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## News from St. Nicholas Church

**The Porch** at St. Nicolas remains open as always, continuing to be a constant, welcoming and unchanging place for all, for rest, private prayer and reflection, so relevant at this time of year as we move into the season of Advent, a time of looking forward to the birth of Christ and this special place will reflect the theme.

The main church building and its facilities are still closed, and may well be for some time as cases of the virus are rising rapidly in our area as I write. Any changes will be posted on the noticeboard and in the shop.

**Morning Prayer** is said daily in the parish, on-line, at 9.30am. Feel free to join in on any day. Contact Rev. Anne Price on 01622 924963 or [revanne@lyb.org.uk](mailto:revanne@lyb.org.uk) for more information. If you have any requests for prayers please contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Anne Price or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said in Morning Prayer time.

**All other regular events** are still 'on hold', but will post any positive changes on the noticeboard at the church and in the shop.

**Services at St. Nicolas** cannot take place in the church at the moment, including those planned for the 6th and 13th December and we will keep you posted about any Christmas services that may become possible as time moves on.

**Maidstone Food Bank Appeal.** We had hoped to make a special effort to boost our gifts for the Maidstone Homeless, at this very difficult time, where the need for food and other items is very great just now. We are always so thankful to Nick, Rob and Hazel for the opportunity to leave items in the shop all year round to be delivered to Maidstone. You must have seen their box in the shop.

The suggestion was, that in the benefice we might encourage as many people as possible to make a daily gift to the food bank during Advent, (perhaps in a box at home), as a sort of Advent Calendar in reverse, for those in need locally, which could then be taken to Maidstone Homeless in Knightrider Street in Maidstone. With all the restrictions this has not been able to happen here in Boughton Malherbe. If you would still like to take part, and would like your box collected, do let the churchwardens know. We know this may not be delivered in time for Christmas, but the needs do not go away and there is a long winter ahead. We have received a thank-you letter to you all from Maidstone Homeless for the gifts of food items from the Harvest Festival service.

**Eco-spot.** I am saving all odd pieces of paper, especially any brown paper and scraps of ribbon, string, wool etc. for Christmas wrapping supplies this year, vowing not to use any Sellotape or similar. Busy making as many presents as possible, and these will not be large, so small will have to be beautiful this year! More hand-knitted work socks for William and James!

A comment on the large amounts of acorns, sweet chestnuts and other fruits, which I mentioned last month. Apparently this happens every few years and is called a Mast Year when all the oaks synchronise their seed production. Really interesting to read about it.

**Reminder.** Maidstone Borough Council is holding its public consultation this month for 3 weeks only to gauge local opinions on the New town plans for Lenham Heath. The consultation starts on **1st December to 21st December only!**

Look at [www.saveourheathlands.co.uk](http://www.saveourheathlands.co.uk) and website and in The Lenham Focus for updates and how to make sure your views count. Do make your voice heard!

**All at St.Nicolas wish everyone a Very Happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to us all being together again in 2021.**

**Look out for our first outdoor Christmas Tree by the church, enjoy!**

**Sally Alexander**

### **Yoga with Susan**

At the present time Yoga Classes are available by joining me on **ZOOM**, there are four morning classes Monday to Thursday at 9.30 and two evening classes at 7 on Wednesday and Thursday. I am very happy to hear from you if you would like give this method a try: Phone 850381.



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## More on Bees – Daisy Meadows

**BEE AWARE** The two main species of bee that everyone tends to recognise are the bumble bees and honey bees which are social and live in hives or nests, but there are many species of solitary bees which are more difficult to identify and find. If you look carefully however you may be able to spot their nests,

**Carpenter Bees** so called because they like to nest in wood, can often be detected by little piles of sawdust at the base of something wooden. Placing old logs around the garden will hopefully encourage them not to nest in any of your timber structures; they are similar to bumble bees but are larger, fatter and generally have much more hair, although none on their abdomen. Widely regarded as harmless the male carpenter bees do not have a stinger while the females which do, rarely sting as they are not aggressive.

