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Front cover: This is the front cover of the book - "Boughton Malherbe A Journey Through Time" that will be launched on 14th December in Grafty Green Village Hall

News from St. Nicholas Church

First of all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our Readers.

Posada Crib Figures

28th November is Advent Sunday and we at St. Nicholas will be holding a Family Advent Service. The children will receive the 'Posada' Holy Family to pass around the Parish during the Advent. Thank you to all the children who are giving Jesus shelter during Advent.

Christmas Quiz

The Christmas Quiz will be held on 4th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.50 each, which includes a sausage and chip Supper and nibbles during the evening. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Thank you very much indeed to Pat Anderson and her team of ladies for organising this event towards the cost for the mains water supply to St. Nicholas Church.

Coffee Morning

On 8th December we will have our Coffee Morning 10.00 until noon in the Village Hall, Grafty Green. Do come along and have a chat and a coffee or tea with a piece of cake and maybe a mince pie or two.

Carol Singing

We have arranged to Carol Sing again this year on the evening of Wednesday 15th December and we would be grateful if one more household could see their way to inviting us into their home to sing. Please ring Joan on 850210 if you would be willing to do this - we usually number about 15-20

If anyone would like to join us please meet us at 7.00pm on Grafty village green. The plan is to sing a couple of carols, then move on to the Old Rectory. We will be at the King's Head from 9.00pm. The collection from the Carol Singing will be sent to Demelza House Children's Hospice.

Carol Service

Carol Service will be held on Sunday 19th December at 3.00pm at St. Nicholas. The Rev: Marion Bond will be taking our Service this year with Nine Lessons and Carols. Refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the Service.

Crib Service

The Crib Service will be held at St. Nicholas Church on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm please come along and join in this lovely little Service. The 'Posada' Family will return to the Church during this Service.

Christmas Day

Our Christmas Day Service is at 10.00am on Christmas Morning. Do please come along and visit Christ on his Birthday. You will receive a very warm welcome.

Boxing Day

As Boxing Day is a Sunday this year, there will be a Service for all the Churches in the Benefice at St. Mary's Lenham for those who would like to go to Church as usual on a Sunday. It is at 10.00am.

Church open on Sunday afternoons

For the rest of the winter months it has been decided that we will **not** keep St. Nicholas open on Sunday afternoons. In the spring we will review the matter and start afresh then. If anyone would like to visit St. Nicholas during the winter we can arrange for the key to be available - just call Joan 01622 850210 or the Benefice Office on 01622 850604 between 9.00am and 12.00 noon

Kathleen Pulley

Kathleen Pulley has died aged 96 years. She lived in Grafty Green until she was widowed in 2005 when she moved to be with her eldest daughter in Littlestone. Kathleen's Funeral was on 24th November at the Roman Catholic Church in Headcorn.

Kathleen and Frank moved to Grafty Green in retirement and very soon joined in the happenings in the village. Frank became secretary to the PCC and tended the flowerbeds leading to the Church door. Kathleen always supported him in all he did for St. Nicholas - they were a great team helping with the cleaning of the Church, delivering the magazines, joining in fund raising at the bazaar and village fete. They completed the electoral roll for many years walking the whole of the parish. Frank and Kathleen took part in the walks on the North Downs raising money for the Funds at St. Nicholas Church.

They were a very devoted couple and could always be seen walking the lanes around Grafty Green in their early years here. Although, they were from different sides of the Christian Faith, they were a shining example of how a partnership should be. Kathleen attended the Services at St. Nicholas when she couldn't get to Headcorn for Mass. Kathleen and Frank were the founders of a large and happy family, 5 children and 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Now they are re-united, I'm sure after a long and happy life together.

Joan Davidson

Speedwatch in Grafty Green

Speedwatch as you will know is established in the village, and whilst revealing too many 'speeders' especially those travelling at 40mph or more, it has also shown an improvement in drivers co-operating and being more aware of their speed.

Kent Police have recently advised we can do the checks with two instead of three volunteers. Also in answer to a number of queries we have to operate to strict guidelines including the place and visibility of the check, and only operate in daylight hours and in reasonable weather conditions.

We have not been active recently due to non availability of equipment, non practicality of doing checks whilst the two major sets of road works were on and the road closures, volunteer holidays, and lastly but most important an acute shortage of volunteers. The checks currently predominantly fall on just three volunteers.

More checks are in hand, and if you can spare the odd couple of hours we would like to hear from you, there is some basic training, then you could help make a difference to 'speed' in Grafty Green.

Contact Co-ordinator Chris Wheal (01622 858100) or
Parish Clerk, Pat Anderson (01622 858350)

Citizens Advice Bureau

A representative of the CAB is available for consultation in Headcorn Library, Kings Road on the third Friday of every month between 10am and noon.

Any Old Tools?

About twenty years ago Tools With A Mission began collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in this country and sending them overseas. In 2009 containers carrying 200 tonnes of refurbished tools were sent to Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Nigeria. In the containers were items such as sewing machines, boxes of haberdashery, typewriters, carpentry tools and bicycles.

A representative of TWAM attends the Farmers Market in Headcorn village hall on the second Saturday morning of each month. He is there to sharpen tools but you can also take tools you no longer require to him. He is also at Grafty Green garden centre from time to time.

TWAM is a registered charity (No: 1104903) and may be contacted on 01473 210293 or by email: twamhq@twam.co.uk.

