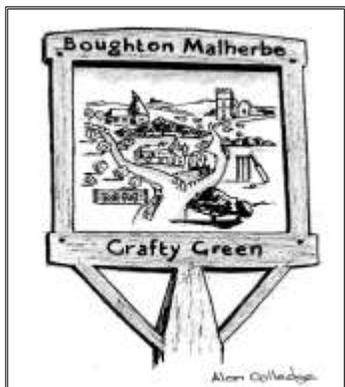


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**Front cover:** Some of the Alpacas' seen at the Grafty Green Fete on 6<sup>th</sup> June

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Cream Teas** will be sold at St. Nicholas Church on Sunday afternoons between 2.00p.m. and 5.00p.m. during **July and August**. There will be homemade scones (plain, cheese and fruit ones). These will be served with a pot of tea or coffee and fruit squash's for the children.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and to making new friends. We hope and pray that the weather will be good - sunny and warm, but if not we will set up our tables in the Nave. We begin **on 5<sup>th</sup> July and run until 30<sup>th</sup> August**. Hope to see you there.

**The Ashford Invicta Singers** are to hold a Concert in the Tithe Barn at Court Lodge Farm, Lenham on **11<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 7.30p.m.**

You are welcome to bring a picnic. Just arrive about 5.30 and sit a round the outer Garden of Court Lodge. We are most grateful to Valerie and John Arthur for letting us use the barn for this Concert. **Tickets are £10.00** available from Joan Davidson on 01622 850210, Grafty Green Village shop, members of St. Nicholas PCC and on the door on the night. There will be a Bar and a Raffle. Please come and support us.

**Bible Study** at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green on Thursdays at 10.30a.m.

**Morning Prayers** will be said on alternate Tuesdays in St. Nicholas, at 9.30a.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**Village Coffee Morning** will be held on second Wednesday of the month (8<sup>th</sup> July) in Grafty Green Village Hall 10.30a.m. until 12.00.

**L'Arche Pilgrimage** will be in our Village Hall spending the night on their way to Canterbury on 22<sup>nd</sup> June they will have walked from Hollingbourne to Grafty Green. Do take a look at their website [www.larche.org.uk](http://www.larche.org.uk)

**Joan Davidson**

**Ken and Eve Sweet  
extend a warm welcome to**

**The Kings Head  
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**Village Fete 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

I'm sure everyone will join with me in congratulating Carol Hulm and everyone else involved in the wonderful success of the Village Fete this year.

It was a wonderful day in all aspects from the stalls, to the weather, to Grafty Green winning the Tug of War !!

Well done to everyone who helped, took part and attended

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The two Tug of War teams at the Grafty Green Fete - which team do you think won ?. The tough looking team below with all the right footwear or the team above falling over, some with no footwear at all, who had an extra team member, although as it was a girl that probably doesn't count !!!



## **News from Platts Heath Primary School**

### **'We are GOOD'**

We are delighted to announce that Platts Heath Primary School was awarded 'Good' in all areas in our recent Ofsted inspection.

An Ofsted inspector visited our school on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. We are particularly pleased that the inspector highlighted our "well established small school family atmosphere" and our pupils who are "polite, kind and courteous", "make good progress", "enjoy their learning" and "reach higher levels than expected by the time they leave."

The Inspector also noted that early years pupils, "achieve particularly well in their social and emotional development... being taught in a mixed age-class means that they have a smooth transition when they become older."

Please feel free to come and see our school at any time to see just why we are 'good'. Simply ring the office on **01622 850316** to make an appointment to visit our spectacular school.

### **The winning formula continues**

After successfully winning both a poetry and a design competition earlier in the year we can also add to our ever growing list of winners. Four of our children, Aron Stear, Leah French, Lalia Osman and Joseph Gundersen were all finalists in the KM newspaper 'Perfect Packed lunch awards'. The winners and parents went to the Turner gallery in Margate to receive an award and ice skating tickets. The overall winner was our own LEAH FRENCH who not only won tickets to 'Dickens World' but also a day trip to France. Well done to all involved.

### **Gardener's World**

After the coach fire outside our school last September we needed to replace our pots and plants. One of our governors, Richard Gare, spent a recent weekend building new planting areas that are high enough for our children to be more involved. Kind donations from 'The Potted Garden' and Notcutts Nursery allowed us to repopulate these new areas and replace the plants in our other pots around school. The school is now in full bloom and the children enjoy how bright and colourful everything looks.

