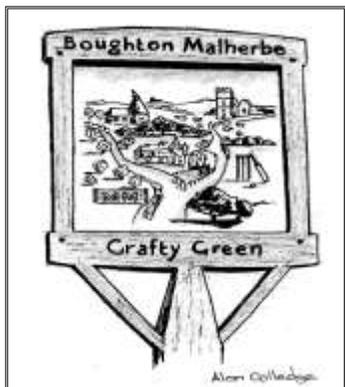


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Front cover: Tony, Garry, Doreen, Carol, Teegan and Faye, Five generation local family.

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Harvest Supper was a great success on 29th September in the Village Hall. It was organised by Janet Collins, who gathered a team of willing helpers around her and gave us all a very enjoyable evening. JC (John Collins) presented a slide show from his collection of photographs of previous Grafty Green 'Entertainments' dating back to the 1960s (and maybe some earlier than that date). Thank you both for a very enjoyable evening. Over £600 was raised for Church Funds.

Harvest Festival was held at St. Nicholas on Sunday 14th October at 3.30pm. It was led by Sally Alexander, who compiled the Service and encouraged members of the congregation to join in by bringing gifts of God's bounty to the Altar.

After the Service there was tea and cake, also organised by Sally and her team, followed by the usual Auction of produce. The proceeds will be sent to 'Tearfund' an African charity. £213 was raised, which on a poor growing year is very good indeed. Thank you to everyone who gave produce and supported the Auction and thank you to those who helped make the Church look so beautiful for our Harvest Service.

Morning prayers will be held at St. Nicholas on the Tuesday 13th and 27th and alternate Tuesdays at All Saints Ulcombe starting on 6th November. Prayers are at 9.30am for about 30 minutes. Do come and join in if you wish, you will be most welcome.

The Village Coffee Morning will held in the village hall on 14th November. Do come along for a coffee and a chat. We start at 10.30am until 12.00. Freshly made coffee and tea with homemade cakes are to be had.

Although this is organised by the ladies of the Church it is open to everyone, do come along - it's better than sitting alone indoors on a dark winter's day. We would love to welcome you. There is a dish for donations but only if you wish - there is no pressure. The donations are given to charity at the end of the year; perhaps you would like to suggest a charity that would be glad to receive this year's cheque.

Carol Singing -It seems very early to be thinking about Carol Singing but by the time the next MMNews is printed, Christmas really will be almost here. This year the Carol Singing will be organised by Carol Hulm and she will be writing more details elsewhere in the magazine but I can tell you the date is 18th December and Carol will organise the evening. Her number is 01622 853583 - ring her for more details.

Craft Fair -The ladies from the Church will be joining in the Craft Fair to be held in the Village Hall on 9th December, 2012 at 10.00am until 4.00pm; we hope to see you there.

Joan Davidson

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Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

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

The November meeting is on Tuesday November 6th at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The speaker is Sue Buckingham who will talk about Wild Flowers of the Mediterranean. Members and non-members alike are invited to come along and enjoy the evening. For more details: Phone Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary Smith 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.



**Kent
Police**



PCSO Alan Beech
will be holding a
Police Surgery
outside
Grafty Green Village Hall
on
Thursday 8th November 2012
11am to Midday

Do call in and see him if you have any questions or concerns

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

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

Grafty Green

Saturday 12th January 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 12th January 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 19th January 09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

News from Ulcombe Village School

Busy, Busy, Busy!

This term has been incredibly busy as we keep striving to make our great school even better. Whilst progress on our Library project has stalled momentarily, plenty of other events have kept us occupied. Read on to find out about the launch of the Ulcombe Megastore, especially if you like to shop online. We have also launched our Active Bug campaign. All of Barn Owls and Tawny Owls classes went to find out about water, how important it is, and how we can make sure we are not wasting it, in a drama presentation by South East Water. It has certainly helped the children think about how they use this vital commodity. We have also celebrated the Harvest at All Saints Parish Church. It was fantastic to be able to bring a number of food gifts to the church to be put with the contributions made by our friends at All Saints, which we know will help make a difference to the lives of others.

