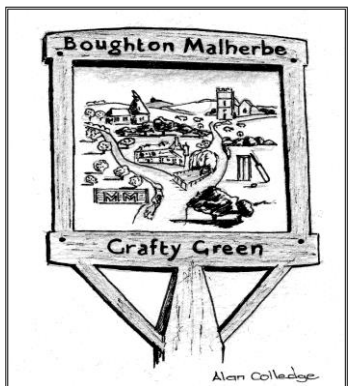


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Front Cover: Joan Drury making the first post into the new letter box on the green just after it was installed on 29th June. Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

August 2022

Hope you have been coping well with the high temperatures through July? I have found it strange to be closing curtains and even windows and doors to keep the heat out. Funny things our friends in the southern hemisphere did! We may have to follow their lead more often. Thank you to those who organised or came to the Craft Fair last month. A very welcoming and attractive occasion. We enjoyed chatting to those we met and our stall seemed to be very well supported, thank you. Still adding to our funds raised on the day. Looking forward to meeting again as we have a stall at the Village Hall Centenary event on August 20th.

Reminders

The church porch is open at all times and now with an added extra. We are offering tea and coffee making facilities. Until we have a card payment system, there will be a container for donations, emptied at least daily. Please visit and help yourselves, enjoying the unique space and location. Proceeds will benefit the church and its responsibilities.

The main church building is open for services only. At other times please contact the churchwardens for a key. Their details are elsewhere in the magazine and on the noticeboard in the porch.

The tower stonework has not been repaired yet, so still take care and avoid that area.

Celtic Morning Prayers are said in the side chapel each Monday morning, 9-930am. If you have any prayer requests please contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Charlotte Coles or the churchwardens, or leave a note in the basket in the porch at any time and prayers will be said at morning prayer time or in private if you wish.

Information

The Wotton Tomb. The diocesan engineer has looked at the marble memorial and is happy that no major work needs to be done to support it or investigate the vault underneath. A financial saving, no doubt. Maybe a little disappointing that we do not know what is underneath. That will be for others to discover. We are now looking at quotes for how we keep it safe, yet available for our community, visitors and historians, remembering the long-lost story and the place of this couple in our national history. An exciting project for this precious and important 'missing' tomb.

Re-organisation of the pews is continuing well, with thanks to Peter Goodwin.

Wedding. Amy and Kerry will marry at St.Nicolas on Saturday 27th August. We pray for them as they begin their new life together.

Mike Davidson We have been saddened to hear of the death of Mike Davidson, with Joan, so much a part of this village. Mike was well-known and respected in the wider farming and fruit farming communities and for his love of cricket and his Australian and New Zealand background. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gail and Mark and their families.

Moving Joan Drury will be moving from her little cottage to a new life in Whitstable. We so thank her for time amongst us and her involvement in all aspects of village life. She and I had many an amusing trip to the Homeless Care food bank in Maidstone. For many years she gave us her generous hospitality at the weekly Bible Study Group in her home. There was much laughter, enjoying home-made cakes and Tony's lemon curd tarts, while we learnt so much from Joan's amazing knowledge of the Bible. Her work as a Reader in the benefice was much appreciated by each of the villages.

She will be back with us for the benefice service at Harrietsham on Sunday 28th August at 10.30am, a chance to thank her for all she has done for us. Do join us there.

Village Coffee Time from 11am to 2.15pm on Tuesdays when the pop-up Post Office closes. Enjoying the longer time to enjoy each others company as people come and go during that time. You can leave donations for the bottle tombola stall for the Centenary of the Village Hall Fete during this time.

Personal donations for Ukraine can still be taken to the back of St.Mary's church in Lenham. Directions are in place when you get there and is open daily from 9-5pm.

Main items needed are; nappies, baby wipes, baby food/milk (not glass), sanitary items, medical kit basics, pain killers, tinned meat and fish (with ring pulls), blankets and warm socks.

Finale

Looking forward to the Commonwealth Games next week. Family have got tickets for us for two events, sevens rugby and women's cricket. It promises to be a friendly event as Commonwealth Games have traditionally been, without the intensity of World or Olympic Games. The Commonwealth has been a shining beacon of hope for many nations in support of equality, peace and human rights for all. A legacy of Queen Elizabeth's reign we can be thankful for, something she and her family are passionate about. Long may these aspirations be treasured and worked for.

