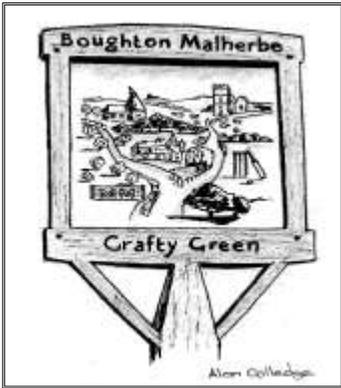


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Anything for the **August** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th July**

Front Cover: Robert Turner, Chairman, and Chris King ex-Parish Clerk of Boughton Malherbe PC at Cork Airport in June. Robert and Cllr Tony King had just shared the same flight from Gatwick, purely coincidental. Just goes to show, you never know who you're going to bump in to - or where ... !!

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers take place at St. Nicholas on the 3rd, 17th and 31st July and at All Saints, Ulcombe, on the 10th and 24th July, all on Tuesdays at 9.30am till 10am. All welcome.

Bible Study continues at Weirton Villa, the home of Joan Drury. We are a happy group, with members from most of the parishes in the Benefice, not sure how Joan has put up with us for so long! If you are interested, ask Joan, on 01622 853766, for more details.

Coffee Morning on the 11th July will take place in the Church, not the Village Hall, from 10-12noon, do let me know if anyone will need transport on that day, on 01622 859549. All the tasty cakes and scones will be on offer. We are asking that anyone who is able and would also like to join a Churchyard tidy-up at the same time could bring along their favourite tools for the job! No pressure!. Should be fun!

The Yew tree next to the wall of the Old School House has shed a large branch, fortunately with no damage to gravestones, wall or ashes plot. Maidstone Borough tree experts are assessing the stability of the whole, veteran, tree and will act accordingly.

Cream Teas dates for this year are from the **8th July till the end of August, all on Sunday afternoons 2-5pm**. The price remains at £2.50 per person and we look forward to welcoming old and new friends.

We would also welcome any of our friends who would like to join the team on these afternoons. There is always time to chat and laugh over the sink, the delivery trays, guiding the guests and keeping an eye on any job on hand. It must be enjoyable as most of us have been part of the group for around 20yrs, long before we even had mains water, a kitchen or loo!! Cannot count the number of tables that have been put up and down, the scones consumed or even the tablecloths washed, Liz might add!

If it appeals to you please contact Sylvia on 01622 891954 for more details and possible dates. Enjoy the poster elsewhere in the July Magazine.

Afternoon Tea at St. Nicholas on the 10th June was a delightful occasion. A great social time when we welcomed so many friends. We enjoyed the delicious cakes and savouries on the 'help- yourself' tables. No-one counted the repeat visits to top up the empty plates!!. We were so glad that Mike, Ruth and family were able to join us, even a number of Mike's old Young Farmer friends! A lovely happy picture of Joan graced the serving table, making us all smile. Well over £500 will be spent in a way that Joan would have approved, still to be decided.

Hoping we have some good summer weather for all to enjoy this month.

Sally Alexander

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Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11

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**Clerk Address: Mrs J Rimmer
16 The Cloisters
Ham Lane
Lenham
Kent
ME17 2PZ**

Important Announcement

Potential Operation Stack lorry park on our doorstep

The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council has been made aware that there is a possibility of a 100 acre lorry park in Boughton Malherbe.

Very little information is available, but there is a public event in the **Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1QX on Saturday 7th July between 12.00 & 18.00** which any member of the public can attend and possibly learn more.

Background information is available on line at:

https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/solutions-to-operation-stack/supporting_documents/GFD18_0100_%20M20%20Operation%20Stack%20%20Brochure%20v6%20WEB.pdf

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/solutions-to-operation-stack-managing-freight-traffic-in-kent/>

<http://www.kentonline.co.uk/folkestone/news/government-committed-to-building-lorry-park-159368/>

There is also an interesting link to the website of our MP, Helen Whately:

<https://www.helenwhately.org.uk/campaigns/better-roads-keep-kent-moving>

A Highways England general background information booklet is available from Lenham Library titled “Solutions to Operation Stack: Managing freight traffic in Kent”. The booklet does not refer to potential lorry park locations.

This matter is on the Agenda at the next **Parish Council meeting on the 9th July at 7.30 pm** in Grafty Green village hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to speak.



