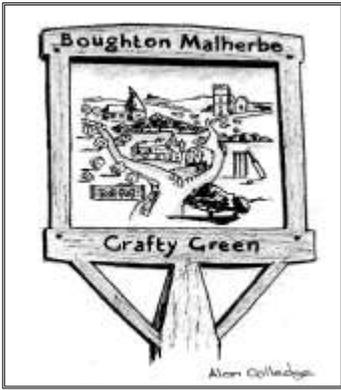


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Front Cover: Apple Blossom in full bloom. Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Easter Sunday is now behind us and after the solemnity of Holy Week and the sadness of Good Friday we can look to the joy of new beginnings with the bringing to life of Jesus at Easter. We hope you had a happy and peaceful time over that weekend, with the lovely sunny weather and the wonderful show of spring blossom, flowers and especially the bluebells in the woods around us. So much to thank God for in his creation. John Millen's yellow wallflowers by the church path are amazing, with a wonderful perfume

Prayer requests can be left as always in the church porch.

Bible Study will be starting again soon. Please contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766 for information.

The Village Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 8th May from 10.30am-12noon in Grafty Green Village Hall. We look forward to being together again, hoping Alice will be baking for us this time as well. Her creations go very well with Sylvia's cheese scones!

Lent lunches were very popular this year. Many thanks to everyone who made the soups and hosted the meals and to all who joined us, and were very generous in their support for Christian Aid over those few weeks. Will let you know in time how much was raised for this very good cause.

Evensong. Just a reminder that Evensong on the second Sunday of each month is back at 6.30pm after our winter time of 3.30pm.

Rose Service, a service of thanksgiving to remember loved ones who have died will take place in St. Mary's Church, Lenham on Sunday 19th May, at 3pm.

Benefice Service on Whit Sunday/Pentecost will be here at St. Nicolas at 10am on Sunday 9th of June.

Marion. On Wednesday the 24th of April we joined with Bill and Diane to say farewell to Marion in a service in St. Nicolas. We will miss her humour and company in the community. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family.

Eco-spot! It is so good to be able to use solid blocks of shampoos, conditioners and soaps now that are not either in plastic bottles or wrapped in plastic. They last for ages and are produced in all price ranges from a number of manufacturers. Look on-line for a bigger range. Locally, 'Lush' have a selection. Do let us know if you have found a favourite brand.

Sally Alexander

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# PLANT SALE

GRAFTY GREEN GARDENING CLUB

SATURDAY

4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

AT 10

Wheelgate Nursery

A range of plants for tubs and baskets,  
borders and vegetable patch.

Refreshments and cakes

In the hall if wet!

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

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Joan Marriott 01622 858100 or Robert Turner 01622 850325

### **Village Pride**

Rubbish is a modern day problem blighting villages everywhere and ours is no exception. The Parish Council has just organised an annual clear up which is great but it is something worth keeping up on throughout the year. My partner Joan and I recent had a big clear up in March before the Spring growth along the Headcorn Road, Coldbridge Lane, Woodcock Lane triangle and have regular clean ups throughout the year on daily walk. A friend in Eastwood Road similarly has clear ups in his area extending towards Southernden; we see other people out collecting litter from time to time which is great and surely appreciated by all villagers.

What would be really good is to have 'pickers' throughout the Parish willing to do their bit on a regular basis; perhaps the Parish Council could provide hi vis vest, picking stick, black sacks and gloves to would be regulars the small cost of which could be funded from the Quinn monies. If you do volunteer please be mindful of your safety and that you would be working at your own risk.

Maybe we could come together as a 'social group' - just an idea.

**Chris Wheal. [cwcancare@gmail.com](mailto:cwcancare@gmail.com)**

## **Helen Whately**

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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

The country is divided over Brexit, and this puts MPs in a difficult position too. My view is that we should honour the referendum result and leave the European Union, and it is better if we leave with a negotiated deal. That's why I've consistently voted for the deal.