PS From a member of the congregation about the service at Boughton Malherbe on 17th July; 'It was so good to see the vicar making use of the pulpit, where he could see the congregation and choir without having to turn his head to take everyone in and be seen by everyone in the church.'

Sally Alexander

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A "SUPPORT IT OR LOSE IT" MESSAGE FOLLOW UP From Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Chair.

Thank you so much to those of you who rang me to thank me for my "Support it or Lose it" article in the July Malherbe Monthly, it was much appreciated.

However, I have been advised that we do still have a regular milk home delivery service combined with other essential products from a company called Milk and More, who will deliver **On Line** orders in our area on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday before 7.00am and leave them on your doorstep, or an alternative safer place by arrangement.

Like myself, I am sure many of you were unaware of this very useful service.

Milk and More do not supply products in single use plastic packaging. Everything is able to be re-used and/or recycled to achieve zero waste. For example, your milk will be delivered in glass bottles and when you have used them they can be left out for collection when you next have a delivery, they will then be sterilised, refilled and re enter the delivery chain. When no longer usable they get recycled. The same principles apply to all packaging.

If you would like to try Milk and More, you can go to www.milkandmore.co.uk to register and start shopping.

If you have any questions the telephone No is 0345 606 3606

Ron Galton. Chair, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council







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News from your local MP – Helen Whatley

Hoping for cooler and calmer times ahead

A week is a long time in politics, and these past few weeks in Westminster have felt particularly long.

Earlier this month I resigned from Government, after two and a half years as a Minister. Throughout that time my first responsibility has been to my constituents in Faversham and Mid Kent, but being a Minister gives you opportunities to do more - not only for your constituents but for people across the country. So resigning was hard to do.

Over the last few months my inbox has had a steady flow of emails criticising the Prime Minister, particularly for things that went on in 10 Downing Street during the pandemic. Anyone who has written to me will know that I have defended Boris Johnson, accepted his apologies and pointed to his vision and leadership of the country through difficult times.

But there are only so many times a leader can apologise and move on. I felt that moment had been passed. We now have a leadership contest giving us the chance to reunite between a new leader, and I'm proud to be backing Rishi Sunak to be our next Prime Minister.

I have known Rishi since 2015 when we were both elected to Parliament and have worked alongside him in the Treasury. Right now the biggest challenges facing us are about the economy, and crucially how we tackle the rising cost of living. The next Prime Minister will need to get inflation under control, get our economy growing and bring down the debts we built up through the pandemic. I know Rishi is up to the job. His grip of economic questions and his judgement is second to none.

While I may no longer be in Government, I'm continuing to work hard as your local MP. In the past few weeks, I've asked a number of parliamentary questions, including what is being done to improve access to primary care services and NHS dentists in Faversham and Mid Kent.

Parliament is now on summer recess, but there is plenty of work to do away from Westminster – from fighting our corner about Operation Brock, to getting investment in our wastewater network, and supporting people struggling with the cost of living.

Summer got off to a great start with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend. I dropped into some of the fabulous events, and wow they were wonderful - from

beacon lightings and tree plantings, to fetes, fairs and street parties, proms in parks and uplifting church services. Huge thank you to everyone involved particularly to event organisers who I know spent months planning and preparing to make it all happen on the day.

It was great to be back at the Kent Show earlier this month after two years away because of Covid. It gave me the chance to catch up with some of our local farmers. Concerns about the shift to the new Environmental Land Management scheme and access to labour were top of the list, and I'll be taking these up with ministers when Parliament returns in the autumn.

Faversham at one time held the top spot for having the highest recorded temperature in the UK. But all records have been smashed following the recent heatwave. Our emergency services have been doing a truly outstanding job coping with increased calls in extreme heat.

Both in Westminster and across the country, I'm hoping for cooler and calmer times ahead. I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Google Digital Garage comes to Maidstone

It was great to co-host a Google Digital Garage at the Hazlitt Arts Centre in Maidstone. Digital Coaches from Google brought free digital skills training to over 70 local businesses, the largest Digital Garage event that Google have hosted so far this year.

The event was designed to help people grow their business online and find new customers, with topics ranging from social media strategy to tips on Google analytics.

