

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Incorporating Liverton Street & Platts Heath** 

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Anything for the **July** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20**<sup>th</sup> **June** 

**Front cover:** A local resident chewing the cud. Photo courtesy of Anna Wickens

### **News from St. Nicholas Church**

**Morning Prayers** will be held at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesdays at 9.30am. All Saints, Ulcombe will join us while their building works are in progress. Do come and join us at these sessions.

**Coffee Morning** will be held in the Village Hall Grafty Green at 10.30am until 12.00. 11<sup>th</sup> June. We would love to have more people join us; so please come along. We serve fresh coffee or a cup of tea, if you prefer; homemade cakes and scones. There is a lot of chat and laughter and no charge. (We would be glad to have a donation which will be sent to Zambia to help with the Tearfund project for clean water to be put in place in four small villages. This is part of the Connected church project.)

**APCM meeting** was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at which the Churchwardens agreed to stand again, there being no other nominations. The Wardens are Mr. Kenneth Alexander of Bowley Oast East, Sandway and Mrs. Joan Davidson of Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill, Grafty Green. The Treasurer is Mr. John Collins of the Homestead, Grafty Green. Members of the PCC remain the same - they being Mrs. Sally Alexander, Mrs Sylvia Close, Mr. Dominic Goodwin, Mrs. Christine King, Mr. John Millen and Mrs. Diana Parker.

The position of Secretary is currently vacant. If anyone would like to take on this job we would be most grateful. It is not necessary to be a PCC member to do this task - just come along and take the Minutes, write them up and answer a few letters under guidance. Please get in touch with Kenneth Alexander on 01622 859549

**Plant Sale, Cake Stall** was very successful raising £92 for Church Funds and we must thank Sue Burch and Rosemary Smith for suggesting that we might like to raise money by selling cakes at this event. I hope they did as well with the plants.

**Cream Teas** We will be starting the Cream Tea season on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm-5.00pm at St. Nicholas Church - in the churchyard if fine and in the Nave if rainy. Do come and support this project.

We had a very good year last summer and the money raised went towards our percentage of the Parish Share, which has to be paid to Canterbury. So far we have managed to pay in full the due amount which, for a small community, is very good indeed. We are looking forward to welcoming old friends and new on our Sunday afternoons in July and August.

We are looking for people who might be able to help on the odd Sunday here and there allowing members of the team to have a week off. Please get in touch with Sylvia on 01622 858919 or Joan on 01622 850210 if you can help.

**Archdeacon, Stephen Taylor** dedicated our new kitchen and toilet facilities on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May at which he presided with the Rev: Millie Hart. Members of

Lenham and Ulcombe choirs joined our choir. It was a Benefice Service of Holy Communion and refreshments were served afterwards. Members of all four congregations came and joined us and there was a lovely friendly atmosphere.

**Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at the Dog and Bear in Lenham where a full English Breakfast will be served at 8.00am, followed by a talk. The cost is £8.50 and if you would like a place reserved for you ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195.

**A Ladies Breakfast** was tried on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am at the Community Centre in Lenham where a Continental Breakfast was served. A Speaker followed. It was very successful, but a decision has been made not to run it every month but perhaps once quarter - so watch this space for a further date.

**Ken Hobbs** is coming to the Benefice to talk about church growth. His title is '**How to grow a Church'**. He will tell us how he managed to increase a congregation with numbers much the same as we have, by four or five times. This will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am for 10.30am in Harrietsham's Hall and will finish about 3.00pm.

Joan Davidson

# **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

# What are they? Have we got one?

These are questions I've been asking myself lately — in fact ever since I attended a Community Safety event at the village hall last month and met the couple who coordinate these schemes for the Maidstone District. You may be as curious as I was to know the answers, in which case, read on...

Neighbourhood Watch is a charity supported by the police and run by local volunteers but it manifests itself in different ways in different places, which makes it a bit confusing.

