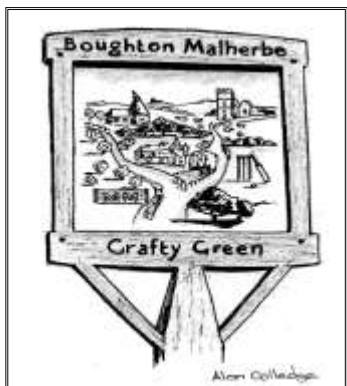


# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front cover:** Spring is around the corner - these daffodils and snowdrops are in bloom near Boughton Malherbe Church. Photo courtesy of John Collins

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Morning Prayers** will be said at St. Nicholas on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30a.m. and on alternate weeks at All Saints, Ulcombe. You will be very welcome at these meetings, do come along and join us.

**Coffee Morning:** The Village Coffee Morning will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall 10.30-12.00pm. Come and join us for a friendly chat and sample the goodies on offer - coffee, tea and homemade cakes, cheese scones and biscuits. We are supporting Tear Fund and in particular a project in Zambia, to enable the excavation of bore holes so that four small communities can have fresh water. Donations received will go towards this project.

**Lent Groups:** A Lent Group will be held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green lead by Joan Drury on Thursday mornings during Lent. Should this time and day not be convenient for you there are other groups meeting throughout the Benefice. Contact Joan Drury and she will be able to supply other dates and venues.

**Lent Lunches:** We will be holding our Lent lunches again this year on four Wednesdays during Lent. Entrance is by donation and the monies raised will go towards our contribution to Christian Aid Week, which is in May. The time is 12.00-2.00 pm, and the dates and venues for the lunches are:-

Wed: 19<sup>th</sup> March our hostess will be Sally Alexander, Bowley Oast East, Sandway

Wed: 26<sup>th</sup> March       "       "       Sylvia Close, Ferndown, Woodcock Lane,  
Grafty Green

Wed: 2<sup>nd</sup> April       "       "       Vanessa Goodwin, The Old Rectory, Boughton  
Malherbe

Wed: 16<sup>th</sup> April       "       "       Joan Davidson, Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill  
Grafty Green

I know these are all to be held at people's homes which might deter you from coming but please don't let that be the case. You will be made welcome at all the venues.

**Mothering Sunday** is on 30<sup>th</sup> March and although this is a fifth Sunday in the month there will be no Benefice Service as each church will be holding their own Mothering Sunday Service in their home church. St Nicholas' service will be at 9.30a.m. Children will receive a small pot plant to take home for their mothers.

**Joan Davidson**

## 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

### Village Hall News

As mentioned last month, the big up-coming event in the Hall is our '**Italian Meal and Magic**' evening on Saturday **29<sup>th</sup> March**.

Following the success of our French evening last year, we're offering a 3-course Italian meal, under the guidance of Stefania & Jacopo Graziola, Grafty's own Italian residents, who have provided us with genuine Italian recipes (and samples - which were *deliziosi*, I can tell you!)

During the meal a top class professional magician will perform close-up magic at the tables, and afterwards he will present a 45 minute cabaret-style performance from the stage, which I'm assured will raise as many laughs as gasps.

Our entertainer is a multi award-winning Gold Star member of the Inner Magic Circle, with many TV credits to his name, and we're very lucky indeed to have secured his services.

All this is yours for just £15. I won't have another chance to remind you, so please get your tickets now, before you forget, and this will help us judge the number of meals we need to produce.

At the time of writing, about a quarter of all available tickets have already been sold, so don't delay. Tickets are available from the village shop. **Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available.** Call me on 850484 once you have bought your tickets if you require either of these options.

A bar will be operating, selling Italian wines as well as English beers and soft drinks - and if all this sounds like a good night out, that's because it certainly will be! Do come and join us.

