday and we'll have to start all over again!

So what's **new** at Platts Heath School? Well, along with our new reception intake we welcome Miss Elaine Farley, a new teacher for us, who has taken charge of our year 5 and year 6 students. Elaine lives locally and I'm told is very excited about her new role. We look forward to getting to know her. In the few weeks that she's been here I've already learnt something new - The Plantagenets. Do you know who they were? I don't recall learning about them in school but I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed helping my daughter with her homework and wish I'd paid more attention in history lessons as this was very interesting. Elaine has taken over from Mrs Jones who took retirement earlier this year. We were sad to see Mrs Jones go as she was very much loved here at Platts Heath and she will be greatly missed. We wish her and her husband luck and happiness in their retirement and hope she will come back and visit us soon.

We've made some changes to our buildings in an attempt to utilise our space – we don't have a lot of it – we have rearranged a few rooms and installed some new toilets which has enabled us to create some better storage space and new disabled facilities as well.

We've seen some new faces at our PTFA meetings which is just fabulous. I think we may have to start hiring the village hall soon! We know that all of our parents are supportive in what we do and that they all do whatever they can to help, we are so very lucky in that respect. Plans are already under way for our forthcoming events.

- Book Fair Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd October at St Edmunds Centre 3.30 – 5pm.
- Harvest festival: Monday 20th October, celebrating living in a farming community, the changes in our seasons and giving thanks for what it brings for us.
- Halloween disco: age 4 to 11, Wednesday 22nd October before we break up for half term – what was I saying about it not being long

before there was another holiday? Ghosties, ghouls and hairy werewolves, vampires, bats and slinky black cats. Just some ideas for costumes and don't forget your pumpkins. We've some new games for you to get your teeth into along with the usual slimy gooey stuff.

- Christmas Fayre – Saturday 6th December 3pm – 6pm. We hope you will come along and get merry with us on this day. All the usual festivities but with some new treats not to be missed!

With all this new stuff going on it has made me think about changes and how not all change is bad, sometimes it's good, sometimes it's bad and sometimes it's just well different but remember that it is our thoughts that shape events. "All things first originate in the mind. Things and events depend heavily on motivation"

I'm pleased to say that thought and motivation is something not lacking within Platts Heath School.

Angie McElvanney
On behalf of Platts Heath School

Platts Heath Toddlers

Platts Heath Toddlers would like to say a big thank you to Margaret and Pat! Between them they organised a very successful cream tea afternoon at the St Edmunds Centre, and kindly donated the profits to the toddler group. We now have some new instruments, and have saved the rest towards our Christmas party! Well done girls!

The Cancer of Anonymity

Indian call centres.

No Bank Manager to speak to at your local branch.

No phone number for your town's nearest store that belongs to a national retail chain.

Speaking to machines and automated "helpers" rather than speaking to real people.

We all live with the de-personalisation of modern life – but behind these daily now commonplace frustrations there is developing a more sinister twist which threatens our lives in an even more invasive way. Even more sadly, this creeping menace has infiltrated what we would previously have regarded as the very bastion of community, and openness - the English village – and in particular, our very own delightful and once idyllic village of Grafty Green.

This new evolution of de-personalisation is also more than just a passive annoyance – it is an aggressor, an attacking force which revels in its key feature from which it derives its strength – its anonymity. All around us, we see our fellow Man finding new fortresses of anonymity from behind which to freely attack others in society, safe in the knowledge that they will never have to face their victim, or have to defend, or be accountable for, their actions.

The middle-aged paedophile grooming pre-teenage girls over the Internet, the young cyber-terrorist sending the latest deadly computer virus to infect random and unknown computer users across the globe, the school playground bully sending venomous texts to their hapless young victim, all share one key thing – they are totally unknown to their victims, and they hide safe in the knowledge that they are not having to face the one that they are abusing, or bullying, or destroying the property of.

On a daily basis, normally mild-mannered folk become raging, incensed drivers, careering erratically down our motorways gesticulating and cursing in fits of rage, safe in their metal boxes from the objects of their wrath – other drivers whom they will never have to face, or debate with.....let alone to reason with, or concede to, should such verbal intercourse uncover their own culpability and errors.

