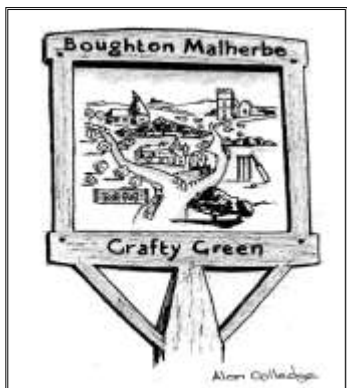


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**Front cover:** Parish Council Chairman Robert Turner and KFRS Volunteer Chris Wheal hydrant-clearing on Liverton Hill. Picture courtesy of Chris King

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

**Silent Auction for the Pews:** The Silent Auction attracted just three bids and the envelopes were opened on Sunday morning after the Family Service. The lucky person with the highest bid for the 3 seater pew was Karen Birk. We still have the larger pew but there is one person who might still be interested in it.

**The Cream Teas** are due to start on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. We are hoping for some much needed sunshine. As I sit and write this for the June issue of Malherbe Monthly News, it is dull and cold - surely the weather can't go on being like this for much longer. We hope to see all our old friends and new ones too.

We now have a new loo and a kitchen. Storage cupboards have been fitted in the area at the bottom of the tower, so you must come along and see all the improvements we have made. Freshly made scones and homemade jams with butter and cream will be served with a pot of tea or coffee. Make an entry in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

We are a little short of people to help when one of the team needs to have a Sunday off. If you can see your way to helping out at such a time, we would be very grateful. Please get in touch with Sylvia on 01622 858919 or Joan on 01622 850210 - many thanks.

**Morning Prayers** will be said on alternate Tuesdays at St. Nicholas and All Saints Ulcombe at 9.30a.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June at St. Nicholas and 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at Ulcombe.

**The Village Coffee Morning** will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall at Grafty Green from 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. Coffee will be served with homemade cheese scones and cakes. There is no charge but we would be happy to receive a donation if you would like to make one. This money will be given to charity at the end of the year.

**Joan Davidson**

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

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to end of July 2013.

#### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June                      15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

#### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June                      14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

#### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June                      09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

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

## **The Kings Head Grafty Green**

**A  
16th Century  
Coaching Inn  
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"Dover Bill" -  
the Highwayman!**



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**Children's Room      Beer Garden**

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## Grafty Green Village Hall News

A fine carved oak 'Village Hall' sign (pictured on the front cover of this magazine last month, whilst still in the workshop) is now proudly set above the Hall door and looks wonderful. The existing outside light partially obscures it at present, but this will soon be replaced with something more appropriate. The sign was the idea of Pat & Keith Anderson, who raised all the funding for it, partly from their own resources, and we are truly grateful for their efforts and their generosity.

We are also extremely grateful to the late Henry Town, who has left a generous bequest to the village (to be shared between The Church, Parish Council and Village Hall). The Hall Management Committee have agreed that the share we have received should be reserved for some special project and not put towards everyday spending. This means that our fund-raising events will necessarily continue but also means that, when that 'big idea' strikes us, we will have the money to make it happen – and we will be reminded of Henry's great kindness.

Talking of 'events', by the time you read this we will have had our first professional comedy evening in the Hall. I predict it went wonderfully well! If I'm right, more will follow. In terms of events, we are taking a break for the summer but will be back with a bang at the end of August with an outdoor family fun day we are calling "Grafty does the Olympics – decathlon". Ten silly events that haven't yet made the official Olympics!

This will take place on Saturday 31 August from 4.00pm with an Awards Ceremony at The Kings Head from 6.30pm, where there will also be a barbeque and disco. All events are team events and we need as many people as possible to come forward in teams of four to compete. The most strenuous thing involved will be forking out the £2.50 per person we're asking of all competitors!

Of course, we will also need our 'Games Makers' – the volunteers who will direct the crowds and help run the events. If you would like to be involved in either capacity, please contact Carol Hulm on 853583 or email [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com).

