

Malherbe Monthly

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Anything for the **August** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **15**th **July**

Front cover: Cathie in 1940's uniform at a recent D-Day event in the Kings Head Pub Grafty Green

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers: On Tuesday mornings during July, prayers will be said at St. Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe at 9.30 a.m. There will be no meeting in All Saints Ulcombe whilst the building work is in progress and it is hoped that people from Ulcombe will come to join with Boughton during this time.

Coffee Morning: The monthly coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 9th July 10.30-12.00 noon. Do come and join us for a chat and a cup of coffee served with homemade cakes and scones. Our donations from this event will be sent to Zambia to help provide clean water to four rural villages. This is part of a Tearfund project with connected churches.

Cream Teas: Our cream tea season will begin on Sunday 6th July 2.00.- 5.00p.m. and continue until 31st August. We are looking forward to welcoming you all, old friends and new, on Sunday afternoons.

The money raised will go towards the upkeep of the church and its facilities. Let's hope for good weather during these weeks so that we can enjoy lovely views of the Kentish Weald - sitting in the sunshine eating homemade scones, freshly made jams with whipped cream and a pot of Pluckley tea (or if you prefer a pot of coffee or soft drink).

Joan Davidson

Village Hall News

The facilities at the Hall continue to improve. Since my last piece in this magazine we have bought a new cooker and a larder-fridge, which will make our regular culinary events easier to manage; we have installed a large pull-down projector screen above the stage, which can be used for photo/film projection or computerised presentations; and we have removed the '50p in the slot' electricity meters, so Hall users no longer have to find & feed-in appropriate coins before they can heat the Hall. (Instead, you simply press a switch – which is mounted on the wall where the tables are stacked – and then turn on whatever individual heaters you require.)

The other advance we have made within the last month is the creation of a Village Hall website: **www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk** There you can find information about the Hall and its facilities, photographs of past events, a calendar giving the dates & times of future events (including regular ones like the yoga classes, the bowls club and 'Dazzle', the children's drama group) plus contact information for those activities. Consulting the calendar indicates when the Hall is free, and hence available for hire, if you're thinking of holding your own private event there. Take a look and tell us what you think about the site, using the 'contact us' facility. There will

undoubtedly be improvements to be made in the light of experience so, please, help us by giving us your views.

Talking of future activities at the Hall, there are two I must tell you about. Firstly, we are going to hold another <u>'Phil The Bag'</u> fund-raising event, where we invite you to bring your unwanted clothes (also belts, shoes & bags), curtains, towels, bed linen and similar textile products to the Hall for re-cycling. We sell these to a local business that sends usable products to the developing world and recycles the material from the rest. The date for this is yet to be finalised, and will appear in next month's Malherbe Monthly, but it would be really good if you keep hold of any unwanted items for the next few weeks. If you haven't room to store your unwanted articles then contact us and we'll store them for you. (A contact number for Village Hall matters always appears on the inside cover of this magazine, but now you can also contact us via the web-site!)

The second event to note is something new for us, a <u>Treasure Hunt</u>, on **Sunday 7**th **September**. This will take the form of a leisurely drive around the local countryside looking for the answers to clues we give (and, hopefully, opening your eyes to some interesting features in nearby places that you haven't noticed before). The Treasure Hunt will finish at a secret location within Grafty Green where we will host a **barbeque** for all who have taken part. More on this, too, in next month's magazine but do, please, put the date in your diary now and support us in this new venture, which should appeal to all ages.

That's all for this month. See you next time.

Richard Pilborough
Village Hall Committee Chairman

Helpful Hint

During the recent defibrillator training sessions several times the question was raised about having to cope on your own in an emergency situation or indeed being alone anyway. One practical solution is many telephones can be programmed for 'quick dial' i.e. you only have to press a single button for the phone to automatically dial a complete phone number. The suggestion therefore is to program in two or three numbers of nearby neighbours or friends.

