

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front Cover:** Two of the 'Leprechaun's' attending the recent Irish themed evening in Grafty Green Village Hall

## News from St. Nicholas Church

The season of Lent is over with it's sombre, thoughtful mood. The church was plain and quiet without flowers. Now the dreadful events of Good Friday are past and we can celebrate the joyfulness of Easter Sunday, with riotous spring flowers in church and in our homes and gardens, as we know that Christ is risen!

**Morning Prayers 9.30am** continue on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at St. Nicholas and at All Saints, Ulcombe on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

**Bible Study** will start again shortly at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green, after a break following the Lent Course. Contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766 for details.

**Coffee Morning.** Sadly there will be no coffee morning in April. We look forward to meeting again next month, in May. Many of us, I know, will have withdrawal symptoms, without our regular taste of Sylvia's cheese scones!

**Lent lunches.** These have been a great success this year, despite a break during the snowy weather. With very many thanks to those who made the delicious soups and those who supported the events. So good to have time to chat over a meal. Not sure how much money will be going to Christian Aid, but should be in excess of £200. And we all know the great need of help for suffering people around the world.

**Annual Church Meeting** will take place in the church on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Our prayers continue for Joan and Mike Davidson.

**A very Happy Easter to everyone!**



**Sally Alexander**

## **Yoga Classes In Grafty Green Village Hall**

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Further information or one to one bookings call Sue Burch  
(British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381

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

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

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

10th July, 4th September, 6th November, 15th January 2019, 19th March 2019.

**Please note:** The Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Annual General Meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in Grafty Green Village Hall



# Grafty Green Remembers



**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

This year our village fete will recall events from 100 years ago, with the following themes:

- Peace Time after WWI
- Women – Votes and Women's Institute
- The formation of the RAF



We are looking for ideas for demonstrations, exhibitions, stalls, games and arena events, so would be interested in hearing from anyone how has contacts for this theme.

Ideas already received are in the areas of:

- Transportation
- Machinery / Tools
- Games
- Exhibitions

## Get Involved:

Carol (see number below) would love to hear from you, if you would like to get involved on the day.

We would also like to include some displays which require some needle craft, so are looking for people who would like to make a contribution, firstly some small



flags, each worked in your own personal way to commemorate a member of this parish who served in WW1. This can be fabric, knitted, crochet piece that can be hung. Also we would like to make a 21st century larger sewn piece that shows our parish in its various ways. **Please contact Sue Burch on 850381.**

Finally, please let us know if you are prepared to provide prizes for the Grand Draw or would like to sponsor any of the games. Email:

**Carolhulm@gmail.com or phone 07990 574214.** To see photos and videos of previous events please visit: [www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk).

All proceeds are used to fund the event and help towards the maintenance of the hall. This year we are hoping to put something permanent in the village as a momentum.

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## Grafty Gourmet

This is a great but simple curry recipe with an Indonesian twist. Serve sprinkled with roasted peanuts and basmati rice.

### Peanut Butter Chicken Curry

Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- 8 skinless boneless chicken thighs, or 6 skinless chicken breasts cut into chunks
- 1 clove of garlic (crushed)
- 2 red chillies, finely sliced (deseeded if you don't like it too hot)
- 2 teaspoons of fresh ginger (grated)
- 2 teaspoons of garam masala
- 100g of smooth peanut butter
- 400ml can of coconut milk
- 400g can of chopped tomatoes (with ½ the juice drained out)
- 1 small bunch coriander, ½ roughly chopped, ½ leaves picked
- roasted peanuts (to serve)
- cooked basmati rice (to serve)

1. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a deep frying pan over a medium heat. Brown the chicken in batches, setting aside once golden. Fry the garlic, chilli and ginger in the other 1 tablespoon of oil for 1 min. Add the garam masala and fry for 1 more minute.

