

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front cover:** Autumn is coming - Hops on the vine in Grafty Green.  
Picture courtesy of John Collins

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

**Morning Prayers** during September will be at 9.30am at St. Nicholas on Tuesday the 3rd, 16th and 30th. (at All Saints, Ulcombe on the alternate Tuesdays). Prayer requests are always welcomed and can also be placed at any time in the prayer box in the Church porch.

**Coffee Mornings** continue monthly in the Village Hall. This month it will be on Wednesday 10th from 10.30am - 12noon. All the usual treats, with Sylvia's cheese scones a speciality!

**Craft Club:** We are starting a new venture in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th. Another great opportunity to get together, whether you are brilliant at handcrafts or not, or just want to catch up with friends. Bring any work in progress or need help in starting a new pattern. Perhaps there will be someone to discuss it with. We all have to start somewhere! The kettle will be on from 9.30am - 11.30am.

**Cream Teas** are now over for this year. We have had a few Sunday afternoons inside and have enjoyed the more personal atmosphere that the church building offers. But also we love showing off the wonderful outside setting and the space there. Lovely old and new visitors. So many thanks to friends joining the team and the village who support the event so faithfully.

**Ride and Stride.** The Friends of Kent Churches are organising the sponsored bike ride again this year. Contact Kenneth Alexander for information, on 01622- 859549.

**Harvest Supper** will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, in the Village Hall as usual 7 for 7.30pm. We have lots of people to thank for getting this off the ground this year!

**Harvest Festival Service** will be at 3.30pm on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>

As I write this, we are all praying for a swift recovery for Joan Davidson.

**Sally Alexander**

## **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

### **New Members Always Welcome - Join Us**

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall,  
Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available  
Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

## Grafty Green Village Hall News

[www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk)

If you haven't already got your tickets for our **Treasure Hunt** on Sunday **7<sup>th</sup> September** then rush to the village shop now and get them!

The Treasure Hunt (a leisurely drive around the local countryside looking for the answers to clues) will start from the Village Green at 12.00 noon, with cars being waved off at intervals over the following 15 minutes or so. There will be a few stops en route to stretch your legs and it will finish about 2 hours later at a secret location within the village where we will host a **grand barbeque** with **licensed bar** - so no need to plan Sunday lunch!

Cars must have at least 2 occupants (we don't want to distract a lone driver) but may have more, so round up your friends and get a car-full. A charge of £6 per head is being made to cover the cost of the food.

The Treasure Hunt will be suitable for all ages and, at the BBQ site, there will be the opportunity to play games - for those who still have some energy to run off!

The next event in the Hall will be the traditional **Harvest Supper** which, this year, is a little earlier than usual, on **27<sup>th</sup> September**. Tickets will be available soon from Rob at the village shop. Please buy yours early, so we know how many we are catering for.

And we are running a '**Phil-The Bag**' fund raising session again on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October** where we invite you to bring your unwanted textile items to the Hall for recycling. It would really help us if, until then, you could keep hold of any unwanted clothes, curtains, towels, bed linen and similar textile products. Belts, shoes & bags are also acceptable. More details next month.

Finally, there will be our usual pre-Christmas **craft fair** in the Hall on **23<sup>rd</sup> November**. If you would like a stall at this event, please contact Carol Hulm on 01622 853583 well in advance.

That's all for this month!

*Richard Pilborough*

Village Hall Committee Chairman

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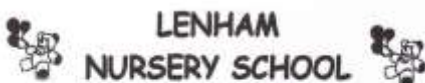
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## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
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	
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Visit to Blackthorn Trust</b>	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

Grafty Green Gardening Club will conclude their summer outings this year with a visit to the flower, herb and vegetable gardens at the Blackthorn Trust which is situated in St Andrews Road, Barming, Maidstone ME16 9AN.

In October our Village Hall meetings begin again with the Autumn Show and Produce Bring and Buy. For details about any of our events please contact Rosemary Smith 01622 850526 or Sue Burch 01622 850381. Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any event or meeting which are friendly and informal.

### Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. The Agenda for this meeting and the minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

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## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339
Warmlake Corner	0717	0732	0950	1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356
Linton Corner	0737	0746	1003	1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	0804	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	0803	1019	1414
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0814	0814	1020	1415
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	0825	1031	1426

## Sundays &amp; Public Holidays\*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

## Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	1604
0740	0937	1343	1611
0745	0942	1348	1616
0747	0944	1350	1618
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	1615
0759	0956	1402	1618
0802	0959	1405	1621
0807	1004	1410	1626
0811	1008	1414	1630
0815	1012	1418	1634
0820	1020	1426	1632

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## Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		59
	59	59	
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	1745	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	1312	1652	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

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0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langley	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	1604	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	1611	1841
0928	1334	1618	1848

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*Homewood School , Tenterden, 29<sup>th</sup> November*

*Whitstable Castle 30<sup>th</sup> November*



## **Dementia Awareness**

Some time back I attended a 'dementia awareness' session as part of my on-going work with the fire service. It proved to be one of the best and most informative sessions I recall attending. 'Dementia' like 'cancer' are everyday words but unless we have had close personal dealings it is likely we just have a 'perception' rather than a 'true understanding'. Knowing how dementia can affect people and the level can significantly influence the help we can give to enable those affected 'live well'. Having found the dementia awareness session so interesting and enlightening I undertook further training to be able to deliver the awareness sessions which is what I am now, with others, doing within the fire service as well as community groups as part of the Dementia Friends national program. I will be happy to arrange a 1 hour session (free) in the village for those interested just phone me on 01622 858100 or leave your name and phone number on a list at the shop. I will then contact you and arrange a session(s) to suit.

## **Everyday First Aid And Defibrillator**

Following the sessions run earlier this year it has been suggested further training be offered covering both everyday emergency first aid and defibrillator especially as the latter is now available in the village. Although easy in principle and used in conjunction with chest compressions for ANY potentially life threatening situation (not just heart attack) it will save valuable time and panic in an emergency situation if you have seen a demonstration. As with the dementia session above if there is the interest I will be happy to organise it - phone me 01622 858100 or leave your details at the shop.

## **General Fire Safety**

It is a fact that while fires have decreased by 70% over the last decade, the over 70's are four times more likely to be involved in a fire related incident notwithstanding as autumn approaches fire risks increase with the use of open fires and other heating devices, candles etc., etc. There are many reasons why the 'older population' are more at risk. To counteract this increased risk KFRS (Kent Fire and Rescue Service) offer free home safety visits (HSV's) of which smoke alarms are just one tiny part - many other aids and devices are available free where deemed appropriate e.g. there are special smoke alarms for the 'hard of hearing' is just one example. To arrange an HSV call me on 01622 858100, or leave your details on the list at the shop, or phone KFRS direct on 0800 923 7000. If anybody of any age group (or disability/ vulnerability) has fire safety concerns or queries please make contact for free advice and if warranted free HSV.

**Chris Wheal 01622 858100**

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

Yoga classes at Grafty Green Village Hall on Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11, starting September 4<sup>th</sup> for eight weeks and Wednesday evenings 7 - 8.30 starting September 10<sup>th</sup> for seven weeks; lead by Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga teacher with 27 years experience.

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## ***The Great Grafty Green Treasure Hunt***

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some quirky, amusing and interesting things  
you haven't noticed before!*

*You're never more than 3 miles from Grafty Green!*

*At the end, there's a BBQ awaiting you  
– plus the 'treasure' if you're the top spotter!*

*There's no limit on numbers, so bring your friends*

*~~~ See the "Village Hall News" article for full details ~~~*

## Len Valley Practice - Flu Clinics

We will be commencing our flu clinics in October – please note the dates in your diary. **Appointment not necessary.**

You are eligible for vaccination if you are:

65 years of age or above

Or have:

Asthma, Diabetes, COPD, Heart disease, Renal disease, Chronic liver disease

Or if you have had a stroke or TIA

Or if you are a carer

Or if you are pregnant

**Shingles Vaccination:** If you are aged 70, 78 or 79 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 you are eligible to have this. Just ask when you come in for your flu jab.