***Piers Anscomb***  
**Headteacher**

## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2015 Programme

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 6th	Malcolm Withnall	AGM and Gardening for the over 70's
Saturday February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Josephine Sammut, Oak Tree House, Bottles Lane, Rodmersham Sittingbourne ME9 0PR	Snowdrop visit – times to be confirmed.
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr Denness	Orchids as a house plant
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Drewett	Bats / spring show
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Outing	To be confirmed
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Village Green	Plant Sale 10 am
June 2	Visit to Nettlestead Place £5 entry	
June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Weekend visit to Derbyshire, £260 per person, dinner bed and breakfast staying at Mercure Hotel, Burton on Trent Swiss Garden at Biggleswade, Calke Castle Gardens, Melbourne Gardens, University of Leicester Botanical Garden,	
<b>Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh £5 entry</b>	
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Social event in a village garden	
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Autumn Show, Bring and Buy	
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	George Pearson	Traveller's remarkable images of flora from around the globe.
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Rayney	Homes for wildlife – practical session
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Outing to the George in Egerton for supper.	

On **Sunday July 5th** we will be visiting Smith's Hall, at Lower Road West Farleigh ME15 OPE. This is a delightful 3 acre garden surrounding a beautiful 1719 Queen Anne House (not open). There are numerous themed garden rooms, sunken water garden, iris beds, scented old fashioned rose walk, formal rose garden, peonies, deep herbaceous borders and specimen trees to see. Fine views of the Medway Valley can be seen from the woodland walk. Cakes and jams are on sale too. Paths are gravel! Parking is off road in a field (see yellow signs for directions).

Grafty Green Gardening Club will be hosting a barbeque on Tuesday evening the **4<sup>th</sup> of August at Myrtle House, Headcorn Road**; an opportunity to wander around the garden and have some tasty supper. Further details will be announced by poster in the Post Office regarding times and ticket prices. Bring your own chair and drink.

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

[www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk)

The sun shone, ice creams were licked, teas were sipped, games were played, displays were watched and everyone, I think, had a great time at our fete last month. Carol Hulm, our organiser, (with the help of 'Mr.Pickles') offers a novel thank you elsewhere in this magazine to the myriad of people who contributed to help make it a success.

Something like £1800 has been raised by these efforts, which will enable us to fund future village events and to consider more major improvements to the Village Hall than we have previously been able to contemplate. A new floor, perhaps; a raised stage with storage under; hard surfacing around the outside of the Hall. There is always something that could be improved. If you are a Hall user, perhaps you have your own ideas. If so, please let us know – it's your Hall after all.

Carol reports the winners of most of the fete competitions in her piece, but below are the winners of the photo competition, whose images will adorn the village calendar next year. These images were selected by John Collins and Christine King from those that received the most public votes on fete day.

## 2015 Grafty Green Fete Calendar Photograph Competition Winners

No 30	Bev and Tom Collier	Woodcock Lane winter tree
No 39	Doreen Hulm	Book Ends
Nos 22, 38 and 40	Nikki Love	Red Sky, Sniffy the Husky and Blue Tit
Nos 7, 17 and 20	Jacque Thompson	Barnside Garden: Spring, and Summer
Nos 25 and 43	Stefania & Jacopo Graziola	Bare field, Zoe and the mushroom
Nos 10 and 48	Richard Pilborough	House Sparrow, Squirrel clinging on
No 18	Jacky Simmons	Summer Rainbow

*And the overall winner, for the calendar front page*

**The 2016 Calendar will be on sale in October**

Next, I must let you know that there will be another '**Phil The Bag**' event in September. I will be able to confirm the date next month but I hope you will hold on to any unwanted old clothes and other textile products (also shoes and bags) until then. As most of you will know, 'Phil The Bag' is an opportunity for you to donate your unwanted clothes, etc, for the benefit of the Village Hall. We sell them on to a business that distributes the best items in the developing world and recycles the remainder. It's also an opportunity for a social chat with others over a cup of tea at the Hall on 'bring-it-in' day. Full details in August's Malherbe Monthly.

