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

Front Cover: Firework display for Bonfire night

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers 9.30-10am at St. Nicholas on Tuesday 6th, and 20th and at All Saints, Ulcombe on 13th and 27th.

Bible Study continues at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green, the home of Joan Drury on Thursdays from 10.30am - 12noon. For details contact Joan on 01622 853766

Village Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall as usual from 10.30am - 12noon on Wednesday 14th. We look forward to homemade cakes and meeting friends. There is no charge, just join us!

Harvest Supper was a delightful occasion, with great company and delicious food. The hall looked so good with the autumn decorations and some of the lovely flower arrangements all ready for the church the following evening. Many thanks to the generous people who gave their time and talents to cooking, preparing, serving and decorating for this event. In recognition of the fact that we have so much to be thankful for in our harvest and in our lives, the proceeds of the raffle, £120, are being given to those who have little, or nothing, following the tsunami in Indonesia.

Harvest Festival in St. Nicholas was another occasion in the rural church calendar when we joyously give thanks to God for his amazing generosity to us, seen so abundantly all around at this time of year. The church was filled with the most beautiful autumnal flower arrangements, organised by Sandra and her team of helpers. It was fitting that this year the banners, prepared to remember the young men from here who died in the battles of the First World War, were displayed round the church.

The auction of donated produce, cakes and bread, fruit, nuts, vegetables and flowers was a fun event over coffee and refreshments. So much generosity of giving and buying! More than £250 was raised to go to two charities, Maidstone Christian Care and for aid to Indonesia.

Remembrance Sunday Service takes place at St. Nicholas on 11th November starting at 10.15am. Do look at the information elsewhere in the magazine of how we in this church, village and community can be involved in remembering those killed in conflict. The banners of the 14 men killed in WW1 will still be on show and there will be more information to learn about them as individuals.

Craft Fair on 25th November. We look forward to meeting lots of friends at this event and are hard at work preparing for the church stall. See you there!

The ancient yew tree in the churchyard has been trimmed and the fallen branch has been cut down, but now a lot of tidying-up will be required!

Sally Alexander

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

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Ride and Stride 2018

Saturday 8th September was Ride and Stride Day, bike ride or walk in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. In our area the event is organized by the Friends of Kent Churches. With this in mind we thought it would be a change if our son Neville began in East Sussex, and he started at the little church of St. Nicholas, right on the sea front at Pett Level.


From there a stop at St. Richards Winchelsea Beach, and then on to St. Thomas Winchelsea, where the famous comedian Spike Milligan is buried. Rye Harbour Holy Spirit came next and then into Rye itself visiting 4 Churches. His next stop was East Guilford St. Marys, Camber Sands St. Thomas before 3 visits in Lydd. Further onward to Old Romney St. Clement, St George Ivychurch (where he took welcome light refreshment and rest),continuing to St. Mary in the Marsh. New Romney for 3 visits before heading to St. Marys Bay All Saints and in Dymchurch 3 more. Burmarsh All Saints and Palmarsh Holy Cross were next prior to a tour of Hythe taking in 5 churches. Trying to make good time along ride to Newchurch St. Peter and Paul, also Bilsington St. Peter and Paul the last one Kingsnorth St. Micheal and All Angels. A total of 35 visits over a journey covering 68 miles in ideal weather with just a little head wind thrown in.

For yours truly I elected to do a medley of some new some old. Commencing at Great Chart St. Mary I did a tour of all the churches in Ashford, Willesborough and South Ashford suburbs totalling 15 churches. It was now midday so I took a break for lunch while Angela proceeded to ride on to Shadoxhurst and Woodchurch for 3 visits. I caught up with her on the way to St. Michaels, in the support vehicle (which carried a spare bike) where I took over for calls at St. Michaels and Tenterden. Onward to


Ebony St. Mary the Virgin Reading St. this one I had missed on a previous ride. Angela then took over again to ride to Appledore for 2 more visits. I took over again at that point for a first visit to St. Mary the Virgin at Stone in Oxney, nice bit of incline exercise. It was my intention to carry on from there into Rye, Winchelsea and to finish at Pett Level, but After a time check I decided in favour of a return towards home via 'Kenardington, Warehorne and Hamstreet again a nice bit of hill work especially to St. Mary Kenardington. It was a perfect day for cycling which we both enjoyed having rode 52 miles visiting 35 churches. There is quite a marked difference between riding in cities and towns where you have to be extremely vigilant opposed to more relaxed feeling round country lanes and villages. Consequently slightly fewer church visits, but more mileage.

