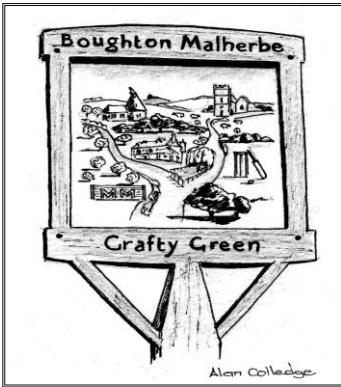


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Front Cover: Spring is here with this beautiful tree in full blossom

News from St. Nicholas Church.

We are living through strange times when we have to take stock of how we live and conduct ourselves, not thinking of our own way of life, but how what we do will impact on, not just ourselves, but even the safety and indeed the very lives of others. With the headlines of panic buying in our supermarkets, not leaving enough for those on the front line, let us be mindful of the impact of our actions upon others and our environment. Can we be less wasteful, more frugal, buy and source locally and even plant vegetables and fruit and be less of a burden on our local services?

We need to put our pride to one-side and be prepared to do whatever is best for us all, to offer help, and 'shock-horror', be humble and gracious in accepting help, even prepared to ask for help if need-be; not easy for those of us in self-isolation, used to our independence.

The box in the shop for Maidstone Christian Care food bank will be more vital than ever for those in need, please add to it when you can. They will be most grateful. A good time to pray, for ourselves, for those around us, who are supporting us in so many ways, for those in need and for governments worldwide struggling to do what is best in these difficult days.

Prayer requests may be left in the church porch as usual, not touching the tin but just placed on the bench. They will be collected daily and prayed for in the church.

All other activities, formal Church services and social gatherings, including the coffee morning are postponed for the foreseeable future. Notices will be kept up-to-date on the church notice board. Phone the Church Wardens for information and help.

On a Happier note – at the March Coffee morning we all were able to share in John Thompson's Big Birthday Celebrations, with cake, laughter and lots of chat.

Lent lunches. The first two lunches were a great success and more than £120 was donated for Christian Aid. We will continue these as Bread and Soup lunches when it is safe to do so.

With love and prayers to all

Sally Alexander



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**Minutes of the Parish Council on
Monday 9th March 2019, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; J Collins;
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: 7 members of public

Cllr Galton opened meeting

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** None
2. **Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence.** PCSO John Boyd and Cllr. Martin Round
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying** None
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda** - John Collins regarding the Grant to St Nicholas' Church (item 13.5)
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** None
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of 20th December 2019 approved
5. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
6. **Public Session** – Mr Roger Cunningham spoke in support of his representation at item 15 on the agenda
7. **KCC/MBC Reports** – Cllr Shellina Prendergast reported on: the Maidstone Highways Strategic Consultation, Highways England abandoning the lorry park idea, Operation Brock has been replaced; Bus pilot launch; Coronavirus – Shellina will provide KCC advice for our website. Cllr Karen Cappell-Tay reported on: Martin Round has returned to council activities; Never End Farm Planning Application rejected but appealed; The Meadows Public Enquiry to be held on 9th June; Local Plan consultation offer to meet Parish councils
8. **Planning Outcomes since 4th November 2019** – none. Noted agricultural building changes on Chandler's Farm.
9. **Points of Interest Stone** – noted presentation received from Sue Burch. Agreed to meet Sue to discuss next steps
10. **Local Policing/Community**
 - 10.1 Police/Crime Report – noted stats previously circulated
 - 10.2 Speedwatch – there was nothing to report
11. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 11.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – KCC have repaired potholes on Headcorn Road. Holes on the edge of the road near Park House and in Woodcock Lane to be reported. Cllr Turner to contact KCC regarding landslide on Liverton Hill and why not cleared.
 - 11.2 59 Bus – agreed to support and monitor the pilot