On top of all of this one of our grandparents (with a little help!) has built a fabulous new Playhouse for our younger children. At the time of writing we are looking forward to being able to use it! Unfortunately we cannot yet get to it as we are still waiting for repairs to the playground, but we hope this is now well in hand so the playhouse can be put to good use!

There is little time to rest, however, as we have our next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner, the FUS Village Fireworks' Night and our Open Day all coming up in the first two weeks of November. And, of course, there is plenty already planned for Christmas time.

Major New Fundraising Initiative – Spread the Word

You can now raise money for the school every time you do your online shopping. All you have to do is go via our brand new School Megastore on the left hand side of our school's web-page. Our Megastore features all the top online retailers including Amazon, ASDA, Argos, John Lewis, Expedia, Sainsbury's, Boots, M&S, PC World and many, many more. The cost is exactly the same as shopping direct, so you raise money for us at no extra cost to you!

Simply go to <http://www.ulcombeschool.uk.org/megastore> and browse through the many shops that are available. There is no catch and you will not be asked for any details. By entering through our web-site donations will automatically be collected and passed on to us in school. Happy shopping!

Harvest Celebrations

All of the children helped to lead our worship at All Saints Parish Church. The service started at 2.30pm, with plenty of friends and family there to support the children. Despite the technical difficulties the children did their very best to make sure every word could be heard right to the back of the church. We learnt how the story of The Hungry Caterpillar can remind us to be thankful, we listened to Harvest Poems, we watched the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and we learnt how Water Aid and other charities are trying to help farmers and villagers in Zambia. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts as part of our Harvest Celebration. These were left with the church to be distributed to those in need of a little support in the Maidstone area.

The Next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner – Wednesday 7th November

Parents, grandparents and friends from the village are all invited to come and join us for a roast dinner. Children from our oldest class will wait at the tables, making sure you everything you need for your meal. After lunch all of the children will entertain you all, showing what they have been learning about recently.

Unfortunately, by the time you are reading this it may be too late to book your place, but if you would like to know more, contact the School Office – it may still be possible to add you to the list of diners.

Fireworks Fun for Everyone – Friday 9th November

Everyone is welcome to join us for a wonderful evening, including refreshments and, fantastic fireworks. 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. Gates will open at 6.30pm. As well as the fireworks there will be various refreshments, and more on sale. See you there.

Open Day – Wednesday 14th November

Are you a parent? Is your child already here at Ulcombe? Are you looking for a school for your child in the future? Our Open Day is a great chance to see us in action, and see what we get up to on a normal day. We will be having a morning session and an afternoon session for our Open Day, so you can come along between 9.15am and 11.45am or between 1.30pm and 3pm. The Friends of Ulcombe School, our PTA, have kindly offered to provide refreshments, including tea and coffee with cake!

Feel free to come along, or contact the School Office (01622 842903 - office@ulcombe.kent.sch.uk) for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

Christmas is Coming

Looking ahead to the festive season, please put in your diary Friday 14th December. This will be the day when Father Christmas comes to Ulcombe on his pre-Christmas visit. The reindeers are scheduled to land near the Village Hall soon after 6pm, then he will be walking down to the school for the FUS Christmas Fayre (which starts at 6.30pm).

If you would like to find out about The Supersonic Lamb, our nativity is taking place on Monday 17th December and Tuesday 18th December. Contact the School Office for more information. Our Christmas Celebration at All Saints Parish Church will take place on Friday 21st December at 2.15pm. We look forward to seeing many of you there, joining the children, staff, families and friends.

And finally ...

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,

Mr V Hampton, Head Teacher.

**For You Only' Christmas
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Sunday 9th December 2012



Grafty Green Village Hall - 10am to 4pm

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Tithe Barn To Host Mid-Winter Craft Market Event

Lenham's medieval tithe barn is to be the host venue for a pre-Christmas 'made by hand' craft and art market including local food and drink producers. The market, to be held over the weekend of 24th/25th November 2012, is believed to be one of the largest of its kind seen in the county this year. It will showcase the work of mainly Kent based artisans working with a wide range of materials as diverse as clay, glass, wood, wool and silver. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the craftsmen and purchase some original and unique gifts.