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

Find the missing word?	
1	_____ Smith, TV cook
2	Neil _____, First man on the moon
3	_____ Jane, Wild West film with Doris Day
4	The _____, Nickname of snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan
5	Pablo _____, Legendary Spanish artist
6	University _____, Highbrow TV quiz show
7	_____ Andrews, Star of Mary Poppins
8	Anne _____, The longest serving DJ on BBC Radio 2
9	___ Allen, The voice of Buzz Lightyear in Toy Story
10	Jules _____, Wrote classic adventure Around the World in Eighty Days



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BUS SERVICE 59

Grafty Green – Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood

At a recent meeting of the Service 59 Working Group, the Nu-Venture bus company representative commented that little use of the Saturday buses is being made by passengers on the section of route between Kingswood and Grafty Green. The Saturday service as a whole is operating well within the subsidy limit set by KCC and the current contract is due to run until April 2014 so it is not under any imminent threat, but there is a clear need for more use to be made of the service on Saturdays to help ensure that it carries on running in the future.

The Monday to Friday service continues to be operated commercially by Arriva and no changes are currently planned. However, the same need for more passengers still applies, particularly on the 09.15 from Grafty Green and the 12.27 back from Maidstone.

As with many rural services, bus routes are always under review, even those which are subsidised, so the message continues to be **USE IT OR POSSIBLY LOSE IT!**

It doesn't matter if you personally don't pay to use the bus as bus companies do obtain some financial reimbursement from local authorities for concessionary travel, so every little really does help. It's all about usage.

Service 59 over Christmas and New Year

Because of the extra Bank Holidays, there will be no service on December 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th, or on January 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Nu-Venture will be operating a Saturday timetable on December 29th, 30th, and 31st.

Normal services, including the Service 66 to Cornwallis Academy, will resume on January 4th.

John Collins

(Representing Boughton Malherbe Parish Council on the Service 59 Working Group)

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only					School Days Only	Not School Days	School Days Only	School Days Only
	59	59	59	66	59				
Maidstone, King St, Stop L2	0948	1227	1402	.....	1555	1555	1615	1700	1750
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, J4	0950	1229	1404	.....	1557	1557	1617	1702	1752
Wheatsheaf	0957	1236	1411	.....	1604	1604	1624	1709	1759
Loose, Loose Rd/Old Loose Hill	1001	1240	1415	.....	1608	1608	via 1713	1803	
Linton Corner	1005	1244	1419	.....	1612	1612	Suton	1717	1807
Cornwallis Academy	.....	.....	.....	1505	.....	.....	Road	.....	.....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1010	1249	1424	.....	1617	1617	and 1722	1812	
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1013	1252	1427	1509	1620	1620	Largley	1725	1815
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1016	1255	1430	1512	1623	1623	.....	1728	1818
Warmlake Corner	1019	1258	1433	1515	.....	1626	1636	1731	1821
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	.....	1306	.....	1523	.....	1634	1646	.....	1829
Kingswood, Village Hall	1024	1308	1438	1525	.....	1636	1648	1739	1831
Ulcombe, Post Office	.....	1313	.....	1530	.....	1641	1653	.....	1836
Grafty Green, Kings Head	.....	1320	.....	.....	.....	1648	1700	.....	1843
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	.....	.....	.....	1535	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	.....	.....	.....	1544	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Saturdays

Saturdays			
59	59	59	59
0838	1241	1525	1755
0840	1243	1527	1757
0847	1250	1534	1804 R
via	1254	1538	.....
Suton	1258	1542	.....
Road	.....	.....	.....
and	1303	1547	1817 R
Largley	1306	1550	1820 R
.....	1309	1553	1823 R
0859	1312	1556	1826 R
0907	1320	1604	1834 R
0909	1322	1836 R
0914	1327	1841 R
0921	1334	1848 R

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Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only					Not School Days	School Days Only	School Days Only	School Days Only
	59	59	59	66	59				
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	.....	.....	.....	0736	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	.....	.....	.....	0745	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0720	.....	0723	.....	0915	.....	1325	.....	1703
Ulcombe, Post Office	0727	.....	0730	0750	0922	.....	1332	.....	1710
Kingswood, Village Hall	0732	.....	0735	0755	0927	1027	1337	1440	1715
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0735	.....	0738	0757	0929	1029	1339	1442	1717
Warmlake Corner	0743	.....	0744	0801	0935	1035	1345	1448	1723
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	via	0739	0747	0804	0938	1038	1348	1451	1726
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	Largley	0742	0750	0807	0941	1041	1351	1454	1729
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	and	0745	0753	.....	0944	1044	1354	1457	1732
Cornwallis Academy	Suton	.....	.....	0820	.....	.....	.....	.....	1507
Linton Corner	Road	0750	0758	.....	0949	1049	1359	1502	1737
Loose, Loose Rd/Old Loose Hill	.....	0756	0802	.....	0953	1053	1403	1506	1741
Wheatsheaf	0756	0800	0806	.....	0957	1057	1407	1510	1745
Maidstone, King Street	.....	0810	0814	.....	1005	1105	1415	1518	1753
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn	0808	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
London Rd, Somerfield Hospital	0817
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826

Saturdays

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59	59	59	59
0733	0923	1336
0740	0930	1343
0745	0935	1348	1604
0747	0937	1350	1606
0753	0943	1356	1612
0756	0946	1359	via
0759	0949	1402	Largley
0802	0952	1405	and
.....	.....	.....	Suton
0807	0957	1410	Road
0811	1001	1414	.....
0815	1005	1418	1624
0820	1013	1426	1632

Sundays & Public Holidays*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

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Pet's Corner!