Owing to work commitments Jan and Chris Whyte were unable to ride until later in the day. The estimated amount raised will be in excess of £2,700

Bernard Bentley





Remembrance Sunday 2018
Boughton Malherbe and
Grafty Green
Let us remember them together

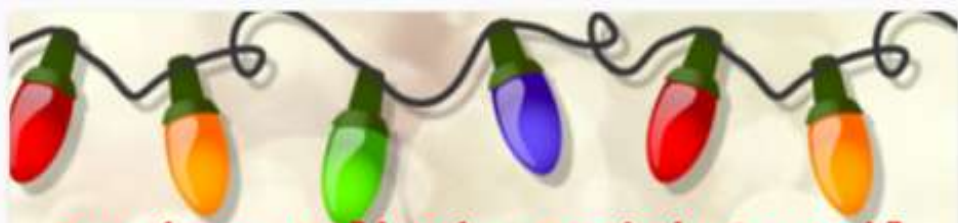


As this year marks 100 years since the end of the 1st World War we would like to invite our community to come together on the **11th of November at 10:15 at our Church of St Nicholas** to remember those who are missing from our community.

So many young lives were cut short; fathers, husbands, sons, brothers and friends of our village, their futures and descendants lost to us and to them. Please help us to remember them and give thanks for their lives and sacrifice.

We would love you to come and share your photos, memories and stories of those who died and help us remember and pray for them and their families. As this world did not remain at peace after 1918 we would like to extend our remembrance to all that have suffered and died in Wars since then. If you would like us to pray for family members and friends who suffered due to war even if they did not belong to this community please let us know and we will include them in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact Sally (01622 859549) or Vanessa (858372) with your photos and stories of loved ones.





Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Christmas Tree Lighting

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Children's Room Beer Garden

Grafty Gourmet

This is a mouth watering curry from north of India. Serve with rice or crusty bread. Although it has a few ingredients, the cooking process, as with all my recipes, is very straight forward.

Kashmiri Lamb

- 4 dried red chillies
- 3 fresh green chillies
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon Kashmiri garam masala
- 1 inch piece of root ginger, peeled and grated
- 5 cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 tablespoons desiccated coconut
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 6 tablespoons oil
- 2 large onions, sliced thinly
- 1kg (2 lb) lamb, washed, pat dry and cut into 1 1/2" pieces
- 1/2 pint plain yoghurt
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon saffron
- 20 blanched almonds
- A handful chopped coriander
- salt to taste

1. Grind the red chillies, green chillies, cumin seeds, garam masala, ginger, garlic, grated coconut and tomatoes together into a smooth paste.

2. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions until golden.

3. Add the spice paste and fry it until the oil separates from the mixture. Now add the lamb pieces and the salt and cook until it is almost done. Stirring frequently. Add the yoghurt, turmeric, saffron and the blanched almonds and mix well.

4. Cook over low heat until the meat is tender and the gravy is thick. Garnish with chopped coriander leaves and serve.

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Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
May 1	Colin Moat	50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)
May 5	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire, visiting Harlow Carr, York and Breezy Knees	
August 7	Outing - Samphire Ho, Dover	
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Jeanette Lerwell	Designing with Plants
Sept 9	Coach outing to Kew – book with Sue Burch 850381	
Oct 2	Philip Johnson	How to grow sweet peas
Nov6	Elizabeth Cairns	Planting the English Garden
Dec 4	Social - shared supper and quiz.	

On **November 6th** Elizabeth Cairns will be coming to give us a talk on 'Planting the English Garden'. As most of you will know Elizabeth has a beautiful garden and we are privileged that she has agreed to share her knowledge with us. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

There is a list circulating for you to add your name to if you wish to contribute a plate of food to bring to our December social.