I've also voted to keep no deal on the table because you can't carry out a negotiation if you aren't prepared to walk away. However I don't take the risks of no-deal lightly, not least the risk of delays at the border causing queues on the M20. That's why for the last three years I've been urging the Government to set up an alternative to Operation Stack – which we now have in the form of Operation Brock.

I don't want a second referendum. Voters were told in 2016 that it was a once-in-a-generation chance to decide on our relationship with Europe. So I voted against Labour's proposal for a second 'confirmatory' referendum.

The last few weeks have shown that there is no majority in Parliament for a specific way forwards. The Prime Minister has negotiated an extension to Article 50 until 31st October. This means we will have to take part in the European election unless we can agree the withdrawal agreement before that. Theresa May has invited Jeremy Corbyn to meet her to work out if there is a version of the deal that Labour would support. If so, that could break the impasse.

I sincerely hope that they can agree on an approach that honours the referendum result and gains a majority in Parliament so we can avoid a long extension and participating in the EU elections. It is time for us to move forwards. You can read more about my voting record [here](#).

While Brexit has been keeping me busy, I'm still getting on with my campaigns on schools, better healthcare, help for farmers and easier transport for people with disabilities.

### **Is there an alternative to the Pope's Field site for Maidstone's new schools?**

I know how worried people are that new schools at Pope's Field will lead to even more gridlock on Bearsted Rd and that the nature reserve will have to be moved. I've asked Kent County Council and the Education and Skills Funding Agency multiple times whether there's another possible location, but they've told me Pope's Field is the only suitable site.

As an MP I have no direct say in planning decisions like this and I was not involved in choosing the location. I am pleased that the developers listened to my concerns and changed the proposed entrance, so it's no longer directly off Bearsted Rd - but I know this won't solve all the traffic problems.

With all the new houses on the way we do need a new primary school, otherwise children in Bearsted could have to travel for miles every day to get to school. At the moment there doesn't seem to be an alternative, but if anyone knows a better site please let Maidstone Borough Council know, as they will be the ones making the final decision.

## **Have we finally seen the back of Operation Stack?**

With all the uncertainty over Brexit, Highways England activated Operation Brock "to demonstrate Kent's preparedness for disruption". This caused considerable inconvenience for people living in Bearsted, Lenham, Hollingbourne, Harrietsham and Headcorn. Junction 8 coast-bound was closed so drivers had to go the back to Junction 7 to get onto the motorway. There was also a noticeable increase in traffic on the A20 and some people were kept up at night by noisy trucks on the Ashford Rd.

I'm pleased Brock has now been called off. While it's an improvement on closing the motorway completely for Operation Stack, it's far from perfect. I'll be meeting ministers and Highways England soon to urge them to review it and make improvements.

At the same time I'll keep pushing for a deal with the EU that keeps freight moving freely across the border.

## **People are struggling to get an appointment with a GP**

In parts of my Kent it's very difficult for people to see their GP. At one surgery in Park Wood there's just one GP for 4,000 patients.

There's extra money going into primary care and we're training more GPs, including at the new Kent medical school. But we need more nurses, physios and other health professionals in primary care. I asked the Health Secretary what he is doing to ensure that people can see the right health professional when they need to.

## **Seasonal agriculture workers' pilot scheme launched**

2,500 non-EU workers will come to Britain to work on fruit farms, as the Seasonal Agriculture Workers' pilot scheme launched on 6th March.

I've been arguing that fruit farmers in Kent need to know they will be able to hire the thousands of workers they need to pick and pack fruit, and this pilot scheme is a reassuring step in the right direction.

The outcome of the pilot will help determine our future immigration policy - and as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Fruit and Vegetable Farmers, I'll be working to make sure it's a success.