- 11.3 Highways Improvement Plan – noted the outcome of the meeting with KCC Highways on 30th January, a revised scheme has been drafted but the plan was not ready for publishing. It was agreed that the plan will be finalised and made available for public viewing in the Village Hall. A note will be circulated to all households notifying residents of progress and inviting to a public meeting to be held on the 23rd March at 7.00pm. Noted the amended Highways Improvement Plan and note of meeting with KCC Highways circulated separately
- 11.4 Footpaths – the landowner has agreed to replace the stile on footpath KH483 with a gate. MBC have been asked to install the gate. Clerk to chase and obtain a date from MBC
- 11.5 Noted outcome of the meeting with Simon Jones, KCC Director of Highways and Transportation
- 11.6 Litter – noted pick-up scheduled for 21st March
12. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Galton attended KALC; Cllr Collins attended East of Maidstone Bus Group; Cllr Turner attended SOHL, ASB meeting in Headcorn
13. **Finance**
 - 13.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank:

Nat West	£5,861.72
Nationwide	£25,230.28
Cambridge and Counties	£ 85,492.65
 - 13.2 Income since the last meeting : None
 - 13.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed and signed statement
 - 13.4 Cheques signed: St Nichols Church £500; Village Hall Meetings £153; Traffic Calming Plan £31.20
 - 13.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting: Julian Smith Essex £22.68; Tom La Dell (traffic calming base plan)£39.60
 - 13.6 End of Year – Outstanding bills are Clerk’s salary, Christmas Tree event(2nd payment) Clerk to chase
 - 13.7 Approved the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk
14. **MBC Survey on Gypsy and Traveller Sites** – agreed a response to the online survey. Clerk to submit
15. **Representation Received from a member of the public** – the representation attached to the agenda was noted
16. **Date for the Annual General Meeting** – agreed 18th May
17. **2020 Parish Council Election** – agreed to place publicity notice on the notice board
18. **Recent Purchase of Land to the North of the Parish by Forestry England and Implications for a Possible Lorry Park** – noted recent developments
19. **Correspondence** - CPRE request to increase the Council’s contribution – agreed to continue to contribute £36. Air Ambulance Service request for a donation – agreed to donate £200 from the legacy fund
20. **Further Information** – none

The meeting closed at
9.07pm

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

A message to all our residents.

Grafty Green TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

The Traffic Calming scheme has been in development with KCC Highways Department since late 2018 and regular reports have been posted in the Malherbe Monthly to keep you up to date.

All suggestions from residents have been considered, discussed with KCC, and incorporated into the scheme where permitted by legislation. We are now ready to move to the next stage, but we need to be sure that our residents support the scheme.

Due to Coronavirus, all viewings of the plan in the Village Hall for the TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME were CANCELLED.

Please go to the Boughton Malherbe Parish website where the plan can be viewed and comments can be submitted on line.

Please send all your comments to the Parish Clerk at:

boughtonmalherbepc@gmail.com

The plan is also available to view in the village shop window full size and on the village green notice board in reduced format.

If you do not have internet access you may leave your comments in the box provided in the village shop until 6th April.

Please note that after such a long period during which residents have been invited to put forward their suggestions, we cannot consider any more.

After this stage Councillors will meet to decide whether or not to proceed with the scheme or to abandon it.

Time scales will be subject to Coronavirus restrictions.

Please note the following

"This year's Parish Council elections have been postponed until 2021
Current Councillors will continue in post."

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Coronavirus Outbreak

The Emergency Plan Committee now has a plan to help anyone, particularly the elderly, if they are in difficulty and confined to their homes, without the benefit of family support.

Depending upon availability, we have a list of volunteers who can provide support by helping with such tasks as collecting urgent prescriptions, local shopping etc

Please Email the Parish Council Clerk, Chris Hume, if you or anyone you know is likely to need assistance, or needs urgent assistance through this emergency, and give your or your friend's name, address, telephone number and Email address, together with details of any assistance required, so that we can keep a record and respond accordingly.

The Email address is boughtonmalherbepc@gmail.com

If the Clerk cannot respond when assistance is urgently needed, or you do not have Internet access, please speak to Ron Galton on 01622 850 369.