Do join us for an afternoon of fun and frolics - a day for all the family.

*Richard Pilborough*

Hall Committee Chairman

(tel: 850484 or email: [pilborough@graffty.plus.com](mailto:pilborough@graffty.plus.com))

## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2013 Programme

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>
January 8th	AGM – Adrian Hutchinson	Alpine plants
February 5th	Steve Harmer	History of gardening
March 5th	Rob Masters	Adventures on the allotment!
April 2nd	Spring show and George Pearson	Madagascar
May 7th	Old Farm Otterden, Near Faversham	Outing
May 10th – 13th	Weekend away Malvern Spring Show	
<b>June 2nd (Sunday)</b>	<b>Old Bladbean Stud, Near Elham, Canterbury</b>	<b>Outing</b>
July 2nd	Michael and Gill Bushell, Garden House, Surrenden	Outing
August		Outing
Sept 2nd	Autumn Show Peter Kirby	My lost Kent
Oct 1st	Produce, jams chutney evening	Bring and Buy/swapping
Nov 5th	Sue Marshall	Love affair with Irises
Dec 3rd	Social and quiz	

Our club outing is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to the Old Bladbean Stud Gardens who will be hosting an NGS open day. Admission is £5.50. Visitors are advised to approach the garden from Stone Street/Stelling Minnis direction and to leave via Elham/Barham to assist traffic flow through the narrow lanes. Satnav will bring you to the right place, otherwise drive east through Stelling Minnis, turn right into Bossingham Road, then follow the NGS signs. The postcode is CT4 6NA. Bladbean regret that they cannot accommodate wheelchairs due to the narrow paths. There are plant sales and tea!

For information about any of our events please call Sue Burch on 850381 or Rosemary Smith 850526 or Carole Frost 757536 for information on the weekend away trip.

### Curry & Quiz Night

June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm

Kings Head Grafty Green

Please phone 850259 to book your table

## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only See Note 1			
	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street	1230	....	1610	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	....	1612	1747
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	....	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	....	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	....	1627	1802
Cornwallis Academy	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	....	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1509	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1512	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1515	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1523	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1525	....	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1530	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	....	1703	1838
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	1535	....	....
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	....	1544	....	....
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	....	1549	....	....

## Saturdays

59			
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	....	....	....
and	1303	1547	1817
Langley	1306	1550	1820
....	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	....	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	....	1841
0928	1334	....	1848
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## Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only See Note 1			
	59	59	66	59
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	....	....	0731	....
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	....	....	0736	....
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	....	0745	....
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	....	0930 1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0717	0729	0750	0937 1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942 1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944 1339
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950 1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953 1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956 1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0958 1356
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003 1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006 1401
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012 1407
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020 1415
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	....	....	....
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826	....	....	....

## Saturdays

59			
0733	0930	1336	....
0740	0937	1343	....
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	via
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
....	....	....	Sutton
0807	1004	1410	Road
0811	1008	1414	....
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
....	....	....	....
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## **News from Ulcombe Village School**

May has, as usual seen a variety of events, including sporting activities and assessments. Whilst the weather has not always been what we might expect of early summer, we have spent a good deal of time looking for signs of spring and new growth. Indeed Barn Owls have been investigating local farm and woodland to see just what does live in our local area.

### **Testing Times?**

Many of you will have heard in the local and national media that changes have been made to the way children are tested at the end of Key Stage 2. The new test in English for all Year 6 children (10 and 11 year olds), introduced for this year, was on punctuation and grammar. The thinking now is that children should be assessed through testing their ability to use the rules for writing. In the past, there has been emphasis on the structure of children's writing and their ability to write for a purpose. Teachers' assessments of children's ability to compose and structure their work will be more appropriate than the formal tests.

As ever with these National Tests (formerly known as SATs) in Maths, Mental Maths, Reading, Spelling, and, now, Punctuation and Grammar, are sent off to be marked. We and, of course, the children in Year 6, will be eagerly awaiting their results in mid-July. In the meantime, most other year groups have completed, or will soon complete, formal assessment activities to support teachers in making their own judgements.