2. Stir in the peanut butter, coconut milk and tomatoes, and bring to a simmer. Return the chicken to the pan and add the chopped coriander. Cook for 30 mins until the sauce thickens and the chicken is cooked through.

3. Serve with the remaining coriander, roasted peanuts and rice..

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Seasonal pictures taken near Boughton Malherbe Church of some new arrivals and 'Shepherd Tony King'



Pictures courtesy of Chris King - hence the picture of Tony !!

# Village Hall News

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

The cold and snow on St.Patrick's day deterred a few people from attending our Irish-themed meal and dance at the Hall last month, but around 50 hardy folk enjoyed a fine repast of pork in Irish cider, preceded by Guinness & treacle soda bread (tasted better than it sounds!) and followed by Chocolate Guinness cake or Baileys tiramisu. How they found the energy to dance with such enthusiasm after that lot beats me, but dance they did!

Our thanks go, in particular, to the ladies of the Hall committee who worked tirelessly to perfect the menu and to turn out such vast quantities of fantastic food on the night - and then had all the washing up to do. You were brilliant.

Putting on events like this requires a huge team effort and we have a great team in the Village Hall Committee. Why not come and join us? A new committee will be elected at our AGM next month and we would warmly welcome anyone who can spare a little time to help us with our various ventures. Details will be given in the next Malherbe Monthly but, meanwhile, feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

Now, when it comes to thanking people, few deserve more appreciation than **Doreen Walter**. For well over 20 years Doreen has been responsible for keeping our Hall clean & tidy and stocked with essentials like loo rolls, soap and fresh towels - and for much of this time Doreen also handled Hall bookings and acted as a key holder for us. She has been the unsung hero of the Hall, working quietly there when no-one else was around, clearing up after parties, ensuring the floor was always clean enough for the yoga class to lie on, putting out the rubbish and reporting any faults (if ever-helpful husband Peter hadn't just gone ahead and fixed them!)

But this month Doreen finally retired from this role and we applaud her work in support of our lovely Village Hall over so many years. Thank you so much, Doreen, and enjoy the extra few hours of 'you' time that you will have each week in future.

**Richard Pilborough**, Hall Committee Chairman  
Tel: 844648; email [pilborough@grafty.plus.com](mailto:pilborough@grafty.plus.com)



More pictures from  
the Irish themed  
evening in Grafty  
Green Village Hall  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
March

## **News from Helen Whately MP**

Kent is getting a medical school. Yesterday the Health Secretary announced that the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church will start accepting students at brand new medical school in 2020. This will make all the difference to healthcare in Kent. In recent years it's been difficult to attract doctors to work in our local hospitals, especially A&Es. A medical school will draw in talented senior clinicians and a new generation of younger doctors to work in Kent. It will also be a big boost to the local bio-tech industry.

This is the result of many months of hard work. I've been involved from the start, from initial conversations with Canterbury's two universities to pressing the NHS to support the bid and lobbying Ministers to push Kent's case. Congratulations to the team who did so much work on the bid. Thanks also to Sir Julian Brazier, who worked closely with me on this while he was MP for Canterbury.

The reason this is so important is that local hospitals and GP practices have struggled to recruit enough staff. The care patients get is totally dependent on the doctors, nurses and other health workers who provide it. Our A&Es have had to rely on locum doctors because of the local shortage. We need 530 more GPs in East Kent to bring the number of GPs per head into line with the national average. Having a medical school here will encourage young people from Kent to study medicine, and people from other parts of the country will build strong links with the area while studying at the school. This means more graduates are likely to choose to make their careers in Kent. The research and teaching opportunities a medical school will provide will also attract more senior doctors.

I'm also working with the NHS and local health campaigners on ambitious plans for the future of healthcare in East Kent. I want to see a new hospital in Canterbury that's a centre of excellence, giving opportunities to the students at the medical school and supported by hospitals in other parts of the County. Today's announcement that we are getting this new medical school is a big step towards achieving that.