Pets in Focus - Buying A Puppy!

Before buying a puppy, it is worth doing a little homework to avoid problems later. Many people choose a breed on 'looks' alone, whereas you should ask yourself honestly if you want an energetic walking companion, or a lap dog? Are you willing to supervise your puppy during its first few weeks so that you can teach it where to toilet and what to chew? Can you afford vaccinations, insurance, flea and worm treatments?

Where do I start?

Find a Breed Society contact on the internet, and speak to them about the breed's good and bad points. They often have lists of pups for sale, too.

Is the breed predisposed to any hereditary diseases? Many of these can be tested for.



What makes a 'good' breeder?

A good breeder will...

- Raise the litter in the home.
- Have the dam present, and possibly the sire, too.
- Breed to *improve* the breed, not because they thought their dog would make a 'good mum'
- Provide four-weeks insurance cover, details about diet and exercise, a contract of sale, and a pedigree certificate *at the time of purchase.*
- Screen the parents for hereditary diseases and show you the certificates.

Do NOT buy from a puppy farm, which breed many different breeds for profit, usually in outside kennels or barns. The dams are often un-socialised, exhausted, unwell and unvaccinated.

These farms often pass puppies on to pet shops. They usually become ill, have heavy flea and worm burdens, and are more likely to develop behavioural and medical problems.

There are a few breeders who are experts in their field, and have a good knowledge of nutrition, behaviour and genetics. They adore the breed, breeding to simply share the pleasure of these wonderful dogs with new owners!

Useful websites

www.kennelclub.org.uk
www.discoverdogs.org.uk

Home visits: Please contact us if you would like a home visit to help with the training and behaviour of your new puppy!

Article written by
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Contact Details for Local Police Officers

Your Local Police Officers can be contacted at Maidstone Police Station on 01622 604392, or stop us when you see us patrolling the village !!

PC Paul Kemslet and PCSO Siobhan de Burca

E-Mail: maidstonerural.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

NEWS FROM ULCOMBE'S VILLAGE SCHOOL

FANTASTIC FIREWORKS TO START THE TERM

The annual Fireworks Night at the Ulcombe CE Primary School was a massive success again this year. We had a variety of stalls, from glow-sticks to mulled wine and pennies for the guy. The evening raised well over £400, so it was a wonderful success as well as being hugely enjoyable. Our thanks go to the Friends of Ulcombe School, who organized this event, including the wonderful display of fireworks that lit up the November night sky.

Looking ahead, the Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 10th December. This is a definite date for your diary. We expect Rudolph to bring Father Christmas to the New Village Hall soon after 6pm. We will be able to walk down through the village to the school, in time for the start of the Fayre at 6.30pm. There will be lots of different activities to complete, stalls with festive items to buy, as well as refreshments, and, of course, Santa to see. If you have any questions about FUS events, or if you would like to become more involved yourself, see one of the committee who will be only too happy to speak to you.

OTHER NEWS

Tuesday 9th November was the date of our Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner. This is a regular feature of life at Ulcombe, with friends of the school invited to join us for a two-course meal prepared by our school cook and served by older children. The meal is followed by a short presentation by each of the classes. The focus this time was work we had completed on the topic of Tobias and the Angel, a painting by the workshop of Andrea del Verrocchio. The youngest children, Owlets Class, told us what they could see in the painting, Barn Owls showed us the work they had completed, whilst Tawny Owls, the oldest children, told us the story behind the picture. Barn Owls and Tawny Owls also treated us to wonderful music.

On Wednesday 10th November we held our Open Afternoon. This was your first chance of the year to come and see us at work. With the FUS kindly volunteering to provide refreshments during the afternoon, it was a great chance come along and see us at work and enjoy a cup of tea. If you missed it, but would like to see us in action, feel free to contact the School Office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Another annual event now is our Remembrance Assembly. Friends of the school, governors and parents were all invited to join us for a special act of worship, starting at 10.45am and including a two minute silence at 11am.

LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

At the moment there is no further news to add for our library project. We are still waiting to hear from Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council planning departments. We hope to be able to tell you more in the New Year.

And Still To Come

You all, whether you are family members of pupils here at Ulcombe CE Primary School, or if you are one of our many friends from the wider community, are invited to the following events.

Fri 10 th Dec	<i>6.30pm</i>	Christmas Fayre	<i>School Hall and Lobby</i>
Fri 17 th Dec	<i>9.15am</i>	Christmas Service	<i>All Saints Parish Church, Ulcombe</i>

With the festive season firmly with us, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the staff and governors, wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

We hope to see you all at coming events, supporting our village school.

Mr V Hampton *Head Teacher*

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Grafty Green Christmas Quiz

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at

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Neighbourhood Watch Messages

VAT will be increased on 4th January 2011: Kent Trading Standards are advising consumers to be wary of companies advertising 'pay now and save on the VAT increase'. Consumers should carry out some checks to ensure they are not getting involved in a potential scam, a company that could go bust or finding they will have to pay the VAT increase at the end.

Before being tempted consumers should take some steps to protect themselves by carrying out research on any trader offering great deals, particularly if they are advertising on the internet. If consumers do decide to pay now, then we would advise them to pay using a credit card if the goods or service cost more than £100. This means the credit card provider shares liability if the trader fails to fulfil the contract.

