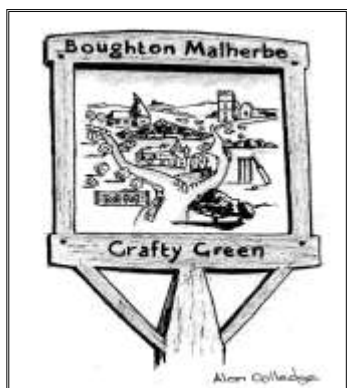


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Front cover: Some of the 888,246 ceramic poppies planted in the Tower of London moat. Each poppy representing a British military fatality during the war.

Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers during November will be at 9.30am at St. Nicholas on Tuesday 11th and 25th, (at All Saints, Ulcombe on the alternate Tuesdays). Everyone is welcome. Prayer requests can also be left in the box in the church porch at any time.

Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 12th this month, in the Village Hall from 10.30am - 12noon. All the usual treats.

Craft Club enjoyed its second meeting last month, with knitting, crochet and tapestry in evidence, as well as some long-forgotten knitting being recycled! This month we will be meeting on Wednesday 26th, in the Village Hall from 9.30 - 11.30am; do join in or just have a chat over a coffee. Some of the crafts in progress will be on sale on our stall at the Grafty Craft Fair on Sunday 23rd. in the Village Hall.

Harvest Supper was a great success, amazing autumn decorations, delicious food, good company and even a 'sing-along'! The event raised £600. So many thanks to the cooks, the servers, the helpers in all departments and especially all those who generously supported the occasion.

Harvest Festival. The church was resplendent for the annual service, showing the wonderful colours and plants of God's creation at this time of year. The auction of the gifts, of fruit, vegetables and cakes, raised £200, to be shared between our two local hospices, the Pilgrims Hospice in Ashford and the Mid-Kent Hospice at Preston Hall.

Continuing thanks for the donations of food to the box in the shop for Maidstone Christian Care food bank.

Remembrance Service will be at 10.15am on Sunday 9th. So there will be no Evensong that day.

Thinking ahead:

Christmas Celebration and Carols for those with learning difficulties, their carers and all who like a party! In St. John's Church, Harrietsham on Wed 10th December at 7pm.

Carol Service will be on Sunday 21st. December at 3.00pm.

Crib Service will be on Wednesday 24th December at 3.00pm

Christmas Day Service will be at 10.00am. Family Holy Communion

We continue our prayers for Joan's recovery.

Sally Alexander

Grafty Green Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to all who contributed to our 'Phil The Bag' collection last month. Around 80 bags of unwanted clothes, etc, were received which should result in income of around £150 - £200 for the Village Hall, which will pay our electricity bill this quarter!

But what's happening *next* at the Hall, I hear you shout. Well, there are two special events to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Firstly, there is a **Craft Fair** on Sunday **23 November** with the opportunity to buy individual hand-made gifts and cards. This event is a private hire of the Hall but I would encourage you to support it as it features high quality work from several local people, and does benefit Hall funds.

Then it's our annual pre-Christmas **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 6 December**. This will follow the same format as last year, with a ploughman's-style supper included and a pay bar. Teams must consist of no more than 8 people (and teams of less than 5 may have to share a table) but don't worry if you can't get a team together in advance, just come along and join with others on the night.

The quiz has been enormously popular each time it has been held, and I'm sure this time will be no exception, so please book your place early to avoid disappointment, as we do have to limit numbers. Tickets are available *now* from the Grafty Green Post Office Stores priced at £8.

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th November**. 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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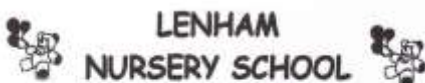
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Date	Topic / outing
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden
May 10	Plant Sale on Village Green
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest 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 November 4th Alison Ruyter of the Kent Wildlife Trust is coming to talk to us about Dormice. Planning by the Committee is well underway to provide a varied and interesting programme of talks and visits for next year 2015. A list will be available at the November meeting for members to add their names & suggestions/contributions to for our Christmas Social the following month.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any event or meeting which are friendly and informal. Details about the club from Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381

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**A reminder will be published in the December edition
of Malherbe Monthly**

Yoga - The Antidote for the busy world we live in.

