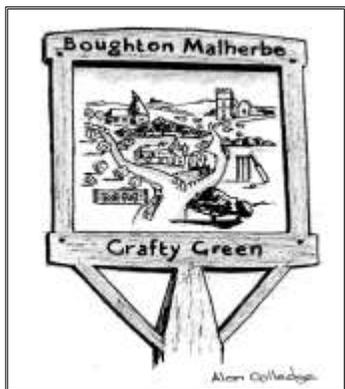


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Anything for the **January** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th December**

Front cover: The editors daughter Charlotte and her husband Chris signing the register at Frasers Coldharbour Farm Egerton on their wedding day 15th November

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers through December will be at 9.30am at St. Nicholas on Tuesday 2nd and 16th, (at All Saints, Ulcombe at 9.30am on 9th and 23rd). Everyone is welcome. Prayer requests can also be left in the box in the porch of St. Nicholas at any time.

Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 10th, from 10.30am-12noon in the Village Hall in Grafty Green. Last chance this year to sample the cheese scones!

Craft Club will not be meeting until the New Year, on Wednesday 28th January 2015, from 9.30am in the Village Hall, as usual. We will certainly have lots to talk about then! We are buzzing with ideas for next year's crafts, do come and tell us about yours.

Crafty Grafty Fair on 23rd November was a really great occasion despite the dreadful weather, lots of good friends and visitors, happy to chat and appreciate the beautiful hand made goods on the stalls. Well done to all those who worked really hard to make the event so welcoming. Our church stall made in excess of £200, so many thanks to those who made that possible.

The VFast mast has been installed on the church tower. This can provide a higher speed broadband facility for those who choose this server.

Dates for Christmas

If you have missed a **Christingle Service** recently, do join in the Christingle Service at St. John's, Harrietsham on Sunday 7th December at 3.30pm.

Also at St. John's, at 7pm on Wednesday 10th December is a **Christmas Celebration** for the learning disabled, their carers and friends. Do join this very special event.

Village Carol singing will be on Thursday 18th, meeting on the green opposite the Post Office at 6.15pm before setting off, returning to the King's Head about 9pm. All proceeds benefit Demelza House.

Carol Service at St. Nicholas will be on Sunday 21st at 3.00pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Crib Service will be at 3.00pm at St. Nicholas on Christmas Eve. **Christmas Day** service will be at 10.00am. Family Holy Communion.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year, especially remembering all those who are unwell or are mourning loved ones in our community.

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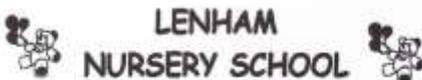
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Date	Topic / outing
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden
May 10	Plant Sale on Village Green
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest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

On December 2nd we will be holding our Christmas Social. There will be an informal buffet with refreshments and we hope that as many of you can come as possible to enjoy the evening.

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

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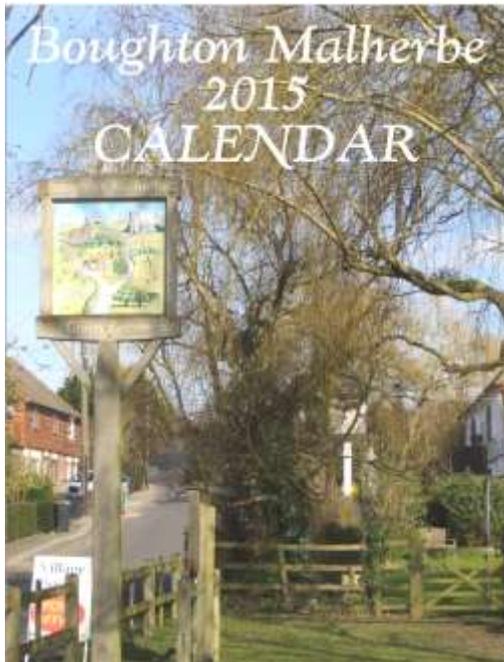
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REMINDER

BOUGHTON MALHERBE – MORE JOURNEYS THROUGH TIME

Will Take Place In Grafty Green Village Hall
On Friday 12th December 2014.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.00 PM