Consumers are also advised that:

- if they pay the full amount for a product or service **before** 4 January 2011, then they will be charged VAT at **17.5%**
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- if they pay a deposit before 4 January 2011, and then the **balance after** that date, they will be charged the 17.5% on the deposit but the **20% VAT on the balance**

If you are considering work in or on your property it is always best to get at least a couple of quotes from traders. You can find reputable traders on the "Buy With Confidence" good trader scheme run by us. Our officers vet all traders on the scheme for trustworthiness and to ensure they comply with consumer protection laws. Or, ask for recommendations from friends or family.

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Obviously the cashier knew the electronic pad was defective because she NEVER offered me the £40 at the beginning. Can you imagine how many people went through before me & at the end of her shift how much money she pocketed?

Just to alert everyone. My co worker went to Milford , Sainsbury's last week. She had her items rung up by the cashier. The cashier hurried her along and didn't give her a receipt. She asked the cashier for a receipt and the cashier was annoyed and gave it to her. My co worker didn't look at her receipt until later that night. The receipt showed that she asked for £20 cash back. SHE DID NOT ASK FOR CASH BACK!

My co-worker called Sainsbury's who investigated but could not see the cashier pocket the money. She then called her niece who works for the bank and her niece told her this. This is a new scam going on. The cashier will key in that you asked for cash back and then hand it to her friend who is the next person in the queue.

Please, please, please check your receipts right away when using credit or debit cards! This is NOT limited to Sainsbury's; they are one of the largest retailers so they have the most incidents. I am adding to this. My husband and I were in Sainsbury's and paying with credit card when my husband went to sign the credit card signer he just happen to notice there was a £20 cash back added. He told the cashier that he did not ask nor want cash back and she said this machine has been messing up and she cancelled it. We really didn't think anything of it until we read this email.

To make matters worse ...THIS SCAM CAN BE DONE ANYWHERE, AT ANY RETAIL OR WHOLESALE LOCATION!!!!.

BEFORE LEAVING THE CHECK-OUT....CHECK YOUR RECEIPT

News from Platts Heath Primary School



Life here at Platts Heath continues to be a mixture of events, celebrations and opportunities for our wonderful children. Mornings at our school now usually start with *'Wake up, Shake up'*. The children are encouraged to perform a simple dance routine to music – led by our own Mrs Kennett. A few parents and the staff often join in and it is a great way to start the day and gets everyone awake, alert and ready to learn.

As always our children showed themselves to be polite, well behaved and eager to learn in and out of school. Here are some of the activities they recently took part in,

Football at Swadelands

On Friday 5th November 11 children from Morpurgo class went to Swadelands to play football against six other local schools. Miss Keywood was our coach, manager and keeper of the packed lunches.

We played well against all the schools, drawing four matches and losing two. Everyone in our squad got a game and we all tried hard.

Before lunch we had a big crowd of Swadelands pupils watching our matches, after lunch we watched Lenham children and some Year 10 girls perform a dance routine they had been practising all morning.

After the dance the judges counted up the scores of the matches. The final was between Lenham and Headcorn, which Lenham won. We came 5th overall and everyone received a medal and certificate.

We all had a lot of fun, enjoyed playing all the matches and didn't mind that we didn't win. We came back to school proud of how well we played that day.

By Victoria and Rachel

K'nex challenge

Children in Year 3 to 6 recently took part in a K'nex challenge, they had to build a vehicle capable of transporting athletes and equipment to the 2012 Olympic games. Working in pairs the children all produced some fantastic working models. The overall winners, Rachel and Libby are due to take part in the final against other schools very soon. Well done to all the children and good luck in the final girls!

What a load of rubbish

Maidstone council will soon be delivering an extra bin for household food waste. A representative from the council came to discuss this with the children along with what happens to all the rubbish once it has been collected. The children learnt all about recycling and the positive effect this has on the environment. So next time you are not sure which bin to put your rubbish in, ask our pupils!

As we enter the month of December so our thoughts turn to the more traditional events and celebrations. Christmas at our school is sure to be a magical time, the children have been asked to bring in decorations for our Christmas Tree and the school will soon be transformed with our theme of 'Christmas around the world'.

Fair-y-Nough

On Thursday 2nd December we hold our annual Fairy Day when we welcome prospective parents and pupils for the September 2011 intake to come and sample an afternoon in the Key Stage 1 (Infants) class. This is an ideal opportunity to view our lovely school and see all that Platts Heath School offers its pupils. If you would be interested coming along please contact the office to add your name to our list.

"Oh yes they are!!"

The PTFA have been able to fund a trip to the Pantomime for the entire school just before the end of term. This is an annual favourite with the children and a great opportunity for them to experience a piece of traditional British theatre.

Christmas Fayre

Our School Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 4th December from 2-5 at the school. All the usual favourites will be there – the bottle tombola, the secret room, our very own Mother Christmas, carol singing, scalextric challenge and plenty of games and fun to be had. A big thank you to the residents of Platts Heath who, as always, have donated very generously with bottles and gifts for our various stalls. Please come along and join us in what is always a fun and festive afternoon.

Please feel free to visit our school at any time, simply ring the office on 01622 850316 to make an appointment to visit our spectacular school. I look forward to meeting you and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Piers Anscomb *Head Teacher*

St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

On Saturday 20th November we held our quiz night with John and Helen Nye as our quizmasters. The evening was a great success and made a much needed £280.00 towards the upkeep of the hall with a round of Kings and Queens raising a further £40 for the children in need appeal. I was delighted to see a team from the Lenham Bowls Club among the teams as they supported all our events when we were first fund raising to save St Edmunds as a community centre I hope they were impressed we what we have achieved.

