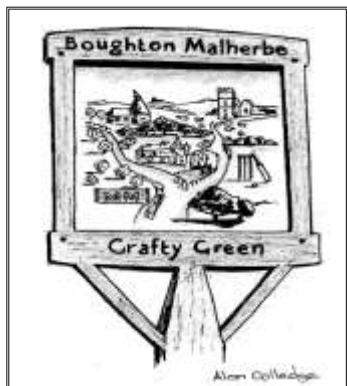


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Anything for the **August** edition should be left in
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Front cover: Richard Pilborough enjoying himself at the Jubilee party on 3rd June.
Picture courtesy of Liz Burgess

News from St. Nicholas Church

Diamond Jubilee - Thank you - A big thank you is due to all those, the planners and helpers, who gave us a most enjoyable party on the 4th June. Lead by Richard Pilborough and ably assisted by the village hall committee plus helpers too numerous to mention by name, they gave us a Jubilee to remember.

The hog roast and salads (absolutely delicious), cake stall, jewellery, ice creams, beer tent and a beautiful Jubilee Cake made by Janet Collins and much, much more. Fire eaters, stilt walkers, folk dancing and a children's entertainment by Dazzle Drama (who use the Hall each Friday after school) all rounded up by lighting the Beacon at the top of Church Road by the old Ash tree. The beacon was lit by Mike Davidson who considered it to be a great honour - it made him realise he has reached an age when these sort of duties might come his way.

It was lovely to see that a good many of the young of our village who have moved away were there to enjoy a walk down memory lane and remember the Fetes we used to have on Clark's field.

Thank you all so very much for all your hard work. It was well worth the trouble you all took to give us a day and evening to remember. Also, the weather was kind and the rain held off!

The Parish Footpath walk on Saturday 2nd June was well supported and enjoyed by all those who came along to walk and enjoy the tea and the Jubilee cake made by Sally, supported by Joan, Sylvia and other helpers. Kenneth planned the routes that could be taken and no one got lost though some did shorten their walks. People seemed to like the idea of walking together and being able to chat to each other. Once again the weather was kind to us. We made a profit of £179 to be given to the Village Hall to help with the refurbishment; this was raised by donations for the Tea.

Cream Teas -The Cream Tea season is once again upon us and we start on 8th July, 2 - 5 pm. We serve homemade scones, fresh strawberry jam, whipped cream and a pot of tea, or if you prefer coffee or a cold drink. Served in the Churchyard or in the Nave of the Church if wet. The view of the Weald is wonderful but to see it properly it is necessary to walk to the corner of the road by the Cottages. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Nicholas Church and renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. See you on the 8th July.

Village Coffee Morning - Our monthly Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month will be held again on 8th August 10.30-12.00. Cups of coffee or tea are served and there is always a selection of freshly made cakes and scones. There will be a donation plate and the money collected will go to Charity at the end of the year. This event is open to everyone and we would love to see you - don't be shy, just come along for a chat and make new friends.

Morning prayer is held at St. Nicholas Church on alternate Tuesdays with All Saints Ulcombe at 9.30am. The next one at Ulcombe is 3rd July and Boughton Malherbe's on Tuesday 10th July and again on Tuesday 31st July.

Gentlemen's Breakfast will be taking a Summer break now until the Autumn.

Sheila Millen - St. Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe was crowded for the funeral of Sheila Millen who died suddenly in May. Among the congregation were former colleagues from Swadelands School where Sheila taught English for many years.

This was a funeral with a difference. The Bible reading was from the book of Ruth, a passage marked by Sheila in her Bible as a reminder of her strawberry picking days at Mason Farm where she met John whom she married in 1985.

Tributes were paid to Sheila by her children, Sharon and Duncan. Jenny Joseph's Poem, 'When I am an old woman I shall wear purple,' was read by Sharon and Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 was read by Duncan. This was a truly family occasion.

Sheila's coffin was welcomed into the church by Bach's Air from Orchestral Suite No 3 in D major played by her grandson Owen on his recorder.

Joan Davidson

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Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

Welcome to this newly formed club and these notes which aim to cover the basic set up. Of course with anything new not all the i's are dotted and t's crossed at the start thus your ideas and input will be welcomed. It is envisaged the club will cater for all levels of interest - i.e. those whom want to play ad-hoc social games to those whom want to progress to play more competitively in friendly matches with other clubs or even leagues.

