



Malherbe Monthly

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Malherbe Monthly wishes you all a very Happy Christmas and thanks those of you who have supported the magazine this year with pictures, articles, quizzes and adverts



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News from St. Nicholas Church

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A HEALTHY AND BRIGHT
NEW YEAR IN 2017

Craft Fair will be on 4th December at 11.00-3.00p.m in the village hall where the Church will have a Craft stall.

Morning Prayers will be on Tuesday 6th & 20th December at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe at 9.30a.m. and on alternate weeks at All Saints, Ulcombe. Prayers are also held in St. Mary's Lenham on Wednesdays and in St. John's, Harrietsham on Thursdays all starting at 9.30 a.m.

Choral Evensong will be at 3.30p.m. on 11th December.

Village Coffee Morning will be on the 14th December in the Village Hall, Grafty Green at 10.30 a.m. until 12.00. Do come along and join us for a chat and enjoy our homemade Scones and Cakes and Mince Pies for our pre- Christmas meeting. There will be a plate for donations, which will be sent to a Charity.

Carol Service at St. Nicholas will be at 3.00p.m. on 18th December when we will have a service of Lessons and Carols with refreshments of Mince Pies and mulled Wine afterwards.

Crib Service will be held in St. Nicholas on Christmas Eve at 3.00p.m. this is a short service to bless the Crib.

Christmas Day there will be a Sung Communion service at 10.00 a.m. when we will be joined by the Bishop Trevor Willmott who will be presiding at this service for us. We would appreciate your support at this service.

Gentlemen at breakfast held in the Dog and Bear Lenham on the last Saturday of the Month will not meet in December. Meetings will start again in January 2017.

Joan Davidson

**Ken and Eve Sweet
extend a warm welcome to**

The Kings Head Grafty Green

**A
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"Dover Bill" -
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Boughton Malherbe History

Are you still looking for Christmas present ideas, or perhaps have moved into the parish recently? Copies are still available of the Boughton Malherbe History Society's publications, '**BOUGHTON MALHERBE – A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME**', and '**MORE JOURNEYS THROUGH TIME**'.

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Weekly Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

I am a qualified British Wheel of Yoga Teacher with ten years teaching experience . I attend regular yoga events and in-service training to enhance my classes and give the benefit to the students.

Classes continue for the next 7 weeks in Grafty Green Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 9.30 £42 for the term or drop in at £8.

The next **Saturday** practice is planned for **3rd December** at 10am in Grafty Green Village Hall, this class is £7 and is open to anyone!

Each class is an hour and a half giving time to prepare and warm up the muscles for more intense stretches, and time for mindfulness, breathing technique and a deep relaxation. For more information call me on 850381

Susan Burch

Grafty Green Gardening Club – December meeting news

Grafty Green Gardening Club - December Social Evening

On December 6th the Gardening Club are holding a Social Evening. Thanks to members who have already put their name on the list to contribute food for the evening. There will be a quiz and you can bring a bottle if you want for your table. Hot drinks will be provided as usual to accompany the food!

The Committee are now in the final stages of arranging an exciting programme of events for the coming year 2017. Details of the full programme will be circulated at our January meeting following a short AGM so come along and discover what is coming up in the New Year!

Tip of the Month - You can start winter digging before Christmas, particularly on heave clay soils, so the weather can break down the soil before sprig arrives. This will make preparing seedbeds easier. Other jobs include ordering or buying manure, wrapping insulation around garden taps, treating timber with preservatives and cleaning moss and lichen from paths. It is very important to feed our allies the birds in cold weather and a shallow dish of water will keep them hydrated.

Carole Frost, Co-Secretary, Grafty Green Gardening Club (01622) 757536.

Membership Application 2017 - 20th Anniversary

Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 10	AGM and Sarah Morgan	Alpines in landscape design
Feb7	Tim Ingrams	Hellebores
March 7	Nikki Gammans	Bumblebee Conservation
April 4	Alison Marsden - and Spring Show	Front gardens – making the most of your house
May 2	Steven Edney	Salutation Garden
May 6	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 4	Sunday afternoon Garden Safari around our village	
June 9 -11	Weekend away Somerset, Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton,	
July 4	Boldshaves, Woodchurch	
August 1	TBA	
Sept 5	Tram Hatch	
Oct 3	Stephen Harmer	History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show
Nov7	Fiona Wemyss	Blue Leaf Plants
Dec 5	Meal.	