Weekly Yoga practices in Grafty Green Village Hall on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings will continue until the second week of December. No previous experience necessary but a desire to reduce stress and be able to move freely an advantage!

Allow time for yourself to enhance your wellbeing, balancing work and life to allow better energy flow, both mentally and physically.

The regular practice of Yoga involves stretching and improving flexibility in muscles and joints, giving more freedom of movement; greater flexibility, improved co-ordination and immune system and clearing the mind of constant chatter.

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Lenham's medieval tithe barn is to be the host venue for its 3rd pre-Christmas Craft, art and produce market. The market, is to be held over the weekend of **22nd & 23rd November 2014**, 10am until 4pm each day. It is believed to be one of the largest of its kind seen in the county this year. It will showcase the work of 60 (mainly Kent based) artisans working with a wide range of materials as diverse as Graham Clarke artist, clay, glass, iron, wood, wool and silver. Also including producers selling meat, cheese, honey, preserves, wine, chocolate, fudge, nuts and many more..... Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the craftsmen and purchase some original and unique gifts.

Sharon Prior, representing organiser Cloth and Clay, said "We have tried to include something for everyone in respect of the diversity of product on display and the price range. We will be offering a light lunch and refreshments all day, it is our hope that visitors of all ages will find plenty to keep them interested and entertained"

There is no charge for entry or parking, with disabled access too. The charity we are supporting this year is ART FOR LIFE (charity no.1070560). Art for life was founded in 1985 and gained its charitable status five years later. The purpose of Art for Life is to enable artists with learning difficulties and disabilities to develop their practice through the provision of studio space with guidance from professional artists. It is important to stress that the members of Art for Life are considered to be artists in their own right and that the purpose of the group is not therapy or a 'hobby' - but giving these artists an opportunity to express themselves.

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For further information please contact Jean Crosbie on 07709 611740 or Sharon Prior 07776 401405 (clothandclay.wordpress.com)



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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Horse	Ice	Six	Pack
2	Clunes	Freeman	Shaw	
3	Fall	Sand	Stop	
4	Electrical	French	Wind	
5	Capita	Cent	Chance	
6	Juan	Oxford	Quixote	
7	Flat	Gauge	Spare	
8	Doubt	Out	Plaster	
9	Buying	Shopping	Spending	
10	Black	Seedless	Sour	
11	Express	Potty	Steam	
12	Air	Corn	Mine	
13	Rash	Stinging	Tea	
14	Jack	Silly	Wild	
15	Cleaner	Drain	Dream	
16	Black	Gold	Granny	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	James _____, TV Chef on Saturday's with 'Saturdays Kitchen'
2	____ Controller, Friend of Thomas The Tank Engine
3	Amir _____, UK Boxer
4	_____ Apes, Only to be seen in Gibraltar
5	The Hay _____, Agricultural trailer depicted in painting by Constable
6	The _____ Canal, Famed transport route through Venice
7	_____ Sally, 1966 rock hit about a woman and her Ford car
8	_____ Flush, A good hand in Poker
9	The _____, Cliff Richard's one time backing group
10	_____ Square, Home of Nelsons Column

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For sale of this size we obviously need and get support from a wide area and it has now become a major local attraction – it is not just for Leeds residents. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you browse. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 14th or 15th or indeed both!

If your bookcases are already full, it is not too late to make some space for more inexpensive purchases by donating some books to the sale – just deliver them to the church any day between 9.00am and 4.00pm, and leave them in the South porch (but no old magazines, videos or second-hand toys please; save these for the next jumble sale or boot fair; and please no encyclopaedias – we can't sell them nowadays)..

If you would like more information about this important local happening, please give Brian Hardy a ring on 01622 842915, or email bjhardy@theiet.org. Otherwise, just come along!

