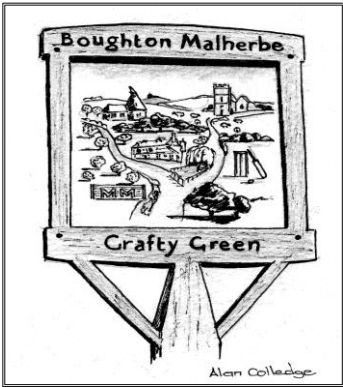


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**Front Cover:** The organising Committee of the recent Jubilee event held on the Village Green on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Picture courtesy of Ron Galton

## News from St. Nicholas Church

### July 2022

Hard to believe the Platinum Jubilee events are over and much enjoyed around the country. So glad that Her Majesty was able to be a presence over the long weekend as well as able to entertain Paddington Bear to tea at the palace! How did she keep that a secret!

Thank you to those who organised the party on the Green, we enjoyed catching up with friends, despite the cold east wind.

That same cold wind and dull weather on the Sunday spoilt our plans for the picnic outside after the afternoon church service. But it gave an opportunity to use the new pew arrangement, showing how we can make use of the space in the future when the reorganisation is complete.

### Reminders

**The church porch** remains open at all times, a refuge if needed from the heat or the cold. The basket for donations to the Food Bank is on the bench.

**The main church building** is open for services only. At other times please contact the churchwardens for a key. Their details are elsewhere in the magazine and on the noticeboard in the porch.

**The tower repairs** have been assessed by another stonemason. We hope they will soon be completed, but continue to be aware of the possible danger around that area.

**Celtic Morning Prayers** are said in the side chapel each Monday 9-930am. If you have any prayer requests please contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Charlotte Coles or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said at morning prayer time or in private if you wish.

### Information

**The Wotton tomb.** We are still waiting for the diocesan engineer to assess the stability of the marble stones, before making any decisions for their future care and protection. They remain a poignant memorial to these impressive Tudor personalities, and to the social and religious events of the time. There will be pamphlets, giving a potted biography with portraits, available in the church and in the Village Hall at the Tuesday Coffee Mornings. Much more information can be found in Wikipedia, on line.

**Re-organisation** of the pews has moved on apace, enabling us to already get an idea of how we can use the extra space for social and hospitality events. We look forward

to the long oak refectory-type table being in-situ. It was good to see at least 24 people seated there for the Jubilee tea. Will keep everyone up to date as things progress.

**Village Coffee Time** has begun opening at 11am each Tuesday and continues till 2.15pm when the Post Office closes. It gives plenty of time for everyone to 'drop in' for a chat. Donations for the first few weeks amounted to more than £100 and will be sent to help Ukraine.

**Personal donations for Ukraine** can still be taken to the back of St.Mary's church in Lenham. Directions are in place when you get there and it is open from 9-5pm every day. Main items needed are; *Nappies, baby wipes, baby food/milk (not glass), sanitary items, medical kit basics, pain killers, tinned meat and fish (with ring pulls), blankets and warm socks.*

**Baptisms.** We were delighted to welcome Theo and Scarlett Hibbs-Newman into the church family on 19th June, Lucy and Jake's children, Mair and James Chantler's grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Irene Ayling and of Andre and David Chantler. Rev. Anne Price conducted the service. A happy day to remember.

### **Finale**

What a treat to watch the new puppy as she explores the world. She is endlessly enthusiastic, tirelessly encouraging her older companion to play games that he had long forgotten. The instincts of her breed are already in evidence. She has enormous discipline in her responses, recognising her place in the hierarchy.

Thank goodness it is summertime, with her early morning waking. 5am is not my favourite time! Perhaps discipline and enthusiasm are good for us too, and its never too late to play long-forgotten games!

**Hoping you are enjoying your summer too!**

**Sally Alexander**



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**Platinum Jubilee 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The members of the Jubilee party planning committee would like to thank all those that helped make this a truly special day to remember. It was a lovely community event and what fun we had! In the afternoon we enjoyed picnics with tea and cake on the green serenaded by a saxophonist and a choir whilst the kids enjoyed a fun bus and face painting. We then moved to the beer garden late afternoon for Bert's fabulous burgers and sausages and then into the King's Head when the sun went down to boogie the night away to 'The Atonic Party Band'

Thanks to the Parish Council funding we were able to arrange this day, and thanks to further meat raffles at The King's Head and generous donations made for the tea, coffee and cake we were also able to make a couple of much appreciated charity donations.