Ken and Eve Sweet extend a warm welcome to The Kings Head Grafty Green

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Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden	
May 10	Plant Sale on Village Green	
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh	
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham	
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest Park and Burghley House.	
August 5	The Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst	
September 2	Visit to Blackthorn Trust	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

Grafty Green Garden Club have two events in July - first is on the 1st; a visit to Norton Court, Teynham, ME9 9JU. A ten acre garden with walled garden, wild flower orchard, 6.30. £5. If you would like to go or need a lift please contact Sue Burch 850381 or Irene Ayling on 842507.

The second event is the coach trip over the weekend of 11 -13th leaving Grafty Green at 9am. We will visit Stowe, Barnside, Burghley House and Wrest Park.

Advanced notice of our August visit to The Walled Nursery at Hawkhurst TN18 5DH on 5^{th} August 6.30. A family run nursery with 13 greenhouses and a Victorian walled garden.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any of our meetings or events which are friendly and informal. Please contact Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381 for further information about the club.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on ${f Tuesday~12}^{th}$ ${f August.}$

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

Mondays to Fridays

	School Days Only	Not School Days &		
Service No	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339
Warmlake Corner	8717	0732	0950	1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356
Linton Corner	0737	0748	1003	1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	- 24444	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	1000	- 19-00	+++=
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0814		in	4110
Tonbridge Road, Cakwood Park	0825		111-	7115

Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	
0740	0937	1343	
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	vie
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
0807	1004	1410	Sutton
0811	1008	1414	Road
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
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 Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.

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Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

Saturdays

Mondays to Fridays

		School	
		Only	
Service No	59	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230		1745
Maldstone, 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
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1838	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	****		1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

59	59	59	59
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Rost	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langey	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	2444	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921			1841
0928	1334		1848

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Emergency and Help Contact Details

Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies	999
Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO)	101

Ambulance 999 note: an **aed** 'public access **defibrillator**' is sited and available 24/7 at the premises (in porch) of A.W. Court in Headcorn road. Ambulance 999 control centre will give 999 callers the lock code, if appropriate, to access the **defibrillator**.

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NHS Medical Helpline	e	111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals		0845 155 1000
William Harvey Hospital		01233 633331
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Lenham Surgery <i>recorded messages)</i>		01622 858341

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	or 01243 508866

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Calor Gas	Emergencies	08457 444999
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	Highways	03000 41 81 81

KCC Community Wardens:

Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere	07969 583923
District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown	07773 397125

Fire	General Enquiries	01622 692121
	Home Safety Visits	0800 923 7000
	KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal	01622 858100

R.S.P.C.A	Emergencies	0300 1234 999
Vet	24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service	01622 734555

Homeless Care (formerly Maidstone Christian Care) is looking for one or two new trustees.

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We are looking for trustees who will play an active part in the charity and be willing to devote some time to it - which probably means that we are looking for someone who is busy already since they are usually the ones that get jobs done. Trustees are unpaid.

The Charity Commission encourages charities to recruit as trustees men and women with particular experience and skills. This is not intended to limit candidates but to ensure that those who become trustees can make a worthwhile contribution.

If you think that this is something you might like to undertake would you please ring or email either Mike Fitzgerald, Chairman of Homeless Care (743270; mike@laxtondrive.co.uk) or David Bond, Treasurer (202239: dwbond@blueyonder.co.uk) to arrange a meeting at which we can tell you more about Homeless Care and you can consider whether it is an activity of which you would like to be part.

Art Show -Ulcombe Church

The Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe will be holding an **Art Show** in Ulcombe Church from Friday the 4th of July to Sunday the 6th of July.

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- Tuesday 5 August at The Oak in Charing. Speaker to be confirmed.
- Tuesday 2 September at The Dog & Bear, Lenham. Our speaker is Deborah Turner from You Image Consultancy, (top right) telling us we only get 7 seconds to make a first impression.

