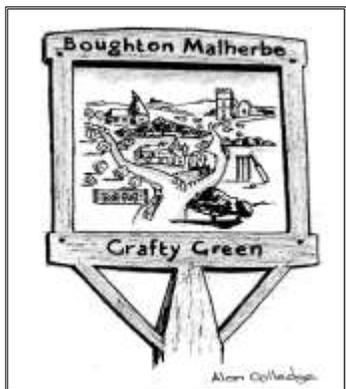


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Front cover: Stopping the traffic - Lambs walk to their new home !!!

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Lent Lunches and Coffee Morning held this Lent raised £322 for Christian Aid. Thank you to all those who supported these events and helped to raise this sizeable sum.

The APCCM - The Annual Meeting was held in the St. Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm

The Officers for the coming year remain the same as last year.

Church Wardens:- Kenneth Alexander and Joan Davidson

Secretary - Christine King

Treasurer - John Collins

Electoral Roll Officer - John Millen

Members of the Council are: - Sylvia Close, Diana Parker, John Millen, Dominic Goodwin, Sally Alexander and John Collins.

The improvements that have been carried out during the Winter months are now complete. We have a very well equipped toilet and baby changing facility. The toilet, which is suitable for disabled as well as able bodied, is in the old Boiler House. The kitchen and storage units are in the tower area, which will make serving the cream teas much easier with hot and cold running water over a sink. The West Door has been draft proofed, which will make such a difference in the winter months. Four pews have been removed and bookshelves have been built into the back of a rear pew. A new stone floor has been laid, where the front pews stood, and tiles re-positioned to the Font area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who gave donations so generously to help with the cost of piping the mains water to the Church. Also, other donations to our funds, which, with our Treasurer's very good housekeeping, enabled us to do all this work without begging financial help from outside charities etc.

Silent Auction - As a result of the pew removal, we have two pews to sell, one will seat 6 people and the other 3 people. It is proposed to hold a Silent Auction for the disposal of these 2 pews, so please put your bids in an envelope with your name on stating which pew you are interested in buying and hand it to one of the wardens. If you would like to see the pews, I'm sure this could be arranged, they are in store at the moment.

The Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th April 10.30a.m. - 12.00 noon. We serve teas and coffees and have freshly made cakes and scones to tickle your taste buds. Do come along for a coffee and a chat, we will be glad to see you.

Morning Prayer is held on alternate Tuesdays with Ulcombe All Saints at 9.30a.m. Prayers will only take about 30mins of your time, the next one at St. Nicholas is on 9th April and again on 23rd April. Do come along, if you would like to.

Bible Study is held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green on Thursday mornings at 10.30am

Joan Davidson

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Grafty Green Village Hall News

Have you got your tickets yet? The nature of the event means numbers are limited, so call Barbara Pearce on 850232 or get yours from Rob at the Village Shop asap. What am I talking about? Well, the **Great Grafty Green Beetle Drive**, of course! The ever popular, manic, evening of dice shaking and table swapping is back on **Sat 20 April** – so if you consider yourself a 'mover and shaker' this is definitely for you! £6 buys an evening of rowdy fun with quiche and salad thrown in (possibly literally). There will be no bar (scarcely time to buy a round) so please bring your own drink and drinking vessels. And enjoy!



*The Great Grafty Green
Beetle Drive is back!*

Sat.20th April

*Tickets £6 (including food)
available from the
Village Shop now!*

On the Monday before that - **15th April** - we are holding our **AGM** (the first for some years actually!) This is a public meeting to which you are all invited – and I hope many of you will come. As an inducement, as if one were needed, there will be free wine and nibbles! We will be in the Hall, aiming to start at 7.30, and promise to have put the heaters on early! The evening will include an open discussion on what the committee has done up to now and – importantly – what you would like the committee to do in the future. Even more importantly we need to elect a committee for the year ahead, and every committee needs new blood, new ideas, different folk with different approaches. This is vital if we are not to get stuck in a groove so, if you would like to be part of the Hall Committee do, please, offer yourself for election. We have full meetings only about every 3 months but, in between, small 'working groups' take forward ideas for events or deal with Hall maintenance and improvement issues. Whether you are a long-time resident of the village or a relative newcomer, do get involved – it's fun! For further information, just give me a call or drop me an email.