Membership fee - £5 per person

Send to Doreen Hulm (Treasurer), Lavender Cottage, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN

Cheques made payable to Grafty Green Gardening Club



Name(s)	
Address	
Telephone	E mail address:

Further details from Sue Burch on 850381 or Rosemary Smith on 850526

- ❖ Membership to the gardening club is only £5 for an action packed year
- ❖ Regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the village hall at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated £1 for members and £2 for visitors.
- ❖ The club enables members to swap plants/seeds, share ideas and improve their growing skills.
- ❖ Meetings are friendly and informal; visitors are always welcome; refreshments included.

The famous
Christmas
Quiz Night

returns to
Grafty Green
Village Hall
Saturday 3rd December
at 7.30pm

Tickets £8

(includes ploughman's-style supper)

available from the
Grafty Green Post Office Stores

Make up a team in advance - max 8 people
or join a team on the night
(Tickets must be bought in advance)

~~~~~ Pay Bar ~~~~~



The Crafty Grafty Christmas Craft Fair

4th December 2016

Grafty Green Village Hall ME17 2BA

11am – 3pm

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12pm – 2.30pm

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Santa's Grotto

Tombola's

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Hook a Duck and Splat the Rat

Festive bar and BBQ

Café with hot drinks and cakes

As well as a fantastic raffle with great prizes!

All welcome. Entry by donation.

Keith Town - Our Postie

You may not be aware but our postman Keith Town leaves us in December for a new life in Spain with his family. I am sure you will all like to express a note of thanks for his service and good wishes for the future as many of us have found him very helpful, friendly and chatty.

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

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Upcoming surgeries

Friday 11th November, 4pm-7pm, Parkwood. Friday 9th December, 4pm,
Faversham

Changing Times

The 2017 Grafty Green calendar is an impressive collection of photographs of the village as it used to be. It is not only the buildings which have changed. The way of life in our Kentish villages has altered quite dramatically in the last 50-60 years.

I was reminded of this when I heard about the recent death of **Reg Harris**. Reg used to talk to me about his many years work on David Clark's farm at Boughton Place. He recalled with pride his job as a tractor driver and his responsibility for the maintenance of the tractors. His wife, Carol, who died last year, spoke about picking strawberries in the field in Church Road which eventually became the cricket pitch. She also recalled apple picking in the village. So much has changed . The days when farmers employed large numbers of workers have gone forever.

Reg and Carol brought up their 3 children in Mill Pond Cottages and spoke happily of their years there. About 3 years ago they moved to Greatstone to be near their daughter, Janet.

Joan Drury

iCloud Storage

iCloud is a cloud storage and cloud computing service from Apple that provides its users with means to store data such as documents, photos, and music on remote servers for download to mobile devices, including the iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch (iOS), Macintosh or Windows devices, to share and send data to other users, and to manage their Apple devices if lost or stolen.



The service also provides the means to wirelessly back up mobile devices directly to iCloud, instead of being reliant on manual backups to a host Mac or Windows computer using iTunes.

To set up iCloud:

Make sure you are running the latest version of the iOS (mobile operating system). To check this go to settings and make sure there are no new updates to install or install the updates listed.

Once the update is complete follow the instructions to activate iCloud. If you skipped the setup process, go to settings, select iCloud, then enter your Apple ID.

With iCloud you will get 5GB of free storage that can be used for photos, videos, documents and app data. If you need more storage you can simply upgrade to a larger storage plan for 0.79p to 50GB.

To enable iCloud on your Windows PC, first set up your iCloud account on your iOS (mobile) device or Mac, then install iCloud for Windows. Go to <http://www.apple.com/uk/icloud/>, then select PC.

Once set up you need to Open iCloud for Windows and sign in with the Apple ID you used to create your iCloud account. Select the iCloud services you'd like to enable and click Apply. Once set up you will be able to see your documents, photos etc. and be able to download them to your PC if needed.

Enable Automatic Downloads (optional): When you enable iCloud Drive and Photos, iCloud for Windows creates new folders for those files in Windows Explorer. And when you save new files in those folders, the files will also automatically appear on your other iOS (mobile) devices.

