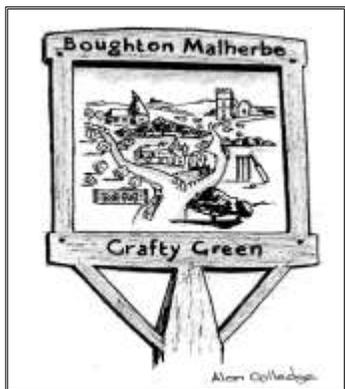


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Anything for the **February** edition should be left in
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01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th January**

Front cover: The new Stained Glass window installed in the toilet at St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers will be at St. Nicholas at 9.30am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in January (and at All Saints, Ulcombe, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday). Prayer requests can be left at any time in the box in the church porch.

Coffee Morning will be in the Village Hall as usual from 10.30am - 12noon on Wednesday the 14th. Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the start of a New Year.

Craft Club will be meeting on Wednesday 28th from 10am-12noon. Do come with your ideas!

The Carol Service was appreciated by many, with good music and singing in the beautiful setting of the church decorated for Christmas, a magnificent tree and windows decked with flowers, evergreens and candles. The mulled wine and mince pies contributed to the social gathering afterwards. Many thanks to all who helped.

There is a beautiful addition to the **stained glass windows** in the church. Mandy Hitchins has designed and made a delightful panel now in place. When you next visit do make a point of looking at it in the impressive new toilet. Many thanks to Mandy for such a work of art.

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Maidstone Christian Care are very grateful for all the donations of food from our community. When delivering yet another large box, two days before Christmas, I could see how busy the team were, packing groceries to be delivered to those in need, and providing much needed support to those using their in-house facilities.

At the start of this New Year we hope and pray for peace at home and worldwide in 2015.

Sally Alexander

Oh Yes We Are!



Ulcombe's drama group UDAS is bravely taking on a panto for its next project

It will be performed at the end of February half term on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February. For the first time there will be a matinee performance on the Saturday as well as the evening show. Please put these dates in your diary. Children will be very welcome.

Tickets will go on sale in the middle of January and can be obtained from Mimi (01622 843592), Leila (01622 842330), Catriona (01622 843655) or John (02622 850384).

All the traditional pantomime characters and elements will be there — the principal boy, the dame, the villain, cross-dressing and

audience participation. The actors are working hard to refine the acting skills so familiar to our loyal audiences from past productions as well as polishing their singing and dancing techniques.

We could do with a bit more help so if you have practical skills and some spare time to help with set building or other backstage duties we would love to hear from you.

Some rehearsals are taking place in Grafty Green Village Hall and the final production will take place in Ulcombe Village Hall. So if you are within reach of these two halls do come and join us. We need one or two more people for the chorus — no acting ability is required (for any of it really). Contact Mimi on 01622 843592, soon!

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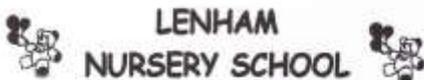
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Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2015 Programme

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 6th	Malcolm Withnall	AGM and Gardening for the over 70's
Saturday February 14 th	Josephine Sammut, Oak Tree House, Bottles Lane, Rodmersham Sittingbourne ME9 0PR	Snowdrop visit – times to be confirmed.
March 3 rd	Mr Denness	Orchids as a house plant
April 7 th	Caroline Drewett	Bats / spring show
May 5 th	Outing	To be confirmed
May 9 th	Village Green	Plant Sale 10 am
June 2	Visit to Nettlestead Place £5 entry	
June 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	Weekend visit to Derbyshire, £260 per person, dinner bed and breakfast staying at Mercure Hotel, Burton on Trent Swiss Garden at Biggleswade, Calke Castle, Melbourne Gardens, University of Leicester Botanical Garden,	
Sunday July 5 th	Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh £5 entry	
August 4 th	Social event in a village garden	
September 1 st	Autumn Show, Bring and Buy	
October 6 th	George Pearson	Traveller's remarkable images of flora from around the globe.
November 3 rd	Mrs Rayney	Homes for wildlife – practical session
December 1 st	Outing to the George in Egerton for supper.	

Our first meeting in the New Year is on Tuesday January 6th. Our speaker is Malcolm Withnall who will talk about Gardening for the Over 70s. The talk will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Once again the Committee has organised a varied and interesting programme of speakers, activities and events, also a Spring and Autumn Show, summer visits and weekend away are planned for the New Year.

