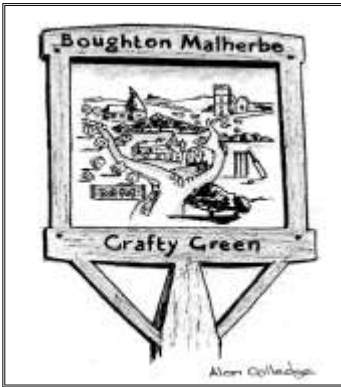


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**Front Cover:** Sylvia Close with her cream tea colleague at St Nicholas Church celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The editor would like to thank Sylvia as she batches up and delivers all the magazines to the local distributors, without her help no one would receive the magazine. Picture courtesy of John Collins

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

**Prayer requests** can be left in the box in the church porch. Paper and pencils are in the box already. The requests will be collected and prayers said in the church as soon as possible.

**Morning Prayer** will be in St. Nicolas at 9am on Mondays, (Tuesdays, 9am in All Saints, Ulcombe; Wednesdays, 9.30am in St. Mary's, Lenham and Fridays, 9.30am in St. John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham).

**Bible Study** is continuing at 10.30-12noon on Thursdays at Wierton Villa, the home of Joan Drury. We are already looking forward to the next chapter about Moses, his life and character as written in Exodus. For more details contact Joan on 01622 853766.

**Village Coffee Morning** will be in the Village Hall, 10.30-12noon on Wednesday 9th October. We were very impressed by all the hard work being done in the kitchen. We enjoyed the company of so many people at our September meeting, needing more tables and chairs. Must make more cakes and scones next time!

**Sylvia's Special 'Cream Tea'**, on Sunday 15th September, celebrating her birthday, was a wonderful occasion and a great way for us all to say a big 'thank-you' to her for the work she has done over the years. The weather was perfect and more than 150 friends and visitors joined in this extra 'Cream Tea' of the season. Angela and John put up lots of pretty bunting, probably putting their lives at risk in doing so! Janet had made the most beautiful cake to be cut and shared, we don't think anyone went away hungry! The dogs got their special treats too. Friends and families added to the welcoming atmosphere, even having to sit on blankets as chairs were in demand. Vanessa gave Sylvia a rose and other gifts from St. Nicolas and there were lots of gifts and cards from so many others.

**Baptism of Clara** at St. Nicolas on Sunday 22nd September was a very special celebration, with her family and friends filling the church. Her parents Alex and Charlotte were married here and her brother, William, was baptised here too.

**Reminder** that the **Informal Service** on the fourth Sunday each month is at 11am.

**Evensong** on the second Sunday each month will be at 3.30pm from December.

**Remembrance Service** will be at 10.15am on Sunday 10th November, no Evensong on that day.

**Harvest Supper** 7pm in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th October (see the poster).

**Harvest Festival** is at 6.30 in St. Nicolas Church on Sunday 13th (see poster).

**Eco-spot.** I am looking for recipes to make my own cleaning products, using non-toxic ingredients, without the need for plastic containers. I am sure I can find these on-line, but it would be great to have ideas from people who have already made and used their own products. If you could give me some hints, I would like to add them to this space.

The wonderful show of Autumn colours is beginning, my very favourite time of the year. Kenneth has just had both cataracts treated, how lucky we are to have such care for our sight, so that we can truly appreciate these joyful seasons so generously given for us to enjoy.

**Sally Alexander**

## **Emergency Plan Update**

Your copy of the October 2019 edition of Malherbe Monthly is accompanied by your free copy of the latest revised version of the Boughton Malherbe Parish / Grafty Green Emergency Plan. Please take a few minutes to read the plan, and keep it in a safe place should it ever be needed.

**Please destroy all previous copies of the plan which you have kept.**

The plan is mainly intended to be used in the event of a major disaster such as a plane crash into the village where many people might be affected, and we have to respond until the emergency services arrive. The plan might also be used if, for example, we have an extended power failure, homes are cut off by snow, or a major storm strikes.

The plan also contains useful information for self help if your home is at risk or you are in personal danger.