GRAFTY GREEN REMEMBERS

8TH SEPT, 2018

GET INVOLVED EARLY

Children's Opening Fete Competition: This year we thought it would be a good idea to invite Children from Grafty Green and surrounding villages to enter a competition to open the Fete. Children up to the age of 18 to compose a poem or song in the theme of Events of 100 years ago. The **winner** will be invited to **open the Fete on the day** with their entry. Entries must be made by **31st July** and must contain the name, age, phone number and email address to be sent to: carolhulm@gmail.com.

Photo Competition: Re-introducing the Photo Competition this year. Winning entries will be used to create next year's calendar. The themes are open, but it would be nice to see local pictures in various seasons or anything that links to Grafty Green. Further information on how to submit entries will be provided in the next instalment, so start snapping or looking through your existing pictures to enter.

Appealing to those of you who can knit or crochet – we are making poppies for our commemorative display at the fete and need more poppies to be made. One knitted poppy takes me less than an hour.

We also have a team of ten making other sewn commemorative items and could do with another four people. Please call **Sue Burch on 850381** to find out more.

Finally we are looking for help with the following:

- On the day, with putting up and taking down
- Assistance with the stalls / games
- Contributions for the Alcoholic Tombola
- Grand Draw prizes

Please contact Carol on 07990 574214 or email Carolhulm@gmail.com



GRAFTY GREEN REMEMBERS

8TH SEPT, 2018 – 2PM – 5.30

PROGRAMME – TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED

Event Opening
Fancy Dress – Theme 100 years ago
Punch & Judy
Fun Audience Game – to be confirmed
Birds of Prey – https://www.facebook.com/soaringhighdisplaycentre
Punch & Judy
Fun Audience Game – to be confirmed
Tug-of-War – Men and Woman
Grand Draw and Competition Announcements

Food, Ice Cream and Refreshments available throughout the day

ATTRACTIONS / EXHIBITIONS

- Donkey Rides
- Fire Engine – Chris Wheal
- Around the Garden Table
- Church Stall
- History Club
- Local Honey – Gavin Rees
- Children's Games - Daisy
- Apple Bobbing
- Local Vintage Tractors – James Chantler
- Military Artefacts – Steve Hookins
www.stevehookins.co.uk
- Alan Colledge – Local Artist
- Grafty Green Gardening Club
- Stained Glass – Mandy Hitchins
- Shove Halfpenny
- Messy Tent for Kids
- Alcoholic Tombola

Grand Draw: Prizes include: Hot Tub night for 2 at the Who'd a Thought It, £100 & £50 Vouchers for the Whody Boudoir, £100 Cash, Smart Speaker from Ashley Law, 2 x Freedom Passes to Leeds Castle from AW Courts, Tea for 4 at Chilston Park Hotel, Fish & Chip Supper at the Kings Head, Hamper from the Bowls Club. There may be other prizes donated on the day

VILLAGE
FETE

Fete Opening Children's Competition Grafty Green Remembers

Date: 8th September, 2018

This year our village fete will recall events from 100 years ago:

- Peace Time after WWI
- Women – Votes and Women's Institute

This year we thought it would be a good idea to invite Children of Grafty Green and surrounding villages to enter a competition to open the Fete.

We would like to ask any Children up to the age of 18 to compose a poem, song in the theme of Events of 100 years ago. The **winners** will be invited or draw a picture to **help with opening the Fete on the day** with their entry. Entries must be made by **31st July** and must contain the name, age, phone number and email address to be sent to: carolhulm@gmail.com

I look forward to receiving your entries.

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Children's Room Beer Garden

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great Greek kebab recipe and as usual so simple to make. You can even cheat and buy a packet of freshly made Greek Salad if you don't want to prepare your own.

Pork Souvlaki with Feta Salad

4 pork shoulder steaks, trimmed of excess fat and cut into 3cm chunks

1 red onion, quartered and cut into 3cm chunks

1 red pepper, cut into 3cm chunks

20g pack Bart Smokehouse Barbecue Mediterranean Rub

2 tablespoons of olive oil

2 garlic cloves, crushed

4 tomatoes, chopped

½ cucumber, chopped

250g of cooked beetroot, chopped

2 little gem lettuce, chopped

2 salad onions, finely chopped

1/2 tablespoon of lemon juice

50g of feta cheese, roughly crumbled

1. Soak 8 wooden skewers in cold water for 30 minutes. Place the chunks of pork, onion and pepper in the marinade bag from the pack of Mediterranean rub. Sprinkle over and the rub the mixture into the pork, onion and peppers, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil and the garlic, then season. Shake the bag to coat everything, then marinate in the fridge for 30 minutes, or up to 3-4 hours. Discard the marinade and bag after removing the meat for cooking.

