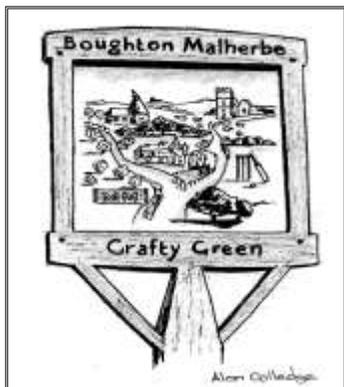


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Front cover: Chicory Tip are back in town !!!

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Cream Teas were a great success this year raising over £2,000 in 10 weeks. We welcomed many new faces to St. Nicholas and many old friends and we thank you all for supporting us this summer. The weather was kind to us each Sunday - except the first Sunday when there was a clash with the men's Tennis final and it rained!

Thank you to Sylvia Close for organising the teas and to the young people who came along each week to help by acting as waitresses. Thanks are also due to Sally who week after week made at least 150 large scones; to Joan who made the jam for the teas and to sell and whips the cream; to Janet who made the tea and coffee and set up the tables; to Di who laid the trays, sorted the china, cut the butter and filled the dishes with jam; to Mike and Kenneth assisted by Keith who set up the tables and chairs before and after each tea; to Judy and Melissa who came and helped where needed and tackled the piles of washing-up. We must also thank Pat and Liz, who between them washed the tea towels and tablecloths.

It would be good if we could welcome some more people to help us as none of us are getting any younger. If you feel that you could help on one or two Sundays we would be very grateful and that would enable us to occasionally take a Sunday off !!.

Clock Winding - While we are in a thank you mode, I must thank our diligent Church clock winder for his faithful winding of the clock each week coupled with his keep fit regime. Thank you very much Steve - your services are much appreciated. The PCC did look into putting in a self-winding device but it is going to be much too expensive for us at the moment - if ever. So thank you from the whole village.

The Ride and Stride for the Friends of Kent Churches was not a great success for us. Although we manned the Church throughout the day, we only welcomed two cyclists. However, we did had ten visitors who were taking advantage of the fact that many Churches were open to visit.

Harvest Supper - This will be held on 29th September and will be over by the time that you read this issue of MM, but we must thank Janet Collins and her team for organising the event for us this year. There will be more about the evening in the next issue.

Morning Prayers at St. Nicholas will be held on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th October and they are held alternately with All Saints Ulcombe. The time for these is 9.30am and last for about half an hour. All are welcome to come along.

The Village Coffee Morning will be on 10th October in the Village Hall 10.30-12.00p.m. Fresh coffee or tea will be on offer with homemade cake and cheese scones. Do come along and join us, we will be very glad to see you.

Harvest Festival will be held on 14th October at 3.30pm with the Auction of the produce afterwards when some light refreshment will be served. The earlier time was suggested hoping that some younger members of our community might be encouraged to come along and join in our Service of Thanksgiving for all that God gives us during the year. The monies raised at the Auction will be sent to a Charity, which is to be decided by the PCC at their next meeting on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm in the Church.

Bible Study - A group of us are meeting on Thursday mornings to study the book of Revelation. We meet at Weirton Villa at 10.30am - anyone wishing to come along to these very interesting sessions would be warmly welcomed.

The week of accompanied Prayer from 16th – 22nd September was well received and twenty people from across the Benefice took advantage of this opportunity.

Joan Davidson

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Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
Oct 2	Veronica Moore	Horticultural Therapy
Nov 6	Sue Buckingham	Wild flowers of the Mediterranean
Dec 4	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

The October meeting is on Tuesday October 2nd in the Village Hall. The speaker is Veronica Moore who will be talking about Horticultural Therapy. Members and non members alike are invited to join us. For more details: Phone Sue Burch 01622 850381 or Rosemary Smith 01622 850526.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. For information about this event or the Gardening Club telephone Rosemary Smith on (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch on (01622) 850381.