Its aims are to encourage people to be alert to the possibility of crime in their area and in their daily lives, and to do what they can to prevent it. This might range from taking basic home and personal security precautions (on which advice and help can be offered) to reporting anything they think might be suspicious.

Neighbourhood Watch encourages local people to do this as a community rather than as individuals but, as it relies on volunteers to organise things at the grass roots level, and as we don't all have a great deal of spare time, the nature of the schemes varies. They can be as big or small as you like, both in geographical area and in the scale of their ambition; some have strict boundaries, some are much more nebulous.

For some years, Judith Woodbridge and Jennifer Butler have operated a scheme for the residents of Liverton Hill and Elmstone Hole (to the north of Grafty Green) that has involved collating names and telephone numbers, organising informal gatherings, disseminating information and generally keeping a look-out for each other.

Meanwhile, at the southern end of the Parish, Sue Burch works virtually alone receiving the same information from the police and trying to make us aware of anything relevant by, for example, displaying notices in the village shop (for which service we should also thank Robert and Hazel, the proprietors).

But that's about the extent of it in Boughton Malherbe – as far as I know! – because no one person has any responsibility for encouraging, promoting, co-ordinating or supporting schemes across the Parish. I've been asked if I will do take on that task. So, how about this for starters:

# Is there anybody out there who would like to get involved in a NW scheme in any way?

This could mean anything from just signing up to receive periodic information to starting a new scheme. (A new scheme could, for example, just encompass a short stretch of your road or a small group of houses where you live, and could involve anything from you simply acting as a contact person for the passing of information to and from your neighbours, to co-ordinating wider activities in the way Judith and Jenny do on Liverton Hill).

You might ask 'Do we need NW schemes in our quiet rural area?' Well, in the past, houses have been burgled, tools have been stolen from sheds, oil has been extracted from tanks, and, more frighteningly, the village shop has suffered raids with the threat of violence and at least one serious sexual assault has been committed within our Parish. Add to that the e-mail and telephone scams we are all prey to and the door-step con-men who can relieve vulnerable people of their life savings over time if allowed to, and I think you will agree that we certainly do need to be vigilant – not just for ourselves but for others in our community who are less able to look after themselves.

That's exactly what Neighbourhood Watch is all about and that's why I would urge you to get in touch if you would like to be any part of any scheme of any sort. If you're tempted, just give me a ring or send me an email to let me know and we can have a chat.

**Free security marker pen for everyone who makes contact!** (And there's a lot more useful stuff like that which can be provided in the future if we can get something off the ground!)

Richard Pilborough tel: 850484; email pilborough@grafty.plus.com

# The Honywood & Douglas Charity Lenham

(Registered Charity No.211272)

The Trustees hereby give notice that the following almshouse accommodation is available:-

# A one bedroom bungalow comprising sitting room, kitchen and bathroom at Douglas Court Almshouses, Faversham Road, Lenham.

Applicants must be 60 years of age or more, able to look after themselves and have lived in the Parishes of Lenham or Boughton Malherbe for at least two years.

Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary, as below, to reach her no later than  $27^{th}$  June, 2014.

Mrs. Pat Sutton, 18 Headcorn Road, Platts Heath, Lenham, ME17 2NH

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# **Defibrillator And Emergency Help**

By the time this edition of Malherbe Monthly reaches the doorstep the newly acquired 'Public Access Defibrillator' courtesy of local funeral director A W Court will have been installed in a locked cabinet in the porch of their premises in Headcorn Road and available 24/7. 999 callers to the ambulance service in appropriate cases will be given the 'lock code' to access the defibrillator (please note this is the only way to get access to the defibrillator and control its whereabouts.

Again for 999 ambulance callers I am willing (if available), independent of the ambulance service, to provide voluntary emergency first aid help including defibrillator prior to the arrival of paramedics. You can contact Chris Wheal <u>after calling 999</u> on 07979 864929.

