


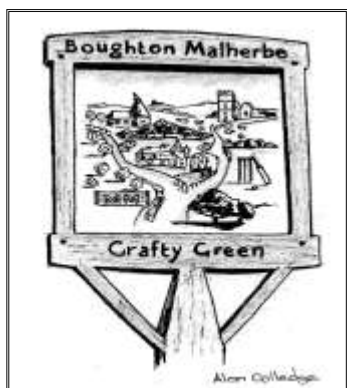


Malherbe Monthly

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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: Carol singing Friday 16th December. See the complete magazine in colour on The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council website at

www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

News from St. Nicholas Church

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas

Morning Prayers will take place on Tuesdays at St.Nicholas Boughton Malherbe on 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays starting at 9.30a.m. and at All Saints Ulcombe on 2nd and 4th.

House group is held on Thursday mornings at Weirton Villa from 10.30a.m. until 12.00. lead by Joan Drury, our Lay Reader.

Men at breakfast will be held in the Dog and Bear Lenham on 28th November at 8.00a.m. There will be a speaker and a full English Breakfast which will cost you £8.50 per head Let the Church Office or Dick Venn know you are coming

On **29th November** the whole Benefice will meet at the Community Centre, Lenham for a Joint Service for Advent Sunday at 10.00a.m.

Also on 29th there will be a **Craft Fair** in Grafty Green Village Hall where the Church will be manning a craft stall 11.00 until 3.00p.m.

Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on 9th December at 10.30a.m. until 12.00. Do come along and enjoy our homemade cakes and a coffee or tea. We will be glad to see you.

Bishop Trevor will be visiting the Breakfast Service at 9.30a.m. and then at 11.00 a.m. on 13 December. There will be a combined Celebration Service at St. Mary's Lenham . These will be the only two Services in the Benefice on 13th December.

Carol Singing will be on 18th December starting at 6.15p.m. outside the Post Office Stores. Do come and join us - it's a fun evening. We will be collecting for Demelza House Children's Hospice.

Carol Service at St. Nicholas is on 20th December at 3.00p.m. followed by refreshments.

Crib Service will be at 3.00p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day - there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10.00a.m.

Do you enjoy arranging flowers or caring for an old building? We are in need of some extra help at the Church and would be very grateful if some more people offered to join our small band of cleaners and flower arrangers. Please ring Joan on 01622 850210 if you can help

Joan Davidson

Ken and Eve Sweet
extend a warm welcome to

The Kings Head **Grafty Green**

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Children's Room Beer Garden

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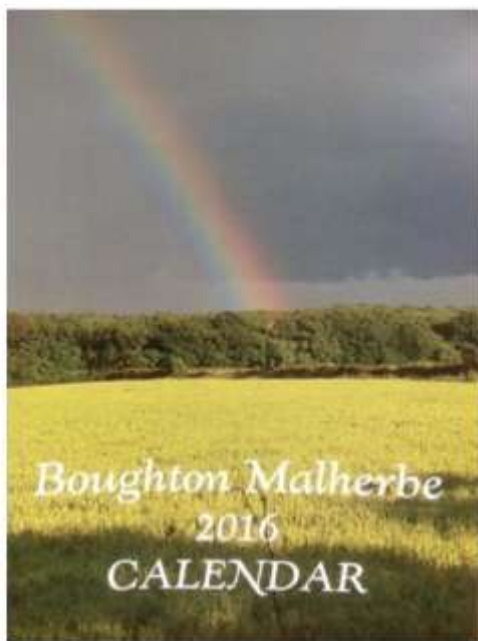
Make up a team in advance - max 8 people

or join a team on the night

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Parish Calendar 2016
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Heaths Countryside Corridor

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5 th September	scrub clearance & fence repair	Chilston Ponds
3 rd October	Coppicing & footpath clearance	Bull Heath
7 th November	Footpath clearance	Hurst Wood
5 th December	Pond work and scrub clearance	Chilston Ponds
2 nd January	Coppicing & footpath clearance	Bull Heath
6 th February	Coppicing/glade creation	Hurst Wood

All events 10am to 2pm on Saturdays

more information



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Grafty Green Gardening Club

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
December 1 st	Outing to the Kings Head Grafty Green for supper.	

On December 1st 24 of us are booked to enjoy a Christmas meal at the Kings Head. We shall be gathering at 6.45p.m for a 7.15 sit down time.

A big thank you to Michael and Rosemary Smith and Sue Burch for assembling and planting up the new planter on the village green. It looks lovely and should last us for many years!