The club has been able to get off the ground with the invaluable support and financial help from the village hall committee. We have purchased two second-hand 'carpets' together with second-hand bowl delivery mats, sets of bowls, 'jacks' and fenders. Additionally we will have to meet hall hire costs, and it will be in our longer term interest to affiliate with the ESMBA (English Short Mat Bowls Association). In order for the club to 'pay its way' the following charges are proposed:

Annual membership fee of £5. (Payable after four initial sessions).
Session charge £3 for those using 'club bowls' or £2 if using own bowls.
Tuition has been arranged and will be free of charge.

You will need flat soled (no heel or tread) shoes which are changed into in the hall and not worn outdoors (to protect the carpets). Ideally in time you will purchase your own sets of bowls which is recommended so that you have the size, weight, bias and 'feel' that suits you – we can give you contact details for both new and second-hand bowls.

Initially sessions will be Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings with play starting at 2.15 and 7.45 respectively thus you ideally will want to arrive perhaps 15 minutes earlier giving time for the carpets etc. to be got ready.

With two carpets it is possible to accommodate up to 16 bowlers on each session, so with the afternoon and evening session there should be space for everybody – depending on the take up we may ultimately have to look at extra sessions or at worst capping membership.

On 'healthy and safety' which now rules our lives trip hazards are our main risk –the edge of the carpet, the bowls, the centre block and the end fenders. Please be careful. To accommodate the correct length carpets they will necessarily go up to the toilet doors including 'end fenders' and 'dead bowls'. To minimise risk please keep 'dead bowls' clear of door entrances and minimise toilet usage during sessions with the end fenders in situ and 'in-play' bowls in the locality.

Robert Turner has kindly agreed to act as treasurer. I will act as co-ordinator until we establish a committee format. *The main thing and above all **ENJOY YOUR BOWLS*** and don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Chris Wheel (May 2012) phone 01622 858100
e-mail: cwheelmail-graftybowls@yahoo.co.uk

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- Physical and mental balance.
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- ✓ Think clearly
- ✓ Breath fully

Further details from Sue Burch – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 850381 or email grafftyyoga@gmail.com

The Jubilee Function

I am sure that everyone will agree with me that the Jubilee Party turned out to be a great success despite the numerous hurdles "en route". Many people around the village gave an enormous amount of time and effort to produce a superb party. Many thanks to you all. There were so many that helped from field cutters, tent erectors, food producers, electricians, marquee and field decorators and the thankless task of clearer "uppers" at the end - also a big thank you to the weather. The forecast said it would brighten in the afternoon and sure enough it turned out to be a fine -- but cold -- evening. However in the morning many had their doubts!!.

Grafty Green really does have the ability to organise and run a great party. The last major function was for the Millennium --- twelve years ago!! Maybe we should harness our skills more often? Is there an argument for, like Egerton, doing something every four or five years? Surely we owe ourselves a good get together every so often.

The party was supported by the Village Millennium Fund, The Parish Council and the Village Hall. This enabled the organisers to arrange a party where the tickets for the hog roast were well below cost --- but allowed everybody to get together at a minimal price. Not everything has to be for profit -- and what fun it can be

Thank you again to everyone who helped in whatever fashion. You all made for a great evening.

Robert Turner

Editor's Note: Photos of the Jubilee party can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe website - <http://www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/> Select Site Pages and then Jubilee Photos.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 18th August 2012.

Grafty Green

Saturday 4th August 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 4th August 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 11th August 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
July 3 6.30 pm	Eaglewood, Warren Street,	Mr and Mrs Darvill's garden
27 – 29 July	Weekend in Sussex	
August 7 6.30pm	Bean Place Nursery, Headcorn	Nursery visit
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Neil Coombs	Vintage Trees
Oct 2	Veronica Moore	Horticultural Therapy
Nov 6	Sue Buckingham	Wild flowers of the Mediterranean
Dec 4	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

On the evening of July 3rd at 6.30pm the Gardening Club will be visiting Mr and Mrs Darvill's garden at 'Eaglewood' in Warren Street.

On 27th - 29th July a coach will leave Grafty Green Post Office for a visit to Sussex Gardens at 9.30am. A second pick up at the Maidstone Hilton Hotel will follow at approximately 9.45. It will be appreciated if members can bring correct money to pay for entrances to the gardens. Woolbeding is a National Trust Garden and is free to members £6.50 for non-members. Borde Hill £7.00, Denmans £4.50 and Parham House & Garden £8.00.