Lastly, but certainly not leastly, more news of our big, BIG event for May. And when I say BIG I mean **BIG!** For the first time we have **professional entertainment** coming to the Hall, and it's absolutely **top quality comedy** featuring 2 sets from **Zoe Lyons** ('Mock the week', 'The Wright Stuff', 'Michael McIntyre Roadshow', 'Live at the Comedy Store', 'Clive Anderson's Chat Room', 'Sandi Toksvig Show', etc, etc.) And tickets will be priced at only **£7.50**. Don't ask how we're doing it, just come

along and laugh your socks off. Check her out at www.zoelyons.co.uk. The date you need to keep clear is **Thursday** (yes, Thursday) **30th May**. The fun will start at 8.00 pm. More in next month's magazine.

Richard Pilborough

Hall Committee Chairman
(tel: 850484 or email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com)

County Councillor Jenny Whittle report for Malherbe Monthly



It seems like only yesterday that I was elected as County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East, but it is now four years on and on 2 May the County Council elections will be held once again. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the County Councillor for Boughton Malherbe, working with the indefatigable Parish Clerks, Pat Anderson and Christine King, to tackle highways matters including pothole repairs, gritting and improved signage in the village. I responded to the calls from Liverton Hill residents to reduce the speed limit to 30mph, and jointly funded with the Parish Council an interactive sign to reduce speeding in the village. I have allocated a Member Grant to undertake kitchen repairs at the village hall.

In addition since January 2011, I have held the KCC portfolio for Specialist Children's Services, covering adoption, fostering, children in care and children's centres across the county. I led a team in delivering substantial improvements to Safeguarding Children's Services and have worked very hard to support our most vulnerable children and our super foster carers and adopters along with the social workers who do a fantastic job day in, day out.

Soon I will be out and about delivering my election leaflet and will be knocking on doors to get your views on politics and public services in general. KCC provides over 300 services, ranging from school places, libraries to adult education and waste disposal. I will try and get to you, but please appreciate that with nearly 7000 households in the Maidstone Rural East division, I may not get to you! Over the election period I can be contacted on Tel: 734897 or email jenny.whittle@live.co.uk. Please do get in touch if you would like me to help you in any way or you wish to share your views with me on what should be my priorities if I am re-elected on 2 May.

Jenny Whittle
County Councillor for Boughton Malherbe

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to end of June 2013.

Graffy Green

Saturday 1st June 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 1st June 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 8th June 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Graffy Green Gardening Club - 2013 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
January 8th	AGM – Adrian Hutchinson	Alpine plants
February 5th	Steve Harmer	History of gardening
March 5th	Rob Masters	Adventures on the allotment!
April 2nd	Spring show and George Pearson	Madagascar
May 7th	Old Farm Otterden, Near Faversham	Outing
May 10th – 13th	Weekend away Malvern Spring Show	
June 2nd (Sunday)	Old Bladbean Stud, Near Elham, Canterbury	Outing
July 2nd	Michael and Gill Bushell, Garden House, Surrenden	Outing
August		Outing
Sept 2nd	Autumn Show Peter Kirby	My lost Kent
Oct 1st	Produce, jams chutney evening	Bring and Buy/swapping
Nov 5th	Sue Marshall	Love affair with Irises
Dec 3rd	Social and quiz	

Tuesday April 2nd the village hall will be open at 7.00pm to receive entries for our Spring Show. This will be followed by a talk on Madagascar. Non members are welcome to join us for the evening for a fee of £2.00. For further details about entry to the show or the gardening club please contact Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary Smith 850526.

Installation of kitchen and lavatory, St. Nicolas' Church

Work began on 5th November 2012 with removing cupboards and other items from the tower area and clearing out the boiler house. Under the boiler house floor was the old boiler, still in place though probably redundant since the arrival of electricity in 1951. A cast iron sectional boiler, it was manufactured in August 1933 by Ideal Boilers, and replaced the original 19th century boiler.



On 14th November a watching brief was carried out while digging of the soak-away took place. alongside a huge piece of ragstone, human bones were uncovered about a meter down, mixed with building debris, so it is assumed a grave had been disturbed during some previous work, maybe the building of the boiler house in the 1840s, and the bones re-buried, unceremoniously, along with bricks and rubble. They have been removed and will be buried with due ceremony and respect.

By 20th November the plumbing for the lavatory had been installed and the floor was ready to be laid.

A 'time capsule' was placed underneath the floor before it was sealed. Then work on the fixtures and fittings could begin.