**Richard Pilborough**  
**Hall Committee Chairman**

**Ken and Eve Sweet  
extend a warm welcome to**

## **The Kings Head Grafty Green**

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16th Century  
Coaching Inn  
haunted by  
"Dover Bill" -  
the Highwayman!**



**Traditional Sunday Lunches**

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**Children's Room    Beer Garden**

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## Some Local News Snippets

A recent sad event at Sandway with a horse in a field in considerable distress and agony with some equally agonised would be helpers. The irony transpired that despite a vet willing to attend they couldn't as it was private land and both police and RSPCA needed to attend and initiate any vet involvement. After 2 hours the agony was ended. The RSPCA emergency number has now been added to the magazine list.

*Still on a high from their recent short match bowls win against Lenham, Grafty Green played Headcorn and were reminded of their relative newcomer's status to short mat bowls and came second! Whatever a very enjoyable game – new members are very welcome to join them.*

The defibrillator project is moving forward in conjunction with the Parish Council and hopefully it will not be too long before it is a reality. It will be available 24/7 at a central location to be finalised with the ambulance service holding the lock combination to give to 999 callers. Regarding cardiac arrest (heart stopped) CPR (resuscitation) needs to be started immediately and ideally defibrillation within 5 minutes with each passing minute decreasing the chances of a successful outcome; 8 minutes is the absolute limit. Recently published data shows our ambulance service resuscitation attempts success at just 6%; a major reason being non arrival in time slot – with average responses for Headcorn area of 15 minutes (quoted from KM). Both CPR and defibrillator techniques are simple to learn and training sessions will be arranged in the village hall – simple message 'it could save somebody'. It is still hoped a CFR (Community First Responder) scheme will get off the ground but meantime we have the temporary help offered by Chris Wheal who is both first aid and defibrillator trained – if a second defibrillator becomes available valuable time could be saved not having to access it from the public point; we just hope it will never be needed.

*In response to requests telephone numbers for doctors, hospitals and KCC Highways have now been included on the 'contact numbers' page.*

On the Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February for a while in the morning the only fully open route into Grafty Green was via Ulcombe with most of the problems involving trees and power lines and a landslip in Elmstone Hole Road. The blockage on Liverton Hill had to wait for clearing with Council help in mid-afternoon and inspection by Network Power; a small groups of 'locals' working alongside the Council and the hill was reopened late afternoon. The Fire and Ambulance service were notified of the possible difficulties which in the event caused no problems.

*As an advance notice on the afternoon of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April an 'open house' multi - agency event is being planned in the village hall as an opportunity for residents to ask questions and gather useful information on numerous topics. Present will be KCC Community Wardens, Police/PCSO's, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Parish Council, an advice agency such as Age UK or CROP and lastly either Red Cross or St John Ambulance (emergency first aid / defibrillator awareness amongst other things).*

*Events such as this have been held elsewhere and have proved to be extremely popular covering many diverse topics.*

*Full details will appear in the April publication of Malherbe Monthly.*

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES SO AS NOT TO MISS OUT  
TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2 – 5PM TEA / COFFEE / HOMEMADE CAKE**

Pot holes are currently a major problem and no doubt will continue to be so for many weeks even without severe frost problems which would seriously exacerbate the current situation. It does help if all pot holes are reported on the KCC dedicated website; simply enter 'KCC Highways' and follow the links for 'pot hole reporting' or telephone 03000 418181. Only if a pot hole has been reported is there any chance of a claim being paid for any damage or injury caused by that pot hole.

**THE 10 BEST.....** Just to prove that I do read the Malherbe Monthly....

In no particular order my favourite 10 things about the village are:

- **The wildlife** - we love having woodpeckers, moorhens, owls, pheasants, grass snakes and bats in our garden
- **The people** - since moving here we have made fabulous friends
- **King's Head** - fantastic village drinking pub!!!
- **Whodathoughtit** - That new chef knows how to treat a vegetarian!!!
- **Newspapers from the post office** - and how it takes half an hour to get them and get home because you always bump into at least three people for a chat!
- **The peace and quiet** - when all you can hear is birdsong
- **Our neighbours** - truly fun, lovely people (and this should earn us a drunken dinner!!!!)
- **The Malherbe Monthly** - yes we do read it and are glad we have it
- **Cream teas** - we don't get there as much as we would like to but well worth the climb up the hill when we do
- **The view from the church clock tower** - we cleaned it a while back and the views up there were truly stunning.