£170 from Bert's Burgers went to The Air Ambulance and £311.52 went to the Red Cross' Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

So, thanks again and we are glad you all enjoyed yourselves

**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Grafty Green Village Hall on  
**Monday 4th July at 7:30 pm**

# Helen Whately

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# **A Message From Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Chair**

SUPPORT IT, OR LOSE IT. That is the message.

As I hope you all know, our annual Parish and Parish Council meetings took place in the evening of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

No members of the public attended the annual Parish meeting.

A huge effort was made by all those representing local groups to provide reports to the annual Parish meeting about their activity over the past year, these reports were their showcase to all our parishioners in the hope of attracting support. The reports were printed into a booklet by our editor of the Malherbe Monthly. Copies were available for everyone who might have attended the Parish meeting. The non attendance was disappointing.

It was equally disappointing that only two members of the public attended the annual Parish Council meeting.

The wide range of interesting events provided for our community are generally well attended, but attracting support to run them is difficult, and the non attendance on the 30<sup>th</sup> May made me reflect on what we have lost since I came to the village some 60 years ago. These losses were often because of a lack of volunteers.

Despite age, regular volunteers carry on regardless if they can, and when they retire replacements are necessary, or the organisations cannot continue to serve the Parish.

On checking what we have lost over many years and what we might lose without sufficient support, I came to the conclusion that I must bring this situation to the attention of everyone, hence this message.

Our biggest blow was the recent loss of our village shop and post office with what now appears to be little chance of a community run replacement in the village, but an alternative might transpire. We do now have a pop-up post office in the village hall every Tuesday between 12.45 and 2.15 pm. Use it or lose it. At the same time free tea/coffee and nibbles are also provided from 11.00am to 2.15pm and a donation is invited. Please volunteer to help the ladies who run this social activity.

We have a 59-bus service which is more frequent than it has been in the past, but it no longer goes to the centre of Maidstone, hence it is little used. KCC are responsible for the change, and could now use lack of use as the excuse to withdraw funding instead of reinstating the service to Maidstone centre. Losing the 59-bus service may

be inevitable, despite the efforts of John Collins, our East of Maidstone bus group representative who is doing all he can to save it. Please use the 59 bus if you can.

Other services withdrawn by Maidstone Borough Council or Kent County Council due to financial constraints or claimed lack of support include, but are not necessarily limited to our school, a mobile library and a very popular rubbish freighter that called every month for an hour to take large items to the dump for free.

Supermarket home delivery has replaced the old milk and bread home delivery rounds, and we do now have an excellent fresh fish delivery service which could be at risk without more support. To try it, call 07976 435 217.

We will no longer have the pleasure of seeing the Morris Dancers performing in Grafty Green, because they are disbanding this year through lack of membership support. Unfortunately, it is too late to volunteer.

In the past we had football, cricket, table tennis and youth clubs, plus branches of the WI, Toc H, and Brownies. Our local garage and Tea Rooms are long gone, we even had three pubs, but after losing the Pig and Whistle we still thankfully have the Kings Head and Who'd a Thought It. They are well visited, please continue your support.

The Baptist Chapel is long gone and is now a residence. Our St Nicholas Church congregation is reduced to just a few who attend regular services, but it is fighting back with the introduction of an Eco shop, and in the future tea and cake will be served following the Songs of Praise service on the afternoon of the last Sunday in the month at 4.30 PM. The popular weekly Summer Sunday afternoon teas with home made scones, cream, and jam in the churchyard are unlikely to return without new volunteers to manage and run them.

Who will replace Mike Hitchins, our editor of the Malherbe Monthly who has done a fantastic job over many years keeping us all informed about local activities?

Who will replace Rosemary and Mike Smith, who have done a superb job over many years maintaining the village green. The Parish Council does pay a fee for this service.

The village hall is safe for the time being, and it has provided the venue for many essential and popular social activities for 100 years, but running it requires a sizeable committee. Please offer support or its days could be numbered in the long term.