Meanwhile, the kitchen was beginning to take shape and by 8th December the basic units were in place. But there was still a long way to go.



Not many days were missed because of bad weather and despite freezing temperatures the work continued



Peter Culham and Peter Flack testing the kitchen. 30th January 2013.

Kitchen and lavatory just about completed, work began to remove the front pews and replace old floorboards and floor tiles.



The Architect came to sign off the work on 19th March 2013. The Church is transformed, stunning, and a credit to the amazing skill and hard work of Peter Flack and Peter Culham in often freezing conditions
.....and sometimes under supervision!
(Ruby, Pippin and Jack)



Photographs cannot do justice to the appearance of the church so please come and look for yourselves. This would not have happened without the generosity of those in our community who were fund-raising, supporting, donating and making this possible. When you consider the size of our parish, this is a huge achievement! So come and see and enjoy *your* church. It really is something to be proud of.

Christine King

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only			
	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street	1230	....	1610	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	....	1612	1747
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	....	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	....	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	....	1627	1802
Cornwallis Academy	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	....	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cook Inn	1255	1509	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1512	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1515	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1523	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1525	....	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1530	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	....	1703	1838
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	1535	....	....
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	....	1544	....	....
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	....	1549	....	....

Saturdays

* 59			
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	....	....	....
and	1303	1547	1817
Langley	1306	1550	1820
....	1309	1553	1823
0905	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	1841
0928	1334	1848
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Sutton Valence, The Harbour	0731
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	0736
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0745
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	....	0930 1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0717	0729	0750	0937 1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942 1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944 1339
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950 1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953 1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cook Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956 1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0958 1356
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003 1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006 1401
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012 1407
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020 1415
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	....	....	....
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826	....	....	....

Saturdays

* 59			
0733	0930	1336	....
0740	0937	1343	....
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	via
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
....	....	....	Sutton
0807	1004	1410	Road
0811	1008	1414
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
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BUS SERVICE 59

Grafty Green – Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood

NEW AFTERNOON SERVICE AND SOME TIMING CHANGES

A new timetable, reproduced in Malherbe Monthly, was introduced on Monday 25th March.

Mondays to Fridays

The big change is the re-introduction of an afternoon service to Maidstone, departing from Grafty Green at **13.25**.

There are also two timing changes. The 12.20 service from Maidstone now departs ten minutes later at **12.30**, and the 17.25 service from Maidstone now departs twenty minutes later at **17.45**.

Saturdays

The 09.23 service from Grafty Green now departs at **09.30**, bringing it in line with the Monday to Friday departure time.

All buses should or very soon will be easy access vehicles with no entrance steps.

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

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1	Core	Crab	Cart	Apple
2	City	Piece	Shopping	
3	Digital	Shy	Video	
4	Kidney	Wall	Cold	
5	Surface	Penalty	Grey	
6	Penguin	Purple	Moth	
7	Through	Lights	Warden	
8	Dropping	Pen	Sake	
9	World	Study	Pin	
10	Copy	Dating	Dioxide	
11	Scarlet	Pitch	Hay	
12	Works	Cold	Band	
13	Watering	Oil	Petrol	
14	Ranger	Rain	Fire	
15	Meat	Roll	Dog	
16	Money	Bag	Surgeon	

Music Notes, April 2013 - Brian Hardy

After the rush of concerts at the end of March there is inevitably a lull over Easter. However both Canterbury and Rochester Cathedrals have concerts the following week and there is more locally to chose from at the end of the month:

Saturday 13th April, 7.30pm in the quire at Canterbury cathedral, the second in a series of grand organ recitals. This perhaps further to travel than my usual recommendations but is highly recommended. Tickets available at the door.

Saturday 13th April, 7.00 pm in Rochester cathedral, Rochester Choral Society perform Haydn's *Te Deum* and Mozart's *Requiem*. Tickets 01634 401049.

Saturday 27th April, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone, Maidstone Wind Symphony's concert is entitled "The Big Bang" and has a remarkable selection of music including the World Premiere performance of a specially commissioned work by Peter Longworth, the UK premiere of Meecham's *Origins* and *The Star Wars Theme*, by J Williams. Tickets and info 01580 291056.