Full details were given in the November issue of the Malherbe Monthly

Please come and support us, we are sure you will not be disappointed. Our book has been reviewed by our guest speaker Bronwen Sadler for the next issue of the Kent History Federation “Journal of Kent History” which concludes:

“This book has excellent attention to detail, is very readable and in places is deeply touching. I thoroughly recommend it to you all”

Broadband

By the time you read this, all four churches in the Len Valley area (Boughton Malherbe, Harrietsham, Lenham and Ulcombe) should have fast broadband wireless repeater equipment installed on their towers. This will enable residents to access fast broadband via a company called VFast. You will need to contact VFast and have a small receiver aerial installed and sign up for their contracts. This has taken a long time to get through all the bureaucracy involved, but we are finally there. We do hope that many people and businesses will be able to benefit from this system.

Grafty Green Yoga Classes for 2015

Wednesday evenings 7 to 8.30 start on January 7th and Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11 on January 8th in Grafty Green Village Hall.

Yoga is an ancient system of physical and mental development that is known to develop suppleness, strength and stamina and to concentrate the mind. Practicing yoga enables all the body's muscles to be worked but avoiding over-training specific muscle groups; posture, balance, agility and grace can all be achieved through yoga.

If you would like to enroll and experience the effects of yoga contact me by calling 850381 or email grafityyoga@gmail.com.

I have a web site: www.yogawithsusan.co.uk which gives more details about yoga and the classes.

Occasional Saturday Yoga Practice

6th December is the next occasional Saturday Yoga Practice in Grafty Green Village Hall 10 – 11.30. Investment: £7. No need to book, and no previous experience necessary; just loose clothing that allow free movement and a light blanket or shawl for the relaxation

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

Monday 1st December

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

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
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2	Anti	Computer	Flu	
3	Dog	Last	Top	
4	Gaze	Hand	Rock	
5	Bun	Coffee	Tea	
6	Down	Still	Troubled	
7	Berni	Coaching	Country	
8	Again	For	Over	
9	Ripping	Spinning	Wool	
10	Golden	Legs	Sight	
11	Bad	Prime	Shining	
12	Land	War	Ship	
13	Shooting	Quality	Pop	
14	Television	Sports	Roving	
15	Assault	Damp	Work	
16	Weight	Clock	Bird	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Jack _____, The most nominated male actor in academy award history
2	Matt _____, Jason Bourne action man and star of Elysium
3	_____ Myers, Canadian born cinema funny man
4	Tim _____, Who shot to fame in Reservoir Dogs
5	_____ Actually, 2003 Christmas romance by Richard Curtis
6	Janet _____, Bates Motel shower scene icon
7	_____ MacDowell, Romantic lead in Groundhog Day
8	Daniel _____, Heroic character in The Last of The Mohicans
9	_____ Smith, Actor in Men in Black
10	Alan _____, A Steve Coogan comedy creation

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Friday 5th December

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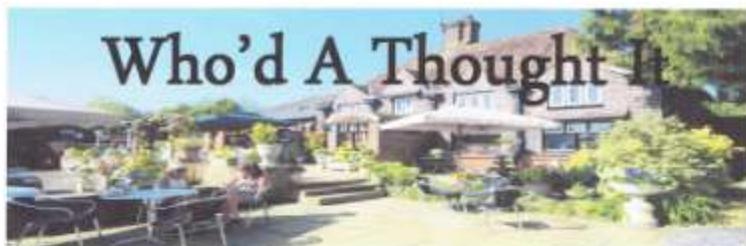
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Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wednesday 31 December	Friday 2 January
Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January

If your collection is due on	It will be collected on
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

Garden Waste Collections

The last garden waste collections this year will be on Monday 29 December. Normal service will resume next year on Monday 12 January 2015.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of February 2015.

Grafty Green

Saturday 7th February 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

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Saturday 7th February 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 14th February 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

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Grafty Gourmet

Christmas is upon us again, so here's a simply or those of you with a sweet tooth. As usual, simple to make and great to eat.