Again by the time this article is read many local residents will have taken advantage of the short training sessions and although there are no further dates at this stage you can register to be advised when further sessions can be offered. Call Chris Wheal on 01622 858100.

# Ken and Eve Sweet extend a warm welcome to The Kings Head Grafty Green

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



# Traditional Sunday Lunches Fresh Fish Fridays Lunches and Suppers

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Beer Garden



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**Christine King, Parish Clerk** 

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## **Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme**

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden	
May 10	Plant Sale on Village Green	
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh	
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham	
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest Park and Burghley House.	
August 5	The Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst	
September 2	Visit to Blackthorn Trust	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

On Tuesday  $3^{rd}$  June there is a planned visit to Timbers, Dean Street, East Farleigh ME15 OHS. Timbers has a well stocked 5 acre garden with views across the valley. Cost is £4.50 for entrance and £2.00 for refreshments. To get there proceed through Cox Heath village and take right turning at crossroads signposted East Farleigh (Dean Street) continue for about 2 miles, Timbers is situated on the right side of the road. For further details about this visit please call Irene Ayling booking secretary on (01622) 842507.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any of our meetings or events which are friendly and informal. Please contact Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381 for further information about the club.

# **Lenham Family Festival**

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> in and around Lenham Community Centre

Refreshments, BBQ, Children's Games, Tug of War, WW1 Community singing, Stalls and lots of music to suit all tastes and much, much more. - See posters around the area for more details.

Proceeds in aid of Demelza Hospice, Cancer Research UK & Alzheimer's Society

### Mondays to Fridays

	School Days Only	Not School Days &		
Service No	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339
Warmlake Corner	8717	0732	0950	1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356
Linton Corner	0737	0748	1003	1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	- 24444	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	1000	- 19-00	+++=
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0814		in	4110
Tonbridge Road, Cakwood Park	0825		111-	7115

### Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	
0740	0937	1343	
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	vie
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
0807	1004	1410	Sutton
0811	1008	1414	Road
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
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### Sundays & Public Holidays\*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

### CODES

 Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.

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# Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

Saturdays

# Mondays to Fridays

		School	
		Only	
Service No	59	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230		1745
Maldstone, Chequers Bus Stn. Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1838	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	****		1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

59	59	59	59
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Rost	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langey	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	2444	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921			1841
0928	1334		1848

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# **Emergency and Help Contact Details**

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

Note a 'Public Access Defibrillator' is sited and available 24/7 at A W Court's premises in Headcorn road. Only the ambulance 999 control centre is able give the access lock code if appropriate.

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

NHS Medical Helpline		111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals		0845 155 1000
William Harvey Hospital		01233 633331
Headcorn Surgery (out of hours listen to -		01622 890294
Lenham Surgery recorded messages)		01622 858341

# Electricity (UK Power Networks)

Emergencies and Power Cuts	0800 783 8866
	or 01243 508866

Water	Emergencies	0333 000 0002
Calor Gas	Emergencies	08457 444999
KCC	Emergencies	03000 41 41 41
	Highways	03000 41 81 81

# KCC Community Wardens:

Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere	07969 583923
District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown	07773 397125

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

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

### **Ulcombe Pre-School**



It is with great regret that I have to announce that Ulcombe Pre-School will be closing in July, at the end of this academic year. Unfortunately we have been unable to increase our child numbers, despite a huge push on advertising over the last year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the local community who have supported us in all our fundraising activities, as without these we would have had to close a great deal earlier.

We know that many villagers have had dealings with the Pre-School over the years it has been open (since the 1960's we believe!) and we are sorry that it has to end this way. We can only assure you that this decision has not been taken lightly, as it truly feels like the end of an era.

Many thanks

**Ulcombe Pre-School Committee.** 

# Alfie And The Alcoholics



8pm

Kings Head Pub Grafty Green

# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Come & Celebrate D-DAY

40's fancy dress optional



# **Ulcombe School Fair**

The annual school sports day and summer fair will be held on:

# FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE

The children's sports will start at 2pm.