You can also refer to your copy of the Community Emergency Plan which might be helpful.

Please watch the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council website for any announcements.

Thank You
The Emergency Plan Committee

Important Information From Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Government Help for the most medically vulnerable residents who have been advised to self isolate at home for a period of 3 months and do not have support from family and friends to help with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc.

In response to Government requests, Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) has set up a Community Hub to assist vulnerable residents within the Borough during the **Coronavirus** emergency.

The Hub aims to provide similar assistance to that set up by the Boughton Malherbe Parish Community Emergency Plan, which you can read about elsewhere in this magazine and on the Parish Council website.

It is understood that the Hub can provide the added benefit of free Grocery parcels which is something that our own Emergency Plan could not do on a regular basis.

We hope to co-operate with the Hub to ensure that its supplies and services get to the needy within our Parish, as and when required.

The news of the MBC Hub came after our own Community Emergency Plan was set up, and too late for us to establish and publish in this magazine the full details of exactly how the Hub will work, and how our Community Emergency Plan can work alongside it.

However, the MBC Hub provides an alternative choice for those in need, and if you wish to request the services it can provide please use the free phone number:

0300 303 1650

If for any reason the MBC Hub cannot assist, please contact the Parish Clerk or Ron Galton as requested in the **Coronavirus Outbreak** article elsewhere in this magazine.

Further information will be made available on the Parish website, as and when available.

News from Helen Whately MP

Coronavirus Statement

Helen commented: "The Coronavirus outbreak is the biggest public health emergency in a generation.

"The Government has been clear that our number one priority is to protect life, and that our decisions will be based on the best available science. The Coronavirus demands dramatic action and we are working tirelessly, in partnership with local councils, businesses, charities and other organisations, to ensure that people have the support they need.

"The situation is however moving extremely quickly. New and updated guidance will continue to be issued in the coming days and weeks. I have a dedicated page on my website where you can find the latest news/advice:

<https://www.helenwhately.org.uk/coronavirus-advice>.

"Please be assured that I will be continuing to work hard both locally and in Parliament to do everything I possibly can to protect and support people, particularly those who are most vulnerable and at risk. I would also strongly urge everyone to follow the advice issued by Government as we all have a vital part to play in battling the Coronavirus.

"Our response to the virus requires a national effort. We need to come together and look out for each other - particularly the most vulnerable in society – to get through this challenging time."

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at one of my surgeries

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Neighbourhood Watch - Covid 19 Advice

Covid 19 Scam Prevention Advice

Scammers and criminals are already looking for opportunities to scam people as a result of the Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic. Happily, there are many more stories of kindness and generosity but we want to make people aware of the scams as they emerge – which they seem to be on a daily basis.

There have been reports received by Kent Police of people door-knocking and claiming to be from the Health Authority.

What happens:

- The criminal knocks on your door.
- They claim to be from the Health Authority.
- They offer to do COVID-19 testing on residents.
- There are also reports of the criminal offering to take the residents temperature.

THIS IS A SCAM!

What to do:

- Do not let them in.
- Do not allow them to take any money or details from you
- Report to Kent Police on 101.
- If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999.

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

Report

There has been a report of an elderly Kent resident who lost money when they gave their bank card to someone who offered to do some shopping for them. They received one of these cards through their door and an individual offered to help, however, they actually stole money from the resident and were not seen again.

Payment

Don't ever give your bank or card details to anyone, even if you think you know them

very well. You could either agree to pay in cash after they have delivered the shopping or pay them online if you have the facility to do so. Or maybe you could agree another method of payment - **but never give your bank or card details.**

Contacts

If you are self-isolating, you could contact one of these organisations for help and support:

[Age UK](#) 0800 678 1602

[Asthma UK](#) 0300 222 5800

[BHF](#) 0300 330 3311

[Diabetes UK](#) 0345 123 2399

[Mind](#) 0300 123 3393

[Scope](#) 0808 800 3333

[The Silver Line](#) 0800 470 8090

For advice and to report issues to **KCC Trading Standards** contact

[Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#) on **0808 223 1133**

[Consumer Advice scams action line](#) on **0808 250 5050**

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Please remember you can also contact me should you need any further advice or help,