Sunday 28th April, 6.30pm at St. Peter's Church, Boughton Monchelsea, there is a concert entitled "Salut d'Amour", featuring Annabel (piano) and Matthew (violin) Together with "The Marlowe Singers" Conductor Norman Blow. All proceeds to the Roof Repair Fund. Tickets £7.50 available from 01622 744415/749993

For my stop-at-home concert goers, this month I would draw your attention to the excellent series of live lunchtime concerts from Wigmore hall at 1.02pm every Monday throughout April (at least), broadcast on Radio 3 (after the short news summary).

News from Ulcombe Village School

Another Egg-cellent Term

Term 4 seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye. Now, as we prepare for Easter, our celebrations, activities and, of course, the end of term, we still have plenty to plan for. The term started with Tawny Owls and Barn Owls both using a different room to normal. This was to enable Byford Roofing to get on with replacing the roof above both classrooms and the corridor and cloakroom areas. We were really pleased that this work was completed so swiftly, with Tawny Owls back in their own room in just a week and a half. Barn Owls have remained in The Owls' Nest as redecoration in their own classroom, the junior toilets, cloakroom and corridor is still to take place. This will be done during the forthcoming holidays. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation during the completion of this work, especially staff and pupils, who have coped wonderfully well with the necessary upheaval.

Getting It Right 95% Of The Time

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to our recent Parental Survey. We still have a very small number of responses to collate, but at the time of writing parents agree that we are doing a good job 95% of the time. Of the remainder half have raised concerns and half have been unsure about a statement. Whilst we are very pleased that we are getting so much right, we will continue to work hard to make our great school even better.

After 30 Years ... He Was Back!

After thirty years, Mr Fenton has made a special visit to Ulcombe CE Primary School. On Monday 11th March 2013 Mr Fenton, the school's former Deputy Head Teacher, returned to teach the children how to play the Autoharp. Now he is a world famous autoharp player and is amazing. His wife came along and played in the concert with him.

Firstly, he gave an introduction to the whole school and some grown-ups. He demonstrated how to play the autoharp. Then he gave a workshop to Owlets. They learnt to play the instrument in pairs bouncing a tea spoon on the strings. After the mid-morning break he gave a workshop to the two older classes. He taught us how to play 'How much is that doggy in the window?'

Finally we held a concert and some of our parents came along to watch and listen. As well as the song he had taught us, we also played 'Frère Jacques' and 'What shall we do with the grumpy teacher?' All of us learnt a lot of interesting facts about the autoharp and we hope to see Mr Fenton in the future. Everybody thought it was a great morning.

Raising Money With A Red Nose

This year Ulcombe has excelled itself raising money for Comic Relief. It started with Owlets' wonderful exhibition, and the good work has carried on by all of you who baked cakes for our cake sale at the start of term. By the time we got to Red Nose

Day, we had already raised a lot of money, and then it was time to do something funny for money.

Our School Council asked us to come with bad hair, dressed in red and with our favourite dinosaur. Half of the proceeds from Film Club also went to Comic Relief. This means that our final total stands at £259.01. This is phenomenal! To everyone, young and less young, who played their part, from baking cakes to dying hair, THANK YOU!.

Tawny Owls On Their Travels

Tawny Owls were very fortunate last week to have the opportunity to visit the studios of BBC South-east and Radio Kent. The trip was delayed by two days because of the weather, but well worth the wait. They learnt how a lot about how the news, weather and sport is reported through television, radio and on-line. They also saw places in Tunbridge Wells that are used as settings for television and film. The children were able to put their learning to good effect as they made a television news report about Red Nose Day.

Many of the class went to PGL Osmington Bay on Friday 22nd March for a long weekend. This was a wonderful weekend, regardless of the weather, with the children able to make friends from the other schools who will be with us on our trip. They responded to the challenges they faced wonderfully well and were a credit to the school.

Friends of Ulcombe School

This term has seen us celebrating Mothering Sunday, with FUS organizing a raffle. There were some great prizes on offer. Our thanks go to everyone who bought a ticket, but also to everyone who was kind enough to donate a prize. The draw was made at the Mothering Sunday Assembly after the recent Friends' Dinner and raised a wonderful £75. Congratulations to our six prize winners.

As Easter draws near the children have been 'Finding the Bunny's Eggs' as well as enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt, receiving an Easter Egg as their reward.

Looking ahead to the summer, we have already set the date for the Summer Fayre. Please put Saturday 22nd June in your diary. As in previous years the children will be taking part in the School Sports Day followed by the Fayre, with a variety of stalls and activities.