### **Sporting Times?**

On a sporting front, cricket has been very much to the fore for Key Stage 2. All of the children in Years 3-6 have enjoyed sessions with Phil Pass and Tash Newman as part of the Chance 2 Shine programme. A team of eight budding Bothams headed over to Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Club on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and took part in a Kwik Cricket Festival. Although we were not successful this year, the children certainly enjoyed the chance to play against other school teams. For the girls in Tawny Owls the opportunity has come up to meet some of the England Women's Team. Three international cricketers attended the Girls' Kwik Cricket Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, which was a unique chance for the girls to meet sportspeople at the top of their game.

During the last week of term some of the children spent time thinking about the Queen's Coronation which took place sixty years ago. The children thought about how it might be to step back in time and to have been there at this wonderful occasion, as well as celebrating the enormous contribution of Queen Elizabeth II to British life during her reign.

The end of Term 5 was on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, when we all came in looking our very best for our school photographs. We look forward to seeing the finished product early in June.

### **Supermarket Tokens Needed**

Have you got any Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers waiting to be handed in to a school or club? If you, or any of your friends and family, have any tokens that you can bring in we would be delighted to receive them. We have benefited in all sorts of ways previously, from our school football kit to athletics equipment. These schemes continue to be of great benefit to us, so thank you very much to all of you who have sent in tokens from the various supermarket schemes in the past. At this moment we are still unaware of Tesco's Plans for its 2013 scheme. We will pass on as much information as we can as soon as we have it.



### **Looking Ahead**

All of you, our friends from the local community, are warmly invited to our next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm. Please note this is a change of date from previously advertised.

The older children will wait at the tables during the meal, and it will be followed by the children showing off various pieces of work and celebrating everything fathers, grandfathers, uncles, etc do to help us following on from Father's Day on the previous Sunday. This will cost £4.50, which includes a small donation to the school. If you would like to book your seat please contact the School Office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Friends of Ulcombe School**

The FUS Office Bearers have changed recently. We must take this opportunity to thank Mrs Arundel for all of her work as Chair of FUS. Her efforts before, during and after events have certainly made a huge contribution to the success of our PTFA. Our thanks go to Mrs Tew, who has volunteered to move from Vice Chair to Chair and carry on the great work of the committee, parents and friends.

May has seen those of you with green fingers getting busy in your gardens. Our thanks go to everyone who purchased plants through the FUS scheme with C. D. Bell. The plants seem to be of a very high quality each time FUS run this scheme, so hopefully they will add extra colour to gardens throughout the village and beyond.

Moving on through the summer, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June is our Sports Day and Summer Fayre. This year we again plan to run our Sports Day from 11am, with the Summer Fayre following immediately afterwards. As ever, the closely fought races between the children (and adults!) will be followed by our Fayre, which always has a wonderful array of activities, refreshments and stalls. There a variety of prizes in the Summer Raffle so look out for tickets soon. Feel free to contact one of us if you would like to know more.

Phil The Bank remains ever popular and has passed £1,000 in terms of money raised for FUS. Thank you to every single one of you who has helped by recycling old clothes, curtains, shoes, handbags and more. We have noticed several spring cleans boosting this recently. If you do get to the bank and it is full, please pop in and let us know in case we have not noticed already.

As ever, if you have any questions, or if you would like to offer your time to help in some way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school. We hope to see you at one of the forthcoming events.