Sharon Prior, representing organiser Cloth and Clay, said "We have tried to include something for everyone in respect of the diversity of product on display and the price range. We will be offering light refreshments as well as entertainment and it is our hope that visitors of all ages will find plenty to keep them interested and entertained for several hours".

There is no charge for entry or parking and the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will go to the Mid- Kent Breast Cancer Research Appeal.

The market will be open from 11am till 4pm on Saturday 24th November and from 10am till 3pm on Sunday 25th.

Rural Firewatch (Boughton Malherbe / Grafty Green) Fire Safety Away From Home

This news sheet is brought to you as a joint initiative between Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) and Boughton Malherbe Parish Council. We are all aware of the fire safety messages in our own homes; having working smoke alarms and regularly checking the batteries, having escape plans, having chimneys swept regularly, electrical safety, care with cooking, safe storage of inflammables, naked flames etc.

What about when we go away from home?

Almost without exception most of us will spend nights away from home during any year and probably take things for granted. We may stay in a hotel, guest house, B & B, self-catering cottage, apartment, caravan, narrow boat or holiday cruiser, with friends or family and last but not least opt for a cruise ship. Our chosen place may be at home or abroad, it may be in a 'high population' area with all attendant services readily available, or quite the reverse in a far away remote place, wherever, caution is the key.

Wherever the destination your and your families safety should be a paramount priority.

Many establishments like hotels and cruise ships will almost certainly have robust fire detection systems (perhaps with some reservation in places abroad), however you should familiarise yourself on arrival with alert procedures, escape plans and routes especially for night time and darkness. For all types of self-catering accommodation even if there is no legal obligation there is unquestionably a 'moral' need for working smoke alarms and escape plans amongst other safety considerations. Unfortunately your hirer cannot and should not be relied upon to ensure everything is as it should be. **Check Everything For Yourself.** Mercifully fires are very rare, but in the event are often become infernos in minutes with no time for dithering – remember just two or three breaths of smoke or fumes can quickly lead to a fatality.

Fact or fiction of the need to check things? Two recent personal experiences!

We have just returned from a narrow boat holiday in Wiltshire, a four star boat, 65 feet long x 7 feet wide and high, and fitted out almost entirely in wood laminate panels and varnished timber but somewhat surprisingly *DEVOID OF ANY SMOKE ALARMS*. There was a detailed escape plan however there was no mention of the need overnight to keep the key in the rim lock of the stern door to facilitate a quick escape from the 'rear' sleeping quarters of the boat; nor was there any mention of this with the hire briefing.

Our static holiday home caravan was fitted with a smoke alarm. In the knowledge the alarm would 'bleep' with a low battery warning I didn't check it on every visit particularly as the caravan was only used by family. On a recent visit on checking it I didn't get a 'test bleep'. On looking inside I discovered the battery had been removed by someone probably with good reason at the time (burnt toast!), the battery cover had been closed and it forgotten the battery had been removed **RENDERING THE SMOKE ALARM USELESS.**

Please never take it for granted smoke alarms are working without checking wherever you stay, familiarise yourself with escape routes, ensure exit routes are unobstructed and doors are easy to unlock particularly in the dark or an emergency situation

FOOTNOTE Reinforcing what has been said about vigilance regarding fire safety when staying away from home Wiltshire Fire Service on an audit of 144 hotels bed and breakfast and boarding houses covered by the statutory Fire Safety Order found only 23 deemed to be satisfactory, 103 required some degree of work to rectify failings and 8 had such serious failings that Enforcement or Prohibition Notices had to be served. No doubt Wiltshire can be taken as a typical County, doubtless we could expect a similar derisory situation for self-catering holiday lets be they cottages, caravans or boats where there is lesser regulation and huge reliance on the diligence of the property owners.

Be safe and carry out whatever necessary fire safety checks wherever you arrive .

