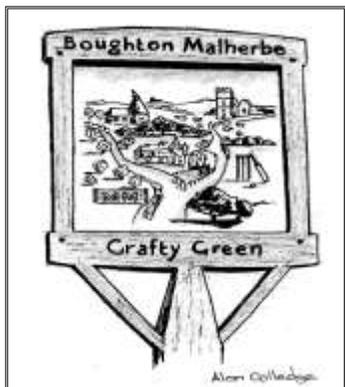


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Front cover: Ashford Valley Hunt at Boughton Malherbe on Sat 25th Sept 2010.
Photograph courtesy of Christine King

News from St. Nicholas Church

Les Hulm

We have heard the very sad news that Les Hulm died over the last weekend. Our condolences go to his family and friends. He was a lovely man and will be much missed in Grafty Green.

Cream Teas

We served our last Cream Teas of the season on Sunday 12th September. It was a very pleasant afternoon and right from the start at 2 o'clock we were serving customers all the way through to 5 o'clock. The proceeds were donated to the Pakistan Flood Appeal and we realised £400 towards this worthy cause. Thank you to all those who came and supported this initiative. It was lovely to see you all. We served so many teas that we ran out of cream and jam by the end of the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who supported us this year. Many, many thanks to you all - from the Team.

Also, I would like to thank the young people who came and helped us this year Lora Hooker, Molly Alexander, Anna and Maria Wickens, thank you very much indeed girls.

Carrying on from the teas we are opening the Church on Sunday afternoons between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and there will be a cup of tea and a piece of cake available during this time. This is for a trial period to see how it goes.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 10th October. We have two services, 9.30am Morning Worship and Choral Evensong at 6.30pm. These services will both have a harvest theme this month. We will be holding an Auction after the evening service to sell the gifts of fruit and vegetables etc., and the proceeds will go to Demelza House Children's Hospice. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served while the auction is held - this is usually a fun time with everyone bidding.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest supper will be held on 16th October in the Village hall. There will be a raffle and a licensed bar. Tickets are available from the village shop and Joan on 01622 850210 or any member of the PCC will be able to help you, the tickets are £6.50 each. We hope that you will be able to come and support us with this as we now find that the Chancel Roof needs to be re-tiling as it can't be patched anymore and is sagging badly on the north side. So we have several projects, which need our early attention and we still need to have water laid on.

Morning Prayers

Morning Prayers are said in each of the Churches in the Benefice during the week Monday morning at Boughton Malherbe, Tuesdays at Ulcombe, Wednesdays at Lenham and Thursdays in Harrietsham

Village Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning will be held on 13th October 10.00-12.00noon in the Village Hall. Do come along for a friendly chat and a piece of cake or a biscuit. It is a very pleasant way to spend a morning.

Bible Study

On Thursday mornings Joan Drury holds a Bible Study at her home Weirton Villa, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green. You are most welcome to come along and join us. We are studying Hebrews at the moment

Joan Davidson

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Scarlett _____, Vivien Leigh's character in Gone With The Wind
2	_____ Doolittle, Role played by Audrey Hepburn
3	_____ Townshend, Legendary Guitarist with The Who
4	Who's That _____, 1987 Madonna film and song
5	_____ Mills, Actress who plays Caroline in Wild at Heart
6	The _____ and I, Musical with Yul Brynner
7	_____ Croft, Character played by Angelina Jolie
8	Unchained _____, Song that's topped the charts four times
9	_____ in Venice, 1971 Dirk Bogarde film
10	Great _____ Bulgaria, Leader of Kid's TV programme The Wombles

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NEWS FROM ULCOMBE'S VILLAGE SCHOOL

It's Good to be Back!

It was fantastic to welcome everyone to the new school year. It has been wonderful getting to know the new members of our school community, and seeing all of those who have returned. As many of you will know we have had several improvements during the summer holiday and so far this term. We now have a new front wall and fence, a ramp to the playground and new fencing around the field. Even the bin area has had a make-over! Thanks to money raised by the Friends of Ulcombe school, our PTA, the Junior adventure trail has been extended with the addition of three new items. Thank you to everyone who has helped raise money for this!

There have been some improvements to the building too. The cook's office and store area has been redecorated and metal grills have been placed on the down pipes from the roof, to reduce the chance of problems arising from blocked drains.

Before the holidays we were fortunate to have some students with us. They were able to paint the fence around the Infant play area and complete some weeding and pruning. The playground is an on-going issue at present, though this should be sorted by the school holiday at the end of Term One. Immediately after the break we hope to redecorate The Owls' Nest (formerly Barn Owls Classroom).