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Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary, as below, to reach her no later than 29th October, 2012:-

Mrs. Pat Sutton,
18 Headcorn Road,
Platts Heath,
Lenham,
Kent. ME17 2NH

News From Ulcombe Village School

On Your Marks, ... Get Set, ... Go!

It was wonderful to welcome everyone to the new school year at the start of September after our awesome Olympic summer. In particular we extended a very warm welcome to the children starting in Reception this September. We look forward to helping all children, from Reception to Year 6, be the best that they can be as they face many challenges this year.

Much goes on during the summer behind the scenes. The teachers spent a considerable amount of time preparing the learning environment for the children. We have reviewed some of the school's policies and procedures as a staff, to make sure that what we do in school helps the children academically, socially and emotionally. We have also been arranging dates and key events for the year, including educational visits, consultation evenings and Christmas (yes, already!) activities.

We will shortly be launching our new walk-to-school initiative and we have also been able to arrange a variety of extra-curricular activities. This will help us continue to encourage children to be active and healthy. As well as all of this the governors and I have tried to keep ourselves up-to-date with progress towards our library and FUS have already had their first meeting of the year.

The Library Project – Still Moving Forward

During the summer progress has continued with our plans to improve the school by providing improved access to the school and a library. The latest news is that KCC have chosen a preferred buyer for the disused adventure trail to the north of the school site. This was following a tendering process with RPC New Land and Homes as agents. KCC's solicitors are now working to bring about the completion of the sale of the land as quickly as possible. Once the sale is completed the proceeds will be made available to the school and we will begin building! I hope, as ever, to have more news very soon.

The Wheels on the Bus go to Legoland

Wednesday 19th September saw all of the children in Years 1-6 go on a fantastic trip to Legoland Windsor as part of our topic on Cogs and Wheels. This trip is extremely important to their work this term, with children taking on different challenges whilst on the trip and completing follow-up work back in school. We were informed that by coincidence, the day of our visit was a pirate themed day at Legoland. All of the children were given an eye patch and be taught to speak like pirates. I am know this has helped to make the day even more memorable!

On Offer to a Good Home!

We have a small number of computers which are available to good home for a suitable donation to school funds. The computers are in working order with a Linux Mint operating system. This has much of the same functionality of Windows, but is free to upgrade when improved versions are created every six months or so. For more information about this operating system, please visit <http://linuxmint.com> or ask Mrs Wills. Our thanks go to our neighbour Alex Barwick for giving up so much of his time to prepare the computers and install the new operating system.

For those who prefer paper, we also have sets of encyclopaedia in folders, which are also available to a good home for a small donation. 'Tree of knowledge', 'Wildlife Factfile' and 'The Living Countryside' are no longer in use in school. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in any of these items.

Friends of Ulcombe School

FUS have already been piecing together another fantastic year of events for us all to enjoy. The first meeting was held this week, with Fireworks, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, Easter and even the Summer Fayre on the agenda already.

Fireworks' Night will be on Friday 9th November. The firework displays have been incredible in recent years, so do come along and enjoy the evening with families and friends from the village and beyond. Tickets will be available in advance and on the night. As well as the fireworks there will be various refreshments, and more on sale. Looking even further ahead the Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 14th December from 6.30pm. We are in contact with Father Christmas in the hope that he will be able to join us again this year.

This month was due to see our first collaborative event with the Village hall, a Family and Friends Bingo Night. Unfortunately there has been insufficient interest for this event to go ahead. If you have any good ideas for fund-raising or social events please pass them on to the committee.

If you would like to know more about the work of FUS, or if you would like to become more involved, please speak to any of the committee.

Oil Theft

It is with great sadness that I write to say that oil has been stolen from our school, incurring significant damage to the perimeter fencing and the children's playground. This serves as a reminder to all of us with oil tanks to remain vigilant at keep the area around our tank as secure as possible.

And finally ...

We must already start thinking about next year, particularly for children starting Year 6. If you are a parent of a child in Year 6, or if you know someone who is, please remember that secondary school places need to be applied for by the end of October. We have a small amount of information in school and we will be happy to help in any way we can. KCC's web-site has a wealth of information.