Thank you to Platts Heath Residents

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of Platts Heath residents towards buying two planters which are now in place at the cut off from Green Lane to School Lane. We collected £362 from the residents and received a donation from the Lenham Enhancement Association.

Many thanks again.

Wendy, Bob, Jenny and Mike
Green Lane

Sheila Millen

John and Family wish to thank everyone for their support and kindness over the loss of Sheila.

Grafty Gourmet

A delicious, silky white chocolate ice cream, with an added taste of Italy. So simple to make, and so easy to eat.

White Chocolate & Ratafia Ice Cream

Ingredients

175g White Chocolate
142ml Single Cream
284ml Double Cream (chilled)
3 tablespoons almond liqueur (such as Amaretto)
50g Ratafia Biscuits (crushed into crumbs)

1. Break the chocolate into squares and put into a small saucepan with the single cream. Heat gently, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is smooth.
2. Remove from the heat and stir in the chilled double cream and liqueur. Stir in the crushed biscuits and transfer into a freezable container and place in the freezer for 30 minutes.
3. Remove from the freezer and stir. If you have an ice cream maker, freeze according to manufacturers instructions. If not, keep it in the freezable container and place back into the freezer until required.



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County Councillor Jenny Whittle report for Malherbe Monthly

Is your son or daughter or grandchild out of work and looking for an apprenticeship? Or are you an employer who would like advice and financial support to provide apprenticeships in your business?

Kent County Council wants to double the number of apprentices in Kent and will offer grants to local employers to provide apprenticeships that could cost as little as £60 per week - or £100 without a grant. KCC will take care of all the paperwork, leaving the process quick and simple.

We have put aside £2 million from the Big Society Fund to help local employers to take on more young people as apprentices. Your business may be eligible to access grants of £2,000 to take on an apprentice. This grant will be available if your business meets our criteria and will in most cases combine with other national grants. This means in some cases you could receive as much as £4,275.

To be able to receive the grant, businesses must:

- be based in Kent
- have less than 250 employees (applies to units/departments in public sector and does not apply to social enterprises)
- have not taken on an apprentice for the last 2 years (This criteria does not apply if the candidate is 9+ months unemployed)

Apprenticeships enable you to 'grow your own' skilled employees, which ensures that your staff have the relevant knowledge and skills your organisation needs. This in turn reduces skills gaps, improves staff retention and reduces training and recruitment costs. Your employees gain valuable qualifications that will help them progress in their chosen careers – and you reap the rewards of having loyal, confident staff that can help steer the future success of your organisation.

If you would like to pursue this please call KCC on 0800 101 8224 or email KEP@kent.gov.uk to arrange a meeting with an experienced adviser. Your apprenticeship advisor will explain everything you need to know from contracts and wage information, to how to access funding and will answer any questions you may have. KCC will guide you through the simple recruitment process, from advertising your vacancy to interviewing suitable candidates, ensuring you get the right apprentice for your business.

And for young people thinking of applying for an apprenticeship

There are more than 100 types of apprenticeships available across 60 industry sectors. These include apprenticeships in engineering, business administration, horticulture, plumbing, retail and catering.

KCC Budget Savings - More than £40million has been taken out of Kent County Council's staffing budget in the past year – a significant chunk of the £195million that will be saved in 2011/12 and 2012/13. Restructuring the senior management of the council, which provides more than 300 services for Kent's 1.4million residents, has saved £1million alone. Without staff reductions of 1,500 posts, council tax, which has been frozen for the past two years, would have had to rise by 8%. Between 2011 and 2014, the county council will make savings of £340million.

Kent County Show, 13-15 July 2012 - I will be attending the Kent County Show on 13 July when I will be involved in launching a new website dedicated to recruiting Kent residents to foster children in care in Kent. If you have thought about fostering and would like to know more, it would be lovely to see you on the day - or you can go on line after the launch of the website! I have met foster carers in Grafty Green and the surrounding area who do a fantastic job to support Kent's most vulnerable children - we just need more of you!

If you need my help or advice, please don't hesitate to get in touch on 734897 or jenny.whittle@kent.gov.uk.