Beyond that, we are looking to host an evening of nostalgia - with John Collins showing photographs he has taken in the village over the many years he has lived here - just as soon as John can sort them all! And we have plans for the run-up to Christmas and beyond. I hope we can look forward to your continued support as we work hard to keep Grafty the lovely, sociable and fun place it is.

*Richard Pilborough*, Hall Committee Chairman

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

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens



## Thank you for making the Grafty Green Village Fete such an amazing day!

Thanks to everyone for making it a great day  
For setting it up and packing it away  
And for providing all kinds of expertise  
From cutting the grass to trimming the trees

And the committee who organised schedules and lists  
And the people who made sure nothing was missed  
And delivered leaflets and put up boards  
And sold raffle tickets by the hordes

And thanks to the sponsors for all their donations  
And the people that helped from other locations  
From around the district - not just Grafty  
And some from London and even Italy!

Thanks to the people for loaning marquees  
And for making the cakes and serving the teas  
And providing the stalls and stands and tables  
And donating water and electric and cables

And the people who wired the sockets and plugs  
And provided the glasses and tea cups and mugs  
And the people who entered their cars in the parade  
From the MG club to the Kent Fire Brigade

To the Dazzle Drama Group for their repertoire  
And the entertainer who performed with fire  
And the artist who turned balloons into art  
And the lovely alpacas and the pony and cart

And the fantastic costumes for the fancy dress  
And the photo entries that really impressed  
And the judges who went through all the submissions  
And perfectly judged all the competitions

And the tug of war teams that pulled so hard  
And the Morris who danced in the pub yard  
And the people who tidied everything away  
And cleared the field at the end of the day

To the people who manned the stalls for free  
And cooked the hog so perfectly  
And served the wines and the spirits and beers  
To everyone we give a great big three cheers!

Everyone got stuck in and did their bit  
And made a real success of it  
But thanks most of all to all the people who came  
And maybe in the future we could do it all again?



## Winners - Grand Draw

Prizes	Place	Donators	Winners
£100	1	Anonymous patron of the Kings Head	Bernie Bentley
Tea for 2 at Chilston Park	2	Chilston hotel	S Weeks
Tea for 2 at Chilston Park	3	Paul Grant Roofing contractors	Chris Wheel
Room for 2 at the Who'd a Thought it	4	Who'd a Thought it	Chris Turner
Hamper	5	Steve and Jan	Kathy Hales
£60 Photo session	6	Headcorn Photo factory	Mark Perowne
£50 Hair Vouchers	7	Bow window	John Moore
£50 voucher for mower	8	Mowtastic	Mark Quinn
Cheese set meal for 2	9	Chop Stick & Bowl	Jerry
Head and Neck Massage	10	Fig Tree	Freddie - Whody
Ladies Scarf	11	Immy Blingy	Bev Sweet
Mens Hair Cut	12	Sweeney Todd Barbar Shop	Nicky Alabaster
Portrait Painting	13	Clive Lennard	Pete Martin
Fish & Chip Supper	14	Kings Head	John B
Cream Tea for 2	15	Coffee Corner	Joan - Whody
£5 Gift Voucher	16	Lenham Village Shop	Pam Gallagher

## Other Winners

Game	Answer	Winner
Tug of War		Kings Head
Alcoholic Wheel Barrow		Ian Duncan-Webster
Name the Doll	Helene	Yvonne Kimber
Guess the Cake	3.5oz	Peter Newry
Guess the Sweets	642	Guy Kelly
Willow Treasure Hunt		Sam Jarvis
Golf - Under 18s	42	Lewie Wilson
Golf - Over 18s	54	Leslie West
Gardening Club Treasure Hunt		Gail Kelly
Overall Winner - Photo Competition*		Jacky Simmonds
Fancy Dress		Isabel Duncan-Webster

See Village Hall updates for Photo Competition Winners

See [www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk) for more pictures of the day

## **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

### **New Members Always Welcome - Join Us**

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### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 19.30.**

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

### **Emergency Plan**

Since the last update in May the outstanding problems have been resolved and the plan is now live and ready for use. No further changes since the May update have actually been necessary.

The plan is now available on the Parish Council website.