Charity Corner

Funky Footwear Friday was on Friday 24th September. The children (and staff) came to school in school uniform, but with the weirdest, wackiest or trendiest footwear. We had children coming in wearing amazing creations on their feet. This event is arranged to raise money for the Kent Air Ambulance. Children had to bring in a donation of at least £1 to wear Funky Footwear. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for the amazing cause.

Off to London to see an Angel

All of the children from Y1 to Y6 went to London on Tuesday 21st September. This was so that we could go to the National Gallery to see Tobias and the Angel, painted by the workshop of Andrea del Verrocchio. Each year the gallery chooses a painting and asks children to find out more about it and create work of their own from it. We are using this project, called Take One Picture, as our topic for the term. It was quite an adventure, going by train up to the capital, a first for some of the children. We took in a few of the sights, too, with older children having a brief walking tour seeing the Houses of Parliament and Downing Street. We all felt relieved to be home after an exhausting day.

Awards and Rewards

It has been a pleasure to present awards already this term. We continue to have certificates each week for Good Citizenship, Effort and Achievement and Homework (KS2 only). As well as these weekly awards we have re-introduced the Superstars book, in which children who have excelled in any aspect of school life can be

recorded. The names and reasons are read out in Friday's celebration assembly too. Children continue to earn House Points towards the House Cup awarded at the end of each year. They also have Golden Time as a constant incentive to do the right thing. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate such a wide range of achievements in our small school. We also started the year by awarding the Attendance Star Trophy to the three children who achieved 100% attendance during 2009/10. Very many congratulations to Amy, Rhiannon and Lauren!

Clubs Galore

As ever we have a fantastic variety of clubs this term. We hope we have been able to provide something for all pupils to join in with. We have art, basketball / netball, chess, choir, drama, film, football, gardening, Karate leadership UK, Kingsquad and the school web-site to choose from. Money raised by Film Club will be passed on to the School Council, who are helping to find ways to improve the school. Thank you to everyone who gives up their time to provide clubs for the children.

Library Project Update

Our Library project is still moving forward, albeit slowly. The latest news is that Bailey Partnerships, architects appointed to work on the project, have submitted planning applications to Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council. In case you are not already aware, KCC are intending to sell our old, disused adventure play area, but give the proceeds to us in school to improve the building. We have worked with Bailey Partnerships to plan the extension, which will house a library which can also be used as a small group room. We hope there will be sufficient funds to develop the front entrance and office areas.

Bailey have planned for four semi-detached houses on the plot of land to be sold. The plans are with MBC should you wish to see them. The planning application for the development of the school has been submitted to KCC. We wait with eager anticipation to discover the outcomes.

Latest News: *The Parish Council approved plans for the extension, with the final decision to be made by KCC. The Parish Council approved the development of the disused play area in principal. They will be passing all of their thoughts to MBC.*

You all, whether you are family members of pupils here at Ulcombe CE Primary School, or if you are one of our many friends from the wider community, are invited to the following events.

Fri 1 st Oct	2.30pm	Harvest Festival	<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>
Fri 5 th Nov	<i>from 6.30pm</i>	FUS Fireworks Night	<i>School Playground</i>
Wed 10 th Nov	<i>from 1.30pm</i>	Open Afternoon	<i>School</i>

This is an ideal occasion for prospective parents to come and view the school!

Thurs 11 th Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Assembly	School Hall
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And for our friends in the wider community we will be holding our next Friends' of Ulcombe School Dinner on Tuesday 9th November. Look out for more information on the school's web-site, www.ulcombeschool.ik.org.

Mr V Hampton *Head Teacher*

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings - 7 - 8.30 pm
Term starts Wednesday 1st September - 20th October
and
Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.00 am
Term starts Thursday 2nd September - 21st October

The term will run for eight weeks and the fee is £40. Drop in students £6 per session. If you are able to make any of these dates and would like to join in please give me a call -
Sue Burch - 01622 850381, email:burch1997@aol.com
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Save the Date Message

Christmas Quiz
Grafty Green Village Hall

Date: 4th December 2010 - Time: 7.30pm

Heaths Countryside Corridor Ice House Dig.

If you have ever wondered how meat and other produce was kept fresh before refrigeration then the answer is the ice house. These structures, usually built at least partly underground, were filled with ice in the winter and remained frozen right through the summer. The Heaths Countryside Corridor ran an event recently looking at the former Ice House of Chilston Park, near Lenham which attracted over 60 people. The weekend was spent excavating the remains of the ice house, cleaning the masonry and establishing the original shape of the building. Ges Moody from the Trust for Thanet Archaeology stated, "It's great to get so much support for the project. We have had help from the North Downs Young Archaeologists, Lenham Archaeology Society and many members of the local community." The next phase of



the restoration of the ice house will include re-pointing and protecting the remaining structure of the building for future generations. This event formed part of the Heaths Countryside Corridor's Wandering and Wondering project that aims to allow local people to explore the wildlife and history of the area around Lenham Heath and Charing Heath, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Interreg IVa.