**Digger Bees** create burrows in the ground and then industriously line them with a mucous from special glands on their body which makes it waterproof and fungus resistant. They are somewhat smaller than carpenter bees and quite hairy. You will generally spot these bees coming out of holes in the ground or your lawn. Again, you are extremely unlikely to get stung by a digger bee.

**Mining Bees.** There are over 1,200 different species of mining bees who behave in a similar manner to digger bees, but create much more complex nests underground consisting of a large web of tunnels, preferably in loose soil.

**Leaf-cutting/Mason/Masonry Bees.** Leaf-cutting and mason bees are not the same but are from the same family. Leaf-cutting bees prefer to live in tunnels in old logs and trees and cut small pieces of leaves to line their burrows, hence their name. Mason or Masonry bees are known to burrow into the mortar of buildings although not far enough to pose a structural risk to them or go deep enough to breach the interior walls.

**Sweat Bees** also known as Alkali bees are tiny, as small as 3mm long and can sometimes be found flying around your head when you are out on a hot day and sweating. They are generally solitary and live underground and are non-aggressive.

**Plasterer Bees** are between 10-18mm long and will nest in the ground, crevices in brick or stone work. They get their name by using a secretion from their bodies to line their nests which dries to a translucent, glossy finish like plaster.

**Yellow Faced Bees** they are from the same family as plasterer bees but are smaller at 6mm and have yellow or occasionally white faces. They build their nests inside plant stems, crevices in brick or stone work.

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**A short update from the Parish  
Council:**

The Parish Council continues to operate under Covid 19 restrictions. Meetings will therefore continue to be held by teleconference. Dates for the remainder of the council year are:

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**25th January 2021**

**8th March 2021**

**Helen Whately**

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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## Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 2nd November 2020, 7.30pm held by teleconference

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

Cllr Galton opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - none
2. **Apologies** – Cllr Barry Adams
3. **Declarations:**
  - Any lobbying** – none declared
  - Any interest in items on the Agenda** – none declared
  - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** - none declared
4. **Approval of Minutes** – approved the Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020
5. **Matters Arising** – none
6. **Planning Outcomes since 7<sup>th</sup> September** – It was noted that the Pets Field application has been approved and there is no further action the council can take.
7. **Public Session** – one member of the public, Chris Wheal, was in attendance and referred to an email circulated earlier covering two issues:
  - (i) the need for the KCC project on speeding control on the Headcorn Road to cover the whole stretch from the village sign near Wren's Nest to near the junction with Crumps Lane. It was agreed that, the Chairman will discuss a speed limit on the whole length of Headcorn Road with the Chairman of Headcorn Parish Council and report back.
  - (ii) The deteriorating state of Headcorn Road between Foxes earth and Crumps Lane. It was agreed that this will be reported to KCC with a request that they inspect by walking the road rather than driving along it.
8. **Local Policing/Community**
  - 8.1 Police/Crime Report – noted incident previously circulated by PCSO John Boyd
  - 8.2 Speedwatch – no activity due to the pandemic
9. **Highway and Footway Matters**
  - 9.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – Woodcock Lane near the village breaking up. Road surface, potholes and lifted manhole cover on Eastwood Road near junction with Headcorn Road. Clerk to report these to KCC
  - 9.2 59 Bus – no report. Clerk to contact John Collins in advance of Parish Council meetings for an update
  - 9.3 Litter – no report
  - 9.4 Headcorn Road Speeding – to discuss representations about excess speeding near the Border with Headcorn Parish following a representation from a resident regarding



speeding near the parish boundary this will be included in discussions with Headcorn Parish.

9.5 Highways Improvement Plan – noted the latest version of the plan

10. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllrs Galton and Turner reported on a meeting with Helen Whately regarding Gypsy and Traveller issues in Headcorn

11. **Finance**

11.1 Note the Balance at the Bank:

Nat West	£6467.28
Nationwide	£14,150.58
Cambridge and Counties	£ 86,748.22

11.2 Income since the last meeting : PSS second instalment £255.50

11.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed statement included with the agenda

11.4 Any cheques to sign: None

11.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting: Lap Top and Software £518.99; Virus protection £39.99

11.6 Expenditure compared to budget, year to date – noted the current position showing a projected underspend of £1217.00