The fair will start after the races at approximately 3pm.

Fun games

Raffle

BBQ

Cake stall

+ lots more...

Please come and join us and support our lovely school.

# **SPEEDWATCH (Volunteers Request)**

You may have seen in the KM Village column this week (23rd May) a request for more volunteers to operate *speedwatch* and for those interested to contact Chris Wheal - unfortunately this is incorrect and contact should be made with **Robert Turner** 01622 850325



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# **Lenham Valley Business Association**

# **Networking is about . . . Getting more**

This is what one member said about LVBA:

"We have been attending the monthly LVBA meetings for nearly 2 years now. In that time, I have found the guest speaker presentations extremely informative and useful for my business. In addition, we have also secured a number of new clients, either fellow members or their contacts, which we simply would not have secured without being a member of the association. All in all, I consider LVBA to be one of our key partners." Simon Hammond The Hammond Consultancy.

Below ar the events scheduled for the next few months:

- Tuesday 1 July speaker Emily Chapman from Loud Monkey Social network update.
- Tuesday 5 August at The Oak in Charing. Speaker to be confirmed.

- Tuesday 2 September at The Dog & Bear, Lenham. Our speaker is Deborah Turner from You Image Consultancy, telling us we only get 7 seconds to make a first impression.
- Tuesday 7 October at The White Horse. Speaker Helen Topliss, Business Advisor at Mid Kent College.

LVBA member or not you can come along for free . . . you just have to register.

New members and one off visitors welcome or you can try it out for free we are sure you'll like networking with LVBA. Please register on our website, on the online registration page.

Events are organised and presented by Alan Reading who has been networking from before it was called networking!

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Alan Reading, Chairman

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# **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

# Yoga Classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings 7 - 8.30 18<sup>th</sup> June - 30<sup>th</sup> July Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11 19<sup>th</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> July

Wellbeing investment for 7 weeks £42 or £8 "drop in".

Classes at Harrietsham on Monday morning 9.30 (including Bank holiday Mondays) and East Sutton on Tuesday morning. 9.30

### Saturday Yoga

Grafty Green Village Hall

7<sup>th</sup> June

Make a date to start your weekend with a yoga practice : Enliven and balance your energies.

10 - 11.30

Enjoy the feeling of free movement for your spine, increased mobility in the shoulders and hips

The rewards of Yoga are many; whether you are restless or lethargic the combined physical and psychological aspects brings an instant feel good effect and in the longer term being able to move more freely and develop strength and stamina.

Yoga is about taking time to become centred, balanced and harmonious. Yoga can expand your boundaries and find your limits whilst being able to truly relax into who you are.

Yoga is not just a form of exercise. Yoga helps to find the spirit within you for more creativity, intuitiveness and a positive outlook on life.

Contact Sue Burch 0780 396 2339 or 01622 850381 or email <a href="mailto:graftyyoga@gmail.com">graftyyoga@gmail.com</a>



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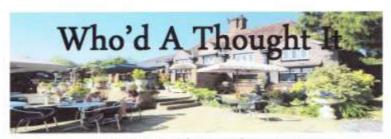
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# Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Belly	Floor	Hall	Dance
2	Art	Fettle	Parking	
3	Damp	Main	Star	
4	Hand	Over	Sheet	
5	Nurse	Permanent	Room	
6	Aunt	Dane	Lakes	
7	Bar	Carrion	Scare	
8	Camera	Display	Radio	
9	Blood	Heart	Organ	
10	House	Singer	Soap	
11	Curtain	Fund	Hell	
12	Boat	Escape	Minded	
13	Lip	Mind	News	
14	Bite	Circus	Market	
15	Easy	Speaking	Technical	
16	Customer	Home	Take	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Sayer, Singer and Songwriter
2	Please Mr, A 1975 hit for The Carpenters
3	Underground, No 1 hit for The Jam in 1980
4	Lou, Late singer with a 1973 hit A Walk On The Wild Side
5	Weller, Lead singer with The Style Council
6	California, A Beach Boys single in 1965
7	& Cher, Singing US duo
8	I'm Waiting, 1971 hit for Diana Ross
9	Love, Doris Day song from Calamity Jane
10	True Love, No 2 for Peter & Gordon in 1965