**Jacqui (Barnside)**

## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
January 7	Winter Flowers	Janet Bryant
February 4	Mountains of the Moon	Lesley Feakes
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Norway - flora</b>	<b>David Godden</b>
April 1	Spring Show / Bushcraft – a short walk	Steve Kirk
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden	
May 10	Plant Sale	
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh	
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham	
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest Park and Burghley House.	
August 5	The Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst	
September 2	Visit to Blackthorn Trust	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

The March meeting is on Tuesday March 4th. Our speaker will be David Godden who will give a presentation on Norway Flora. Members are reminded that they can see brochures on the four venues of the planned July weekend trip away on the night. Deposits of £30.00 can be paid to Doreen Hulm (Treasurer) at the meeting or by posting a cheque to her.

Our meetings are friendly and informal and visitors are always welcome. For further details about the club please contact Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381.

### Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of April 2014.

#### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April                      15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

#### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April                      14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

#### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April                      09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens



## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Uilcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339
Warmlake Corner	0717	0732	0950	1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356
Linton Corner	0737	0746	1003	1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	---	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	---	---	---
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0814	---	---	---
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	---	---	---

## Sundays &amp; Public Holidays\*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

## Saturdays

59			
0733	0930	1336	---
0740	0937	1343	---
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	---
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
0807	1004	1410	Sutton
0811	1008	1414	Road
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
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Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	---	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	---	---	1826
Uilcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1836

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0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
---	1254	1538	1808
---	1258	1542	1812
---	1303	1547	1817
---	1306	1550	1820
---	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	---	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	---	1841
0926	1334	---	1846

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## Grafty Gourmet

This is a great dish which will literally melt in the mouth. Serve with either sautéed potatoes or mash, with vegetables of your choice. Serves 4

### Slow Roast Belly of Pork with Caramelised Apples & Cider Sauce

2.25kg piece boneless pork belly  
1 bulb garlic, halved  
2 sprigs fresh thyme  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 teaspoons coarse cooking salt

#### ***Caramelised apples***

½ cup (110g) caster sugar  
½ cup (125ml) calvados  
20g butter  
4 small apples, peeled, halved, cored

#### ***Cider sauce***

1 tablespoon olive oil  
3 shallots, sliced thinly  
3 cloves garlic, sliced thinly  
1 sprig fresh thyme  
3 cups (750ml) dry apple cider  
1 chicken stock cube, crumbled  
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley  
1 teaspoon caster sugar  
50g chilled butter, chopped

Preheat the oven to 140°C (120°C fan-forced). Using a small sharp knife, score the pork rind.

Place garlic and thyme in the base of a medium baking dish. Season the pork flesh with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Place pork, rind-side up, on garlic mixture. Add enough boiling water to the baking dish to almost cover pork (try not to cover rind). Place a sheet of baking paper over pork. Cover dish tightly with foil, ensuring it is completely sealed. Roast for 4 hours (the pork should be starting to fall apart).

Remove pork from the baking dish; discard liquid. Cool pork to room temperature, keeping it covered with baking paper and foil (refrigerate overnight, if possible for better results).

Preheat oven to 220°C (200°C fan-forced). Cut pork into 4 equal pieces. Place pork on a baking-paper lined oven tray. Rub the rind with oil and coarse cooking salt. Roast for about 30 minutes or until the rind is crisp and browned.

#### ***Caramelised apples***

Meanwhile, place sugar in a medium frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook, without stirring, until sugar turns a dark caramel colour. Add calvados and flambé (be very careful, this will flame). Simmer, uncovered, for about 1 minute, then add butter and apples; stir to coat the apples in butter mixture. Cook, covered loosely, for about 8-10 minutes, turning apples occasionally until just tender.