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.

The Boughton Malherbe History Society would like to thank everyone who attended the launch of our second book "More Journeys Through Time" in the Grafty Green village hall on the 12th December . The evening was a great success.

If you were in attendance we hope you collected your free copy and are enjoying the book. For everyone else we are in the process of distributing your free copies, but we are very short of helpers, and it may be some time before you receive your book.

However, if you do not wish to wait and would like to collect your free copy, please phone Ron Galton on 01622 850 369 to arrange it.

You can also buy extra copies from Ron or the Grafty Green village Post Office/ Shop at £15 each.

If anyone wishes to purchase a copy of our first book at £15 please contact Ron.

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A Message From The Emergency Plan Committee.

When you receive your free copy of Boughton Malherbe – More Journeys through time it will be accompanied by two booklets, one published by The Environment Agency and the other by the Kent Resilience Forum.

These booklets are complementary to the Parish Emergency Plan which we hope to publish shortly. Please read them and keep them handy.

With regard to the emergency telephone numbers given with the booklets please note that they may be different to those given in the Malherbe Monthly but they can all be used. However, please ignore the number given for TMBC (Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council) as this does not apply to our Parish. Our Local Authority is Maidstone Borough Council whose emergency number is 01622 602 000.

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It's "*Strictly Tum Dancing*" at the Village Hall !

With Christmas behind us and the New Year revels a fading memory, I know you will now be asking yourselves "What's on next at the Village Hall, to lighten the dark winter months?"

Well, I'm pleased to be able to tell you that, in February, we're bringing the warmth of the Eastern Mediterranean to Grafty Green with another of our **themed 'Food' evenings**. Last year we gave you an Italian Meal + Magic; the year before you enjoyed an unforgettable French evening with Burlesque dancers; this year we're combining wonderful **Greek cuisine** with **exotic belly dancing** for your delectation and delight! Oh yes!

You'll want to get the date in your diaries now. It's easy to remember because it's St.Valentine's day, **Saturday 14th February**. Tickets (£15) are available now from Rob at the village shop or from the Hall Committee Secretary, Carol Hulm, whose telephone number always appears inside the front cover of this magazine, but who can also be contacted via our website.

Please do buy your tickets early, as it helps us enormously to know the numbers we are catering for.

Richard Pilborough

Hall Committee Chairman

PS: Thanks to your support, our Christmas Quiz raised over £600 for Hall funds – but with running costs of around £5,000 a year we do need to keep the money coming. So please make the Village Hall your first choice for Valentine's Day this year. It'll be a hoot!

Grafty Green Yoga Classes for 2015

Wednesday evenings 7 to 8.30 start on January 7th and Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11 on January 8th in Grafty Green Village Hall.

Yoga is an ancient system of physical and mental development that is known to develop suppleness, strength and stamina and to concentrate the mind. Practicing yoga enables all the body's muscles to be worked but avoiding over-training specific muscle groups; posture, balance, agility and grace can all be achieved through yoga.

If you would like to enroll and experience the effects of yoga contact me by calling 850381 or email grafityyoga@gmail.com.

I have a web site: www.yogawithsusan.co.uk which gives more details about yoga and the classes.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 12th January 2015 at 19.30.**

In addition there will be a Planning Committee Meeting **at 18.45 on Monday 12th January 2015** to discuss the following planning application:

14/506376/OUT Land At Woodcock Lane Boughton Malherbe Kent ME17 2AZ

Details of this application are to be found on the Maidstone Borough Council website.

The Agenda for these meetings and 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

Ulcombe History Society

Tuesday 27th January 7. 30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	All	Phrase	Safety	Catch
2	Black	New	Rain	
3	Plexus	Power	System	
4	Bells	Bob	Ride	
5	Chip	Floor	Steward	
6	Black	Cup	Pin	
7	Dust	Hand	Wheel	
8	Horse	Old	Sweet	
9	Bridle	Finder	Garden	
10	Licence	Rip	Season	
11	Bone	Gull	Red	
12	Clove	Hiker	Technical	
13	Card	Fever	Hammer	
14	Cheers	Dimensional	Ply	
15	Boat	Business	Peep	
16	Brush	Master	Sun	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Frankie _____, English comedian who starred in Up Pompeii
2	The _____, 1960's rock band fronted by Jim Morrison
3	_____ Moss, British racing driver famous in the 50's
4	Charles Stewart _____, Teamed up with Henry Royce to form a major British car company
5	The _____, is the nickname of snooker champion Ronnie O'Sullivan
6	_____ Cell, 1980's pop duo Marc Almond and David Ball
7	221B _____ _____, Fictional address of Sherlock Holmes
8	_____ Hamilton, The mistress of Horatia Nelson
9	The _____ _____, Meryl Streep won an Oscar for this political film
10	_____ Lake, Famous Ballet