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All Kfrs Non Emergencies & General Enquiries 01622 692121 or www.kent.fire-uk.org

Boughton Malherbe (Grafty Green) Chris Wheal 01622 858100, Robert Turner 01622 850325

Email: cwhealmail-graftyfirewatch@yahoo.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Stay Safe this Autumn

Remember, the clocks went back on 28th October, meaning the nights will get dark earlier. If you plan to walk or cycle in the dark, stay visible by wearing bright or reflective clothing and stick to busy, well-lit areas.

Your guide to home and garden security

As the gardening season ends, now's the right time to make sure your tools and gardening equipment are stored securely. Invest in a good quality lock for your shed or garage and consider fitting shed alarms and security lights to deter unwanted visitors.

Remember to secure your home if you go out; lock all windows and doors and avoid leaving valuable items on view which might tempt thieves. Timer switches can also be handy to turn lights on and off, giving the illusion that someone is home.

Download your guide to home and garden security - for more information please contact Kent Police Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01622 604398.

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Village Hall News

Firstly, a big thank you to all who contributed to our 'Phil The Bag' day. Over 400kg of clothes, shoes and other material was donated, equating to over £200 of income for the Village Hall, which we intend to put towards installing heaters in the toilets (not just for comfort, but also to provide some much-needed frost protection).

A further boost to our funds came from the 'Chicory Tip' evening organised by Margaret Neaves and Anne Henderson, with food provided by Paul Neaves & 'Mr Pickles' and bar run by Mike Hitchins. We're grateful to them all for their efforts and to everyone else who came along to support. I couldn't get there myself but I hear it was another really good evening.

Although the Hall committee has not organised another event this side of Christmas, that's not to say that there's nothing going on at the Hall - you only have to look at the advertisements elsewhere in this magazine:

On the evenings of 6th November and 4th December the Gardening Club have organised **talks** which are open to non-members; on 14 November and 12 December (10.30-12.00) are the monthly **Village Coffee Mornings** (all welcome, just turn up for a cuppa and a natter); on the evening of Saturday 1st December we have the (now traditional) **Christmas Quiz** organised by the good folk of 'South Grafty'; from 10.00am – 4.00pm on Sunday 9th December the Hall is booked for a **Craft Fair** which I hope you'll support; and there are weekly meetings of the **Short Mat Bowls Club** (now every Wednesday from 2.00pm, new members always welcome). There are also **yoga classes** in the Hall every Wednesday evening and Thursday morning (in term times) and a **drama group for youngsters** every Friday afternoon. Add to that the **Headcorn Morris men and women**, who practice in the Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings (and whom I'm sure would welcome new members) and I'm certain you'll agree, there's no reason to sit at home bored!

Before I sign off, the Hall Committee is considering whether to retain the piano that sits (largely unused) in the Hall. It occupies a fair amount of floor space and, if it's to be kept in tune and in good condition, some expense will be incurred. But it's your Hall: if you believe we should keep the piano, please let me know. Conversely, if you could give a good home to the instrument, I'd also be pleased to hear from you.

That's all for this month.

Richard Pilborough

Village Hall Committee Chairman

Tel: 01622 850484

Email: pilborough@graffty.plus.com

Music Notes - November

There is again a good selection of quality locally-produced concerts in November. What better way to cheer a bleak Autumn evening? Here is my selection:

- Saturday 3rd November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Ulcombe – the third in the series of concerts celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church organ. A musical miscellany for organ, voice, flute and harpsichord. Tickets and information 01622 844325
- Saturday 10th November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone – Maidstone Wind Symphony are holding their Concert to celebrate Jubilee year. It is in aid of "Help the Heroes" and will include music from the 1953 coronation and Jubilees since. Tickets & info 01580 291056
- Sunday 25th November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Maidstone – Sutton Valence Choral Society sing Bach's *Magnificat* and Rutter's *Magnificat*. Tickets 01622 842269
- Saturday 1st December, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – Maidstone Symphony Orchestra with soloist Jamie Walton perform Dvorak's *Cello concerto* and Brahms *Symphony no.1*. Tickets 01622 735 830.

If that does not entice you to venture out in the dark, try BBC 4 TV on Friday 6th November (time to be confirmed as we go to print). Valery Gergiev marks Solti's 100th anniversary by conducting The World Orchestra for Peace performing an evening of Mozart, Strauss, Verdi and Bartok.