# Fred, Joan and Joe welcome you Special summer Lunch Menu

(Changes weekly, available 12-3pm Monday to Saturday)

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# **Grafty Geeks – What is Pinterest?**

Recently I've become aware of a website for people interested in crafts, baking, dress making, designing or anything on the internet they come across of interest but haven't got time to read at the time so want to save it for later reference.

Pinterest is a free website in which people can upload, save, sort and manage images, known as pins, and other media content through collections known as pinboards.

Pinterest acts as a personalized media platform, whereby peoples' content and the content of others can be browsed on the main page. People can then save individual pins to one of their own boards using the "Pin It" button, with Pinboards typically organized by a central topic or theme.

People can personalize their experience with Pinterest by pinning items, creating boards, and interacting with other members. By doing so, the peoples "pin feed" will display unique, personalized results.

Content can also be found outside of Pinterest and similarly uploaded to a board via the "Pin It" button which can be downloaded to "the bookmark" bar on a web browser. People also have the option of sending a pin to other Pinterest users and/or email accounts through the "Send" button.

There are several ways to register a new Pinterest account. Potentially you could receive an invitation from a friend already registered or you could request an invitation directly from the Pinterest website. An account can also be created and accessed by linking Pinterest to Facebook or Twitter profile.



Type Pinterest in Google and then select the best option for you.

Have fun, I've heard great things about this new way of pinning down the things you are interested in.

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches invite you to bring your friends and family to a summer evening entertainment....

# Cameo in Leeds

The Cameo Opera sing light opera and music from the shows

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Leeds church

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## **Ulcombe History Society**

The Ulcombe History Society has planned an interesting programme for 2014. It meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at  $7.30~\rm pm$  – mainly on a Tuesday, though the December meeting will be on a Monday.

Membership is £10 a year, but visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

# **Programme:**

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Jun Talk by Dr John Mercer on: William Morris and the Red House

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sep to Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sep First World War Remembrance trip

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Talk by David Debenham on: *The white colonial – Benefactor or Plunderer* 

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on: *Researching the History of a House.* 

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Talk by Geoff Hutchinson on: *What is Christmas? Exploration of Christmas folklore* 

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

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of June 2014.

# **Grafty Green**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

## **Platts Heath**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

# Ulcombe

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

# **Grafty Gourmet**

This is a fine dish using asparagus spears. Just remove the tougher base stalks and throw the rest in the pan.

# **Asparagus Frittata with Soft Cheese & Chives - Serves 2**

200g asparagus, trimmed 1 tbsp olive oil Salt and cayenne pepper Nutmeg, freshly grated 3 large eggs, beaten 125g soft cream cheese 30g parmesan, finely grated 2 tsp chives, chopped Butter, for frying

- 1. Thinly slice the asparagus spears on the diagonal. Warm the olive oil in a non-stick frying pan, add the asparagus and season with salt, cayenne pepper and a pinch of nutmeg. Cook gently over a low heat until the asparagus is tender and lightly coloured. Tip out on to a plate, set aside and wipe out the frying pan.
- 2. In a mixing bowl, beat together the eggs, cream cheese, parmesan and chives until smooth. Return the frying pan to a moderate heat, add a little slice of butter and heat until it is just beginning to froth. Pour in the egg mixture, turn down the heat to low and begin bringing in the frothing edges to the liquid centre of the pan using a spatula.
- 3. Tip the cooked asparagus into the pan and disperse evenly. Continue to gently lift the more cooked parts of the frittata, allowing the liquid egg to slip underneath them until cooked. This should take around 2 minutes.
- 4. Slide the frittata on to a plate and allow to cool a little before serving.