In particular, the plan aims to help the elderly and vulnerable. If you know anyone who might benefit, including yourself, please tell Ron Galton (01622 850369) and a confidential note will be kept on file in case of need.

If you live outside the Boughton Malherbe Parish, and have received a copy of the plan with your magazine, you are not excluded from assistance in emergency. We will always try to help if possible, but if your Parish has its own plan you should use it in preference to ours.

It is hoped that the plan will never be needed, but if it is, it provides the framework for co-ordinated help.

**The Emergency Plan Committee**

## October 2019 Malherbe Monthly Article on traffic calming

Following the feasibility work undertaken by MLM Consultants, in collaboration with Kent County Council Highways, a proposed scheme was developed. Consultation on the proposals took place during June culminating in a public meeting in the village hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> July. 37 members of the public attended the public meeting, along with representatives from KCC. A summary of the comments made at the meeting, and received by correspondence, can be found on the Parish Council website at: <http://www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk/community/boughton-malherbe-parish-council-12879/background-documents/>.

In order to explore the main themes emerging from the consultation so far, a further meeting was held with KCC Highways on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. The key answers received from KCC at this meeting are summarised below:

Question	KCC Response
1. Can the granite "chicanes" be placed anywhere else in the village without impacting on the effectiveness of the scheme?	KCC advise that the scheme will be less effective if the chicanes are moved north of the Kings Head or the chicane opposite the shop is removed from the scheme altogether. The locations were surveyed by both KCC and MLM and the locations chosen are the best available. KCC do not believe that the chicane by the post office will discourage parking and there is sufficient room for vehicles to pass both parked cars on the Post Office side and avoid the chicane. Vehicles can park on the chicane, and if they do, they will slow traffic in any event
2. Will the effectiveness of the proposed scheme be affected by moving the southern village gate to near Wren's Nest where the current village sign is located?	The village gate and painted road surface can only be located <b>within</b> a 30mph zone and not on the edge where it joins a national speed limit zone, such as the current village sign near Wren's Nest.  KCC also advise that having two village signs will be confusing.  KCC suggested leaving the current village sign where it is currently located, and, instead of a village sign on the new white gateway at Barnside, have a sign on the gateway saying "Please drive carefully through our village"
3. Can we opt for a speed hump on each side of the village centre or does this require street lighting? What are the full range of options available that don't require street lighting?	No, speed bumps can only be created where there is street lighting. Only changes to the road surface and white lining can be used where there are no street lights
4. Is a "virtual speed bump" as used in East Farleigh an option for us-- see photograph?	Yes. This can be added to the design for the proposed village gate red tarmac area.  This feature can only be used within a 30mph area and not where a 30mph area joins a national speed limit area as at the village sign near Wren's Nest
5. Would there be any value in conducting another	Yes. However, KCC advise that we wait until the village centre scheme is completed then conduct traffic surveys on the extremities of the village as

speed survey in a different location as we were told by some residents, we conducted our survey in the wrong place?

part of the next phase of work and to assess the impact of the scheme. KCC advised the Parish Council on the location of the previous traffic survey as the best location to develop traffic calming through the centre of the village.

The Parish Council would welcome comments on the following possible amendments to the proposed scheme:

1. Retain the existing village sign at the Headcorn end of the village opposite "Wren's Nest"
2. Instead of a village sign on the proposed new village gateway to be located opposite Barnside, place a sign on the gate saying "Please drive carefully through our village"
3. Once the initial scheme is in place, conduct further traffic surveys at either end of the village, then discuss further measures with KCC for the outer areas of the village

Please send any comments on these proposed amendments to the Parish Clerk at [boughtonmalherbecpc@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonmalherbecpc@gmail.com).

The Parish Council will discuss the next steps at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30pm in the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**







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962339.

**Sue Burch – British Wheel of Yoga  
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The next Parish Council meeting will be in Grafty Green Village Hall on **4<sup>th</sup>  
November** 2019 at 7.30pm



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Sunday 13th October

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## Harvest



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Saturday 12th October

7pm

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**Some photos from the recent Grafty Green Village Fete**



## **Important Reminder - Please Read**

The Parish Council has received numerous complaints that dog walkers are allowing their dogs to foul the Village Green and not picking up the mess.