Christmas Rocky Road

250g dark chocolate, chopped	200g amorette biscuits
150g milk chocolate, chopped	150g shelled Brazil nuts
175g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing	150g red glacé cherries
4 tbsp golden syrup	125g mini marshmallows
	1 tbsp icing sugar

1. Place the dark and milk chocolate pieces into a heavy-based pan. Add the butter and golden syrup and cook over a low heat to melt and combine.
2. Place the amorette biscuits into a freezer bag and bash with a rolling pin to make crumbs of various sizes. Place the Brazil nuts into another freezer bag and bash in the same way.
3. Take the pan of melted chocolate mixture off the heat and add the crushed biscuits and nuts. Add the glacé cherries and mini marshmallows. Fold the mixture carefully to coat all of the solid ingredients with the syrupy chocolate mixture.
4. Pour the mixture into a 25cm/10in x 30cm/12in greased and lined baking tray and smooth the surface as much as possible (although it will look bumpy). Refrigerate for two hours, or until firm enough to cut. Dust with icing sugar, then sprinkle with edible glitter if you wish. Remove the block of rocky road from the tray and cut into 24 rectangles.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 19th January 2015**. 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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Twice a year Lenham Valley Business Association gets together with South Maidstone Business Association - this time it will be at Chilston Park Hotel on Tuesday 2 December, arrive at 5:45 for a 6pm start. Speaker Michaela Stewart-West presents "The Big Picture".

A fabulous place to be especially at Christmas. And there will be an hour of networking too.

LVBA member or not you can come along for free, you just have to register online or phone 01622 820841.

In 2015 the networking will continue to be on the first Tuesday each month (apart from June) and our schedule is already packed with interesting presenters with interesting information. We network at different venues around the Harrietsham - Charing - Ulcombe areas. As you may know we have a good time. You can come to two meetings without having to pay, just to see if you like it. A years membership starts at just £75 for a sole trader.

Alan Reading, Chairman

Lenham Christmas Lights Messy Nativity Sheep Trail

Can you find all the sheep?

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Food for Thought

The team at Homeless Care in Knightrider Street Maidstone has written:

On behalf of everyone at the Day Centre we would like to say a very big THANK YOU for thinking of us with such kindness and contributing so very generously to our Harvest appeal.

Last year was tough for many people and unfortunately this year has continued to be so, we live in uncertain times, not knowing if at any time we could lose our jobs or homes, so keeping this Day Centre going means that we are not only able to help the homeless men and women that come in but we are also able to reach out to families and people in our community who are struggling.

You can be assured that every single item we collect will be received by those you need it most.

Thank you once again for your support.

Zofia, Beryl, Maria, Tracey, Dee, Mike, Mandy and all the Trustees and Volunteers.



Could you be our next organist?

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

Helen Venn

Christian Message - December 2014

He became man

Brian Cox has recently said on his "Human Universe" TV programme that it seems unlikely that there are any other life forms in the whole of the universe: the Earth is unique. That's quite a disappointment for some people who have liked to think that there are aliens out there, that we're not alone in the cosmos, that eventually there might be contact made.... Without that hope, it feels lonely.

Each year we celebrate the Christmas story – a story of contact between the creator of the universe and his creation. We remember the events and are reminded that in fact we are not alone, that there is purpose and meaning to our lives. The strange thing, though, is that while we celebrate Christmas, we tend not to want much interaction with this creator, this God-become-man. We'd rather hold on to the distant hope of aliens. Perhaps we think that he'll want to intrude on our freedoms, spoil our fun.

Actually, it's quite the opposite. This man who is God wants to help us live the lives we all know we want: lives unspoilt by our human propensity to muck things up, lives with meaning and purpose, infused with love and care for those around us, lives of freedom from guilt. That's what a life with God is all about.

There might not be aliens out there, but there is a God who cares passionately for each of us. I know several people who have made that discovery for themselves this year, and they say that he has changed everything. Their friends and colleagues have noticed. They are different people. They don't want to go back to their previous lives. They know the presence and love and power of God in their lives.

We aren't alone in the universe. God has come to us and all we have to do is say "yes, please, God, I want some of that." It's the easiest thing to do and yet the hardest, because it's challenging and demanding.