(If you are aged 70 **or** 79 up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 and have not been vaccinated but would like to be, please contact the surgery. You are ineligible after that date.)

If you have never had vaccination against **pneumonia**, you can have this at the same time (unless you are having shingles vaccination).

**At Lenham Surgery: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 8.30-11.30am**

**At Harrietsham Surgery: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3-5pm**

Hopefully it won't rain but the local Church has kindly booked the community centre at Harrietsham for patients to wait if they wish.

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Refuse	Stamp	Rent	<b>Collector</b>
2	Cheese	Diving	Surf	
3	Piano	Foot	Bar	
4	Language	Post	Star	
5	Butter	Green	Fish	
6	Stroke	Piece	Head	
7	Warrant	Party	Engine	
8	Foul	Thing	Horse	
9	Lining	Birch	Quick	
10	Insurance	Guard	Still	
11	Quake	Worm	Shattering	
12	Love	Box	Egg	
13	Moon	Baked	Time	
14	Gloss	Hare	Stick	
15	Cap	Fish	Mate	
16	Band	Running	Top	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	'_____ a Falling Star', 1957 Perry Como hit
2	'My _____ Things', Maria's bedside serenade in 'The Sound of Music'
3	'Something _____', 1967 recording by Frank & Nancy Sinatra
4	'_____ On My Mind', A soul standard by Ray Charles in 1960
5	'Step _____ Love', Written by Paul McCartney, sung by Cilla Black
6	'_____ Dolly', 1969 Barbara Streisand musical
7	'_____ Jane', Musical featuring the song 'The Deadwood Stage'
8	Alan _____, The Animals organist on 'House of the Rising Sun'
9	_____ Pop, US rocker who collaborated with David Bowie on 'China Girl' & 'Sister Midnight'
10	_____ Brothers, Siblings who topped the charts with 'All I Have to do is Dream'



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

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of September 2014.

### **Grafty Green**

None Planned

### **Platts Heath**

None Planned

### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

## Ulcombe History Society

The Ulcombe History Society has planned an interesting programme for 2014. It meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7.30 pm – mainly on a Tuesday, though the December meeting will be on a Monday.

Membership is £10 a year, but visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

### **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sep to Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sep First World War Remembrance trip**

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Talk by David Debenham on: *The white colonial – Benefactor or Plunderer*

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on: *Researching the History of a House.*

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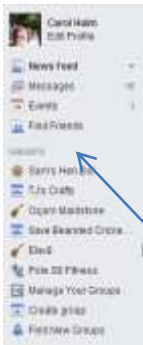
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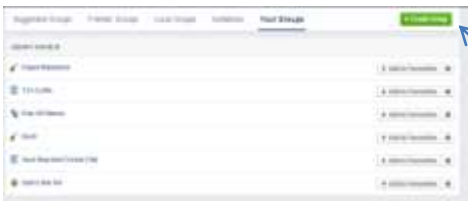
## Grafty Geeks – Facebook Groups

Facebook Groups allows you to share things with different groups of friends in your life eg: immediate family, work colleagues, school friends etc. There are many ways of using Facebook Groups for example:



1. Creating a group to target different friends for different reasons e.g.: if you wish to exclude someone when you are arranging a Surprise Party or Hen Do
2. You may find that you have been added to a group so you will receive invites or information about a specific topic, e.g. an annual event or a particular band you like to go and see.
3. Search for Local groups and meet new people who share the same hobbies or interests as you.

You can organise your own groups, find friends and local groups, and view suggested groups and invitations from your home page. Click on the word Groups in the left margin to be taken to the page below.



If you select add to favourites, that group will appear on your Home page under Groups

To create a new group Select Create Group From here you can add the Group Name, add members and decide on the level of privacy.