The younger members of our committee along with some more experienced folk are about to embark on the running of a film club which they intend to start in the New Year. I wish them good luck and hope it is a great success.

Once again we will be having our Carol singing on Christmas Eve meeting at 4pm at the hall and going round the village returning to St Edmunds at about 5pm for a glass of mulled wine and mince pies, before returning home to get on with the Christmas arrangements. Mrs Thursting is now running the Little Dragons Karate for children age 3 to 7 Monday at 4.45 and Blue Warrior Kickboxing for age 7 - 12+ Monday at 5.40. Anyone interested should ring her on 01634 320238 or 07949 844 893. The Line dancers keep going but do need some new members Thursday evenings 8-9pm. Finally I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Patricia Dibley Secretary

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Jenny Whittle - News from County Hall



HGVs

I am very aware of the ongoing problems caused by the number and speed of HGVs travelling through the village. I am therefore especially pleased to advise that Kent County Council has embarked upon a major programme to help tackle the problem of lorries causing disruption and traffic chaos in narrow rural roads and town centres. The work is expected to take between 12-18 months and will involve a complete overhaul of Kent's current lorry-route map, a county-wide review of lorry directional and regulatory signs and a review of Traffic Regulation Orders such as weight, height and width restrictions. Also as part of this work KCC will work with satellite navigation firms to ensure that lorry drivers are provided with the best routes for commercial traffic, rather than cheaper car satellite navigation information that leads to roads totally unsuitable for heavy lorries. As part of this exercise KCC is consulting with the two leading industry bodies, the Freight Transport Association and the Road Haulage Association.

Reducing the speed limit on Liverton Street

As part of the process to halve the speed limit on Liverton Street from 60mph to 30mph, Kent Highways Services commissioned surveys to back up the case that most traffic already goes at the lower speed and as such a reduction in the speed limit is justified. I am pleased to say that the surveys confirmed what we already know - most motorists consider a 30mph limit to be much more sensible than the current national limit that is in place. The next stage is for a Traffic Regulation Order to be advertised allowing motorists and residents to express their views and it will take a further period of several months to go through the statutory decision making process at Kent County Council. Please be assured that I am doing everything I can to reduce the lengthy process, but it is not straightforward! The good news though is that the speed limit will be reduced and will be in place hopefully before too long. I am using my Member Highway Fund (an allocation given to County Councillors for highways improvements in their areas) to fund the costs of this process which, including the 8 30mph signs that will be needed and the Traffic Regulation Order process, will be in the region of some £3,000.

Tackling speeding

I also recently contributed £500 from my Member Highway Fund towards the Parish Council's Speedwatch equipment as I know that many residents are concerned about speeding through the village. I would like to thank the volunteers who are operating this equipment and working with Police to help protect the village against inconsiderate and dangerous drivers.

Better signage on Liverton Hill

The Parish Council has been pressing the case for better signage on Liverton Hill to warn drivers of the need to take care when proceeding down Liverton Street. I will also be funding the signage from my Member Highway Fund and this will be installed in the coming months.

The future of land in Thurnham and Hollingbourne that was threatened by the Kent International Gateway proposals

I had a good meeting recently with Hugh Robertson MP, Paul Carter (Leader of Kent County Council) and Chris Garland (Leader of Maidstone Borough Council) to discuss how we can protect the KIG site from future unwanted development. The Joint Parishes Group were also represented at this meeting and there was unanimous support to make an application for an extension of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boundary. I am now working with KCC and MBC officers to take this forward. The process will most likely involve a public inquiry to permit interested parties to put forward their points of view. There is sadly no guarantee of success, but I firmly believe that the quality of the landscape in this area warrants the highest possible degree of environmental protection.

Winter Service policy

I have met with officers to review KCC's policy concerning winter service and am hopeful that the measures that are being put in place will ensure that residents receive a better service than last Winter. KCC is working much more closely with Maidstone Borough Council and parish councils to ensure that all hands are on deck when Kent is hit in the future by heavy snowfalls. I am ready to assist the Parish Councils with getting additional salt bins placed where they may be required, and have been successful in achieving this in other parts of my Division.

And Finally...

I know and understand that the severe reductions in public spending are bound to have a major effect on a number of my residents. I wish these savings were not necessary but as a nation we are now paying £125 million per day in interest charges on the debt that the Coalition Government inherited.

I Wish You All A Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and Send My Best Wishes for 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need my help or advice.

Jenny Whittle

County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East

Deputy Cabinet Member for Learning and Development

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Short Talk , Any Questions

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Ron Galton Peter Bird John Collins Mike Davidson

Update on Lenham Valley Business Association

How time flies! Even Christmas will be over in just another few weeks. Eleven weeks after that (on Sunday 20 March 2011) LVBA members will be copied from the website to start making up the 2011 Business Directory. I am rather hoping that the last minute rush to join won't delay production this year as it did last year. There are 5,000 directories printed. So if you have been meaning to join the local business association to develop your contacts, revenues or even just to network and meet local people don't delay! Go straight to www.lenhambusiness.co.uk/joinLVBAnow.html and join now, you can pay directly into our bank account too. There's a sliding scale of annual membership fees on the same page starting at £65pa for a sole trader. Look up membership benefits on the same website if you want to see what you could be missing out on.