## **Headcorn station needs step-free access**

Headcorn station is a busy station, with passengers making 600,000 journeys a year, but it has no disabled access. This makes life more difficult for people who can't use stairs - some are even going in the wrong direction as far as Ashford to get to a station with a lift. I called on the Government to give Headcorn a fair share of the Government's £300million fund to improve disabled access on our railways - but regrettably the bid wasn't successful. I'm disappointed Headcorn was overlooked this time, but I won't give up.



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## Village Hall News

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

If you haven't got your ticket already, don't forget - the next event at the Hall is our annual **themed meal** on **Saturday 18 May at 7.30**.

This year's theme is **Country & Western**. Ye ha! A top-notch 4-piece band will entertain us with traditional Country & Western songs and lightning-fast 'bluegrass' music. Do, please, check out **The Allen Family Band** on-line. They're finger-pickin' good!

Help to create the atmosphere: dig out your check shirt, jeans, neck-scarf and boots! These meals are always great fun and, as ever, there will be a chance to join in with the singing and to get up and dance if your feet won't let you sit! Tickets (once again, only £15 for meal and entertainment) are available from the village shop - or from me, if you can't get to the shop.

Then, at the Hall on **Tuesday 21 May at 7.30**, we will be holding our **Village Hall Committee AGM**. Do, please, come along and have your say on the way the Hall is run, the fees we charge, the things we spend our money on, the events we organise, and so on.

Better still, why not offer your services as a committee member? For the last couple of years we've been carrying a vacancy on the committee and this year we seem set to lose one or two more members as they move from the village. We'd love to have some new faces on the team, particularly younger folk and folk new to the village who could bring a fresh perspective to our deliberations. We have formal meetings only every 3 months and, in-between, groups of people take forward ideas for village events, investigate Hall improvements or undertake minor tasks to maintain the Hall, so the commitment is not huge.

Contact me if you'd like more info, or just turn up on the night – you can be assured of a warm, friendly welcome.

*Richard Pilborough,*

Hall Committee Chairman

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## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council in Grafty Green Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

## **Yoga Classes at Grafty Green Village Hall**

Find that spring in your step and increased suppleness, extra energy and less stress

Mixed ability yoga classes held each **Wednesday** evening at 7 and **Thursday** mornings at 9.30

No class on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** because of European elections.

Further details from Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381,  
email – [graftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:graftyyoga@gmail.com)

**Sue Burch**

## ***Grafty Green Fete***

*'Mad Hatters Tea Party'*

*A family fun afternoon - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August*

*A day when the village community comes together*

*The plans for the fete are coming along nicely and the opportunity to be part of this event is easy - I would really be delighted to hear from you so we can talk about the different ways you can be involved.*

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**Children's Room Beer Garden**

## Grafty Gourmet

A great tasting Italian pork recipe. As usual, and like most Italian recipes, this is a very simple recipe bursting with flavour.

### Lemon Pork Tagliatelle

- 2 cloves of garlic
- 2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 celery stick, finely chopped
- 100g diced pancetta
- 500g minced pork
- 200ml dry white wine
- 50g of grated parmesan, plus extra for serving
- 1 grated zest from one large lemon
- 400g dried egg tagliatelle
- 3 tablespoons of chopped flat leaf parsley

1. Peel the garlic cloves, cut in half lengthways. Gently warm the garlic and oil in a large frying pan (big enough to toss the pasta in later). As it starts to colour, take off the heat and let the garlic infuse for 5 minutes, then discard it.

2. Tip the onion and celery into the garlic oil, sprinkle with a little salt and return to a gentle heat. Let them soften, without colouring, for 8-10 minutes. They should sweat rather than fry, so if you hear sizzling add water, a tablespoon at a time.

3. Add the pancetta and cook for another 6 minutes. Stir in the pork and turn the heat up. Don't colour the meat too much and avoid breaking it up. Add the wine and let it evaporate, then season. Pour in 200ml water, cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes. Mix in a little water if the mixture gets too dry.