The proposed garden tidy at the village hall scheduled for the 21st November was postponed due to inclement weather and a need to look further into the detail of the paving project. A new date will be announced probably in spring for this work to go ahead, volunteers will be most welcome to come and give us a hand when the time comes.

Mrs Rayney of the Kent Wildlife Trust gave Gardening Club Members a very informative talk with slides and a lot of information about homes for wildlife at the November meeting.

Tip of the Month - Tend to Brassicas - Earthing up spring cabbages and over winter Brassicas will give them better anchorage in strong winds. Tall growing Brussels sprouts are particularly prone to being blown over. It may also be necessary to put in canes and tie the plants to them. Remove yellowing leaves regularly, as these encourage fungal diseases.

A date for your diary - 10/11/12 June when we shall be going to Cambridgeshire for our weekend away. We shall be visiting Capel Manor Gardens, Cambridge University Botanical Garden, Anglesey Abbey and Wimpole Hall & gardens at Royston. The cost is £250.00 per person for coach, bed, breakfast and evening meal at the Cambridge Menzies Hotel. Entrances are additional to this cost but are quite reasonable. Please call Carole Frost on (01622 757536) if you would like to come.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to **5th March 2016**.

Grafty Green

Saturday 13th Feb 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 13th Feb 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 20st Feb 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall and St. Edmunds Centre, Platt's Heath

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Occasional Saturday Yoga Practice

2nd January 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 but feel free to call me should you wish to register your interest; just loose clothing that allow free movement and a light blanket or shawl for the relaxation.

Grafty Green Yoga Classes for 2016

Wednesday evenings 7 to 8.30 start on January 13th and Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11 on January 14th in Grafty Green Village Hall.

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

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

Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

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Tuesday 5th January 2016. Town Planner Peter Court will tell us about some of the pitfalls of running a business from home. The Dog & Bear Hotel, Lenham.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Beginners 2 Runners and Heart of Kent Hospice are delighted to present the 2015 Santa Run!

Hundreds of runners are expected to take to the streets of Coxheath to spread festive cheer to the locals as they complete the 2.5km fun run (suitable for children) or a 5Km run dressed as Santa!

Entry is £15.00 for adults and £10.00 for children. Every finisher will receive a Santa outfit – complete with suit, beard and hat together with a goodie bag and medal. A percentage of the entry fee will be donated to Heart of Kent Hospice and runners are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as they can for the Hospice.

Mince pies, mulled wine, food and attractions will be located at the start/finish of the race for spectators and family to enjoy whilst supporting you!

The race takes place on Sunday 13th December at Coxheath Primary School, Stocketts Lane, Maidstone ME17 4PS. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 10 a.m.

Book at <http://www.beginners2runners.co.uk/santarun/>



Kent County Council gives notice that Lenham Road, Headcorn will be closed to through traffic, on or after 30th November 2015 for up to 5 days.

The road will be closed between the junctions of Ashleigh Gardens and Oak Farm Gardens.

The alternative route is via Ulcombe Road, Tilden Road, Headcorn Road, Eastwood Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road and vice versa.

**The closure is necessary to investigate water emergency causing flooding to be carried out by KCC.
This Notice applies when the relevant signs and barriers are on site, and is valid for a period of no more than 5 days**



COLDBRIDGE LANE, BOUGHTON MALHERBE

will be closed from Headcorn Road to Coldbridge Farm

18th December 2015 for 6 days

Alternative route via Lenham Road and Woodcock Lane

This is to allow a programme of carriageway surface treatment pre-patching works to be carried out.

Should adverse weather conditions prevent works being carried out on the planned dates it will be re-scheduled, and signposted on site.

Timely Reminder

With the onset of winter (aah) and the first storms and adverse weather we obviously hope that things won't get too bad. The Kent Resilience people are requesting residents, particularly in rural areas, to have some thoughts about 'being prepared' rather than simply being 'reactive' if the worst happens. The following might seem very basic but every time there is a severe weather event many get caught out.

Medication is essential to anybody it is prescribed for therefore it is suggested to always keep several days, perhaps two weeks, worth in hand in case it is difficult to get to a chemist or even the supplies to chemists are disrupted. Similarly topping up on stocks of fuel be it logs, coal or oil and a well stocked food (non perishable) cupboard including some long-life milk.