### **Betamax Video Player/Recorder**

Does anybody have a Betamax Video player I can borrow? I have some family tapes recorded in the 80s that I want to transfer to DVD but discovered my player does not work any more.

If you can help, please ring me on 01622 858937.

**Mandy Hitchins**

# Helen Whately

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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## **SOUP**

At the recent Lent Lunch several people asked for the recipe for my Leek and Potato soup. So here it is. It's from a very old recipe book, and therefore it's all in old measurements:

3 large potatoes, diced  
3 leeks  
salt and pepper  
2oz. Butter  
1 pint white stock  
¼ pint cream

Put the vegetables into a pan with the butter and toss them in the fat without allowing them to brown. Add the stock, cover, and cook until the vegetables are tender. Season and stir in the cream just before serving.

Serves about 4.

**Doreen Hulm**



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; T King; R Galton; J Collins  
Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Turner opened meeting at 7.35pm

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – received from Cllr Martin Round
3. **Declarations:**  
Any lobbying - none  
Any interest in items on the Agenda – Councillor Collins regarding donation to the Church and Cllr Turner regarding payment to the village hall  
Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved.
5. **Matters Arising** – Clerk to find out about councillor access to the KALC website
6. **Public session** – No members of the public in attendance
7. **Planning Outcomes since the last meeting** – None
8. **KCC/MBC Reports** – Cllr Prendergast updated the Council regarding MBC and KCC council tax and budget for 2018/19. Cllr Prendergast updated the council with regard to the bus subsidy consultation which has been postponed. Cllr Prendergast encouraged the council to write to the Environment Agency with regard to the impact of Gypsy and Traveller sites – sewage etc. Clerk to draft a letter. The Acres Place appeal will be heard on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Hazlit Theatre. Shellina encouraged people to attend this and the Meadows hearing.
9. **8.1 Local Policing/community** – The Clerk circulated recent crime reports from the e-watch website. This appeared to be the same report as received in January. Cllr Turner will raise this at the forthcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting.  
**8.2 Community Warden Report** – No report  
**8.3 KFRS** – No report  
**8.4 Speedwatch** – Agreed in principle to lend the equipment to Neighbourhood Watch provided we have insurance cover. Clerk to enquire through our insurers
10. **Highway and Footway Matters**
  - 10.1 **Liverton Hill** – no report
  - 10.2 **Ditches, gullies, pot holes** - several problems were reported by Cllr. Allum. Clerk to report

these to KCC Highways

**10.3 HGV Signage** – problems continue. Cllrs agreed to continue to monitor and lobby when appropriate

**10.4 59 Bus** – Cllr Collins updated the meeting with regard to discussions with KCC regarding subsidies. Consultation has been placed on hold and existing KCC contracts have been extended until September 2018.

**11. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended**

Cllr Turner provided feedback from an MBC councillor's meeting regarding the Meadows inspection hearing. It was agreed that Cllr Galton will place an article in Malherbe monthly for evidence and experiences to be reported anonymously to the inspection hearing by Borough Councillors. Clerk to collate responses. Cllr Turner also provided feedback from the KALC Maidstone Areas Committee and KALC Planning Workshop. Cllr Galton referred to his previously circulated feedback from the KALC Planning Training. Cllr Allum reported from the Liverton Street Neighbourhood watch event.

**12. Finance**

**12.1 Note the Balance at the Bank** -           £18,017.14 Nat West  
  £25,000.00 Nationwide  
  £85,000 Cambridge and Counties

**12.2 Income since the last meeting** – None

**12.3 Bank Reconciliation** - approved and signed for position at 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 by Cllr Collins

**12.4 Any cheques to sign** – signed four cheques regarding Village Green maintenance, Village Hall, Church and Christmas Tree

**12.5 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting** – none

**12.6 Year-end payments** – arrangements have been made with the village hall and the church

**13. Donation From Quinn Estates** – each suggestion was reviewed and a decision regarding the

next steps was taken for each one. These decisions can be found in the table below. In addition, it was decided that: the Clerk will find out the planning issues and consents required to construct a car park. With regard to suggestion 16 it was agreed to also explore the option of a "Please Drive Carefully Through Our Village " sign. Cllr Galton will arrange for the latest position to be included in Malherbe Monthly to keep residents informed of progress. Cllr Galton to circulate a draft for comment.