12. **Traffic Calming Update** –(i) Update on KCC Scheme – noted representation and suggestion from Grant Kennaird of Glenderry concerning a proposed junction at Woodcock Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact KCC to see if this is viable(ii) Internal Audit Review progress – this is not yet available

13. **Notice Board** – noted that repairs have been satisfactorily completed

14. **Litter Bin Outside the Church** – agreed to pay Mr Colin Clements to empty the bin if MBC does not do so on a temporary basis and keep the situation under review

15. **Christmas Tree** – it was agreed to commission a Christmas Tree but any celebrations would be suspended this year due to the pandemic. Clerk to contact Richard Tew

16. **Resignation of Cllr John Collins** – received Cllr Collins resignation and noted the requirement to post a notice seeking representations to hold an election. It was agreed that it was not necessary to hold a Finance Committee meeting before the 2021 election but Cllr Eastwood agreed to assist the Clerk with the preparation of the 2021/22 budget before submission to the next Council meeting.

17. **Correspondence** - none

18. **Further Information** – the Clerk was asked to arrange an Extraordinary meeting once the Internal auditor's report on traffic calming is available and KCC advises on the proposal from Mr Kennaird

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

## Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held by teleconference at 7.00pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

**Present:** Cllrs R Turner (chair); R Galton; N. Eastwood;

**Clerk:** Mr Chris Hume

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting. None
2. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Adams
3. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda - none  
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying - none
4. Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – approved subject to the Clerk swapping the two items which were transposed with the wrong headings attached to each decision
5. Planning Applications:

(i) **Public Session** – no public present

(ii) **APPLICATION REF: 20/504038/FULL PROPOSAL:** Demolition of a detached double garage. Erection of 1.no detached two bedroom chalet bungalow with associated driveway and parking (revised scheme: 19/505066/FULL). ADDRESS: Kitsilano Headcorn Road Grafty Green Maidstone Kent ME17 2AN

It was agreed that the Council will object to this application. Draft comments circulated prior to the meeting were discussed and it was agreed to include these with the objection as follows:

The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- 1) The design of the proposed development, either exactly as the application or as being built, dominates from a very small site and is not in keeping with the surrounding properties as required by DM 33, para 5.33 of the Borough Local Plan. The increased dormer window size adds to the overbearing appearance.
- 2) The application states that work has not yet started. In fact, work has started and the building is now above ground floor level
- 3) The plan dimensions, height above damp course, and damp course level are the same on both applications and the damp course at the front is shown as the minimum height above ground level of 3 bricks plus mortar. That ground level is the same as exists today at the front building line. See sections Drg 2189-13A of 19/505066/FULL

The building has been constructed up to damp course level at a height of 8 bricks plus mortar from ground level at the front building line which will make a big addition to the overall height and dominant, overbearing appearance of the building from Church Road. This construction is a breach of the original approval and the current proposal if approved.

For clarity, the front door is being built five courses higher than the original plan.

4) The consequent raised level of the windows will also mean a further loss of privacy to the bedrooms of the bungalows on the opposite side of church road to which the residents had strongly objected when the previous approved application was submitted.

The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council requests that the current construction works are stopped and an order made to reduce the building height back down to the original approved level shown on application 19/505066/FULL which is the same as shown on the current application 20/504039/FULL.

6. Further Information - none

The Meeting closed at 7.15pm

## Traffic Calming Scheme – Michael Hitchins

Elsewhere in the magazine you may have noticed that the Parish Council have extended the date (**December 14<sup>th</sup>**) for comments on the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme to be submitted for consideration by the Parish Council in a meeting provisionally scheduled for **17<sup>th</sup> December**.

It is understood that some representations have already been submitted but I urge all those who wish to comment to consider the below points before submitting their comments to the Parish Council. This is important as the money that is proposed to be spent on this project will in effect use the vast majority of the £100,000 donation made to the Parish Council by Quinn Estates. In addition, it is understood that the Parish Council has proposed to establish a "Repairs Fund" with the remaining £11,000 of the Quinn donation that will finance unknown future maintenance of the scheme. This fund will be future financed by the Parish Council whose only income is through the Parish Precept which is funded by all of the households in the Parish. This would leave no Quinn Estates money to fund any future projects that the Parish Council may wish to embark upon.