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Purple ____, A hit for Prince
2	____ Fitzgerald, US singer known as the First Lady of Song
3	Jane ____, Actress who starred in Barbarella
4	____ Caroline, A popular Neil Diamond song
5	The ____ Tree, Album that sold 25 million copies for the Irish rock band U2
6	____ Perry, US pop sensation with hits Firework and Hot n Cold
7	Angel ____, A no 4 hit for Roxy Music in 1979
8	____ Sonata, A piece of Piano music by Beethoven
9	Mark ____, Guitarist and singer with Dire Straits
10	____ Paul & Mary, Folk trio who covered Blowing in the Wind

The Marquee looking regal at the Jubilee party - Picture courtesy of John Collins.



Roy and Mike is deep conversation at the Jubilee party - probably discussing if they should have a beer or two !!! - Picture courtesy of Liz Burgess.



Mondays to Fridays

Service No	59	School Days Only		59	59
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Maidstone, King Street	1220	See	1610	1725	
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1222	Note	1612	1727	
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1229	1	1619	1734	
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1233	....	1623	1738	
Linton Corner	1237	....	1627	1742	
Cornwallis Academy	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1242	....	1632	1747	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1245	1509	1635	1750	
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1248	1512	1638	1753	
Warmlake Corner	1251	1515	1641	1756	
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1259	1523	1649	1804	
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1525	....	1806	
Uilcombe, Post Office	1306	1530	1656	1811	
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1313	....	1703	1818	
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	1535	....	....
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1544	
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	1549	

Saturdays

59			
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0847	1250	1534	1804
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Sutton	1258	1542	1812
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Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	0930	
Uilcombe, Post Office	0717	0729	0750	0937	
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942	
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944	
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950	
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956	
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0958	
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003	
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006	
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012	
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020	
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826	

Saturdays

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0807	0957	1410	Road
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0815	1005	1418	1624
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Lenham Valley Business Association

The new Mayor of Maidstone, Cllr Rodd Nelson-Gracie was the guest of honour for the combined network meeting with South Maidstone Business Association recently. The Weald of Kent Golf Club in Headcorn were the hosts and both the speakers, Peter Court, Chartered Town Planner, and Dave Black, SIPPS specialist, provided a wealth of information as well as entertaining presentations.

Lenham Valley meetings are generally on the first Tuesday of every month at a variety of venues around the Lenham/Charing/Sandway area, but twice a year they come together with South Maidstone Business Association. Usually mid year in late May and early December. More members joined LVBA following the delivery of 8,000 business directories in the Kingswood - Harrietsham - Lenham - Charing - Headcorn - Staplehurst and linking areas. No other business association supplies so much for it's members at such a reasonable annual membership. Members also get up to five listings on a website and free monthly networking. No wonder LVBA now has around 100 members enjoying the benefits of coming together.

If you are looking for an easy opportunity to help develop your business then why not give a LVBA meeting a try. There are always new faces to meet and you never know you might just meet your best customer yet - right on your doorstep! If it is your first networking meeting with LVBA then please register first <http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk/registering.html> or if you prefer a more traditional mode of communication - just phone Alan Reading on 01622 820841. It's good for business and fun.

Alan Reading, Chairman

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Please do call in and see us or if you would like more information, call Sarah on 01622 859174. There is a small charge of £2 per family. We hope too see you soon.

Platts Heath St Edmunds Centre

Looking for a venue for a Family gathering or a children's party? Need a regular hall to run a club from? The St Edmunds Centre in Platts Heath would be perfect for either. We offer a very reasonable hourly rate. For more information, or to arrange a look inside call Karen Yardley on 01622 858208



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More on SKYPE?

As promised in the May Magazine, here's a little more on Skype. Now you have got a Skype account and hopefully made contact with your friends and family, here are a few more things you might like to do.



Add your Picture

So the people you connect with can see who you are when they are talking to you.

The picture will be visible to them in the Contacts list and when they select you from the list it will appear in the top of message window. If your contacts also add their picture you will be able to do the same thing.



- From the Skype Menu
- Select Profile (second item in the menu)
- Then from the secondary menu – select “Change or Add Picture”
- You will be able to **“take a picture”** of yourself sitting at the computer or you can **Browse** your computer for a picture you have saved previously of yourself.

Make a Video Call

You can make a video call to any one of your contacts, but remember you need to make sure that you have the correct equipment as follows:

- A high speed broadband connection
- A webcam
- A microphone and speakers (built-in or separate headset with microphone)
- A graphics card, which should already be in the computer (if you have problems with this, you can find more information from the Help menu).