It was such a pleasure chatting to some of our amazing local entrepreneurs. I'm determined for them to have the tools they need to succeed as we re-set our economy, increase productivity, and boost growth.

Unwelcome return for Operation Brock

It's hugely frustrating that owing to problems with French border police at Dover, Operation Brock has once again been needed.

On Friday 22 July I called a meeting with Kent County Council, the Kent Resilience Forum, and local Parish Councils for an update on the situation and to give local councillors the opportunity to express their concerns.

I've stressed to local authorities that we need better enforcement to stop lorries using local roads which are completely unsuitable for HGVs, as well as a long-term long solution to end the traffic problems on our roads once and for all.

My Business Newsletter takes off

I've launched a new quarterly newsletter for businesses in Faversham and Mid Kent. I'm starting these updates in addition to my surgeries, meetings and visits - to keep local businesses up to date on what's going on, both at a national level and here in the constituency.

I know when you're busy it can be hard to keep up to date with all the support available, so they're packed full of helpful information on Government grants and support, as well as local business events.

You can find these updates, and sign up to receive them to your inbox on my website – or by emailing me at helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk

More support for electric vehicles

I've written to Parish Councils across Faversham and Mid Kent to encourage them to apply to the Government's On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme.

Under the scheme, 60 per cent of the installation costs are met by funds from the Department for Transport, with some charge points being installed completely free of charge to the local community thanks to arrangements with energy suppliers.

If you want to see charge points in your village then get in contact with your Parish Council or with Kent County Council at electricvehicles@kent.gov.uk

Commemorating a local war hero

John Loder from Lenham was just 25 when he was killed carrying out vital reconnaissance work over northern France. Local heroes like John deserve to have their service recognised and commemorated which is why I'm supporting plans for a new memorial.

There is currently no national memorial to the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit he served in, but the Spitfire AA810 Project is leading a campaign to establish a memorial in central London.

If there is anyone related to John Loder, or if anyone knows someone who served in the PRU during the war, please go the Spitfire AA810 Project website or get in touch with Tony Hoskins at Tony@spitfireaa810.co.uk.

Village Hall News – August Newsletter

100th Birthday celebration for the Village Hall Saturday 20th August 2022 12 noon to 4 pm

The hall will be 100 years old this year and to mark this rather special birthday we would like to invite you all to a birthday celebration for the hall to be held on the fete field in Church Road just along from the hall on Saturday 20th August between noon and 4pm.

There will be live music, a Punch and Judy show and lots of fun & games together with the usual refreshments of tea, cakes, hamburgers, ice cream etc. It will be a cash only event so please remember to bring plenty of change with you and we look forward to seeing you all for what should be a lovely afternoon.

We would be very grateful of any donations of cakes for the tea tent and any surplus bottles of booze for the bottle tombola. Cakes can be delivered to the tea tent in the fete field on the morning of the event and bottles can be deposited either at the hall at the Tuesday coffee morning or in the Porch of the Oaks Church Road at any other time.

Finally I would like to thank you all for supporting the Craft Fair. This raised £235 for the village hall and offered visitors the opportunity to browse many interesting and varied items whilst having the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over tea and cake.

Kind regards,

Jon Thompson Hall Committee Chairman

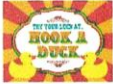
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Grafty Green Village Hall

Centenary Celebration

Saturday 20th August 12.00-4.00



Fete Field in Church Road



Come and join us for lots of fun including traditional games, craft stalls, BBQ, fabulous tea tent, live music and David Wilde's Punch and Judy Show!



Win a prize on the bottle tombola
or nominate a 'friend' to go in the stocks



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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the village hall at 7.00pm on Monday 4th July 2022