Kind regards,

PSE 59753 Adam Sackett
Volunteer & Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer
East Kent Police
Police Station, Fort Hill, Margate, Kent, CT9 1HL
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Email: adam.sackett@kent.police.uk

Village Hall News

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We were really sorry to have to postpone our March event at the Hall (our 60s/70s themed meal) but the coronavirus has ridden roughshod over everybody's plans, of course. Our intention is to resurrect this 'Retro Party' in the autumn but - if you haven't already - please return your tickets to Grafty Green P.O. Stores for a refund and look out for a fresh announcement about the reinstatement of this event in due course.

Hopefully, the pandemic pandemonium will be over by 5th September, when we plan to hold our Village Fun Day (on the field where we normally hold our annual fete) but nothing can be guaranteed. So, the message is...

Look out for further information over the coming months in this magazine and on our website and Facebook page (details of which are at the head of this article).

Meanwhile, lock-down looms and as boredom drives us to do all those things we never usually get round to in the house; as we read all those books that normally just sit on the shelf; and as we search in vain to find one last weed to pull up in the garden; I wish you all the best of luck and the best of health, until we meet again.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman.



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Clerk Address: Mrs J Rimmer
16 The Cloisters
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Lenham
Kent
ME17 2PZ

Grafty Green Stores Coronavirus Precautions

Our understanding is that coronavirus has an increased risk of severe disease and death among elderly people and in people with underlying health risk conditions. We must reduce interaction between the house and the shop to keep the virus away from those in the high-risk category and at the same time increase the shop cleaning for the protection of everyone.

As the shop is reliant on the house for operating and some tasks have been done between customer visits we can only-practically achieve this by reducing the opening hours. We have tried to select hours to allow us to best provide for the needs of our customers at the same time as keeping the risk to acceptable levels. This may also allow us to provide deliveries (please ask if interested). We hope you will understand.

Newspapers will be put outside at 11 unless we are otherwise requested.

01622 859435 graftygreenstores@gmail.com

Monday	9 -11	3.30 - 4.30
Tuesday	9 -11	3.30 - 4.30
Wednesday	9 -11	
Thursday	9 -11	3.30 - 4.30
Friday	9 -11	3.30 - 4.30
Saturday	9 -11	

Grafty Gourmet

This is a traditional Tuscan recipe. Although the fortified wine Marsala comes straight from Sicily, it is used a lot in Tuscan cooking. You can't miss with the delicious combination of Marsala and red peppers in this quick recipe.

Chicken with Marsala and Red Peppers

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts halved
½ cup flour
2 tablespoon of extra-virgin olive oil
salt and freshly ground pepper
1 red pepper, thinly sliced
1 cup Marsala wine
½ cup of water
chopped parsley for garnish

1. Butterfly the chicken breasts by carefully cutting them open horizontally. Flour each breast on both sides.
2. In a large pan, brown the chicken breasts in olive oil. Lightly salt and pepper each side. Remove chicken breasts, and set aside.
3. Add sliced red peppers to the pan and sauté on high heat for 2-3 minutes until lightly browned. Return chicken to pan and add the Marsala and water.
4. Cover the pan and cook until juices run clear, not pink, when chicken is pierced with a fork (6-8 minutes). Serve garnished with chopped parsley.

Buon appetito!

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A message from Revd. John Huggins, vicar@lvb.org.uk 01622 850280 and Revd. Anne, revanne@lvb.org.uk 01622 924963

With sadness we are pausing public worship in our churches for the time being owing to the risk of virus transmission and following the advice of the Archbishops.

When they are open please do feel free to enter our churches to pray. please maintain good hygiene and distancing as you do so. Please pray for one another and especially for those who are fearful, infected, affected or vulnerable- that is most of us! If you would like us to pray for a specific situation, please email (or telephone) and be assured that we will pray.