To make a Video Call you simply select the Video Call button when your contact is online and you have selected them. If they are not online the Video button will not be available.

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2	Average	Board	Heavens	
3	Box	Electronic	Registered	
4	Read	Service	Stick	
5	Blood	Card	Kidney	
6	Fright	Landing	Struck	
7	Draw	Foot	Tower	
8	Bloc	Middle	Promise	
9	Car	Horse	Pigeon	
10	Bumper	First	Latest	
11	Forwarding	Home	Web	
12	Bag	Baked	Runner	
13	Plain	Brush	Bed	
14	Scrap	Fatigue	Precious	
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Day 63 – Friday 20th July 2012

Maidstone

06:42hrs from Mote Park along Mote Avenue, Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, King Street, High Street, A229 Bishop's Way, A229 Mill Street, Archbishop's Palace entrance, river approach path, to Archbishop's Palace at 07:05hrs.

07:10hrs Transfer of Flame by boat from Archbishop's Palace to Maidstone Rowing Club river jetty at 07:25hrs to upload flame onto river jetty.

07:30hrs from River Jetty Forecourt along James Whatman Way to A229 Royal Engineers' Road at 07:32hrs.

The July Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Gemini at the start of July, and moves into Cancer later in the month.

Full Moon occurs on Tuesday 3rd July, when it is in the constellation of Aquarius, and **New Moon** is on Wednesday 18th July.

Mercury rises in the east at early in the day and set at sunset. So it will not be possible to see this elusive planet again this month.

Venus and **Jupiter** are almost together in the constellation of Taurus, and both rise in the northeast in the early hours low on the horizon. It may be possible to glimpse them just before sunrise in the east.

Mars rises in the southwest at sunset and sets very low in the west at midnight. Very little detail will be seen through a telescope.

Saturn is in the constellation of Virgo at the start of the month and rises at sunset in the south. It sets in the west in the early hours. Although very low on the horizon, it should be possible to see some detail through a telescope.

I promised a number of people to give some information on the Transit of Venus. Depending on the location of the observer, this occurred late on 5th June, and on to 6th June 2012, and took approximately 6 hours, 40 minutes. This is when the planet Venus comes between Earth and the Sun, and appears as a small black circle crossing the face of the Sun. Transits of Venus are among the rarest of predictable celestial phenomena and occur in pairs, eight years apart, which are themselves separated by more than a century. The previous Transit of Venus took place on 8th June 2004, preceded by the pair of appearances on 9th December 1874 and 6th December 1882. I am afraid we will have to wait until 10th December 2117 for the next transit.

The 2012 transit gave scientist a number of opportunities to carry out research. Apart from detailed measurement of the diameter, in comparison with the known diameter, scientist can measure the dips in a star's brightness caused by a known planet transiting a known star (the Sun). Observations of the atmosphere of Venus taken simultaneously from Earth and space will also yield valuable information.

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The cost is inclusive of the coach, two nights bed and breakfast, entry to Versailles and Fontainebleau, and the assistance of a Tour Manager. We will have to buy our own lunches and dinners

We leave at 1 pm on the Friday from Ulcombe Village Hall Car Park in order to stop for an evening meal en route.

For more details, contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

If you would like to join us, we need a deposit of £30 by the end of May.

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Christian Message July 2012

We are the Champions!

As the Olympics draw near, athletes everywhere will be rigorously training each day, checking their diet and getting an early night or two. It's so exciting to see young people trying their best to achieve but, of course, only one person can win each event.

With two older brothers to try to keep up with, as a child I spent my formative years calling out 'wait for me...' and soon learned to be very fast on my feet. As a result I was well practised in running, jumping and climbing and even at primary school I realised that I could run faster and jump higher than my peers.

At senior school I longed to be netball captain. I was skinny and quick - but not tall. All the netball team members seemed huge - and more than just a little scary! I became tennis captain, hockey captain and athletics captain - not bad for a shy child. Running and jumping remained my forte and I sprinted my way through my teenage years and ran for my school in county cross-country events. I even inherited my big brother's ill-fitting running spikes - how proud I was of that pair of shoes! If the

feeling of them pushing into the ground and gripping as I strode on, was magical, the adrenaline rush of regularly winning events was even more incredible!