This brings me to the Parish Council. New councillors will be needed when the next elections take place in 2024, perhaps sooner. We currently have five councillors, and three are of the older generation, the oldest being 85. The council may not be



sustainable without its present membership numbers, in which case we will lose it, and Maidstone Borough Council will take over. Then we could all become Maidstone residents without a voice, Grafty Green could be lost as we know it and the attraction that brought us here in the first place could be gone forever. Please volunteer at the next election or when there is a vacancy for a councillor.

Hard copies of the booklet to which I have referred were available in the village hall and the church entrance and have now all been taken. However, it is also published on the Parish Council web site and can be downloaded, go to "Parish Council", then "Parish Meetings" in the drop-down menu. If you need any contact numbers please call me on 01622 850 369.

Thank you for reading a little history and my encouragement to volunteer.

**Ron Galton. Chair, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council.**

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## **Village Hall News – July Newsletter**

### **Summer Craft Fair at the Village Hall Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 10 am to 2 pm**

Our summer craft fair will be held at the hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of July from 10 am to 2pm where you can browse handmade jewellery, bags and cards, wooden planters, resin items, wax melts and other craft items, purchase fresh flowers, jam jar posies, beauty products, toiletries and Batch Made in Heaven Bakery deserts. Have a chat with friends and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake. Providing you with gift ideas for some unique and individual presents produced by local craftspeople. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for the Village Hall Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 12 noon to 4 pm**

The hall will be 100 years old this year and to mark this rather special birthday we would like to invite you all to a birthday celebration for the hall to be held on the fete field in Church Road just along from the hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August between noon and 4pm.

There will be lots of fun, games and entertainment. I am pleased to say that for the first time in several hundred years the village stocks will be reintroduced at the celebrations so if there is anyone you would like to put in the stocks for any

uncivilised, louche or drunken behaviour please let me know, although I would ask you to bear in mind that we only have four hours to get through all the possible transgressors so if you could kindly restrict your nominations the most serious offenders we should be able to deal with them in the limited time allowed.

We will also be organising a tug of war competition and I am particularly looking forward to the children of the village taking on the men. There will also be tea, cakes, ice cream and burgers to keep you refreshed throughout the afternoon.

We will be running a bottle tombola and if you have any donations that you would like to make towards the tombola, please bring them to the coffee morning at the village hall on any Tuesday between 11 am and 2pm or leave them in the porch of The Oaks in Church Road at any other time. For the star bakers amongst you we would also be very grateful of any cakes that you would like to donate to the tea and cake stall either at the village hall on the morning of the craft fair or at the fete field on the morning of the centenary birthday party.

### **Short Mat Bowls Club – Tuesday Afternoons at the Hall between 2.30 pm and 5 pm**

The Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club are looking for new members – if you can play that is great, but if you have never played before you can easily learn with this friendly club.

It provides good gentle exercise in a friendly environment; you just need to wear flat soled shoes all the equipment you need can be provided. If you would like to give it a try please either telephone Joan on 01622 858100 or come along to the hall on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm when you would be welcome to join in. The tea and biscuits at half time are excellent!

**Jon Thompson**  
**Hall Committee Chairman**  
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# Grafty Green Village Hall

## Summer Craft Fair

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10.00-2.00**

We are very excited to announce that we have lots of new stall holders joining us at this craft fair including

**handmade jewellery, handmade bags, handmade cards, wooden planters, resin items, wax melts, Batch Made in Heaven bakery, craft items, gifts, toiletries and makeup, fresh flowers and jam jar posies.**

**Come and join us and your friends for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

Donations of cake for the tea stall would be very welcome on the morning to help raise money for the village hall.



## **Sue's Nature Notes**

After only two nests last year I am delighted to say that there are seven house-martin nests under my eaves this year; they are so busy at the moment; some are still building and the earliest pairs to arrive are now brooding their clutch; the skies will be buzzing with them as the season progresses with the fledglings practicing the aeronautics and skills of catching insects!

I have also seen good evidence of a healthy numbers of bats coming and going to their maternity roost again this year.

The yellow rattle in my little mini-meadow has flowered and is already casting seeds so I am happy to share some; if you would like to contact me I'll organise delivery!