### ***Cider sauce***

Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Cook shallots, garlic and thyme for about 3-4 minutes or until tender. Add cider and bring to the boil. Boil for 5 minutes or until liquid is reduced to 1 cup. Add stock cube; simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Strain mixture through a fine sieve over a bowl; discard solids. Return cider to the pan over low heat. Gradually whisk in butter (piece by piece) until shiny and thickened slightly. Stir in sugar and parsley.

## **BUS SERVICE 59**

### **Grafty Green – Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood**

A new timetable, reproduced in Malherbe Monthly, was introduced on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, affecting certain **Monday to Friday** services.

The morning  **schooldays**  departure from Grafty Green now departs ten minutes earlier at **06.53**. This change has been made by Arriva following complaints from parents and schools about late running caused by increasing traffic congestion in Maidstone. In the town it now runs to the High Street via Mill Street so will therefore no longer serve the Chequers Bus Station.

On **non-schooldays** the first bus from Grafty Green will also depart ten minutes earlier at **07.11** and is scheduled to arrive at Maidstone King Street at 08.04.

The afternoon schooldays departure is now starting its journey from the Chequers Bus Station at the existing time of 16.12, ie. it will no longer serve the King Street stop.

The **Saturday** service is unchanged.

**As ever the message remains – USE IT OR YOU MIGHT POSSIBLY LOSE IT**

**John Collins**

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone Rural Transport Group

## Emergency and Help Contact Details

Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies **999**

First Aid Support – when an ambulance has been called using 999 Interim emergency support (first aid) prior to paramedic arrival may be available (not 24/7) by calling 07979 864929 (Chris Wheal) - this is a voluntary help facility prior to the setting up and implementation of a SECamb (ambulance service) Community First Responder scheme.

NHS Medical Helpline	<b>111</b>
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	<b>0845 155 1000</b>
William Harvey Hospital	<b>01233 633331</b>
Headcorn Surgery	<b>01622 890294</b>
Lenham Surgery	<b>01622 858341</b>

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

Water	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>0333 000 0002</b>
Calor Gas	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>08457 444999</b>
KCC	<i>Emergencies</i>	<b>03000 41 41 41</b>
	<i>Highways</i>	<b>03000 41 81 81</b>

KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	<b>07969 444999</b>
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	<b>07773 397125</b>

Police *NON EMERGENCY - (including PCSO Alan Beech)* **101**

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

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

## **Ulcombe C of E Primary School News**

Last term was another busy one for all at Ulcombe C of E primary school ! The children and teachers have been working hard and we have welcomed several new pupils. The school continues to make very good progress and all at the Local Education Authority, have praised the school for its improvement.

The collaboration the school is part of has been extended and now includes Leeds and Broomfield C of E Primary School. Our executive headteacher is now the executive head of all three schools.

The governors have elected a new chair, Mr John Hoadly, following the retirement of Terry Shortland who was a governor for many years.

The term finished with a valentines disco which was greatly enjoyed by the children, thanks to Friends of Ulcombe School for organising this.

We look forward to a busy term 4, and the lead up to Easter.

**Emma Hickling**  
**Executive Headteacher**

**Ulcombe Church of England and Kingswood Primary Schools Collaboration**

### **Ulcombe Pre-School**



#### **Car Wash Fundraiser**

Ulcombe Pre-School will be holding another car wash in Ulcombe Village Hall car park on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be washing between 9.00am-12.30pm and there is a charge of £5 per car. Bacon rolls, cakes and various drinks will also be on offer whilst you wait, we hope to see you there!

#### **Spaces at the Pre-School**

We currently have spaces available for children over the age of 2. If your child is already 3 then pre-school is free and there is some funding available for 2 year olds. (Conditions apply, please contact Helen Leat on [committeeups@hotmail.com](mailto:committeeups@hotmail.com) or call 07511658728 for more details)

#### **Toddler Morning**

There is a toddler morning every Tuesday 9.30am- 11.30am held at the pre-school in Ulcombe Village Hall. Please bring along your little one for a play and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat yourself. We hope to see you soon! (Please note this is term time only)



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**Chris Wheal**



## **Lenham Valley Business Association**

Are you missing out on new business opportunities?