Other things to think of are torches are preferable to candles in the event of power cuts – many fires particularly in winter are started by candles, also chimney fires which are invariably as a result of chimneys not being swept regularly or burning unsuitable or contaminated materials as can be the case with wood for instance. Lookout for neighbours and those living alone and remember the contact numbers at the back of this magazine and the Parish emergency plan. Then there is the defibrillator located at A W Court premises – anybody who would like some basic instruction on this life saving equipment please get in touch with me.

Smokey Paws

In brief every year fire-fighters try to resuscitate pets from dogs to hamsters but sadly many succumb; the message is simple 'pets are precious'. Smokey Paws is a non-profit charity who through donations and sponsorship provide fire appliances with a kit of tailored pet masks costing £90 per set and hugely improve positive outcomes. Unfortunately with ongoing cuts KFRS are simply unable to resource these kits hence the request for donations which can be specific to a local fire station or stations – or to Kent County as a whole with the ultimate aim to have a kit on every front line fire appliance. Rob at the shop has kindly agreed for a collecting box during December. If anybody has any queries about donating or sponsoring the charity please get in contact me. Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls club have already kindly sponsored a kit which will be presented to Headcorn or Lenham very soon. Thank you.

Chris Wheal (KFRS Volunteer) 01622 858100

Grafty Gourmet

As usual. This is another great yet very simple recipe. It's a warm, creamy dish that's perfect for using up all the leftover turkey meat on Boxing Day. Serve with either rice or just crusty bread and salad. You can easily use this recipe with leftover chicken too.

Leftover Christmas Turkey Stroganoff

1 tablespoon olive oil	3 to 4 spring onions
1 knob butter	1 (284 ml) carton double cream
1 onion, thinly sliced	1 or 2 teaspoons Dijon or wholegrain mustard
6 mushrooms, cleaned and sliced (optional)	a few sprigs fresh thyme, stems removed
100ml white wine	salt and pepper
500 to 700g leftover breast and brown turkey meat	

1. Heat the oil and a knob of butter in a deep sided frying pan. Add onion and cook over medium heat until lightly browned and soft. Stir in mushrooms and cook until softened.
2. Pour in the wine and let the mixture simmer for a few minutes before turning the heat down to low. Stir in the turkey, spring onions, cream, mustard and thyme and continue to cook gently for another 5 or 10 minutes.
3. Season with salt and pepper and serve.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 11th January 2015 at 19.30.**

The Agenda for these meetings 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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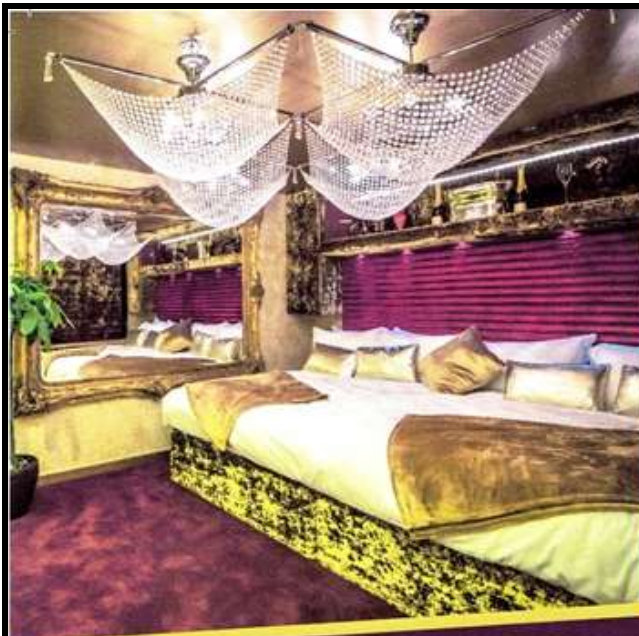
Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Subject	Grey	No	Matter
2	Ballot	Agent	Trade	
3	Class	Case	Hand	
4	Telescope	Local	Commercial	
5	Storm	Child	Wash	
6	Dressed	Hermit	Apple	
7	Water	Wood	Bush	
8	Officer	Crime	Cash	
9	Silver	Black	Lock	
10	Financial	Book	Gap	
11	Holiday	House	Place	
12	Board	Post	Birthday	
13	First	Price	Game	
14	Around	Table	Coat	
15	Hammer	Chrome	Fever	
16	History	Super	Gas	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Stand under the _____, for a kiss
2	A Fairy Tale of ____ ____, A No 2 for The Pogues & Kirsty McColl
3	_____ Log, A Christmas Treat
4	_____, The Red Nose Reindeer
5	Tiny ____, A Dickens's character
6	A _____ in a Pear tree, The First day of Christmas
7	_____ Pies, A traditional Christmas treat
8	The Queens _____, Christmas tradition
9	Christmas _____, Songs for Christmas
10	All I want for Christmas is a _____, Novelty song by Dora Bryan

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Grafty Geeks - What is Bluetooth?