1. Quinn Estates donated £100,000 to the Parish Council
2. The Parish Council set in progress a questionnaire that was sent to all households in the Parish to ask what projects they would like to be undertaken in the light of this generous donation.

3. The Parish Council evaluated the replies and rejected the majority of them and select a few which included the Traffic Calming scheme. The analysis of this evaluation can be viewed on the Parish website [www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk](http://www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk) Click on Parish Council, Background Documents.

4. To establish the nature and extent of speeding through Grafty Green Kent County Council via the Highways department undertook a survey of the traffic passing through the village. The results of this survey were made known to the Parish Council. The main point was although the speed of traffic was in excess of the speed limit at times it did not reach the level required by Kent County Council to fund the scheme.

5. The Parish Council decided to undertake the project and fund the scheme itself using the Quinn money. At this stage the cost of the project was unknown.

6. Consultants were appointed and a scheme was devised and details sent to Kent County Council for approval. To cut a long story short and after many amendments the scheme was approved and adopted by the Parish Council.

7. Details of the scheme are available on the Parish Council website.

8. However the Parish Council have been informed by KCC that to quote "The Scheme will not be very effective in slowing down the traffic". This is in the minutes of a Parish Council meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> October. To counter this the Clerk in the same meeting stated that this comment from KCC was "intended to indicate that our scheme does not provide any physical structures which raise the road level which in turn guarantee that traffic slows down to navigate them". Yes, that it is true which means our proposed scheme, which has no physical structures, **will not slow down the traffic.**

9 The total cost of the project has only recently been established but it is not guaranteed and is an estimate from KCC. This cost is estimated at £71,495 which includes all design and planning costs to date. The Implementation costs will be £61,870 though this is again not guaranteed and as with any project unforeseen costs may surface as the project is being undertaken. How will the Parish Council Fund this unknown cost ?.

10. What the Parish Council needs to decide in their meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December: Is this expenditure of £71,495 a prudent use of public money in the light of comments from KCC on the effectiveness of the scheme and also the establishing of a 'Repairs Fund' that will ringfence the rest of the Quinn money leaving the Parish Council exposed to unknown future expenditure that the parishioners will be expected to fund through their Council Tax.

## **Traffic Calming – Liz Burgess**

Dear fellow villagers, there has been much discussion in the village over the past few months regarding the traffic calming scheme, mostly in favour of a scheme. The cost of the proposed scheme, over £70,000 to some is too much and that is not as I understand possibly the final cost.

But Grafty Green was gifted £100,000 from Quinn Estates and when put to the village what they would like to see the money used for the most popular request was for traffic calming. This was a gift to the village we didn't earn it, using it to protect the quality of life as we live in the village for me would be morally the right thing to do.

I have lived in the village for 47 years obviously I have seen the volume of traffic increase, many more people are driving now, and with a boom in house building around us, should we be doing our best to give some protection to our village for future generations. If you are for a traffic calming scheme whether you live on the main road Liverton Hill Church Road Colebridge Lane Woodcock Lane or up by the church please give a care and email or write to the parish council , email address in the magazine, just a couple of lines to say yes.

## **Update on Traffic Calming**

In the November edition of Malherbe Monthly the Parish Council invited responses to the following:

"Members of the public are invited to write to the Clerk with their views on whether they support spending 70% of the Quinn donation on this scheme or not. If an overwhelming majority are against spending this much the Council will reconsider. "

The Parish Council has received a number of responses but would like to provide an extended deadline for comments until **14<sup>th</sup> December**.

The Council will then meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> December (provisional date) to review responses along with further information received from recent discussions with Kent County Council. and a review of the scheme decision by the Council's independent internal auditor.

**Chris Hume Parish Clerk**

# **Helen Whately's Parish Update**

## **A long winter ahead but reasons to hope**

For many people, this time of year would usually be spent planning Christmas parties, carol services, winter fairs, and all the other things we enjoy.

This year feels very different. Plans for Christmas have been thrown up in the air by a virus that has already brought so much hardship and frustration to our lives.