Best wishes,

**Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.***

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Sandler, US actor in Happy Gilmore
2	The _____ Line, Sit Com with Rowan Atkinson
3	Stan _____, Comedy partner of Oliver Hardy
4	_____ Antiques, Victoria Wood spoof
5	_____ Dors, British Actress in Queens Castle
6	Paul _____, TV host who made his name as Lily Savage
7	_____ Reeves, Bob Mortimer's shooting stars co-host
8	Peter _____, Bolton's joker behind Britain's Got Pop Factor
9	_____ Redman, who played At Home with the Braithwaites
10	Paul _____, A neighbour in The Good Life

## What Wikipedia says about 'networking'

Business networking is a socioeconomic activity by which groups of like-minded business people recognise, create, or act upon business opportunities. A business network is a type of social network whose reason for existing is business activity. There are several prominent business networking organisations that create models of networking activity that, when followed, allow the business person to build new business relationships and generate business opportunities at the same time. A professional network service is an implementation of information technology in support of business networking. Many business people contend business networking is a more cost-effective method of generating new business than advertising or public relations efforts. This is because business networking is a low-cost activity that involves more personal commitment than company money.

As an example, a business network may agree to meet weekly or monthly with the purpose of exchanging business leads and referrals with fellow members. To complement this activity, members often meet outside this circle, on their own time, and build their own one-to-one relationship with the fellow member. Business networking can be conducted in a local business community, or on a larger scale via the Internet.

Lenham Valley Business Association has been running since early in 2009, meetings are monthly. Twice a year LVBA meets with South Maidstone Business Association (SMBA). Value for money is outstanding - see the 'Benefits' page on the website ([www.lenhambusiness.co.uk](http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk)), along with online registration for meetings and online application for membership - everything you need to know is on the site.

**Alan Reading, Chairman  
Lenham Valley Business Association**

## Yoga Classes Grafty Green Village Hall

Do you feel that you are being stretched in too many different directions? The family need you, your colleagues at work need you; your friends need you, the chores around the home are mounting up and you end up feeling frayed at the edges. When you experience a yoga practice you begin to experience the rejuvenation effect, shedding the stress and gaining energy and you are then able, somehow, to do more! This all happens in Grafty Green Village Hall.

If you would like to try a practice I am happy for you to dip in, maybe occasionally when the need arises (recharge the batteries); I am flexible in more ways than just physically!

Classes are on *Wednesday evening* 7 - 8.30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> June – 24<sup>th</sup> July and on *Thursday morning* 9.30 – 11 am 6<sup>th</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> July

If you have an inclination to experience just meditation sessions I am happy to take appointments – Sue Burch 850381. For further details, other classes and events see my web [www.yogawithsusan.co.uk](http://www.yogawithsusan.co.uk)

Sue Burch, (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 26 years' experience) contact 850381, [grafftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:grafftyyoga@gmail.com).



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**June's band - Chillibillies**

**Fathers day June the 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Music on bank holiday Sundays starting at 5**

**May the 5<sup>th</sup> almost unplugged**

**May the 26<sup>th</sup> guilty secrets**

*The White Horse, Lenham Heath Road, Sandway*

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## **Neighbourhood Plan for Boughton Malherbe/Grafty Green**

I've written several pieces for Malherbe Monthly to keep you up to date regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, what it is and how it could benefit us in Grafty Green/Boughton Malherbe. The Neighbourhood Plan group is, so far, made up of 6 people who have been searching through the masses of stuff written about the plan and attending a variety of talks. The last meeting I attended was Harrietsham's Annual Parish Council Meeting to see the presentation about their plan, which is soon to be ratified by MBC. There is a lot of information on their website.

Key points from all of these talks are that the Neighbourhood Plan is vital even to small parishes like ours; it is about regeneration and conservation, and not just development; all parishes have the right to create a plan, so it is not a lightweight idea, but a serious bit of legislation that gives a lot of power to parishes. There is even a financial incentive to have an accepted Neighbourhood Plan.

Although very much a Community Project, in order to proceed, the approval of the Parish Council is necessary. I'm pleased to be able to say that, at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the Parish Council voted in favour of supporting the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Boughton Malherbe. The next step is for all interested people to get together with the current group and plan the way forward. The more people we have involved the easier the project will be, so have a think and see what you may have to offer - interest, time and commitment are the most important, though if there is anybody with planning knowledge or project management skills that would also be very useful.

Next month will be further details and a meeting date.