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- Wi-Fi
- Infrared signals



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Once Bluetooth is turned on it will automatically locate any other devices (up to eight devices) in close proximity and display them, see above. Once located, select the device to be “Paired”. Once “Paired” the devices can talk to each other, for example, play music, share data, print or use Wi-Fi. Both Devices have to state they are connected to be sure they will work as expected.

Warning: Some devices require pass codes or other authentication, but this will be available in the manufactures guidelines or in the settings of the device.

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

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Friday 25 December	Monday 28 December
Monday 28 December	Tuesday 29 December
Tuesday 29 December	Wednesday 30 December
Wednesday 30 December	Thursday 31 December
Thursday 31 December	Saturday 2 January
Friday 1 January	Monday 4 January
Monday 4 January	Tuesday 5 January
Tuesday 5 January	Wednesday 6 January
Wednesday 6 January	Thursday 7 January
Thursday 7 January	Friday 8 January
Friday 8 January	Saturday 9 January

Garden Waste Collections

The last garden waste collections this year will be on 24 December 2015. Normal service will resume on 9 January 2016.



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The Ulcombe Friendship Club

This is a local club which lives up to its name!

It has been going since 1998 and is open to anyone who has a free afternoon on the last Thursday in the month.

We meet in the village hall at 2.30 pm. We have a variety of activities as you will see from the programme below. We have interesting speakers coming, a fun afternoon, a Saturday afternoon Cream Tea, a Garden party, a New Year lunch, a Christmas party, and a couple of outings.

When we meet in the village hall, we all enjoy a lovely tea which is prepared on a Rota basis by our members.

Membership is just £8 a year which goes towards hiring the hall. To supplement our income we have a raffle each month and two coffee mornings in people's homes.

It is a very friendly society as the name implies. Members range in age from 50 to 90 – and we have a number of men among our membership.

If you happen to be free on the first Thursday in the month, do come along and join us. We would love to see you. If you need a lift, that can be arranged.

Molly Poulter

Programme 2016

Thursday 21 January	New Year Lunch
Thursday 25 February	AGM and Games and Quiz afternoon
Wednesday 9 March	Coffee Morning
Thursday 24 March (note)	Neil Arnold - <i>Spooky Kent</i>
Thursday 28 April	Martin Heard - <i>Nelson's Mistress Lady Hamilton</i>
Wednesday 25 May	Outing
Saturday 11 June	Cream Teas in village hall
Thursday 30 June	John Pearce - <i>Murder comes gift wrapped</i>
Thursday 28 July	Garden Party
Thursday 25 August	Tea party
Wednesday 28 September	Outing
Wednesday 12 October	Coffee morning
Thursday 27 October	Marianne Martin - <i>An afternoon of laughter</i>
Thursday 24 November	Brian D'Arcy - <i>Living with the ghosts of the Tower of London</i>
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Party with Pearly King and Queen
Thursday 27 January	New year Lunch

Christian Message December 2015

Refugees fleeing terror, war, barbarity and hunger. We're so aware of the hazardous journeys people are making. One of our Christmas carols tells the story of the long dangerous journey of those men who see a star and bring gifts to an infant who they understand is born to be King – "We three kings of Orient are." The Bible calls them 'Magi', not kings. Magi were a number of things, but they were certainly not kings. Think 'magicians'. Think horoscope fanatics. Think fortune-tellers: people who are into reading stars, tea leaves, and chicken gizzards.

The journey the Magi made – probably well over a thousand miles – brings to mind those making a similar journey today. The Syrian, Somali and Iraqi refugees are looking for something. They are looking for peace and safety.

no one leaves home unless
home is the mouth of a shark
....
you have to understand,
that no one puts their children in a boat
unless the water is safer than the land

excerpt from "Home" by Warsan Shire

Benedict Cumberbatch reads this poem after every performance of "Hamlet" and asks for donations for Save the Children, to help with the refugee crisis.

The magi left their peaceful, comfortable, safe homes and chose to seek the King of Peace, bringing their precious gifts. Mary & Joseph treasured those gifts. The refugees choose to seek peace and safety. What gift do they bring? The refugees gift is hard to receive and treasure, perhaps. It's the gift of otherness, of being challenged to welcome the stranger, of being generous and open-hearted to those we don't know and therefore fear.

