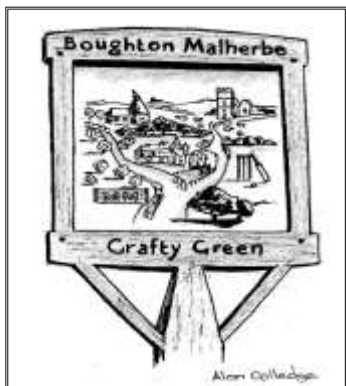


# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front cover:** The Barbers Shop Quartet (actually 11 of them !!) performing at the Harvest Supper on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Picture courtesy of John Collins

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Cream Teas:** Once again we were blessed with good weather for our last Cream Tea of the season. We had so many people come along that we ran out of scones and had to send for fresh supplies. The jam and cream was almost all used as well. Thank you all for being so supportive to the Teas.

Our church stands in such a lovely spot and on a warm afternoon there is nothing better than just enjoying the peace and quiet with the gentle murmur of conversation in the background. We hope to see you all again next year. Did you see the Kent Messenger report and Photo of the 'Cream Tea Crew'?

**Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride:** The Bike Ride or Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and we had someone riding for us this year. He visited 27 Churches and, I think he said, covered 80 miles. I know he went as far as Lydd down on the Romney Marsh. I am hoping he will be writing a piece for next month's magazine with a map plotting his journey. If anyone feels that they would like to reward this splendid effort and give a donation, its not too late - just get in touch with Joan Davidson.

Thanks are also due to Sylvia Close who stayed in the Church all day to welcome visitors. You can also sponsor Sylvia. I think she deserves a big thank you - St. Nicholas is not the warmest of places to be on an iffy day.

**Harvest Supper** is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. This year we will be entertained by a Barber Shop Group called the Ekerteras who will be sing for us after Supper. We are very grateful to the Ladies of the Village Hall Committee who have very kindly come forward to help with the catering etc.

**The Harvest Festival Service** will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm at St. Nicholas and we will be auctioning the produce, which has been given to decorate the Church for Harvest, after the service. We are so lucky to live in this green and pleasant land that the least we can do is to say thank you to God for all our blessings.

The next session of **Morning Prayer** will take place in St. Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30a.m. It will be at All Saints, Ulcombe on alternate Tuesdays. If you would like to, do please come along and join in.

The next **Village Coffee Morning** will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am to 12.00 in the Village Hall Grafty Green. We have decided to give our donations to a Tearfund project to help to provide boreholes for communities in rural Zambia where people walk for miles and queue for hours to collect water. The Project aims to encourage hygiene, the growth of small agricultural plots and enable children to attend school. This is our part in the Connected Church Project which has been started in the Benefice by Helen Venn.

**Joan Davidson**

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

## **The Kings Head Grafty Green**

**A  
16th Century  
Coaching Inn  
haunted by  
"Dover Bill" -  
the Highwayman!**



**Traditional Sunday Lunches**

**Fresh Fish Fridays  
Lunches and Suppers**

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**Children's Room      Beer Garden**

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## Village Hall News

Over the summer months we've taken the opportunity to spruce up the paintwork in the Hall and, with winter now approaching, work is underway to ensure the building remains weather-proof. You may not immediately notice a difference but, inside, the walls and doors have all been repainted and, outside, local handyman Gary Brooker has been busy removing flaking paint from the roof, eliminating rust and re-coating the entire surface.

Also, the curtains at the rear of the stage have been re-hung so they open more easily (that is the route to the rear fire-door, after all) and we have bought a new stepladder which will give us safer access to everything above head-height.

Where does the money come from for all this? Well, from you of course! We're very grateful for your support of all the events we organise but we continually need to replenish our coffers, and hence our next fund raiser...

## We are having a **'Phil' the Bag** fundraising collection!



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**'Phil' the Bag**

- You should have received a bag with your **Malherbe Monthly**
- Please *fill the bag* with your unwanted clothes, towels, bed linen, curtains, belts, bags and shoes
- Bring it to the Hall on Sunday morning, 13<sup>th</sup> October
- The bags are collected by a recycling company and the more they weigh, the more we get paid.