**The Emergency Plan committee**

## Jonathan Davis



Last month saw family and friends gather at The Kings Head Grafty Green for a grand send off for Jonathan Davis (Big Jon), husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

He will be greatly missed

Rest in Peace

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**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council has been informed of the following planned road closures:**

**ROAD  
CLOSURE**

**Chain Gate Road, Boughton Malherbe – from Boughton Road for approx. 500m**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 for up to 1 week

*Alternative route via Liverton Hill/Headcorn Road, Church Rd, Sandway and Boughton Road*

**Crumps Lane, Ulcombe – Lenham Road to Headcorn Road**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 for up to 5 days

*Alternative route via Lenham Road, Eastwood Road, Headcorn Road and Crumps Lane*

The closures are to enable carriageway and drainage works to be carried out.

## **Weekly Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall and St. Edmunds Centre, Platt's Heath**

Yoga is the union of our physical and mental selves far more than a form of exercise. The benefits are many; a more flexible and stronger body, a more focused mind together with relief from tension and stress.

### **Grafty Green Village Hall**

New term starts 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Wednesday evening at 7 till 8.30, Thursday morning at 9.30 till 11

Occasional Saturday class on  
**Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am in Grafty Green Village Hall

### **St.Edmund's Centre, Platts Heath**

New term starts 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday morning 9.30 till 10.30

All classes are mixed ability and I encourage people to work to their own level  
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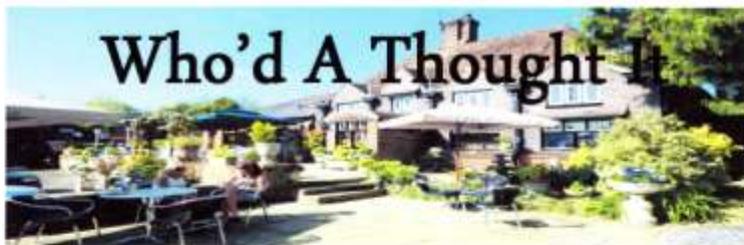


### Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Shopping	Cleaner	Bay	<b>Window</b>
2	Party	Centre	Beer	
3	Fall	Mare	Cap	
4	First	Sake	Nick	
5	Threat	Hands	Bone	
6	Attention	Wing	Life	
7	Plan	Wide	Fire	
8	Village	Scale	Role	
9	List	Cost	War	
10	Front	Bean	Gun	
11	Sandwich	Switch	Room	
12	Loose	Mould	Fig	
13	Best	Boy	Pen	
14	Resources	History	Gas	
15	Landing	Witch	Air	
16	Bowling	Grocer	Grafty	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	John _____, British Painter of 'The Hay Wain'
2	_____ Potter, Famous student of Hogwarts created by J K Rowling
3	_____ Christie, Renowned crime writer
4	I _____ Lonely as a Cloud, Famous poem by Wordsworth
5	_____ Lloyd Webber, Who wrote the musical Cats, based on poems by T.S. Elliot
6	_____ -on-Sea, Fictional setting for TV's Dad's Army
7	Thomas <b>Caxton</b> , Introduced the printing press to England in 1476
8	_____ H. Bonney, aka Billy the Kid
9	Real ____, CAMRA organisation campaigns to promote this product
10	The __ ____, Sinatra, Martin, Davis, Lawford and Bishop formed this band of men



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“This combines the strength of Windows 8 with Windows 7”<sup>©</sup>



According to Microsoft this is the “The best Windows ever” and they are offering a free upgrade for everyone who is using Windows 7 and Windows 8. This offer will not last forever, so if you wish to upgrade go to <http://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/features> and reserve a copy soon.

Features include:

- The start menu is back in an expanded form
- It will bring over your pinned apps and favourites
- It starts up and resumes faster
- It has more built-in security
- Designed to work with software and hardware that you already have
- Microsoft Edge a new browser, more on this in later editions
- Cortana, the personal digital assistant
- Windows 10 enables your apps to look great in all modes, on all devices and can be configured to work with touch, keyboard or mouse.

Windows 10 comes with a lot of built-in applications, like the following:



If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there to help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com)

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Enjoy the time together around the camp fire, learn new skills, make new friends and enjoy a wonderful summer`s day in local woodland.

The day starts at 10am and concludes at 4pm – Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and squash provided.