St. Nicolas will be open from 9 until noon. I, Anne, will begin by saying Morning Prayers at 9. The bell will be rung letting you all know that prayers are being said for and on behalf of the community at large.

For those who have social media, the C of E is offering digital resources to help us pray and worship at home and in private spaces at this time.

More information can be found here:

www.churchofengland.org/more/mediacentre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches

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Children's Room Beer Garden

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Campaign	By	Presidential	Election
2	Agent	Print	Bad	
3	Common	Fire	Mat	
4	Football	Landing	Lighting	
5	Current	Eel	Shock	
6	Dressed	Hermit	Apple	
7	Winter	Jacket	Car	
8	Trolley	Window	List	
9	Record	Team	Piano	
10	Heavens	Average	Board	
11	Sky	Society	Tide	
12	Right	Photo	Cat	
13	Carriage	Cuckoo	Face	
14	Teller	Short	Line	
15	Garden	Piece	City	
16	Computer	Fiction	Social	

	Find the missing word?
1	Gregg _____, MasterChef Presenter
2	_____ Dean, Original EastEnders who plays Sharon
3	Yoko ____, Multimedia Artist
4	___ Zeppelin, Rock Band from the 1970's
5	Ronan _____, Boyzone singer
6	_____ Bush, 70's singer with Wuthering Heights
7	Nicola _____, First Minister for Scotland
8	_____ Skink, Scottish Potato and Smoked Haddock soup
9	Cider with ____, A book by Laurie Lee
10	___ to a Nightingale, A John Keats poem

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Programme 2020

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
7 th January	AGM and Kevin Tooher	Winter Interest
4 th February	Dr. Tim Ingram	Snowdrops
3 rd March	Jacqueline Anthony	National Garden Scheme – how it works
7th April	Spring Show, Lucy Adams from Doddington	Dry Gardens
Sat 2 nd May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet	
Sat 9 th May	Coach outing to Leonardslee	
Sat 13 th June	Garden Safari	
7 th July	Outing (own transport) to Sandgate Castle Community garden	
4 th August	Visit to Doddington House Garden	
1 st September	Autumn Show & Floral Art Competition for Margaret Hoad Prize	
11 th – 13 th Sept.	Weekend away in Herefordshire, Cotswolds Wildlife Park & Gardens, Moores Meadow Gardens, Stockton Bury Gardens, Oxford Botanical Gardens, staying at The Penyard Hotel, Ross on Wye,	
6 th October	Ian Gray, Mammal Society	Hedgehogs
3 rd November	Simon Ginnaw	A Year in Mote Park
1 st December	Social and Quiz	

Grafty Green Gardening Club - update

It is a regret that we have to cancel our April meeting and Spring Show in the village hall. Lucy Adams (Head Gardener at Doddington) has been advised and has offered to come to talk to us at a later date. We are sorry to also have to cancel the planned coach trip to Leonardslee 9th May

The Plant Sale Saturday 2nd May will only go ahead if the weather is fine and it can be held on the Village Green. Members will be advised of other changes to our programme of events as and when they happen.

The Garden in April - On a brighter note Spring is here and the sun has made a couple of appearances to remind us to get busy in the garden. Penstemons can be cut down to the new shoots to keep plants compact and Dahlia tubers can be started off in pots to be planted out in early June. Lavender and other silver leaved plants should be trimmed back once they have reached the size you want them to grow. Weeding is easy at the moment when the earth is still damp. In the kitchen garden seedlings can be thinned out and leek sown. Sowing crops in succession will avoid having a glut of produce at any one time.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club



Lenham Film Club regrets...

We're sorry to say that we have had to press the pause button on the film club, due to the Coronavirus situation. At the time of writing, as the focus on 'social distancing' is increasing and more of us are likely to be advised to stay at home, we feel that the responsible thing to do is to temporarily suspend our performances.