Bring your bags to the Village Hall between **10.30 and 12.00** and stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat – it's a social event too! You can use bin liners as additional bags if you have more to one bag-full to dispose of, or if you didn't get a bag with this magazine. Decent quality products go to the developing world, the rest are recycled. (Sorry, we can't take carpets or off-cuts of material)

# Let's Dance!

**At Grafty Green Village Hall  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00pm**

“Group Therapy” will play  
the music of every decade  
from the 60s to the present day



GROUP THERAPY AT THE KENT GLIDING CLUB THIS SUMMER  
Hear them perform on YouTube – search “Group Therapy Kent Band”

*Songs made famous by the Everly Brothers, Cold Play, Beatles, Razorlight, Chuck Berry, Snow Patrol, Small Faces, The Script, Pink Floyd, The Eagles, Doobie Brothers, Status Quo, The Who, Bryan Ferry, Eric Clapton, Oasis, The Squeeze, Wilson Pickett, Crowded House, The View, U2, Travis, and even Michael Buble!*

**TICKETS £6 available  
from the Grafty Green Village Shop now!**





# The Crafty Grafty Christmas Craft Fair!

1<sup>st</sup> December 2013

Grafty Green Village Hall ME17 2AN

10am - 4pm

Handmade Crafts to purchase for loved ones!

Cake Stalls, Jewellery, Cards, Gifts, HUGE Raffle, Tea and  
Coffee, Mince Pies, and much more!



## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2013 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	AGM – Adrian Hutchinson	Alpine plants
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Harmer	History of gardening
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Masters	Adventures on the allotment!
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring show and George Pearson	Madagascar
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Old Farm Otterden, Near Faversham	Outing
May 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend away Malvern Spring Show	
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	Old Bladbean Stud, Near Elham, Canterbury	Outing
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael and Gill Bushell, Garden House, Surrenden	Outing
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bexon Manor	Outing
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumn Show Peter Kirby	My lost Kent
<b>Oct 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Produce, jams chutney evening</b>	<b>Bring and Buy/swapping</b>
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Marshall	Love affair with Irises
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Social and quiz	

Our next meeting is on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 in the village hall. There will be an opportunity to bring and buy jam, chutney etc. and to swap favourite recipes if you have any you would like to share.

For information about this event or the Gardening Club please telephone Sue Birch on (01622) 850381 or Rosemary Smith on (01622) 850526.

### Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

The first Neighbourhood Plan Meeting took place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and, although attendance wasn't great, it was a productive meeting. The next step in the process is to compile a questionnaire that will be delivered to every household in the Parish to find out what everybody envisages the future of Grafty Green and Boughton Malherbe to be. As one person present succinctly put it:

*We need to identify what we've got and how do we keep it; what do we want and how do we get it.*

We all have a say in this, and will be informed when the questionnaire is to be distributed.



## **Arriva Bus Number 59**

This message is from Oakwood Park Grammar School. Arriva has informed the school that from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 the Number 59 bus from Grafty Green will run 7 minutes earlier on the morning journey. This will hopefully resolve the issue of pupils arriving late to school.

## **The Night Sky Article**

John Maunder has informed the magazine that due to ill health he is unable to produce his monthly article on the night sky. He is concentrating on getting better and hopefully will be able to continue his excellent article when he has recovered. We all send him our wishes for a speedy and full recovery and thank him for all his efforts these past years.

**Maidstone (Tovil) Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)** will be closed from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 for approximately 5 weeks. This is to enable KCC to complete essential infrastructure works.

The HWRC was built in the early 80's and is of the split level design – this means that the public will deposit their waste materials from the top level into bays on the lower level. The main reinforced concrete retaining wall, that creates the split, is in very poor condition and deteriorating rapidly with constant wear. The reinforced concrete floor slabs in the lower area are also in a similar condition and failing. Over the years, it has been possible to repair areas of the site whilst it is still operational, however, the extensive works needed to reconstruct the retaining wall and associated floor slabs, in such a key operational area, cannot be completed safely whilst the site is open.