Please ensure when walking your dog that you always carry a suitable bag with you.

The Green is used by many dog walkers and children, as well as other residents and visitors and the Parish Council requests that we all please play a part in keeping our public spaces clean and free of litter. It is therefore important that anyone walking a dog on the Village Green or around the Village always picks up after their dog.

There is a bin on the Green which can be used to deposit waste. The Parish Council has now arranged for Maidstone Borough Council to adopt this bin and replace it with one marked for both litter and dog waste.

**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

## **Grafty Gourmet - Quick & Easy Lamb Biryani**

As always, I try and keep these recipes basic and easy to cook. This classic dish couldn't be simpler. A one pot recipe that takes just 25 minutes and results in a flavoursome, warming lamb curry. Serve with Poppadoms and Chutney.

1 tablespoon of sunflower oil	200g of basmati rice
1 teaspoon of cumin seeds	400ml of hot vegetable stock
300g of cubed lamb (from the leg or shoulder)	2 tablespoons of hot curry paste
1 red onion, peeled and thickly sliced	Juice of 1 lime
	A Handful fresh coriander leaves

1. Heat the oil in a large pan. Roll the lamb cubes in the cumin seeds so they stick firmly to the meat. Cook the lamb and onion for 5 minutes until nicely browned.
2. Stir in the rice then pour over the stock. Mix in the curry paste, using a wooden spoon to scrape up all the tasty bits from the bottom of the pan.
3. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat then cover and simmer gently for 15 minutes until the rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed.
4. Stir in the lime juice and scatter in a few fresh coriander leaves. Stir and serve.





# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; A Allum; J Collins; C Brown  
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

**In attendance:** Cllr Karen Chappel-Tay; Cllr. Shellina Prendergast; 9 members of public

Cllr Galton opened meeting

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it. None
2. Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence. None
3. Declarations:
  - Any lobbying None
  - Any interest in items on the Agenda None
  - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests None
4. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 approved
5. Matters Arising - None
6. Public Session – Tom La Dell presented his thoughts on the best way forward for the traffic calming project. Before inviting Tom LaDell to speak, the Chairman pointed out that the Council had to follow its previous resolutions and could not make any decisions until after the meeting with Kent Highways on the 12th September. Tom explained that from his experience on similar projects there needs to be a further public meeting at which a range of options could be explored with residents before deciding on a scheme. Tom offered to draft a proposal for consideration if the Council gave KCC permission to provide him with the general conditions applying to such schemes. It was agreed that Tom will write formally to the council regarding his suggestions for the best way forward and it will receive full consideration
7. KCC/MBC Reports – Cllr Karen Chappell -Tay provided an update on enforcement action in the Ward. Cllr. Shellina Prendergast reported on the bus pilot delays, CIL regulations consultation and change of Leader
8. Planning Outcomes since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019: Kitslano withdrawn, Hillside permitted, Little Willows withdrawn, Boughton Park permitted. The clerk apologised to Councillors that comments on Boughton Park were not submitted, and will send them retrospectively
9. Points of Interest Stone – Cllr. Galton reported that we are still awaiting a response from the landowner to our proposal
10. Local Policing/Community
  - 10.1 Police/Crime Report - stats from PCSO noted. PCSO John Boyd asked that incidents involving children from the traveller sites on the roads are promptly reported to the police to enable a response to be arranged. John also asked that residents maintain a watch for sheep worrying due to recent reports