For more information and help go to <http://www.apple.com/uk/icloud/setup/>

If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great comforting dish idea only these cold nights. Layers of pasta sheets, meat and spinach are topped with gooey, melted cheese.

Chicken & Ham Lasagne

6 boneless skinless chicken breasts	140g sliced smoked ham, cut into strips
½ medium onion, sliced	200g young spinach leaves
2 bay leaves	225g no pre-cook dried lasagne sheets (about 20 sheets)
200ml white wine	200g ready-grated mozzarella
100g butter	25g Parmesan, finely grated
100g plain flour	
500ml milk	

1. Put the chicken breasts in a medium saucepan with the onion, bay leaves and wine. Pour over just enough water to cover, around 200ml. Put a lid on top and bring to a gentle simmer. Poach gently for 15 mins or until the chicken is just cooked. Transfer the chicken to a board and strain the liquid into a jug.

2. Melt the butter in a large non-stick saucepan over a medium heat. Stir in the flour with a wooden spoon and cook for about a minute. Gradually add the milk, a little at a time, stirring well between each addition to ensure the sauce stays smooth. Once all the milk has been added, stir in the reserved cooking liquid and continue cooking for a further 2-3 mins. Adjust the seasoning to taste. Heat oven to 180C.

3. Cut the chicken into small chunks and stir into the saucepan. Add the ham and spinach and cook until the spinach has wilted. Spoon a third of the chicken mixture into the base of a 3-litre lasagne dish (about 26 x 18cm). Top with a third of the lasagne sheets. Repeat the layers twice more, ending with lasagne. Scatter the mozzarella and Parmesan on top and season with black pepper. Bake for about 25 mins or until the lasagne is tender, the topping is well browned and the filling hot.

Ulcombe School Fireworks

We just wanted to apologise to anyone who was disappointed to find out that the fireworks display had been cancelled, due to the terrible weather. We tried to let as many people know as possible, but we wanted to say sorry to anybody who we missed and made the effort to come.

Many thanks
Friends of Ulcombe School

**From the Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of Boughton
Malherbe Parish Council
Monday 7th November 2016, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; J Collins; R Galton; T King
Clerk C King

Cllr Shellina Prendergast MBC, 1 Member of the Public

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it** - No Declarations
2. **Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence**
Jenny Whittle KCC; PCSO John Boyd; Community Warden Stuart Ellesmere; Martin Round MBC; Chris Wheal KFRS; Jenny Whittle KCC;
3. **Declarations:**
Any lobbying – Cllr Turner: Mrs Savage, Hazel Hill Cottage re road name registration
Any interest in items on the Agenda – None
Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests - none
4. **Approval of Minutes** – to approve the Minutes of 5th September and 16th September 2016: having been previously circulated, both sets of Minutes were approved and signed (Minutes of 16th Sept J. Collins added as present.)
5. **Matters Arising**
 - UK Power Networks road repair – Clerk: work completed
 - Asset Acquisition – Clerk: information forwarded to Councillors
 - Apple Orchard hedge cutting – Cllr Turner: owner approached
 - Responses to NW notice in MM– Clerk/Cllr Allum: – no responses. Cllr Allum will attend the next Police/NW Forum Meeting 1st Feb, 7pm. It is hoped to encourage others to become involved.
6. **Public Session**
 - taken at 10.1
7. **Planning Outcomes since 5th September:**
16/505923 The Old Chapel Headcorn Road Grafty Green ME17 2AP. GRANTED
Construction of a single storey conservatory at the rear of the property
8. **KCC/MBC Reports**
Shellina Prendergast:
MBC – The Local Plan Hearing resumes tomorrow with Rural Service Centres. G and T allocations will be on 15th November at 2pm in the

Town Hall, Maidstone. She has spoken to some residents who are interested in going, could it be advertised? Any sustainable site is considered suitable for Gypsies in Headcorn Ward. There is no cap on numbers. Permitted development rights – she is on the Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee and this will be on the agenda for next year. Article 4 can be invoked to restrict the scope of PDRs.

KCC from Jenny Whittle re HGV signage:

On signage, I chased Michael Heath last week (this is an excerpt from a number of queries I put to him:

JENNY "When will a conclusion be reached to the request from a number of parishes in my Division to the installation of no HGV signs in specified locations, which they will fund (except the Member admin fee which I will cover)?

MH: "The site visits have been undertaken, these will be ordered in the next few days".

I (JENNY) will chase in the next week or two for an installation date. She will be asking Michael Heath to provide a breakdown of costs – hopefully no surprises!

9. Local Policing/Community

9.1 Police Report from PCSO John Boyd