Much planning is underway as committee members are currently discussing next seasons programme of events, and, if this is completed in time, details will be available for all to see at the November meeting.

Tip of the month - Lift and divide rhubarb crowns and winter-prune fruit trees. Lift and store dahlias and plant out spring bedding. Continue with winter digging. By planting tulips once other spring bulbs are in, there is a better chance of preventing them being infected with the fungal disease tulip fire. If you want hippeastrums (amaryllis) in flower for Christmas, start them into growth at the beginning of this month.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Highway Matters and Progress Report on Spending of the Quinn Donation.

Since our last Quinn report published in the July 2018 edition of Malherbe Monthly the Parish Council can now report on progress towards dealing with speeding, the number of vehicles including HGV's passing through Grafty Green, and possible traffic calming measures, some of which would be funded from the Quinn donation.

The Parish Clerk and Cllr Annie Allum had a very constructive meeting on the 5th June in the village with KCC Highways Schemes project manager and a colleague to look at our options. KCC advised that a traffic survey should first be carried out and this was done from the 2nd – 9th July using a sensing cable across the road near the village shop.

The survey results were reviewed at a further meeting with KCC on the 26th September. The main points arising from the survey were:

- The village is not a speeding hot spot.
- Statistics do not indicate we have any crash hot spots, in fact quite the contrary.
- The mean speed recorded was low compared to many villages and within normal boundaries.
- Despite these statistics the traffic volume has increased by approximately a third since the last survey 4/5 years ago.
- As a result KCC would not support chicanes or any other traffic calming measures, even if we fund them, and we have had to drop such ideas.

On the positive side:

- KCC have agreed for the 30 mph repeaters on the road surface to be repainted, along with all white lines on the centre of the road through the village and either side of the single carriageway on Liverton Hill.
- KCC will explore and do costing for the option of new village entrance signs, white gates with village nameplates etc. and the "Please drive carefully through our village" reminder, along with red tarmac strips across the road with white 30mph signs painted on them.
- KCC will also support another flashing speed sign at the Liverton Hill end of the village and work on this is progressing.
- The Parish Council have agreed to try to trim trees to make the flashing sign at the Headcorn end of the village work better, and to look into moving it a few metres further into the village, thus avoiding foliage.
- We have also agreed to clean the 30mph and warning signs and trim back vegetation that obscures them. This work has already begun.

Proposals are at an early stage of development and subject to further discussion with KCC.

Further reports will be published in due course

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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

12th November, 14th January 2019, 11th March 2019.

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 Vacancy

Following the announcement of a vacancy on the Parish Council in the October issue of Malherbe Monthly, a petition by local residents requesting an election has been submitted to Maidstone Borough Council (MBC). An election will take place if more than one candidate completes the nomination forms. The forms can be obtained from the Election Services Manager at Maidstone Borough Council and must be returned, by hand, by 4.00pm on Friday 2nd November 2018.

The Parish Clerk Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Yoga Classes at Grafty Green Village Hall

Yoga can be practiced by anyone; join your local class and enjoy the magic of yoga! Feel energised, move freely, building strength and stamina. Take a holiday from judgement and competition!

Wednesday evenings 7 till 8.30

Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11

Drop in at £8 or pay for a block for a reduced fee of £6 a session.

Further details from Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381, email – grafftyyoga@gmail.com

Sue Burch

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

With our summer fete behind us our thoughts turn to future events in the Village Hall - and there's lots to talk about!

First, on **Sunday 25th November**, it's our regular winter **craft fair**. If you've been before you'll know that it features the first-class work of local people offering hand-made food and non-food items at very reasonable prices. So, for a unique Christmas gift or just to stock up with home-made pickles, do come along.

Then, the following weekend, on **Saturday 1 December**, is our ever popular pre-Christmas **quiz night**. Tickets for this event are available from the Grafty Green Post Office Stores (thank you for this facility, Rob). If you can't get to the shop, you can also get tickets via me - but payment and collection is a bit trickier that way. The price (which includes our usual sumptuous ploughman's supper + mince pies and all the enjoyment you can consume) has been held again at just £8 per person. And there will be a licensed bar as usual.