Please contact Mike Phillips for more information on 01303 815170 or mike.phillips@kentdowns.org.uk



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News from Platts Heath Primary School

Back on the Merry-Go-Round

Well the summer holidays seemed to fly by even quicker than usual – sadly without the long hot spells we enjoyed before we broke up – it's always the same!

We are all back to school and well into the new term under the guidance of Mr Anscomb, our new Headteacher. The school has received a facelift during the holidays thanks to the hard work and long hours put in by a merry band of volunteers.

The new Reception class are settling in well and are attending full days at school now. Some of our Year 6 pupils have sat the 11+

and they are all now busy looking round the secondary and grammar schools in preparation for next year.

Our after-school clubs have now started. The Key Stage 1 children in Years 1 and 2 are able to attend our French Club, our Key Stage 2 children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to attend our Film Club and our Warhammer Club has also returned. A new after-school club we are able to offer this year is a Cooking Club which is open to Year 6 children at present. The children are able to learn the basics of cookery – so far scones and oatcakes have been successfully mastered. Maybe we will find a new Jamie Oliver or Delia in our midst!

We have Book Week coming up in the week 4-9 October and, on 7 October, the children will be dressing as a favourite character from a book of their choice.

Our annual Harvest Festival assembly will take place on the afternoon of 14 October and a week later we break up for half term returning for – dare I say it – the run up to Christmas!

Our PTFA are busy as usual starting preparations for the annual Christmas Fayre. This year it will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 4 December - please come along and support us and get a little Christmas shopping done at the same time.

If you would like to visit the school please contact the school office on 01622 850316 to make an appointment – you will be made very welcome.

Fiona Reeves

Jenny Whittle - News from County Hall



Kent County Council (KCC) like all other local authorities will face a significant reduction in government funding after the Comprehensive Spending Review is announced on 20 October. At the same time, the public spotlight is on councils to demonstrate that the services they provide deliver real value for money.

It will soon be easier for the public to understand how KCC spends taxpayers' money. Kent residents are being consulted on the services they really value and whether KCC could do things differently. To help explain, KCC is making it easier for people, by publishing more financial information online.

We believe it is important to make it even easier for the public to see information about council spending. On our website (www.kent.gov.uk) we have published the salaries, expenses, hospitality received and declined, declarations of interest and job descriptions of our most senior managers.

We have also published invoices worth more than £500 paid by KCC's Environment, Highways and Waste department. This will then happen every month and the invoices of other KCC departments will follow shortly afterwards.

KCC is also introducing a new way of tracking performance for the first time. This will now be done every three months rather than once a year. This includes information on how KCC is delivering services such as waste management, children's social care and fixing Kent's roads and pavements.

We want the public to know how well we are delivering on our targets. Publishing quarterly statistics about our performance makes us more accountable and open so that people can see how we are running vital services such as social care and highways. The public will be able to use this information and tell KCC what they think, giving them the opportunity to help shape services.

In October, Kent County Council will be launching its campaign '*Your voice, your services*'. The aim is to listen to and involve people to see what services they really value and if KCC should do things differently. The campaign will be highlighted in *Around Kent*, the residents' magazine, on the council's website and at neighbourhood forums. The magazine will include a questionnaire aimed at finding out what the public's priorities are.

Tackling the problem of lorry chaos

Kent Highway Services (KHS) has launched a major action programme to tackle the problem of lorries causing disruption and traffic chaos in town centres and narrow rural roads.

Last year nearly 3.2 million freight lorries passed through the ports of Dover and Ramsgate, and the Channel Tunnel – that’s an average of 8,700 a day. Dover, meanwhile, expects to see an increase of around 50% in the number of HGVs using the port over the next two decades.

The work, which is expected to take between 12-18 months, will involve a complete overhaul of Kent’s current lorry-route map, a county-wide review of lorry directional and regulatory signs and a review of Traffic Regulation Orders such as weight, height and width restrictions – which set out where Heavy Goods Vehicles are prevented from driving.

KHS will work with satellite navigation firms to ensure lorry drivers are provided with the best routes for commercial traffic, rather than car satellite navigation information. KHS is also in consultation with the two leading industry bodies, the Freight Transport Association and the Road Haulage Association.

Lorries can cause tremendous problems for residents and businesses when they use the wrong road and get stuck. They also rumble through our small villages day in, day out, and get stuck on inappropriate town centre roads, in some cases causing damage to property. Of course, companies have to use our roads as part of their normal operations and we do not want to limit businesses. This is about putting lorries on the best available routes. We will look at where HGVs want and need to travel and map out routes that will minimise disruption to residents and other business.