This growing cancer of anonymous hostility threatens to erode the very fabric of democracy, debate, concession and reconciliation. Furthermore, it eats away at the

very essence of human communication, replacing the physical meeting of two individuals to openly express their opinions, and either agree to differ or agree to learn from each others valuable viewpoint and, most unpalatable of all to so many, to possibly even change those opinions. Saddest of all, though, is to learn that a cancer so deadly has apparently attached itself firmly to our own village community, and over an issue which has gained a prominence way above its actual importance to anybody other than those who live there – namely the ongoing roadwork's on Liverton Hill.

The mounting, hidden angers over kerbs, posts, single file traffic, land boundaries and overhanging vegetation has escalated to such a degree that now certain individuals feel the compunction to use any means to not only thwart the work of KCC Highways from finally completing this ongoing saga, but also to impose their views and their angst upon the very lives of those most closely affected by these unnecessarily long-winded and overly contentious issues over a simple, short stretch of English country lane.

Just like the road-rager in their tin box, the cyber terrorist at their PC, and the texting playground bully, these individuals use the anonymity to protect them from ever having to meet, debate with or reason with, those suffering most at the hands of their attack. Though as a society we may be powerless to stop the onward march of de-personalisation and the cancer of anonymity from society as a whole, surely as a local community we can do something in our own village to quench this problem at the local level.

In closing, the author is aware that it may appear contradictory to sign an article such as this anonymously However, unlike those who hide behind the cover of anonymity, this writer is more than happy to discuss this article with anyone who has a valid interest in its issues, should they contact this magazine to make an appointment to meet with them, debate with them and to agree and to disagree in an adult and mature way. This is the only way to remove the hold of de-personalisation and the cancer of anonymity from our village over both this issue, and hopefully from any other village issue to come.

Editors Note: Please contact me should you wish to respond to this article or if you wish to contact the writer.

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

I hope you enjoyed last month's link word. Here is another to rack your brains – Paul Neaves

The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Hot	Sheep	Watch	Dog
2	Axe	Field	Ship	
3	China	Council	Ghost	
4	Raw	Witness	World	
5	Cub	Hug	Teddy	
6	Knife	Lumber	Steeple	
7	Bus	Cab	Skirt	
8	Ball	Comber	Head	
9	Pickled	Red	Spring	
10	Blind	For	Word	
11	Aid	Executive	Tender	
12	Marker	Pocket	Spider	
13	Junk	Scotland	Stick	
14	Eel	Guitar	Shock	
15	Fashion	Ground	Hit	
16	Air	Eye	Hard	

Maidstone — Chart Sutton — Kingswood — Grafty Green

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Mondays to Fridays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days		School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	59	Only	59	Only	59	Only	59
Maidstone, King St. Coiman House, Stop L2	1227	1402	1555	1555	1615	1700	1750	59
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	1229	1404	1557	1557	1617	1702	1752	59
Wheatshaf	1236	1411	1604	1604	1624	1709	1759	59
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1240	1415	1608	1608	1628	1713	1803	59
Linton Corner	1244	1419	1612	1612	1632	1717	1807	59
Chart Sutton, Millbank Lay-by	1249	1424	1617	1617	1637	1722	1812	59
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1427	1620	1620	1640	1725	1815	59
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1430	1623	1623	1643	1728	1818	59
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1433	1626	1626	1646	1731	1821	59
Warmlake Corner	1306	1438	1634	1634	1654	1739	1829	59
Kingswood, Village Hall	1306	1438	1634	1634	1654	1739	1829	59
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1306	1438	1634	1634	1654	1739	1829	59
Ulcombe, Post Office	1313	1439	1641	1641	1661	1746	1836	59
Grafty Green, King's Head	1320	1446	1648	1648	1668	1751	1843	59
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	1320	1446	1648	1648	1668	1751	1843	59
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1320	1446	1648	1648	1668	1751	1843	59

Saturdays

* See Note 1

Service No.	59	59	59	59
0838	1241	1525	1755	59
0840	1243	1527	1757	59
0847	1250	1534	1804	59
1254	1538	—	—	59
1258	1542	—	—	59
1303	1547	1817	—	59
1306	1550	1820	—	59
1309	1553	1823	—	59
0859	1312	1556	1826	59
0907	1320	—	1834	59
0914	1327	—	1841	59
0921	1334	—	1848	59