An Evening of Clairvoyance,

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Saturday 8th November 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 8th November 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 15th November 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Ulcombe History Society meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7. 30 pm.

Tues 18 November

Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on *Researching the History of a house*

Monday 1 December

Talk by Geoff Hutchinson on *What is Christmas? Exploration of Christmas folklore.*

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Ronald Harwood is a very accomplished playwright and author with a long career of writing for theatre, television and films. In fact this play was adapted for film and directed by Dustin Hoffman with Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Tom Courtenay and Pauline Collins in the cast.

We promise an entertaining evening of theatre where you can have no travel or parking problems, take your own drinks and nibbles, and enjoy a comfortable time in the company of local friends. Tickets £9.00 each available from Len Valley News in the High Street or from the Community Centre (Weekday mornings) Tel. 01622 853800.

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Filet Steaks with Brandy Cream Sauce

Ingredients (Serves 2)

2 x 1- to 1-1/4-inch-thick pieces fillet beef (about 7-1/2 ounces each)	1/4 cup brandy
salt and freshly ground black pepper	1/2 cup beef stock
1 tablespoon vegetable oil (if not using a cast-iron pan)	1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon unsalted butter	2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots	1/2 cup double cream
	1/2 to 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1. Season each steak generously with salt and pepper. Heat a heavy-based (preferably cast-iron) frying pan on a high heat. (Add the 1 tablespoon vegetable oil if not using cast iron). Test by touching the edge of one steak to the pan surface; it will sizzle briskly when ready. Immediately drop in the steaks and sear one side for 2 minutes. Sneak a peek to see if the first side is nicely browned. If not, continue to sear that side for another minute or so. Flip the steaks and sear the other side for 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium, cook for another 2 minutes, flip, and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes (for medium rare). Cook for longer if you prefer your steaks more "well done". Transfer the steaks to a warmed oven (not on, but pre-warmed) and let them rest, covered loosely with foil, while you make the sauce.
2. To make the pan sauce: Return the unwashed pan to medium heat. Add the butter and let it melt. Add the shallots and cook, stirring, until tender, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the brandy and stir with a wooden spoon, scraping up any browned bits stuck to the pan. Add the stock and Worcestershire sauce, raise the heat to medium high, and bring to a boil. Whisk in the mustard and then the cream. Continue to cook at a boil, stirring, until reduced to a saucy consistency, 3 to 5 minutes. Taste the sauce and season with salt, pepper, and lemon juice. Serve the steaks with the sauce.



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Music Notes, November 2014

November is always a month flush with local concerts. The problem is which ones to select! I think I may miss some through lack of advance information – if your group, or choir has been missed, do let me know and send me your programme for the year (bjhardy@theiet.org). Here then is my selection:

- Sunday 9th November, 7.30 pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Sutton Valence Choral Society join with the German choir Ars Nova to sing Carl Jenkins's Mass for Peace. Tickets £12 at the door.
- Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone – Maidstone Choral Union's first concert of the new season is a commemoration of World War 1. Entitled "For the fallen" it includes music by Elgar, Gounod and Mendelssohn, and organ solos by Carl Jackson, Music director of the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court. Tickets 01622 726193.
- Friday 21st November, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School – Sutton Valence Music Society presents a concert by Manus Noble, a multi-award winning guitarist. Tickets at the door or call 01622 863002.
- Saturday 22nd November, 7.30 at The Central Theatre, Chatham High St.,. The City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Dvorak's *Symphony No 8* and Brahms's *Hungarian Dances*. Tickets 01634 338338
- Saturday 29th November, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Vaughan Williams's *Symphony No 4* and also Brahms's *Violin Concerto* with Giovanni Guzzo as soloist. Tickets 01622 735830. Pre-concert talk at 6.40pm.
- Saturday 6th December, 7.00pm at St. Nicholas church, Leeds there will be a concert in aid of Kent Air Ambulance with performances by three local close harmony groups – Mixed Blessings, Barbishop and Short Back & Sides. Something different in a very good cause. Tickets 01622 739523

An interesting TV programme this month is likely to be the documentary on 2nd November (time to be confirmed) about the first visit to the UK by the Orchestre Symphonique Kimbanguiste from Central Africa.

