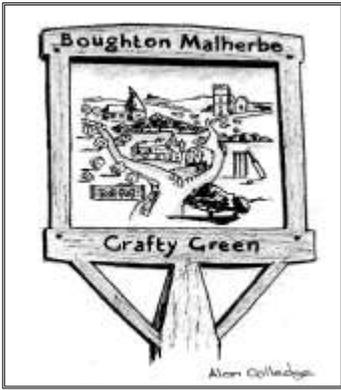


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Anything for the **February** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th January**

News from St. Nicholas Church

A very **Happy New Year** to all our Readers.

Morning Prayer will be held on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of January at 9.30 a.m. in St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe and on the second and fourth Tuesdays at All Saints Ulcombe. You are very welcome to join these sessions.

Bible Study/ House Group will be held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green For information about this please ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766. At the time of going to print, the dates have not been finalised. For those of you who are interested, we are a small group of people who meet to study passages from the Bible

Coffee Morning There will not be a coffee morning this month as there is no-one to run it owing to illness and holidays. We will start again in February when the weather will be more favourable (we hope).

Gentlemen at Breakfast will be on 28th January at the Dog and Bear, Lenham at 8.00 a.m. when a full English Breakfast will be served costing £8.50 per head. If you would like to reserve a place, please get in touch with Sarah at the Church Office on 01622 850604.

Joan Davidson



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Saturday morning 14th January at 10 - £7

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For more information call me on 850381 -

Susan Burch

Grafty Green Gardening Club – January meeting news

Grafty Green Gardening Club - Alpines In Landscape Design

Our first meeting of the year will be on January 10th in the Village Hall starting at 7.30. The evening will begin with a short AGM and this will be followed by a talk on **Alpines in Landscape Design** given by Sarah Morgan.

There will also be an opportunity for members to renew their membership with Doreen Hulm our treasurer and contribute to the raffle if they wish. Visitors are always welcome to come along and enjoy the talk for (£2.00). Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served after the talk to give us all time to catch up with other members and ask further questions of our speaker.

TIP OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY - Prune trees to shape and give a further prune to the side shoots of Wisteria. Sow Sweet Pea Seeds, these like a good root run so best to sow them in long sweet pea tubes (these can be homemade)!

Heather - Erica carnea 'Springwood White' is a robust, spreading, slightly trailing evergreen shrub which flowers from winter to mid spring, it is covered with spires of white flowers.

Carole Frost Co-secretary, Grafty Green Gardening Club (01622) 757536

Membership Application 2017 - 20th Anniversary

Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 10	AGM and Sarah Morgan	Alpines in landscape design
Feb7	Tim Ingrams	Hellebores
March 7	Nikki Gammans	Bumblebee Conservation
April 4	Alison Marsden - and Spring Show	Front gardens – making the most of your house
May 2	Steven Edney	Salutation Garden
May 6	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 4	Sunday afternoon Garden Safari around our village	
June 9 -11	Weekend away Somerset, Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton,	
July 4	Boldshaves, Woodchurch	
August 1	TBA	
Sept 5	Tram Hatch	
Oct 3	Stephen Harmer	History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show
Nov7	Fiona Wemyss	Blue Leaf Plants
Dec 5	Meal.	

Membership fee - £5 per person

Send to Doreen Hulm (Treasurer), Lavender Cottage, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN

Cheques made payable to Grafty Green Gardening Club

Name(s)	
Address	
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Further details from Sue Burch on 850381 or Rosemary Smith on 850526

- ❖ Membership to the gardening club is only £5 for an action packed year
- ❖ Regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the village hall at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated £1 for members and £2 for visitors.
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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Well, the year ended with a very lively quiz night in which the questions were so tricky even the quizmaster didn't get all the answers right! However, everyone seemed to have a good time and a healthy profit was made which will enable us to continue to maintain and improve the Hall.

Already we have bought a new urn to replace the one kindly donated some years ago by Bernard Dobson (which has recently resisted all attempts to descale it) and we are now investigating the possibility of installing a scale-inhibiting system at the Hall that could not only prevent a recurrence of the urn problem, but would benefit the ladies and gents toilets, which also suffer badly from the effects of scale.

These things would not be possible without your support, so thank you so much for joining in all our doings last year.

As for 2017, well I can't yet say exactly what form our first event will take (because we're still working on it) but it will probably be another of our famed 'themed meals', as these have proved so popular in the past. However, I can tell you the date which is **Saturday 11th March**. This may sound a long way off, but it will soon be upon us so, please, put this date in your Village Calendar now and be sure to keep it free.

Talking of the Village Calendar, there has been an excellent take-up, which has meant that we have now more than covered our costs, but a few remain. If you would like a copy (which this year features historic views of the village and local area compared to current views) you can still get one from the Village Shop for just £5.