Before then we have our AGM. This will be on Thursday 25th April at 7pm here in school. Everyone who is interested in the work of FUS (not just those already involved) is invited to come along.

Phil the Bank continues to help many of us recycle textiles, including clothes and shoes. Please remember the bank when you get round to your 'Spring Cleaning'. Since FUS started this scheme it has raised over £900! Thank you for your fantastic support so far.

Easter Gifts

We are delighted to inform you that the children will be bringing home two Easter gifts in the coming days. We have given every child a palm cross. We are extremely grateful to our friends at All Saints for providing these. The children have also all received a little activity book about Easter. We hope that they all enjoy reading about Easter and completing the activities.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter,

Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.*

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Panesar, English cricketer
2	Pipes of _____, Paul McCartney No 1 hit
3	_____ and Lovers, Novel by D H Lawrence
4	Patsy _____, Actress who played Bianca Butcher
5	_____ Lowe, Played Captain Mainwaring in Dad's Army
6	It's not _____, a No 1 hit for Tom Jones
7	Super _____, Abba's 9 th and last No 1 in the UK
8	_____ Roberts, Corrie character played by Sue Nicholls
9	Downton _____, TV period drama series set in a stately home
10	_____ Holder, Lead singer with Slade

Yoga Classes Grafty Green Village Hall

Do you feel that you are being stretched in too many different directions? The family need you, your colleagues at work need you; your friends need you, the chores around the home are mounting up and you end up feeling frayed at the edges. When you experience a yoga practice you begin to experience the rejuvenation effect, shedding the stress and gaining energy and you are then able, somehow, to do more! This all happens in Grafty Green Village Hall.

If you would like to try a practice I am happy for you to dip in, maybe occasionally when the need arises (recharge the batteries); I am flexible in more ways than just physically!

Classes are on *Wednesday evening* 7 - 8.30 pm 17th April – 22nd May 6 weeks £36 and on *Thursday morning* 9.30 – 11 am 18th April – 23rd May, 6 weeks £36, **not** 2nd May but Wednesday morning 1st May 9.30 – 11am.

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'Countryside facing 'warfare', says chairman of National Trust, ..as local communities.. fight vague new legislation' . So ran the leading story in the Daily Telegraph on March 7th , envisioning a future of 'rural communities fighting '.. a succession of housing and wind farm developments' .

Government's pronouncements on housing become daily more confusing. Construction is one area where the government rightly sees an urgent need for reversing that industry's downturn and getting us back to growth.

The new NPPF and Localism Bills must be clearly and rapidly redefined still further, so we can know exactly how Government intends to deal with the nation's massive housing shortage. WKPS' task is to see that this shortage is resolved without compromising the countryside with any more land-grabbing than absolutely necessary.

There are in place large development plans situated immediately around the major towns within our region. Like others, WKPS has to accept that such developments are needed. If we say 'no' to everything, we will rapidly become ignored. We have to strike a balance between much-needed housing and the countryside we wish to protect. Supporting outlying town developments can give us the moral authority to object to any such developments appearing in rural areas.

All authorities have scheduled consultation sessions, to discuss how these large schemes will progress. Those attending include groups from the Church, CPRE, Kent Wildlife, Rural Kent etc. as well as developers, landowners and Parish and Borough Councils. WKPS will be involved with these consultations to ensure our voice is properly heard.

After four years of economic stagnation, there are rumours of 'small green shoots'. Developers are certainly increasing their planning applications. Providing the constraints on lending do not continue to be dissuasive on those seeking new mortgages, these green shoots will translate into a greater number of new building starts. Without the clarification needed on the new legislation, this must be a time of great concern to anyone who cares for the countryside. Without Core Strategies firmly in place, developers can apply for planning permission almost anywhere. The new regulations require authorities to decide applications more rapidly - especially for large developments. Prolonged delay will produce an automatic presumption in favour.

Constant and detailed vigilance must be WKPS' watchword as we enter these new, uncertain times.

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Grafty Gourmet

This is an authentic Greek recipe using minced lamb. Alternatively, minced or ground chicken can be used.