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From your Parish Council

Firstly, thank you to those of you who signed the Petition against the Concurrent Functions Grant being withdrawn that has been circulating recently. This will be sent to MBC, along with similar from other rural parishes, and we will let you know the outcome as soon as we have it. Thank you, too, to Rob , Hazel and Nick; and to Ken and Eve, for allowing the Petitions to be available in the in the Shop and the Kings Head.

Village Plan and Emergency Plans

Volunteers are needed to help formulate two plans: a Village Plan and an Emergency plan, working with the Parish Council to achieve something workable for our village and parish.

Village Plan: your views on how you see the future of our village/parish; whether or not there should be development, enlargement of the village envelope etc.

Emergency Plan: It may sound far-fetched, but what would we do if a plane fell out of the sky on the village, or an oil tanker crashed? We need to have a plan in place that would kick in should disaster strike.

If you think you may have thoughts and ideas to contribute on either plan, please contact me on 01622 850711 or boughtonmalherbecp@gmail.com

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday, 20th November, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It would be good to see you there!

**Christine King
Parish Clerk**

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Easy Spicy Chicken - Serves 4

Ingredients

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
½ pint of French salad dressing
1/4 cup salsa
1 teaspoon dried thyme

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 175 degrees C. Lightly grease a medium baking dish.
2. Arrange chicken in the baking dish. In a bowl, mix French salad dressing, salsa, and thyme. Pour evenly over chicken.
3. Cover with aluminium foil, and bake 20 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove foil, and continue baking 10 minutes, until chicken juices run clear.
4. Serve with your choice of rice, pasta, noodles or vegetable.



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News from Platts Heath Primary School



Where small works

Our school Harvest Festival was on the 18th October and the children were outstanding as usual. We were entertained with poems from Wallis, songs from Lowry and Turner and the 'Harvest Samba' to finish the festival off. Thanks go to everyone who helped make this so successful.

As usual, parents, friends and family were very generous and donated a wonderful amount of food. This has been distributed, with the packet and tinned food going to Age Concern and the fresh produce being delivered to Charing Court Care Home by Lowry Class. Residents and staff at the home were treated to a rendition of their harvest song and both Lowry class and the residents enjoyed the visit so much that they would like to go back at Christmas to perform some carols.

Remembrance Day

Our school council members have been invited to the remembrance service on the Monday 12th November at St Mary's Church in Lenham and are looking forward to the opportunity to represent the school and be proud ambassadors for Platts Heath.

K'NEX Challenge

The children from Wallis and Turner class (Year 2-6) will be competing again in this year's K'NEX challenge which takes place on Tuesday 4th December. The K'NEX challenge encourages the children to use a combination of science, technology, engineering and math and challenges the children to apply an organised and logical strategy as they design, build and problem solve – and believe it or not they have fun at the same time! The winners will go through to the finals on Friday 14th December held in Rochester.

Turner class are having a busy term. Not only have they managed to raise £100 from their cake sale last month to put toward the cost of travel and t-shirts for their trip to the O2 to participate in the Young Voices concert in January; they are also participating in the Global Children's Challenge™.



The Global Children's Challenge™ is a health initiative designed to get children from all over the world active and instil in them the habit and importance of daily exercise for the rest of their lives. All the children (and adults) in

Turner class have their own pedometers to track their steps each day for a whole month. The children record the previous day's steps every morning and enter them on the website to 'travel around the world'. So far, the class has travelled from Niagara Falls, through Madagascar and the children are currently in Uganda. We will give you the grand total of steps and their final destination in the next issue.

BBC Children in Need Friday 16th November

As always the children and staff are supporting this worthy cause and will be dressed for the occasion in some suitable spotty attire.



'Deck the School with boughs of holly' – Christmas Fair – Saturday 1st December

Bring your friends and family along to our wonderful school on this day for a spot of festive fun; with games, great food and a chance to do a spot of Christmas shopping in an all round family-friendly atmosphere.

This is an excellent way to get you in the mood for the upcoming festive season.