4. While cooking, put a pan with plenty of water on to boil. When the water is boiling add 2 tsp salt, then the pasta. Bring back to the boil, give it a good stir and reduce the heat so the water boils gently. Taste the pasta 2 minutes before the timing on the packet.

5. Drain the pasta, reserving some pasta water. Immediately transfer the pasta to the frying pan and toss well over a low heat. Tip in the parmesan and toss well. Add pasta water to dilute, or extra cheese to absorb excess liquid, and mix again. Toss in the lemon zest and parsley and serve.

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## Grafty Geeks

**A free private social network for you, your neighbours and your community.** People are using Boughton Malherbe Nextdoor to:

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- Make recommendations for good work done
- Advertise services to get local work
- Publicise events

Currently Boughton Malherbe Nextdoor has 69 members, whilst other local communities have hundreds like Pluckley and Egerton.

To join Nextdoor, go to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and select help, this will tell you how to join and also answer any questions you have. Alternatively ask a neighbour who is already signed up to "Invite" you. You will still have to go through verification.

To see other communities close by (nearby neighbours), select these from the Home Page (top right), this shows a map of where they are and the number of members they have, very useful if you are trying to sell goods, services or advertising an event.

To manage **notifications** to avoid getting loads of emails, go to **Settings**, which is in the dropdown menu located at the top right of the page in your profile, then select **Notifications**, then **Edit**. The options available are: [Get Summary](#), [Get Updates from your local community](#) and [Stay up to date on Activity that involves you](#). There are options to turn off or on [Private messages](#), [Replies or thanks to me on my posts](#) and [Replies to posts I follow](#). Note: There is an option to unsubscribe at the bottom of any emails.

To turn on **Notifications** for "**nearby neighbourhoods**", select that option, which is also in Settings, this will show a list of all the nearby communities. You can then decide to leave them on or turn them off.

Finally you can opt in or out of getting infrequent emails from Nextdoor about your account.

**If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com)**

## 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 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.

### 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                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>May 4</b> | <b>Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>May 7</b> | <b>Outing - Warren Street House</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Oct 1        | Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 5        | Andrew - Hops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Dec 3        | Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**On May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am we will be holding our PLANT SALE.** This event is for the benefit of all villagers and their friends and passers by and will be held on the Village Green if weather is fine and in the Village Hall if not. There will be tea & coffee and biscuits for sale outside the village shop and savoury items to buy and take home from our stall for your lunch!

**On May 7<sup>th</sup>** we are looking forward to our first summer outing of the season with a visit to Warren Street House, leaving Grafty at 6.30pm. Lifts can be arranged, and if you need one please contact Sue 850381 or Rosemary 850526.

**Tip of the Month** – It is time to start pruning the early flowering shrubs, in the case of Pyracanthas prune the shoots to about 3 inches to encourage flower buds and autumn berries. Tie in your climbers such as clematis, roses and vines on a regular bases. In the kitchen garden sow chard and leaf beet, beans and you can now plant out leeks, marrows and courgettes.

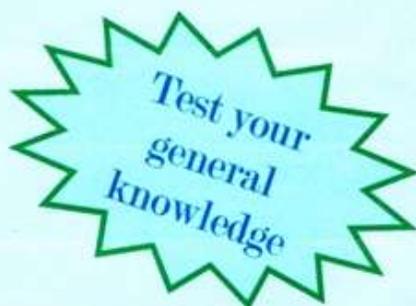
**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club**

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**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham**  
doors open at 6.30pm, quiz starts 7.00pm



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## Len Valley Health Walks

During the 43 weeks we walked in 2018, on Wednesday afternoons, Thursday mornings, Saturday mornings and the second Monday monthly, our walk leaders led a total of 182 walks, enjoyed by 1,864 walkers, walking in 23 different locations and covering approximately 548 miles. Included in these figures is the successful Sunday full day walk, along the cliffs at Dover to St Margaret's Bay, which we did in the summer. So a very big thank you to all our walk leaders, who do this on a purely voluntary basis.