When you enter Members, just type the first letter of the first friend you wish to add, then a list will appear so you can select them, rather than having to type the full name.

Once the first friend is added you will be offered suggestions of other friends, these are friends in your existing friends list that may have an association with the friend you just added.

When you have completed the above, you will have to:

1. Add an Icon, which will be offered on the next Screen
2. Add a Cover Picture which can be selected from photos on Facebook or from your computer
3. Add a Description for the group



All three of these need to be completed before the Group is ready to be shared with others. On subsequent screens there will be other options including, who receives notifications and get additional hits and tips on how to get your group's members involved.



## **Grafty Gourmet**

Swap chocolate and coffee for almonds, nectarines and peaches for this fantastic summer make-ahead dessert

### **Summer Tiramisu - 8 Servings**

2 medium eggs, separated  
50g caster sugar  
250g mascarpone  
150ml double cream  
125ml marsala wine

175g pack sponge fingers  
400g mix of nectarines and peaches,  
stoned and diced  
50g crunchy amorette biscuits

1. Use an electric whisk to beat the egg yolks with half the sugar until the mixture is pale and moussey – this will take 3-4 mins. In a separate bowl, beat the mascarpone to loosen, then beat in the double cream until just combined. Add in the egg mixture and beat everything together until smooth and light.

2. Then whisk the egg whites in another bowl until stiff peaks hold on the end of the beaters. Tip in the remaining sugar and beat until glossy and stiff again. Use a big metal spoon to stir a third of this into the cream mixture, then gently fold in the rest.

3. Get your serving dish or bowl ready, then put the Marsala in a shallow plate and dip in a few sponge fingers at a time so they are just soaked but not soggy. Layer half of the fingers evenly in your dish, then scatter over half the fruit. Top with half the cream mixture, then crumble over half the crunchy amorette biscuits. Repeat the layers, but finish with the cream and save the other half of the biscuits. Cover and chill for a few hours, or overnight.

4. To serve, crumble the remaining amorette biscuits over the top.

### **Messy Church this autumn**

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25th October	Ulcombe Village Hall
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13th December	Lenham church



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## **Music Notes, September 2014**

Although the holidays should be over by September, finding concerts in the area has been difficult this month. Nevertheless, I think eventually we have put together a very worthwhile selection.. Of course the BBC promenade concerts continue in September, with the famous "Last Night" on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Every one is broadcast on BBC radio3; as I write I don't have the TV listings, but Sat 13<sup>th</sup> will certainly be televised.

Meanwhile here is the local list:

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00pm at St. Nicholas' church, Leeds – a concert by the Parkwood community choir, Energize, in aid of the charity "Dandelion Time". Tickets at door or phone 01622 690286
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 8.00pm at Bradbourne House, West Malling, ME19 6DZ – East Malling Research Station Music Club present a concert of string quartets by players from the Bavarian State Opera Orchestra.. Tickets at the door. Information (only) tel, 01732 843129
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1.05pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone – lunchtime organ recital by David Flood, Canterbury Cathedral Organist, in aid of Canterbury Cathedral Appeal. Free entry, retiring collection.
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3.00pm at Sutton Valence School – Sutton Valence Music Society presents the first of its new season's concerts: The Wu String Quartet perform quartets by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. Tickets at the door or call 01622 863002.

### **The Friends of Kent Churches Briggs Lecture**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of September at All Saints Church, Ulcombe  
from 2.20 pm to 5.45 pm**

The Briggs lecture is an annual event and this year it will be at Ulcombe's beautiful Grade 1 listed mediaeval church. The lecture will be given by Mrs Molly Poulter MA who is a historian and one time archivist.

The title of the lecture is 'All Saints Church: its building and its people down the ages; and their contacts with national events.'

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## **The Kent Churches Bike Ride – My Way!**

Some of you may recall that last year my daughter and I took part in the Kent Churches sponsored bike ride. We covered over 80 miles, visited numerous churches and were rewarded with very generous sponsorship from St Nicholas parishioners (and I suspect others!) that exceeded £200.