- Tuesday 7 October at The White Horse, Sandway. Speaker Helen Topliss (right), Business Advisor at Mid Kent College.
- Tuesday 4 November at The Holiday Inn.
- Tuesday 2 December joint networking with South Maidstone Business Association at Chilston Park Hotel, Sandway, Lenham.

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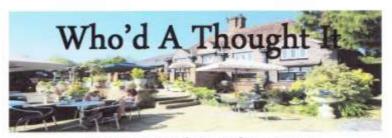
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Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Private	Model	Out	Patient
2	Life	Grace	Face	
3	Mountain	Rifle	Free	
4	Detector	White	Low	
5	Jazz	Post	Art	
6	Bank	Project	Football	
7	Timer	Shell	Cup	
8	Instant	Table	Pot	
9	Catch	Net	Pin	
10	Board	Dance	Shop	
11	Comb	Moon	Bee	
12	Runner	Door	Line	
13	Council	Church	Priest	
14	Whistle	Opener	Foil	
15	Lasting	Green	How	
16	Form	Sales	Black	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Billie, 1983 Michael Jackson dance pop classic
2	N' Roses, US rock band
3	Drew, US actress who starred in Charlie's Angels
4	Women, TV chat show
5	Annette, Actress married to Warren Beatty
6	Street, Cul-de-sac on the Neighbours set
7	Clarice, Character played by Jodie Foster in The Silence of the Lambs
8	Celine, Canadian singer of My Heart will go on
9	in Black, 1997 film with Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones
10	Andrew, Actor who played Manuel in Fawlty Towers



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Ulcombe History Society

The Ulcombe History Society has planned an interesting programme for 2014. It meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7.30 pm — mainly on a Tuesday, though the December meeting will be on a Monday.

Membership is £10 a year, but visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Molly Poulter on $01622\ 842988$.

Programme:

Wed 9th Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

Fri 19th Sep to Sun 21st Sep First World War Remembrance trip

Tues 21st Oct Talk by David Debenham on: *The white colonial – Benefactor or Plunderer*

Tues 18th Nov Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on: *Researching the History of a House.*

Mon $1^{\rm st}$ Dec Talk by Geoff Hutchinson on: What is Christmas? Exploration of Christmas folklore

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of August 2014.

Grafty Green

Saturday 30th August 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 30th August 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

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None planned

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Grafty Gourmet

This is a simple yet delicious summer desert. Serve with extra strawberries, some biscotti and a few sprigs of fresh mint.

White Chocolate & Strawberry Mousse

750g strawberries 2 tbsp lemon juice 225g white chocolate, grated 7g powdered gelatine 450ml double cream 30g icing sugar, plus extra for dusting

- 1. Place half of the strawberries into a blender and puree until smooth. Pass the puréed strawberries through a fine sieve into a clean bowl. Add the lemon juice to the bowl. Then slice the remaining strawberries and add to the purée.
- 2. Place a heatproof bowl in a saucepan half-filled with boiling water. With the heat turned down very low, place the grated white chocolate in the bowl and leave until melted.
- 3. In a small bowl, add the gelatine to about 50ml of water and leave to rest for five minutes.
- 4. Place a quarter of the cream along with all the icing sugar into a pan and simmer until warm. Add the gelatine water and stir for five minutes over a low heat until dissolved. It is important not to let the mixture boil, so keep the heat under the pan gentle.
- 5. Pour the cream and gelatine mix into the melted chocolate and stir until smooth. Add three quarters of the strawberry purée.
- 6. Place the remaining cream into a bowl. Whip the cream until soft peaks form when the whisk is removed from the bowl. Gradually fold the cream into the chocolate and strawberry mix.
- 7. Transfer the mixture to individual serving glasses. Place in the fridge to chill for at least two hours, preferably overnight. (keep the remaining strawberry puree in the fridge as well).
- 8. To serve, add a spoonful of the remaining strawberry purée to each serving glass. Garnish with a few strawberries, dust with icing sugar and add a sprig of mint to each glass.