Service 59: Maidstone, King Street, Chequers Bus Station, Romney Place, Lower Stone Street, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road (return Sheals Crescent, Hayle Road, College Road, Mill Street, High Street, King Street), Loose, Linton Road, Linton Cross Roads, Heath Road, Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Green Lane, Heath Road, Four Wents, Brishing Road, Amber Lane, Chart Sutton, Warmlake Road, Warmlake Cross Roads, Charway Street, Bromfield Road, Kingswood, Ashford Drive, Charlesford Avenue, Cayser Drive, Gravely Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Ulcombe Hill, Ulcombe, The Street, Pye Corner, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green.

Buses running via Langley run as normal from Maidstone to Loose Road, then Sutton Road, Langley, Sutton Road, Warmlake Cross Roads, then as normal route to Grafty Green.

Buses terminating at Kingswood run as normal from Maidstone to Kingswood, Charway Street, then Gravely Bottom Road (Village Hall), Cayser Drive, returning via the normal route.

Service 66: Cornwallis Academy, Heath Road, Four Wents, Linton Corner, Millbank Lay-by, Headcorn, Lenham Road, King's Road, Headcorn.

Mondays to Fridays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days		School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	59	Only	59	Only	59	Only	59
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	0723	0723	0915	1325	—	—	—	—
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0730	0730	0922	1332	—	—	—	—
Ulcombe, Post Office	0735	0735	0927	1337	1440	1440	1715	1710
Kingswood, Village Hall	0738	0738	0929	1339	1442	1442	1717	1717
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0744	0744	0935	1345	1448	1448	1723	1723
Warmlake Corner	0739	0747	0938	1348	1451	1451	1726	1726
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0742	0750	0941	1351	1454	1454	1729	1729
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0745	0753	0944	1354	1457	1457	1732	1732
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0750	0758	0949	1359	1502	1502	1737	1737
Linton Corner	0758	0802	0953	1403	1506	1513	1741	1741
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	0758	0800	0957	1407	1510	1517	1745	1745
Wheatshaf	0810	0814	1005	1415	1518	1525	1753	1753
Maidstone, King Street	0808	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0817	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0826	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Saturdays

* See Note 1

Service No.	59	59	59	59
0733	0923	1336	—	—
0740	0930	1343	—	—
0745	0935	1348	1604	—
0747	0937	1350	1606	—
0753	0943	1356	1612	—
0756	0946	1359	—	—
0759	0949	1402	—	—
0802	0952	1405	—	—
0807	0957	1410	—	—
0811	1001	1414	—	—
0815	1005	1418	1624	—
0823	1013	1427	1632	—

Sundays and Public Holidays*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

NOTE

1. The Saturday buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council by Nu-Venture (Tel: 01622 882288), NOT Arriva.

CODES

* - These buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council. If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to Transport Integration, Kent County Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent ME19 4QQ.

* - Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.

R - Sets down only upon request by passengers boarding at or before Loose Road, Plains Avenue.

HARVEST SUPPER

IN THE

ST EDMUNDS CENTRE

SCHOOL LANE PLATTS HEATH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th 2008 AT 7.00PM

COLD BUFFET TICKETS £6

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR

BY 4th OCTOBER 2008

TO BOOK RING TRICIA 858891 OF DUFF 850463

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GLASSES AND DRINKS

The Great Leeds Book Sale

Yes, it is coming round to that time of year again! The Great Leeds Book Sale will be held on **Saturday 15th November** – put a note in your diary because we want you all to come, and meanwhile deliver to Leeds Church that stack of books that you have read and would like to pass on to others. The church is usually unlocked after about 9.30 in the morning, and you can leave books in the South Porch.

We also hope to repeat the ‘cake and preserves’ stall that has been such a successful adjunct to the book sale in recent years, and of course there will be the usual refreshments available while you browse the books.

Brian Hardy, 01622 842915



Did you take any holiday snaps?.....

.....now learn what you can do with them!

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH VISTA?

Situated in the centre of the village of Egerton, the Telecottage is run by volunteers and offers computer courses for all levels, starting with the absolute beginner. All classes are run for four weeks with the exception of the two week course for Vista.