Please help us to help you by getting your tickets early and completing the form at the shop as you buy them – this will enable us to know how many we are catering for and will ensure you sit with others in your team. There can be any number of people in a team, up to a maximum of 8, but teams of 4 or less may have to share a table.

Also available now from the village shop (thank you again, Rob) is the Boughton Malherbe **2019 Calendar**. All the photographs have been taken by local people, and many feature views of Grafty and the surrounding area. There's some super work there and it can be yours to hang on your wall for just £6.

Finally, I mentioned last month that we were looking to offer a **professional pantomime** at the Village Hall for the first time ever on **Thursday 27 December**. Well, it's definitely happening! We've booked an experienced touring group to put on a production of '**Robinson Crusoe**', a family friendly panto with all the usual singing, dancing, thigh-slapping and audience participation. Tickets (Adult £10, Child £5, Family 2+2 £25) are available from... you guessed it... Rob at the village shop. (What a great asset this shop is, you really should pop in more often). It's a **6 o'clock start** and there will be refreshments on sale, including a licensed bar for the big kids amongst you. We are advertising this event beyond the circulation area of this magazine and expecting a big crowd, so get your tickets early to avoid missing out. Again, contact me if you really can't get to the shop for your tickets.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman.

Tel: 844648 Email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com

November Music Notes

Another good selection of concerts this month, and all the November events I have listed use the centenary of the WW1 armistice as their theme. I wouldn't rule out there being more if you search. Anyway, here is the list:

- Sunday 4th November at 5.00pm at Invicta Grammar School ME14 5DS, Maidstone Singers combine with Energize Community Choir and B.A.E Systems Brass Band to provide a "1918 Street Party". Buy food there or bring your own. Tickets 01622 630016.
- Saturday 10th November, 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre ME15 7RN, Maidstone Wind Symphony and Maidstone Choral Union combine to present a programme marking 100 years since the end of WW1. Programme includes Karl Jenkins's *Armed Man* and features BBC Young Musician Finalist Matilda Lloyd (trumpet). Tickets <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thearmedman> or at the door.
- Saturday 17th November, 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted, ME14 4EE, Bearsted Choral Society have an Armistice Centenary Concert which includes Fauré's *Requiem*. Tickets 01634 666730
- Sunday 25th November, 7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone. Sutton Valence Choral Society's concert commemorates the armistice of WW1. It includes works by Rutter, Vaughn Williams, Lloyd Webber and Holst. Tickets: contact: pamela.hopkins@btinternet.com or phone 01622 86131
- Saturday 1st December, 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre ME15 7RN, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert features, among other things, Mahler's Symphony No1 (Titan). Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxoffice> or at the door

On TV I would refer you to the four-part series on BBC4 entitled "Our classical Century". It starts on 15th November. It is running in conjunction with radio3's "Essential Classics" which will illustrate some of the key works to come out in the TV series.

Brian Hardy

Maidstone Business Networking news

Tuesday 13th November 6.10pm
Cobtree Manor Park Golf
Course, Blue Bell Hill (A229)
ME14 3AZ

Trading Standards

Nathan Martin from Kent County Council Trading Standards will talk about the work of their dedicated business advice team. Trading standards covers a wide range of law including consumer rights and contracts, product safety and food labelling. Regulations can be confusing and daunting so the team's experienced officers work with businesses to find the right solution for their business. This can save time and money, protect hard earned business reputation and take the stress out of regulation.

Nathan is an experienced

trading standards officer with a comprehensive knowledge of trading standards specialising in food and construction products.

Visitors and new members welcome

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BOOK! 01622 820841 First visit FREE!

Please arrive at 6.10pm, networking starts on arrival, presentation 6.30 for 20 to 30 minutes, organised networking resumes and finishes at 8.30pm. New or one off attendees and members of the public are welcome. Your first visit is free. *YOU MUST register your attendance by email to doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk or by phoning 01622 820841. Venues and speakers all subject to change without notice.

