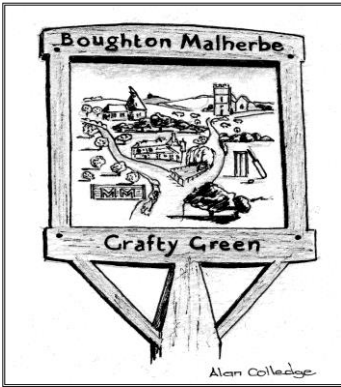


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Front Cover: Kenneth Alexander with his tree presents on the occasion of his big birthday (80) on 17th June. Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church.

The Main Church building remains closed, but the porch is available and welcoming for anyone who wishes to go in for private prayer at any time. Please keep an eye on the church notice board, as there may be further changes to church building accessibility soon.

Morning Prayer is said daily in the parish at 9.30am. If anyone would like to join us, 'virtually', please contact Rev. Anne Price on 01622-924963 or revanne@lvb.org.uk. Feel free to join in any day.

If you have prayer requests please contact the vicar, Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Anne Price or the churchwardens anytime and prayers will be said in Morning Prayer time.

All other regular events are still 'on hold'.

Future activities. The church and wider community are not in 'hibernation mode', they are actively planning for the future. Life may not go back to the way we were, dashing here and there, with ever bigger projects in mind, perhaps not always reflecting on the impact our activities might have on the health of ourselves or others. We will be forced to think of how we do things to protect others, yet still ensuring the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of each other.

'Smaller' may be the new way forward, little steps at a time.

Please contact the churchwardens if you need further information.

Do contact John Collins (Treasurer), if you would like to continue your support for St.Nicolas at this time.

Farewell. We pray for Nick Chantler and his family as they said goodbye to him on June 11th. He will be sadly missed by the Chantler family and the wider farming community in Kent. Please continue to keep in your prayers all those who are mourning loved ones at this time

Eco-spot. Here's hoping the things we have learnt in this global crisis will not be forgotten. The quiet roads, the empty clear skies, the bird song, people walking locally with their families, contact with distant friends and family, the homeless being given shelter.

We CAN do it!

Any comments? Contact me on alexandersc@me.com

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Village Hall News

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With Coronavirus restrictions gradually being lifted, there's a chink of light at the end of the tunnel for the Village Hall. Halls are now allowed to re-open (from 4 July) and we hope to open the Grafty Green Hall sometime this month - but we have to comply with conditions around cleansing, sanitiser provision and the display of notices, and that will take a little while to organise.

In practice, we don't expect a lot of action in the early days. Many of the organisations that regularly hire the Hall tend to take a break over the summer months and resume their activities in the autumn, and we imagine that not until September will things begin to resume their old look.

Mass gatherings are still prohibited so, sadly, we cannot yet take bookings for parties at the Hall. Neither can we resume the public events we normally run, so we may have to wait until the Spring to hold our postponed 60s/70s evening. And whether we are able to organise any sort of outdoor 'Fun Day' to replace the fete remains to be seen.

Look out for further information over the coming months in this magazine and on our website and Facebook page (details of which are at the head of this article), but I hope to be seeing you all again soon.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman.

Lockdown: ++Plus and – Minus by Joan Drury

We seem to be coming near to the end of a very strange time. I've been making a list of the pluses in the last few months. Here they are:

Pluses

Less traffic providing a quieter environment
Less air pollution
Clearer skies at night so more stars to see
Hearing more bird song
Grafty Green village shop and chats with other shoppers
Reading including time to read a daily paper
Worship on TV including some very good preaching
Phone calls from friends
Writing letters and receiving replies
Fewer visitors resulting in less need to do cleaning!!!
Conversations with strangers

Minuses

Unable to visit friends
Unable to attend worship and meet friends
Library closed
No monthly film in Headcorn
No Fish and Chips (and Malbec!) in the Kings Head on Fridays
Missing the Bible study group which meets here and making lemon curd tarts
for them
Hair and toe nails growing longer and longer!
Being unsure of which day of the week it is

So, what about YOU? Why not send your list to the Editor of the Malherbe
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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 22nd June 2020, 7.15pm held by teleconference

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; J Collins;
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Galton opened meeting at 7.15pm