The re-opening date will be announced in due course and we will inform you of this date. Nearest alternative facilities for householders are:

- Sittingbourne, Gas Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 2QD
- Tunbridge Wells, North Farm Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3EE

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

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME - JOIN US**

gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available  
further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only See Note 1				School Days Only			
	59	66	59	59	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street	1230	.....	1610	1745				
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	.....	1612	1747				
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	.....	1619	1754				
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	.....	1623	1758				
Linton Corner	1247	.....	1627	1802				
Cornwallis Academy	.....	1505	.....	.....				
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	.....	1632	1807				
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1509	1635	1810				
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1512	1638	1813				
Wamlake Corner	1301	1515	1641	1816				
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1523	1649	1824				
Kingswood, Village Hall	.....	1525	.....	1826				
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1530	1656	1831				
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	.....	1703	1836				
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	.....	1535	.....	.....				
Headcorn, opp. Milbank Lay-by	.....	1544	.....	.....				
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	.....	1549	.....	.....				

## Saturdays

59			
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	.....	.....	.....
and	1303	1547	1817
Langley	1306	1550	1820
.....	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	.....	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	.....	1841
0928	1334	.....	1848
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## Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

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	59	59	66	59	59	66	59	59
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	.....	.....	0731	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Headcorn, Milbank Lay-by	.....	.....	0736	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	.....	.....	0745	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	.....	0930	1325			
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0717	0729	0750	0937	1332			
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942	1337			
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944	1339			
Wamlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950	1345			
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953	1348			
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956	1351			
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	.....	0958	1356			
Cornwallis Academy	.....	.....	0820	.....	.....			
Linton Corner	0746	0756	.....	1003	1358			
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	.....	1006	1401			
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	.....	1012	1407			
Maidstone, King Street	.....	0814	.....	1020	1415			
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	.....	.....	.....	.....			
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826	.....	.....	.....	.....			

## Saturdays

59			
0733	0930	1336	.....
0740	0937	1343	.....
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	via
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
.....	.....	.....	Sutton
0807	1004	1410	Road
0811	1008	1414	.....
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
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## **CFR's – Community First Responder Volunteers part of SECAMB (South East Coast Ambulance)**

The above scheme came to our (Chris Wheal and Robert Turner's) attention recently and surely is one of those 'life's secrets'. Originating in Sheppey in 1998 the scheme has gradually spread across rural communities not only in Kent but countrywide.

CFR's are specially trained by SECAMB in emergency care to a nationally recognised standard – FPOS (first person on scene) Intermediate Diploma and are alerted by SECAMB control to 999 incidents occurring within a 3 mile radius of their home or work base. Importantly CFR's are additional to and not in place of paramedic / ambulance attendance – the big advantage is they, CFR's will be on scene in perhaps 5 minutes or less whereas paramedic response, theoretically within 8 minutes for 'life threatening' calls or 30 minutes for other emergencies, will be very dependent on location and availability of paramedics at the time and what is 'kicking off' elsewhere notwithstanding it is one ambulance one patient – an accident with 4 injured will result in four separate ambulances and time factors to hospital etc.

CFR's carry a large 'kit' which weighs 40lbs and includes amongst many things defibrillator and oxygen. It is a well recognised fact that all categories of casualties benefit and frequently have better outcomes the sooner 'treatment' starts.

Around us the CFR scheme is operational in Lenham, Kingswood and Egerton thus it would seem logical for us, Boughton Malherbe, to get a scheme off the ground perhaps linking in with Ulcombe and Platt's Heath. To this end we have had an exploratory meeting with SECAMB; whilst training is free there is likely to be 'kit' cost of about £1300 per responder albeit 'kits' could be shared within the village.