As ever, if you have any queries, concerns or offers of help please come and speak to one of us. Many thanks to you all for your continued support and best wishes for the new school year,

Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.*

'For You Only' Christmas Craft Fair!

Sunday 9th December 2012



Graffy Green Village Hall ME17 2BA

10am – 4pm

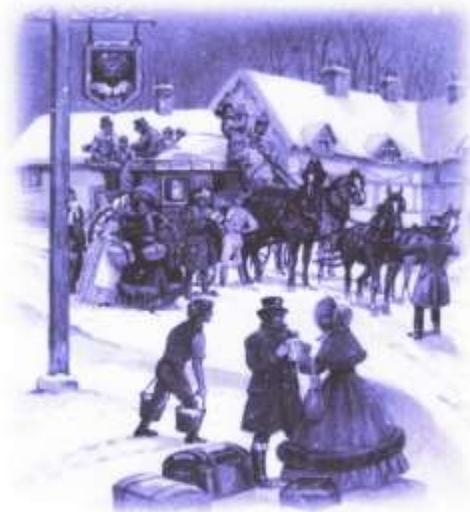
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Village Hall News

The nights are drawing in and the winter months are approaching but, on the plus side, the Village Hall is about to burst into life with more fun events, social gatherings and fund raisers - and it's "something old, something new" for the 2012/13 social season!

This month...

As trailed in previous editions of this magazine, on **Sunday 7th October, between 11.00 and 12.30** we are repeating our fund-raising event 'Phil The Bag', where we ask you to bring to the Hall any old clothes, shoes, belts, bags and other textile products (other than off-cuts, carpets and bedding items like pillows and duvets). Teas and coffees will be available, so come along, have a natter with whoever else turns up and make it a social occasion. You should already have received a bag from us, but if not (or if you need more than one bag) you can simply use a bin liner. Last year we gathered nearly half a tonne of material and raised around £200, so do help us to do the same this year if you can.

Then, on **Saturday 20th October**, by popular request, we have the return of **Chicory Tip!** Committee members Margaret Neaves and Anne Henderson have independently organised a repeat of the 60s/70s knees-up that was such a huge success last year. See the separate advert for this event on the front cover of the magazine.

Looking to the future...

As Guy Fawkes Night approaches the thought occurs that we might perhaps organise a bonfire-night celebration, but there may be mixed feelings about this. We would hope to afford a professional display, coupled with a bonfire and BBQ, but would you support such an event, or would you perhaps object to the noise, or fear another fire disaster? It's too late to do anything for this year but **do, please, let me know now whether you would like us to organise something for next year, OR whether you would object to such a project.**

A more definite idea we have for the New Year is a 'food' evening, probably in February, which would comprise a sit-down meal in, perhaps, a Spanish style with suitable entertainment. So, dig out your sombreros and castanets and watch this space for more details in due course!

Before then, the Hall is booked for another quiz night in December – which is always a 'hot ticket' - so keep an eye out for more details of that too. (The quiz night is organised independently of the Hall Committee)

And let me know if you have any ideas of your own for events we might organise - we're always open to suggestions – but that's it for this month.

Richard Pilborough

**Village Hall Committee Chairman
Email: pilborough@grifty.plus.com**

Music Notes - October

After a fallow period in the Summer the local musicians are now bursting forth with performances. My selection from a wide choice in October is given below :

- Saturday October 6th, 7.30pm at All Saints' church Ulcombe. An evening of baroque music with the Invicta. Second in a series of concerts to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the installation of the organ. Details 01622 844325
- Sunday 7th October, 3.00pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone. A concert by Maidstone Wind Symphony in aid of Kent Air Ambulance and Heart of Kent Hospice. Very varied programme including the Première of a piece by Peter Longworth, specially commissioned. Details tel: 01580 291056
- Saturday 13th, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone. Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's Autumn concert has an interesting programme including Rodrigo's *Guitar concerto* and Mahler's *1st symphony*. Tickets 01622 735830
- Saturday 20th October, 7.30pm at All Saints' church Maidstone. Maidstone Choral Union perform Rossini's *Petite Messe Solonelle* – a work that is neither small (it is as long as Verdi's *requiem*) nor solemn (being perhaps the brightest of all masses). Tickets 01622 726193 or at the door.