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It's a Ten for Len(ham)

GDC School of Dancing celebrated their 13th anniversary in Lenham this month and the 100 strong party was joined by a very special guest for the evening.

Strictly Come Dancing Head Judge Len Goodman found time in his busy schedule, both in the UK and across the Atlantic, to join the party and support one of his former pupils Karen Day, the principal at GDC.

Karen said "It was so kind of Len to come and join us, I know he has an incredibly packed diary. We had some very excited children, and adults alike."

"It was a double celebration, as not only have we now been in Lenham for 13 years, but we are pleased to announce that the school's home, which had been under threat of demolition, will now have a brand new studio, as part of the redevelopment of the current site".

In his usual entertaining style Len spent time chatting to guests, answering a Q&A session, signing autographs, posing for photos and presenting awards for pupils' recent medal examinations.

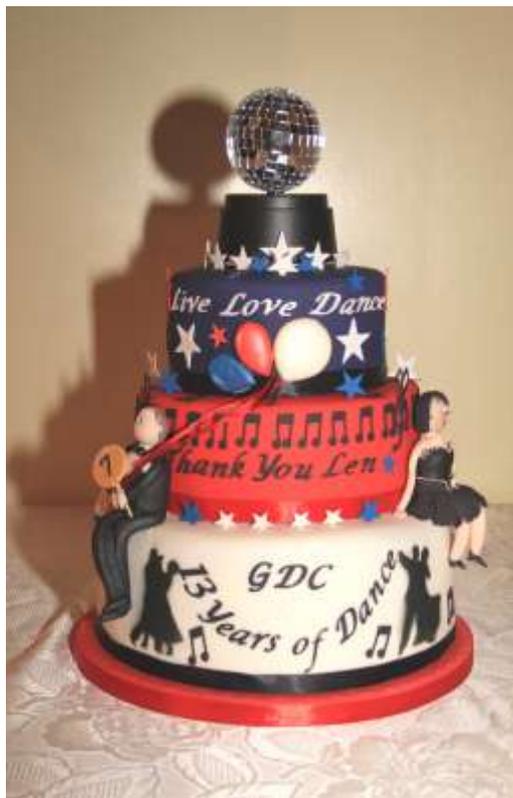
And to round off the evening Len and Karen cut a specially prepared cake, which was made by one of the pupil's sister Debbie Wells of Bonne Bouche cakes. The cake was complete with mini figures of Len and Karen and topped with a revolving glitter ball.

"I wanted to thank all my pupils for their support over the years, and to look forward to many more to come in our brand new studio. We are very much a 'family' school and teach pre-school children to pensioners how to dance at all levels. Strictly Come Dancing has been tremendous for enhancing the popularity of Ballroom and Latin American dancing, and our beginners classes are particularly popular at this time of year"

Picture 1: The Cake

Picture 2: Len and Karen Day, principle teacher with cake

Picture 3: Our youngest members after receiving their UKA awards from Len



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1. Follow the manufacturer's set-up instructions, especially related to battery charging
2. Tips on navigating Windows 8 can be found in back issues of this Magazine:
 - a. Customise your Start Screen – November 2013
 - b. Personalise Windows 8 – September 2013
 - c. What's new in Windows 8.1 – January 2014
 - d. Connecting to Wi-Fi – October 2013
 - e. Connecting iPads with no Wi-Fi – August 2014

If you don't keep copies, see back issues at:

<http://www.boughtonmalherbecp.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=news&newsid=1312>

3. You don't have to use the manufacturer's Anti-Virus software, especially if they charge you. At the Egerton Telecottage we recommend Microsoft Security Essentials, it's free and very efficient go to: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows/security-essentials-download>
4. Use Malware and AntiSpyware applications to keep your computer clear of pop-ups and intrusive advertising, we recommend:
SuperAntiSpyware <http://www.superantispyware.com>
MalwareBytes: <https://www.malwarebytes.org>
5. Use **Strong** passwords, recommendations can be found on the internet, but here's a few tips:
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 - ii. Lowercase (a,b,c)
 - iii. Numbers (1, 2, 3)
 - iv. Special characters (eg: ! @ # \$ % ^ & *)
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If you need any help with anything else, 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 to help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

Lenham Valley Business Association

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So here's the dates for 2015. We try and make the first Tuesday of each month our evening!