For those of you who are members, please rest assured that we'll adjust the renewal date of your membership, extending it by the number of months that the club is paused.

We're so sorry not to be able to carry on, but the health and safety of our film-goers is our priority. As soon as we are able to resume, we'll be back in touch.

The Lenham Film Club team

SOHL ("Save Our Heath Lands")

Finding different housing solutions

It's been a busy few months of campaigning as we continue to challenge Maidstone Borough Councillors and persuade them to think differently about their garden community proposal.

We supported the parish council's recent consultation on the Local Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) and attended the open days to field any questions from residents on the garden community proposal. We believe that once the LNP is adopted it will help local residents take back control of strategic planning for our village, and make it more difficult for MBC to secure planning permission for the scheme.

On 22 April the Council will consider a progress report on the garden community at its Policy and Resources Committee. This report will review the outcome of the negotiations with the landowners, along with an update on the survey work they have undertaken. We should then have a better view of how likely the scheme is to proceed further and will keep you updated.

SOHL committee members continue to put challenging questions to the local councillors at their committee meetings to keep them on their toes and the scheme in the public eye.

We need to persuade Maidstone Borough Council that Lenham Heath is not the right location for a garden community and it's not about NIMBYISM.

Our focus over the coming months is to embark on a programme to identify alternative solutions to get MBC to think differently about its approach to local housing issues in the borough. This will include encouraging the Council to be creative and ambitious in its vision for reinvesting in Maidstone town centre, taking into account the changing retail landscape, making more efficient use of redundant or under-utilised buildings and earmarking commercial and industrial areas for residential housing.

The recent landmark ruling on the Government's aviation national plan policy statement was significant. Developers and public authorities are going to be held more accountable when it comes to the climate impact of their new housing schemes. Maidstone Borough Council declared its own climate emergency last April and agreed to be carbon neutral as a borough by 2030.

Yet this is contrary to their plans for a garden community which would involve a motorway junction generating thousands of car trips each day and the loss of nearly 900 hectares of biodiversity and greenfield land.

Air pollution, transport and landscape issues are just some of the key areas we will need to challenge if they decide to go ahead with the garden community. That's when we will be calling upon local residents to help us raise vital funds to engage a planning lawyer and experts so that we can build a case to fight this proposal.

If you would like to keep up to date with the work of SOHL and receive regular e-updates then go to www.saveourheathlands.co.uk and fill in the online enquiry form.

Kind regards
SOHL Committee

April Music Notes

With Easter falling within the month, and the fact that many music societies held concerts in March, my list is a little thin this time. However, there is some good stuff and a trip to Canterbury Cathedral on the evening of Good Friday looks to be very worthwhile. So here is the list:

- Sat 4th April, 7.30pm at St. James the Great Church, East Malling ME19 6AG, the East Malling Singers are singing Rachmaninov's Vespers and Borodin's Polovtsian Dances Tickets 01622 750943
- Friday 10th April (Good Friday) at 7.30pm in Canterbury Cathedral, the cathedral Choir will be singing Duruflé's Requiem. Sung as a cathedral service.
- Sunday 19th April, 3.00pm at St. Nicholas' Church Otham hosts the Bel Canto singers who will presenting a varied programme of solo songs and duets. Free admission, interval refreshments, retiring collection in aid of Otham Church.
- Saturday 25th April at St. Peter & St. Paul's church Headcorn there will be a concert by John Fisher & the IDMC Gospel Choir. This is an award -winning group. Tickets 01622 890199
- Also, on Saturday 25th April, 7.30pm at St. Dunstan's Church Cranbrook, The Cranbrook Choral Society sing Dvorak's Stabat Mater. Tickets at the door or
- <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cranbrook-choral-society/t-jpqerr>

Another item from the Musicians' dictionary;

Orchestra. –The result of musicians having discovered that there is safety in numbers.

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Any support we can offer to the community please don't be afraid to ask. In the meantime, look after yourselves and each other.