If you look for something more than a concert, why not try the Maidstone Music Appreciation Society? They meet on Thursdays at 6.46pm at the Community support centre, Maidstone. Contact Gordon Sladen 01622 882 395. Meetings in October are on 4th and 25th.

Brian Hardy

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 15th December 2012.

Grafty Green

Saturday 13th October 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 13th October 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 20th October 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Parish Council Funding

Last month I informed you impending changes MBC intend to impose on parishes, by removing the Concurrent Functions Grant and replacing it with a Parish Services Scheme. (To remind you - the aim of the Concurrent Functions grant was to recognise that Parishes directly provide certain services that the Borough provides in non-parished (generally urban) areas and therefore parishes should be recompensed so that they do not pay twice for the same service – that is, “double-taxation” through Council Tax and, separately, through local Precept for the same service. In Boughton Malherbe this funding contributes towards our Village Hall, Entertainment, Village Green maintenance, Grass Cutting, etc.)

On Monday 24th September, Robert and Ron and I met with John Littlemore, Head of Housing and Community Services (whose team will hold responsibility for the scheme once finalised) to see just exactly what was on offer. The answer was - very little.

Under the proposed Parish Services scheme, each Parish Council would have to engage in individual negotiation with MBC for access to funds held by the various MBC line-managers; there would be no fund dedicated to Parishes. In its budget estimates, MBC has made no allowance for the 2013/14 impact of parishes bidding against non-parishes areas (and, indeed, against each other) for funding from those line-managers. MBC intends to save all of the remaining Concurrent Functions Grant (a total in the region of £303K) and just let Parishes and non-parished areas compete between themselves, within an overall services budget reduced by that £303K.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council is a member of Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) which, over the past two years, sought to find reasonable accommodation with the Cabinet Member on this matter, but has been continually rebuffed; the Cabinet Member is not for turning.

Differential Rating: A radically different approach would be to establish a separate rating system for parishes, recognising that parishes fund, through Precept, some local services that the Borough provides in non-parished areas. That would mean that Council Tax for parishes would be at a reduced level, taking account of the fact that parishes only absorb certain elements of Borough services, but recognising that parishes must play their part in keeping the overall standards and central services of the overall Borough at an acceptable level. That reduced Council Tax would probably be balanced by an increase in Parish Precept so that locally provided services would be maintained without any support from the Borough.

To establish the level of support for such an approach, the 1972 Local Government Act defines a mechanism that would require MBC to hold a referendum within a Parish, if requested by that Parish Council. That mechanism could be used in a coordinated manner by all Parish Councils within the Borough to assess the level of local support for differential rating.

Petition: Maidstone KALC have advised and requested its member Parish Councils each to initiate a petition that would then be collated and presented to MBC's full

Council at the earliest opportunity. That would call upon MBC either to turn away from abolition of the Concurrent Functions Grant scheme or, alternatively, to establish a new, lower rating system for Parishes to reflect their lesser absorption of MBC's services.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council strongly supports the approach outlined above and will soon be circulating a Petition for you to sign and show your support. If you wish to comment on this proposal please contact me at boughtonmalherbepc@gmail.com or phone 01622 850711. Your thoughts and views are extremely important to us.