Brian Hardy



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20th September	Lenham church
25th October	Ulcombe Village Hall
15th November	Harrietsham School
13th December	Lenham church



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After last year's excellent Walk Through the Old Testament event, this November the Len Valley Churches are hosting the follow up – Walk Through the New Testament. It will be at St John the Baptist Church in Harrietsham on Sat 8th and Sunday 9th November from 2 to 5 pm on both days. It only costs £14 and you can book by ringing the church office on 850604.

Len Valley Churches Ladies breakfast

Join us for the second of our Ladies Breakfast at The Dog and Bear, Lenham on Saturday Nov 22nd at 8.30.

A chance to enjoy a cooked breakfast, meet new friends and listen to an inspiring speaker. This month our speaker is Henrietta Mayhew, a full time mother of young children, talking about life's ups and downs.

To book your place please ring or email the church office on 850604 or churchoffice@lvb.org.uk

Could you be our next organist?

Pianist/organist needed for St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham. We have a fine organ and need someone to play for services on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 9.30 am each month. Maybe you're already a good pianist and would like to learn the organ? There is payment for this. Please contact the church office on 850604.

Helen Venn

Christian Message - November 2014

This year Remembrance Sunday will be especially poignant as we are marking the centenary of the beginning of the First World War.

The horrors of that war remain fresh in our memory through all the documentaries, novels and films that we have been seeing during the year. Many have made pilgrimages to France and Belgium to visit the cemeteries where the dead were buried – vast areas of graves stretching into the misty distance – so many, it is difficult to encompass the reality of the numbers who died in that conflict – 20 million dead and 40 million casualties.

We read of the complicated manoeuvrings that led up to the war – the politicians, each with their own agendas and desire for power, the jockeying that made the outbreak of war inevitable, and the final incident – the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo on the 28th of June 1914.

A 'war to end all wars'! Such was the hope, and the Cenotaph, bearing the words '*the glorious dead*' designed by Sir Edward Lutyens, was erected in 1920. The word Cenotaph meaning an empty tomb, was to commemorate the dead who are buried elsewhere.

And yet, twenty years later, the world was at war again. Since then we have had wars in Vietnam, the Balkans, Korea, Israel, Indo China, the Gulf, Afghanistan, Serbia, Iraq, Spain, Indo China – the list goes on. It is estimated that in the 20th century no less than 120 million people died in conflicts

As we look at the dire situation in the middle east, we cannot help but reflect that there are similarities with the situation in 1914 when the different countries were jostling for power. Today, there is a more sinister aspect in that much of the conflict relates to the religious ideologies of the Sunnis and the Shias –many of whom have misinterpreted the tenets of Islam to their own ends. Their ideological differences are so tangled up with the nationalist aspirations of the different groups that it is almost impossible to work out the best way forward without causing further mayhem. The politicians need our prayers that intervention by the west will not lead to further problems.

Some ask should we intervene? Is there such a thing as a 'just war'? When we think of the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis, and the equally appalling horrors being inflicted by ISIS, there are few of us who would deny that war is sometimes justified.

So where does our Christian faith come in? Jesus knew all about the conflict in Israel, and said, '*Blessed are the peacemakers.*' Then he said, '*You have heard it said, Love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I tell you, Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*'

On another occasion he said, *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You should love your neighbour as yourself.'*

On our own we can do little to help solve the major world problems that are confronting us. But we can each work to live peaceably and in harmony with our neighbours, and entrust the future to God.

Looking out of my kitchen window I see each morning a huge and beautiful chestnut tree. It has grown from some conkers that my son, aged nine, threw into the corner of the garden some forty years ago. Without help from any of us, one of the conkers has grown into this majestic tree – a miracle of God's Creation.