# **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.** 

The Agenda for this meeting and the minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

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# **Heart Of Kent Hospice Event**

Put on your checked shirt, polish your boots and join in the fun at the Heart of Kent Hospice's 'Wild West Walk' on Saturday  $19^{\rm th}$  July .

Taking over from the hugely successful Moonlit Walk, the Wild West Walk is a twilight walk around Maidstone suitable for all the family. Offering an all new circular 10 mile route and a new mid-Summer date, our walk starts and finishes at Aylesford Rugby Club . A 5 mile route is also available ending at the Heart of Kent Hospice shop in King Street from where a bus will run you back to Aylesford Rugby Club.

We encourage fancy dress with this year's theme being Cowboys and Cowgirls and your registration fee includes a free cowboy hat! With a line dance warm up at 6 pm prior to the walk (which commences at 7 pm) and entertainment en route you will have a great evening of summer fun while supporting a good cause.

Pre-registration by  $18^{th}$  July is £17.50 per adult. Registration on the day is £25.00 per adult. Children under 16 will be charged £5.00 but must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information or to book please contact <a href="mailto:fundraising@hokh.co.uk">fundraising@hokh.co.uk</a> phone 01622 790195 or visit <a href="mailto:www.hokh.org">www.hokh.org</a>

# **Music Notes, June 2014**

An interesting choice of local concerts this month. As some magazines take a little while to circulate I would also draw your attention now to the excellent selection of music offered by the Egerton Music Festival, which runs from 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July. For information tel 01233 756775. Meanwhile here is the June selection:

- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone Maidstone Singers are in concert with the South Circular Orchestra, performing works by Handel, Tavener, Vivaldi and J S Bach. Information 01622 664108
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June , 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds The Cameo Opera sing light opera and music from the shows. Tickets 01622 861280.
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Maidstone Choral Union perform a concert version of Bizet's Carmen. Tickets 01622 726193
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Maidstone Youth Music Society (MYMS) perform their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert. Tickets 07802-425022

On TV, watch out for a 90 minute documentary "Inside Glyndebourne" to be broadcast on BBC4 during June.

# Saddle up for Air Ambulance bike ride

Life-saving charity Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance is appealing for cyclists to sign up for this year's Double 100 Cycle Challenge and help save lives at night.

The 100-mile or 100km bike ride is to be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, to mark the first anniversary of the launch of the night flying service.

Last year's annual event raised more than £12,000 and organisers are aiming to double its success this year with two starting points at the helicopter bases at Marden and Redhill.

Both new circular routes will include all counties covered by the Air Ambulance and this year's Double 100 has kindly been backed by main sponsor Fidelity Worldwide Investment.

Corporate Citizenship Manager Vicki Haxton said: "Fidelity is delighted to be supporting the Double 100 Cycle Challenge and helping to raise money for this incredibly worthy cause.

"The air ambulance is a vital service in this area and we recognise the significant contribution they make towards saving lives in our community. We are looking forward to many of our employees participating in the event."

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance launched its night flying service last September in a move expected to benefit a further 400 to 500 patients a year.

The charity now has to raise an extra £1million a year to fund the cost of a 24-hour service, up from £5million to £6million.

The 2014 Double 100 has also been sponsored by Howard Cundey Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents, and supported by the Asda Foundation, Warburtons and Southern Water.

The ride is open to regular and occasional cyclists including individuals and teams with feeding stations along the scenic route. The first 200 riders to sign up will receive a special Air Ambulance jersey.

To register go to <a href="www.kssairambulance.co.uk/involved/double100">www.kssairambulance.co.uk/involved/double100</a> and for more information call Julie Clare on 01622 833833, or email <a href="juliec@kssairambulance.org.uk">juliec@kssairambulance.org.uk</a>



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# **Christian Message - June 2014**

As I write there are a number of major items in the news that are making me think seriously and deeply about the job that I do. It's not that my job is particularly unusual or that it is rare to hear about it in the media. In fact, it is almost constantly that what I do is commented on. In fact, it is one of those topics that is almost constantly in the spotlight for one reason or another.