Christine King Parish Clerk

The 2nd in the series of concerts at Ulcombe church

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the church organ

Saturday 6th October 7.30 pm

The Invicta Ensemble – *directed by Malcolm Riley*
An Evening of Baroque music

Malcolm Riley and the Invicta String Orchestra will present a Handel Organ Concerto, a rare performance of the Walter Leigh Concertino for Harpsichord, together with a selection of solo items

Refreshments will be available during the interval

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Rita Strutt 01622 844325 / John Goode 01622 844709
Or on the door

The Series began on September 8th with a really enjoyable evening of entertainment provided by Michael Alexander on the organ and Pauline Fisher on the trumpet. The music was interspersed with a history of the organ wittily delivered by Michael in his own inimitable way!

A very big thank you to them both for giving their considerable skills and time for free to help us raise money for the church roof. Nearly £300 was raised. An excellent start to our fund raising

Grafty Gourmet

For all of you chocolate lovers out there, this is an amazing version of the classic chocolate brownie. You will notice, that there is no flour used ! Another very simple recipe for you to try. Once you have made this, you will make it over and over again.

Chocolate Brownie with Hot Chocolate Sauce

For the brownie

225g dark chocolate (minimum 70% cocoa solids)
225g butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
200g caster sugar
3 medium eggs beaten
150g ground almonds
100g walnuts chopped

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C. Melt the chocolate and butter gently over a low heat in a heavy-based saucepan.
2. Take the pan off the heat, mix in the vanilla and sugar, and let it cool a little.
3. Beat the eggs into the pan along with the ground almonds and chopped walnuts. Turn into a 24cm square baking tin or, use a foil one as its easier to turn out when cooked.
4. Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes, by which time the top will have set but the mixture will still be gooey and runny. Do not cook for longer, even if it appears that it is not cooked. Once cooled, cut carefully, four down, four across, into 16 squares.

For the sauce

75g dark chocolate (minimum 70% cocoa solids)
125ml double cream
2 teaspoons espresso coffee (or 2 tablespoons camp coffee)
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoons Golden syrup

1. Break up the chocolate and put into a heavy-based saucepan. Add the remaining ingredients, then place the pan over a gentle heat and let everything melt together.
2. Once everything has melted, stir well, take off the heat and pour into a jug to serve with the brownie. Add a little ice cream for an extra treat.

News from Platts Heath Primary School



Where small works

WOW! I'm sitting here writing this and already we're almost at the end of September, although by the time you read this we will already be in October! Where has the year gone?

It's not surprising it flies by so quickly though when we have so much to look forward to. I'm currently looking at all the school's diary dates and you would never know that we were a small school if you were to look at what's coming up.

I thought I would give you a little taste of what exciting events have happened and what we have to look forward in October.

September:

I'm pleased to report that our Reception children are now at the school full time and despite being a little tired at the end of the day, look like they are thoroughly enjoying themselves. The KM have also paid us a visit to take a photograph of our Reception children (and teachers) for their 'First Class' Feature, so please look out for us in the local paper.

Members of the School Council and Eco Warriors have been voted for by the pupils and are already busy meeting and deciding on action points for the coming year.

October

The Year 4, 5 and 6 children (Turner Class) have been given the most fantastic opportunity to participate in the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena on the 29th January 2013. Practice has already begun in earnest as the children have to learn a total of 13 songs between now and January!

As if that weren't enough to do for our talented youngsters, they are also utilising their entrepreneurial skills and are currently thinking of activities that they can organise to help raise funds to meet the transport costs. The first of these is a Cake Sale on October 5th after school.

Harvest Festival - Always a wonderful celebration assembly well attended by parents, friends and families.

Halloween Disco - a ghoulishly great way to end the half term and will also be the first event organised by our new PTFA committee. I would just like to say thank you to all the parents on the PTFA for their time and commitment. Without them our children wouldn't have half as many events and school trips to enjoy.

*****STOP PRESS*****

Platts Heath Primary School Christmas Fayre – 1st December.

Bring your friends and family along to our wonderful school for a spot of Christmas shopping, fun games, great food and an all round family-friendly atmosphere. An excellent way to get you in the mood for the upcoming festive season.

Platts Heath Primary School Open Afternoon – 6th December

This is a chance for all parents with children moving up to Reception next September to visit us and get a feel for what we do and who we are. Please come along and see for yourself what a welcoming school we are.