District councils are responsible for approving the development of industrial units and the licences that allow them to operate. KHS will also look at working more closely with the planning authorities, so that it is consulted on preferred lorry routes when operating licences are granted.

KHS is also tackling specific, local lorry-related issues by developing tailored plans to fix them, such as restricting through lorry traffic from the High Street, in Sevenoaks. If you need my help or advice, please do get in touch. I can be contacted at home on 734897 or by email jenny.whittle@kent.gov.uk.

Jenny Whittle

County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East

Deputy Cabinet Member for Learning and Development

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE BOUGHTON MALHERBE HISTORY

SOCIETY

Our quality colour production book on the history of our parish entitled '*Boughton Malherbe - A Journey Through Time*' will be launched in Grafty Green Village Hall on Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 7.30 pm

We hope you will join us but please be aware that the Village Hall has a capacity limit and if necessary entry will be on a 'first come first served' basis so please arrive early to ensure your place and enjoy a free coffee, tea, soft drink or glass of wine available from 7.00 pm until the start of the event at 7.30 pm .

We aim for an enjoyable evening which will include a film show and short talk on how the book became a reality .

Copies of the book will be available at the end of the evening for collection by parishioners entitled to a free copy [**one per household**] .

Additional copies will also be available to everyone at £15.00 each .

We now have sufficient orders to justify a print run of 400 copies but we do not plan a reprint. So to guarantee your purchase please call Ron Galton on 01622 850369 [or Email your order to him at, galtonweeks@googlemail.com] if you have not already done so.

For those who cannot attend we will deliver within the parish as soon as possible after the launch or you can collect by prior appointment but if we post to outside the parish the price will be £18.00 per copy to cover postage and packing .

We look forward to welcoming you on the 14th December.

Ron Galton Peter Bird John Collins Mike Davidson

Update on Lenham Valley Business Association

Over the past 18 months several other business networking groups in the borough have come and gone. Meanwhile the Lenham Valley Business Association has reached unexpected heights of revenue between members, the annual investment of £65 to £75 has more than paid for itself over and over again. It's the active members who will always earn more through their face to face efforts than anyone else. It's all about discovering what others can do and what other members want, the matching of those parts is exactly what networking is for.

Since the business directory was delivered sole traders and other businesses tucked away in the corners of the area have begun to see the benefits of becoming members too - and appearing in next years directory as well as on our website from the day they join. Working from home can help create a great focus and allow you the opportunity to maximise ability, but it can also isolate individuals from the rest of the world despite working with the world wide link of the great computer. Joining a local networking association designed to enhance business opportunities can help bridge the gap back from isolation.

It's not just business either, some people have formed friendships that are not necessarily linked directly to the respective businesses. Working together on community projects, adding your particular talent to a different group, all these things enrich life and prevent the feeling of isolation. We are all busy people nowadays, but we must remember to create and keep the balance - life is for living. "All work and no play ..."

More businesses are advertising their vacancies on the LVBA site so if you are looking for a job then check out our website today!

Networking meetings - see Parish notice board or check out the website for full details. On Tuesday 5 October at the Victoria's Cabaret Club. 6pm until 8pm. At 8pm is our AGM if you would like to help by joining our committee please let us know - it's work hard and it's unpaid but it's exciting and you get the chance to work with some great people.

On Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30am there's a chance to network at a breakfast at Chilston Park Hotel (just £8pp). You need to register with us though and pay at least a week in advance.

Success comes from working together.

Alan Reading, LVBA Chairman

The Grafty Gourmet

This is a classic way of cooking a French stew, by cooking the ingredients on a low heat, standing in for a day to marinate, and reheating slowly before eating. The flavour is mouth watering.

Marinated Beef Stew (serves 6):

3 lbs stewing beef, in 2-inch cubes	8 oz bacon, diced
1 litre red wine	Mixed herbs
3 carrots peeled and sliced	1 shot of brandy
2 garlic cloves, minced	1 thick ham, diced
3 onions, chopped	5 tbsp oil or butter
3 shallots, chopped	salt and pepper

1. Melt butter or oil in a large pan and brown meat cubes on all sides.
2. Add bacon and brown, then add a pinch of salt and pepper. Add onions, shallots, carrots, ham, and herbs and mix well.
3. Warm the brandy in a small pan, pour over the meat and light it with a match and flambé it.
4. Add minced garlic. Warm the red wine in a separate pan and pour over the meat. Transfer to a large casserole dish.
5. Cover and cook over very low heat for 2 hours. Turn off heat, do not open lid and let stand until the next day without refrigerating. The next day, let it simmer on low heat for another 2 hours. Serve hot.

