

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Front cover:** Some of the produce auctioned at the Harvest Festival service held recently at St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe. Another photo on page 4

*Photo's courtesy of John Collins*

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Morning Prayers** will be said in St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m. (lasting about 30 minutes). You will be warmly welcomed. Requests for prayer can be left in the box in the church porch below the Notice board on the right hand side. On alternate weeks prayers are said at All Saints, Ulcombe.

**Bible Study** will be on Thursday mornings at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green at 10.30 a.m. Please ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766 if you would like to join this group.

**Harvest Festival** was celebrated at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30p.m. followed by refreshments and an Auction, which raised £275 for Haiti disaster. Produce was given to decorate the Church. Thank you to everyone who gave and supported the Auction.

**Harvest Supper.** Our Harvest Supper was on 15<sup>th</sup> October. There was a three course meal, raffle and licensed bar, but no entertainment which was reflected in the ticket price of £8.

Thank you to all those who supported this event and gave their time and contributions of potatoes, pies, salads, etc., and a big thank you to Sandra and Richard for organising everyone. We raised £600.00 towards church funds.

**Craft Fair** Our next fund raiser will be in the Village Hall on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December when we will have a stall selling jams, chutneys and craft items of all kinds.

**Gentlemen at Breakfast** will be held in the Dog and Bear Lenham on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00a.m. when a full English breakfast will be served at a cost of £8.50. If you would like to join this gathering, please ring the Benefice Office on 01622 850604 to reserve a place. There is usually a Speaker at these breakfasts.

**Benefice Vacancy** As you know the benefice is vacant. We will be advertising in the press on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November and applicants must apply by 20<sup>th</sup> November and interviews will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December. Some interest has already been shown in this living.

**Joan Davidson**

**Ken and Eve Sweet  
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The next **Saturday** practice is planned for **3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 10am in Grafty Green Village Hall, this class is £7 and is open to anyone!

Each class is an hour and a half giving time to prepare and warm up the muscles for more intense stretches, and time for mindfulness, breathing technique and a deep relaxation. For more information call me on 850381

**Susan Burch**

## **Grafty Green Gardening Club – November meeting news**

On November 1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Denness will be talking to us about growing Orchids, so, come with your questions or to just listen and find out more on about these fascinating plants.

The Gardening Club Committee have had two meetings recently to discuss our activities for 2017. This planning is now in it's final stages and a full programme of events will be announced here and at our December social evening.

The village hall garden has had its Autumn tidy and is looking great. A big thank you to the volunteers who worked hard at this task. There are further plans to plant bulbs into this bed at some time in the future.

**Tip of the Month** – It is time to plant bare-rooted trees, fruit trees, shrubs and new roses. Lift and divide rhubarb crowns. Amaryllis bulbs can be started off to flower at Christmas. Spring bedding can be planted out once the garden has had an Autumn tidy and tulip bulbs can also go in. Still in flower is the Clematis Bill MacKenzie with its bright golden yellow bell-shaped flowers, the fluffy silver seed heads will last into early winter. If you already have one it will not need to be pruned until next Spring to about 8 inches from the ground.

**Carole Frost, Co-secretary, Grafty Green Gardening Club (01622) 757536.**

## Village Hall News

[www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk)

You are amazing! I don't know where it all comes from, but once again you brought over 60 bags of clothes, shoes, soft furnishings, etc, to the Hall for our Phil-The-Bag collection and this should earn us something approaching £200! So, many thanks to all who contributed. It really is appreciated.

Next up in the Hall is the **pre-Christmas Quiz**, on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Tickets are available now from the village shop at £8 per person. This price includes a sumptuous ploughman's supper and guaranteed fun! A licensed bar will operate as usual. This event always proves very popular so get your tickets early. Teams may consist of up to 8 people and it helps us if you can organise your teams before buying your tickets, and then buy all your tickets in one go. Rob has very kindly offered to keep a note of who has bought what, and that helps us to organise the table plan.

The very next day we have our regular **Christmas Craft Fair** which this year, for the first time, is to be run by the Village Hall Committee. The format will be the same as in previous years, with local people exhibiting and selling top-notch art and craft products (and also artisan food products) that you won't find anywhere else. So, for a unique gift - or just to cheer yourself up with a treat as the bleak midwinter approaches - do come along on **Sunday 4th December**, any time between 11.00am and 3.00 pm. Refreshments will be available, so you can sit and have a chat and make it a social occasion. Rumour has it that Father Christmas will be coming this year (what better endorsement could there be. Grafty Green is where Santa gets his gifts!) Of course, he'll be giving out gifts too.

Finally, as 2016 draws to a close, you'll be looking for somewhere to make a note of your appointments for the New Year. Don't worry, the 2017 Grafty Green **Village Calendar** is now on sale at the village shop! This year the theme is retrospective. Each month has a photograph of somewhere in the village or surrounding area as it was before some change overtook it, together (in most cases) with a comparative photo of the modern-day view. The calendar has been funded by the Village Hall, which will benefit from any small profit that may be made. We are indebted to John Collins for providing all the images.

*Richard Pilborough*, Hall committee chairman



# The Crafty Grafty Christmas Craft Fair

4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Grafty Green Village Hall ME17 2BA

11am – 3pm

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## Elmstone - the search for the history of a house

Late in September 2015 Audrey & Elyse were on their way home from school - taking a different route 'just because it seemed right' and as they went down Elmstone Hole Road, they stumbled upon a derelict house.