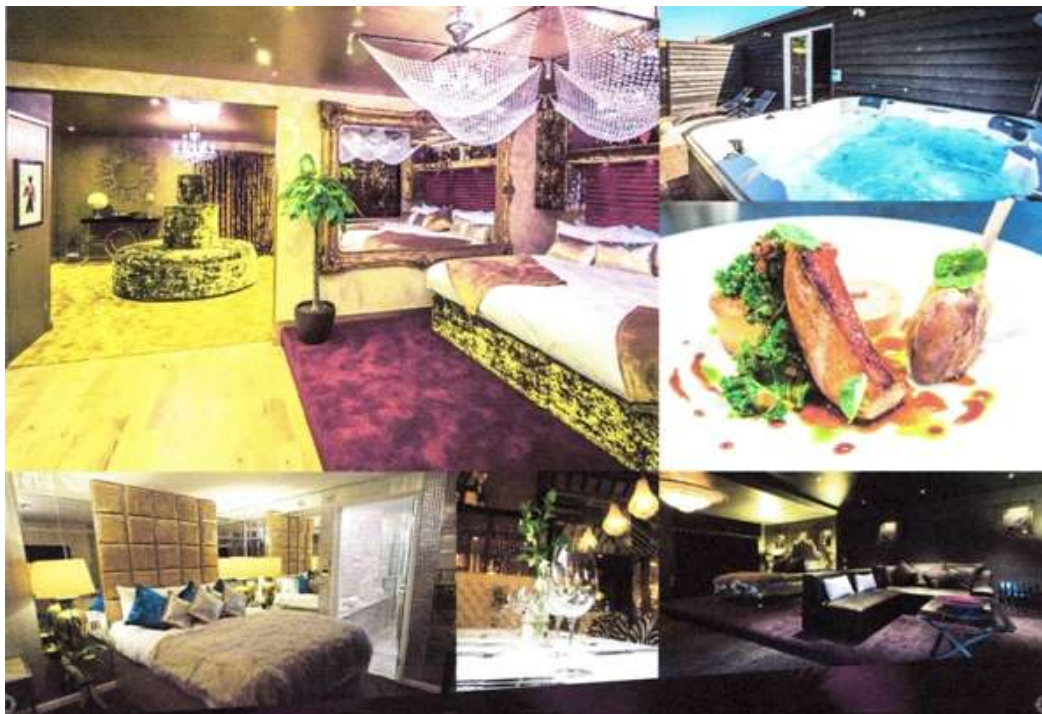


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It's a date ...

As we lead into Autumn don't miss out on these dates for the diary, only at the Who'd A Thought It.

Treasure Hunt

Sunday 23rd September

Our popular treasure hunt returns leading you on an adventure around the countryside.

£10pp including entrance and food.

Psychic Night

Wednesday 17th October

An evening of spooky clairvoyance with 6 mediums giving private readings. Tickets are

£22.50pp including a one course meal and glass of wine. Readings will be on a first come first serve basis and will be charged separately.

Fireworks Night

Sunday 4th November

Spectacular firework display, burger and hotdog menu will be available. Free entrance for fireworks, but we only have space for 200 people so please book in advance.

Christmas 2018

Throughout December

Our restaurant will be serving a Christmas menu from 1st to 20th December. There will be a **2-for-1** offer on the Christmas menu for people who book a hot tub suite (Monday - Thursday only).



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Grafty Green Speedwatch Scheme is looking for volunteers to support them in reducing speed and improving the safety on their local roads with the support of the police.

Speedwatch is a community based scheme where volunteers record speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. **96%** of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months within Kent.

CONTACT US

If you would like to join your local group and help please

CONTACT: **ROBERT TURNER** (01622 855325)
EMAIL: TURNERMB@GMAIL.COM



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News update re Activate Gym - Lenham

The Activate Gym at the Lenham School will close at 9pm on Wednesday 31st October and reopen at 7am on Thursday 1st November as the **Lenham Community Gym** run by a management team consisting of:-

John Tanner (chairman)	Matthew Root-Hicks (vice chairman)
Chris Godden (treasurer)	Georgia Gibbons (secretary)
Calum Lambotte (staffing)	Anne Osborn and Craig Hills (advertising)
Rebecca Bell (legal adviser)	Eddie Tomarken (team member)
Annette Tomarken (team member)	Alison Young (team member)

The team of volunteers has been working hard to form what will be the Lenham Community Gym Club and hopes to have everything in place early in November for you to re-join. Until then, please continue to use the gym. Our plan is to start charging membership fees on the 1st December and on the first of the month thereafter by direct debit, but we will accept cash and cheque payments.