What's the next stage? It will be discussed at the PC meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Potential volunteers or queries – Chris 858100, Robert 850325

### **Platts Heath Village Hall,**

Karaoke Night! Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October,

£3 Per Person, To Sing As Many Songs  
As You Like!

8.30 Till Late, Hope To See You There!

Please Bring Your Own Refreshments.

Call 858208 For Any More Information.

## **News from Ulcombe Village School**

### **Autumn Events and Improvements**

Our school year is already well under way with lots of great things happening and planned. The term started with us being re-awarded Healthy Schools Status. We are delighted that our hard work in helping children make healthy choices has been recognised.

By the time you read this, our Harvest Celebration Service will have taken place and our Key Stage 2 children will be getting ready for a trip to London, to visit The National Portrait Gallery. We have been working hard to make our school even better, and we look forward to seeing our efforts improve the progress all of the children make during their time in primary education.

For some of our school community thoughts are already turning to secondary education. We encourage all parents of children in Year 6 to take advantage of secondary school open days to help choose the best secondary school for their child for September 2014. Applications must be made to KCC by the end of October. Please come and see us if you need any help with this.

### **The Home-School Agreement**

During September we issued a Home-School Agreement to each child. This is, in effect, a contract between us in school, parents and children. It sets out what we will do in school to help your child be the best that they can. It also sets out what we want you to do at home to support us in this. The most important thing that we need every parent to do is make sure that your child is in school on time every day.

Lastly the Agreement sets out what we expect of the children in the form of our Golden Rules. Parents are asked to discuss these with their child, then sign it, ask the child to sign it, and return it to school. We will also sign it in school to complete the Agreement for this school year.

### **What Do Points Make? ...**

As many of you know we have had a House system in operation for some time and the children clearly enjoy being rewarded in this way. To make this system even better, we will be recording the house points earned by individual children over the course of each week, term and the year, not just the points earned by their House. Children who gain the most House points each week, term and year will be given a prize, as well as contributing to the House Cup competition, won last year by Sapphire. House Points can be earned by having the correct uniform and PE kit, for effort and achievement in class and for exemplary behavior.

### **Celebrating The Harvest**

This year's Harvest Service took place at All Saints Parish Church on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm. It is always wonderful to see the church full of parents, family and friends supporting their children and enjoying the children's special way of helping us to celebrate the gifts we can so easily take for granted and the people who bring them to us. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped to make this such a special and enjoyable occasion.

### **Schools Supporting Schools**

As some of you may be aware through the media, schools are being encouraged to work with each other more than ever. We have close links with several schools, both here in the local area and across the county. We are very pleased to be sharing our expertise with other schools this term. We are also fortunate that we can continue to use expertise both from within our own team and from our friends in other schools to make Ulcombe the best that it can be.

### **Friends Of Ulcombe School**

FUS have already been piecing together another fantastic year of events for us all to enjoy. The first meeting has now taken place with Fireworks Night, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, Easter and even the Summer Fayre all topics of discussion.

Fireworks' Night will be on Friday 8th November. The firework displays have been incredible in recent years, so do come along and enjoy the evening with families and friends from the village and beyond. Tickets will be available in advance and on the night. As well as the fireworks there will be various refreshments, and more on sale.

If you would like to know more about the work of FUS, or if you would like to become more involved, please speak to any of the committee.

### **On Offer To A Good Home!**

We have an upright piano which is available to anyone who can come and collect it from the school. It has a small amount of superficial damage, but since being here at school has been tuned and, to my unmusical ear, seems to be in good working order. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in this. Whilst we have not put a price on it, we would hope for a donation to the School Fund.

### **Even More Variety Than Ever**

We have an even wider range of clubs than ever this term, including some of our old favourites, such as football, gardening and Film Club. The list now also includes Dance and Fencing, both taking place before school once each week, whilst Karate will soon be starting each Monday after school. We hope there is something for everyone.

### **Can you help?**

We are always very grateful for every one of our parents, friends and neighbours who are able to offer a helping hand during the school day and beyond it. If you think you can help us, from hearing children read to running an extra-curricular activity or from caring for our grounds to looking after our library, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

As ever, if you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school.