That's it for this month. May I wish you a happy and healthy 2017, and I look forward to seeing you at The Hall on 11th March – for something!

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

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Upcoming surgeries

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Grafty Gourmet

Happy New Year ! This is a very short and yet again, a very simple recipe.

Sweet Chilli Chicken with Noodles

350g Chicken Breast Fillets	1 large carrot, cut into matchsticks
1 medium Free Range Egg, beaten	4 spring onions, sliced
75g Breadcrumbs	140g Sweet Chilli Sauce
1 tbsp toasted sesame oil	300g pack of Medium Egg Noodles

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C. Toss the chicken in the egg and then roll in the breadcrumbs to evenly coat. Transfer to a greased baking tray and bake for 20 minutes until golden and the chicken is cooked throughout with no pink meat.
2. Heat the sesame oil in a frying pan and fry the carrot and salad onions for 2-3 minutes, add the sauce, noodles and 50ml water and cook for 1 minute to heat through.
3. Serve the noodles topped with the chicken.

January Music notes

January is in all respects an anticlimax from Christmas; the musical scene conforms to this picture. Many music groups are immersed in a new regime of rehearsals following a Christmas concert, and certainly most singers are resting their voices after an excess of carols. Nevertheless I have been able to find some concerts for you to enjoy:

- Tuesday 6th January, 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church, Week St., Maidstone: In the last of the Christmas festivities, Maidstone Choral Union present a 12th Night Concert. More mulled wine & mince pies afterwards! Free entry, with a retiring collection. No tickets required.
- Sunday 15th January, 2.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the Sutton Valence Music Society have arranged a concert by award-winning soprano Raphaela Papadakis and pianist James Sherlock. Programme includes works by Strauss, Debussy, Schubert and Mozart. Tickets at the door or contact 01622 863002.
- Saturday 28th, Not a concert, but something special for lovers of church music; at 3.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral there will be an evensong service led by the joint choirs of Rochester and Canterbury Cathedrals.
- Saturday 4th February, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes MSO President and world-famous pianist John Lill performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.3. Not to be missed. Tickets 033 616 3366(booking fee applies) or at the door.

For January radio and TV it has to be the New Year's Day concert from Vienna, BBC radio 3 at 10.15am (you should be just about recovering from New Year's Eve by that time). Also on TV BBC 4 at 7.00pm.

Brian Hardy

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 17th January 2016 at 19.30. Please note this is a change of date from that printed last month**

The Agenda for this meeting 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

**Planning Applications before Boughton Malherbe Parish Council in
December 2016**

Reference **16/503398/FULL**

Address **Plots 1-5 Land Rear Of The Meadows Lenham Road
Headcorn Kent TN27 9LG**

Proposal Variation of conditions 1 and 2 relating to planning permission MA/12/1772 (use of land as residential to provide 5 plots for gypsy families, with a total of 5 mobile homes, 10 touring caravans and 5 utility blocks) to make the temporary permission permanent.

Reference **16/503403/FULL**

Address **Plot 6 - 10 Rear Of The Meadows Lenham Road Headcorn
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Proposal Variation of conditions 1 and 2 relating to planning permission MA/12/2113 (use of land as residential to provide 5 plots for gypsy families, with a total of 5 mobile homes, 10 touring caravans and 5 utility blocks) to make the temporary permission permanent.

Reference **15/502234/FULL**

Address **Plot 6 The Meadows Lenham Road Headcorn Kent TN27 9LG**

Proposal Variation of condition 2 of (MA/11/1528 : Use of land for the stationing of a mobile home and two touring caravans for gypsy/traveller family together with utility room and provision of hard standing) to extend life of personal and temporary permission for further three years.



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2	Nut		Bear
3	Full		Hold
4	Harbour		Stroke
5	Lobster		Luck
6	Car		Keeper
7	Horse		Ground
8	Turn		Neck
9	Service		Card
10	War		Shape
11	Father		Skating
12	Naked		Shadow
13	Rambling		Hip
14	Free		Barrow
15	Pork		Sticks
16	Out		Phone

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Falls, Vast cascade between USA and Canada
2	Francis _____, The first Englishman to circumnavigate the world
3	_____ Hudson, Hollywood star who often worked with Doris Day
4	Black _____, Cocktail of Vodka and Coffee Liqueur
5	_____ Sebastian Bach, A German composer
6	Eleanor _____, 1966 hit for The Beatles
7	_____ Dietrich, A cinema legend
8	Call My _____, Classic TV panel game about obscure definitions
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Christian Message January 2017

Someone once told me that "true friends make you feel good about yourself and leave you wanting to go back for more". In a world filled with conflict and suffering, it might sound simplistic and trite to talk about friendship and love, but it is precisely because of so much evil that the subject needs addressing and revisiting regularly.