For Businesses. The LVBA is a strong community and linked to all sorts of ventures via the members. The association covers the whole area from Harrietsham to Lenham Heath and right out to Grafty Green and Ulcombe - over 4,000 homes and businesses. Your membership fee should soon be recovered, as it has for the majority of members. Like the website the directory has up to 5 entries per member, that alone is worth your investment.

For everyone. The LVBA business directory is there to help keep all those handy numbers in one place, it also bring interesting articles and information, it has been designed for your quick and easy use. Businesses are listed in alphabetical order if you know the name of the company you are looking to contact and if you don't, then go to the classifications and look up what you are looking for and find out who supplies it. The whole directory is available online too as a webmag so the links are live (one click will take you to the website of your choice). Next year there will be an additional system added to the website to make online searching even faster. Also online you can find local vacancies - some even from the bigger members like Marley. Articles for sale, links and features add to your entertainment value. If you haven't really had a good look around you could be missing out. Check out the Lenham switch on too on Sunday 5th December.

If you have any thoughts about what you would like to see in the next directory than simply tell us. You can email if you prefer lenhambusiness@btinternet.com
Why not make your New Year's Resolution to join LVBA? Come to a network meeting and see how people in business are having a good time as well as increasing their profits.

Next networking meeting Check out the website for full details:
<http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk>

Alan Reading, LVBA Chairman

The Grafty Gourmet

This is a dish that I made last night, with no recipe to follow, so I thought I would do this for the magazine now whilst it's still fresh on my mind. I kind of made it up as I went along, using spices and herbs to give an amazing aromatic flavour. This recipe requires no pre-cooking and is so simple. Simply put all the ingredients together and slow cook for a tasty alternative to a stew. The lamb will just melt in your mouth.

Aromatic Simple Lamb Tagine - Serves 4

1 Large Onion, chopped
¼ tsp Ground Cloves
500g Diced Lamb, uncooked
1 tsp salt
16 to 20 Dried apricots
1 tsp Ground Coriander
16 to 20 Black olives, pitted
3 Cloves of Garlic, crushed
200ml Chicken Stock
1 Tbsp Fresh Grated Ginger
200ml Red Wine
1½ Tbsp Lemon Juice

1 tsp Ground Cinnamon
1 Tbsp Tomato Puree
2 tsp Paprika
1 Tbsp Clear Honey
¼ tsp Turmeric
1 Tbsp Corn flour
½ tsp Cayenne Pepper
1 Small Handful of Fresh
Coriander leaves
½ tsp Ground Ginger
2 ½ tsp ground cumin

1. Preheat the oven to 130 degrees centigrade. Whilst the oven is warming up, place all of the ingredients into a large sauce pan, stir and bring to the boil.
2. As soon as it comes to the boil, transfer into a Tagine or Casserole dish with the lid on. Cook in the oven at 130 degrees for 2 ½ hours.
3. Go and watch T.V or something ! Read a book, or go down the Pub ! Job done, it's as simple as that.
4. Serve with couscous or rice if preferred.

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Date	Topic	Speaker
5 th January	AGM – Best of Kent slide show	Robert Canis
2 nd February	Bee Keeping	Mrs. Barbara Harris
2 nd March	Growing Vegetables	Mr. Andrew Fletcher
6 th April	Spring Show History/making walking sticks	Mr. Dennis Worcester
10 th April	15% off at Rumwood Nursery 9.30 – 4.30	
4 th May	Visit to Turkey Mill	
25 th –27 th June	Weekend visit to Dorset, staying Norfolk Royale Hotel Bournemouth. Gardens: Stourhead (NT), Abbotsbury, Kingston Maurwood, West Dean	
6 th July	Mere House, Mereworth	Andrew Wells
3 rd August	Belmont House, Throwley	Head Gardener
7 st September	Autumn show - Iceland/wild flowers	Sue Buckingham Wild flower expert
5 th October	Nuts and Seeds - ????	Tom Hart Dyke is away !!
2 nd November	Kent Gardens Trust	Elizabeth Cairns
7th December	Christmas Social with entertainment	Geoff Doel and Mick Lynn

Tuesday 7th December meeting is our social event for the end of the year and this year we will be entertained by **Geoff Doel and Mick Lynn**. Supper will be provided. You are welcome to join us for the evening and get a preview of the 2011 programme. Further details from Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary Smith 850526

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The December Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Ophiuchus at beginning of December, and moves into Sagittarius on the 18th. Believe it or not our days will be getting longer a last, as it is the Winter Solstice, the shortest day, on Tuesday, December 21st.

New **Moon** occurs on Sunday 5th December, and Full Moon is on Tuesday 21st, close to the junction of three constellations: Taurus, Gemini and Orion. This month, as the Moon passes exactly through the Earth's shadow, there is a total lunar eclipse. It starts at 06:32 on Tuesday 21st, and the Moon is completely in shade just before it sets.

Mercury is to the east of the Sun at the start of December, and sets only an hour after the Sun. By December 20th it is almost directly in front of the Sun, however, we should get a view of this elusive planet in the dawn sky at the end of the month.

Venus is a brilliant "Morning Star" this month, low in the south-eastern sky just before sunrise, and is clearly visible well into dawn. **Mars** sets less than an hour after the Sun, so again we will not be able to see the "Red Planet" this month.

Again this month **Jupiter** can clearly be seen in the southern sky early in the evening, and sets around midnight. It appears as a very bright star with a steady light, and is moving eastwards out of Aquarius and into Pisces. Through a telescope the disc of Jupiter can clearly be seen, together with the dark and light cloud bands and some of the four major moons. **Saturn** is rising in the east in the early hours of the morning, and is well up in the southern sky at dawn. You will be able to see Venus to the left, which is very much brighter.