Now, whilst relaxing in the church last Sunday, inside you'll note to prevent the pouring rain and raging gale outside destroying my delicious cream tea, I was persuaded to once again pedal for the Kent Churches in this year's event. The only slight problem is that I will be cycling in the French Alps on the day of the ride: "no problem" exclaimed the good ladies of the church as they ladled more jam, cream and scone onto my plate, "that'll be really good training for a sponsored ride when you come back!"

As I devoured my cream tea I thought about this and decided it wasn't much of a challenge to spend a week in the Alps cycling and then come back and expect people to be impressed by even an 80 mile bike ride. The only solution to this was to set a more demanding target of 200kms, which sounds so much more than 80 miles but is actually 125 miles. In one day of course (!) that day being either Saturday or Sunday 20/21<sup>st</sup> September depending on the weather.

The route isn't completed yet but will be a very large circuit from my home in Platts Heath. I'm expecting to see quite a bit of Romney Marsh (its nice and flat!) and probably a fair bit of East Kent too. Either way, it'll probably take around ten to twelve hours.

By now you will have decided I'm completely crazy. Be that as it may, the many beautiful old churches of Kent badly need our support. I remember on last year's ride sitting in the 1,000 year old building at Wittersham and wondering who had looked after it over the years so we can enjoy it today – and how that will continue. It was a humbling experience.

Even for me, a fit and active 55 year old cyclist, 125 miles is not to be sniffed at and this will be a significant ride, for some reason beyond my understanding, my daughter has pleaded other commitments so I'll be solo this year. So please, do our lovely old (and not so old) churches a favour and sponsor me generously either next time you visit St Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe or by contacting Sylvia on 01622 891954 and pledging support. Maybe we should also have a sweepstake as to how many cream teas would power me around the course!

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Murray Motley**





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## Christian Message - September 2014



I've discovered that around our villages we have , on average, 6 taps in our houses and maybe one in the garden too. Access to clean, fresh water for drinking, cooking, washing up and washing, for our gardens and hanging baskets, for our pets and even to wash our cars. Whenever we want.

In rural areas of Zambia, though, the nearest water source may be several miles away, and not particularly clean either. Whose job is it to spend several hours a day lugging heavy jerry cans of water home? Usually the girls, who then miss out on their schooling and are sometimes attacked as they are out in the bush on their own.

Do we care enough to do anything? The 4 churches of the Len Valley have decided they do! They've joined with a Christian relief agency called Tearfund and are supporting a project in 4 villages in the southern highlands of Zambia. This project drills boreholes in villages and then trains community leaders in basic sanitation and health education. The results are remarkable. Villages are transformed. What the villagers have to say is often very moving.

Ngebe Makai , a village headman, says, *"I have discovered that poor sanitation has hindered my fight against poverty. Repeated cases of diarrhoea and other diseases have seriously interrupted my children's school attendance. We paid the price for poor sanitation in lost earnings, lower productivity, and the cost of medical attention and treatment ....We feel so blessed in this village because of the yielded pleasant results from the water and sanitation activities implemented in this area by the Connected Church project."*

Why do we care enough to do something? We surely all agree that in terms of basic human fairness we should help those who are powerless to help themselves. But it goes deeper than that. Jesus is our example and he models compassion and practical help for those on the margins.

Join us in the Len Valley Churches this year as we start our second year of supporting this worthwhile project and aim to raise at least £1500.

**Helen Venn**

## **Baptism Information**

Parents thinking about the baptism of a baby or a child are invited to find out more at an information evening in Harrietsham church on Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. If you are planning to attend please notify the church office on 01622 850604.