Thinking of moving, or recently moved to the area? Please give us a call to see if there are spaces available or come and visit our friendly school. Our website address is: www.platts-heath.kent.sch.uk/ or email us, office@platts-heath.kent.sch.uk

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	Find the missing word?
1	Damon _____, Blur Vocalist
2	_____ N' Roses, fronted by Axl Rose
3	Annie _____, One part of The Eurythmics
4	_____ and Noel Gallagher, Known as Oasis
5	Diana _____, Singing legend who led The Supremes
6	_____ Morrison, The Doors singer who died aged 27
7	The _____, Iconic punk band led by Joe Strummer
8	_____, Singer with The Smiths and Solo singer of The First of the Gang to Die
9	Kurt _____, who was married to singer Courtney Love
10	_____ Pop, Veteran rocker who sung with The Stooges

Harvest Barn Dance

Sat 27th Oct, Lenham Community Centre 7 - 11,
dancing to 6 piece band Rattle the Boards

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5	Crab	Man	Money	
6	Box	Capital	News	
7	Cake	Choir	Finger	
8	Busters	Coffer	Hoover	
9	Blow	Clean	Wine	
10	Master	Street	Ted	
11	Bird	Days	Warning	
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Tuesday 9th	Tuesday 13 th	Tuesday 11th
Wednesday 17th	Wednesday 21 st	
Thursday 25th	Thursday 29 th	

There are 3 x 1- hour slots available between 9am and 12.30pm on each of the above dates.

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We will still be running our Saturday morning clinic between 10am and 12 noon – call in for a coffee and chat – we would love to see you!

The October Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Virgo throughout October. **British Summer Time** ends on 28th October, when clocks should be put back one hour.

New Moon occurs on Monday 15th October, and **Full Moon** is on Monday 29th October.

Mercury is at its greatest elongation east of the Sun on 26th October, so we will not be able to see this elusive little planet this month.

Venus is rising in the northeast in the early hours, and by dawn the brilliant "Morning Star" will be well up in the south-eastern sky. Relative to the stars, it is moving rapidly south-eastwards out of Leo and into the constellation of Virgo. Again very little detail can be seen through a telescope apart from a rather featureless white disc.

Mars is very low in the western sky at dusk, and throughout October sets only a little over an hour after sunset. Again it will be difficult to see in the twilight.

Jupiter rises in the northeast in the early evening, and is high in the south-western sky at dawn. Only **Venus**, which is lower and to the left, outshines **Jupiter**. Relative to the stars it is almost stationary in the constellation of Taurus. Through a telescope you may be able to see the dark and light bands, and some of Jupiter's four major moons.

Saturn is in superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 13th October, and therefore will not be visible this month.

This month there are two meteor showers; the better known one is called the **Orionid**. This will be active during the second half of the month and will peak on 21st October, and appear to radiate from the constellation of Orion. The second one is called the **Draconids**, which will appear to radiate from the constellation of Draco, and will be visible for a few days earlier in the month.

Last month I reported on Nasa's Curiosity Rover, which successfully landed on Mars. I will endeavour to keep you up to date as it roams over the planet.

This month, however, I thought I must briefly mention Voyager 1. This is a space craft launched by Nasa 35 years ago. Voyager 1 is about to move beyond the confines of our solar system and into interstellar space, followed by its sister craft, Voyager 2. During its journey it took spectacular images of the planets, and it is now about 11 billion miles from Earth, hurtling away at a rate of eight miles per second. This is an important milestone in human history as it is the first time an ambassador for mankind moves outside our solar system.