Best wishes,

**Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.***

## Ulcombe Pre-School



### General News

The children have had a very busy start to the new term this year. They have been looking into 'Autumn' and have been making collages with sticks and leaves they have found both at home and on nature walks at pre-school. They have also been studying insects and spiders, as some of the children have shown a particular interest in them.

If you have a little one yourself then please call to arrange a visit, or pop in on a toddler morning (Tuesday 9.30-11.30am) just to see for yourself the wonderful opportunities we can offer your child in such a small setting.

### Spaces at the Pre-School

We currently have spaces available for children over the age of 2. If your child is already 3 then pre-school is free and there is some funding available for 2 year olds. (Conditions apply please contact Helen Leat on [committeeups@hotmail.com](mailto:committeeups@hotmail.com) or Corinne Giles on 07940225341 for more details)

### Toddler Morning

There is a toddler morning every Tuesday 9.30am- 11.30am held at the pre-school in Ulcombe Village Hall. Please bring along your little one for a play and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat yourself. We hope to see you soon! (Please note this is term time only)

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**The 2014 Parish Calendar** will be on sale from Monday 7th October, cost £5, at: Grafty Green Shop, Grafty Garden Centre and Lime Tree Antiques Lenham Square

All photographs taken by, and chosen by, residents of our Parish

## **Grafty Geeks - Windows 8 – Connecting to a Wi-Fi Network**

Taking your laptop online will open up a whole world of entertainment and information where everyone will find something for them. You have two options to get your laptop online, using a cable connection or via Wi-Fi. The former simply requires you to connect a cable from our router box to your laptop while the latter is a little more complex.

### **Getting connected via Wi-Fi**



Ensure your router is Wi-Fi compatible, if not then you will need to contact your Internet Provider to confirm or activate this connection before you can login.

Once the Wi-Fi connection signal is being broadcast, open the Settings charm, and then click on the Network icon. This will bring up a list of all the Wi-Fi signals you can access via your laptop, allowing you to pick your connection.

Enter your password, this password is often located on the base of your router or printed on accompanying material.



Once you have connected simply open any web based app and you will be able to access the Internet.

### **Using free public Wi-Fi**

When you are out and about some high street locations such as bars and restaurants offer free Wi-Fi to their customers. Alas this isn't as simple as taking a seat, ordering a coffee, starting up your laptop and getting online. There are many different ways you can access public Wi-Fi, all of which will begin the same way and follow the method as above. The next step will be different based on the provider, some locations may have an unsecured connection some will require you to ask for their Wi-Fi password, others will require you to register via their pop-up window.

### **Malherbe Monthly - Mike Hitchens (and distributors)**

I know you as editor have the 'editor's discretion' as to what is published so I hope on this occasion you will waive that right. Month after month the excellent and informative Malherbe Monthly arrives at our doors and incredibly the last edition carrying news and pictures (silly Olympics) barely a day old. You do an incredible job Mike, tireless and unsung month after month. So too for the 'distributors who get it to our doors. Much appreciation from a group, and no doubt, all villagers.

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## **WKPS PUBLIC MEETING – OPEN TO EVERYONE**

### **Energy Generation and Protection of the Countryside**

WKPS is holding a public meeting on this subject at Benenden Village Hall on October 25 at 8.00 p.m.

The debate could hardly be more topical. There are growing concerns over the value of wind power, an upsurge in plans for solar farms and shale oil and gas recovered through fracking. New possibilities include biomass and anaerobic digestion. The rush is assuredly on, made more urgent still by the decommissioning of traditional means of generation to help meet the demanding clean energy targets to which the UK is committed by treaty.

The 2 most prominent forms of renewable energy for the Weald are wind power, generated through large turbines, and solar power, generated through both small- and large-scale solar arrays. Both are carbon-free generators of power, yet both are potentially visually highly intrusive. Additionally, wind turbines are both costly and destructive of our bird life, while necessarily large land-based solar arrays can remove tracts of farmland from productive use, so potentially adding to the threat to the country's food security.