2. Preheat the oven to 200°C. Evenly thread the meat, onion and peppers onto the skewers. Cook on a hot griddle pan or barbecue for 10-12 minutes, turning every 2-3 minutes, until charred all over, then transfer to a foil-lined oven tray and roast for another 10-15 minutes, ensuring the pork is cooked thoroughly until there is no pink meat and the juices run clear.

3. Meanwhile, toss the tomatoes, cucumber, beetroot, lettuce, salad onions, lemon juice and remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large bowl. Season, then scatter with the feta. Serve the souvlaki and salad with warmed pitta bread.

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Progress report on spending of the Quinn Donation.

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the first suggestion to be approved (number eight on the original list), a donation to Platts Heath Primary School.

The school has served the children of this Parish extremely well over many years and a donation up to the sum of £2500.00 was considered appropriate.

The school was invited to nominate ideas from which the Parish Council could select as it deemed appropriate. On Friday, 22nd June a cheque was handed to the Headteacher in the sum of £2500.00.



Headteacher, Piers Anscomb receives a cheque from Vice Chairman, Ron Galton

The donation to the school is divided into the following items:

- Books to go into the recently refurbished library - £500.00
- A contribution to refreshing the school building - £1000.00
- A bundle of I-Pads/Kindles for independent interactive learning - £1000.00

More suggestions are under consideration and further progress reports will be published in due course.

Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
May 1	Colin Moat	50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)
May 5	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire, visiting Harlow Carr, York and Breezy Knees	
August 7	Outing - Samphire Ho, Dover	
Sept 4	Autumn Show	
Sept 9	Coach outing to Kew – book with Sue 850381	
Oct 2	Philip Johnson	How to grow sweet peas
Nov6	Elizabeth Cairns	Planting the English Garden
Dec 4	Social - shared supper and quiz.	

On July 3rd we have an outing planned to visit Parsonage Oast at Yalding. ME18 6HG. In the event of Hunton Hill being closed (which is the shortest route) continue to the T junction, turn left, then right, then left and come down Yalding Hill. Down Yalding High Street (church on left) over bridge. Right at T junction (B2162), across the Lees. Traffic lights for bridge over Medway. Immediately you have crossed turn left over the lifting bridge as though you were going to the Boat House Pub. Straight on up the private road and Parsonage Oast is on the left. Look for NGS yellow sign by the lifting bridge and another on the drive in.

Please remember to let Irene know if you plan to come by one week before the event, Tel: 01622 842507.

July 26th is our weekend away in North Yorkshire. The Coach will leave from outside the Post Office at 8.30am and Lenham at 8.40. We will be staying at The Dower House Hotel & Spa, Bond End, Knaresborough HG5 9AL. Telephone: 01423 863302. Visits are arranged to see York itself, Breezy Knees Gardens, RHS Harlow Carr, Ripley Castle Grounds and Gardens, we will be stopping on the way up at the Easton Walled Garden and back to visit Downton Superstore & Garden Centre to break the journey.

Entrance costs: Eastern Walled Garden - £7.50 each, Breezy Knees £7.00, Harlow Carr Free, Ripley Castle Grounds £4.50, if you also want to visit the castle itself entrance is £4.50 but this is optional.

If you have any further questions about these visits you can call Carole on (01622) 757536. Carole is also taking names for KEW Gardens visit. (See newsletter for payment details).

Tip of the Month - Top up water for wildlife - Regularly top up any containers left out for the birds to ensure they have a steady supply of water. Deadhead roses to a bud in a leaf axial lower down the stem to continue the display into Autumn. Trim conifer hedges if necessary. Remove unwanted growth from trees where necessary to prevent them sapping all the strength of the plant. Divide irises and separate the younger pieces with a sharp knife, throw away the older ones. Plant Autumn flowering bulbs.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green
Gardening Club (01622) 757536**

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 - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

9th July, 10th September, 12th November, 14th January 2019, 11th March 2019.