**Sue Burch**

### **Yoga Classes Grafty Green Village Hall**

*Monday morning 9.30 – 11 till 25<sup>th</sup> July*

*Wednesday evening 7 - 8.30 till 20<sup>th</sup> July*

*Thursday morning 9.30 – 11 till 21<sup>st</sup> July*

*No classes in August and the new term will start on  
5th of September*

For more details or to book please call Sue (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher)  
on 01622 850381 or email [graftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:graftyyoga@gmail.com)

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# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 30th May 2022 at 7.33 pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Galton (Chairman); R Turner; B Adams; N Eastwood  
Clerk Mrs Vickie Ford

The Chairman opened meeting at 7.33pm

**Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it – none**

### **M01/05/22 Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED: Cllr R Galton was elected as Chairman to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for the next year. Cllr Galton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

It was agreed not to elect a Vice Chairman.

### **M02/05/22 Election of Planning Committee Chairman**

RESOLVED: Cllr G Kennaird was elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the next year.

### **M03/05/22 Election of Finance and Staffing Committee Chairman**

RESOLVED: Cllr R Turner was elected as Chairman of the Finance and Staffing Committee for the next year.

### **M04/05/22 Apologies**

Cllr Kennaird's apologies were received and accepted.

### **M05/05/22 Declarations:**

**Any lobbying – none declared**

**Any interest in items on the Agenda – none declared**

**Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests - none declared**

### **M06/05/22 Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED: the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

### **M07/05/22 Public Session – two members of public present**

A member of the public stated that, without improved attendance, the Church would inevitably close.

There was some discussion of possible ways in which attendance could be improved.

A member of the public raised the matter of Community Speedwatch. They had volunteered to join a team but no others had come forward. Cllr Turner reported that another resident had expressed their willingness to be involved: the Clerk to inform Cllr Kennaird.

### **M08/05/22 Annual Reviews**

Current arrangements for delegation to committees, employees and other authorities were confirmed; it was agreed that Cllrs Adams and Eastwood would continue to hold the Highways portfolio; and Cllr Kennaird would continue to lead on Community Speedwatch.

### **M09/05/22 Platinum Jubilee Event**

RESOLVED: the Platinum Jubilee Event organising group was adopted as a Working Group of the Parish Council in accordance with the Terms of Reference prepared by the Clerk.

It was noted that the Power for awarding the grant for the event was the Local Government Act 1972 s145: Provision of entertainment.



#### **M10/05/22 Terms of Reference of Committees**

The terms of reference for the Planning and Finance and Staffing Committees were noted and will be reviewed at the first meetings of the committees.

#### **M11/05/22 Nominations to Existing Committees**

RESOLVED: All councillors will be members of both committees.

#### **M12/05/22 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Members had before them revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations based on the latest NALC models.

RESOLVED: to adopt the revised Standing Orders subject to:

3(f) total time designated for public participation at a meeting being increased to 15 minutes; and  
13(e) a decision as to whether to grant a dispensation shall be made by the Proper Officer

RESOLVED: to adopt the revised Financial Regulations subject to:

6.10 removal of the preference for cheques.

#### **M13/05/22 Code of Conduct**

It was noted that no change was necessary

#### **M14/05/22 Representation on External Bodies**

It was noted that the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) would be resuming face-to-face meetings shortly.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Galton and Turner will continue to represent the Parish Council at KALC meetings.

#### **M15/05/22 Review of Land and Asset Register**

Cllr Turner asked the Clerk to check if the computer and software listed on the Register represented those purchased most recently.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Register of Assets, subject to any amendment required regarding the replacement computer and software purchased in 2020.

#### **M16/05/22 Arrangements for Insurance Cover**

As the 3-year agreement was due to end on 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Clerk had obtained quotations from A J Gallagher (previously Came & Co) and BHIB Insurance Brokers.

RESOLVED: to enter a further 3-year long term agreement with Hiscox through A J Gallagher.

#### **M17/05/22 Review of Membership of Other Bodies**

RESOLVED: to continue with membership of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) and KALC; to pay the Clerk's membership fees to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) if under £100.

#### **M18/05/22 Complaints Procedures**

It was noted that no change was necessary.

#### **M19/05/22 Employment Policy and Procedures**

It was noted that there was an outstanding action on the Clerk to consult the Adviser to KALC regarding the proposed amendment.

#### **M20/05/22 Risk Register**

RESOLVED: to adopt the updated Risk Register, as prepared by the Clerk.

### **FINANCE**

#### **M21/05/22 Receipts since last meeting:**

Refund from Downsmail £9; Precept MBC £7,005

The Clerk was asked to check if there had been, or would be, any receipts under the Parish Services Scheme.