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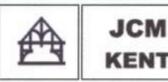


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Heart Of Kent Hospice Event

Put on your checked shirt, polish your boots and join in the fun at the Heart of Kent Hospice's ' Wild West Walk' on Saturday 19^{th} July .

Taking over from the hugely successful Moonlit Walk, the Wild West Walk is a twilight walk around Maidstone suitable for all the family. Offering an all new circular 10 mile route and a new mid-Summer date, our walk starts and finishes at Aylesford Rugby Club . A 5 mile route is also available ending at the Heart of Kent Hospice shop in King Street from where a bus will run you back to Aylesford Rugby Club.

We encourage fancy dress with this year's theme being Cowboys and Cowgirls and your registration fee includes a free cowboy hat! With a line dance warm up at 6 pm prior to the walk (which commences at 7 pm) and entertainment en route you will have a great evening of summer fun while supporting a good cause.

Pre-registration by 18^{th} July is £17.50 per adult. Registration on the day is £25.00 per adult. Children under 16 will be charged £5.00 but must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information or to book please contact fundraising@hokh.co.uk phone 01622 790195 or visit www.hokh.org

Music Notes, July 2014

I suggest that the big local musical event in July is The Egerton Music Festival which runs from Friday 4th July to Sunday 13th July. There are events every day – several events most days. A full programme can be obtained from the Music Festival box office, tel 07584 281767, from where tickets can be booked. I have selected just a couple of events in my monthly list, but there are many more most worthy concerts. Looking a little more widely, don't forget The Proms start on Friday18th July, with Elgar's *The kingdom*.

Here then is the local list:

- Friday 4th July, 7.30pm at The Millennium Hall, Egerton, Opera Project presents Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*. Tickets tel 07584 281767
- Sat. 5th July, 7.30pm, Sutton Valence choral society perform their Summer Concert entitled "A blend of Choral Favourites", at Sutton Valence School. Tickets at the door.
- Friday 11th July, 7.30pm at The Millennium Hall, Egerton, the internationally recognised Sacconi Quartet will perform works by Haydn, Patterson and Mozart. Tickets tel 07584 281767

- Sat 12th July, as part of the Maidstone arts festival, there is "Singing in the square" – various singing group are performing in Jubilee Square, Maidstone, for all to enjoy.
- Sat 19th July, 7.30pm at Holy Cross church, Bearsted, Bearsted choral Society perform Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. Tickets at the door or from tickets@bearstedchoral.org.uk
- Sunday 20th July, 2.30pm, Maidstone Wind symphony are playing on the Lees bandstand at Folkestone you can go along and listen to a first class performance for free!

On TV this month I would recommend Bach's *St. John Passion,* with Sir Roger Norrington conducting. It is Prom 12, broadcast on BBC4 on Thursday 31st July.

Sutton Valence Choral Society's Summer Concert

Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School

Sutton Valence Choral Society's summer concerts are traditionally fun events with a mix of sacred and secular pieces. The society's other major concerts of the year attract professional soloists and orchestra, but the summer concerts still retain the high standards that people now expect from this strong well-disciplined chorus of eighty plus.

Our concert, entitled A Blend of Choral Favourites, includes Schubert's The Lord is my Shepherd, Vivaldi's Gloria, Brahms' How Lovely are Thy Dwellings, Cesar Franck's Panis Angelicus and three Negro Spirituals arranged by Michael Tippett. Popular favourites in the second half include English folk songs Early One Morning and a lovely arrangement by our own accompanist, Martyn Williams, of Greensleeves.

You can buy tickets @ £10 to include a glass of wine, for this concert on Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm from any member, by ringing 01233 840540 or via the website www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk The concert starts in Sutton Valence School Chapel, then later moves to the School's Refectory for wine and further song.

Saddle up for Air Ambulance bike ride

Life-saving charity Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance is appealing for cyclists to sign up for this year's Double 100 Cycle Challenge and help save lives at night.