Joan Davidson Memorial

I would like to thank all the ladies who organised and produced such a wonderful tea at the Church on 10th June. It was a very good spread and a fine afternoon. I and the family appreciate all their hard work.

Mike Davidson

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

(Instagram: #GGVH)

In last month's Malherbe Monthly I announced that we would, once again, be holding a **photo competition** - to be judged at our fete in September - for images to adorn the 2019 village calendar. The closing date for submissions will be Sunday 19 August but we'd be very pleased to receive submissions any time from now until then. That means you've still got time to snap some great pictures this summer, but we're also very happy to receive photos taken at any time in the past.

Any image appropriate for a calendar will be eligible whether it be beautiful scenery, a vintage car or plane, flora or fauna, abstract patterns in nature or architecture or anything else that you think might adorn a wall - although preference in the judging will be given to those photos with a seasonal flavour and/or a local theme. There is no limit to the number of images you may submit but they should preferably be in 'landscape' format (ie broader than they are tall) as a 'portrait' format picture will only suit the front cover.

Images should preferably be in digital form and should be emailed to me at pilborough@grafty.plus.com. If your photos are in print form it would be good if you could scan them and email them to me but, if this is not possible, email me at that address (or give me a ring on **844648**) and I will arrange to get them scanned for you. Please send photos in the highest resolution possible. If there is a danger of seriously degrading the image by emailing it - or if you have any queries at all about how to deliver your photos or about the competition generally - then, again, just contact me to discuss. I'd be pleased to hear from you: we don't want to miss out on a good image just because of difficulties in receiving it!

There is no fee to enter the competition and the prize is the honour of seeing your image in next year's calendar!

Now, also with reference to the fete, we are still looking for anyone who can knit, crochet or sew. We are knitting poppies for a commemorative display and need more. It takes less than an hour to make one. We are also making other sewn commemorative items and could do with more people to help with that. Please call Sue Burch on **850381** to offer help or to find out more.

Finally we are looking for help on the day, with 'putting up and taking down' and with assistance with the stalls and games. We are also still seeking contributions for the 'Alcoholic Tombola' and for our Grand Draw. Please contact Carol Hulm on **07990 574214** or email Carolhulm@gmail.com if you can help in any of these regards. There will be a collection box for the Tombola in the village Post Office soon, if you would care to contribute a bottle.

And that's it for this month!

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman.

St. Nicholas

Boughton Malherbe



Cream Teas

2-5pm Sundays

8th July

to the end of August

£2.50

News from Helen Whately MP

Being an MP means keeping a lot of plates spinning. One minute you're grappling with Brexit and the Customs Union, threats from Russia, or NHS funding, the next it will be primary school places, train delays, or Operation Stack. So here's an update on how I'm staying on top of my campaigns.

Children in this area desperately need more schools to go to. It's predicted that as many as 82 secondary school children may not have a place at a local school next year. With more housing on the way, the problem is only going to get worse.

Funding for a new Primary school in Bearsted was granted in 2017 and work on getting it open was pressing ahead. But a few weeks ago the whole plan was thrown up in the air. A mental health unit is currently being built on an adjacent site and the alarm was raised that a school and a mental health unit couldn't be side by side.

That's why I met with the Chief Executive of the company which will run the unit. He assured me that there really shouldn't be a problem having a school next to their mental health unit. Clearly the concerns raised about having the two side by side need to be investigated, but it may be the school can be built there after all.

A new Maidstone School of Science and Technology was also due to open last year but has been held up by planning wrangles and worries about increases in traffic. I recently wrote to the Planning Inspector explaining that, unless we get this school open as soon as possible, pupils face being bussed long distance across the county to get to school, potentially being late and missing out on after-school activities.

I'm working with Maidstone Council, KCC and the Government to try to get this all sorted out and make sure new schools don't add to the traffic problems, because the fact is, Maidstone's children need more schools and we need them soon.

One thing we need to fix traffic problems in this area is an end to 'Operation Stack'. New plans were announced last week that will allow traffic to travel in both directions between junctions 8 and 9 on the M20 while lorries are being queued for the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel.

This means people will be able to get on with their lives and businesses will continue to operate using the motorway, rather than being diverted onto smaller local roads. It should avoid a repeat of the nightmare of summer of 2015, where the M20 was closed for 32 days, costing the Kent economy £250 million.