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Are the professionals you need there for you?

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For many, the right place has been Lenham Valley Business Association networking meetings.

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That way you meet interesting people who have something interesting to say. You know exactly who's there and you can be introduced to the specific people you need to help your business along. It is so easy.

No stress, no fuss. If you prefer you can bring your partner along with you, not your business partner (unless it is one and the same) but your life partner. Many do. The next presentations are listed below. At the end of May there's a biggy - networking with South Maidstone Business Association at the Weald of Kent Golf Club, but meanwhile, here's two right on your doorstep:

- Tuesday 1 April presentation by James Burrows, from Jigswa Kloud on business efficiency and cutting costs at The Harrow Inn.
- Tuesday 6 May an entertaining presentation by 3 members of LVBA with a presentation called 'The Ladder'.

Come on, come along for free . . . you just might like it!

New members and one off visitors welcome or you can try it out free and see how you like networking with LVBA. Please register on our website, on the online registration page.

Events are organised and presented by Alan Reading who has been networking from the days when it didn't have a name, he also brought speed dating to Kent from London in the nineties!

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## **Yoga on Saturdays in Grafty Green Village Hall**

I know there are people who would like to take up yoga but have little time in the week, so I would be interested to hear from anybody who would like to participate in a yoga practice one Saturday morning a month. Should there be enough interest I am happy to start on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10 – 11.30, £7 a session.

I look forward to hearing from you on 850381 or email [grafftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:grafftyyoga@gmail.com).

## **Zambia Tearfund Boreholes Project**

Many of you will know that the four churches of the Lenham Valley Benefice have been raising funds under Tearfund to dig boreholes in Zambian villages to give them direct access to clean water. On Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, Sue Burch organized a Yoga class and coffee morning in Ulcombe village hall to raise money for the project. This raised an astonishing **£336** and we would all like to thank her for her efforts.

**Mary Parkinson.**

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1	Master	Power	Radio	<b>Station</b>
2	Balloon	Vane	Forecast	
3	Field	Card	Role	
4	Jewels	Triple	Court	
5	Working	Break	Box	
6	Door	Golf	Bridge	
7	Ache	Pump	Upset	
8	Bag	Collector	Heap	
9	Compound	Free	Group	
10	Digital	Hidden	Speed	
11	Bunny	Cover	Friday	
12	At	Extra	Intestine	
13	Blind	Line	Palm	
14	Brake	Foot	Pushers	
15	Bus	Full	Press	
16	French	Nail	Off	

### Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Find the missing word?
1	Dale _____, National Lottery In It To Win It presenter
2	_____ Eastwood, American actor and director
3	Here With __, UK singer Dido's first hit
4	Dr _____, Alter ego of Dr Jekyll
5	_____ Piper, Legendary figure associated with Hamelin
6	Road _____, Disc to put in the windscreen
7	_____ Christie, Hercule Poirot's creator
8	Britney _____, Singer of Oops I Did It Again
9	_____ and Hutch, 1970's TV series and 2004 film
10	Corinne Bailey _____, Soul Singer

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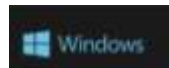
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Microsoft has provided support for Windows XP for the past 12 years, but the time has come for Microsoft and their partners to invest resources toward supporting more recent technologies.

As a result, after April 8, 2014, technical assistance for Windows XP will no longer be available, including automatic updates that help protect your PC.

Microsoft will also stop providing Microsoft Security Essentials for download on Windows XP on this date. If you already have Microsoft Security Essentials installed, you will continue to receive updates for a limited time, but this does not mean that your PC will be secure because Microsoft will no longer be providing security updates to help protect your PC.

If you continue to use Windows XP after support ends, your computer will still work but it might become more vulnerable to security risks and viruses.