And that is just what the baby Jesus grown to a man asks us to do:

"...I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...."

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

excerpt from the Bible, Matthew 25

This Christmas, we must remember those who have nothing. We must do what we can to help them. Helping at a crisis centre; sending donations of money, food and clothing; welcoming those who make it here; offering hospitality. May we all find ourselves serving God as we take care of those in the world who are in such need.

Rev Dick Venn

Messy Nativity Sheep Trail

Nov 30th – Dec 6th



**Can you find the 12 sheep hidden
in the shops and other places
near the square in Lenham?**

The last sheep can only be found in the church on
Sunday Dec 6th in the afternoon.

Prize draw takes place just before the Lenham
lights are switched on.

Pick up your entry form from The Village Stores,
the Library or the church. Free entry.

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – **December 2015**

**Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th
December**

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

Sunday 6th December

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

Wednesday 9th December

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

Saturday 12th December

4.00pm Lenham Church: Messy
Church

Sunday 13th December

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
with Bishop Trevor Wilmott
11.00 am Lenham: Joint Len Valley
Churches celebration service with
Bishop Trevor Wilmott

Wednesday 16th December

10.30am Holy Communion:
Chippendale Lodge

Sunday 20th December

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30 am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship
10.30 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

**Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th
December**

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

**Christmas Day: Friday 25th
December**

10.00 am Lenham: Christmas
Celebration
10.00 am Boughton Malherbe: Family
Communion
10.00 am Harrietsham: Family
Communion
10.00 am Ulcombe: Family
Communion

Sunday 27th December

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

Emergency and Help Contact Details

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

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First Aid Support – when **an ambulance has been called using 999** - Interim emergency support (first aid and AED defibrillator), prior to arrival of paramedics / ambulance, may be available (not 24/7) by calling Chris Wheal on 07979 864929 -this is a voluntary 'good Samaritan' facility for residents. It is hoped a SECAMB (ambulance) community first responder scheme may start in future

NHS Medical Helpline	111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	0845 155 1000
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Headcorn Surgery <i>(out of hours listen to -</i>	01622 890294
Lenham Surgery <i>recorded messages)</i>	01622 858341

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<i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i>	0800 783 8866
	or 01243 508866

Water	<i>Emergencies</i>	0333 000 0002
Calor Gas	<i>Emergencies</i>	08457 444999
KCC	<i>Emergencies</i>	03000 41 41 41
	<i>Highways</i>	03000 41 81 81

KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07969 583923
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	07773 397125

Fire	<i>General Enquiries</i>	01622 692121
	<i>Home Safety Visits</i>	0800 923 7000
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R.S.P.C.A	<i>Emergencies</i>	0300 1234 999
Vet	<i>24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service</i>	01622 734555
	Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle	

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Subject	Grey	No	Matter
2	Ballot	Agent	Trade	Secret
3	Class	Case	Hand	Upper
4	Telescope	Local	Commercial	Radio
5	Storm	Child	Wash	Brain
6	Dressed	Hermit	Apple	Crab
7	Water	Wood	Bush	Rose
8	Officer	Crime	Cash	Petty
9	Silver	Black	Lock	Smith
10	Financial	Book	Gap	Year
11	Holiday	House	Place	Public
12	Board	Post	Birthday	Card
13	First	Price	Game	Reserve
14	Around	Table	Coat	Turn
15	Hammer	Chrome	Fever	Yellow
16	History	Super	Gas	Natural

	Find the missing word?	
1	Stand under the Mistletoe , for a kiss	
2	A Fairy Tale of New York , A No 2 for The Pogues & Kirsty McColl	
3	Yule Log , A Christmas Treat	
4	Rudolf , The Red Nose Reindeer	
5	Tiny Tim , A Dickens's character	
6	A Partridge in a Pear tree, The First day of Christmas	
7	Mince Pie's , A traditional Christmas treat	
8	The Queens Speech , Christmas tradition	
9	Christmas Carols , Songs for Christmas	
10	All I want for Christmas is a Beagle , Novelty song by Dora Bryan	



Ulcombe School Christmas Fayre

Friday 4th December 6.30 pm

Father Christmas will arrive in Ulcombe at 5.45pm, coming down Ulcombe Hill on his sleigh. Join him at the village hall at 6.00pm to walk through the village to the school to enjoy all the festive fun of the fayre.

Christmas hamper raffle
Santa's grotto
Face painting
Chocolate tombola
Craft stalls
Games
Refreshments



Have a hoot this Christmas at the Ulcombe Festive Fayre?
We hope to see you there.