One of the most reliable meteors showers of the year is the **Geminid** shower, which occurs every December. These can be seen at any time between December 7th and 16th. They appear to radiate from the bright star Castor in the constellation of Gemini, and will be visible throughout the hours of darkness. This is also the best time of the year to see sporadic meteors. These can be seen at any time and in any part of the sky.

I thought I would briefly bring you up to date on what has been happening at the large Hadron Collider near Geneva. Scientists have found that an exotic soup at more than 10 trillion degrees Celsius was created immediately after the birth of the universe. They achieved these high temperatures and densities by firing lead ions (atoms stripped of their electrons) at almost the speed of light in opposite directions in the tunnel at CERN. They are hoping that this soup 'quark gluon plasma' will allow them to learn more about the 'Strong Force', one of the four fundamental forces of nature.

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2	Circle	Tube	City	
3	Gold	Jacket	Gather	
4	Clock	Weight	Bird	
5	Cone	Island	Through	
6	Business	Credit	Board	
7	Boxing	Cabinet	Over	
8	Ranger	Rain	Fire	
9	Reaction	Smoker	Letter	
10	Pop	Blood	Pressure	
11	Show	Chit	Line	
12	Screen	Pilot	Road	
13	Postal	Form	Tall	
14	Birth	Sand	Wall	
15	Agent	Space	Air	
16	Purpose	Public	Major	

Malherbe Monthly Magazine

This magazine can now be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition, all back issues for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

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Happy Lenham Players!

In 2011, the Lenham Players will celebrate its 50th anniversary - a great landmark for this village-based theatre group.

To kick off a special year of celebration we have invited long-term member, David Abson, to host a special evening of words, music and comedy, entitled "David Abson's Favourite Bits". David has been a member of The Lenham Players since 1968, acting in and directing many successful productions over the years. Come along and enjoy his highly entertaining selection of pieces at Lenham Community Centre on Saturday 11th December 2010 at 7:45pm.

Tickets cost £7 each and will be available from Len Valley News (High Street), The Community Centre (mornings) or by telephoning 01622 858561. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, for a really fun evening!

The Christmas Creed

I believe that Christmas is more than
a time for parties and ornaments;
It is a time for remembering Christ and
the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I believe there are gifts more important than
the ones under the Christmas tree,
such as the songs we teach our children,
the way we share ourselves with friends,
and the industry with which we set about
reshaping the world in our time.

I believe that the finest carols are often sung
by the poorest voices,
from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.
I believe in the angels' message
that we should not be afraid –
that the child of Bethlehem
is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I believe in prayer and quietness
as a way of appropriating Christmas,
that if I wait in silence
I will experience the presence
of the One born in the stable,
for He lives today as surely as He lived then. Amen.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have made a number of changes to the Weekend Freighter Service. From the 21st August this year, the freighter service will operate on a Saturday only to improve efficiency and reduce cost, however the number of sites visited remains unchanged. Streamlining the service and re-planning the route also reduces the amount of miles we have to drive, so also reduces the CO2 emissions.

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Platts Heath

Saturday 18th Dec 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

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Christian Message December 2010

We all know the story of Jesus' birth: 2000 years ago a baby was born under unusual circumstances. A virgin birth; signs in the sky; astrologers visiting with precious gifts; angels singing; shepherds running; warning dreams; Mary, Joseph and the baby seeking asylum in a foreign land.

The baby grew up to be the man Jesus, who after a mere three years of teaching and ministry stormed into world history and made an impact that is still felt. The shock-waves reverberate down the years and today there are two billion people who call themselves Christians – people who follow the way of Jesus.

Perhaps it was less the teaching and ministry, more the power of God working in Jesus that attracted – and still attracts people to Jesus. That power enabled Jesus to teach and to heal. Even more though, it was working in Jesus when he came back to life at his resurrection, after his brutal execution in Jerusalem.

The amazing, attractive thing is that God promises life-changing power to each of us. Many people saw Jesus, heard him or touched him. But not all accepted that he was who he said he was – the Son of God. We too have to make that choice, each of us, today. We can choose to recognise him as God, as Lord, as King: but if we do so, we choose also to follow him and obey him as God, as Lord, as King. And in return, we become children of God: members of God's family, precious and loved. Not only that, but we're given forgiveness for the wrongs we've done as well as power and desire to live the way he wants us to. That's a pretty good bargain!

Why not make this Christmas the beginning of a new journey for you, recognising and receiving Jesus for who he really is? Find out more at our Christmas services in the Len Valley area – details elsewhere in this magazine.

Bruce Cockburn has a song about Jesus' birth and the chorus is

*"Like a stone on the surface of a still river
Driving the ripples on forever
Redemption rips through the surface of time
In the cry of a tiny babe."*

"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..." – John's Gospel, chapter 1, verses 9-12.

May you be truly blessed this Christmas!

Dick Venn

‘Who was.....?’ now joins ‘How to.....’!!

Egerton’s Telecottage Computer Centre is now offering Family History researchers the opportunity to do online research every Saturday morning, 10am to noon, during their regular drop-in clinics. For just £2 per 1-hour session you can access a census, parish registers, wills, etc. Pre-booking is advised, so please contact us for more details.