As if intended to ensure I kept some humility, however, the netball 'goal' stayed firmly out of my reach and I was rarely allowed to play, was never picked for the team and not even chosen for the reserve team. Such a miss-match between aspirations and ability!

I recently watched four synchronised swimmers on 'Britain's Got Talent'. They seemed pretty amazing to me but they tearfully reported on how they didn't quite make it into the Olympic squad. How much more their pain must have been than mine, after years of diligent and persistent training on their part, all for the disappointment of rejection.

So what of us who don't win, don't make the team or who can't even run the race?

With God there simply isn't a race to run. Christianity is not a performance, in fact, as far as I know, it is the only religion that is not performance based (*but I'd be happy to be corrected on that one!*) God's 'event' includes every single one of us if we only ask him into our lives. Whilst we fall far short of his standards, he wants us in his 'squad', and there will be such a celebration on that victorious day when he returns to claim his winning team.

Obviously if we want to serve God we will want to follow his training regime: He wants us to live a life of faith, following his rules, and has set these out in black and white in his manual (just go to [Exodus 20:1–17](#) and [Deuteronomy 5:4–21](#)).

How straight-forward his commandments sound but how hard they can be to follow, especially remembering his newest commandment to love one another, when those around us might be excluding us, hurting us or even plotting against us.

God knows that we will fall short of his standards, that we often fall at the first hurdle, and can't reach the finish line unblemished, which is why he sends his Holy Spirit to help us to keep on the right track.

If we simply ask him to forgive our sins and follow him, we *will* reach the ultimate goal so that we will all be winners of the very best prize possible.

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

8th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

15th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

22nd July – Mary Magdalene

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

29th July – 8th Sunday of Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.00 am Boughton Malherbe Benefice Service with Holy Communion
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Music Notes - July

This month the Maidstone Festival of Music and Dance concludes with a concert put together by all the leading choirs of the area at St. Martin's church, Shepway, on Friday 13th July (time tbc – ring 01732521221). However as one thing ends, others begin. The London Promenade concert series begins on Friday 13th July at the Albert Hall with an evening of British orchestral works. The actual performance is at 7.30pm, but the broadcast is at 8.30pm on BBC2.

Less grandly, but more local, All Saints' Church Maidstone continues its season of lunchtime concerts. These are held at 1.05pm every Thursday until 29th September. Entry is FREE but at each concert there is a retiring collection in aid of a local charity. Those attending are invited to eat their packed lunch during the concert. Tea/coffee and soft drinks are available at the church.

Here is my selection of other local musical events for the month – a rather longer list than usual but all are strongly recommended:

- Saturday 7th July, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone. Maidstone Choral Union make their contribution to the celebration of 60 years of the Queen's reign with **Jubilee!**, a performance of music from coronations through the years, together with some traditional "prom" favourites. Tickets 01622 726193
- Tuesday 10th July, 7.00pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone, a concert by The Monaco Boys' Choir. Free entry with a retiring collection.
- Saturday 14th July, at Leeds Castle; The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra returns for a third year to perform at the Open Air Classical Concert. This is an event at which you bring your picnic and come for the evening. Details tel: 0845 6526262. Book early!
- Sunday 15th July, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas's Church, Leeds – Bearsted Choral Society present "Music for a Jubilee", with music by Mozart, Elgar, Handel, Stanford and Britten. Tickets tel 01634 666730
- Wednesday 25th July, 1.00pm at Maidstone United Reformed Church, Week St, Maidstone – a lunchtime concert by Marion Whitehead (pianoforte). Entry free, with a retiring collection.

Brian Hardy

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Comforts	Mythical	Sea	Creature
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	Find the missing word?
1	Purple Rain. A hit for Prince
2	Elia Fitzgerald. US singer known as the First Lady of Song
3	Jane Fonda. Actress who starred in Barbarella
4	Sweet Caroline. A popular Neil Diamond song
5	The Joshua Tree. Album that sold 25 million copies for the Irish rock band U2
6	Katy Perry. US pop sensation with hits Firework and Hot n Cold
7	Angel Eyes. A no 4 hit for Roxy Music in 1979
8	Moonlight Sonata. A piece of Piano music by Beethoven
9	Mark Knopfler. Guitarist and singer with Dire Straits
10	Peter Paul & Mary. Folk trio who covered Blowin in the Wind



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