Present: Cllrs N Eastwood; R Galton; G Kennaird (Chair); R Turner

Clerk: Mrs Vickie Ford

Cllr Kennaird opened the meeting at 7.05pm

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 23rd May 2022 – approved and signed as a true and accurate record**
5. **Planning Applications:**
 - (i) **Public Session – none**
 - (ii) **APPLICATION REF: 22/502350/ADV**
PROPOSAL: Advertisement Consent for replacement of existing 7no. free standing directional signs for the hotel
ADDRESS: Chilston Park Hotel, Boughton Road, Sandway. ME17 2BE:
RESOLVED: to make no comment (neutral response)
 - (iii) **APPLICATION REF: 22/502919/FULL**
PROPOSAL: Conversion of redundant agricultural building into 1no. detached residential dwelling, with associated access, parking, and garden and removal of 2no. existing lean to extensions
ADDRESS: Judge House Farm, Woodcock Lane, Boughton Malherbe, ME17 2AY
RESOLVED: to reiterate the Parish Council's original comment: there is a hamlet being developed by stealth (neutral response)
6. **Review of Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee**
RESOLVED:
 - To amend all references to the "Finance Committee" to read "Planning Committee"
 - To amend reference to "prejudicial" interests at paragraph 4 to "disclosable pecuniary"
 - To delete paragraph 9. c)
 - To amend paragraph 9. f) to read: "All correspondence shall be conducted through the Clerk of the Parish Council wherever possible"

The Meeting closed at 7.20 pm



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs B Adams; N Eastwood; R Galton (Chairman); G Kennaird; R Turner
Clerk Mrs Vickie Ford
Cllr Z Trzebinski (Maidstone Borough Council)

The Chairman opened meeting at 7.30 pm

Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it – none

M01/07/22 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Prendergast (Kent County Council) and Cllr Round (Maidstone Borough Council) were received and accepted.

M02/07/22 Declarations:

Any lobbying – none declared

Any interest in items on the Agenda – none declared

Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests - Cllr Turner had completed a new Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form

M03/07/22 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30th May 2022 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/07/22 Public Session – one member of public present

Mr Jon Thompson, Chairman of Grafty Green Village Hall Committee gave the background to the request for funding for the Hall centenary celebration. He spoke about the importance of the Hall to the local community and the difficulties of maintaining a 100 year-old building. However, the Committee wished to hold a birthday celebration. Mr Thompson confirmed that the event would be free to attend but there would be a charge for refreshments. There was some discussion of Village Hall finances. Mr Thompson stated that the Village Hall was holding some reserves but wanted to be sustainable.

M05/07/22 Request for grant towards Village Hall Centenary Celebrations

Cllr Turner stated that he would not vote on the matter due to his position as treasurer of the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED: to award a grant of £500 towards the Village Hall centenary celebration.

M06/07/22 Planning Outcomes since 30th May 2022

Noted that 22/501707/PNMA Prior notification for the change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to bedroom for existing residential dwelling (Use Class C3) for Post Office, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN had been granted.

M07/07/22 Local Policing/Community

Police/Crime Report: It was noted that 1 crime had been reported.

Speedwatch: Cllr Kennaird reported that one volunteer had come forward with another possible plus himself. He would be undertaking training once he had two other confirmed volunteers.

M08/07/22 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes

Councillors reported possible water leaks on Liverton Hill and at the entrance to Ash Tree Farm.

RESOLVED: Cllr Trzebinski to raise with South East Water

The large pothole at the junction of Headcorn Road and Eastwood Road was noted.

RESOLVED: Cllr Adams to inspect.

M09/07/22 59 Bus

Councillors had before them Mr John Collins' report. The Chairman expressed regret that the service terminus was at Morrison's and not in the centre of Maidstone. He reported that he had written a letter to Cllr Prendergast but other Councillors stated that they had not seen it. Cllr Eastwood stated that the report for KCC Cabinet had not mentioned the 59 service being a KCC instigated pilot scheme so the Cabinet Member making the decision on its future would be doing so without being aware of that important fact.

RESOLVED: Cllr Trzebinski to write to KCC, including dual-hatted MBC and KCC Members, to make them aware of people's views.

M10/07/22 Litter

Councillors observed that the effects of the Lengthsman's litter picking were noticeable!

RESOLVED: the Clerk to pass on Councillors' observations to the Lengthsman.

M11/07/22 Highways Improvement Plan

There were no changes to be made.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to chase up the signage at the junction of Crumps Lane and Headcorn Road and also the repainting of the central white lining that is needed from some distance back towards Headcorn up to and round the bend so that drivers can judge the road properly.

M12/07/22 Footpaths

Councillors noted the importance of maintaining the footpath between Headcorn Road and Woodcock Lane. The grass had recently been cut by a group of volunteers from the Ramblers.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to ask the Lengthsman if he would be able to maintain the footpath by, for example, strimming every other month.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to ask KCC who is responsible for footpath maintenance.