To stay protected after support ends, you have two options:

### **1. Upgrade your current PC**

Download and run the Windows Upgrade Assistant to check if your PC meets the system requirements for Windows 8.1 (the latest version of Window) and then follow the steps in the tutorial to upgrade if your PC is able.

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows/end-support-help>

### **2. Get a new PC**

If your current PC can't run Windows 8.1, it might be time to consider shopping for a new one, especially if the cost of upgrading your older PC outweighs the costs of a new PC, as the prices are so much cheaper these days.

If you need more help with this, please contact or visit the Egerton Telecottage – see contact details elsewhere in the magazine.

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm**

The minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk





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<b>Word Processing</b>	<b>Managing Documents</b>	<b>Windows 8 introduction</b>
<b>Edit Photographs</b>	<b>Email Photographs</b>	<b>Produce a Calendar</b>
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## Ulcombe History Society

The Ulcombe History Society has planned an interesting programme for 2014. It meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7.30 pm – mainly on a Tuesday, though the December meeting will be on a Monday.

Membership is £10 a year, but visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

### Programme:

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Mar AGM followed by a talk by Martin Heard on: *The Grand Tour – British aristocrats and the lure of 18<sup>th</sup> century Italy*

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May Talk by Bronwen Sadler on: *Gramps War: the History of the Great War.*

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May Outing to Greenwich – *Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Queens House and Royal Observatory*

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Jun Talk by Dr John Mercer on: *William Morris and the Red House*

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sep to Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sep First World War Remembrance trip

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Talk by David Debenham on: *The white colonial – Benefactor or Plunderer*

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on: *Researching the History of a House.*

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Talk by Geoff Hutchinson on: *What is Christmas? Exploration of Christmas folklore*

## All Saints Church Ulcombe

Our beautiful old church with its wonderful acoustic qualities is the perfect place to enjoy listening to music. Make a note in your diary of the following concert to be held at All Saints' in aid of church funds. Light refreshments will be available.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm

**Innominata** is a small group of accomplished singers and instrumentalists, based at East Malling, where they rehearse in the Church of St James the Great. Always pleased to perform in fund-raising events for charity, they will be performing a wide variety of songs from madrigals to modern popular music, as well as a selection of sacred pieces. Guitar solos will be performed by Rodri Protheroe.

## **Tickets**

Tickets are priced at £8 for adults, £4 for children and £20 for a family (2 adults and 2 children), available from Rita Strutt on 844325 or John Goode on 844709.

Please put in your diaries Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April when The Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe, will have a special Open Day. It will be a sort of Pageant of church life with Mystery Plays, Bell Ringing, Brass Rubbing, a History of Church Music, a treasure Hunt, visits up the tower, music including plain song - and all sorts of children's activities. The day will start at 10.30 am and there will be activities throughout the day.

## **Book about building The Heart of Kent Hospice**

Many people are familiar with The Heart of Kent Hospice through personal experience of the love and care it offers to the terminally ill and their families. Many more have heard about its valuable service from friends and relatives. But not everyone is familiar with how the hospice came to be built – and of the seven years hard work it took to raise the money to build and equip it.

Mrs Molly Poulter, the Appeal Organiser at the time, has recently published a little book entitled *Building the Heart of Kent Hospice: a personal Memoir*.

In it she writes about the long and tortuous negotiations involved in getting the hospice built. She talks about the twenty-six local fund raising groups she set up, and the regular meetings that took place over the years so that everyone was kept up to date with what progress was being made. She names the many people who were involved (and apologises for those she has inadvertently left out), and she describes all the major events she organised centrally. The book is full of photographs of the volunteers involved, and the events that took place over the years.

In all, £1.3 million was raised to build and equip the hospice. When the project first began, it was anticipated that £600 would be needed. Now, it costs over £3 million per annum just to run it!

In her book, Molly talks about the philosophy of the hospice movement, the reasons why people get involved in a charity, and the importance of a good organisational structure. What emerges from the book is the wonderful feeling of camaraderie and friendship that developed over the years – something, she says, continues to this day.