When we hear people ask us leading questions using the phrases of a mutual associate, the tittle-tattle, or back-stabbing, that has taken place in our absence can be all too easy to recognise. It's so tempting to react to curt or jeering retorts by lashing out and retaliating in order to defend ourselves, or retreating into a world of hurt isolation. How much harder it is to break the chain, to show love to our friends, casual acquaintances and even our adversaries, and set an example to all those we meet.

It may be hard, but it is essential if our society is to progress. In fact Jesus insisted on it:

"A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must love one another." *John 13 verse 34.*

He suffered misunderstanding, prejudice and hatred on a considerable scale, but responded in love and made the ultimate sacrifice for us all. He underpinned all that he did in prayer and by doing likewise, we have all the tools we need.

'Tit for tat' attitudes need to be left in the gutter where they belong, so that bigotry, fear and anger, have no chance to fester and grow. We may not be able to wipe out conflict and suffering on an international scale, but as individuals we can ensure that we care for those around us, rise above any hurt or resentment, and open our doors to welcome others in, however we feel they may treat us.

If we put misunderstandings to rest and truly love our enemies, they will have no cause to respond negatively and may even be left "wanting to come back for more". Better still, they may reciprocate with friendship.

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God.' (1 John 4:7).

Many of us make resolutions at the start of a New Year. This would be a good one for all of us in 2017.

Pamela Cuerden

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – **January 2017**

Sunday 1st January

10.00 am at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Joint Len Valley
Churches Service: Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th January

9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Prayer Book)
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship
3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral
Evensong

Sunday 15th January

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

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th January

10.30am Holy Communion:
Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 22nd January

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

Saturday 28th January

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham:
Men's breakfast

Sunday 29th January

10.00am Ulcombe: Joint Len Valley
Churches Celebration Service

Food

Sally Alexander and I recently delivered several boxes of food and other useful items to Maidstone Drop-in Centre. Thank you to LVB church members and to Lenham WI for their contributions.

Joan Drury

Emergency and Help Contact Details

Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies	999
Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO	101

Ambulance 999 note: an **aed** 'public access **defibrillator**' is sited and available 24/7 at the premises (in porch) of A.W. Court in Headcorn road. Ambulance 999 control centre will give 999 callers the lock code, if appropriate, to access the **defibrillator**.

First Aid Support – when **an ambulance has been called using 999** - Interim emergency support (first aid and AED defibrillator), prior to arrival of paramedics / ambulance, may be available (not 24/7) by calling Chris Wheal on 07979 864929 -this is a voluntary 'good Samaritan' facility for residents. It is hoped a SECAMB (ambulance) community first responder scheme may start in future

NHS Medical Helpline	111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	0845 155 1000
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Headcorn Surgery	01622 890294
Lenham Surgery	01622 858341

Electricity (UK Power Networks)	
<i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i>	0800 783 8866
	or 01243 508866

Water	<i>Emergencies</i>	0333 000 0002
Calor Gas	<i>Emergencies</i>	08457 444999
KCC	<i>Emergencies</i>	03000 41 41 41
	<i>Highways</i>	03000 41 81 81

KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07969 583923
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	07773 397125

Fire	<i>General Enquiries</i>	01622 692121
	<i>Home Safety Visits</i>	0800 923 7000
	<i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i>	01622 858100

R.S.P.C.A	<i>Emergencies</i>	0300 1234 999
Vet	<i>24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service</i>	01622 734555

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3
1	Cork	Screw	Driver
2	Nut	Brown	Bear
3	Full	House	Hold
4	Harbour	Master	Stroke
5	Lobster	Pot	Luck
6	Car	Park	Keeper
7	Horse	Play	Ground
8	Turn	Turtle	Neck
9	Service	Charge	Card
10	War	Ship	Shape
11	Father	Figure	Skating
12	Naked	Eye	Shadow
13	Rambling	Rose	Hip
14	Free	Wheel	Barrow
15	Pork	Chop	Sticks
16	Out	Smart	Phone

Find the Middleman Quiz

	Find the missing word?
1	Niagara Falls, Vast cascade between USA and Canada
2	Francis Drake, The first Englishman to circumnavigate the world
3	Rock Hudson, Hollywood star who often worked with Doris Day
4	Black Russian, Cocktail of Vodka and Coffee Liqueur
5	Johann Sebastian Bach, A German composer
6	Eleanor Rigby, 1966 hit for The Beatles
7	Martene Dierich, A cinema legend
8	Call My Bluff, Classic TV panel game about obscure definitions
9	Torvill and Dean, Ice dancing champions
10	Tara Palmer Tomkinson, Celebrity socialite



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