- 10.2 Speedwatch - nothing to report
11. **Highway and Footway Matters**
- 12.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – Cllr Allum updated the meeting on KCC Actions. Clerk to report Headcorn Road breaking up close to Park House
- 11.2 59 Bus - Cllr Collins reported that the pilot is still delayed and there has been no further update
- 11.3 Highways Improvement Plan – Latest version of the plan noted. The report from the Clerk collating comments received on the proposals, together with those made at the Public meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, was received and noted, and will inform the next phase. It was agreed that the purpose of the meeting with KCC was to explore all options and seek advice on how we should now proceed and report back to the next Council meeting.
- 11.4 Litter – it was agreed to arrange further working parties this autumn and advertise these in Malherbe Monthly
12. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Galton attended two KALC meetings and two MBC sessions on the NPPF; Cllr. Turner attended a NPPF session with MBC and the KALC Councillors Conference.
13. **Finance**
- 13.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank: Nat West £10,306.65  
Nationwide £25,230.28  
Cambridge and Counties £ 85,492.65
- 13.2 Income since the last meeting : None
- 13.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed the statement circulated with the agenda
- 13.4 Any cheques to sign: none
- 13.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting: noted KALC Courses £72, £67, £120
14. **Donation From Quinn Estates** – reviewed progress. Agreed that Cllr Turner will submit a written proposal regarding assistance with funding the improvements to the Village Hall
15. **Transparency Code** – it was agreed that all background documents circulated with agendas will be placed on the website at the same time as agendas
16. **NALC Tree Charter** – it was agreed that the council will sign-up to the charter
17. **MBC Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Consultation** – it was agreed that councillors will send comments to the Clerk who will compile and circulate a composite response for approval
18. **Public Sector Bodies Web Accessibility Regulations 2018** – it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Hugo Fox for their advice and bring proposals back to a future meeting
19. **Footpath 483** – it was agreed that Cllr Turner will speak to the land owner and report back to the next meeting
20. **Councillor Email Accounts** – it was agreed that the Council will conduct all its business using the new Council accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Clerk to ensure that Malherbe Monthly uses the correct email addresses
- ~~18~~ 21 **Correspondence** – MLM Consultants, CPRE
- ~~19~~ 22 **Further Information** – none

The meeting closed at 9.11

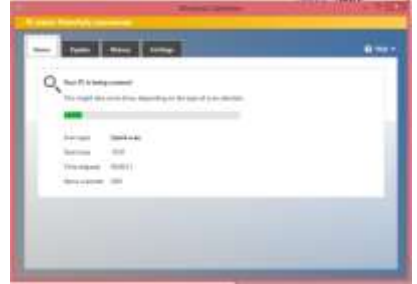
## Village Hall Garden!

Grafty Green Gardening Club has organised an afternoon to tidy the border at the village hall – more volunteers would be very much appreciated - we will meet at 1pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October; bring your gloves, a fork or spade or trowel.

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## **A message from your MP – Helen Whately**

### **What's going on in Westminster?**

People often ask me what is going on in Westminster. It has been a strange – and sometimes difficult – few months.

I appreciate that Brexit continues to divide opinion. I've heard a full range of views from constituents – from those who want to see us leave without a deal to those who want to cancel Brexit.

I still believe the best outcome is to leave the EU with a deal – and the Prime Minister wants to see this as well. But we must hold our nerve in these negotiations and be prepared for any outcome.

As a Kent MP, I do not take the risks of no deal lightly. That's why I continue to meet regularly with Ministers from the Treasury and Department for Transport to make sure plans are in place to keep Kent moving under any Brexit outcome. And I was pleased to see the Government provide extra funding for Brexit preparations in Kent.

The Prime Minister has also announced extra funding for schools and hospitals – and I will continue to work hard to make sure Kent gets its share of this money.

Earlier this month I was made Minister for Arts, Tourism and Heritage. This is my first job in Government and while I'm excited to be taking on new responsibilities, my top priority will continue to be working hard for Faversham and Mid Kent.

### **More money for Kent's schools**

Every school in Faversham and Mid Kent will get an increase in funding as a result of the extra £14 billion the Prime Minister has committed to education funding between now and 2022/23.

As part of this, Minimum Funding Levels will increase to £5,000 per pupil next year, with every primary school getting a minimum of £4,000 from 2021/22. This will benefit Kent schools which have traditionally been lower funded.

Kent schools could also be in line for an additional £20 million to help children with special educational needs, so every pupil can access the education that is right for them.

### **Some good news for rail users**

Passengers on Southeastern trains can now get money back for journeys that are 15 minutes late, following my campaign to get compensation for shorter delays. And a new railcard has been introduced which gives 16-17 year olds half price train

fares, including at peak times. This will be a huge help to families whose children commute to school or college by train.