It is a book that people involved with a new charity might find helpful for the many fund raising ideas it contains. The book costs £7.99 and, thanks to some very generous sponsorship, it is hoped it will add over £5,000 to hospice funds. It will be on sale in all thirteen of the hospice's shops, or from Molly Poulter (Tel. 01622 842988 or email. [Molly.c.poulter@btinternet.com](mailto:Molly.c.poulter@btinternet.com)).

# **Concert by the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity**

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## Music Notes, March 2014

No problem in finding concerts this month – a splendid selection of top quality local music is available, to suit most tastes. For my radio listeners I have to apologise – my source of advance programme information seems to have dried up, and the internet does not seem to find schedules far enough in advance. So go out and enjoy live music!

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 8.00pm at St. James's Church, East Malling, there is a concert of popular classical music played on guitar and accordion, promoted by the East Malling Research Station Music Club. Information only from 01732 843129. Tickets at the door.
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas's church, Leeds – The Eos piano trio present a programme of classical Chamber Music for a Spring Evening. Tickets 01622 8432915. Proceeds to church funds.
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm at All Saints' church Ulcombe – Innominata provide a concert of choral works plus some guitar solos by Rodri Protheroe, again in aid of church funds.
- *Also* on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert includes Beethoven's Violin Concerto and Sibelius *Symphony No. 5* Tickets 01622 735830 or [www.mso.org.uk](http://www.mso.org.uk)
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's Easter Concert comprises Fauré's *Requiem* and part 2 of Handel's *Messiah*. Info and Tickets 01622 726193

**Brian Hardy**

### **Message from Kent Health and Welfare Sub Group - Flood Recovery information for Parishes and Neighbourhoods**

In the event of major floods, Public Health England works with local agencies, including the NHS, Police, KCC, District Councils and Environment Agency to provide expert advice on protecting the health of the local community, particularly from microbiological and chemical hazards.

Our local health protection centres, liaising with national colleagues who specialise in environmental hazards, infectious diseases and emergency planning, can provide a focal point for health protection advice to local responders and the public. The Environment Agency has a key role in warning people about the risk of flooding, and in reducing the likelihood of flooding from rivers and the sea.

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## Christian Message - March 2014

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If you are of a certain age, like me, you will remember the 'goal' scored by Geoff Hurst in England's victory against West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final. It must be one of the most frequently shown clips and one of the most widely debated of sports incidents in our time.

Even today, with the help of slow motion replays and computer simulation, it seems that nobody can be completely sure. We have to feel sorry for the referee on the day, but he had to come to a decision.

And so it is in our lives. We have to make decisions and the right choice is often far from clear. For instance, have you been offered a ticket as you drive into a car park by someone as they are leaving and there is unspent time on their ticket. Might that be thought of as stealing from those who run the car park, or can we justify it by saying that time has already been paid for by someone else? The right choice, we might decide, is not clear.

Jesus did say

*'give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.'*

Mark 12: 17

The guidance Jesus gives us as we make our decisions is that the whole law is summed up in the command to love. This was the new commandment that Jesus gave us, that we should love one another. Even in the Old Testament we have examples of how to make right decisions in the way we live our lives.

Recently I have been reading from the Old Testament book of Jeremiah, where he is telling the people to prepare for a long exile and so gives them advice on how to live in a foreign land. He tells them to live alongside the Babylonians seeking and praying for Babylon's welfare, a very different attitude from the desire for vengeance and plans for rebellion that others are forming.

We too might be seen as living in a foreign land - a land where much of our secular lives are lives that can be seen as lives being lived in exile from the moral and ethical certainties that we like to think Christianity would offer. But that is not the way of Christ, he never promised us an easy life where having to make right decisions about right and wrong, good and evil would be easy. Sometimes the choice is clear, sometimes confusing, sometimes easy, sometimes hard, sometimes mattering little, sometimes much, but, whatever the case we need to seek the will of Christ to make up our minds as to the best way forward.