**Tony King**

### **Platts Heath Summer Fair - Yee Hah! Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 1pm - 4pm**

This year our fair has a Western theme, why not come along and have a go at the Tin Can Alley, Enjoy the stocks, share a burger at our Grill bar, take a chance in the Casino Rooms or visit our Beauty Saloon. There is a chance to win some amazing prizes in our Raffle or visit the Golden Nugget cafe for some delicious home made cakes.

There will be entertainment in the form of " **Platts Heaths Got Talent**" where our pupils will show off their showbiz skills. Mandy Ellen Performing Arts School are putting on a spectacular display. There is something for everyone.

We can't wait and look forward to seeing you there - Yee hah.



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5	Big	Gun	Put	
6	Broad	Couch	Fly	
7	Cutting	Knife	Ways	
8	Killer	Number	Television	
9	Mirror	Self	Spitting	
10	Godmother	Tale	Tooth	
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## **Grafty Gourmet**

This is a great but simple Summer recipe. All that we need to go with it, is a 'Summer'. It is great served with New Potatoes and Asparagus. Be sure to use fresh Dill in the sauce, as this really makes a difference.

### **Salmon Parcels with Dill Sauce**

For 2 Servings

#### **Salmon Parcels**

2 x 4-5oz salmon fillets  
4 x sheets filo pastry  
1 oz butter  
Zest and juice of 1 lime  
1 tsp grated ginger  
1 spring onion (finely chopped)  
1 clove garlic (pressed)  
1 Tbsp fresh coriander (finely chopped)  
Salt and pepper

#### **Dill Sauce**

2 shallots, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup white wine  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill  
1 cup crème fraîche  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
salt and pepper

1. For the Dill sauce, melt the butter on low heat in a small sauce pan. Add the shallots and cook, stirring frequently, for five minutes. Be sure not to brown the shallots, otherwise they will turn hard and bitter. Pour in the wine and add half of the chopped dill. Turn up the heat to medium and boil the liquid until reduced to about half. Take off the heat and stir in the crème fraîche and mustard. Warm through just before serving and season to taste with salt and pepper. and stir in the remaining dill.
2. For the Salmon Parcels, mix together lime zest and juice, garlic, spring onion, ginger and coriander.
3. Melt the butter on a slow heat in a pan. Lay out 1 sheet of filo pastry, and brush with the melted butter. Lay second sheet on top, brush with more butter. Lay a salmon fillet about 2-3 inches from short side of pastry, season with a pinch of salt and pepper and put half of lime mixture on top.
4. Fold short end of pastry over salmon, then fold in the 2 long sides. Fold the salmon over twice more, (3 times in total), and cut off any remaining pastry. Do the same with the other fillet.
5. Put the parcels on a well-greased baking sheet, and just before baking brush with the remaining butter. Cook at about 170 degrees for 20-25 mins, until brown and crispy.

## The June Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Taurus at beginning of June, and moves into Gemini on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The **Summer Solstice** occurs on 21<sup>st</sup> June, which is the longest day. After this date the days will start getting shorter! (Where's our summer?)

**New Moon** occurs on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. **Full Moon** is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June when in Libra.

Whilst still on the subject of the Moon, the so-called "**Supermoon**" occurs on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This is an annual event, when the Moon's elliptical orbit brings it closest to the earth, at the same time as full moon.

**Mercury** rises in the northeast at sunrise in the constellation of Gemini, so again we will not be able to see it in the twilight.

**Venus** also rises in the northeast at sunrise in Gemini, and sets just after sunset still in the constellation of Gemini, so again will not be visible this month.