**14. Post Office Sign** – Agreed to erect a sign on the village green and meet the cost of the post. Cllr Turner to approach Gavin Rees to take on this work

**16. General Data Protection Regulations** – received a progress report from the Clerk

And agreed: (i) Not to create Parish Council email addresses for Councillors for now (ii)

To continue to explore the option of appointing our internal auditor as our Data Protection Officer

**17. Councillor Training** – agreed a policy that councillors should attend training relevant to the committees on which they sit when such training is available through KALC

**18. Date for Annual Parish meeting/AGM** – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**19. LEADER funding for rural business** – agreed to place information on the notice board

**20. Correspondence** – received from CPRE regarding annual subscription and Eian City regarding speed signs. Clerk to find out more about the signs

**21. Further Information** - None

The Meeting closed 10.05pm

# **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

## **Update No 2 on Progress Towards Spending The Quinn Donation**

The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council has now received the necessary advice to ensure that whatever we spend of the donation money, it falls within the rules by which we are bound.

This inevitably means that some very good ideas cannot be taken further. One of the rules covered by the Local Government Act 1972, section 137 is significant because it allows us to spend on some of the proposals but we are limited to an overall spend of £2785.75 in total in any one year. This means that any project within the scope of S137 but exceeds £2785.75 in cost cannot proceed, but we could have more than one project provided the combined cost does not exceed £2785.75.

In consequence, the following items on the list published in the February edition of Malherbe Monthly are dismissed for the time being:  
Numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 17 & 18.

The following items are permissible in theory but have issues of legality, need, cost (inc. S137), safety, maintenance, practicality, ownership or a combination that rules them out. Under some of these circumstances the following are dismissed for the time being:

Numbers 7, 20, 21, 24, 25 & 26.

There were also two late suggestions that come within this group, namely a shop marketing study and an outdoor gym.

The remaining item numbers 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22 & 23 will now be investigated further.

More information is available on the Council website.

### **Editors Note re above**

As the majority of readers will not probably still have the February issue, I have reproduced the original article on the following page so the item numbers referred to above make sense. Further detailed information concerning the above is available on the Parish Council website - [www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk](http://www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk) Click on **Parish Council**, then **Minutes** and select the one dated 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **Update On Progress Towards Spending The Quinn Donation**

The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council wish to thank all those who responded to our request for suggestions as to how we should spend the £100,000 donation from Quinn Estates. There were 26 valid suggestions from 53 people. One suggestion was invalid because it was anonymous with no address to prove it came from within the Parish.

### **A full list of the valid suggestions made is reproduced below:**

- 1 - Purchase a ground source heat pump for the church.
- 2 - Christmas decorations.
- 3 - If we are unable to use all funds, we should help a neighbouring Parish with a project for which funds are needed.
- 4 - Support the shop and pub to keep them open.
- 5 - Connect broadband to all houses in Parish not now connected.
- 6 - Purchase the village green.
- 7 - A children's obstacle course around perimeter of village green, and upgrade fencing with gates.
- 8 - Make a donation to Platts Heath Primary School for an essential item.
- 9 - Finance the Platts Heath Primary School Annual Prize.
- 10 - Repair the QE1 tree wall.
- 11 - Purchase QE1 tree wall and tree plus surrounding land, fence it with road access and repair wall.
- 12 - Car park for village hall and village.
- 13 - Improve car parking facilities.
- 14 - Install traffic calming through the village.
- 15 - Put slow sign in Woodcock Lane near Ash Tree Farm.
- 16 - Put white imitation gates and name signs in Headcorn Road at village boundaries.
- 17 - Convert grass verge to pavement from corner of Woodcock Lane to bus stop to avoid criss-crossing road when walking.
- 18 - Improve road drainage at Headcorn Road / Crumps Lane junction.
- 19 - Street lights at each end of footpath beside Kings Head.
- 20 - A playground.
- 21 - Purchase land for a playground, playing field, fete venue, village green, car park and adult fitness centre, all enclosed with fencing and gates.
- 22 - Village hall maintenance and improvements.
- 23 - Refurbish village hall.
- 24 - Extend village hall at back for new larger kitchen, convert kitchen to cloakroom.
- 25 - New village hall.
- 26 - Sell village hall plot with planning permission & use proceeds to buy larger plot and build new hall with lottery fund finance.