The Grafty Gourmet

Neighbourhood Watch Message

A Ford Focus was criminally damaged during the course of the evening of Saturday 4th September in Grafty Green. Would all residents please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police immediately. Contact details for the Police are detailed on page 21 of this magazine.

St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

I am delighted to report we have once again been successful with an application for a grant from the Grassroots Fund in order to purchase the equipment to set up our own film club in the hall. The Grassroots Grant was the source for the new curtains and chairs last year which have made such a difference to the comfort of events held in the hall.

Duffrey and Co have now completed the decoration and with the help of Sandra and Chris the garden is looking much tidier. The fire escape route now has a Tarmac surface so no more weeds to keep at bay.

We now look forward to the Harvest Supper on 9th October at 7pm and our ever popular Quiz Night with John and Helen Nye our quiz masters on 20th November at 7pm. These two events are popular so do book your places early.

Once again we have welcomed back the Morris Dancers for the winter months. The Line dancers keep going but do need some new members Thursday evenings 8-9pm.

Mrs Thursting is now running the Little Dragons Karate for children age 3 to 7 Monday at 4.45 and Blue Warrior Kickboxing for age 7 - 12+ Monday at 5.40. Anyone interested should ring her on 01634 320238 or 07949 844 893.

Anyone interested in starting up a club in the hall or booking it for private parties call me on 858891 or Duff Robinson on 850463.

Secretary Patricia Dibley

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Wheatsheaf	0957	1236	1411	1604	1604	1624	1709	1759
Loose, Loose Rd/Old Loose Hill	1001	1240	1415	1608	1608	via 1713	1803	
Linton Corner	1005	1244	1419	1612	1612	Suton	1717	1807
Cornwallis Academy	1505	Road
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1010	1249	1424	1617	1617	and 1722	1812	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1013	1252	1427	1509	1620	1620	Largley	1725	1815
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1016	1255	1430	1512	1623	1623	1728	1818
Warmlake Corner	1019	1258	1433	1515	1626	1636	1731	1821
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1306	1523	1634	1646	1829
Kingswood, Village Hall	1024	1308	1438	1525	1636	1648	1739	1831
Ulcombe, Post Office	1313	1530	1641	1653	1836
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Wheatsheaf	0756	0800	0806	0957	1057	1407	1510	1745
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Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn	0808
London Rd, Somerfield Hospital	0817
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Grafty Green Gardening Club

Date	Topic	Speaker
5 th January	AGM – Best of Kent slide show	Robert Canis
2 nd February	Bee Keeping	Mrs. Barbara Harris
2 nd March	Growing Vegetables	Mr. Andrew Fletcher
6 th April	Spring Show History/making walking sticks	Mr. Dennis Worcester
10 th April	15% off at Rumwood Nursery 9.30 – 4.30	
4 th May	Visit to Turkey Mill	
25 th –27 th June	Weekend visit to Dorset, staying Norfolk Royale Hotel Bournemouth. Gardens: Stourhead (NT), Abbotsbury, Kingston Maurwood, West Dean	
6 th July	Mere House, Mereworth	Andrew Wells
3 rd August	Belmont House, Throwley	Head Gardener
7 st September	Autumn show - Iceland/wild flowers	Sue Buckingham Wild flower expert
5th October	Nuts and Seeds - ????	Tom Hart Dyke is away !!
2 nd November	Kent Gardens Trust	Elizabeth Cairns
7 th December	Christmas Social with entertainment	Geoff Doel and Mick Lynn

October meeting - Unfortunately Tom Hart Dyke has double booked himself and cannot be with us but we intend to make the evening as entertaining as possible – come and find out how the club organises an event at short notice!

Tribute to the late Les Hulm

Les was one of the founder members of our gardening club in 1998 and volunteered to be the Treasurer from the outset. This was a post he filled diligently, keeping our club funds in good order right to the last.

Quiet and unassuming, he supported us at both the club and committee meetings, only health problems in the last few years, coming in the way. Among his varied interests, he was a keen gardener, especially on the vegetable side.

We, the village and the gardening club will miss him enormously. Our thoughts are with Doreen and all his family.

Rosemary Smith & Sue Birch

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD and GIFT SALE

Saturday 31st October: 10.00 – 3.00: Smarden Charter Hall

Visitors from all over Kent will be converging on Smarden's Charter Hall for what has become one of the most popular events in the village calendar. The eighteen charities attending will be selling a huge selection of the latest cards and novelty gifts at the sale. Last year the event raised over £5300 which the organiser, Gill Bromley, hopes will be beaten this year. Since the event began in 1985 it has raised over £120,000 for the charities involved.