I know there is still a lot of work to be done to get the reliable and affordable trains people need. Earlier this month, I met the Rail Minister, Chris Heaton-Harris, to put your views about how to make trains better directly to him.

### **Brexit preparations get funding boost**

Operation Brock is getting a £20 million funding boost as part of the Government's preparations to leave the EU on 31 October.

This will ensure Operation Brock – designed to keep the M20 open in the event of disruption to services across the English Channel – can be implemented effectively, if needed.

Much of this funding is for contingency planning. Ideally, we won't get delays at the ports and we won't need Operation Brock, but if it is going to be deployed, it needs to work properly. This includes making sure border checks are ready and the police and local authorities have all the powers they need.

### **Securing more money for hospitals in Kent**

I'm determined to get Kent its share of the extra £1.8 billion NHS capital funding which has been announced for hospital upgrades in England. I've met other local MPs and the Chief Executive of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust about a request to the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, for £350 million for hospitals in our area.

People in East Kent have waited too long for better healthcare. With the medical school on the way, now is the time to sort out our hospitals.

### **Results are in from my Park Wood GP survey**

The survey has given me a good sense of what's going well and where people are having problems. For instance, some people can get an appointment the same day, but others told me they have to wait over two weeks.

I've shared my results with local GPs, asking them to work together to make sure everyone has a good experience at their surgery. I've also written to the local NHS body which funds GP surgeries asking them what they can do to help. Finally, I've written to the Health Secretary so that the Government knows that Park Wood needs improvements in GP services.

An online survey about GP services - for everyone in Faversham and Mid Kent - is still open, so please visit my website and take a few minutes to tell me what you think.

**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

# **Christmas Tree Lighting**

**Grafty Village Green**

**30th  
November  
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## Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Column	Monger	Idle	<b>Gossip</b>
2	Shopping	Nerve	Call	
3	Fishing	Work	Ball	
4	Life	Hair	Free	
5	Cage	Lady	Watcher	
6	Sailing	Flood	Flour	
7	Open	Floor	Business	
8	Bank	Daylight	Highway	
9	Opera	Field	Sun	
10	Black	Basin	Rice	
11	Coat	Good	Over	
12	Credit	Final	Film	
13	Crossed	Sign	Pop	
14	Weight	Spot	Day	
15	Breaker	Hockey	Dry	
16	Common	Fire	Mat	

	Find the missing word?
1	____ Lisa, Painting by Leonardo da Vinci
2	Otis _____, 'Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay' singer
3	_____ Ross, US Vocalist
4	Brenda _____, BAFTA winner for 'Secrets & Lies' 1996
5	_____ Baxendale, Cold Feet & Cuckoo actress
6	Donald _____, Late actor known for 'Never The Twain'
7	_____ Trotter, Del Boys younger brother
8	Sheridan _____, Actress who found fame in 'Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps'
9	_____ Hill, Slapstick comedy legend who sang 'Ernie (The Fasted Milkman in the West)'
10	Hugh _____, Comic known for 'Mock the Week'



## Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5.00 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden. Non members are most welcome at any meeting for a small fee of £2.00.

### Programme 2019

Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
January 8	AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.
May 7	Outing - Warren Street House
June 4	Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies
June 6 - 9	Weekend, <u>Thurs</u> ; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u> , East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u> . Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u> . Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden.
July 2	Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare
Aug 3	Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)
Sept 3	Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.
<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru</b>
Nov 5	Andrew - Hops
Dec 3	Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm

On October 1st Sue Shaw will give us a talk about her travels in Peru. Following the talk there will be an opportunity for questions over a cup of coffee or tea and a catch up with gardening friends, plant swaps when available. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Garden in October - If soil conditions allow older clumps of perennials can be lifted and divided now. Late-flowering plants like Michaelmas daisies are best left till spring before dividing. Lift and store bulbs and dahlias can be lifted and stored in peat free compost when they have finished flowering. Compost ready now can be added as a mulch and dug in.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club**



**Lenham Film Club**  
**Friday October 11th**  
**Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm**  
*at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way*

Based on a Stephen King short story, our October film, **Stand By Me** (15, 1987 UK release), is the chosen winner selected by our membership in our first ever members' vote. Kicking their heels for something to do, four boys hear about a dead body in the woods, so out of pure curiosity off they go to have a look at it. Set in stunning scenery and beautifully photographed, it proves to be a journey to adulthood and a learning curve of the values of comradeship. Directed by Rob Reiner, it's a film not to miss.