The next task will be to evaluate all suggestions in detail which may take some time and a further progress report will be issued in due course.

## **Notice of Forthcoming Planning Appeals**

At a meeting of the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Planning Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, attended by 43 Parish residents, the Council undertook to inform residents of forthcoming appeal hearings. These are as follows:

### **The Meadows**

An Appeal Hearing concerning the four Appeals submitted under the common reference U2235, plus a total of 35 linked cases at the end of June last year against the refusal by Maidstone Borough Council to grant permission for Gypsy and Traveller sites on plots 1-5 and 6-10 at The Meadows, Lenham Road TN27 9LG has been lodged, and is due to be heard on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as a Public Inquiry, starting at 10.00 AM at Maidstone Town Hall.

### **Acers Place**

An Appeal Ref APP/U2235/C/17/3189217 against an enforcement notice regarding unauthorised change of use of land to a gypsy/traveller site at Acers Place, Lenham Road Headcorn for two caravans, hard standing and gates which is contrary to both national guidance and the local development policies has been lodged, and is due to be heard on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10.00 AM at the Hazlitt Theatre, 36 Earl ST, Maidstone, ME14 1PP.

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The public are free to attend these hearings in the public gallery.

If you attend and ask to speak to give your views, the Inspector may allow you to do so at his discretion. Or, you may wish to inform your elected Maidstone Borough Councillor of your views, preferably by Email.

**Clerk to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

## **Maidstone Business Networking news**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April NEW TIME:** 6.15pm until 8.30pm Chilston Park Hotel, Sandway.  
Speaker: Allan Reid, Mclean Reid - Chartered Accountants.

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**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** 6.15pm until 8.30pm Cobham Manor Golf Club Speaker: Kevin Collier, Wrinkly Network. Talking about "what do businesses understand about the difficulties of getting old?" and its challenges that vulnerability provides businesses, charities and community groups. He will also be demonstrating the work that "The Wrinkly Roadshow team" have been doing since his last years visit. Reserve your seat now 01622 820841 or email [doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk](mailto:doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk) Please arrive by 6:15pm.

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

Life here at Platts Heath Primary School continues to be a mixture of events, celebrations and opportunities for our wonderful children. As always our children are polite, well behaved and eager to learn in and out of school. Here are some of the activities and events they recently took part in,

### **Premier Sports**

Our Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children have had the chance to try their hand at Cricket this term. We wish them the best of luck in their tournament.

### **Residential Trip**

Our Year 5 and 6 children recently went on their residential trip. They had a week long experience of various outdoor activities; from buggy building to obstacle courses. What an amazing experience they had, one I am sure they will remember for a long time. Let's hope the parent's forget about the returned muddy clothes sooner!

## **Spelling Bee**

Our school was lucky enough to take part in the local schools Spelling Bee competition. Samuel Horwood (Year 5) and William Stansfield (Year 4) were representing Platts Heath Primary and although we were the smallest school there, we were victorious with a joint 1<sup>st</sup> Place with Lenham Primary. Yet another excellent outcome for our school! Well done boys!