We started 2019 with a New Year's Day circular walk, from the Hook and Hatchet pub at Hucking, through the lovely Hucking Estate. Our Saturday walks started on 5<sup>th</sup> January and the second Monday monthly walks also started in January. The Thursday walks commenced on 21 February and the Wednesday walks the following week.

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The lengths of our walks vary, from one mile through to five or six miles depending on which day you walk, and your ability. Full details of our walks can be found on the Len Valley Health Walks notice board in the Lenham surgery. Details can also be found in the porch at the Harrietsham surgery.

If you would like to join our walking group, or require more information, please contact Jan Enever on 01622 851623. Happy walking!

## May Music Notes

The Maidstone Singers' concert on 11<sup>th</sup> May is declared to be part of the "Age of Creativity Festival". That is a celebration across England of older people – anyone over 50, which is half the population and a good part of my readers– taking part in creative and cultural activities, as audience members, participants, volunteers and artists in their own right. "It's all about celebrating taking part in activities, producing amazing work and watching fantastic performances. We do it because it's fun but also because there are significant benefits."

There is also some very good orchestral music this month, all quite local, and weather permitting the Proms in the Park on the afternoon of 22<sup>th</sup> May offers a whole range of music, which I have not detailed.

- Saturday 11th May, 7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, The Maidstone Singers join with Keswick Hall Choir to present a concert of English Choral Music through the ages, entitled "Two into One". Tickets from: [tickets@themaidsingers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@themaidsingers.org.uk) or at the door.
- Saturday 18th May, 7.30pm at the Maidstone Leisure Centre, the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Schumann' Piano Concerto (soloist Tom Parker) and Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances. Tickets 07817 429143 also via MSO web site or at the door.
- Saturday 25th May, The Maidstone Wind Symphony will be part of the Proms in the Park at the Whatman Millennium River Park, Maidstone-, which runs from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Admission Free.
- Also on Saturday 28th May, but at 7.30pm at the Chatham Central Theatre, the City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra's concert includes works by Debussy, Bride (a percussion concerto), Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky Tickets at the door or from the Central Theatre booking office 01634 338338

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

|    | Word 1   | Word 2  | Word 3   | Answer         |
|----|----------|---------|----------|----------------|
| 1  | Practice | Public  | Major    | <b>General</b> |
| 2  | Crisp    | Couch   | Hot      |                |
| 3  | Special  | Large   | Film     |                |
| 4  | Estate   | Park    | Wash     |                |
| 5  | Family   | Sleeve  | Stamp    |                |
| 6  | Water    | Rock    | Beef     |                |
| 7  | Rugby    | Trade   | Monetary |                |
| 8  | Bottle   | Polo    | Line     |                |
| 9  | Shadow   | Filing  | Maker    |                |
| 10 | Wealth   | Sense   | Place    |                |
| 11 | Cream    | Cloth   | Board    |                |
| 12 | Lasting  | Present | Green    |                |
| 13 | Engine   | Iron    | Boat     |                |
| 14 | Writer   | Stereo  | Cast     |                |
| 15 | Law      | Rage    | Through  |                |
| 16 | Acid     | Fall    | Forest   |                |

| <b>Find the missing word?</b> |                                               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1                             | ____ Stoker, Author of 'Dracula'              |
| 2                             | Agony ____, Advice columnist                  |
| 3                             | ____ Bolan, Lead singer of T Rex              |
| 4                             | Cable ____, Mountainside transport            |
| 5                             | _____ Tower, Parisian landmark                |
| 6                             | Uncle ____, Personification of the USA        |
| 7                             | _____ Springfield, Music legend               |
| 8                             | Donald _____, Late actor of 'Two's Company'   |
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## Christian Message May

Sunday – breakfast – attend service in one of the 4 Len Valley services – feel refreshed by worship and stimulated by the sermon – enjoy coffee with fellow worshippers – home for lunch. A special day which is an option for most of us.