Grafty Green Crime Figures 04 September – 04 November 2016

There were no crimes for this period and there was 1RTC on church road

9.2 Community Warden Report – Stuart Ellesmere

Sadly I will be unable to attend the meeting this month. I will be in the area next week as I have a couple of visits to carry out regarding the scam list that we are working through with Trading Standards that have identified vulnerable residents. I have only received two calls in the last month, one regarding property that had been found and another regarding home security advice.

I have regularly kept in contact with PCSO Boyd regarding any local matters and am willing to assist any residents if they have any problems or issues. I will arrange a time soon with PCSO Boyd to have a good visual walk around the village in the near future.

9.3 KFRS – no report

9.4 Speedwatch – one session was held 2 weeks ago. There were 14 offenders, all of whom have gone on the Police Register. Of the 14, 2 were 3rd offenders and 2 were second timers so all will have

received letters. If they do it again a call from a PCSO will be the next step.

10. Highway and Footway Matters

10.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes

-A vehicle going up Liverton Hill had crashed into Ivy House Farmhouse on Saturday last partly demolishing the porch and garden wall. The road was closed for some time. This is in the hands of the Police.

-A letter had been circulated from Sue LaPorte re issues reported on her visit. RT will follow up the drains. Liverton Hill – work will be done to stop the springs at the bottom. However, no gullies had been emptied, that's the jurisdiction of the drainage and not roads people. (All part of the Sherway).

When the Drainage Engineer comes out, it was agreed to arrange for Mike Davidson to be in attendance. The outfall of the pipe work that goes into Week's field was raised, it should go into a stream.

10.2 HGV signage – covered in Cllr Whittles report.

10.3 59 Bus - There was a meeting on 25th Sept. The KCC representative didn't turn up and a letter of complaint about this was sent to the Cabinet Member. There are no changes, the biggest problem is traffic congestion in Maidstone and this will only get worse. Will advise in advance if any changes. The next meeting is on 6th March unless anything comes up in the meantime.

11. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

Cllr Turner – KALC Meeting on 26th September in Yalding. 41 parishes from Maidstone Borough are now represented by KALC. Mark Green is new finance man in Maidstone. PSS raised - there is concern because it has now run for 3 years, (its initial 'term'), there is no further news and a revision is due. Next year LCTS under review and to be withdrawn. To be considered when we discuss the budget. Parish Charter is not being updated.

North Kent consortium – Boughton Malherbe and the rural parishes have nothing in common with those areas. Fran Wilson has no mandate – a cabinet system now operates. RT write to Alison Broom, cc Shellina Prendergast.

Action Cllr Turner

26th October - Police Forum Meeting – warning issued about the MS15 Gang -youngsters terrorising Staplehurst and other areas. NW – scams in the villages targeting the elderly. 100 new PCSOs to be enrolled, giving an eventual total of 300 in the County.

12. Finance

12.1 To note the Balance at the Bank: Nat West £26,292.48
Santander £500.00

12.2 Income since the last meeting (Not on Bank Stmt):
Parish Services Scheme 2nd half £496.50
From Boughton Malherbe History Society from sale of books
£1,500.00

(Item 15, Minutes 11th November 2014, relates)

12.3 Bank Reconciliation – seen and signed by Cllr Collins

12.4 Any cheques to sign - none

12.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting – none

A Finance Meeting is needed. It was decided that Cllr Allum be co-opted to the Committee at the meeting in Cllr Galton's absence.

Date to be decided next month.

13. Correspondence

- Police Survey – it was decided that Cllr King would complete and submit the survey
- Clerk and Councils Direct
- Kent Voice
- Wickstead Playgrounds

14. Parishioner request for Street name registration

After discussion, Councillors concluded that they are happy for Mrs Savage to pursue the registration of Coach Road. The Clerk to write to Mrs Savage and cc Susan Francis MBC **Action Clerk**

Cllr Galton proposed no objection to registration of Coach Road from Egerton Parish Boundary into Boughton Malherbe Parish, Cllr Collins seconded, unanimous approval.

15. Authorise purchase of new litter bin at the Church

The Clerk out pictures of bin examples. It was resolved to purchase the Circular Slatted Litter Bin – 56 litre capacity at a cost of £144.99 (excluding VAT and delivery) from the Bin Shop.

Proposed purchase Cllr Collins; seconded Cllr Allum, unanimous approval. **Action Clerk**

16. Parish Clerk Vacancy – It was decided to advertise the vacancy in January and February's Malherbe Monthly with an Applications due date of 28th February. The Clerk to compose advert and circulate to Cllrs.