Lamb Souvlaki Kebabs with Tzatziki - Serves 8

Kebabs

2 lbs minced lamb
1 medium onion, finely chopped
3 table spoons soft butter
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon ground cumin
Pinch of salt
Dash of fresh ground black pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of finely grated cucumber (de-seeded)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Tzatziki

1 cup Greek Yoghurt
(no other yoghurt will do)
5 fresh mint leaves chopped very finely
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon ground allspice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 clove very finely crushed garlic

Serve with

Sliced tomato
Thinly sliced onion
Lightly grilled pita bread

1. Knead the minced lamb, onion, butter, spices, salt, pepper and cayenne in a bowl. Then form into sausages of about 4 - 5 inches long, and about an inch in diameter. Cover and leave in the fridge for about 1 hour.
2. For the Tzatziki, Drain the yoghurt through a sieve, to get rid of the watery content of the yoghurt. Sieve the cucumber and dry on a clean tea towel. Whisk together the yoghurt, olive oil, mint, garlic and cucumber in a bowl. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
3. Preheat oven to 190 degrees Celsius and cook the kebabs for 12 - 14 minutes.

These can be eaten as a sandwich, by placing a couple of the kebabs in side each pita bread, and adding the sliced tomato, onion and Tzatziki. Alternatively, the pita breads can be put on a plate, with the kebabs on top, covered with the salad and Tzatziki, with a garnish of finely chopped parsley.

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Windows 8 – What's it all About

Windows 8 introduces a radical new full-screen-sized Start menu that's designed for touch screens – displays controlled with your fingertips, like many mobile phones.

Now called a Start Screen, it also appears on desktop PCs, but be you may find it difficult to use the mouse to mimic a fingertip initially.

The Key feature of Windows 8 is that it **"pin apps, websites, and people to Start"** which is now the whole desktop. There is no start button in Windows 8.



From Start, you can just start typing to search for what you want. You can also see a list of all "apps" (short for applications or mini-programs) on your PC when you swipe up or right-click, and then tap or click **All apps**.

You can get to the Start screen by swiping in from the right edge of your screen and tapping the Start charm or by pointing your mouse to the upper-right corner of the screen, moving down, and then clicking the Start charm. You can also use the Windows key  on your keyboard to go to Start.

Finding a Start screen app or Program

When searching for apps or programs, try these tricks:

1. Mouse users can right-click on a blank portion of the Start screen. A bar rises from the screen's bottom showing an icon named All Apps (shown in the margin). Click the All Apps icon to see an alphabetical listing of all your computer's apps and programmes. Click the desired app or program to open it.
2. When looking at the Start Screen, keyboard owners can simply begin by typing the name of the App or program, as you type Windows 8 lists all the apps matching what you've typed so far.
3. On a touch screen, slide your finger up from the screen's bottom. When the bottom menu appears, tap the All Apps icon to see an alphabetical list of all your apps and programs.

The charms: Search, Share, Start, Devices and Settings

The charms appear on the right side of your screen. Swipe in from the right edge or move your pointer into the top-right corner and then down to see them, you will then be able to select the charm you need as follows:



Search charm - is a powerful new way to find what you're looking for. Enter a search term once and you can quickly get results from the application you're using, other applications, the web or your PC—all from the same place.

Share charm - lets you send links, photos and more to your friends and social networks without leaving the application you're in.

Start charm - takes you to Start or, if you're already on the Start screen, returns you to your last application.

Devices charm is a handy way to do things like send files and stream films to TVs, printers and other devices around your home.

Settings charm is how you do basic tasks like shutting down your PC and changing the volume. It's also used by applications to configure things like account and privacy settings.

There is much more to learn about Windows 8 and much more to discover, so this will be covered in future articles. In the meantime you may want to know how to **Exit Windows**. There are two different reasons that you want to Exit Windows, permanently to turn off your PC or temporarily to allow people to use a shared computer.

Permanently – to turn off your PC: (most common for home use)

1. From the Settings Charm – see how to view the charm bar above
2. Click the Settings Icon and then click the Power Icon
3. Choose Shut Down
4. If you have any open applications or documents you will get messages to close applications and/or save your work.

Temporarily leaving your computer: (when the computer is shared and user profiles have been set up)

Return to the Start Screen, Click on your user account picture in the Start Screen's upper-right corner. Choose:

Lock - which means you have to add your password again to open windows, stopping other people access your information

Sign-Out – This is used when there is more than one person using the same PC, it saves your work and allows the next person to log in.

Another Account – Allows you to switch users to allow the other person to work within their own area on the same PC which will save their settings and documents.

The April Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Pisces at beginning of April, and moves into Aries towards the end of the month.