If you feel you need some help in doing family history research then why not book in to one of the Telecottage’s Family History Afternoons. The next two scheduled dates are Saturdays 11 December & 28 February, 2 to 4pm.

Dates for the next series of ‘How to.....’ courses are now available:

- How to get started (from the very beginning): Mon 10 & 17 Jan, 10am to 12 noon
- How to get on line (for the very first time): Mon 7 & 14 Feb, 10am to 12 noon
- How to get photos from camera to PC: Wed 19 & 26 Jan, 10am to 12 noon
- How to edit photos: Wed 2 & 9 Feb, 10am to 12 noon
- How to use the Internet: Thurs 20 Jan, 10am to 12 noon
- How to email photos: Mon 21 & 28 Feb, 10am to 12 noon
- How to get started in Word: Mon 7 & 14 Mar, 10am to 12 noon
- How to do more in Word: Mon 28 Mar & 4 Apr, 10am to 12 noon
- How to create a newsletter: Mon 11 & 18 Apr, 10am to 12 noon
- How to turn your photos into greetings cards and postcards: Wed 9 & 16 Mar, 10am to 12 noon
- How to use Social Networks (Facebook): Thurs 17 Feb, 10am to 12 noon
- How to manage files and folders: Fri 28 Jan & 4 Feb, 10am to 12 noon

But if you can’t see what you want – why not ask? You never know, it could be in our next group of courses!

Please ring Carol on 07523 182994 for full details of the Telecottage’s very reasonable costs and any other information you may need.

And don’t forget our drop-in clinic – every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon – come and have a chat and a coffee. You can find us at the Egerton Millennium Hall in the centre of the village.

Music Notes - December

Lots of Christmas music in December. Here is a small selection of what is available locally – and don't forget the carol services advertised elsewhere in the magazine

- Saturday 4th December, 7.30pm at Mote Hall Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra continue their centenary season with a programme including **Emma Johnson** performing Weber's *Clarinet Concerto No.1*. Tickets 01622 736392
- Saturday 11th December, 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted, Bearsted Choral Society give their Christmas Concert, which includes a variety of carols and excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*..Tickets 01634 666730.
- Saturday 18th. December, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union present **Music For Christmas**, a feast of carols, brass band music, children singing and a highly praised dance group. Tickets 01622 726193.

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Sunday/Main Services – December 2010

5th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent (St. Nicholas)

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
8am Harrietsham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Service
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Service

Saturday 11th December

5pm St. John the Baptist – Benefice Christingle and Christmas craft Service

12th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

19th December - 4th Sunday of Advent

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
3pm Boughton Carol Service
5pm Lenham Carol Service
6.30pm Harrietsham Carol Service with School Choir

Tuesday 21st December

7pm Ulcombe Carol service

24th December - Christmas Eve

4pm Harrietsham Crib Service
4pm Boughton Malherbe Crib Service

4pm Lenham Crib Service
4pm Ulcombe Crib Service
11.15pm Harrietsham Midnight Holy Communion
11.15pm Lenham Midnight Holy Communion
11.15pm Ulcombe Midnight Holy Communion

25th December - Christmas Day

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Harrietsham Family Holy Communion
10.00am Boughton Malherbe Family Holy Communion
10.00am Lenham Family Holy Communion joined by The United Reform Church
Lenham
10.00am Ulcombe Family Holy Communion

26th December - 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Lenham Benefice Holy Communion

A Few other services etc

Tuesday 7th December 6.30pm Community Carols in Harrietsham Primary School

Monday 13th December 7pm Carols for the Care Homes of Harrietsham in St. John the Baptist Harrietsham

Wednesday 15th December 7.30pm Sutton Valence Choral Society Concert in St. John the Baptist Harrietsham

Tuesday 21st December 7pm Ulcombe All Saints Carol Service

Christmas Christingle Family Event

Everyone is welcome at the joint Christingle Family event at St. John's, Harrietsham for our Christmas craft afternoon. Come and make your own Christingle, Christmas cards and decorations, donkey droppings and more, eat mince pies and then join in with some singing and prayers as we prepare for Christmas. Saturday 11th December at 5.00pm.

Time for a clear out!

From a rather 'chatty' church weekly bulletin: "*Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale on Saturday. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*"

Brian Hardy

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Journey	Match	Tax	Return
2	Circle	Tube	City	Inner
3	Gold	Jacket	Gather	Dust
4	Clock	Weight	Bird	Watcher
5	Cone	Island	Through	Traffic
6	Business	Credit	Board	Card
7	Boxing	Cabinet	Over	Shadow
8	Ranger	Ruin	Fire	Forest
9	Reaction	Smoker	Letter	Chain
10	Pop	Blood	Pressure	Group
11	Show	Chat	Line	Chat
12	Screen	Pilot	Road	Test
13	Postal	Form	Tall	Order
14	Birth	Sand	Wall	Stone
15	Agent	Space	Air	Travel
16	Purpose	Public	Major	General

	Find the missing word?
1	Delta Smith, TV cook
2	Neil Armstrong, First man on the moon
3	Calamity Jane, Wild West film with Doris Day
4	The Rocket, Nickname of snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan
5	Pablo Picasso, Legendary Spanish artist
6	University Challenge, Highbrow TV quiz show
7	Julie Andrews, Star of Mary Poppins
8	Anne Nightingale, The longest serving DJ on BBC Radio 2
9	Tim Allen, The voice of Buzz Lightyear in Toy Story
10	Jules Verne, Wrote classic adventure Around the World in Eighty Days

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