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - none
2. **Apologies** – no apologies for absence received
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying – none declared
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda – none declared
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests - none declared
4. **Approval of Minutes** – approved the Minutes of 4th May 2020
5. **Matters Arising** – none
6. **Public Session** - no public in attendance
7. **Planning Outcomes since 4th May 2020** – none
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1 Note the Balances at the Bank:

Nat West	£11,689.07
Nationwide	£14,150.58
Cambridge and Counties	£ 86,748.22
 - 13.2 Noted income since the last meeting : PSS £255.50; VAT Refund £722.29
 - 13.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed statement circulated with the agenda
 - 13.4 Any cheques to sign: there were none
 - 13.5 Authorised payment to Came and Company £369.99
9. **Gate on Footpath KH483** – Agreed to award this work to Maidstone Borough Council and waive Standing Order Requirements for obtaining three quotes in view of the role of the local councils' in supporting the maintenance of footpaths in the Parish
10. **Councillor Vacancies** – Agreed to co-opt Barry Adams and Nick Eastwood to these vacancies
11. **Traffic Calming** – there was no update available on the traffic calming scheme, Clerk to chase KCC for costings
12. **Community Payback Scheme** – agreed to propose a litter pick-up and road sign washing scheme. Clerk to pursue with the Probation service
11. **Correspondence** – revised policy document from Came and Company
12. **Further Information** – next meeting to be held late July or early August to agree external audit report

The meeting closed at 7.34pm

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 22nd June 2020

Present: Cllrs R Turner (chair); R Galton; J Collins;
Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting. None
2. Apologies for Absence - none
3. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda - none
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying - none
4. Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 4th November 2019 - approved
5. Planning Applications:

(i) **Public Session** – no members of the public were present.

(ii) **APPLICATION REF: 20/501946/FULL PROPOSAL:** Demolition of 2no. outbuildings. Erection of single storey rear extension, brick wall to front of dwelling and detached three bay garage with log store and solar panels. Erection of detached pool house and store with guest room/home office above. ADDRESS: Ghyll House Lenham Road, Headcorn, Ashford Kent TN27 9LH

It was agreed that a neutral response would be made with no comments

6. Further Information - none

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Coronavirus Outbreak

The Emergency Plan Committee now has a plan to help anyone, particularly the elderly, if they are in difficulty and confined to their homes, without the benefit of family support.

Depending upon availability, we have a list of volunteers who can provide support by helping with such tasks as collecting urgent prescriptions, local shopping etc

Please Email the Parish Council Clerk, Chris Hume, if you or anyone you know is likely to need assistance, or needs urgent assistance through this emergency, and give your or your friend's name, address, telephone number and Email address, together with details of any assistance required, so that we can keep a record and respond accordingly.

The Email address is boughtonmalherbepc@gmail.com

If the Clerk cannot respond when assistance is urgently needed, or you do not have Internet access, please speak to Ron Galton on 01622 850 369.

You can also refer to your copy of the Community Emergency Plan which might be helpful. Please watch the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council website for any announcements.

Thank You
The Emergency Plan Committee

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Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council has co-opted Barry Adams of Footways, Crumps Lane and Nick Eastwood of Post Office House to the two vacant Councillors positions.

They will serve until the delayed elections take place in May 2021.

Our thanks to Barry and Nick for volunteering for these important positions in the Parish.

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Birthday	Company	Day	Present
2	Miniature	Course	Crazy	
3	Change	Foot	Leaf	
4	Through	Island	Jam	
5	Outer	Open	Bar	
6	Rain	Test	Drop	
7	Common	Floor	Frost	
8	Jacket	Salad	Sweet	
9	Penalty	Surface	Grey	
10	Trigger	Ending	Hour	
11	Electric	Horse	Wet	
12	Every	Play	Done	
13	First	Check	Soul	
14	Broken	Heavy	Faint	
15	Waiting	Elbow	Class	
16	Super	Scale	Role	

	Find the missing word?
1	Greta _____, Hollywood icon
2	_____ Newton, Physicist
3	_____ the Otter, A book by Henry Williamson
4	_____ Wray, Star of 1933 King Kong
5	Honest _____, Lincoln's nickname
6	_____ Vegas, Sin City
7	Charlie _____, Rolling Stones drummer
8	_____ Izzard, Comedian
9	Christopher _____, Italian Navigator
10	_____ Smith, TV Cook