Platts Heath Primary School Open Afternoon – Thursday 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 into the area? Please give us a call on 01622 850316 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

Piers Anscomb - Headteacher



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	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Rigby, A Beatles hit song
2	Wild at _____, TV series set in an African game park
3	The _____ Sisters, American pop group with hit song Filthy/Gorgeous
4	_____ Franklin, Often referred to as The Queen of Soul
5	Full _____ Jacket, Critically acclaimed movie set in Vietnam
6	Message in a _____, No 1 hit for The Police
7	_____ Babylon, BBC drama set in a glitzy London location
8	_____ _____ Twice it's Alright, 1963 Dylan song
9	_____ Simpson, The son of Homer & Marge
10	The Hunt for Red _____, Sean Connery as a submarine commanding officer

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Quiz Night at the St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath,
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Grafty Green Christmas Quiz

Dec 1st is the date of our Christmas Quiz. Its the third year that we will have held this event and we hope it will be as successful as in previous years. The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment so those of you who are reluctant to put your knowledge (or lack of it) to the test should not be put off.

This year you will be greeted with a complimentary glass of mulled wine and during the interval a sausage and chip supper will be provided. (A vegetarian option is available). We will have a fully licensed bar and free nibbles for everyone. Tickets are £7.50 and teams should not exceed eight people.

We will be dividing the proceeds between the Village Hall and St Nicholas Church.

Put the date in your diaries and buy your tickets as soon as possible as numbers are restricted and tend to sell out quite quickly.

A big thank you to everyone who has in the past donated raffle prizes however we hope to do something a little different so we do not require contributions this year.

Tickets can be bought at The Post Office and Foxes Earth Guest House

What a good way to begin your Christmas celebrations.



GRAFTY GREEN CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2012

1st December 2012

Venue: Village Hall

Doors open at 7.30pm

Ticket price £7.50 from The Post Office

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mulled wine on arrival.***

What is the Cloud ?

.....and you may ask, why do I need to know? Well recently many of the Internet Service Providers have been encouraging people to use things like – BT giving you “On-line Storage” to back-up your documents and photos, Microsoft and Hotmail have just launched SkyDrive, and Google has GoogleDrive and Google Calendars. All of these use Cloud technology, so I thought it might be a good time to provide a series of articles to demystify this topic in case you come across it and need to understand more, starting with the “Science”, then moving into more practical applications that people may find useful over the next few months.

Cloud computing is the use of computing resources (hardware and software) that are delivered as a service over a network (typically the Internet). The name comes from the use of a cloud-shaped symbol as an abstraction for the complex infrastructure it contains in system diagrams. There are many types of public cloud computing:

- Infrastructure as a service (IaaS)
- Platform as a service (PaaS)
- **Software as a service (SaaS)**
- **Storage as a service (STaaS)**
- Security as a service (SECaaS)
- Data as a service (DaaS)
- Test environment as a service (TEaaS)
- Desktop as a service (DaaS)
- API as a service (APIaaS)



The business model, using software as a service, users also rent application software and databases. The cloud providers manage the infrastructure and platforms on which the applications run, which are the Internet Providers that we use to get our emails and Internet, who are now encouraging us to use the Cloud by sharing and/or storing documents and pictures etc.

We, the people using computers from home access cloud-based applications through a web browser or a mobile application, commonly known as Apps on mobile phones or iPADS.

So we are only concerned with the two items in bold above and in the coming months I will include specific applications and features that use the Cloud for example, Hotmail SkyDrive, GoogleDrive and the latest that BT are offering.

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2	Foot	Head	Draw	
3	Scratch	Sharp	Board	
4	Piece	Nerve	City	
5	Body	Safe	Mud	
6	Sweet	Throb	Land	
7	Keeper	Honey	Line	
8	Belly	Break	Tap	
9	Music	Cross	Side	
10	Stream	Market	Count	
11	Blood	Copy	Free	
12	Glass	Hole	Ring	
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15	Bucks	Phone	Store	
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If you wish to join us either as a singer or a musician please feel free, we normally start around 7pm outside the post office. Watch out next month for the programme so you know when and where we will be starting or give Carol a ring for more information.