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£30 for 1 adult and 1 child, £40 for a family of 3, £50 for a family of 4

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Note that there are only 20 places for this event and that it is heavily subsidised by the Heaths Countryside Corridor

## Music Notes - July

I will start by repeating a complaint I have made before; three first-class Kent choral societies have chosen to hold their concerts at exactly the same time! How can they possibly hope to attract good audiences? I have listed two, and omitted the third which is not so immediately local. Dear reader, you will have to make your choice without me on this occasion.

On a more cheerful note, I would particularly draw your attention to morning/lunchtime concerts run throughout July in Maidstone and Sittingbourne. Why not plan your shopping trips around them? Just the job for taking the weight off your feet and soothing the brain.

And finally of course, the Proms start again on 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. The Albert Hall booking office is 0845 4015040.

- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm at All Saints' church, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's concert features *Carmina Burana* and a rip-roaring "Stars and Stripes Prom" session to celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> July . Tickets 01622 726193
- Also on 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, but at St. Nicholas Church Leeds, Bearsted Choral Society presents "Transports of delight", a concert of cheerful light music. Tickets 01634 666730
- Wednesdays throughout July, there will be lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm at Maidstone united Reformed Church, Weeks Street, Maidstone. Free entry, retiring collection.
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- Sun 11th July, 7.30pm at the church of St. James the Great, East Malling, East Malling Singers present a summer evening feast of romantic and sacred music. Tickets Tel 01622 750943.
- Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Iwade, there will be an open-air band concert. Just the thing for a fine Summer evening! Tickets 01795 439765

For TV watchers there are several Proms "on the box" in July. If I chose one it would be Poulenc's emotionally charged Organ Concerto – prom6 broadcast on BBC 4 on 26<sup>th</sup> July (time tbc).

**Brian Hardy**

## **St Edmunds Hall, Platts Heath, 50's & 60's Disco**

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### **Grafty Gourmet**

Having just returned from Venice, I thought I would do a Traditional Venetian Recipe. This recipe was created by a chef in Venice during the 1960's and has been popular ever since.

#### **Tiramisu**

2 tbsp of Instant coffee	2 tbsp of extra marsala wine
3/4 cup (180ml) boiling water	1/4 cup (55g) of extra icing sugar
1/2 cup (125ml) marsala wine	1/3 cup (80ml) thickened cream
1/4 cup (60ml) kahlua (coffee liqueur)	375 g of Salvatori sponge-finger biscuits
3eggs, separated	1 bar of plain (dark) chocolate – finely grated
1/2 cup (110g) icing sugar	
500 g of mascarpone cheese	

1. Combine coffee and boiling water in a shallow bowl. Stir in marsala and Kahlua. Allow to cool.
2. Beat the egg yolks and icing sugar in a separate medium bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy (for about 4-5 minutes). Fold in the mascarpone and add the extra marsala into the egg yolk mixture until just combined.
3. Beat egg whites and extra icing sugar in a clean, small bowl with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Gently fold egg white mixture into mascarpone mixture and then fold in the thickened cream.
4. Dip half the biscuits, one at a time, for 1-2 seconds only, into the cooled coffee mixture and arrange biscuits in a single layer in a 2-litre square or rectangular dish. Spread half the mascarpone mixture over the biscuits. Repeat with remaining biscuits and mascarpone mixture. Cover, refrigerate overnight.
5. Just before serving dust the top with the finely grated chocolate.

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The deadline for submission will be the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

All entries (subject to competition rules) will be put on display in the village during November and winners will be announced in December.

Winning pictures will be used to produce the 2016 Friends of All Saints Ulcombe Calendar.

Entry forms and competition rules can be obtained by emailing  
[ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk) <<mailto:ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk>>

or you can pick up a form from the Church.

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### **Antique Valuation Day**

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August Ulcombe Church will be holding an Antique Valuation Day with The Canterbury Auction Gallery. The valuers will be Tony Pratt ASFAV , their senior valuer, and Tina Rackham BA, Consultant, who specialises in jewellery.

The valuation starts at 10 am and timed tickets will be issued. The valuation is expected to finish at 2 pm but will go on longer if there is a demand.

During the day, which will continue till 4 pm, there will be a variety of activities on offer - tours up the tower, bell ringing, brass rubbing, watching stone masons at work, quizzes, and a Fancy Dress Competition for children. Throughout the day refreshment will be available.