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Programme 2020

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
7 th January	AGM and Kevin Tooher	Winter Interest
4 th February	Dr. Tim Ingram	Snowdrops
3 rd March	Jacqueline Anthony	National Garden Scheme – how it works
7 th April	Spring Show, Lucy Adams from Doddington	Dry Gardens
Sat 2 nd May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet	
Sat 9 th May	Coach outing to Leonardslee	
Sat 13 th June	Garden Safari	
7th July	Outing (own transport) to Sandgate Castle Community garden	
4 th August	Visit to Doddington House Garden	
1 st September	Autumn Show & Floral Art Competition for Margaret Hoad Prize	
11 th – 13 th Sept.	Weekend away in Herefordshire, Cotswolds Wildlife Park & Gardens, Moores Meadow Gardens, Stockton Bury Gardens, Oxford Botanical Gardens, staying at The Penyard Hotel, Ross on Wye,	
6 th October	Ian Gray, Mammal Society	Hedgehogs
3 rd November	Simon Ginnaw	A Year in Mote Park
1 st December	Social and Quiz	

Grafty Green Gardening Club - update

We have the good news that the outing to Sandown Castle Community Garden near Deal can go ahead using our own transport. The garden is in Sandown Road, Deal CT14 6NY.

You might remember the excellent talk given by Linda Ford last year on the development of the community garden. Linda is delighted that we are coming to see the garden and will be coming down to meet us during our visit.

For other events look out for emails!

Meanwhile - our gardens in July are moving on into Summer. Roses are looking lovely still and the tomatoes are growing strongly even out of doors. We are asked to use water wisely but new and young plants will need regular watering and plants in pots also need regular feeding too. It is already time to plant autumn-flowering bulbs and transplant seedlings of biennials sown earlier. Shallots, Early potatoes and Onions can be harvested now and we can finish planting out Winter brassicas and sowing spring cabbages. Herbs can be picked for drying.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club

Grafty Gourmet

This recipe does not really need an introduction. Just indulge !

Gin & Tonic Cheesecake

250g of digestive biscuits
100g of melted butter
600g of cream cheese
100g of icing sugar
zest and juice of 1 lime, (plus extra zest to serve)
50ml of gin
280ml of double cream
250ml can of gin and tonic
2 tablespoons of caster sugar
1 lemon, (half juiced, half finely sliced)
2 medium meringues, crushed

1. Butter and line a 23cm loose-bottomed tin with grease proof paper. Put the digestive biscuits in a plastic food bag and crush to crumbs using a rolling pin, or blitz in a food processor. Transfer to a bowl, then pour over the melted butter. Mix thoroughly until the crumbs are completely coated. Tip them into the prepared tin and press firmly down into the base to create an even layer. Chill in the fridge for 1 hr to set firmly.

2. To make the filling, place the cream cheese, icing sugar and lime zest in a bowl, then beat with an electric whisk until smooth. Tip in the gin and double cream, and continue beating until the mixture is thick and completely combined. Now spoon it onto the biscuit base, and spread to the edges. Smooth the top of the cheesecake down with the back of a dessert spoon or spatula. Leave to set in the fridge overnight.

3. Pour the can of gin and tonic into a pan, add the caster sugar and lemon juice and boil hard. Once it has reduced to a syrup (about 3-4 minutes over high heat), cool a little, then add the lime juice and the slices of lemon and toss in the syrup. Allow to cool completely.

4. To serve, remove the cheesecake from the tin and place onto a serving plate. Top with a handful of the crushed meringues, then drizzle with the syrup, scattering the lemon slices on top as you go. Add a final dusting of lime zest, slice and serve.

Music Notes for July 2020

As I write this in early June the signs of an easing of the virus lockdown are becoming clearer, but there is still little chance of live concerts in our area in July. Because concerts require rehearsals most local music societies are not expecting to perform until the Autumn, if then. However more professional orchestras at home and abroad are finding ways to produce music which is published through the internet. If you have internet access and go to <https://www.classicfm.com/music-news/live-streamed-classical-music-concerts-coronavirus/> you will find contacts for a long list of Classical music organisations from around the world which are live-streaming, or that have made their concert archives available online.