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The November Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Libra for most of November, and at the end of the month crosses into Scorpius.

New Moon occurs on Tuesday 13th November, and **Full Moon** is on Wednesday 28th November in Taurus.

Mercury is at inferior conjunction (almost directly in front of the Sun) on 17th November, but at the end of the month it may be possible to get a glimpse of this elusive planet as it emerges into the pre-dawn sky. In December we should have better opportunities.

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 across the constellation of Virgo, and into Libra at the end of the month. 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 throughout November, and sets only a short time after sunset. Again it will be difficult to see in the twilight.

Jupiter rises in the northeast soon after sunset, and is high in the south-western sky at dawn. Only **Venus**, which is on the opposite side of the sky at dawn, outshines **Jupiter**. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly westwards 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 was in superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) in October, and is just emerging into the dawn sky at the end of November. Although it can be seen to the lower left of **Venus**, it is very faint. We will have to wait until winter to get better views.

This month is the turn of the **Leonid** meteor shower, which is generally active between 15th and 20th of November. They appear to radiate from the constellation of Leo, and can be best seen after midnight on 18th November.

Some of you may have read that a planet the size of Earth has been found orbiting a star in the Alpha Centauri system, the Sun's neighbour in space. It is circling Centauri B, but with surface temperatures in the region of 1.500° C it is far too hot to support life. However, they say it could be part of a more extensive system containing planets that might be habitable. Astronomers, from the European Southern Observatory, detected it by measuring the tiny wobbles in the star's motion caused by an orbiting planet. At only 4.3 light years from the Sun, it is only a step away in astronomical terms.

John Maunder



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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 20th November 2012**

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

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The Great Leeds Book Sale

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A sale of this size is clearly not just for the villagers of Leeds – it has now become a major local attraction. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you browse. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 24th.

If your bookcases are already full, it is not too late to make some space by donating some books to the sale – just deliver them to the church any day between 9.00am and 4.00pm, and leave them in the South porch (but no old magazines, videos or second-hand toys please; save these for the next jumble sale or boot fair).

If you would like more information about this important local happening, please give Brian Hardy a ring on 01622 842915, or email bjhardy@theiet.org. Otherwise, just come along!

Away From It All

Like the White Rabbit in 'Alice in Wonderland', many of us race from activity to activity gasping "I'm late! I'm late!" Our lives are full, often too full.

Members of the Bible study group which meets in my home have planned a Quiet Morning in All Saints' Church, Ulcombe on Thursday November 15th. Coffee will be available from 9.30am and the morning will end with soup at 1pm.

After coffee we will stop chatting and come together to be still and reflect as we listen to thoughts on the theme of Homecoming. Do join us. Just ring me on 01622 853766 so that we know how many to cater for.

Joan Drury

Healing Service

The Rev Neville Emslie will be the speaker at a Healing Service to be held in St Mary's Church, Lenham on Sunday November 4th at 6.30pm. Do come if you would like prayers for your own healing or would like prayer for someone you know.

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Christian Message November 2012

November 2012 – All Saints Day and Remembrance Sunday

November is a full month in the church's calendar. On the 1st of November we celebrate All Saints Day, and on the 11th we have the Remembrance Day services.

All Saints day has been celebrated as far back as 609/610, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs. Then, in 835, in the days of Louis the Pious, Pope Gregory IV made it a Day of Obligation.

It has been celebrated since by both Anglicans and non-conformists, when saints both past and present are remembered.

The word immediately brings to mind all those Christians over the centuries whose lives were recognised by the church as especially holy. Whenever we visit an Anglican church, we find it is dedicated to a particular saint or, as is ours at Ulcombe, to *All the Saints*.

But who are the saints? Are they just certain holy and God fearing people from the past who have done wonderful things in the name of the Lord – or are there saints alive today?

Would it surprise you if you were called a saint? It would certainly surprise and embarrass me, as it would, I am sure, you. Yet St Paul, writing to all the Christians in Rome, Phillipi and Thessalonika, addressed them as 'saints.'