While shale gas recovered through fracking is not a renewable energy source, it could provide the country with a great deal of home-sourced energy for at least several decades while producing much less CO<sub>2</sub> than existing non-renewables. Yet there remain questions about water use, heavy vehicle traffic, pollution of water supplies and seismic activity.

If you are interested in or affected by any of the issues raised by the country's dash for new sources of power generation, then come to WKPS' public meeting on October 25. We do not promise any solutions, much less magic bullets, but we do say that the issues will be outlined and debated by a distinguished panel of speakers, with public participation very much at the core of the evening's discussions.

To attend, please contact the Society Secretary by emailing at [secretary@wkps.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wkps.org.uk) or by telephone at 01580 240418. We look forward to seeing you.

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

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of November 2013.

#### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November      15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

#### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November      14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

#### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November      09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

### **Heaths Countryside Corridor Volunteer Day – 10am-2pm Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – Chilston Ponds**

The second of Heaths Countryside Corridor's volunteer events will focus on the ice pond at Chilston Ponds. After being cleared several years ago the pond plants are beginning to cover the whole of the pond again. Rather than leave this for another 15 years and then use a JCB to dredge the pond which can be very damaging to the wildlife we will be taking the softly does it approach to managing the pond and its wildlife. The good news is that it is fun too!

Join us for as long or short a time as you have available as we gently remove some of the excess vegetation from the pond and clear some of the undergrowth from around the pond and on its island. For adventurous types, waders will be provided but there will be plenty to do that doesn't require going into the water.

Hot drinks and food will be provided so it is sure to be an enjoyable day. All tools will be provided but do dress appropriately for the weather.

There is no need to book and we look forward to seeing you there. However, if you do intend to come it would be useful if you could let me know so that I can make sure there are enough sausages to go round.





# Your countryside needs you



The Heaths Countryside Corridor is looking for volunteers to help safeguard and maintain local areas of the countryside near you. The HCC sites were purchased to help conserve greenspaces for local people. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month we'd love to hear from you.

Spend a morning outside doing something worthwhile in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The kind of things we will be doing include, coppicing, keeping paths clear and making sure the HCC sites are safe for everybody. All tools will be provided as will drinks and a light lunch.

The group will meet on the first Saturday of every month between 10am and 2pm.

7<sup>th</sup> September

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Station	Bomb	Tank	<b>Petrol</b>
2	Box	Cleaner	Dressing	
3	Water	Fit	Sit	
4	Power	Price	Crew	
5	Roller	Boat	Iron	
6	Tube	Self	Ear	
7	Outsider	Taxi	Pull	
8	Gun	Fruit	Answering	
9	Short	Clear	Far	
10	Purse	Apron	Heart	
11	Pianist	Hall	Pop	
12	Capital	Slicker	Break	
13	Storm	Wave	Wash	
14	Fighter	Frog	Dog	
15	Centre	Raw	Gas	
16	Well	Blot	Invisible	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	A Night at the _____, 1935 Marx Brothers comedy
2	_____ Reid, Veteran actress who won a BAFTA for Smiley's People in 1983
3	The Thomas _____ Affair, 1968 Steve McQueen movie
4	_____ Andress, Bond Girl in Dr No
5	Woodrow _____, 28 <sup>th</sup> President of the USA
6	_____ the Clock, Game played on Sunday night at the London Palladium
7	_____ Heston, Played the lead role in Ben-Hur 1959
8	Stan _____, Cheeky driver played by Reg Varney in On the Buses
9	Pete _____, Former Radio Luxembourg DJ
10	_____ Largo, Film with Bogart and Bacall



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50g Japanese panko breadcrumbs  
2 tbsp self-raising flour  
½ rounded tsp paprika

¼ rounded tsp English mustard  
powder  
¼ rounded tsp dried thyme  
¼ tsp hot chilli powder  
½ tsp ground black pepper  
3 tbsp rapeseed oil