Just the same as Jeremiah, we are called to live in the place and time we find ourselves in today. Jeremiah's advice is not easy to follow, denial, anger and opposition to many situations we find ourselves in are natural responses. Jesus himself commands that we

*'love our enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you' Luke 6:27-28*

Peter also offers advice on our decisions on how we live in often difficult circumstances. He says that others in our society will see how those who follow Christ are living that they

*'will see their honourable deeds and glorify God.'* 1Peter 2: 11-12

We do know that Jesus himself would break the law, for instance healing on the Sabbath. He tells us that the whole law must be summed up in the command to love. We must pray for understanding of what that means so I pray that may that truth shape our decisions, our attitudes and our life, to God's glory. Amen

**Reverend Millie Hart - Associate Priest**

### **God's Healing**

Despite some shortcoming we have an excellent health service with access to good local doctors and hospitals. Thanks to their skill many who are sick do recover from serious illnesses.

Divine healing is also available and is complementary to the work of the National Health Service. The writers of the New Testament describe Jesus healing lepers; restoring sight to the blind; enabling the paralysed to walk and opening the ears of the deaf. Yes, you may say, but all that happened many years ago. There are actually many today who would testify that they have experienced God's healing in their lives. He is still at work!

On Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in St John the Baptist church Harrietsham there will be a healing service. Rev Dr Paul Kirby, Senior Chaplain for the East Kent Hospital Trust will be the speaker. Together with local Christians he will pray for those who ask for prayer and for the sick whose names are brought to the service.

One day Jesus said to a man, *What do you want me to do for you?* (Mark 10:51) Why not come along and tell him what your need is?

**Joan Drury**

*The Len Valley Benefice*  
*Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe*  
Sunday/Main Services – March 2014

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – The Sunday next  
before Lent**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
8am Harrietsham BCP Holy  
Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Family Worship  
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
11.15am Ulcombe Family Worship

**Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

Imposition of Ashes in All Saints  
Ulcombe

**9<sup>th</sup> March – First Sunday of Lent**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
09.30am Harrietsham Holy  
Communion  
11.00am Lenham Morning Worship  
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion  
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

**16<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship  
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

**23<sup>rd</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Family Worship  
11am Lenham Family Worship  
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion

**30<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday**

8 am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Mothering Sunday  
Service  
9.30am Harrietsham Mothering  
Sunday Service  
11am Lenham Mothering Sunday  
Service  
11.15am Ulcombe Mothering Sunday  
Service  
6.30pm Harrietsham - Informal



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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Master	Power	Radio	Station
2	Balloon	Vane	Forecast	Weather
3	Field	Card	Role	Playing
4	Jewels	Triple	Court	Crown
5	Working	Break	Box	Lunch
6	Door	Golf	Bridge	Swing
7	Ache	Pump	Upsel	Stomach
8	Bag	Collector	Heap	Garbage
9	Compound	Free	Group	Interest
10	Digital	Hidden	Speed	Camera
11	Bunny	Cover	Friday	Girl
12	At	Extra	Intestine	Large
13	Blind	Line	Palm	Date
14	Brake	Foot	Pushers	Pedal
15	Bus	Full	Press	Stop
16	French	Nail	Off	Polish

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	<b>Dale Winton</b> , National Lottery In It To Win It presenter
2	<b>Clint Eastwood</b> , American actor and director
3	Here With <b>Me</b> , UK singer Dido's first hit
4	<b>Dr Hyde</b> , Alter ego of Dr Jekyll
5	<b>Pied Piper</b> , Legendary figure associated with Hamelin
6	<b>Road Tax</b> , Disc to put in the windscreen
7	<b>Agatha Christie</b> , Hercule Poirot's creator
8	Britney <b>Spears</b> , Singer of Cops I Did It Again
9	<b>Starsky and Hutch</b> , 1970's TV series and 2004 film
10	Cortnè <b>Bailey Rae</b> , Soul Singer



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