People are worried about their jobs, frustrated at the restrictions on life, and struggling with the difficulty of staying in touch with loved ones.

But even in these dark, wintery days, there are reasons to be hopeful.

Our aim is that the new national measures across England will bring the virus under control, meaning we will not only protect the NHS, but give families the chance to be together at Christmas.

We're learning more about this virus with every day that passes. Our testing capacity is the largest in Europe, with over 36 million tests carried out so far. And work to develop a vaccine has been given a boost by recent good news from several trial schemes.

All of this points to a brighter future ahead. But for now, I know people and businesses need all the help they can get – particularly those shops and services that have once again had to close.

That's why we're extending the furlough scheme and self-employed support into the New Year and providing £4.5 million to help the hardest hit families in Kent put food on the table and pay the bills.

We face a difficult winter, but we will get through it together.

## **Getting help where it's needed**

Kent County Council is getting an extra £17.7 million to support frontline services like social care as council resources continue to feel the strain.

KCC has also been allocated £4.5 million as part of the new Covid Winter Grant Scheme, to help the hardest hit families and individuals put food on the table and pay the bills over the winter months. The Holiday Activity and Food programme will also be expanded next year at a cost of up to £220 million.



## **Don't concrete over Kent, I tell Housing Secretary**

I met the Housing Secretary, Robert Jenrick, last month to raise people's concerns about the number of new houses being built in Kent.

We need to give the next generation a chance to own their own home, but there is a balance that needs to be struck. People rightly want to see our green spaces and countryside protected.

The Government recently published a White Paper on plans to overhaul our outdated planning system. As these important reforms are being considered, I wanted to make the Housing Secretary aware of the pressures we face in Kent.

## **Keeping Kent moving as EU transition ends**

The end of the EU transition period is on the horizon.

Our negotiating team are continuing to work hard to secure a free trade agreement with the EU, but we cannot accept a deal at any cost – particularly if it threatens the integrity of the UK.

I've worked with other Kent MPs to make sure our road network is prepared for any outcome in the negotiations. This includes a new Kent Access Permit, which will stop HGVs heading to the Channel Ports and clogging up our roads when they haven't got the right paperwork.

## **Victory for leisure centre funding**

I'm pleased to see a new £100 million fund has been set up to help leisure centres during the pandemic.

I raised concerns about the future of local leisure centres with the Sports Minister and Local Government Minister. I'm pleased to see they have listened.

There were concerns that some leisure centres were falling through the cracks of existing Government coronavirus support. This new funding should help places like Maidstone Leisure Centre to reopen, and stay open, when restrictions are lifted.

## **Don't miss out on broadband funding.**

I know many places are already looking at how they can take advantage of the new broadband funding.

People and businesses in the hardest to reach rural areas can now claim up to £7,000 per premises to help with the cost of installing gigabit broadband through the Kent Top Up Voucher Scheme.

The scheme is limited until March 2021 so make sure you don't miss out. For more information contact Kent County Council at [kentvoucherscheme@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentvoucherscheme@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 42 00 09.

### **Upgrade Stockbury junction and village access**

I gave evidence to the Stockbury roundabout public inquiry on 18 November.

A revamp of this junction is badly needed, but I'm concerned improving life for some risks making it worse for others - particularly for the village of Stockbury.

I welcome KCC's proposal to include a bridge over the A249 as part of the junction improvements. If a new access bridge is not included as part of this scheme, then we need a commitment that this will be built in future.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to not only fix the junction but also fix access to Stockbury.

### **Making planning fair for everyone**

People in Headcorn and Ulcombe have contacted me with concerns about the growth of local Traveller sites.

Relations between local residents and the Traveller community have generally been good. But the recent growth of a number of Traveller sites has left permanent residents feeling there is one rule for them and another for Travellers.

Earlier this month, I arranged a meeting with local councillors and officials from the Ministry of Housing to look at what can be done to make planning enforcement simpler and fairer.

The Government's White Paper on planning reform includes new enforcement powers for local authorities along with measures to prevent intentional unauthorised development. I look forward to being able to support these measures in Parliament.