To book onto any of the courses listed below or for further information, please telephone Sylvia Tillman on 01233 756050

Basic IT - Monday mornings 10am-12noon - 8th/15th/22nd/29th September

Basic IT - Monday mornings 10am-12noon - 3rd/10th/17th/24th November

Basic Word Processing - Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon - 8th/15th/22nd/29th October

Intermediate WP - Wednesday mornings - 10am-12noon - 3rd/10th/17th/24th September

Intermediate WP - Wednesday mornings - 10am-12 noon - 19th/26th Nov/3rd/10th Dec

Vista - an introduction - Wednesday evenings – 7-9pm - 1st/8th October

Digital Photography - Tuesday evenings 7-9pm - 7th/14th/21st/28th October

Desk Top Publishing - Tuesday evenings 7-9pm - 11th/18th/25th November/2nd December

Internet - Wednesday evenings 7-9pm - 12th/19th/26th November/3rd December

There will be further classes in the New Year including a peep into Ebay where perhaps you could sell some of those unwanted Christmas gifts!

Remember we have a free drop-in session every Saturday morning between 10am to 12 noon – come along and meet some of the team, log on to the internet or just and have a coffee and a chat. We would be very happy to see you.

The October Night Sky

The Sun is now in the constellation of Virgo until the very end of October, and is going through a very active phase. I hope to touch on this subject in a subsequent article.

Now that we have passed the Autumn Equinox our nights will get longer and our days shorter, and to make things worse British Summer Time ends in the early hours of Sunday 26th October, when we have to put the clocks back one hour.

This month Full Moon occurs on Tuesday 14th October, and New Moon on Tuesday 28th October. The new crescent, however, will not be visible in the southwest until early November.

On October 22nd Mercury reaches its greatest elongation west of the Sun, so towards the end of the month, this elusive little planet could be visible before sunrise. If you look just south of east at around 7am you should see Mercury close to the horizon slightly left of Saturn.

Venus is just starting to become visible as an 'Evening Star' and by the end of October it is setting about an hour after the Sun. If you look very low in the southwest, as soon as the Sun has set, you will see Venus, shining brightly in the twilight Sky.

I am afraid that Mars cannot be seen this month as it is setting very shortly after sunset.

Jupiter is the only planet easily visible this month. It can be seen low in the south at dusk, and sets in the southwest about four hours after sunset.

Saturn is rising in the early hours of the morning, and is well up in the eastern sky by dawn. It is moving very slowly in the constellation of Leo.

Generally this time of the year it is a good time to look out for sporadic meteors. However, during the second half of this month, the Orionid meteor shower is active. These will probably peak around 20th October, and can be seen, particularly in the early hours, radiating from the constellation of Orion.

John Maunder

LEN VALLEY CHRISTIAN UNION

HARVEST SUPPER BARN DANCE

HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER, 2008

TICKETS ADULT £8.00 CHILD £4.00

7pm for 7.30pm start

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSES

USUAL HARVEST SUPPER FAYRE WILL BE SERVED

Tickets are available on a first come first served basis from

Barbara Verga - Telephone 07919 597665

COME AND ENJOY A GOOD OLD FASHIONED HOE DOWN!!

Closure of Lenham Acorns Pre-school

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the closure of Lenham Acorns Pre-school. This is due to lack of supervisory staff and low numbers of children this September.

The committee would like to thank all those who have helped run and have supported the pre-school over the years.

In line with our charity status, all equipment will be sold via a bid system in October/November 2008 with proceeds going to the Pre-school Learning Alliance as our constitution dictates.

If any one is interested in bidding for pre-school equipment and would like to obtain a list please contact - Paula on 01795 886165 or email pkjardinerose@hotmail.com

Ulcombe – dates for your diaries

The Ulcombe History Society has an interesting programme ahead. On Tuesday 4th November at 7.30 pm the great grandson of Charles Dickens will be coming to entertain us. All welcome.

Music also figures in Ulcombe's activities.

On Saturday the 11th of October the Sutton Valence Choral Society will be presenting a **Come Sing the Messiah** in Ulcombe's beautiful church, All Saints.

If you would like to take part:

3.00 pm rehearsal

6.00 pm Tea

7.30 pm performance

please contact Mrs Alexandra Brown on 01622 853791. Tickets from Molly Poulter (01622 842988).