**Mars** is rising in the northeast at sunrise in Taurus, so will also not be visible this month.

Jupiter **cannot be seen this month as it rises and sets with the Sun.**

**Saturn** is rising in the southeast in the early evening, near the constellations of Virgo, and is low in the southern sky before setting in the early hours in the west. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

**Meteor Showers:** The next meteor shower is the "**Perseid**" which starts in late July and early August.

I would like to draw your attention to an exhibition being held at the National Maritime Museum in at Greenwich starting early this month. It is called **Visions of the Universe**, and its aim is to show how astronomical imaging has changed our understanding of our place in the vastness of space. The centrepiece is a 43ft long wall on to which the latest images from Nasa's rover Curiosity will be beamed back from Mars. There will also be pictures of Jupiter's moons taken by the Galileo spacecraft, together with images of the Orion Nebula and the Crab Nebula taken by the Hubble telescope. The exhibition runs from 7<sup>th</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**John Maunder**

## **Lenham Swimming Club**

It is with great regret that the swimming pool at Swadelands School will be unable to open to the public again this summer and this will be the third year in a row. The pool has served residents of Lenham and the surrounding villages for many years.

Health and Safety in Swimming Pools requirements now specify that open swimming sessions must be supervised by a fully qualified pool lifeguard.

In order to continue operating next year (2014), we would need a number of individuals to come forward and be willing and able to undertake the Royal Life Saving Society Emergency Response (Pool) qualification and commit to a voluntary session at the Lenham pool one evening or a Saturday/Sunday per week during June, July and August. The qualification is a two-day course. There may be the opportunity to undertake the full pool lifeguard qualification (5 day course). We also need helpers to be on the front desk to help take payments for swims and run the tuck shop.

We would like to thank those who previously expressed an interest in becoming involved. We still have your details and will making contact shortly (if you are able to update us with an e-mail address, we would be grateful). Unfortunately, the last appeal did not attract the minimum number of individuals needed to keep the club operating; hence our second attempt. At least ten lifeguards will be needed in addition to a similar number of helpers for the front desk.

Lenham Swimming Club opened every summer between 1977 and 2010 and will be a huge loss to the community if we are unable to continue operating. We have a very loyal but small team of volunteers who have given many hours of their time over the past 36 years. However, changes in health and safety legislation mean that formal qualifications are now also required.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to undertake the qualification but there is no upper age limit. This could potentially create an ideal career opportunity and would be fully funded.

This is a final attempt to engage some volunteers. Aiming to re-open in 2014 will allow us time to put any volunteers through the lifeguard training course and mean that there would be a range of training dates for individuals to choose from in an attempt to accommodate volunteers' availability.

If you would be interested in finding out more about the Royal Life Saving Society qualifications and how you may be able to help save the club, please contact me on 01622 859174 / 07981125593 or email me on [chris@cjhtraining.freemove.co.uk](mailto:chris@cjhtraining.freemove.co.uk) for more information. Thank you.

**Chris Hills**  
**Chairman**



## Ulcombe Pre-School

**General news:** The children have been making the most of the improved weather this month and have spent a lot of their time playing in the garden. They have been busy planting flower, peppers and strawberries in the enclosed garden and going for nature walks on the larger field. When the weather has not been so kind they had great fun building giant towers and dens out of large cardboard boxes and making a variety of creations when completing 'junk modelling'. Unfortunately our safety talk from the fire brigade had to be postponed as they were called to an emergency; however we look forward to seeing them in July.

**Spaces at the Pre-School:** We currently have spaces available for children over the age of 2. If your child is already 3 then pre-school is free and there is some funding available for 2 year olds. (Conditions apply please contact Melissa Dallamore on [committeeups@hotmail.com](mailto:committeeups@hotmail.com) or Corinne Giles on 07940225341 for more details)

**Toddler Morning:** There is a toddler morning every Tuesday 9.30am- 11.30am held at the Pre-School in Ulcombe Village Hall. Please bring along your little one for a play and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat yourself. We hope to see you soon!

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## Christian message June 2013

Rush rush rush. Sometimes it seems that I rush from one thing to the next; from services to visiting, to sermon preparation, to committee meeting, to school assembly, to choosing hymns, to emailing our children, to writing the Christian Message! I am sure that all our lives are often like this, rushing along with barely time to stop, take stock, think and reflect. And if you are a parent of school-age or younger children, it's at least twice as frantic!