#### **M22/05/22 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting:**

Amesis Ltd £42; V J Ford £282; KALC £275.21; Simon Jones Associates Ltd £930.12; CPRE £36; Amesis Ltd £63.48; Mr Martin King\* £152.30; KALC (training) £102; Miss E English\* £250

\* Platinum Jubilee Event

#### **M23/05/22 Cheques for Signature**

Arthur J Gallagher £488.75; Mrs L Hook\* £198.00; C Tomlinson\* £90.00; Lionel Robbins £90.00

#### **M24/05/22 Bank Balances**

The following balances as at 29<sup>th</sup> April were noted:

Nat West Current £8,731.81

Nat West Business Saver £46,525.55

Nationwide £14,230.15

Cambridge and Counties £23,486.79

#### **M25/05/22 Bank Reconciliation**

The end of year statement, as prepared by the Clerk for internal audit etc, was noted.

#### **M26/05/22 Internal Auditor's Report 2021/22**

RESOLVED: to receive and note the Internal Auditor's report.

Members observed that, if the Parish Council resolved to approve the Certificate of Exemption later in the meeting, there would be no External Audit Report/closure documentation to consider and minute at the September meeting.

#### **EXTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22:**

##### **M27/05/22 Annual Internal Audit Report**

RESOLVED: to receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report, forming page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

##### **M28/05/22 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22**

Members had before them the Annual Governance Statement prepared by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: to approve the Annual Governance Statement (AGAR Section 1)

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement.

##### **M29/05/22 Accounting Statements 2021/22**

Members had before them the Accounting Statements, prepared and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO – the Clerk).

RESOLVED: to approve the Accounting Statements (AGAR Section 2)

The Chairman signed and dated the Accounting Statements.

##### **M30/05/22 Exemption Certificate**

Members had before them the exemption certificate prepared by the RFO.

RESOLVED: Since the Parish Council had met the criteria, to claim exemption for the year 2021/22.

RESOLVED: to approve the Exemption Certificate.

The Chairman and RFO signed and dated the Exemption Certificate (AGAR Form 2).

##### **M31/05/22 Commencement Date for Exercise of Public Rights**

The RFO informed Members that the commencement date would be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, as suggested by the External Auditor.

##### **M32/05/22 Outturn for 2021/22 Budget**

Members had before them the end of year statement of receipts and payments against budget prepared by the Clerk. The underspend of £496 was noted.

RESOLVED: Since the heading "Stationery, postage" included payments associated with recruitment of a new Clerk, to amend to "Admin".

##### **M33/05/22 Bank Signatories**

RESOLVED: due to difficulties with multiple authorisation of online payments and changes to the bank mandate, the Clerk to investigate other current accounts.

RESOLVED: to retain Cllr Turner as a signatory for the notice accounts; and to add Cllrs Galton and Eastwood.

##### **M34/05/22 Reserves Policy**

RESOLVED: to adopt the Reserves Policy as prepared by the Clerk.



**M35/05/22 Meeting Dates in 2022/23**

Agreed dates are: 4<sup>th</sup> July; 5<sup>th</sup> September; 7<sup>th</sup> November; 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023; 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**M36/05/22 New fencing between the Village Green and the pub**

The Chairman reported that he had approached a fencing contractor for indicative costs. As no costings had been received, the matter was deferred.

**M37/05/22 Potholes**

Members observed that there was a large pothole on the junction of Eastwood Road and Headcorn Road.  
RESOLVED: Cllr Adams to inspect and report to KCC.

**M38/05/22 Speedwatch**

The Chairman reported that Cllr Kennaird was now holding the equipment.

**M39/05/22 Footpaths**

Members observed that many of the footpaths had become overgrown.  
RESOLVED: the Chairman to assess work required; the Clerk to contact KCC to ascertain who is responsible for maintenance.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm

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## **Lenham Film Club**

*at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way*

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*Running time 1hr 36 mins*

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August brings another 'must see' – the new *West Side Story* in Steven Spielberg's unforgettable new production, which won seven Oscars. So, on Friday 12th August we hope to see you all dancing your way to the Community Centre for a splendid evening.