If you would like to advertise in Malherbe Monthly and reach the whole of Boughton Malherbe, Grafty Green, Liverton Street and Platts Heath, the monthly costs are:

$\frac{1}{8}$ page £3.00

$\frac{1}{4}$ £5.00

$\frac{1}{2}$ £10.00

Complete page £20.00

Phone 01622 858937 or
email mf.hitchins@virgin.net

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council has now issued the timetable for this service up to 2nd November 2008. Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during this period:

Grafty Green

Saturday 1st Nov: 13:30 – 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Sunday 12th Oct: 12:15 – 13:00 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Sunday 19th Oct: 11:15 – 12:30 -: Lodge Gardens (cul-de-sac)

Lenham

Saturday 1st Nov: 07:45 – 08:45 -: Lenham Heath Rd - Boughton Rd

Malherbe Monthly Magazine

This magazine can now be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition, all back issues for 2006, 2007 and 2008 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

This web site also hosts all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and give details of up-coming events in the Village Hall. The below link will get you there:

www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Music Notes - October

By October the local musical talent is all ready to perform for you; plenty of good stuff to chose from. Here is a small selection:

- Friday 3rd October, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School – The Max Brod Trio – a rare opportunity to hear this distinguished trio from Prague play Dvorak, Smetena and Martinu. Tickets at the door or contact Sutton Valence Music Society tel 01622 844888
- Saturday 18th October, 7.30pm at Mote Hall Maidstone – Maidstone Symphony Orchestra perform Dukas' *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Schumann's *Piano Concerto* (soloist Llyr Williams) and Vaughan Williams' *Job*. The VW work marks the 50th anniversary of the composer's death in 1958 – sadly not often performed as it is a tuneful and varied work, said by some to be Vaughan Williams' finest.. Tickets 01622 736392
- Saturday 25th October, 7.30pm at the church of St. James the Great, East Malling – East Malling Singers' concert includes Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas* and works by Albinoni and Pachelbel. Tickets 01622 750943
- Saturday 1st November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone – Kent Chamber Choir perform a concert in aid of The Friends' of St. Margaret's. This is a quality group, worth hearing. Details and tickets 01622 737916

Brian Hardy

ACOUSTIC, RHYTHM & PEWS

An intimate candlelit evening featuring the music of
Paul Dunton and Joanne Louise Parker

All Saints Church, Ulcombe, Kent
18th October 2008 at 7.30pm



Local Singer Songwriter Joanne Louise Parker will finally perform a set of her own haunting melodies to **All Saint's Church in Ulcombe on 18th October 2008**. Teaming up with fellow singer/songwriter Paul Dunton each will perform a 45 minute set. The two have spent the summer touring Kent and Surrey and this is the last in this year's series of concerts. Having achieved their aim of taking their music out of the noisy pub and club venue and into a more acoustic and atmospherically pleasing environment, they plan to expand the programme in 2009. During the tour, they have played to a good mix of audiences with music club fans venturing into the churches and church people trying out an acoustic concert for the first time.

Ulcombe resident Joanne last performed in the church in 2001 with a sell out concert featuring songs by Joni Mitchell. Since then, she has gone onto write and performs her own songs at clubs and festivals throughout the UK. Based in Tunbridge Wells, **Paul Dunton** is a fast emerging singer songwriter talent whose ballads have been described as "powerfully moving and inspiring". Dunton runs a twice weekly songwriter's showcase at the **Grey Lady Music Lounge** and also regularly performs throughout Kent.

Tickets are on sale at £7.50 in advance, £8.00 on the door and are available either by calling 01622 843691 or online from www.wegottickets.com

Further information on each artist, please visit:
www.pauldunton.co.uk and www.joannelouiseparker.com

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Hot	Sheep	Watch	Dog
2	Axe	Field	Ship	Battle
3	China	Council	Ghost	Town
4	Raw	Witness	World	Material
5	Cub	Hug	Teddy	Bear
6	Knife	Lumber	Sleepie	Jack
7	Bus	Cab	Skirt	Mini
8	Ball	Comber	Head	Beach
9	Pickled	Red	Spring	Onion
10	Blind	For	Word	Swear
11	Aid	Executive	Tender	Legal
12	Marker	Pocket	Spider	Money
13	Junk	Scotland	Stick	Yard
14	Eel	Guitar	Shock	Electric
15	Fashion	Ground	Hit	Parade
16	Air	Eye	Hard	Liner