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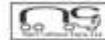
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Admission is free and refreshments will be available. So, please do come

Further information can be obtained from
Rita Strutt 01622 844325 strutt465@btinternet.com

Harvest Supper Saturday 20th 7.30pm

This year the supper will be held in the church and will be a candlelit event. As well as some excellent food there will be music and quizzes to enjoy throughout the evening. Tickets cost £9 *per adult* £4.50 *per child under 14 years*

The funds raised will shared equally between church funds and a local charity

Further information and tickets can be obtained from
Chris Parkinson 01622 858132 cfparkinson@tiscali.co.uk

Harvest Festival Service Sunday 21st 11.15am

This service of thanksgiving will include the baptism of Elizabeth Costain and will be taken by our Priest in Charge Rev. Dick Venn. The harvest contributions will be distributed through a local charity. We do hope you will come and give your support not only to the harvest but also to the Costain family. We hope it will be a memorable celebration for them

Remix Film Club

There is a choice of films on Friday October 19th. *The Artist* will be shown at 2pm and *Made in Dagenham* at 7.45 for 8pm. Harrietsham Village Hall is the venue and tickets cost £3. Contact Janetta Sams (01622 859412) for more information.

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Christian Message October 2012

This summer I had the privilege of spending a week with my brother's family in a log cabin in the beautiful Smoky Mountains of North Carolina USA. Although only ten minutes away from the nearest town, behind us was just forest and the wild mountainside. One could imagine bears roaming around. One night I went out to the car, and out of the corner of my eye I spotted a huge dark shape moving along the edge of the clearing. I shot inside the cabin! When I summoned up the courage to look out again I realised that it was just the smoke billowing from a camp fire that we had lit earlier!

It was also a place where I was able to share experiences with my sister-in-law. She has been learning so much about grace in the past few years that I was able to see a big change in her life, and in the life of her family too since we last visited them.

Grace is about realising that we are totally forgiven. Everything we have ever done, are doing and will do. Jesus paid the price for everything on the cross, and our part is to simply turn back to our Heavenly Father and receive it! It is available to all.

Grace is about discovering that when God looks at us he is pleased. He sees us as beautiful, accepted sons and daughters; he sees us as totally good, because of Jesus!

Grace is also real hope for change in our lives. God knows the reality of where we are, and grace is the power that enables us to become what we were made to be; what we dream of.

These things give me real strength and hope when I am feeling as though I've failed. I can get back up again. The story Jesus told in Luke 15:11-32 is a good example of this if you'd like to learn more.



Every evening at our cabin a magnificent owl would come and sit on the tree next to our balcony. It was such a precious moment, because he would sit a couple of metres away for a while, looking at us. It was an undeserved treat, and there was nothing I could have done to arrange it, but it spoke to me of God's love and favour and I just enjoyed it. That's grace.

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

14th October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Holy Communion
11am Lenham Harvest Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Family Holy Communion
3.30pm Boughton Harvest Choral Evensong

21st October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

28th October – Bible Sunday

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Worship
11am Lenham Family Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Messy Church

Dads, Mums and children are invited to the next Messy Church in Lenham Church on Saturday October 20th from 4 to 6pm. There will be craft activities, stories, prayers and a sit down tea. The good news is that there is now a loo in the church. No more frantic trips to the vicarage or the public toilets!

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
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8	Busters	Coffin	Hoover	Dam
9	Blow	Clean	Wine	Dry
10	Master	Street	Ted	Baker
11	Bird	Days	Warning	Early
12	Brown	Cat	Cruise	Tom
13	Day	Free	Less	Speech
14	Fence	Goal	Lamp	Post
15	Cap	Indian	Well	Ink
16	Grand	Loss	Recall	Total

	Find the missing word?
1	Damon Albarn, Blur Vocalist
2	Guns N' Roses, fronted by Axl Rose
3	Annie Lennox, One part of The Eurythmics
4	Liam and Noel Gallagher, Known as Oasis
5	Diana Ross, Singing legend who led The Supremes
6	Jim Morrison, The Doors singer who died aged 27
7	The Clash, Iconic punk band led by Joe Strummer
8	Morrissey, Singer with The Smiths and Solo singer of The First of the Gang to Die
9	Kurt Cobain, who was married to singer Courtney Love
10	Iggy Pop, Veteran rocker who sang with The Stooges

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