Charities attending will range from local Kent-based charities, to major national ones and some of the smaller less well known. They will include the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kent Air Ambulance, Tear Fund, British Heart Foundation, the Eczema Society, Cystic Fibrosis, R.N.L.I., Mencap, Lupus, Cancer Research UK, and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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The October Night Sky

The Sun is in the constellation of Virgo throughout October.

We have all noticed how cold it has become recently, and I'm afraid, to crown it all, British Summer Time ends on 31st October, when clocks should be put back one hour.

New Moon occurs on Thursday 7th October, when it appears in the constellation of Gemini. Full Moon is on Saturday 23rd October, when it is in Pisces, close to the border with Aries.

Mercury is at superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 17th October, so we are unlikely to see this elusive planet this month.

Venus is in inferior conjunction (almost directly in front of the Sun) on 29th October, so it will not be possible to see the "Evening Star" this month.

Mars sets less than an hour after the Sun, so again we will not be able to see the "Red Planet" this month.

Jupiter is the only planet we can see this month, as it is in opposition to the Sun. It can be seen due south, and it is moving slowly south-westwards out of the constellation of Pisces, entering Aquarius on 15th October. Through a telescope the disc of Jupiter can clearly be seen, together with the dark and light cloud bands and some of the four major moons.

Saturn is at superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 1st October, and will therefore not be visible this month.

During the second half of October we can see the Orionid meteor shower. They appear to radiate from the northern part of Orion, and will probably peak around 22nd October. The best time to view them is in the early hours of the morning. This is also the best time of the year to see sporadic meteors. These can be seen at any time and in any part of the sky.

Some of you may have read recently in the papers that scientists have found that climbing just a couple of steps upstairs will age you. Proving one of Einstein's theories of relativity, that clocks will run faster the further away from the ground, because they are subject to less gravitational force. Of course the time differences are miniscule, and will have no affect on ones normal lifespan. Still perhaps it would be wise to buy a bungalow! Incidentally, GPS systems have to adjust for this, otherwise locations could be as much as 6 miles out.

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Control	Solar	Game	Panel
2	Herring	Tape	Cross	
3	Money	Break	Song	
4	Bird	Cake	Sunflower	
5	Natural	Ancient	Life	
6	Quarters	Newly	Bliss	
7	Railway	Police	Fire	
8	Shaft	Face	Ski	
9	Merchant	Metal	Book	
10	Back	Top	Dry	
11	Clerical	Human	Free	
12	Secret	Union	Rag	
13	Wicket	Shop	Peace	
14	Social	Steel	Bee	
15	Film	Fish	Sign	
16	Tear	Kick	Snow	

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, 2008, 2009 and 2010 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

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

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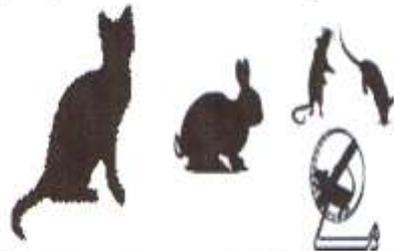
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People struggling with understanding word processing can book in for either the 'How to get started in Word' (30 September and 7 October, 7:30 to 9:30pm) or, if you know the basics, why not try the 'How to do more in Word' course (21 and 28 October, 7:30 to 9:30pm)?

The evening course on 'How to get your photographs from camera to PC' may have ended, but, if there's enough interest, a daytime course could be arranged. Just give Sylvia a call on 01233 756050 or 07523 182994.

If you are happy with putting your photographs on to your PC but still want to know a bit more then perhaps the 'How to Edit Photographs' course may be for you (13 and 20 October, 7:30 to 9:30pm). Following on from this is 'How to Email Photographs' (3 and 10 November, 7:30 to 9:30pm). Again, if daytimes are better, contact Sylvia to see if this can be done.

Rather than run a desktop publishing course this year, on offer are three separate themes: 'How to Produce a Newsletter' (5 and 12 October); 'How to make your own Greetings Cards' (26 October and 2 November); and 'How to make a Calendar' (6 and 13 December) These are all daytime courses, running from 10am until noon.

On 15 November there is a two-hour lesson on 'How to use the Internet' between 10am and noon. And on 22 November another two-hour lesson on 'How to use Social Networks,' again 10am to noon.

The Telecottage volunteers are also able to offer 'How to...' courses on using EBay; using Files and Folders; and shopping on line. Do give Sylvia a call (07523 182994 or 01233 756050) if you are interested in any of these courses, or if you would like to suggest something else. All courses start from £7.50 per two-hour session.

And don't forget, the drop-in session every Saturday morning, 10am to noon, for technical advice and help – or just a chat and a cup of coffee.

Tool Sharpening

Graham Howkind, a tool sharpener, will be at Grafty Green garden centre from 10am to 4pm on Friday 8th October. He has already improved one mower!