New Moon occurs on Wednesday 10th April. **Full Moon** is on Thursday 25th April, and rises in the southeast with **Saturn** in late evening between the constellations of Libra and Virgo.

Mercury rises in the southeast at sunrise in the constellation of Pisces, so again we will not be able to see it in the twilight.

Venus rises in the southeast at sunrise in Pisces, so again will not be visible this month.

Mars is rising in the southeast at sunrise with **Venus**, so will also not be visible this month.

Jupiter is again well placed for viewing in the evenings this month. It is high in the western sky at dusk and is brighter than any of the stars. Relative to the stars it is moving westwards in Taurus, and sets in the early hours of the morning. Through a telescope you should be able to see the dark and light bands together with the **Great Red Spot**. It may also be possible to see, even through binoculars, Jupiter's four major moons.

Saturn is rising in the southeast in the late evening between the constellations of Libra and Virgo, and is high in the southern western sky before setting at sunrise. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

Now back to the age-old question 'Does life exist elsewhere?' Apparently 3,000 planets have been detected in the past four years, dozens of which may be capable of supporting life. It was reported to the Royal Society that a total of 2,700 planetary candidates have been detected by the Kepler space telescope since its launch in 2009. It has detected up to 50 planets in habitable zones but none is the size of our Earth. Some of the finds include gas giants three times the size of Jupiter, a super dense planet with seas of molten iron, and a world light enough to float on water.

John Maunder



Ulcombe Pre-School

General news - The children have been making the most of the increasing temperatures, enjoying nature walks in the sun and riding their bikes outside. They enjoyed making Mother's Day cards in their craft activities, taking care to think about what things their Mums liked best. The children have become enthusiastic during rhyme time and are really enjoying singing along to songs accompanied by hand puppets.

Easter Coffee Morning -We will be holding our annual Easter Coffee Morning on Wednesday 27th March between 10.45am and 12.15pm. Please come along to support your local pre-school and enjoy the children's handmade Easter bonnets alongside a hot beverage and maybe even a piece of cake!

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!

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 Melissa Dallamore on committeeups@hotmail.com or Corinne Giles on 07940225341 for more details)

Open Morning - Looking for a small, friendly pre-school that is able to focus on your child as an individual? Then come and visit us; we are holding an open morning for anyone who is interested in sending their child/ children to Ulcombe Pre-School on Wednesday 1st May, 9.30am- 12pm at Ulcombe Village Hall. Please feel free to come along and see for yourself the great opportunities we can offer and chat to parents who currently have children at the pre-school.

The Programme for the **Ulcombe History Society** for this year has now been completed. Details are below. The Society meet in Ulcombe Village Hall on a Tuesday evening at 7. 30 pm. During the evening, wine and light refreshments are available. It is a very friendly society and welcomes both new members and visitors.

Programme

- Tues 16th Apr Talk by Lt. Col. Bolton: *Sir Edward Lutyens with a twinkle in his eye*
Sat 27th April Outing to: *Ely Cathedral and town, and Audley End house and garden*
Thurs 18th Jun Talk by Helen Allinson: *Kentish village life in Victorian times: a look at the inhabitants of Kentish villages*
Fri 13th Sep
to Sun 15th Sep Weekend outing to: *York, Rievaulx Abbey, and surrounding areas*
Tues 15th Oct Talk by Colin Davis: *Cities old and new*
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Christian message April 2013 - Reflection

There are many things that happened to the Roman Catholic Church in the last four weeks. It was instigated by the sudden and unexpected resignation of Pope Emeritus Benedict the XVI. The incident triggered the election of Francis I as the 266th pope of the Catholic Church. Many critics have expressed their opinion about the turn of events and of course the media will not let this events take place without highlighting the scandals that the church got involved with. It will take time for us to digest the impact and meaning of these events. The question that I raised to myself is what does God want me to see personally on this phenomenon? The first impression that I recognise, many seems to question the relevance of the church today in our present generation. Society has become familiar with the kind of life that God is in the margin. God does not occupy its prominence in the life of man; as a consequence of this attitude man couldn't care less to what is happening in the church today.