Saints, in St Paul's definition, are those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and who, through the ministrations of the Holy Spirit, do their best to carry out Jesus' command to love their neighbours as themselves, to forgive their enemies, feed the hungry, look after the strangers and homeless, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those in prison. One only has to read the New Testament to get an idea of what the Christian life is all about. And Jesus' offer is open to everyone, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

This takes us to Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who gave their lives in the First and Second World, and all the wars since. Remembrance Sunday is held on the 11th of November at 11 o'clock – the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month – the actual day of the month and the time when the First World War ended in 1918. A year later, an Australian journalist, Edward George Honey, wrote in the London Evening News a suggestion that the end of the war, and the 20 million dead (and 40 million casualties) should be commemorated by a two minute silence. King George the Fifth liked the idea, and the Remembrance service has been held ever since.

The Cenotaph (a word which means an empty tomb, encompassing those whose remains are buried elsewhere), was erected in 1920 and bears the words *the glorious*

dead. At the first service, people spontaneously threw flowers at the base of the tomb, and this was the beginning of laying poppy wreaths.

The horrors of war are revealed in the statistics. In the 20th century no less than 120 million people died in conflicts – many of them innocent civilians. Debate will continue to rage as to whether or not war is ever justified. Some pacifists reject war outright. Many argue that the way to achieve peace and reconciliation is through forgiveness.

I believe that, as 'saints', we can each do our bit towards achieving peace if we accept, in our individual lives, Christ's command to love our enemies and live in peace with all men.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God.

Molly Poulter

Food For Thought

Maidstone Day Centre have written thanking us for our gifts of food for the homeless and vulnerable families in Maidstone. We were also able to send a donation.

As the days shorten and temperatures drop please remember those who are in great need of food. There is a box for non-perishable items in the village shop or gifts may be brought to St Nicholas church. Thank YOU on behalf of the Day Centre.

Sally Alexander

Ulcombe History Society

The next meeting of the Ulcombe History Society will be on Tuesday the of December at 7. 30pm. The speaker will be Alan Stockwell on *The History of Pantomime*.

As it is near Christmas, we thought we would make it a festive occasion with mulled wine and mince pies. We also thought some of you just might like to come in pantomime costume (definitely not obligatory!!).

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

11th November – Remembrance Sunday

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Harrietsham Remembrance Service
10.15am Ulcombe Remembrance Service
10.30am Boughton Remembrance Service
10.45am Lenham Remembrance Service
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

18th November – Second Sunday before Advent

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

25th November – Christ the King

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

Saturday 17th November, 4 to 6pm at Harrietsham School

Dads, Mums, Children are all invited to take part in craft activities, prayers, singing and a sit down tea. Last month's event was very special for the Stansfield family. A Thanksgiving service for baby Ben was conducted by the Rev Dick Venn. Ben's parents Richard and Kate and brother William took part.

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Digital	Speed	Shy	Camera
2	Foot	Head	Draw	Bridge
3	Scratch	Sharp	Board	Card
4	Piece	Nerve	City	Centre
5	Body	Safe	Mud	Guard
6	Sweet	Throb	Land	Heart
7	Keeper	Honey	Line	Bee
8	Belly	Break	Tap	Dancer
9	Music	Cross	Side	Country
10	Stream	Market	Count	Down
11	Blood	Copy	Free	Sample
12	Glass	Hole	Ring	Spy
13	Block	Quarters	Start	Head
14	Bank	Cases	Compare	Notes
15	Bucks	Phone	Store	Mega
16	Side	Beat	Tunnel	Mersey

	Find the missing word?
1	Eleanor Rigby, A Beatles hit song
2	Wild at Heart, TV series set in an African game park
3	The Scissor Sisters, American pop group with hit song Filthy/Corgeous
4	Aretha Franklin, Often referred to as The Queen of Soul
5	Full Metal Jacket, Critically acclaimed movie set in Vietnam
6	Message in a Bottle, No 1 hit for The Police
7	Hotel Babylon, BBC drama set in a glitzy London location
8	Don't think Twice it's Alright, 1963 Dylan song
9	Bart Simpson, The son of Homer & Marge
10	The Hunt for Red October, Sean Connery as a submarine commanding officer

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