**Village Hall News**  
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I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Sadly, as many of you will know the lockdown restrictions have severely restricted the availability of the village hall for our regular users and for the committee to host our range of events such as the summer fair, themed meal and Christmas market.

We worked hard during the first lockdown to put our COVID-19 secure protocols in place and with these robust procedures now adopted we are well placed when the restrictions are eased and it is safe to return to the hall to open the hall once again.

Whilst the hall has been closed we have taken the opportunity to carry out some more maintenance on the hall, both fire doors are to be replaced and as some of you will have noticed the Village Hall sign has been removed and is presently being refurbished.

On behalf of the committee I should like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back to the hall as soon as we are able to do so in the New Year.

**Jon Thompson**  
**Chairman**

### **The Great Leeds Booksale**

This short item is to thank everyone involved in any way with the 2020 Great Leeds Booksale – helpers, customers and supporters. We held it during a time of restricted activity due to local virus precautions and with a last-minute change of date. The virus restrictions meant no refreshments served, which we expected to add to the reduction in numbers attending. We pressed ahead but forecast a 50% attendance and similar financial outcome.

In fact, you, our local and regional patrons and helpers, came up trumps!! Our helpers got the tables set up and the books in place a day early; our attendance and book purchases at the sale were as good as ever and many people who couldn't come for health and other reasons supported us by sending donations. The final takings, including donations and late sales (from people who called in while we were packing up) came to £1071.66 – the second highest total ever!

And the final successes were to have cleared the chapel for a church service the next day (a problem brought about by the change in date) and to have completely cleared the church in time for a respectful Remembrance Sunday. So once again, thank you everyone.

**Brian Hardy**

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Natalie _____, Former Neighbours star who had a hit with Torn
2	_____ to Run, Album track by Bruce Springsteen
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# Grafty Green Gardening Club

## Programme 2021

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Kevin Tooher	Pruning
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Lucy Adams	Dry Gardening
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Laura Brady	Vegetables & Herbs – Growing & Cooking
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Visit to Spalding Bulb fields	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Visit to Leonards lee Gardens	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Visit to The Croft at Thurnham	
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Grafty Open Gardens	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Godinton Garden	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Visit to Horton Farm	
7 <sup>th</sup> September	DeJaeger – Bulbs	
10/11/12 Sept	Weekend away in Herefordshire	
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Ian Gray (Mammal Society)	Hedgehogs
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	TBC	
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit Winter Event at Kew.	

## Grafty Green Gardening Club – update

We regret that current regulations necessarily mean that we will not be able to meet in December. However, the committee have been busy planning a programme of events for the coming year and are setting this out below. We are optimistic that we will be able to share some if not all of these events with you.

**In our gardens:-** There are still blooms available for the bees to enjoy and this seems to extend the Autumn season so necessary for them. We can now bring in Christmas bulbs for flowering. Clean paths and repair sheds and fences, rake up leaves from the lawn and shred if possible before adding to the heap or using as a mulch. Earth up Brussels to support the stems and water plants sparingly that are undercover.

We wish all our members a fulfilling Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.



## **Council to make a final decision on its ill-fated Garden Community proposal**

Despite the complications and pitfalls of the scheme, councillors have ignored expert advice and decided to include Heathlands Garden Community in the first stage of the Local Plan Review. This is not based on sound planning advice but is all about politics and a case of 'not in my backyard'.

It is not over! Public consultation on the Local Plan will start in December for three weeks on the Council's preferred spatial strategy (Regulation 18b). This means the Council will be asking for residents' views.

**This is a critical time, and we need every resident to write to the Council in response to the public consultation and let them know their views on the Garden Community proposal.**

Find a draft template letter and more at our website: [www.saveourheathland.co.uk](http://www.saveourheathland.co.uk)

We have been very vocal over the past year and have put up a strong fight against MBC's plans, with the support of local residents, the parish council, Borough Councillors Tom and Janetta Sams, KCC area representative Shellina Prendergast and Helen Whatley MP. At times it has been very frustrating dealing with the local politics, secrecy and the constantly moving goals posts. But we remain undeterred and will continue to represent our local community in stopping the Council from concreting over our beautiful local countryside.