Work will begin soon on reinforcing the northbound hard shoulder so that this can be used for ordinary traffic while lorries are parked on the other side. This interim solution is expected to be ready by 2019. I hope these contingency plans never have to be used – but I'm glad Highways England are getting grip.

While the Government is getting on with preparing our roads for Brexit, commuters are facing a rough ride on the trains – with delays, long journey times, and out-of-date carriages. That’s why I was dismayed when I saw the new timetables. The proposed new timetable would see the loss of a service arriving in London before 9am along the Maidstone East line serving Lenham, Harrietsham, Hollingbourne and Bearsted. I recently convened a meeting with fellow Kent MPs and the Rail Ministers to voice our concerns. We made it clear that it’s unacceptable for our constituents to face longer, less convenient journeys. Please let me know if your journey has been negatively affected by the timetable changes.

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

I work for you. If you have a problem you think I can help you with, please contact me or visit me at one of my surgeries

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59 Bus Service

From **Monday 9th July**, the 06.53 service on Monday – Friday Schooldays will be retimed to leave Grafty Green 8 minutes earlier at **06.45**. It will display service number 89 and after Linton Corner will serve Coxheath before arriving in Maidstone at the same times as now.

The are no changes to the rest of the 59 timetable.

John Collins

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council’s representative on the East of Maidstone Bus Group

Grafty Geeks

Smart Speakers

A **smart speaker** is a type of wireless speaker and voice command device with an integrated virtual assistant (artificial intelligence) that offers interactive actions and hands free activation with the help of one "hot word" (or several "hot words").

Some smart speakers can also act as a smart device that utilizes Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, other wireless protocol standards to extend usage beyond audio playback, such as to control home automation devices.

Each can have its own designated interface and features in-house, usually launched or controlled via application or home automation software. Some smart speakers also include a screen to show the user a visual response.



There is a lot of information available on the internet. If you search for Smart Speakers, you will be bombarded with statistics and best buys, but it really depends on what your needs are. Here are a couple of websites that have some really sound and informative information:

<https://www.techradar.com/news/best-smart-speakers>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smart_speaker

Top two performers at the moment are Amazon (Alexia) and Google, there a few different devices available from both with varying prices.

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



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CHURCH FETE



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Harrietsham

Saturday, 14th July 2018
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Music, Pimms Stall, Book Stall, games, refreshments, raffle
& much more



July Music Notes

It's July, and the Proms start on Friday 13th – lucky for some – especially for those who have tickets. The “First night concert” starts as usual at 20.15 in the Albert Hall, but this is not actually the first event of the 2018 Proms season. At 17:00 at Imperial College Union (That's immediately behind the Albert Hall – I remember it well, but won't admit how many years ago!) there will be a live Proms edition of BBC Radio 3's In Tune, presented by Sean Rafferty). It's free!! Tickets available from BBC Studio Audiences: bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/shows. For the concerts the Albert Hall booking office is 0845 4015040.

But here is some of what we have locally in July

- **Sat 7th July 7.30pm** at All Saints' church, Maidstone, ME15 6YE, Maidstone Choral Union's Summer Concert features Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*. Tickets 01622 726193
- **Also on 7th July at 7.30pm** (Oh why won't our local musicians co-operate to avoid clashes?) Sutton Valence Choral Society hold a Summer concert of choral favourites at Sutton Valence school. Tickets 01622 861313
- **Sat 14th July at 7.30pm** at St. John's School, Grove Green, Provender Way ME15 5TZ, Bearsted Choral Society presents “Summer Serenade”, a concert of cheerful light music. Tickets 01634 666730
- **Sun 15th July at 6.00pm**, All Saints Church Maidstone will again be ringing to the sounds of Gloria (see above!) – this time Maidstone Singers present Rutter' *Gloria* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Tickets 01622 630016.
- **Wednesdays throughout July**, there will be lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm at Maidstone united Reformed Church, Weeks Street, Maidstone. Free entry, retiring collection.
- **Sat 21st July 12.30pm** at St. Mary's Church, Sutton Valence, there will be a lunchtime organ recital followed by ploughman's lunch. No entrance fee, conation requested for lunch, retiring collection for the concert.

For TV watchers there are Proms “on the box” every Friday and Saturday on BBC4 including the 1st night on 13th. Note also the prom celebrating the 40th anniversary of BBC's “young musician competition. This will be on TV on 15th July.