On 8<sup>th</sup> November we have another winner: **Rocketman** (15, 2019), the memorable story of Elton John's early years and accompanied by his music throughout. A brilliant film! In addition to our normal monthly performance we have planned several matinees over the winter months. For more information or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at [lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com). Keep an eye open for our posters, follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub), perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

***Stand by Me:*** Running time 1hr 29 minutes. ***Rocketman:*** Running time 2hrs 1 minute.

*Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.*

## October Music Notes

Some good concerts this month and I have included the bi-annual hospice concert right at the beginning of November. This is a first class musical event at which performers - including professional soloists – give their time and talents freely (indeed chorus singers all make a donation) and all profits go to the Heart of Kent Hospice. I recommend it most strongly. Then the list is:

- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** 2.30pm at All Saints Church Ulcombe ME17 1DN the UK Paper Band will be giving a concert in aid of The Friends of the church. Ticket 01622 891889 include cream tea!
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre ME15 7RN Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's opening concert for the season includes Korngold's Violin concerto and Richard Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben*. Tickets 07817 429143 or at the door. Come early to catch Steve Migden's Free Pre-concert talks from 6.40-7.10pm
- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm at the church of St. James the Great, East Malling ME19 6AG there is a performance of Mozart's *Coronation Mass*. This is a "come and sing" event hosted by East Malling Singers – any singer can take part. Contact 01622 750943 for tickets and also for information as to how to take part.
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone, ME15 6YE Maidstone Wind Symphony joins with the Frisian Symphonic Wind Orchestra from the Netherlands in a concert entitled "Lollapalooza". (Lollapalooza: an extraordinary or unusual thing, person, or event). Tickets at the door.
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, a concert of chamber music by the prize-winning Pelléas Ensemble is presented under the aegis of the Sutton Valence Music Society. Tickets at the door for non-members.
- **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, ME15 7RN, the bi-annual Hospice Concert will be a concert performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. This is a very popular charity event, with professional soloists and a chorus from the combined choirs of the area. Tickets: [www.hokh.org/events](http://www.hokh.org/events) or Tel: 01732 885749.

And here is this month's musical definition.;

**Wrong notes:** This is a relative term and applies only to those examples performed by someone else.

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# Christian Message October 2019 by Lorraine Apps-Huggins

*Chaplain to the Living Well – the Canterbury Diocesan Retreat Centre for Healing & Wholeness*

**The summer holidays** provide opportunity to explore our creative and social nature; to play sports, to travel, to read, to engage in hobbies, to relax, to have fun! I hope you have had plenty.

I often jovially say, 'if it's not fun I'm going home...' I get bored easily with the mundane and I am yet learning *'to be content in all circumstances...'*

The word 'holidays' stems from 'holy days'. Holy meaning 'set apart' or 'other.' At one time the only release from your labour were the holy days or feast days of the local church – no wonder they were valued and seen as such a gift. You would be odd not to value a day off from work occasionally that came because of the local religion. The word 'religion' comes from Latin *re-ligio* meaning to re-connect. *Ligio* meaning connection and from which we also find the word *ligament*. We know ligaments hold our joints in place. Therefore to be 'religious' is to be *re-connected* in a good way to God, so that our lives hold together. To do that on a regular basis (because we have a tendency to wander off) is what seekers do on 'holy days.' Weekly on a Sunday or any 'day of rest' (Sabbath) our generous God calls us to a day off work to share with Him, to get reconnected to our Original Source, and those of us who may be described 'religious' simply seek to connect with God regularly. That's pretty awesome and not mundane!

**Life with Jesus is an adventure.** The first disciples left their livelihoods, followed Jesus, experienced miracles and healings; had rollercoaster moments that were distressing (*eg* the Cross) and thrilling and engaging (*eg* the resurrection). Life is meant to be interesting. *Life in all its fullness*, empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit is not dull! (*Godliness with contentment is great gain*) writes St Paul whose *life adventure began once the scales fell off his eyes, he recognised Jesus and got connected.*

Every blessing of an engaging life be yours.