So, let us thank God, in the midst of the horrors around us, for all the glories of His creation and for His love. St Paul said, *'neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'*

Molly Poulter

Curried Parsnip Soup Recipe.

By request I include my easy recipe used at the recent Harvest Supper.

Serves 4-6

25g/1oz butter
675g parsnips, peeled & finely diced
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon curry powder (korma or mild). You may use hotter if preferred.
1 teaspoon garam Masala

1.5ltrs chicken stock (Oxo cubes)
Juice of half of lemon
salt & black pepper
Optional – single cream or natural yoghurt (I did not use this at the Harvest Supper)

Melt butter in large pan & sauté the onion & parsnips over a low heat for 3 mins. Add curry powder, garam Masala and cook for a further 3mins. Stir continuously to prevent sticking. Add chicken stock and lemon juice, bring to the boil and then reduced heat to simmering for approx. 45 minutes.

Remove from heat & allow to cool slightly and either liquidize or sieve the soup.

Reheat gently when required & add cream or yoghurt prior to serving. Do not let it boil.

Hope you enjoy.....
Barbara Pearce

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Sunday/Main Services – **November 2014**

Sunday 2nd November

9.30 am at St. Mary's, Lenham:

NEW Breakfast service

9.30 am at St. Nicholas, Boughton
Malherbe: Holy Communion

10.30 am at All Saints,
Ulcombe: Family Worship

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

3.30 pm at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: **NEW Growing in**
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worship)

Sunday 9th November
Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am at St. Mary's Lenham:
Holy Communion

10.15 am at St. Mary's, Lenham:
Remembrance Service

10.15 am at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Remembrance
Service

10.15 am at All Saints, Ulcombe:
Remembrance Service

10.15 am at St. Nicholas
Boughton Malherbe: Remembrance
Service

Saturday 15th November

4.00-6.00 pm at Harrietsham
School: Messy Church

Sunday 16th November

9.30 am at St. Mary's, Lenham:

NEW Breakfast service

9.30 am at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30 am at St. Nicholas, Boughton
Malherbe: Holy Communion

10.30 am at All Saints,
Ulcombe: Morning Worship

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

Saturday 22nd November

5.00 pm at St John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Prayer and Praise

Sunday 23rd November

8.00 am at St. Mary's Lenham:
Holy Communion

9.30 am at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30 am at St. Nicholas, Boughton
Malherbe: **GIFT Service**

10.30 am at All Saints,
Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00 am at St. Mary's, Lenham:
Family Worship

Sunday 30th November

10.00 am at Lenham Community
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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Horse	Ice	Six	Pack
2	Clothes	Freeman	Shaw	Martin
3	Fall	Sand	Stop	Pit
4	Electrical	French	Wind	Resistance
5	Capita	Cent	Chance	Per
6	Juan	Oxford	Quixote	Don
7	Flat	Gauge	Spare	Tyre
8	Doubt	Out	Plaster	Cast
9	Buying	Shopping	Spending	Spree
10	Black	Seedless	Sour	Grapes
11	Express	Potty	Steam	Trains
12	Air	Corn	Mine	Field
13	Rash	Stinging	Ten	Nettle
14	Jack	Silly	Wild	Ass
15	Cleaner	Drain	Dream	Pipe
16	Black	Gold	Granny	Smith

	Find the missing word?
1	James Martin, TV Chef on Saturday's with Saturdays Kitchen
2	Fat Controller, Friend of Thomas The Tank Engine
3	Armit Khan, UK Boxer
4	Barbary Apes, Only to be seen in Gibraltar
5	The Hay Wain, Agricultural trailer depicted in painting by Constable
6	The Grand Canal, Famed transport route through Venice
7	Mustang Sally, 1966 rock hit about a woman and her Ford car
8	Royal Flush, A good hand in Poker
9	The Shadows, Cliff Richard's one time backing group
10	Trafalgar Square, Home of Nelsons Column



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