Action Clerk

17. Community Assets – deferred to a future meeting.

18. Further Information

- Road closures:

(i) – Boughton Road, Sandway 14th November, 3 days. Diversion along 'Chain Gate Road' – the Clerk has written to Sue LaPorte and asked for diversion route (which is via 'Chain Gate Road') to be amended.

(ii) Coldbridge Lane, Grafty Green – from 25 November 2016 for up to 4 days

Both closures are to enable carriageway works to be carried out by KCC Highways.

- Cllr Collins informed Council that the Gully outside the Homestead is being cleared this month.

- Clerk handed out the new Parish Council Website Tracker information for the past month.

- Planning Training for MBC Members and Parish Councils: Landscape, open space, ecology and heritage 22 November 2016, 6 p.m. The Council Chamber, Maidstone Town Hall – No Councillors wish to attend.

- The Kent Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England Annual General Meeting and Lunch Friday 18th November 2016 Lunch 12.30pm, AGM 2.00pm at Lenham Community Centre, - No Councillors wish to attend.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 9th January 2017**, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

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Ulcombe School Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December

Come and meet Father Christmas and his sleigh and join him on a torch lit procession through Ulcombe Village!



Father Christmas and his sleigh will be coming down Ulcombe Hill and arriving in the Village Hall car park at approximately 5.45pm. Here you will be able to purchase various glow sticks to accompany Father Christmas back through the village to open Ulcombe School Christmas Fayre at 6pm.

At the School Fayre you will find:

- Homemade Christmas wreaths
- Burgers, hot dogs and other refreshments.
- Games
- Craft stalls
- Chocolate tombola
- Face painting



... and much more!

December Music notes

December is a month just full of music. Christmas concerts galore, and carol services in every parish. I list just some of the concerts, but do look around because I cannot include them all and there may well be something local to you that I have missed. Carol services are rightly very popular, so please search elsewhere in this magazine to find details of your local carol service.

Here is my list:

- Saturday 3rd December, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone ME15 7RN, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Schumann's Symphony No3 and Bruch's violin concerto No1 played by brilliant New Zealand virtuoso Benjamin Baker. Tickets 07817 429143 or on the door.
- Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's concert is "Christmas around the world", with carols from various countries plus popular seasonal songs. Tickets 01622 726193
- Tuesday & Wednesday, 13th & 14th December 7.30pm at St Martins Church Northumberland Avenue Maidstone ,ME15 7LP, Maidstone Singers have their Christmas Concert of carols. Tickets at the door include light refreshments.
- Saturday 17th December, 6.00pm at Sutton Valence School Chapel, ME17 3HL, Sutton Valence Choral Society present their Christmas concert. – with mince pies to follow. Tickets 012622 861313
- Also on 17th December, Bearsted Choral Society's Christmas concert is 7.30pm at St Peter's Catholic Church, Button Lane, Bearsted, ME15 8NJ. Tickets 01634 362023..

On TV of course it has to be Carols from Kings, on BBC2 on Christmas Eve (time to be confirmed – check your newspaper). It will be broadcast at 2.00pm on Christmas day on BBC Radio 3.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 9th January 2016 at 19.30.**

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bank	Beer	Blue	Bottle
2	Dispatch	Joy	Out	
3	Fly	Lifter	Paper	
4	Pudding	River	Wash	
5	Back	Beer	Excluder	
6	Ape	Aunt	Divide	
7	Band	Pipe	Still	
8	Drop	Goose	Plough	
9	Black	Lion	Salt	
10	Cold	Roast	Talk	
11	Book	Form	Postal	
12	Frog	Hare	Slow	
13	Berry	Brother	Church	
14	Mask	Tank	Tent	
15	Age	Credit	Speed	
16	Boat	Haul	Suffering	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	____ Barrymore, Child actress in E.T. and later in Scream
2	Edward _____, PM between Harold Wilson's terms
3	_____ Jonsson, Shooting Stars team captain
4	Bill _____, Veteran TV bird expert
5	_____ Wise, Late TV comic
6	Lord _____, Peer who vanished in 1974
7	Joyce _____, Late English comedienne famous for her monologues
8	Ayrton _____, Late Formula One champion driver who won it 3 times
9	_____ City, Enclave in Rome where the Pope resides
10	Oscar _____, Victorian author of The Importance of Being Earnest



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Christian Message December 2016

The Bethlehem Carol Sheet is familiar to all who attend carol services in the Len Valley churches. It is published by *EMBRACE The Middle East* which was formerly known as Bible Lands.

EMBRACE focuses on needs in the Middle East using donated funds to support Christian communities thus enabling them to bring about positive change for many needy people.