Joan Drury

Maidstone

(An extract from a late 1920's edition of the "Newnes motorists touring guide")

"A walk through the streets of Maidstone provides delights at every turn. In Knightrider Street is Digons, now the vicarage, where lived Lawrence Washington 1602-19. Knightrider House, nearly opposite, was the residence of William Shipley, one of the founders of the Society of Arts, now the Royal Academy. In Stone Street is a fine Tudor residence (re-fronted 1716) which contains a beautiful panelled hall. In Week Street there is a house dated 1680 with a pargetted front.

On no account should the Corporation Museum and Bentlif Art Gallery be missed. They are to be found in St. Faith Street, adjoining the Brenchley Public Gardens and within a few minutes' walk of Maidstone East Railway Station. The place was formerly Chillington Manor House, and this is one of the very few instances in the country where a museum is actually housed in an old Tudor mansion"



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Grafty Green

Saturday 9th Oct 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 18th Dec 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 9th Oct 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane
Saturday 18th Dec 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 16th Oct 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Road

The Great Leeds Book Sale

This is by way of advance notice – the Great Leeds Book sale will be held this year on 20th November. We will not only require your presence on the day, to buy your year's supply of books, but we also need helpers throughout the preceding week (15th-19th), to unpack, sort and arrange, so please make notes in your diary now, before other conflicting engagements take up your valuable time.

It is clear that the fame of the sale has is now established, as we receive books for stock throughout the year, but be assured, if you have surplus books in good condition, we would love to take them; just deliver them to the South Porch at the church any day after 9.30am, when the church door is normally open. May I presume to make a couple of reservations however?

*Firstly, by all means put the books in boxes or bags, but not so many in one container that we can't lift it without damaging ourselves or the container, and not thrown in so roughly that good books are spoiled , covers bent back, or bindings broken

*Secondly, books in good condition we are very pleased to take, but unfortunately we cannot take second hand toys, back copies of magazines, or jumble. Save them for the next church boot sale!

What do you want me to do for you?

The words above were addressed to a blind beggar by Jesus. He asked to receive his sight and was healed. This and many other healing miracles are recorded in the Gospels. Jesus still heals: an old hymn puts it, 'and still his touch has power to heal.' With this in mind a healing service has been planned for the Len Valley benefice.'

Jesus power to heal is not limited to physical need but encompasses emotional problems like resentment, rejection, bitterness, jealousy and so on. There is no aspect of our lives which is not of concern to Jesus.

This does not mean that those who come to Jesus for healing should no longer visit their GP. Tom Smail in 'In Search of Wholeness,' wrote, "Both Christian healing and medical healing come from God and for Christian people there should be no conflict between them. You can say your prayers and take your medicine as well."

The healing service will be held in St Mary's church, Lenham on Sunday 17th October at ???. Mark Harlow, who brings with him a wealth of experience, will be the speaker. Why not come along with YOUR needs? Prayers will be offered for those who attend the service and those unable to come. If you would like to come and need transport, please contact the Benefice office on 850604.

Living Water

Don't you just love listening to the sound of a waterfall or a stream trickling by? The sound of water can be very soothing. Jesus says that "Anyone who is thirsty should come to me to drink" (John 7:37).

You are welcome to join us for a Quiet Day, to be led by Revd. Marian Bond, during which we shall explore the theme of water as used in the bible. The venue is Headcorn Methodist Church which will be available for us from 10 until 3 on Saturday 2nd October. There will be opportunities for quietness throughout the day, as well as time to talk with others during refreshment breaks. There will be some art materials available for those who would like to try their hand with them. The programme will include three talks and will conclude with a simple service of Holy Communion.

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Christian Message October 2010

Harvest Time

By the time this Newsletter comes out, we will have celebrated Harvest with our Harvest Thanksgiving and our Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Throughout the centuries, harvest has always been celebrated by the church. One of our most well known hymns is:

*We plough the Fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.*

But when that hymn was written two hundred years ago, life was very different. At harvest time, most of the villagers would be out in the fields bringing in the harvest. Yet, as I write this, the corn in the field adjacent to my garden is being cut - not with an army of men and women with scythes as in the past, but by a huge and noisy machine rather like some horrendous space monster. The whole field has been cut in a day, the corn sifted and the chaff baled and carted off.

It makes one think how times have changed – and how much easier life is for us here in the west than in the old days. But at this time of year one cannot help but think about the thousands of people across the world for whom there will be no harvest because of floods, droughts, and other natural disasters. The picture that stays in the mind the most at this time is of the vast area of flooded fields in Pakistan, and the thousands forced to flee their homes.