Tuesday 6 January	Tuesday 7 July
Tuesday 3 February	Tuesday 4 August
Tuesday 3 March	Tuesday 1 September
Tuesday 7 April	Tuesday 6 October
Tuesday 5 May	Tuesday 3 November
Wednesday 27 May combined with SMBA	Tuesday 1 December combined with SMBA
No meeting in June	

Just to remind you we arrive at 5:45 for a 6pm start. After a brief call to order, we have a speaker for about 20 minutes. We network and finish about 8pm. Simple! LVBA member or not you can come along for free, you just have to register online or phone 01622 820841.

We network at different venues around the Harrietsham - Charing - Ulcombe areas. As you can see from the group photos on our website we have a good time. You can come to two meetings without having to pay, just to see if you like it. A years membership starts at just £75 for a sole trader.

Alan Reading, Chairman

An Evening of Clairvoyance,

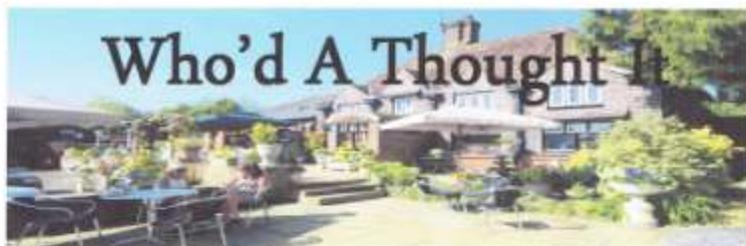
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Thursday 1 January	Saturday 3 January
Friday 2 January	Monday 5 January
Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
Tuesday 6 January	Wednesday 7 January
Wednesday 7 January	Thursday 8 January
Thursday 8 January	Friday 9 January
Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January

Garden Waste Collections

The last garden waste collections this year will be on Monday 29 December. Normal service will resume next year on Monday 12 January 2015.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of February 2015.

Grafty Green

Saturday 7th February 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 7th February 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 14th February 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great but simple recipe, ideal for these cold winter nights. You can use any vegetables you like for this recipe, you do not have to use what is suggested. Great served with crusty bread.

Easy Chicken Casserole

2 tablespoons olive oil	120ml white wine or chicken stock
4 chicken legs or breasts	1 (400g) tin chopped tomatoes or
1 large onion, peeled, halved and sliced	punnet cherry tomatoes or 6 fresh tomatoes, chopped
4 stalks celery, chopped	2 tablespoons tomato puree
2 carrots, peeled and thickly chopped	Pinch salt and freshly ground pepper,
2 cloves garlic, chopped or pressed	to taste

1. Heat oil in a heavy pan over high heat and fry chicken until lightly golden.
2. Add onion, celery, carrots and garlic. Move them around the pan before adding the wine.
3. Turn down the heat, add the tomatoes, tomato puree, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer on a low heat for 50 - 60 minutes (the longer the better). You could also bake it in the oven at 180 degrees C, if you prefer. Taste and season with salt and pepper before serving.



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Music Notes - January

January is in all respects an anticlimax from Christmas; the musical scene conforms to this picture. Many music groups are immersed in a new regime of rehearsals following a Christmas concert, and certainly most singers are resting their voices after an excess of carols. Nevertheless I have been able to find some concerts for you to enjoy:

- Tuesday 6th January, 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church, Week St., Maidstone: In the last of the Christmas festivities, Maidstone Choral Union present a 12th Night Concert. More mulled wine & mince pies afterwards! Free entry, with a retiring collection. No tickets required.
- Sunday 18th January, 3.00pm at Sutton Valence School, the Sutton Valence Music Society have arranged a concert by the prize-winning Oskar Duo, performing piano pieces for 4 hands. The programme includes works by Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Poulenc and Ravel. Tickets at the door or contact 01622 863002.
- Saturday 24th January, 7.30pm at Big School, Tonbridge School, the Tonbridge Music Club present a concert by Alina Ibragimova (Violin) and Cedric Tiberghien (Piano), with a programme of Mozart Violin and Piano Sonatas.
- Saturday 31st January, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert features as soloist the flautist Harry Winstanley. There is a pre-concert talk at 6.40pm. Tickets 01622 735830.