## Focus on Faith

Andrea Trevenna will be speaking about the Biblical book, Revelation, in Ryarsh village hall on **Wednesday October 16th from 9.15am to 2.15pm**. My apologies for the error in September's magazine. Joan Drury (01622 853766)

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Farming in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is far from straightforward, however Roundoak Farm at Sutton Valence and its sister farm at Kings Oak at Ulcombe, situated on the tranquil and beautiful southern slopes of the Greensand ridge overlooking the Weald of Kent, have developed their own multifaceted unique farming enterprise, hinged around their specialist care of rare breed cattle and sheep.

It was the idea of Norman and Ruth Coles, with no notable experience in farming, to embark on this venture, and started with the acquisition of only a few Hebridean sheep at Roundoak. They were initially referred to as 'Colesy and his old goats' in the local pub, and the idea was originally met with skepticism and in the early days we recall being the laughing stock of some of the local farmers! Admittedly, the journey has been very interesting and at times challenging, but I don't think that anyone is laughing now!

Stock levels across both farms now stand at some 120 cows and calves, 3 bulls, and some 700 sheep. Following on from the Hebridean sheep, we acquired Highland cattle, and then more rare breed sheep including North Ronaldsays and the endangered Borerays. More recently the farm also added the stunning, rare and ancient White Parks to the farm, which are native to the UK. Finally our most recent acquisition, at the request of the Rare Breed Survival Trust has been Vaynol cattle, similarly beautiful and rare beasts. The farm also has a breeding herd of Sussex cattle.

It is of note that the farm also has royal connections with both our bulls, the Duke and Prince of Balmoral being former members of the Queen's stock at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, as are many of our breeding heffiers. We have a great relationship with Dochy Ormaston the Queen's highland stockman and regularly have the pleasure of staying on The Estate.

A key facet of our enterprise is the use of the farms' stock in conservation grazing throughout the County, especially for many conservation groups such as Kent wildlife trust, Medway Countryside Partnership, KCC at some of its country parks and a number of large houses privately owned with land. This use of livestock grazing is essential for the management of many of Kent's wildlife habitats.

Rare breed animals are slower growing than their crossbred counterparts, and as a result their meat is tastier, more lean and lower in cholesterol and therefore

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has significant health benefits for the consumer. Another unfortunate side effect of cross-bred animals who are obese, is that it has resulted in so many calving and lambing problems, unlike the rare breeds who commonly birth unaided and with ease. Despite this, however, it didn't take long for us to discover that at the local market the rare-breeds would get trashed on weight and price, and therefore have little or no short-term commercial value. Unfortunately it is our observation that food production in this country has taken over from the general welfare of the animals.

Through this realization, we began to identify the need to expand and diversify into other areas including tourism and events. This has included caravanning and camping, glamping and events such as weddings, corporate and formal functions, and we also now run several annual events including a gin festival and a beer festival. We use and sell our own homegrown meat where possible and we also recently opened up a pop up butchery selling our homegrown produce either fresh or frozen.

Our increased emphasis on events has also seen the creation of our incredibly unique Yard bar. Although not yet licensed, it is the quirkiest area ever, with discarded farm clutter the focus is on the up side down cattle tombstone feeder which forms the bar top. We have had many private functions in this area and our 5 acres of woodland, which includes a stage for open-air bands, large fire pit and entertainment area.

Although we are not actually 'open to the public', we do encourage people to make an appointment to come and look round the farm, as getting the public to the farm is hugely important to us and allows us to educate people to understand a lot more about the rare breeds and their value. Through personal farm safari style tours of the farm on our farm buggies, visitors are able to get up close to the animals and can see for themselves our animals are happy and well cared for.

Lastly, we have our own unique way of dealing with our older stock. We hated taking our old cows to market where we were trashed on price – sometimes not making more than a few hundred pound, but what alternative was there? We tentatively put an advert on Preloved – wondering if anyone else would feel they same way about our magnificent and much loved Highland cows. In fact, we could not believe the response, we have since sold in excess of 30 beasts to kind people all over the UK, who have had some land and wanted to care for these lovely animals.