In his well-loved poem, W. H. Davies reminds us that there is more to life than our rushing to and fro:

"What is this life, if full of care we have no time to stand and stare?

No time to see, in broad daylight, streams full of stars, like skies at night."

*- W. H. Davies*

Our lives – though so full – become diminished if we don't make the time to stop, look, think and reflect. We become so centred on fulfilling the needs of those around us, or accumulating money, status & stuff, that we forget the importance of quiet.

One of the easiest ways to pray is just to stop, look at what's around and simply thank God for what you see.

Jesus said this:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out ...? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

*- Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message translation)*

It's June. Perhaps the sun will shine. Whatever the weather, take a pause, look around you and thank God for everything. And then pray for the needs of the people and situations you're aware of. Get away with Jesus for at least a few minutes each day, "learning the unforced rhythms of grace" and see what a difference he makes.

**Rev Dick Venn**  
**June 2013**

## **Music Notes, June 2013**

No long pre-amble to fill up the space this month – plenty of good concerts in June that are within reach:

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm at St. Mary & All Saints' Church Boxley, the Canterbury Cathedral Choristers lead the Boxley Summer concert. "A superb evening of sublime entertainment". Tickets 01622 758638
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – Maidstone Choral Union together with members of Faversham Choral Society, supported by the MCU orchestra, perform the ever popular Verdi *Requiem*. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at St. George's church, Gravesend – Gravesham Choral Society's summer concert comprises a selection of shorter works by Finzi, Sterndale-Bennet, Gibbons and Pergolesi, plus Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Tickets 01474 816 684.
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence school – Sutton Valence Choral Society's summer concert is also a "blend of choral favourites". Tickets 01622 755600.

My radio recommendation of the month is the Radio 3 broadcast on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm of the Cardiff Singer of the World competition . The final will be shown on TV on BBC4 – time & date unpublished as we go to print.

**Brian Hardy**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
09.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion  
11.00am Lenham Morning Worship  
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion  
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

**16<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship  
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
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8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
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**30<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
10.00am Boughton Benefice Praise Service with Holy Communion  
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

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**The Ulcombe Friendship Club** is organising a Cream Tea Event in Ulcombe Village Hall on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Cream teas (£2.50) may be ordered beforehand from Meg Cannings on 842831 or on the door. There will be a variety of stalls and a raffle.

**Citizens Advice Bureau Headcorn** has sessions in Headcorn Library on the first Tuesday of the month between 1.15 pm and 3.15 pm. No appointments are necessary.

**Messy Church:** Lenham Primary School will be the venue for the next Messy Church on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. This is an event for the whole family ending in a sit down tea.

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Hall	Line	Answer
1	General	Eye	In	Assembly
2	Detective	After	Taste	Private
3	Curial	Key	Good	Ring
4	Big	Gun	Road	Shot
5	Broad	Couch	Put	Castig
6	Cutting	Knife	Fly	Edge
7	Killer	Number	Ways	Serial
8	Mirror	Self	Television	Image
9	Godmother	Tale	Spitting	Fairy
10	Bomb	Crow	Tooth	Scare
11	Eye	Fibre	Tactics	Class
12	Hill	Water	Hour	Ant
13	Account	Bank	Red	Deposit
14	Fire	Hatch	Safe	Escape
15	Ball	Bugby	Narrow	Beach
16			Miami	

	Find the missing word?
1	Adam Sandler, US actor in Happy Gilmore
2	The Thin Blue Line, Sit Com with Rowan Atkinson
3	Stan Laurel, Comedy partner of Oliver Hardy
4	Acorn Antiques, Victoria Wood spoof
5	Diana Dors, British Actress in Queens Castle
6	Paul O'Grady, TV host who made his name as Lily Savage
7	Vic Reeves, Bob Mortimer's shooting stars co-host
8	Peter Kay, Bolton's joker behind Britain's Got Pop Factor
9	Amanda Redman, who played Al Home with the Bratwaits
10	Paul Eddington, A neighbour in The Good Life



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