For more information, please check out our website ([www.lenhamfilmclub.org](http://www.lenhamfilmclub.org)) or follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub). If you'd like to be added to our mailing list or become a member, please contact us at [lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com)

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## Music Notes for July 2022 – B Hardy

I have failed to find any local orchestral concerts confirmed for July, although Maidstone Wind Symphony have indicated an intention to do something on July 9<sup>th</sup>, a date that clashes with at least two other local events. Perhaps people will not mind, as the BBC proms start this month. The first night is 15<sup>th</sup> July and that concert (Verdi's *Requiem*) will be shown on BBC2 at 7.15pm.

Meanwhile our local singers, who were busy just practicing last month, all seem to be performing in July, as listed:

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July** 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, Maidstone Choral Union present a Concert for Nations, which includes Mozart's *Requiem* with MCU Sinfonia and invited soloists. Visit <https://maidstonechoralunion.co.uk> or 07752 923084 for information and tickets

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July** 7pm at All Saints Church Biddenden, TN27 8AH, Sutton Valence Choral Society offer a concert of Summer fun, comprising music by Rutter, Sullivan, Schubert, Lloyd-Webber, Sondheim & more. Contact 01622 8910589.

**Also on 9<sup>th</sup> July** 7.30pm at the church of St. James the Great, East Malling, East Malling Singers present their Summer concert which includes Rutter's *Gloria* and Copeland's *Fanfare for the common man*. Tickets 01622 750943.

**And again on 9<sup>th</sup>:** Maidstone Wind Symphony propose a concert entitled "Thunk!" but at the time of going to press details are yet to be confirmed. See <https://www.maidstonewindsymphony.org/index.html>.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July** 7.30pm at St. John's School, Provender Way, Grove Green, MRE`14 5TZ, Bearsted Choral Society's Summer Concert is entitled "Sacred & Profane" and includes traditional tales and texts given a contemporary twist. Tickets 0333 663366

This month's anniversary is 3rd July, the 170th anniversary of the birth of Leoš Janáček (3 July 1854 – 12 August 1928). He was a Czech composer, musical theorist, folklorist, publicist and teacher, inspired by Moravian and other Slavic music, including Eastern European folk music, to create an original, modern musical style

Until 1895 he devoted himself mainly to folkloristic research. While his early musical output was influenced by contemporaries such as Antonín Dvořák, his later works incorporate his earlier studies of national folk music in a modern, highly original synthesis, first evident in the opera *Jenůfa*, which was premiered in 1904. The success of *Jenůfa* (often called the "Moravian national opera") at Prague in 1916 gave Janáček access to the world's great opera stages. His later works are his most celebrated. They include operas such as *Káťa Kabanová* and *The Cunning Little Vixen*, the *Sinfonietta*, the *Glagolitic Mass*, the rhapsody *Taras Bulba*, two string quartets, and other chamber works. Along with Dvořák and Bedřich Smetana, he is considered one of the most important Czech composers.

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

Find the missing word?	
1	Good Morning _____, A Robin Williams film
2	Hans _____, The Star Wars pilot
3	_____ Jones, Harrison Ford character
4	William _____, Original star who played Ken Barlow in Corrie
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9	_____ Crosbie, TV's Mrs Meldrew
10	Finding _____, An animated film

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4	Part	Egg	Two	
5	Under	Clock	Way	
6	Bank	Sick	Pad	
7	Question	Card	Hat	
8	Ordinary	Large	Film	
9	Jockey	Slipped	Parking	
10	Bubble	Towel	Mud	
11	Sum	Running	Abstinence	
12	Spring	Sauce	Rings	
13	Reader	Fool	Water	
14	Football	Comic	Air	
15	Coffee	Spoon	Bird	
16	Shelf	History	Insurance	

**Grafty Green Gardening Club**  
**Program of Events 2022**  
**Our 25<sup>th</sup> Year**

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
11 <sup>th</sup> January	AGM and Alison Marsden	More garden impact for less effort
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Dr Mick Lynn	Potions, Parasites and Pests
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Simon Ginnaw/Spring Show	Birds beyond the boughs
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Fergus Garrett	Succession planting for a long season
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	6pm Outing to Bilting House, Godmersham, TN25 4HA	
7 <sup>th</sup> May	10am. Plant Sale, Village green (if wet in the Village Hall)	
20 – 22 May	Weekend away to West Sussex and Hampshire	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm Arnold Yoke, Back Street, Leeds.	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>6pm Garden party in the village</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	6pm Outing to Hurst House, Hastingleigh, TN25 5 JD	
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Katherine Hook/ Autumn Show	Sloe Seduction
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Steve Edney	Think beyond the flower, plants with good seed heads.
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Tom La Dell	Brogdale and the National Fruit Collection
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Practical evening/Social	

On **5th July at 6pm** Rosemary and Michael Smith are hosting a Garden Party/BBQ for members in their lovely garden. Bring friends or family to celebrate with us. Tickets are just £3.00 each and can be obtained from Rosemary (01622) 850526, Doreen (01622) 850287 or Sue ( 01622 850381). A bottle of wine or other would be a welcome donation.