**A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year and we wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year.**

Kind regards

SOHL Committee



## Grafty Gourmet

This is a great way of using up the left-over Turkey and Ham from your Christmas dinner. Of course, to make things easier, you can use shop brought pastry. The pie can be made a day ahead and stored in the fridge until baked.

### Left Over Turkey & Ham Pie

600g of cooked turkey, breast meat carved into slices, brown meat chopped  
600g of cooked ham, carved into thick slices

#### For the sauce

75g of butter  
2 leeks, cleaned, halved and finely sliced  
A pinch of dried thyme  
75g of plain flour  
A splash cider vinegar  
200ml of chicken stock  
250ml of double cream  
3 tablespoon of wholegrain mustard

1 tablespoon of chopped tarragon

#### For the pastry

500g of plain flour, plus extra for dusting  
½ teaspoon of dried sage  
185g of cold butter, cubed  
70g of suet  
2 egg yolks, for glazing

1. To make the sauce, heat the butter in a saucepan, add the leeks and thyme and cook very gently for 10-15 mins until soft but not coloured. Stir in the flour and cook to a paste, then splash in the vinegar and simmer for a moment. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil, then add the cream and simmer until you have a thick sauce. Stir through the mustard, tarragon and chopped turkey, turn off the heat and leave to cool. Set aside.

2. To make the pastry, (if not using shop brought), tip the flour into a food processor with the sage and 1 teaspoon of salt. Add the butter and suet, and whizz to fine crumbs. With the motor running, slowly pour in 150ml cold water until the pastry just comes together. Tip onto a lightly floured surface and bring together into a dough. Cut just over a third of the pastry and cover while you roll out the rest to line an oiled 20cm springform tin, leaving an overhang.

3. Layer some sliced ham or turkey on the bottom, then spoon and spread over a thin layer of sauce and repeat the layers until you get to the top of the tin, finishing with a final layer of meat, then press down gently. Cut away another small ball of pastry from the remaining third. Roll out the larger piece until big enough to cover the pie with an overhang. Brush the edge of the pie with egg yolk, then lift on the pastry lid and press the edges to seal before trimming. Crimp all the way round. Cut a little hole in the middle of the pastry to let steam escape. Brush all over with more yolk and use the last bit of pastry to decorate the top.

4. Heat the oven to 180C (fan) with a baking sheet in it. Sit the pie tin on the hot sheet and bake for 45-50 mins. Leave until warm, remove from the tin and cut into thick wedges or cool and eat cold.

## Music Notes for December 2020

Normally writing the music notes for December is a question of knowing what to leave out, with everyone putting on “Christmas concerts” as well as churches holding carol services. This year no-one knows what will happen. Local concerts seem most unlikely since the second lock-down has meant no rehearsals in November. The first experiments in starting rehearsals again that I mentioned last month have swiftly come to a stop. At the time of going to press churches do not know what restrictions may apply at Christmas so most feel unable to plan their Christmas programme, let alone publicise it.

Looking at the advance programme of radio and TV doesn’t help. No promise of any carols from Kings College. No forecast of a New Year Concert from Vienna. Just a series of recorded concerts and repeats of the proms. It could be that things will change over the next weeks; maybe by the time you are actually reading this a quick reference to your newspaper or computer will show that things have relaxed sufficiently for some live music to be available. We can only hope. And the excellent recordings that are always available on the radio should not be shunned, nor should you ignore the wide selection of music, amateur and professional, that is on u-tube.

The one sign of an initiative is the BBC’s new archive site “Experience Classical”. This archive of recordings, programmes and podcasts includes 600 audio recordings from the BBC’s orchestras and choirs and performances by leading soloists. As well as core classical repertoire it includes new works by modern composers and a collection of performances by alumni of the BBC “Young Musician” competition.

You can choose your music by mood (such as “energise” or “wind down”) or by instrument, composer, or period.