The membership fees will remain the same as they are now:

£28 adults (18 and over) - £23 concessions (seniors and under eighteens) - £50 family membership (2 adults + 2 children) - walk-ins £2.50 (16 to under 18 year olds) and £5 adults (18 and over) per session.

If you are already a member please retain your Activate membership cards as we may be able to use them in the short term until we have our own membership card system in place.

The opening hours will remain the same:

Mornings - 7am to 8-30am and Evenings – 5pm to 9pm - Monday to Friday.
We hope to be able to open on Saturdays sometime in the New Year but this will depend on us being able to get regular staff to do so. Please note the gym will be closed from Saturday 22nd to Wednesday 26th December and open Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th from 8am to 12pm and then closed again until January 2nd when it will be open for the normal hours and days.

If you would like more information or would like to become a member please contact Chris Godden on 01622 858658.

The Management Team.

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bride	Fool	Showers	April
2	Band	Wool	Worker	
3	Colour	Kick	Rip	
4	Drip	Ice	Sherry	
5	Alarm	Start	Teeth	
6	Act	National	Woven	
7	Book	In	Pecking	
8	Camp	Data	Ball	
9	Effects	Barrier	Proof	
10	Quake	Mother	Worm	
11	Shop	Bar	Air	
12	Railway	Heavy	Light	
13	Ginger	Wing	Dough	
14	Stile	Coat	Star	
15	Looking	Fibre	Hour	
16	Portrait	Help	Service	

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ the world in 80 days, 1956 film starring David Niven
2	The _____, Backing group with Cliff Richard
3	_____ Instinct, Film with Sharon Stone
4	The Three _____, Name used by Pavarotti, Carreras & Domingo
5	_____ Ryan, Actress who plays Zoe Slater in Eastenders
6	The _____ Mile, A Tom Hanks film
7	_____ Army, Gary Newman's new wave army
8	_____, Taylor Soldier Spy, Novel by John Le Carre
9	Perry _____, 1960's American court drams starring Raymond Burr
10	_____ Ballet, Band who had hits with True and Gold

Friends of St Mary's Church, Lenham

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Well if you didn't manage to get ticket for 5th annual village barn dance, on the 22rd September; you really did miss a great night out. Over 190 people attended the event and do si do'ed, twirled, skipped, and promenaded to the lyrical music of 'Whirling Skirmish'. Our thanks go to Valerie Woollven and John Arthur Boyd for allowing us to use, once again, the Tithe Barn and facilities. A most beautiful venue and an ideal place in which to hold our village barn dance. Many thanks to the Newsagents who supported the event by selling tickets for us.

The prizes donated for the raffle were our best yet. Thank you to all those who donated such lovely gifts: Bow Window Café, Chilston Park Hotel, Phase Hairdressers, Co-Op Lenham, The Village Stores, Margo McFarlane, Ann Henderson, Shepherd and Neame Brewery, The Square Fish Restaurant and The Trustees of the Friends. Grateful thanks also to the people who brought along prizes long on the night, we thank you. During the interval, John Arthur Boyd held a very lively auction which included: Fly Fishing for a family of 5, donated by David Chantler, Combine Harvester Ride for 2, donated by John Boyd Farms, 18 Holes Golf, donated by Roger James, An afternoon in a dairy parlour, donated by Peter Boyd, 30 minute flight, donated by John Lineham and a Dewalt set of power tools, donated by Chriss Parsons. Many thanks to all donors.

This event raised a grand total of over £2500, which will go towards projects to restore and refurbish our lovely village church. Without everyone attending our events and making such kind donations we would not be able to continue the much-needed work to our beautiful village building. The Friends of St Mary's very much appreciated continuing support. Thank you



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Christian Message November 2018

Remember! Remember!

Are you good at remembering peoples' birthdays and anniversaries, appointments and social engagements, or even things that have to be done? I'm not as good as I used to be, if it doesn't go in my diary, the probability is that it will slip my mind. Maybe there is just too much for me to remember.