## **Sports Relief 2018**

Sports Relief made a comeback to our school in March. It was so lovely to see all our children enjoy wearing sports clothing to help raise awareness for this charity.

## **Easter Service**

As this article goes to print, our children are busy with preparations for our Easter Service on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Excitement in all classes whilst they perfect their songs and add the final chick to their Easter crafts. Our Easter Service marks the end of yet another successful term at Platts Heath, with great progress made across the board. I wish all children and staff a lovely Easter break.

## **EcoWarrior News**

Back in January we wrote to Cool Milk, our school milk provider and Innocent Drinks. We were expressing our concerns about the use of plastic straws in their cartons and we explained to them about why and how the straws affect the environment. Since then, we have written to Helen Whately, our local MP, who is also encouraging people to give up using plastics wherever possible. We sent her copies of our letters to the companies and were delighted when she replied and informed us that she, too, had contacted the above companies on our behalf.

At the end of February, we received a reply from the Managing Director of Cool Milk. He explained to us that the company is working with the dairy and packaging supplier to find a solution. He will be shortly starting a trial period with paper straws. He has asked us to take part in the initial trials, so we are very excited. Watch this space to find out how well the trials work... we will keep you updated.

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**Piers Anscomb**  
*Head teacher*

## April Music notes

I don't think I have ever struggled so hard to find material for this month's Music Notes. No doubt there will be some very good local events nearby for which the publicity has missed me, but bearing in mind I have to receive the information early in March for the April Magazine, I haven't been able to find anything very local. A search of all the usual internet sources has drawn a complete blank. Because Easter Day is on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and there are holidays subsequently, all the usual local orchestras and choirs have avoided a performance in April 2018. I have excluded events on the coast, so here is all I have to offer:

- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, 7.30pm at St. James the Great Church, East Malling ME19 6AG, the East Malling Singers are singing Carl Jenkins's *The Armed Man*. Tickets 01622 750943
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**, 2.00pm at The Swan, Little Chart TN27 0QB, The Kent Police Band give a concert in aid of Crossroads Care.
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, 6pm at Invicta Grammar School, Maidstone ME14 5DS the Hear of Kent Orchestra with piano soloists provide a concert in aid of Heart of Kent Hospice. Information 01622 790195.
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**, 7.30pm at St. Dunstan's Church Cranbrook, The Cranbrook Choral Society sing Handel's *Alexander's Feast*. Tickets 01580 771144.

Another item from the Musicians' dictionary;

**Encore.** – A nasty method by which performers get back at the audience for its feigned appreciation in the form of applause. Audiences would be well advised not to applaud at all, so that everyone can get home that much sooner.

**Brian Hardy**



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

|    | Word 1   | Word 2    | Word 3 | Answer      |
|----|----------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| 1  | Bed      | Box       | Haste  | <b>Post</b> |
| 2  | Bernard  | George    | Patron |             |
| 3  | Brown    | Hug       | Teddy  |             |
| 4  | Airline  | Automatic | Light  |             |
| 5  | Brown    | House     | Real   |             |
| 6  | Acute    | Grinder   | Right  |             |
| 7  | Begging  | Chain     | Opener |             |
| 8  | Bank     | Line      | Stage  |             |
| 9  | Saturday | Sink      | Soup   |             |
| 10 | Arms     | Birthday  | Day    |             |
| 11 | Direct   | Packed    | Replay |             |
| 12 | Big      | Cart      | Rotten |             |
| 13 | Dry      | Foot      | Gut    |             |
| 14 | Card     | Dirty     | Hat    |             |
| 15 | Birth    | Time      | Trade  |             |
| 16 | Blow     | Cleaner   | Dream  |             |

| <b>Find the missing word?</b> |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 1                             | _____ Ted, Sitcom about Priests on Craggy Island               |
| 2                             | _____ Reaction, A 1986 chart topper for Diana Ross             |
| 3                             | Barry _____, American soul singer, nickname The Walrus of Love |
| 4                             | _____ Harrison, Country File reporter                          |
| 5                             | Soap _____, Corrie & Emmerdale                                 |
| 6                             | _____ and Lola, Children's cartoon series                      |
| 7                             | Ripping _____, 1970s Michael Palin series                      |
| 8                             | _____ Benjamin, Former TV presenter, now Politician            |
| 9                             | Heidi _____, Americas Got Talent judge                         |
| 10                            | _____ Spirit, 1990s medical sitcom                             |