Musician's dictionary entry:

Prodigy: A person who shows great musical talent at an early age. Those wishing to be considered prodigy material are advised to die young, before it becomes apparent that they aren't going to get any better.

Brian Hardy

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Presenter Kelly Duke from Wrinkly Network will provide more information about getting older in today's society, for business people and others. Wrinkly is an organisation that aims to join the dots with care for the elderly and vulnerable across Kent. They do this in many ways. They host events for the general public where they invite providers of services to community halls and events. They hold afternoon tea parties where people can get together and chat about what is going on. They organise networking events for everyone working in the elderly and vulnerable sector.

These networking events are not just for carers and care homes but plumbers, electricians, accountants, clothing designers, therapists and anyone who wants to get to know other providers in their area. They want to make the lives of our elderly and vulnerable clients full of joy and laughter not isolation and loneliness.

Please arrive at 6.10pm, networking starts on arrival, presentation 6.30 for 20 to 30 minutes, organised networking resumes and finishes at 8.30pm. New or one off attendees and members of the public are welcome. Your first visit is free. YOU MUST register your attendance by email to doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk or by phoning 01622 820841.



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2	Tooth	Head	Ear	
3	Eclipse	Power	Panel	
4	Magnetic	Mouse	Air	
5	Smoker	Drain	Dream	
6	Threat	Gossip	Bone	
7	Fighter	Escape	Under	
8	Record	Petty	Damage	
9	Tiger	Water	Pad	
10	Sweet	Crisp	Jacket	
11	Shopping	Wine	Price	
12	Living	Play	Any	
13	Drink	Nuclear	Potential	
14	Whole	Faint	Half	
15	Ground	Axe	Cry	
16	Golden	Spread	Bald	

Find the missing word?	
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7	Olive ____, Popeye's girl friend
8	___ Cleaver, Eileen Grimshaw in Coronation Street
9	Jeremy _____, TV prankster who died in 2008
10	_____ Bunker, US Television answer to Alf Garnett

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Christian Message July 2018

People are people and happily come in all sorts of shapes and sizes – in their characters as well as appearances. That's wonderful. Wouldn't it be boring if we were all like ourselves? But 'people are people' also means that they have made a fortune out of various ways of analysing what kind of person we are – Myers-Briggs is an example that industry uses a lot.

What kind of person are you and how do you react to summer? Do you like having a moan? A day after the floods up the hill in Doddington, I heard somebody complain how hot it was. Do you like putting your feet up? Some people will be longing to get away for a time of semi-sleep on a sun-baked beach somewhere. Or do you (like me), really like to get on with things? The summer brings an opportunity to explore places not yet visited and do those projects that I can't do in the winter.

Whichever you are, I have a challenge for you. Look at life – especially the 'little' things – and be *grateful* (e.g. to God?). Be grateful for the people who smile, for the coffee that you drink, for the garden that flowers (however overgrown), for the sunlight that lifts our spirits, and so on. The Bible talks about the value of 'stopping', particularly in the creation poem at the start of Genesis, when God rests on the seventh day. Actually, he more pauses than stops, because his creative Spirit continues all around us all the time, not least in nature. We need to train ourselves to *pause, and notice* – or all those things which are worthwhile flash past and we fail to sense the beauty and goodness of this amazing world that we live in.

Pausing and noticing has other advantages. It lifts us out of ourselves towards others. It help us to recognise needs in others that we can meet, sometimes very simply, and so is the root practice behind active love. So for yourself and those around you: let's all *pause and notice* this summer.

John P Huggins (01622 850280)

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This year there will be eight talks,
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PROGRAMME 2018

Membership is open to all who have an interest in local and national history.
The annual membership fee is £10. Visitors are always welcome.
Refreshments will be served

Tuesday 16 January

John Moore

Education in India: challenge and opportunity

Tuesday 20 March

AGM 7.30pm followed by

Mrs Mary Smith

A Schoolgirl's War

Tuesday 17 April

Steve Hookins

Woolwich Women at War

Tuesday 15 May

Dr Marc Morris

Bad King John

Saturday 16 June

Trip to Greenwich

Tuesday 10 July

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Tuesday 18 September

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Sunday 1st July

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service with informal Holy Communion

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

Wednesday 4th July

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 8th July

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

6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 15th July

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th July

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

7.00pm Lenham: Confirmation Service

Sunday 22nd July

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

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

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