We have many resources these days to jog our memories. I still use my paper diary but we also have on-line and electronic calendars giving us daily reminders of coming events. We no longer have to rely on a knotted hankie or post-it notes dotted around the house. Or that's the theory. But we do forget!

However, of all months November seems to be a time for remembering. First there comes All Saints' Day followed by All Souls' Day – occasions that remind us of those who have gone before us in the faith. Then there is Guy Fawkes Night, not a Christian festival but a reminder of a plot against Parliament and the religious tensions of the time.

Then comes Remembrance Sunday when we recall the sacrifice of so many in 2 world wars and other conflicts. This is particularly poignant as we mark 100 years since the end of World War 1. So much to remember, so much to learn from, so much that calls us to build for the future in the light of the past.

But there's still plenty of room for forgetfulness. Do we make time to remember God's faithfulness across the ages. Many worship him on a Sunday but how many forget during the week and live as if he isn't there? We might marvel occasionally at his blessings and we're quick to ask for his help in times of trouble. Then we forget once the crisis is past.

For the Christian remembrance has a special place. **Do this in memory of me (1 Corinthians 11:24)**

These words of Jesus are said every time we take the sacrament of bread and wine at Holy Communion and remember that Jesus gave his body and blood for our sake. A reminder that our faith is not based on wishful thinking but is rooted in history, in what God has done through Jesus.

I encourage you to remember Jesus not just on special days but every day

Gracious God you always remember me. Teach me to remember you. Amen.

The Ulcombe History Society

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The Society meets in
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This year there will be eight talks,
an evening outing to Elham, a
day trip to Greenwich and
a weekend away.

PROGRAMME 2018

Membership is open to all who have an interest in local and national history.
The annual membership fee is £10. Visitors are always welcome.
Refreshments will be served

Tuesday 16 January

John Moore

Education in India: challenge and opportunity

Tuesday 20 March

AGM 7.30pm followed by

Mrs Mary Smith

A Schoolgirl's War

Tuesday 17 April

Steve Hookins

Woolwich Women at War

Tuesday 15 May

Dr Marc Morris

Bad King John

Saturday 16 June

Trip to Greenwich

Tuesday 10 July

Evening outing to Elham

Tuesday 18 September

Simon Elliott

From Ragstone to Riches

Fri 14 – Sunday 16 September

Weekend trip

Tues 16 October

Patsy Erskine-Hill

*The fire that took hold - printing, literacy
and bookselling in early Renaissance Venice,
the book capital of the world for 100 years*

Tuesday 20 November

Melanie Gibson-Barton

Wandering in Flanders Fields

Tuesday 18 December

Imogen Corrigan

*Powers behind the throne – the women
of the first millennium.*

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – November 2018

Sunday 4th November

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (optional Holy Communion)

Sunday 18th November

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 7th November

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st November

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 11th November

10.15am Harrietsham: Remembrance Service
10.15am Ulcombe: Remembrance Service
10.15am Lenham: Remembrance Service
10.15am Boughton Malherbe: Remembrance Service

Sunday 25th November

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service



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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bride	Fool	Showers	April
2	Band	Wool	Worker	Steel
3	Colour	Kick	Rip	Off
4	Drp	Ice	Sherry	Dry
5	Alarm	Start	Teeth	False
6	Act	National	Woven	Inter
7	Book	In	Pecking	Order
8	Camp	Data	Ball	Base
9	Effics	Barrier	Proof	Sound
10	Quake	Mother	Worm	Earth
11	Shop	Bar	Air	Steward
12	Railway	Heavy	Light	Sleeper
13	Cinger	Wing	Dough	Nut
14	Stile	Coat	Star	Turn
15	Looking	Fibre	Hour	Glass
16	Portrait	Help	Service	Self

	Find the missing word?
1	Around the world in 80 days, 1956 film starring David Niven
2	The Shadows , Backing group with Cliff Richard
3	Basic Instinct, Film with Sharon Stone
4	The Three Tenors , Name used by Pavarotti, Carreras & Domingo
5	Michelle Ryan, Actress who plays Zoe Slater in Eastenders
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