You can access it all at [bbc.co.uk/archive/experience-classic](http://bbc.co.uk/archive/experience-classic)

### **The musicians dictionary continues in lockdown:**

**Sharp:** An adjective to describe a nattily attired musician

**Flat:** The condition of beer after struggling through the interval bar crush to find somewhere to drink in safety.

**Brian Hardy**

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## **Quiet Time at the Computer Centre**

Following the stringent measures of the Government's lockdown in March, the Egerton Computer Centre's Saturday morning computer clinic came to an abrupt halt, and since then the Computer Centre has been closed.

The committee agreed that the popular Saturday morning sessions would not re-start until the pandemic crisis has passed and things return to normal. As the pandemic lockdown and subsequent measures continue, some of the volunteers involved have growing concerns about what might happen in the future. Currently, the Computer Centre doubles as the Parish Council office, with the Parish Clerk working there on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 'pop-up' Post Office uses the lobby of the Centre two days each week (Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon, to coincide with the Farmers' Market). Occasionally, small meetings also take place using the room, but its original use as a computer training centre ceased some time ago.

At present, the future of the Saturday morning computer clinic is uncertain, and depends very much on the ongoing support of computer-literate volunteers. As stated above, there will be no further sessions until the current restrictions are finally lifted, but the continued use of the Computer Centre in its present form will very much depend on the circumstances prevailing when things finally return to normal, whenever that might be.

## **Mistletoe ready for Christmas**





## **Christian Message December 2020**

Murder club special: who stole Christmas?

I love the Christmas film, "The Grinch" because of the way it subtly mocks the excessiveness of Christmas. But although I write this in October I fear that this year Christmas may be a very different celebration from normal. Will we be able to meet in family groups, or even see our family at all? For those with relatives abroad, it's really unimaginable. And as for church services, for our most popular services, you'll need a ticket beforehand (albeit a free one) so that we know we can manage the numbers.

Well, for a murder whodunit, it's a poor plot, because we know the culprit. Two new words (coronavirus and Covid) have entered all our vocabularies, but they are not welcome there at all!

I don't want to minimise the pain of distant Christmases this year, but I have to say that we might have a chance to recapture the original spirit of Christmas. Were there celebrations for the first Christmas? Absolutely! Did families get together? Yes, but Mary and Joseph seem to have been shunned because of that "outrageous" bump on Mary's tummy (that was nothing to do with Christmas indulgence!) Were presents shared? Yes, but they came from strangers not doting families. And the tree, and the cards, and the decorations, and the chocolate, and the Brussel sprouts, and the cake and pudding, and the brandy, and port and beer and wine. No – none of that. We can enjoy it but it wasn't in the original script.

Actually, if Christmas is quieter this year, it may give us opportunities in new ways. It may make us more sensitive to those in our communities who need a helping hand, or a friendly face, or an ear to listen. Might it help us appreciate what we do have? And it may give us space to remember the absolute wonder of the baby whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. God as a baby – there's an amazing thought.

Come and join us in our much slimmed-down service schedule: but remember you might need to get a ticket first! (The shepherds and magi didn't have to. I know!)

God bless you all – and let's look out for each other this Christmas.

Rev. John P Huggins (01622 850280)

**The Len Valley Benefice**  
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**Sunday/Main Services – December 2020**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30am** Lenham: **Christmas-themed** Breakfast Service
- 11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 11.00am** Harrietsham: **Family Crib Service** (\*Ticketed)
- 11.00am** Lenham: **Family Crib Service** (\*Ticketed)

**Christmas Eve: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

- 11.15 pm** Harrietsham: **Midnight Communion** (\*Ticketed)

**Christmas Day: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

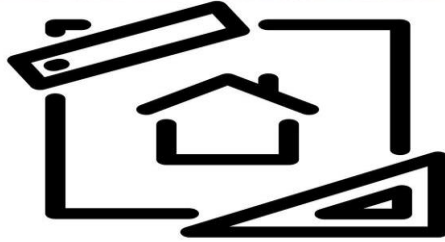
- 10.00am** Boughton Malherbe: **Christmas Holy Communion**
- 10.00am** Lenham: **Christmas Holy Communion** (\*Ticketed)
- 10.00am** Ulcombe: **Christmas Holy Communion**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Sung Morning Prayer
- 9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

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9	Chain	Clip	Pump	Bicycle
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11	Front	Hearted	Luke	Warm
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