It is not an option for nearly of a quarter of a billion Christians across the world who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Here are a few true stories of the way Christian believers are treated. In **Malaysia** those who contravene Shari (Islamic) law are arrested and sent to rehabilitation camps.

Last year saw a sharp increase in opposition to religion, including Christians in some parts of **China**. Church buildings have been forcibly closed in some places and there is a ban on under 18's attending worship.

Pastor David's church in **India** was vandalised by Hindu extremists and members of his congregation were badly beaten. Another pastor was left unconscious with a fractured skull after youths threw him off a moving train.

Christian families in **Upper Egypt** have had to leave their homes because of threats against them and their children and demands that they convert to Islam.

An **Eritrean** Christian is living in a refugee camp in northern Ethiopia. Her husband was killed in jail and this lady was detained several times when she refused to deny Christ. She is living with HIV after being raped in jail.

Whether you attend church or not please think of the Christians I have mentioned and remember them in your prayers.

*A prayer: Lord God we thank you for our freedom to worship in the way we choose . Please help all persecuted believers to continue to live by faith. Amen.*

**Joan Drury**



*Len Valley Benefice  
Rose Service*

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm  
St. Mary's Church, Lenham*

*'I have loved you with an everlasting love'  
Jeremiah 31:3*

***A service of thanksgiving to remember  
the lives of loved ones who have died***

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*Further details from Revd. Millie Hart 01622 297296*

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast service

**9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Family Worship

**11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**3.30 pm** Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Communion)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30 am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**11.00 am** Lenham: Morning Worship

**3.30pm Heart of Kent Hospice:** Service supported by Len Valley

**6.30 pm** Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**11.00am** Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Morning

Worship

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**3.00pm Lenham: Rose Service**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

|    |               |               |               |               |
|----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 16 | Acid          | Fall          | Forest        | Rain          |
| 15 | Law           | Rage          | Through       | Out           |
| 14 | Writer        | Stereo        | Cast          | Type          |
| 13 | Engine        | Iron          | Boat          | Steam         |
| 12 | Lasting       | Present       | Green         | Ever          |
| 11 | Cream         | Cloth         | Board         | Cheese        |
| 10 | Wealth        | Sense         | Place         | Common        |
| 9  | Shadow        | Filing        | Maker         | Cabinet       |
| 8  | Bottle        | Polo          | Line          | Neck          |
| 7  | Rugby         | Trade         | Monetary      | Union         |
| 6  | Water         | Rock          | Beef          | Salt          |
| 5  | Family        | Sleeve        | Stamp         | Album         |
| 4  | Estate        | Park          | Wash          | Car           |
| 3  | Special       | Large         | Film          | Extra         |
| 2  | Crisp         | Couch         | Hot           | Potato        |
| 1  | Practice      | Public        | Major         | General       |
|    | <b>Word 1</b> | <b>Word 2</b> | <b>Word 3</b> | <b>Answer</b> |

|    |                                                       |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
|    | <b>Find the missing word?</b>                         |
| 1  | <b>Bram Stoker</b> , Author of 'Dracula'              |
| 2  | <b>Agony Aunt</b> , Advice columnist                  |
| 3  | <b>Mare Bolan</b> , Lead singer of T Rex              |
| 4  | <b>Cable car</b> , Mountainside transport             |
| 5  | <b>Eiffel Tower</b> , Parisian landmark               |
| 6  | <b>Uncle Sam</b> , Personification of the USA         |
| 7  | <b>Dusty Springfield</b> , Music legend               |
| 8  | <b>Donald Sinden</b> , Late actor of 'Two's Company'  |
| 9  | <b>Debbie Reynolds</b> , Singing in the Rain' actress |
| 10 | <b>Geraldine Granger</b> , 'Vicar of Dibley' star     |

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