M13/07/22 Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended and MBC Councillor's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended a councillors' conference in Lenham, at which the main topic under discussion was the cuts in rural bus services.

Cllr Trzebinski reported that, since the recent elections, the Conservative group held a majority of seats on Maidstone Borough Council. Work started last year was continuing and a Cabinet structure was in place. 1,000 houses for Maidstone were being progressed. Cllr Trzebinski had been appointed to 4 committees; Cllr Round was working hard looking at parks and open spaces, including staging concerts, events etc and had organised Headcorn Air Show.

FINANCE

M14/07/22 Balances at the Bank: Balances as at 1st June 2022 were noted:

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| Nat West current | £7,463.41 |
| Nat West saving | £46,529.63 |
| Nationwide | £14,230.15 |
| Cambridge and Counties | £23,486.79 |

M15/07/22 Receipts since last meeting: £4.08 bank interest

The Clerk was asked to check on the interest rates for the Council's savings accounts.

M16/07/22 Bank Reconciliation

The statement prepared by the Clerk was accepted and signed.

M17/07/22 Statement of receipts and payments against budget

The statement to 30th June 2022 prepared by the Clerk was accepted.

M18/07/22 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting:

Mrs L Hook £198; C Tomlinson £90; Lionel Robbins £90; Mrs L Hook £83.12; Amesis Ltd £42; Kent Association of Local Councils £42; Susan Burch £20; First Rescue Training and Supplies Ltd £285.54; V J Ford £1,026.48

M19/07/22 Any cheques to sign: H&P Conservationworks Ltd £950.40; V J Ford £44.50

RESOLVED: the Clerk to request, and circulate to Councillors, details of charges including hourly rates for installation of the kissing gates from H&P Conservationworks Ltd prior to payment of the invoice

M20/07/22 NatWest accounts

RESOLVED: due to difficulties with multiple authorisation of online payments and changes to the bank mandate, the Clerk to instigate a switch to Lloyds Bank; Cllrs Eastwood and Galton and the Clerk (for administrative purposes only) to be nominated signatories; Cllr Turner to be retained as signatory if possible.

M21/07/22 Request for grant from KSS Air Ambulance Charity

RESOLVED: to award a grant of £50 after switching to Lloyds Bank

M22/07/22 Society of Local Council Clerks

RESOLVED: to pay the Clerk's professional fee for membership of the SLCC (£120)

M23/07/22 Review of Traffic Survey Data

Cllr Kennaird commented that the survey results, as presented, did not show great improvement and suggested the need to reinforce the message with a speed indicator device (SID)

RESOLVED: Cllr Kennaird to contact KCC to advance the Parish Council's request for a SID

RESOLVED: to publish the survey results in the Malherbe Monthly Parish magazine

M24/07/22 Opening of New Almshouses and 400th Anniversary of Honywood and Douglas Charity

Mr David Chantler's report was noted.

RESOLVED: Cllr Turner to write a note of congratulations to the trustees of the Charity.

M25/07/22 Grafty Green Village Green

It was noted that the land adjacent to the King's Head public house had been used as a Village Green since at least 1936 and maintained by the Parish Council since the 1963 agreement with Fremmins.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact the KCC Village Green Officer to make general enquiries regarding Village Green registration.

RESOLVED: to pursue retention of the Village Green.

M26/07/22 Purchase of leaflet holders

RESOLVED: to purchase leaflet holders to place below the notice board on the Village Green to facilitate collection by the public of the Malherbe Monthly; maximum cost £100

M27/07/22 National Highways and Transport Survey for 2022/23

RESOLVED: not to respond as the survey was directed at individuals rather than parish councils.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great summer dessert recipe. If preferred, it can be made in one single large dish and baked for approximately 15 minutes more.

Raspberry, Lime & Coconut Dessert

Ingredients

60g of butter, softened, plus extra to grease
200g of caster sugar
3 medium free-range eggs, separated
Grated zest and juice of 3 limes
125g of self-raising flour
4 tablespoons of desiccated coconut, plus extra toasted to serve
300ml of whole milk
200g of fresh raspberries

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180°C fan. Beat together the butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add the egg yolks, one at a time, beating well between additions. Beat in most of the lime zest and all the juice, then gently mix in the flour, coconut and milk.
2. In another clean bowl, whisk the egg whites to soft peaks, then gently fold into the batter in 2 batches until just combined.
3. Place 4 ramekins/bowls into a roasting tin. Divide the raspberries into each bowl, then top with the pudding mixture. Pour boiling water into the roasting tin so it comes halfway up the sides of the ramekins/bowls. Bake for 18-22 minutes until golden. Sprinkle with extra toasted coconut and the remaining lime zest to serve.