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

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 12<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am at St. John the Baptist,

Harrietsham: Family Worship

9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton

Malherbe: Holy Communion

11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy

Communion

11.15am at All Saints,

Ulcombe: Family Worship

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Sunday after Trinity**

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy  
Communion

9.30am at St. Mary's, Lenham: New  
Breakfast service

9.30am at St. John the Baptist,

Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00am at St. Mary's, Lenham:

Morning Worship

11.15am at All Saint's, Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion

6.30pm at St. Nicholas Boughton

Malherbe: Choral Evensong

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September: 14<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am at St. Mary's, Lenham: New

Breakfast service

9.30 at St. John the Baptist,

Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton

Malherbe: Holy Communion

11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy

Communion

11.15am at All Saints,

Ulcombe: Morning Worship

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Sunday after Trinity**

8am at St. Mary's Lenham: BCP Holy  
Communion

9.30 at St. John the Baptist,

Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton

Malherbe: Family Worship

11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Family  
Worship

11.15am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion

6.30pm St. John the Baptist,

Harrietsham: Informal Service

## Changes coming for the Len Valley Churches

Rev Dick Venn and Rev Millie Hart have decided, with the agreement of all four Church Councils, to experiment with a different way of working.

Instead of trying to get round to all the churches every month they will each concentrate on two churches. Millie's focus will be on Boughton Malherbe and Harrietsham and Dick's on Ulcombe and Lenham. This will give them more time at each church and in each village and enable them to get to know more people. The new arrangements will begin in September and be reviewed after a year.

Other changes include the introduction of a new Breakfast service at 9.30am each week in Lenham except on the fourth Sunday when those who come to the new service will take part in the existing 11am Family Service.

The Breakfast service will be short and informal and will begin with toast, tea and coffee. There will be no need to say SHUSH! to children. They can join in at their own level.

Come along and join us for the launch on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Harrietsham's change will take place in October. The existing 9.30am Family Service on the first Sunday of the month will be replaced by a new style service called The GIFT Gathering. GIFT stands for *Growing In Faith Together*. All ages will be welcome at this service at the new time of 3.30pm on October 5<sup>th</sup> and monthly thereafter. Why not try it out?

### Church and children: can the two mix?

Some people think their young children would spoil the peace and quiet of a traditional church service. They can't cope with the potential embarrassment of a toddler having a tantrum or a small child not able to whisper or sit still! So they stay away. What a pity as spiritual development is so important for our children today.

Many parents want their children to get to know the stories from the Bible and to have a firm foundation for their lives. But they are not sure where to start.

Here in the Len Valley Churches we want to be able to help by offering an alternative to our regular Sunday services. So in September we are starting a much shorter, informal service, first thing on a Sunday morning, beginning with toast, tea and coffee where the children won't need to be shushed and can join in at their level.

Come and try us out when we start our new weekly service at 9.30 on Sundays in St Mary's, Lenham in September.

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2	Cheese	Diving	Surf	Board
3	Piano	Foot	Bar	Stool
4	Language	Post	Star	Sign
5	Butter	Green	Fish	Fingers
6	Stroke	Piece	Head	Master
7	Warrant	Party	Engine	Search
8	Foul	Thing	Horse	Play
9	Lining	Birch	Quick	Silver
10	Insurance	Guard	Still	Life
11	Quake	Worm	Shattering	Earth
12	Love	Box	Egg	Nest
13	Moon	Baked	Time	Half
14	Gloss	Hare	Stick	Lap
15	Cap	Fish	Mate	Flat
16	Band	Running	Top	Brass

	Find the missing word?
1	'Catch a Falling Star', 1957 Perry Como hit
2	My Favourite Things, Maria's bedside serenade in 'The Sound of Music'
3	'Something Stupid', 1967 recording by Frank & Nancy Sinatra
4	'Georgia On My Mind', A soul standard by Ray Charles in 1960
5	'Step Inside Love', Written by Paul McCartney, sung by Cilla Black
6	Hello Dolly, 1969 Barbara Streisand musical
7	Calamity Jane, Musical featuring the song 'The Deadwood Stage'
8	Alvin Price, The Animals organist on 'House of the Rising Sun'
9	Icky Pop, US rocker who collaborated with David Bowie on 'China Girl' & 'Sister Midnight'
10	Everly Brothers, Siblings who topped the charts with 'All I Have to do is Dream'



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