## Christian Message July 2015 - Food for the Journey

Materials prepared by Canterbury Diocese for use by churches during Lent and the season between the Ascension and Pentecost were given the title 'Food for the Journey.' Ample spiritual sustenance is available for those who choose to travel through life with God as their companion.

But what of those who need material help in their journey? Those whose lives are turned upside down by unemployment, homelessness or delayed benefit payments. How do they cope? Many are hungry. This is particularly painful for those with children to feed or for children themselves who are aware that friends at school enjoy a higher standard than they do. An example of this is that the need for emergency food parcels in Maidstone has doubled over the past year.

Prayer is a two-way process. Most people are good at asking God for their needs but not so many listen for his answers. About 4 years ago God spoke to our Bible study group through one of our members. As usual we had studied and this was followed by a time of prayer. When we finished Sally Alexander said, "We must collect food for the hungry." We believed that God had spoken and so we decided to go ahead.

Rob Eastwood at Grafty Green stores willingly allowed us to keep a box for gifts of food in the shop. Boxes have been filled again and again and many journeys made to Maidstone Christian Care in Knighttrider Street.

A few months ago a new member of St John the Baptist Harrietsham took on responsibility for collecting food from church members so now journeys to Maidstone are co-ordinated. The other 2 churches in the Len Valley group make occasional collections.

Christians are called to do more than sing hymns and pray on Sundays. Obedience to God is Christ's call to his followers. Hundreds of years ago the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 58:7) taught that the kind of worship God requires is to include 'sharing your food with the hungry.'

Later Jesus told a story (Matthew 25:31-46) about a king who praised those who, when he was in need, gave him something to eat. Jesus concluded, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me."

Please do continue to help men, women and children who are hungry. Particular needs are for tea, sugar, long life milk, cereals, tinned food, custard and biscuits. Another need is for toilet paper. Thank you on behalf of them. **Finally, on behalf of Maidstone Christian, THANK YOU to all who have given food since we embarked on this adventure.**

**Joan Drury**

*The Len Valley Benefice*  
*Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe*  
Sunday/Main Services – **July 2015**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast  
service  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe:  
Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
10.45am Ulcombe: Family Worship  
11.00am Lenham: Holy  
Communion  
3.30pm Harrietsham: Growing in  
Faith Together (GIFT Family  
Worship)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

8.00am Lenham: Holy  
Communion (Prayer Book)  
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast  
Service  
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy  
Communion  
10.45am Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion  
11.00am Lenham: Morning  
Worship  
6.30pm Boughton Malherbe:  
Evensong

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast  
Service  
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning  
Worship  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy  
Communion  
10.45am Ulcombe: Morning  
Worship  
11.00am Lenham: Holy  
Communion

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

5.00pm Harrietsham: Prayer and  
Praise

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

8.00am Lenham: Holy  
Communion (Prayer Book)  
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy  
Communion  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe:  
Family Worship  
10.45am Ulcombe: Holy  
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11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Shopping	Cleaner	Bay	Window
2	Party	Centre	Beer	Garden
3	Fall	Mare	Cap	Night
4	First	Sake	Nick	Name
5	Threat	Hands	Bone	Idle
6	Attention	Wing	Life	Span
7	Plan	Wide	Fire	Open
8	Village	Scale	Role	Model
9	List	Cost	War	Price
10	Front	Beam	Gun	Runner
11	Sandwich	Switch	Room	Board
12	Loose	Mould	Fig	Leaf
13	Best	Boy	Pen	Friend
14	Resources	History	Gas	Natural
15	Landing	Which	Air	Craft
16	Bowling	Grocer	Crafty	Green

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	John Constable, British Painter of 'The Hay Wain'
2	Harry Potter, Famous student of Hogwarts created by J K Rowling
3	Agatha Christie, Renowned crime writer
4	I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud, Famous poem by Wordsworth
5	Andrew Lloyd Webber, Who wrote the musical Cats, based on poems by T.S. Elliot
6	Wilmington-on-Sea, Fictional setting for TV's Dad's Army
7	Thomas Caxton, Introduced the printing press to England in 1476
8	William H. Bonney, aka Billy the Kid
9	Real Ale, CAMRA organisation campaigns to promote this product
10	The Rat Pack, Sinatra, Martin, Davis, Lawford and Bishop formed this band of men

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