Errol & Lina 01622844422, 07939944002

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Christian Message - April 2020

Somebody challenged me the other day to define what I meant by 'shame'. I was stumped because I'd never thought about it although I had felt it! Here's what the dictionary says; *"A painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behaviour"*.

We don't talk about it, but I think there's a lot of shame around. There's shame that we haven't done well enough in education or in life, there's shame that we have been too privileged when others in the world are so poor, there's shame that we haven't done as well as our parent would have expected, and so on. The list is huge. Nearly everybody feels shame because we are all messed up people. We're not only messed up: we're also full of potential and hope – but we know we're messed up too. The Bible calls this messed-upness "sin".

The things we're ashamed of are getting much bigger these days as we realise the mess we've made of the planet and the danger of actually destroying it. Sin isn't just individual, it's also communal.

Easter turns this around. Easter is hope like a yellow daffodil blooming on a dark day. Easter when Christians remember that Jesus, as God-on-earth, died a nasty and messy death, but then overcame all that messiness and rose again to life. If we look into the face of Jesus on the cross, or walking with his disciples after he rose again, our shame can be removed and released.

For those of us who feel we have person reasons to feel shame, experiencing God's goodness as that shame is released can be utterly transformational. It is like feeling the warmth of the sun for the first time. Gratefulness is good but gratefulness leads us to live transformed lives, individually and communally.

How is your home, school, workplace and village doing its part to slowdown global warming this Easter?

John P Huggins 01622 850280

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – April 2020

Wednesday 1st April

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday

with palm crosses for all

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
(Alpha course)

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy
Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-
friendly Morning Worship

11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning
Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th April

*Series of evening meetings to help us
to be refreshed through prayer*

Monday 7.00pm at Boughton
Malherbe

Tuesday 7.00pm at Harrietsham

Wednesday 7.00pm at Lenham

Thursday 9th April

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service
with footwashing

Friday 10th April – Good Friday

10.30am Lenham: Messy Easter

2.00pm Services in all four
churches 'An hour at The Cross'

Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
(Alpha course)

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy
Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th April

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge: Holy
Communion

Sunday 19th April

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
(Alpha course)

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe:
Evensong

Sunday 26th April

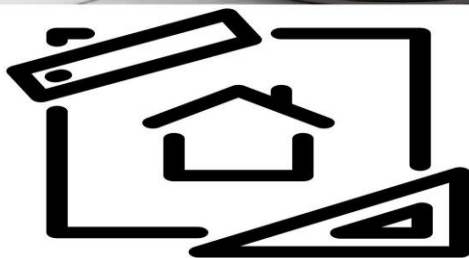
8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Lenham: Big Breakfast
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11.00am Boughton Malherbe: An
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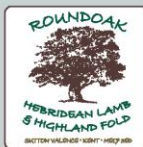
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	By	Presidential	Answer
1	Campaign	Print	Bad	Election
2	Agent	Fire	Mat	News
3	Common	Land	Light	Place
4	Football	Land	Light	Strip
5	Current	Eel	Shock	Electric
6	Dressed	Hermit	Apple	Crab
7	Winter	Jacket	Car	Sports
8	Trolley	Window	List	Shopping
9	Record	Team	Piano	Player
10	Heavens	Average	Board	Above
11	Sky	Society	Tide	High
12	Right	Photo	Cat	Copy
13	Carriage	Cuckoo	Face	Clock
14	Teller	Short	Line	Story
15	Garden	Piece	City	Centre
16	Computer	Fiction	Social	Science

	Find the missing word?
1	Gregg Wallace, MasterChef Presenter
2	Leticia Dean, Original EastEnders who plays Sharon
3	Yoko Ono, Multimedia Artist
4	Led Zeppelin, Rock Band from the 1970's
5	Ronan Keating, Boyzone singer
6	Kate Bush, 70's singer with Wuthering Heights
7	Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister for Scotland
8	Cullen Skink, Scottish Potato and Smoked Haddock soup
9	Cider with Rosy, A book by Laurie Lee
10	Ode to a Nightingale, A John Keats poem

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