1. Pour the buttermilk into a wide shallow dish and stir in the garlic. Slice the chicken into chunky slices, about 9.5cm long x 3-4cm wide. Lay the chicken in the dish and turn it over in the buttermilk so it is well coated. Leave in the fridge for [1-2 hrs](#), or preferably overnight.
2. Meanwhile, heat a large, non-stick frying pan and tip in the panko crumbs and flour. Toast them in the pan for 2-3 mins, stirring regularly so they brown evenly and don't burn. Tip the crumb mix into a bowl and stir in the paprika, mustard, thyme, chilli powder, pepper and a pinch of fine sea salt. Set aside.
3. When ready to cook, heat oven to 210c. Line a baking tin with foil and sit a wire rack (preferably non-stick) on top. Transfer half the crumb mix to a medium-large plastic bag. Lift half the chicken from the buttermilk, leaving the marinade clinging to it. Transfer it to the bag of seasoned crumbs. Seal the end of the bag and give it a good shake so the chicken gets well covered (you could do all the crumbs and chicken together if you prefer, but it's easier to coat evenly in 2 batches).
4. Remove the chicken from the bag. Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large, non-stick frying pan, then add the chicken pieces and fry for 1½ mins without moving them. Turn the chicken over, pour in another ½ tbsp of the oil to cover the base of the pan and fry for 1 min more, so both sides are becoming golden. Using tongs, transfer to the wire rack. Repeat with the remaining seasoned crumbs, oil and chicken.
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Here's the line up for the last two of 2013:

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, update from John Foster, Economic Development Manager for Maidstone Borough Council at The Oak in Charing, we're back there now as it's under new ownership.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Combined networking meeting with South Maidstone Business Association at Chilston Park Hotel, Sandway, Lenham. Our speaker is Peter Homewood, Vice chairman of Kent County Council.

Remember the timings for the meetings - arrive 5.45pm for 6pm, meetings finish around 8pm. Some members stay on for food/drinks.

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## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm**

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

### **Music Notes, October 2013**

After a quiet Summer, there is now almost too much available in October, all happening at the same time. Here is my selection (but look around in the local press or surf the web and you will find others). I have also included this month the key event on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, which, being so early in the month, may have passed before some readers get through their November magazine. Maidstone will be participating in a world-wide singing event on that date, when choirs around the world perform in aid of hospices everywhere. Our choice of music is the ever-popular *Creation*. Don't miss it!

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra open their season with a programme that includes Elgar's *Cello Concerto*, soloist Laura van der Heijden (young musician of the year), and Rachmaninov's *Symphony No.3*. Tickets 01622 735830  
OR, if you prefer choral works
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral, Sutton Valence choral society join with Thanet Festival Choir and the Beresford Sinfonia to perform Verdi's *Requiem*. Tickets 01233 840540.
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at the church of St. James the Great, East Malling, East Malling singers perform Fauré's *Requiem*. Tickets 01622 750943  
OR, if you prefer an instrumental concert
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at All Saints' church Maidstone, Maidstone Wind Symphony have a varied programme which includes Frank Tichel's *Concerto for Clarinet and Wind Ensemble*. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, The Hospice Festival Choir and Orchestra perform Haydn's creation as their share in the World's largest singing event – "Choirs for Hospices". Tickets 01622 790195

My choice of free stop-at-home concerts is the live performance on radio 3, 6.45pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October (a very musical date it seems!!) of Britten's last opera, *Death in Venice*.

**Brian Hardy**

## The Freighter

On the wettest day in August I watched as several residents of Grafty Green struggled through the rain to deposit junk in what is known as THE FREIGHTER. There were items of all sorts: broken furniture, equipment no longer usable, building materials surplus to requirements.

I discovered THE FREIGHTER (aka Bulky Refuse Collection) when I moved to Grafty. An inspired idea, I thought. Six years later it is still operational and I am still impressed. Maidstone Borough Council issues a timetable so that residents know when and where rubbish may be deposited.

It's a relief to be able to dispose of things which you no longer require and are a hindrance.