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Unforgettable. That applies to Steven Spielberg's brilliant new production of West Side Story (12A 2021), just as much as to the original 1961 film. How can you resist watching a film that's won seven Oscars and hearing the music that has haunted us all for sixty years?

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If you think you know West Side Story and that there's no point in seeing it again, find out how wrong you are. Humming 'Tonight, tonight', dance your way to the Community Centre on 12th August, when Tony and Maria will be singing their ageless story.

On 9th September, do catch a quirky bus at the Community Centre – the film The Last Bus (12, 2021) in which Tom (Timothy Spall) uses his free bus pass to travel from John O'Groats to Land's End.

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Windows 11 – How to Install and main changes

Go to: [Upgrade to the New Windows 11 OS | Microsoft](#)

Before you upgrade you will be prompted to “Check for Upgrade.”



Step 1: The “Check for Upgrade Now” button, will prompt you to Open Settings, say Yes

You can take a look at the *“new look, features and enhanced security”* article, linked on this page to see exactly what will be changing with some more advanced features, especially for people who use multiple applications at the same time, described in last month’s article.

Step 2: Click on Download and Install and accept the Licence Terms.

This will start the download, the percentage download is shown at the top of the settings page.

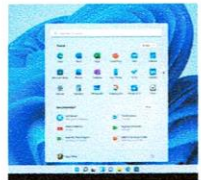
Step 3: You will need to restart to complete the installation which you can do straightaway to have it schedule for later. The restart will take some also because it is like a large update.

How long does it take: I downloaded it from the internet (and we all know that we still don’t have the best internet connection in this village) and it took me a very long time. The internet information I found said it could take up to an hour and half in total, my experience was longer.

If you are installing from a USB installation drive, on a powerful computer, I read that this should not take any longer than 20mins, but I have not tested this.

The main user experience changes are:

Taskbar - This is now in the centre, it can be moved back to the left if you don’t like.



Start Menu - has been reworked, it is much cleaner and fresher, and better than the tiled version in Windows 8, but it does not show windows labels any more.

Systems Tray - which is found in the bottom right, has been reworked, the systems notification area is clearer, the calendar is included and the systems shortcuts are a lot cleaner too eg: when you select the volume or WiFi button, this lets you make quick changes.



Widgets - This is a return from Windows 7, widgets are small apps that pop up showing things like news and weather when you select it from the taskbar.



Additional improvements include, the Apps Store, Xbox included, Direct Storage which speeds up load time for gamers and **finally** there are new animations throughout that make using windows feel more fluid and dynamic. Many system icons have been redesigned to look more modern.

Word on the street is that it is worth doing for the speed and animations if your a gamer or you rely on audio visuals in your applications, but possibly not worth it if your happy with the speed at which things are working and being downloaded with Windows 10. I’d be interested to hear from anyone with views. Email me at carolhulm@gmail.com or come along to the telecottage if you need more information.

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Music Notes for August 2022 – B Hardy

August is always a tricky month for local concerts, but there are bound to be some good events that I have overlooked. Last month I missed out the Leeds Castle outdoor concerts – apologies – but I have no doubt that local readers were aware! To make up I have included in my list this month the exciting family event at the castle on 5th & 6th of August.

While local events are tin on the ground, the BBC proms are on throughout the month. They are featured every day on radio3 and they appear on TV BBC4 each Friday and Sunday evening. Additionally prom 54 – the Earth Prom with Chris Packham as a presenter - will be broadcast on TV BBC2 on Monday 29th August. And the local events:

Friday & Saturday 5th & 6th August 5.30pm at Leeds Castle, the Children’s Theatre perform *Rapunzel* a brand-new musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale, Rapunzel. This fast-paced, larger-than-life production features a laugh out loud script, heaps of audience interaction, a host of catchy songs, unforgettable characters, and maybe even the odd water gun or two! Doors open at 5.00pm. This is an outdoor event – bring your own chairs or mat. Tickets: Online at Leeds Castle website.