One thing that the Church has achieved in its present display of faith is the reassurance that God is with the faithful in their journey towards the kingdom. The church has existed for more than 2000 years and it has crossed crisis after crisis and it has never collapsed. Many people have fought against it and tried to destroy it but the word of God continues to echo "I am with you always till the end of time." The situation is not alarming because this is something that the faithful should expect; Jesus was very candid about this, he did not hide the truth to his followers that his disciples will be persecuted. In other words, we should expect for more of this because this the only way that our fidelity is tested. Only through the fire of persecution that we will be able to prove to Him that we deserve to be called as his disciples.

Persecution has appeared in many forms; sadly the worst form has come through the ranks. There is a lesson for all the things that happened in the church. But the one that is caused by the so called anointed is totally demoralising. Again the church will never lose its faith in the words of its master "I will be with you always at the end of time." He could have been let down by some of his men but his church will come out stronger because many of his faithful followers will continue the task of spreading the kingdom. The set back will not totally put off the rest of catholic community because the church will continue the journey abandoned by some of his trusted friends. Again this reminds us that Jesus himself went through this experience; he was sold for few coins by his trusted friends. The church has no reason to complain why this happened to our time. If Jesus has embraced his passion without any complain; the church today has the full responsibility to witness to the world that the cross is the only instrument of salvation that Jesus gave us.

For the martyrs their lives became worthy only after they have given the last breathe to God. This is what is expected of the followers of Christ. We are not expected to enjoy all the glory of this world; we are meant to imitate our saviour who painstakingly carried the cross to the top of Calvary, inch by inch he bravely lifted the cross to get to the top; for that is the only way for us to realise that is how God loves us. Ultimately, he wanted us to know that in the end what counts is not what we want in life but how we surrender our life experience to what the Father wants.

Bad Weather Brings Food to Hungry People in Maidstone

One of Kent's top civic events became a victim of snow – but not everyone suffered! Cold weather forced the cancellation of a VIP civic service in Maidstone but it brought a warm glow to the hungry.

More than 700 guests had been expected at the Lord Lieutenant's annual Civic service in All Saints church Maidstone. Fearing that the heavy snowfall posed a serious risk to guests travelling from across the county the organisers decided to call it off for the first time in nearly 10 years.

This meant that 750 specially ordered lunches prepared by Morrisons in Park Wood might have gone to waste. However, quick thinking KCC secretary Lizzy Adam remembered that her boss, KCC Chairman Richard King. Had recently attended a Food for Thought event at Maidstone Day Centre.

Within minutes of the decision to cancel the service 750 boxed meals were on their way to the Community Food Share Project for homeless and hungry people in the town. Viscount de L'isle, Lord Lieutenant of Kent said, *I was disappointed that we had to cancel the service but delighted we were able to help so many people.*

Alan Reading, a trustee of Food for Thought, commented: *This was working together at its best. Thank you everyone involved in making this happen. Sometimes even bad weather can make good things happen.*

Joan Drury

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14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
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11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
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21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
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11am Lenham Family Worship
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6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

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The following films are the suggested screenings for the remainder of our current season. Doors open at 7.45 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start. Titles may vary if members agree to make changes. If you wish to receive emails detailing each film about a week prior to the screening date please contact Clive Bartlett, 14 Green Lane to leave your address details. The information can be hand delivered if you do not have access to a computer. You are invited to make a donation of £3 to St Edmunds.

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
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2	City	Piece	Shopping	Centre
3	Digital	Shy	Video	Camera
4	Kidney	Wall	Cold	Stone
5	Surface	Penalty	Grey	Area
6	Penguin	Purple	Moth	Emperor
7	Through	Lights	Warden	Traffic
8	Dropping	Pen	Sake	Name
9	World	Study	Pin	Under
10	Copy	Dating	Dioxide	Carbon
11	Scarlet	Pitch	Hay	Ever
12	Works	Cold	Band	Steel
13	Waiting	Oil	Petrol	Can
14	Ranger	Rain	Fire	Forest
15	Meat	Roll	Dog	Sausage
16	Money	Bag	Surgeon	Plastic

	Find the missing word?
1	Mony Panesar , English cricketer
2	Pipes of Peace , Paul McCartney No 1 hit
3	Sons and Lovers , Novel by D H Lawrence
4	Patsy Palmer , Actress who played Bianca Butcher
5	Arthur Lowe , Played Captain Mainwaring in Dad's Army
6	It's not Unusual , a No 1 hit for Tom Jones
7	Super Trouper , Abba's 9 th and last No 1 in the UK
8	Audrey Roberts , Corrie character played by Sue Nicholls
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