The Bible is full of stories about harvest. One of my favourites is about Ruth, a Moabite woman, who marries a refugee who has come to her country with his brother and his parents because of famine in their land. Her husband, his father and his brother all die, and Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi, decides to go back to her homeland. Although Naomi tries to persuade Ruth not to go with her, Ruth insists, saying in these lovely words, 'Entreat me not to leave you or forsake you. Where you go, I will go, your people will be my people, and your God my God.' Ruth's loyalty is rewarded when, at harvest time, she is given permission by one of Naomi's relatives, Boaz, to glean in his fields after the harvest is collected. He sees Ruth and marries her.

It's a beautiful story and one is struck not only by Ruth's loyalty and love, but by her courage in leaving behind everything she was familiar with to go to a foreign land in support of her widowed mother-in-law, to live with strangers, and worship a foreign God. It makes one think of the millions of refugees who are forced to leave their homeland because of famine, flood, earthquakes or political upheaval, and take up residence in foreign lands where they are not always welcome. But Jesus enjoined us all to welcome the refugee. He told a story about the end time when people are separated into two groups 'as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.' He

said to the one group, 'when I was hungry, you gave me food, when thirsty, you gave me drink, when a stranger, you took me into your home, when naked you clothed me, when I was ill you came to my help, and when in prison you visited me.' And the people, puzzled, asked Jesus when they did that for him, and he said 'I tell you truly: anything you did for one of my brothers here, however insignificant, you did for me.'

This seems to embody what the Christian life is all about. Though for some it may seem incomprehensible, for others difficult, and for others something they don't want to think about, the Christian life is simple. Jesus said, 'The first commandment is this, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, all your mind and with all your strength, and the second commandment is this: you must love your neighbour as yourself.'

Molly Poulter

Music Notes - October

If you are a music lover, have you thought of joining the Maidstone Music Appreciation society? Its name hasn't much "zing", but they have monthly talks on music, and are, I'm assured, a friendly and music loving lot, so you may enjoy their company. They meet on a Thursday evening. New members welcome. Contact Gordon Sladen 01622 882395. Apart from such talks, October also offers plenty of local concerts. Here is a small selection:

- Friday 1st October, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society presents "An Informal Jazz Evening", with saxophonist Mornington Lockett and others. Tickets 01233 756672.
- Sat 16th October, 7.30 at Mote Hall, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra starts its Centenary Season with Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No.4*, Rachmaninov's *Slavonic Dances* and the world premier of Malcolm Riley's *Fairmeadow – an overture for Maidstone*. Tickets 01622 736392
- Sat 30th October at Mote Hall, Maidstone choral Union perform Rutter's popular *Requiem* and Vaughan William's less well known but dramatic *Donna Nobis Pacem*. Tickets 01622 726193

Another wicked note

I cribbed this one from another magazine, and wonder if it is real or 'manufactured' – either way, thought provoking!:

Extract from church bulletin: "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday Afternoons".

Brian Hardy

The Len Valley Benefice

Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe

Sunday/Main Services – October 2010

3rd October - 18th Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Thanksgiving)

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
8am Harrietsham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Praise Service
9.30am Boughton Malherbe BCP Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Praise Service

10th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion (Stewardship)
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Morning Worship
11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Malherbe Choral Evensong

17th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

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
6.30pm Lenham Healing Service

24th October - Bible Sunday

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Praise Service
11am Lenham Family Praise Service
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion

31st October - All Saints

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10am Benefice Praise Service Ulcombe
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Control	Solar	Game	Panel
2	Herring	Tape	Cross	Red
3	Money	Break	Song	Even
4	Bird	Cake	Sunflower	Seed
5	Natural	Ancient	Life	History
6	Quarters	Newly	Bliss	Married
7	Railway	Police	Fire	Station
8	Shaft	Face	Ski	Lift
9	Merchant	Metal	Book	Scrap
10	Back	Top	Dry	Spin
11	Clerical	Human	Free	Error
12	Secret	Union	Rag	Trade
13	Wicket	Shop	Peace	Keeper
14	Social	Steel	Bee	Worker
15	Film	Fish	Sign	Star
16	Tear	Kick	Snow	Drop

Find the missing word?	
1	Scarlett O'Hara, Vivien Leigh's character in Gone With The Wind
2	Eliza Doolittle, Role played by Audrey Hepburn
3	Pete Townshend, Legendary Guitarist with The Who
4	Who's That Girl, 1987 Madonna film and song
5	Hayley Mills, Actress who plays Caroline in Wild at Heart
6	The King and I, Musical with Yul Brynner
7	Lara Croft, Character played by Angelina Jolie
8	Unchained Melody, Song that's topped the charts four times
9	Death in Venice, 1971 Dirk Bogarde film
10	Great Uncle Bulgaria, Leader of Kids' TV programme The Wombles

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