Also on Friday 5th August 8.00pm at The Festival Theatre, Hever Castle, Hever Rd, Hever, TN8 7NG there will be the James Bond Concert Spectacular by the famous “Q The Music Show”, which is widely regarded across the world as the best tribute to the music of James Bond that has been produced. Box office 07379 488477

Sunday 14th August 3.00 pm at St. Nicholas Church, Church Rd, Otham, ME15 8SB The Friends of Otham Church present a recital and talk by Trevor Brearley including organ music by visually impaired composers. Free entry, retiring collection.

Wednesday 24th August 7.30pm at Rochester Cathedral, the 5th concert in the 2022 Rochester Cathedral Organ Festival features Jeremy Lloyd playing pieces by Saint-Saëns, Maurice Duruflé, and Matthew Martin’s *St. Alban’s Triptych*. Tickets booked via <https://www.rochestercathedral.org/new-events/2022/4/27/jeremylloyd>. Doors open at 6.45pm.

This month’s anniversary is August 22nd, the date on which Claude Debussy was born 1862 in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France. He was among the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Born to a family of modest means and little cultural involvement, Debussy showed enough musical talent to be admitted at the age of ten to France’s leading music

college, the Conservatoire de Paris. He originally studied the piano, but found his vocation in innovative composition, despite the disapproval of the Conservatoire's conservative professors. He took many years to develop his mature style and was nearly 40 when he achieved international fame in 1902 with the only opera he completed, *Pelléas et Mélisande*.

Debussy's orchestral works include *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune* (1894), *Nocturnes* (1897–1899) and *Images* (1905–1912). His piano works include sets of 24 *Préludes* and 12 *Études*. Throughout his career he wrote *mélodies* based on a wide variety of poetry, including his own. A small number of works, including the early *La Damoiselle élue* and the late *Le Martyre de saint Sébastien* have important parts for chorus. In his final years, he focused on chamber music, completing three of six planned sonatas for different combinations of instruments.



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

| Find the missing word? | |
|------------------------|---|
| 1 | _____ Blumenthal, Eccentric chef |
| 2 | Will _____, Actor & Rapper who starred in 'Men in Black' |
| 3 | _____ Willoughby, 'This Morning' presenter |
| 4 | Vera _____, Played by Brenda Blethyn |
| 5 | '____ of Duty', TV Police drama series |
| 6 | Say a Little _____, 1968 Aretha Franklin hit |
| 7 | '___ Foot in the Grave', Classic TV sitcom |
| 8 | Ross _____, Eastenders Grant Mitchell |
| 9 | _____ Bear, A Michael Bond character |
| 10 | _____ & Waldorf, Names of the grumpy old men in 'The Muppets' |

| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
|----|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
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| 16 | Cloud | Brain | Sand | |

Grafty Green Gardening Club
Program of Events 2022
Our 25th Year

| Date | Speaker/Event | Topic |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| 11 th January | AGM and Alison Marsden | More garden impact for less effort |
| 1 st February | Dr Mick Lynn | Potions, Parasites and Pests |
| 1 st March | Simon Ginnaw/Spring Show | Birds beyond the boughs |
| 5 th April | Fergus Garrett | Succession planting for a long season |
| 3 rd May | 6pm Outing to Bilting House, Godmersham, TN25 4HA | |
| 7 th May | 10am. Plant Sale, Village green (if wet in the Village Hall) | |
| 20 – 22 May | Weekend away to West Sussex and Hampshire | |
| 7 th June | 6pm Arnold Yoke, Back Street, Leeds. | |
| 5 th July | 6pm Garden party in the village | |
| 2nd August | 6pm Outing to Hurst House, Hastingleigh, TN25 5 JD | |
| 6 th September | Katherine Hook/ Autumn Show | Sloe Seduction |
| 4 th October | Steve Edney | Think beyond the flower, plants with good seed heads. |
| 1 st November | Tom La Dell | Brogdale and the National Fruit Collection |
| 6 th December | Practical evening/Social | |

August 2nd is our visit to Hurst House at Hastingleigh, Ashford TN25 5JD. There is an entry fee of £5.00 and refreshments are also offered at £4.00

Please advise Sue Burch if you are coming on (01622) 850381, also, if you would like a lift or can share your car as numbers of people and cars for parking spaces are needed. This is a three-acre garden with winding borders, sculptures and other intriguing features.