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## Christian Message April 2018



I am Lorraine Apps- Huggins married to John Huggins the 'still fairly new' Vicar of Len Valley Benefice!

I work for the Canterbury Diocese Centre for Healing and Wholeness, at Nonington, the charity called **The Living Well** (TLW).

TLW offers a safe space, acceptance and welcome to everyone; we hold chapel services midweek when there are opportunities to be listened to and prayed with. We offer Quiet Days, 1:1 ministry and Deeper Healing Days and are currently undertaking a new build in the grounds to extend our space alongside the current 'garden rooms'.

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Healing as understood in the Christian faith maybe needed for our bodies, our minds or our spirit. Our God created body has some ability to heal itself; the way a child's grazed knee soon recovers tells us this. We recognise healing that comes through medicine, surgery, and expertise of the medical profession, and likewise the therapeutic care of counsellors, psychotherapists, family, friends etc. Occasionally God heals a condition miraculously, as in the events during Jesus life: the blind see, the lame walk. Further healing may occur through the care and prayer of Christians who know it is not they who hold any healing power but God himself.

The Living Well does not ignore other practitioners care, but endorses the spiritual dimensions of wellbeing and introduces possible healing and wholeness through the Holy Spirit of God, found in Jesus. Some healing happens the way we would hope and some happens through coming to a place of peace about our suffering or the suffering of others, and some healing does not seem to happen at all and we have to find ways of living with our brokenness, our vulnerability. The Living Well seeks always to work within the wisdom of God, and the compassion of one human being to another.

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**God bless you, Lorraine A- H.**

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9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion  
11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship  
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**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

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| 2  | Bernard  | Hug       | Teddy  | Bear    |
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| 5  | Brown    | Grinder   | Raght  | Angle   |
| 6  | Acute    | Chain     | Opener | Letter  |
| 7  | Begging  | Line      | Stage  | Manager |
| 8  | Bank     | Sink      | Soup   | Kitchen |
| 9  | Saturday | Birthday  | Day    | Present |
| 10 | Arms     | Packed    | Replay | Action  |
| 11 | Direct   | Cart      | Rotten | Apple   |
| 12 | Big      | Foot      | Gut    | Rot     |
| 13 | Dry      | Dirty     | Hat    | Trick   |
| 14 | Card     | Time      | Trade  | Mark    |
| 15 | Birth    | Cleaner   | Dream  | Pipe    |
| 16 | Blow     |           |        |         |

|    |   |
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|    | <b>Find the missing word?</b>   |
| 1  | <b>Father</b> Ted, sitcom about Priests on Craggy Island              |
| 2  | <b>Chain</b> Reaction, A 1986 chart topper for Diana Ross             |
| 3  | <b>Bary White</b> , American soul singer, nickname The Walrus of Love |
| 4  | <b>Ellie</b> Harrison, County File reporter                           |
| 5  | <b>Soap Operas</b> , Corrie & Emmerdale                               |
| 6  | <b>Charlie</b> and Lola, Children's cartoon series                    |
| 7  | <b>Ripping Yarns</b> , 1970s Michael Palin series                     |
| 8  | <b>Floella</b> Kham, Former TV presenter, now Politician              |
| 9  | <b>Heidi Klum</b> , Americas Got Talent judge                         |
| 10 | <b>Surgical Spirit</b> , 1990s medical sitcom                         |

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