As a child in primary school I heard sections of John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' read aloud. It is the story of a man named Christian. I was puzzled by the burden on the man's back. I pictured a heavy, uncomfortable load.

I was right. It was. It was a sack of sins which made life difficult for him and hindered his progress. Happily he did get rid of his burden. How? He walked to the top of a hill and came to a cross. There the burden rolled down from his back and fell into an open grave. He saw it no more.

In the popular mind Christians are those who go to church, do good deeds, raise money for causes and pray.

Well, yes, they do. They are also those who have discovered what to do with the junk in their lives. Not old kettles and leaky saucepans but the heavy load of memories which persist. Memories of quarrels never healed, of lies told, of failure to forgive, dishonesty and unkindness. These are the burdens all human beings, except the one perfect man, carry.

I see Jesus as THE FREIGHTER who invites us to dump all this baggage at his feet, at the foot of the Cross, and allow him to deal with it. Just as MBC's men take our junk away so Jesus removes the rubbish of our lives and deals with it.

And it's not just a one off service. We can go to Jesus again and again and he will scoop up whatever hinders us and take it away. He will forgive and forget.

Bunyan wrote, 'Now Christian's heart was light. He had found relief from his burden.'

Jesus said, *Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.* Matthew 11:28.



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**Sunday/Main Services – October 2013**

**6<sup>th</sup> October - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
8am Harrietsham BCP Holy  
Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Family Worship  
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
11.15am Ulcombe Family Worship

**13<sup>th</sup> October - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
09.30am Harrietsham Holy  
Communion (Stewardship Sunday)  
11.00am Lenham Morning Worship  
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion  
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

**20<sup>th</sup> October - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship  
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

**27<sup>th</sup> October - Last Sunday  
after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Family Worship  
11am Lenham Family Worship  
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion  
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal

**October Informal service**

Come along to our October informal service where we will be studying the final line of the Lord's Prayer. This month with the help of the Rvd Dick Venn we will be considering:

"For ever and ever. Amen"

There will be an informal communion during the service. The service will be at St John's Church, Harrietsham, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, at 6.30pm. Please bring your families and friends and join us for praise and worship. Refreshments will be served after the service. If you would like a lift to Church, please telephone the Church Office on 01622 850604. Everyone is welcome to join us in worship and praise!

***If you would be interested in joining the planning group and contributing to the worship at future services, then please do let me know.***

**Peter Saunders**

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Station	Bomb	Tank	Petrol
2	Box	Cleaner	Dressing	Window
3	Water	Fit	Sh	Tight
4	Power	Price	Crew	Cut
5	Roller	Boat	Iron	Steam
6	Tube	Self	Ear	Inner
7	Outsider	Taxi	Pull	Rank
8	Gun	Fruit	Answering	Machine
9	Short	Clear	Far	Sighted
10	Purse	Apron	Heart	Strings
11	Pianist	Hall	Pop	Concert
12	Capital	Shocker	Break	City
13	Storm	Wave	Wash	Brain
14	Fighter	Frog	Dog	Bull
15	Centre	Raw	Gas	Nerve
16	Well	Blot	Invisible	Ink

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	A Night at the <b>Opera</b> , 1935 Marx Brothers comedy
2	<b>Beryl Reid</b> , Veteran actress who won a BAFTA for Sailey's People in 1983
3	The <b>Thomas Crown Affair</b> , 1968 Steve McQueen movie
4	<b>Ursula Andress</b> , Bond Girl in Dr No
5	<b>Woodrow Wilson</b> , 28 <sup>th</sup> President of the USA
6	<b>Beat the Clock</b> , Game played on Sunday night at the London Palladium
7	<b>Charlton Heston</b> , Played the lead role in Ben-Hur 1959
8	<b>Stan Butler</b> , Cheeky driver played by Reg Varney in On the Buses
9	<b>Pete Murray</b> , Former Radio Luxembourg DJ
10	<b>Key Largo</b> , Film with Bogart and Bacall



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