Meanwhile on 20th August a centenary celebration for our Village Hall will be happening on the field beyond the hall in Church Road from midday. There will be activities to entertain you and the Gardening Club will be organising the vegetarian foodie option. Liz is in charge of the tea tent and contributions of cake, biscuits or savoury items to go on the stall would be most welcome. Do come and enjoy yourselves.

After all that we look forward to being back in the hall for September 6th when we will be holding our Autumn Show with our own exhibits and a talk by Katherine Hook 'Sloe Seduction' to entertain us. A schedule for entries will be made available later.

In our August Gardens:- Plan for holiday absence and feeding and watering for pots and hanging baskets all of which can be grouped in the shade to make the job easier. In the kitchen garden we can start to pick apples and pears. Continue to dead head roses for blooming to continue and prune rambling roses remembering that these roses will produce flowers on wood that was produced the previous year. Trim lavender and hedges at the end of the month and this will be a final trim for most hedges. Start planting daffodils to enjoy next Spring and force hyacinths for Christmas!

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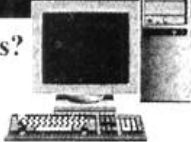
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Christian Message August 2022

Double rest

There's a passage of scripture in the Old Testament (it's in 1 Kings 19) that tells the story of the great prophet Elijah after he has had it out with the opposing prophets of Baal. The queen at the time is furious and threatens to kill him and he flees. He flees his companions, his enemies and perhaps also himself. He arrives in the mountains exhausted, physically and emotionally, and falls asleep. When he wakes, we are told that he is fed by birds, and he sleeps again. When he wakes the second time, he is able to pray and hear God in the situation. He goes on his way and all ends up an awful lot better than he had feared.

It seems to me that this little-read passage has much to say to us in our current times about what a friend of mine calls "double rest". In case you have been living in an extraordinary bubble, we have been facing opposition-everywhere it seems: in viruses, in war in Ukraine, in climate crises, in energy hikes, in spiralling costs of living, in strikes everywhere, and so on. Many of us feel as though we have been tackling many problems on our own territory too.

Many people feel tired. We need rest; we need double-rest. Well, we are in holiday season, but you may not be able to afford to go away twice (or even once). But we can still take time to rest deeply and doubly.

What might this mean to you? How might you take double-rest to recover? May it even be that you would encounter God as you do so?

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Len Valley Benefice August 2022

Sunday 7th August

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church

9.30am Ulcombe: Café Church

11.00am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship *with baptism*

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

*Please note there will be no
mid-week communion service at
Lenham in August*

Sunday 14th August

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church followed by joining the
market.

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Choral Evensong

Sunday 21st August

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

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church

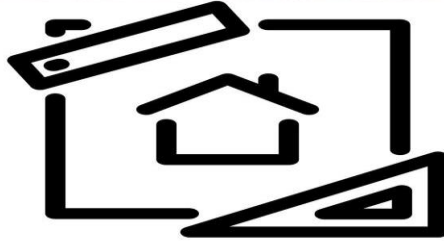
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
| 1 | Grand | Stool | Tuner | Piano |
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| 6 | Drive | Black | False | Economy |
| 7 | Nuclear | Circle | Tree | Family |
| 8 | Chemical | Milk | One | Formula |
| 9 | Holding | Change | Fry | Small |
| 10 | Cloth | Value | Coal | Face |
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| 14 | Foreign | Current | Consumer | Affairs |
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| 16 | Cloud | Brain | Sand | Storm |

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| | Find the missing word? |
| 1 | Heston Blumenthal, Eccentric chef |
| 2 | Will Smith , Actor & Rapper who starred in 'Men in Black' |
| 3 | Holly Willoughby, 'This Morning' presenter |
| 4 | Vera Stanhope , Played by Brenda Blethyn |
| 5 | ' Line of Duty', TV Police drama series |
| 6 | Say a Little Prayer , 1968 Aretha Franklin hit |
| 7 | ' One Foot in the Grave', Classic TV sitcom |
| 8 | Ross Kemp , Eastenders Grant Mitchell |
| 9 | Paddington Bear, A Michael Bond character |
| 10 | Statler & Waldorf, Names of the grumpy old men in 'The Muppets' |

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