I work in a school.

It is a Church of England secondary school, closely linked to two Church of England Primary schools by being part of a Multi Academy Trust of around 1700 children from age 4 to 18. We share a common Board of Directors, as well as a wide range of organisational matters and all 250 or so adults are employed by the same Trust.

In the last week the violent death of Ann Maguire in a school and Leeds has rocked us all. A much loved and respected career teacher who was killed with only a few months to go before her much deserved retirement in the school where she had spent decades making positive contributions to the lives of generations of young people. This tragic event at Corpus Christi Catholic College brought such a profound sense of sadness on so many levels that has been almost impossible to shake.

The second major news item has been the comments of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, defending faith schools. He said,

"People seem to choose these schools in large numbers. They are often in the poorest parts of the country, we seek to love and serve people, as we should, through these schools - and have done for hundreds of years."

For me, his comments go to the very heart of the mission of Church of England schools and of our belief, particularly his phrase 'we seek to love and serve the people'. Christ's message of loving one another, especially his love of children, is lived out every day in schools up and down the country.

What exactly does that mean in our schools? It would be wonderful to be able to say that every child and adult had a strong Christian faith. They don't. It would be comforting to say that there were no quarrels, no lying or deceit. It isn't true, far from it.

Our faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ makes our job more, not less, difficult. To manage conflict by love, to treat wrong doing with forgiveness and to live by a commitment to giving not one last chance but 7 x70 chances isn't easy! What is essential though, is that everything we say and in everything we do the Christian values of the school are there for all to see. The crosses on the wall of every classroom and office are not just pieces of wood but symbols of the strong spiritual dimension in all aspects of school life.

Ideally, all students would embrace Christ as Lord and know Him in their heart. Just as important, perhaps, is that they understand that there is a spiritual part within each of them and that they can, when they are ready to, explore and come to faith. In a practical

sense, this means that Baptism and Confirmation take place in school for those ready to take those momentous steps. For others? I want to make certain that a church is not a place to be afraid of – that when they go to a wedding,

Christening or funeral they understand the services. More than anything, when Christ does knock on the door of their heart when they are 26 or 56 – whenever – I want them to know where to look, to whom they can turn to begin the journey.

So, to return to the Archbishop, the Church of England may be in conflict with itself over a range of issues, find it difficult to reconcile different views of its priests and might seem on the decline to some outsiders. All I can say is that up and down the country there are committed Christians trying to do God's work in the corridors and classrooms of our schools.

And Ann Maguire was a wonderful example of just that. May she Rest in Peace.

**Ian Collins** 

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Every year Lamidore makes a 3-day trip. This year they have chosen to visit the beautiful region of Kent and East Sussex and will be in Lenham in August. On their trip Lamidore likes to enrich the community with their music and give a free concert.

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# The Len Valley Benefice Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe Sunday/Main Services – June 2014

# Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Communion 11.15am at All Saints,

Ulcombe: Family Worship

# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Day of Pentecost

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Holy Communion 11.00am at St. Mary's, Lenham:

Morning Worship

11.15am at All Saint's, Ulcombe: Holy

Communion

6.30pm at St. Nicholas Boughton

Malherbe: Choral Evensong

# **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity Sunday**

10am Benefice Service with Holy Communion in St. Mary's, Lenham

# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy

Communion

9.30 at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship 11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Family

Worship

11.15am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Holy Communion

# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – St. John the Baptist

10.00am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Benefice Service with Holy Communion 6.30pm Informal Service in St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham

**Messy Church:** The next Messy Church is on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4.pm in the churchyard in Lenham for water based fun and games. Bring your own picnic tea and share our cake. In the church if wet.

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