I dare you to do something about it in the new year. Come and experience his love. Find out more. Do the START course with us. Get in touch and we'll try to help you get in contact with the God who became man.

*Rev Dick Venn
Lenham*

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

Sunday 7th December

- 9.30 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: NEW Breakfast service
9.30 am at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
10.30 am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Family Worship
11.00 am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion
3.30 pm at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: **Christingle Service** (GIFT family worship)

Wednesday 10th December

7.00pm at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham. Christmas Celebration. Those with learning disabilities, their carers, friends and families are especially welcome.

Saturday 13th December

4.00-6.00 pm at Lenham Church: **Messy Church**

Sunday 14th December

- 8.00 am** at St. Mary's Lenham: Holy Communion
9.30 am at St. Mary's, Lenham: NEW Breakfast Service
9.30 am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Holy Communion
10.30 am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00 am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Morning Worship
3.30 pm at St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 21st December

- 9.30 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: **NEW Breakfast service**
9.30 am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Morning Worship
10.30 am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00 am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion
3.00 pm at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: **Carol Service**
5.00 pm at St. Mary's, Lenham: **Carol Service**
6.30 pm at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: **Carol Service**

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th December

- 3.00 pm** at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: **Crib Service**
4.00 pm at St. Mary's, Lenham: **Crib Service**
4.00 pm at All Saints, Ulcombe: **Crib Service**
5.30 pm at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: **Crib Service**

11.15 pm at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: **Midnight Communion**

11.15 pm at St. Mary's, Lenham: **Midnight Communion**

11.15 pm at All Saints, Ulcombe: **Midnight Communion**

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December

10.00 am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Family Communion

10.00 am at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Family Communion

10.00 am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Family Communion

10.00 am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Family Communion

Sunday 28th December

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

We have some wonderful Christmas Services taking place within the beautiful Len Valley Churches, including **Carol Services by Candlelight**, Christmas Eve **Crib Services** and **Midnight Communion**. We also have a Christmas Day service in each of our churches beginning at 10.00 am. Please see our full list of service times or contact the church office on 850604 for further details. Please do come and join us – we look forward to celebrating with you.

The following services will also be held at St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham

Sunday 7th December at 3.30pm - Christingle Service

This month's GIFT service will be an opportunity to learn about the meaning of this traditional Moravian celebration, with its decorated oranges and candles; a sparkling start to the season of Advent for everyone.

Wednesday 10th December at 7pm - Christmas Celebration

Especially welcome are those with learning disabilities, their carers, friends and families and everyone who enjoys a good party!

If you need more information about either of these events please contact Rev Millie Hart on 01622 297296

Emergency and Help Contact Details

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

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KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07969 583923
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Keeper	Petting	London	Zoo
2	Anti	Computer	Flu	Virus
3	Dog	Last	Top	Lap
4	Gaze	Hand	Rock	Steady
5	Bun	Coffee	Tea	Iced
6	Down	Skill	Troubled	Waters
7	Berni	Coaching	Country	Inn
8	Again	For	Over	Once
9	Rippling	Spinning	Wool	Yarns
10	Golden	Legs	Slight	Hind
11	Bad	Prime	Shining	Example
12	Land	War	Ship	Lord
13	Shooting	Quality	Pop	Star
14	Television	Sports	Roving	Reporter
15	Assault	Dump	Work	Course
16	Weight	Clock	Bird	Watcher

Find the missing word?	
1	Jack Nicholson, The most nominated male actor in academy award history
2	Matt Damon, Jason Bourne action man and star of Elysium
3	Mike Myers, Canadian born cinema funny man
4	Tim Roth, Who shot to fame in Reservoir Dogs
5	Love Actually, 2003 Christmas romance by Richard Curtis
6	Janet Leigh, Bates Motel shower scene icon
7	Andie MacDowell, Romantic lead in Groundhog Day
8	Daniel Day Lewis, Heroic character in The Last of The Mohicans
9	Will Smith, Actor in Men in Black
10	Alan Partridge, A Steve Coogan comedy creation

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