	Find the missing word?
1	Old Trafford, Manchester United's ground.
2	Linda Lusardi, Former Emmerdale Actress
3	Mount Fuji, Highest Peak in Japan
4	Cleo Laine, British Jazz Singer
5	Thirty Nine Steps, A Novel by John Buchan
6	Great Expectations, A Charles Dickens Novel
7	Aston Villa, Football Club
8	Levi Strauss, The Inventor of Jeans
9	Mamma Mia, Musical based on Abba Hits
10	Roy Cropper, Hayley's Husband in Corrie

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – October 2008

Date	Time/Location	Service
Sunday 5 th October Harvest Thanksgiving	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 18.30 BM	BCP HC Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist Harvest Family Service Holy Communion Harvest Family Service Songs of Praise
Sunday 12 th October 21 st Sunday after Trinity	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 19.00 B	BCP HC Family Service Holy Communion – Stewardship Sunday Harvest Family Service Holy Communion Taize Service – Holy Cross Bearsted
Sunday 19 th October Luke the Evangelist	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 18.30 BM	BCP HC BCP HC Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Evening Prayer
Sunday 26 th October All Saints	08.00 L 10.00 U 18.30 H	BCP HC CW1 - Benefice Service at Ulcombe Informal Service

Key

Parishes / Churches

L: Lenham
BM: Boughton Malherbe
H: Harrietsham
U: Ulcombe
B: Bearsted

Services

BCP HC = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Holy Communion
BCP EP = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Evening Prayer
Fam Svc = Family Service (not Communion)
MS = Morning Service (not Communion)
CW 1 = Common Worship (Order One)
H = Holy Communion
Informal = Informal! (not communion)

Len Valley Benefice

A Service of Thanksgiving when we will remember the lives of loved ones now departed will be held at St Mary's Church, Lenham on Sunday 12th October at 3pm. There will be an opportunity to light candles for our loved ones during the service.

Light refreshments will be available following the service.
Everyone is welcome to join us.

If you require further information please ring
Millie Hart 01622 859753 or Sally Alexander 01622 858348

October quiz - around Britain

*Answers: Mumby, Lincolnshire; Tuesley, Surrey; Wednesfield, West Midlands;
Thursby, Cumbria; Fridaythorpe, Yorkshire; Satterleigh, Devon; Sunbury,
Greater London.*

Christian Message

I had heard how beautiful the Yorkshire Dales were. I had read the tourist brochures and I had even seen the opening images to Emmerdale. I thought I had a feel for the area, but nothing had prepared me for the magnificence as I saw for myself the wonder of it all. It was a feeling that here I could be still for the 2 weeks of my holiday, and I would come away feeling refreshed and ready to continue my life's journey. Second-hand knowledge was not enough to prepare me; I had to experience for myself just how lovely it all was. During those 2 weeks many of the hours were spent just sitting amid the surroundings, with a good book and a picnic and soaking up the peace and beauty. As I sat and marvelled at it all, others, who were more energetic, passed me in their walking gear, sometimes they needed protection from the rain, sometimes protection from the sun or the rough terrain, but it seemed to me they were well equipped for their own individual journeys at that particular time. I recognised that God was very close to me here.

Imagine catching sight of Jesus as he walks by, and, recognising who he is, you are filled with the desire to know all about him. What would you say to him? I would want to know, where are you staying? I would want to know what he is doing here, and I would want to know what makes him tick. This is what happened to 2 of the disciples. The questions came tumbling out and, as usual, Jesus answered in a way they did not expect. 'Come and see' he says. (John 1: 39).

He gives that same invitation to us. He invites us to see for ourselves, to experience him for ourselves. In his excitement Andrew, one of those disciples runs to tell his brother Simon Peter about Jesus. For Peter this was second-hand knowledge at first, but he also had to walk the way himself into a personal encounter with Jesus. Second-hand will never be good enough for us either. Why not 'come and see' for yourselves and turn that second-hand knowledge into a first-hand faith.

Millie Hart