The radio of course is a constant supply of good music on Radio 3 and Classic Fm. As last month, Radio 3 will supplement its programme of archived performances with live chamber concerts filling many of its "lunchtime concert" slots – sometimes with interesting versions of pieces better known as works for full orchestra. Beyond that, one Radio 3 concert to specially note is a performance of Purcell's *The Faery Queen* from the Notre-Dame Basilica on 11th July at 6.30pm. Also, a composition culled from Beethoven's nine symphonies by Ian Farrington and featuring a 350 strong Grand Virtual Orchestra will be broadcast on Radio 3 on Friday July 17th to open the 2020 proms series. It is forecast to be on BBC4 TV two days later.

Turning to other TV items, the three-part instalment of the series exploring the life and times of Beethoven promised for June is now expected in July on BBC4, but still at "a date and time to be advised". Also promised on BBC4 but with no time scheduled is The Royal Opera House's performance of Beethoven's *Fidelio* which was filmed just days before UK Lockdown. As I said last month, as the virus emergency changes no advanced programming for either radio or TV can be guaranteed. All we can do is keep an eye on the daily schedules.

The musicians dictionary continues in lockdown: flute – A sophisticated pea-shooter with range of up to 500m and deadly accurate at close quarters.

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Christian Message July 2020 by Rev Dr John Huggins

Navigating Change

A year ago, I wrote a Christian message with the same title as this, completely unaware of course what MASSIVE change we would all be expected to navigate this year.

What strikes me about the lockdown is that it has been so different for different people. Some people have been isolated and have more time than they know how to fill. Others have struggled to home-school as well as work from home, with grandparents unable to help. In this area, because of God's grace and the good sense of most people, we have been spared from the worst of the epidemic; but that is no consolation to those who have family members or friends who have died. And in general, the poor have suffered the most without nice gardens for self-isolation, and with minimal space for home-schooling children.

I hear much talk of how we want the world to change – to return to a different 'normal' from what we have accepted in the past. Here is what I would like to see in the new normal: A world that we stop warming to extinction. A country that continues appreciating its key workers (bin-handlers, teachers and farmers as well as paramedics and doctors). A flourishing sense of appreciation to each other in our communities, especially recognising the kindness of those who are volunteering at this time. A world where we take time to appreciate with wonder the beauty of nature around us. And lastly, a revived memory of the Christian faith underpinning all that is good in society – not just meaning "going to church" (although we look forward to churches being open again) but a real, active, living faith that the good God, who revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ, longs for – so that each of our lives bursts out with love, joy and goodness.

There's a wonderful song doing the social media rounds at this time made by churches across the UK called the UK blessing. Google it and listen, and as you do so, absorb the truth that each of us is loved to bits by God, warts and all. What would you like the 'new normal' to be like?

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

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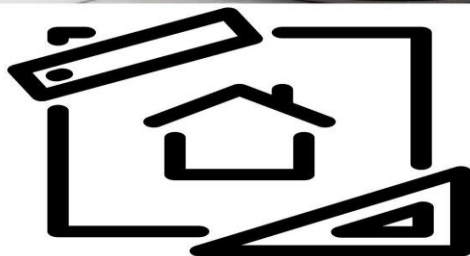
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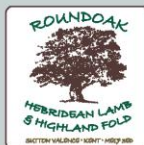
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NHS Medical Helpline	111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	0845 155 1000
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Headcorn Surgery	01622 890294
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<i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i>	0800 783 8866
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KCC 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
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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	Birthday	Company	Day	Present
2	Miniature	Course	Crazy	Golf
3	Change	Foot	Leaf	Loose
4	Through	Island	Jam	Traffic
5	Outer	Open	Bar	Space
6	Rain	Test	Drop	Acid
7	Common	Floor	Frost	Ground
8	Jacket	Salad	Sweet	Potato
9	Penalty	Surface	Grey	Area
10	Trigger	Ending	Hour	Happy
11	Electric	Horse	Wet	Blanket
12	Every	Play	Done	Thing
13	First	Check	Soul	Mate
14	Broken	Heavy	Faint	Hearted
15	Waiting	Elbow	Class	Room
16	Super	Scale	Role	Model

	Find the missing word?
1	Greta Garbo, Hollywood icon
2	Isaac Newton, Physicist
3	Tarka the Otter, A book by Henry Williamson
4	Emma Wray, Star of 1933 King Kong
5	Honest Abe, Lincoln's nickname
6	Las Vegas, Sin City
7	Charlie Watts, Rolling Stones drummer
8	Eddie Izzard, Comedian
9	Christopher Columbus, Italian Navigator
10	Della Smith, TV Cook

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