**In our July gardens:-** we should ensure that the birds have a regular supply of water to drink and bathe in. It will save water if we only water new and young plants. We have had some welcome rainfall to take care of most of our watering but containers will need more regular feed and water. It's a good time to divide Bearded Irises also to layer Carnations and Pinks. In the kitchen garden currents and raspberries are about ready to pick. New potatoes and onions can be lifted and Herbs prepared for drying.

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## Christian Message July 2022

### What is He like?

"Aslan is a lion - the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion". "Safe?" said Mr Beaver ..."Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

These famous words are from the C.S. Lewis classic 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'. Like so many others, it was one of my favourite stories growing up. At this point in the story, Susan is trying to get her head around what this Lion is like and how she should approach him. As a Christian, C.S. Lewis was very deliberately drawing a comparison with another King who, like Aslan, also gave His life for the sake of those He loved.

I often find myself in Susan's shoes as I seek to discover more about what my King is like. In Susan's case, Mr Beaver assured her that Aslan was good and that gave her a starting point to begin to understand him more. Knowing that he was good gave her a vital piece of information which she could build from.

Over time I've realised that our picture of God has a significant impact on how we view the world and our lives within it. What we believe about God makes a massive difference. So, like Susan, it's certainly worth our while considering what He is like. Is He good?. One way to discover what God is like is through the Bible as it is full of insights as to what our King is like. In the book of Exodus, we read one the numerous passages that show us what God is like:

*"Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin."*

I want to know my King more. I want to understand my compassionate, merciful and slow to anger God. Wherever you're at in life, why don't you determine in your heart to find out more about the King who gave everything that we may live in freedom? Let's discover His unending goodness, enjoy boldly approaching Him and finding compassion and mercy.

## Len Valley Benefice July 2022

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe:  
Holy Communion (BCP)

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast  
Church

**9.30am** Ulcombe: Café Church

**11.00am** Harrietsham: Morning  
Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion Service

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy  
Communion

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast  
Church followed by joining the  
market.

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion

**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe:  
Choral Evensong

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy  
Communion (Book of Common  
Prayer)

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe:  
Holy Communion

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy  
Communion

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast  
Church

**11.00am** Lenham: Morning  
Worship with baptism

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy  
Communion

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**10.30am Benefice Holy  
Communion at Boughton  
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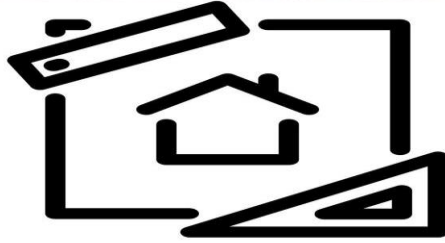
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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Manager	Olive	Out	<b>Branch</b>
2	Keyhole	Hours	Brain	<b>Surgery</b>
3	Temperature	Elbow	Bath	<b>Room</b>
4	Part	Egg	Two	<b>Timer</b>
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13	Reader	Fool	Water	<b>Proof</b>
14	Football	Comic	Air	<b>Strip</b>
15	Coffee	Spoon	Bird	<b>Table</b>
16	Shelf	History	Insurance	<b>Life</b>

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
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2	Hans <b>Solo</b> , The Star Wars pilot
3	<b>Indiana Jones</b> , Harrison Ford character
4	William <b>Roache</b> , Original star who played Ken Barlow in Corrie
5	<b>Eye of the Tiger</b> , Rocky III theme song
6	The <b>Wall</b> , Pink Floyd's best-selling album of the 80's
7	Jackie <b>Chan</b> , Martial arts actor
8	<b>Mick Jagger</b> , Rolling Stones front man
9	<b>Annette</b> Crosbie, TV's Mrs Meldrew
10	Finding <b>Nemo</b> , An animated film

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