Here are a few examples of the projects which are benefitting from *EMBRACE* funding.

The plight of Gaza (which is mentioned 22 times in the Bible) is well known. Gaza is roughly the size of the Isle of Wight. Two years ago over 2000 Palestinians were killed in the 7 week war. Tens of thousands of houses were wholly or partially destroyed. There was also severe damage to hospitals and schools.

Al Ahli hospital's clinic uses *EMBRACE* funding to provide medical care. One patient is Kalila who lives with her husband, 8 children and 17 other people in a single shipping container. In summer it is too hot and in winter too cold. Lack of sanitation results in diarrhoea and viruses which rage through the household frequently. There is no money for medicines. Al Ahli's medical mission provides a bus from the surrounding villages to Gaza city so that no one is prevented from getting help through lack of transport.

Several of the most popular Christmas carols refer to Jesus' humble birth. Life is no easier for babies born in Gaza now than it was for him. Helped by *EMBRACE* the Near East Council of Churches is able to provide Well-Baby clinics. These are a life line for the youngest members of society offering vaccinations, medical treatment and nutritional support to ensure their healthy development.

Limited space precludes details of work with abused women in Egypt and the distribution of blankets to Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Their publicity describes the work of this profoundly Christian organisation.

A popular carol reminds us of the 'woes of sin and strife' which surround us today. It goes on to refer to the song of the angels: 'and man at war with man hears not the love song which they bring.'

Let's pray this Christmas that our troubled world will hear the song of the angels and let's give thanks for the loving work of so many of Christ's followers.

Let's also come together at Christmas services and encourage each other as we sing the familiar carols which remind us of the glorious good news of the birth of Jesus, God's son, the Prince of Peace.

Happy Christmas to all our readers.

Joan Drury

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – **December 2016**

**Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th
December**

Christmas Tree Festival at Harrietsham
Church concluding with a Christingle
Service on Sunday at 3.30pm

Sunday 4th December

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy
Communion (Prayer Book)
11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
3.30 pm Harrietsham: Christingle
Service (GIFT family worship)

Wednesday 7th December

9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion
6.30 pm Harrietsham: Christmas
Celebration. Those with learning
disabilities, their carers, friends and
families are especially welcome.

Sunday 11th December

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Prayer Book)
9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion
11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe:
Evensong

Thursday 15th December

7.00 pm Ulcombe: Carol Service

Saturday 17th December

4.00 pm Harrietsham Church: Messy
Church

Sunday 18th December

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
9.30 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship
11.00 am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
3.00 pm Boughton Malherbe: Carol
Service
5.00 pm Lenham: Carol Service
6.30 pm Harrietsham: Carol Service

Wednesday 21st December

10.30am Holy Communion:
Chippendale Lodge

**Christmas Eve: Saturday 24th
December**

3.00 pm Boughton Malherbe: Crib
Service
3.00 pm Lenham: Crib Service
4.00 pm Ulcombe: Crib Service
5.00 pm Harrietsham: Crib Service
11.15 pm Harrietsham: Midnight
Communion
11.15 pm Lenham: Midnight Communion

**Christmas Day: Sunday 25th
December**

10.00 am Lenham: Christmas
Celebration followed by Holy
Communion with Bishop Trevor Willmott
10.00 am Boughton Malherbe: Family
Communion with Bishop Trevor Willmott
10.00 am Harrietsham: Christmas
Celebration
10.00 am Ulcombe: Family Communion

Sunday 1st January

10.00 am at St. John the Baptist,
Harrietsham: Joint Len Valley Churches
Service: Holy Communion

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bank	Beer	Blue	Bottle
2	Dispatch	Joy	Out	Rider
3	Fly	Lifter	Paper	Weight
4	Pudding	River	Wash	Basin
5	Back	Beer	Excluder	Draught
6	Ape	Aunt	Divide	Great
7	Band	Pipe	Sill	Stand
8	Drop	Goose	Plough	Snow
9	Black	Lion	Salt	Sea
10	Cold	Roast	Talk	Turkey
11	Book	Form	Postal	Order
12	Frog	Hare	Slow	March
13	Berry	Brother	Church	Elder
14	Mask	Tank	Tent	Oxygen
15	Age	Credit	Speed	Limit
16	Boat	Haul	Suffering	Long

	Find the missing word?
1	Drew Barrymore , Child actress in E.T. and later in Scream
2	Edward Heath , PM between Harold Wilson's terms
3	Ulrika Jonsson , Shooting Stars team captain
4	Bill Oddie , Veteran TV bird expert
5	Ernie Wise , Late TV comic
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