For January radio and TV it has to be the New Year's Day concert from Vienna, BBC radio 3 at 10.15am (you should be just about recovering from New Year's Eve by that time). Also on TV BBC 4 at a time to be confirmed in the evening.

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Christian Message January 2015

On the same Friday in 2014 two families moved away from Grafty Green. Like many other residents I felt sad. They were our friends and had contributed much to village life. We would miss them.

As I thought about this I recalled Bishop Trevor's words at a Deanery lunch in Lenham during the early months of his ministry in Canterbury. I asked him how he felt about leaving his work and his friends in Basingstoke.

His reply has stayed with me. "Here we have no continuing city," he said. His words were a reminder of Hebrews chapter 13, verse 14, "Here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come." The writer of these words was referring to Abraham's obedience to God in moving to a country which he did not know. " He was looking for a city without foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

As a familiar song puts it, this world is not our home. We are just travelling through.

Trusting too much in the things of this world almost always leads to disappointment and, sometimes, to bitterness. It is natural and good to appreciate and enjoy the beautiful and good things we have, including our achievements, but one day, and we have no idea when, they must all be left behind.

What the Christian faith encourages us to do is to be thankful for the here and now and enjoy all that we have been given. At the same time it is good to remember that there is more. God provides us with the wonderful opportunity of travelling through this life with his Son, Jesus, towards the city of which he is the architect and builder.

My prayer is that we may, in 2015, hear and heed the words of God, **"This is the way, walk in it."** (*Isaiah chapter 30 verse 21*)

Joan Drury

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Sunday/Main Services – **January 2015**

Sunday 4th January

- 9.30 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Breakfast service
- 9.30 am** at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 10.30 am** at All Saints, Ulcombe: Family Worship
- 11.00 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion
- 3.30 pm** at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Growing in Faith Together (GIFT Family Worship)

Sunday 11th January

- 8.00 am** at St. Mary's Lenham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30 am** at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 10.30 am** at All Saints, Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Morning Worship
- 3.30 pm** at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Saturday 17th January

- 4.00-6.00 pm** at Harrietsham School: **Messy Church**

Sunday 18th January

- 9.30 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Breakfast service
- 9.30 am** at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Morning Worship
- 9.30am** at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 10.30 am** at All Saints, Ulcombe: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion

Saturday 24th January

- 5.00pm** at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Prayer and Praise

Sunday 25th January

- 8.00am** at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am** at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am** at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	All	Phrase	Safety	Catch
2	Black	New	Rain	Forest
3	Plexus	Power	System	Solar
4	Bells	Bob	Ride	Stleigh
5	Chip	Floor	Steward	% Shop
6	Black	Cup	Pin	Tie
7	Dust	Hand	Wheel	Cart
8	Horse	Old	Sweet	Chestnut
9	Bridle	Finder	Garden	Path
10	Licence	Rip	Season	Off
11	Bone	Gull	Red	Herring
12	Clove	Hiker	Technical	Hitch
13	Card	Fever	Hammer	Yellow
14	Cheers	Dimensional	Ply	Three
15	Boat	Business	Peep	Show
16	Brush	Master	Sun	Stroke

	Find the missing word?
1	Frankie Howard, English comedian who starred in <i>Cup Pompeii</i>
2	The Doors, 1960's rock band fronted by Jim Morrison
3	Stirling Moss, British racing driver famous in the 50's
4	Charles Stewart Rolls, teamed up with Henry Royce to form a major British car company
5	The Rocket, is the nickname of snooker champ Ronnie O'Sullivan
6	Soft Cell, 1980's pop duo Marc Almond and David Ball
7	221B Baker Street, Fictional address of Sherlock Holmes
8	Emma Hamilton, The mistress of Horatia Nelson
9	The Iron Lady, Meryl Streep won an Oscar for this political film
10	Swan Lake, Famous Ballet

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