The 100-mile or 100km bike ride is to be held on Sunday, September 28th, to mark the first anniversary of the launch of the night flying service.

Last year's annual event raised more than £12,000 and organisers are aiming to double its success this year with two starting points at the helicopter bases at Marden and Redhill.

Both new circular routes will include all counties covered by the Air Ambulance and this year's Double 100 has kindly been backed by main sponsor Fidelity Worldwide Investment.

Corporate Citizenship Manager Vicki Haxton said: "Fidelity is delighted to be supporting the Double 100 Cycle Challenge and helping to raise money for this incredibly worthy cause.

"The air ambulance is a vital service in this area and we recognise the significant contribution they make towards saving lives in our community. We are looking forward to many of our employees participating in the event."

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance launched its night flying service last September in a move expected to benefit a further 400 to 500 patients a year.

The charity now has to raise an extra £1million a year to fund the cost of a 24-hour service, up from £5million to £6million.

The 2014 Double 100 has also been sponsored by Howard Cundey Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents, and supported by the Asda Foundation, Warburtons and Southern Water.

The ride is open to regular and occasional cyclists including individuals and teams with feeding stations along the scenic route. The first 200 riders to sign up will receive a special Air Ambulance jersey.

To register go to www.kssairambulance.co.uk/involved/double100 and for more information call Julie Clare on 01622 833833, or email juliec@kssairambulance.org.uk



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Christian Message - July 2014

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John Bunyan's great book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, used to be a 'must read' for Christians and those interested in the classics of English literature.

The book is not as well known as it used to be but many readers will recall that it describes the journey of a man called Christian. He decided to respond to God's call to follow him; to know God. His journey was beset by difficulties and problems.

The message of Pilgrims Progress is old fashioned and seemingly irrelevant in an age which sees no value in overcoming difficulties and problems. The modern traveller through life is led to believe that everything should go smoothly and if it doesn't social services, a counsellor or a life coach will come to the rescue.

Christian's faith was strengthened as he continued his journey. He learned to resist temptation; hardship and opposition became his teachers. Above all he learned to trust the promises of Jesus. He discovered that he was not alone and that there were like-minded pilgrims on the journey. At the end of his travelling he was welcomed into heaven by God.

Beautiful, strong characters are not developed by lives which are devoted entirely to self. Experience shows that children who are given everything they want easily become selfish and unattractive.

Many through the ages have demonstrated the positive outcome of suffering. Great men and women have battled with problems and not given in. Think, for example of the suffragette, Sylvia Pankhurst and her colleagues and of William Wilberforce's dogged attempts to abolish slavery. More recently the world has honoured Nelson Mandela who emerged from Robben Island a man of stature. As I wrote these words the media was, rightly, honouring a young man, Stephen Sutton, for his joyous and persevering battle to do as much good as he could before dying of cancer.

Many Christians have discovered the truth of the Bible's teaching about Jesus; a Saviour who suffered. The great apostle, St Paul, who endured many obstacles in his journey wrote, *But we also rejoice in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.* (Romans 5:3)

Tony Old

The Len Valley Benefice Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe Sunday/Main Services — July 2014

Sunday 6th July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Family Worship 9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy

Communion

11.15am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Family Worship

Sunday 13th July – 4th Sunday after Trinity

8am at St. Mary's, Lenham: BCP Holy Communion

9.30am at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Holy Communion 11.00am at St. Mary's, Lenham:

Morning Worship

11.15am at All Saint's, Ulcombe: Holy

Communion

6.30pm at St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 20th July: 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Morning Worship 9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion 11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Holy

Communion

11.15am at All Saints, Ulcombe: Morning Worship

Sunday 27th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

8am at St. Mary's Lenham: BCP Holy

Communion

9.30 at St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham: Holy Communion 9.30am at St. Nicholas, Boughton

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11am at St. Mary's, Lenham: Family

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Loose Women, TV chat show	1
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