Roundoak and Kings Oak are continuing to expand. We have a regular newsletter and our Facebook page continues to grow. People like to feel that they are a part of this 'new age farming enterprise'. Despite all this we do still regard ourselves as a commercial farming enterprise, however we sell a unique concept and product, and are passionate about our role in helping to preserve our endangered and rare breeds.

The farm can be contacted on 01622 844491 or by email at [info@roundoak-hebridean.co.uk](mailto:info@roundoak-hebridean.co.uk).

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**Sunday/Main Services – October 2019**

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**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Harvest  
Choral Evensong

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy  
Communion

9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-friendly  
Morning Worship

11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning  
Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Harvest Holy  
Communion

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy  
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion  
(Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service  
(with informal Holy Communion)

9.30 am Harrietsham: Harvest Holy  
Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Harvest Service

11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book  
of Common Prayer)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Big Breakfast Service

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Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO .....)	<b>101</b>

Ambulance 999 note: an **aed** 'public access **defibrillator**' is sited and available 24/7 at the premises (in porch) of A.W. Court in Headcorn road. Ambulance 999 control centre will give 999 callers the lock code, if appropriate, to access the **defibrillator**.

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 01622 858100 -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	<b>111</b>
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	<b>0845 155 1000</b>
William Harvey Hospital	<b>01233 633331</b>
Headcorn Surgery                      ( <i>out of hours listen to -</i>	<b>01622 890294</b>
Lenham Surgery <i>recorded messages</i> )	<b>01622 858341</b>

Electricity (UK Power Networks)	
<i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i>	<b>0800 783 8866</b>
	<b>or 01243 508866</b>

Water <i>Emergencies</i>	<b>0333 000 0002</b>
Southern Water Foul and Waste Water drainage/Flooding	<b>0330 303 0368</b>
Calor Gas <i>Emergencies</i>	<b>08457 444999</b>
KCC <i>Emergencies</i>	<b>03000 41 41 41</b>
<i>Highways</i>	<b>03000 41 81 81</b>

KCC Community Wardens:

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

Fire <i>General Enquiries</i>	<b>01622 692121</b>
<i>Home Safety Visits</i>	<b>0800 923 7000</b>
<i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i>	<b>01622 858100</b>

R.S.P.C.A <i>Emergencies</i>	<b>0300 1234 999</b>
Vet <i>24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service</i>	<b>01622 734555</b>

Maidstone Borough Community Protection - **01622 602202** – Noise, neighbours, Smoke, Travellers. Environmental Services – **01622 602162** – Fly tipping, Street cleaning, Litter, Bins, dead animals

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Column	Monger	Idle	Gossip
2	Shopping	Nerve	Call	Centre
3	Fishing	Work	Ball	Net
4	Life	Hair	Free	Style
5	Cage	Lady	Watcher	Bird
6	Sailing	Flood	Flour	Plain
7	Open	Floor	Business	Plan
8	Bank	Daylight	Highway	Robbery
9	Opera	Field	Sun	Glasses
10	Black	Basin	Rice	Pudding
11	Coat	Good	Over	Turn
12	Credit	Final	Film	Score
13	Crossed	Sign	Pop	Star
14	Weight	Spot	Day	Light
15	Breaker	Hockey	Dry	Ice
16	Common	Fire	Mat	Place

	Find the missing word?
1	Mona Lisa, Painting by Leonardo da Vinci
2	Otis Redding, 'Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay' singer
3	Diana Ross, US Vocalist
4	Brenda Blethyn, BAFTA winner for 'Secrets & Lies' 1996
5	Helen Baxendale, Cold Feet & Cuckoo actress
6	Donald Sinden, Late actor known for 'Never The Twain'
7	Rodney Trotter, Del Boys younger brother
8	Sheridan Smith, Actress who found fame in 'Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps'
9	Benny Hill, Slapstick comedy legend who sang 'Emie (The Fasted Milkman in the West)
10	Hugh Dennis, Comic known for 'Mock the Week'

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