Elmstone is the former farm on Elmstone Hole Road, between Elmstone Farm and Elmstone Hole Farm. Part of Elyse's school topic was story writing. So she started developing a tale about why it had been abandoned. The following weekend it was time to show daddy what they had been talking about so we headed off for a Sunday walk. It was from this moment that 'our' story developed.

We were living in Sandway but looking to move to a larger property in the same location we have loved for the last 13 years. We had seen others locally and even had an offer accepted. However, one look around the derelict remains and a bit of a search on-line resulted in our finding it for sale through a agricultural agency.

Things moved swiftly from there, to an offer, an 'interview' and ultimately, a sale. We now find ourselves the owners of Elmstone and already commencing on the rebuild process - having secured planning approval for the restoration of both the farm house with the bake house to the rear, and the listed oast/barn.

Elmstone is known by many in the area - some have already told us tales of their memories, remembering it when all the buildings had roofs! We have managed to track down some images which assisted with the proposals for planning. We have even been told a tale happenings during the war.

Being very keen to learn of the history, we are wondering if any of the readers might be able to pass on stories and memories, and might even be aware of photographs which they are willing to share. We would really like to hear from anyone with information - whether it is from before the place was abandoned in the mid 1960's or more recently - so that we can build up a more fulsome picture of the life at Elmstone before its latest chapter, of restoration commenced.

If anyone would like to contact us, please do so at  
[andy.ratcliffe67@gmail.com](mailto:andy.ratcliffe67@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.



For those not entirely aware of the current position, the above image gives a flavour:

## **Helen Whately**

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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### **Upcoming surgeries**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm-7pm, Parkwood. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm,  
Faversham

## **Helen Whately MP: Working hard for Faversham and Mid Kent**

Autumn is a glorious time to be in our part of the world, with the turning leaves producing a blaze of colour. I love the crisp sunny mornings and – when I can – snuggling beside a crackling fire on a chilly evening. It's also the season when my favourite fruits are at their best. I have been fortunate to sample some extremely tasty strawberries and raspberries from local farms during the summer, but for me, you can't beat a crunchy British apple. It's a great pleasure to have orchards full of them on the doorstep.

Fruit farming is part of Kent's identity, and it's important for the local economy too. As part of my work supporting agriculture in Parliament, I have set up an All Party Parliamentary Group for Fruit Farmers. This brings together MPs with fruit farmers in their constituencies, along with members of the House of Lords who share an interest. Together we can do more to make sure the industry's voice is heard in Westminster.

As well as standing up for farmers, I'm doing my best to protect the countryside from inappropriate development. Planning is one of the things that comes up most often in my mailbag, at my advice surgeries, and in my conversations with constituents. We do need more housing locally, but the scale and pace of development needs to be reasonable. Maidstone Borough Council has recently drawn up its Local Plan, which sets out development for the next 15 years; hundreds of people came to a public meeting to discuss the plan in February – a testament to how strongly people feel about it.

Like many local residents, I'm concerned about the huge number of houses MBC are proposing to build in villages and rural areas. The Local Plan also includes a large industrial site at Junction 8 of the M20. This would be a blight on the landscape and wreck the scenic approach to Leeds Castle; I strongly oppose it.

I spoke at a public inquiry into the Local Plan and put my grave concerns on record with the Planning Inspector. I also said that many of my constituents have told me they feel the council has not effectively engaged the local community, at best paying lip-service to the requirement to consult local people. We need to get this plan in place sooner rather than later, but it's not right to ride roughshod over the views of residents in order to do this, when this plan will have far-reaching impacts on peoples' lives and the surrounding area.

If you have comments on the Local Plan or any other issue, I'm keen to hear them – my contact details are below. And if there's anything I can help you with then do please get in touch or book an appointment for one of my advice surgeries.

## Grafty Gourmet

Having just returned from Florence, I thought I would do a traditional Tuscan recipe this month. Although the fortified wine Marsala comes straight from Sicily, it is used a lot in Florentine cooking. You can't miss with the delicious combination of Marsala and red peppers in this quick recipe.

### Chicken with Marsala and Red Peppers

6 boneless, skinless chicken breast	salt and freshly ground pepper
halved	1 red pepper, thinly sliced
½ cup flour	1 cup Marsala wine
2 tablespoon of extra-virgin olive	½ cup of water
oil	chopped parsley for garnish

1. Butterfly the chicken breasts by carefully cutting them open horizontally. Flour each breast on both sides.
2. In a large pan, brown the chicken breasts in olive oil. Lightly salt and pepper each side. Remove chicken breasts, and set aside.
3. Add sliced red peppers to the pan and sauté on high heat for 2-3 minutes until lightly browned. Return chicken to pan and add the Marsala and water.
4. Cover the pan and cook until juices run clear, not pink, when chicken is pierced with a fork (6-8 minutes). Serve garnished with chopped parsley.

Buon appetito!



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## **The Great Leeds Book Sale**

This is a last minute reminder that the annual Book sale will be held as usual at Leeds Church on the evening of Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> (4.00pm to 8.30pm) and the morning of Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> (10.00am to 2.30pm). We hope to have our usual cake and produce stall on Saturday, and tea & coffee will be available at all times. Come along to browse, enjoy a chat and buy some books. Many are good enough to make excellent Christmas presents!

We do need volunteers in the preceding few days, to set out the books, and in the following week to put away the leftovers. Please call Brian Hardy on 01622 842915 if you can help. And finally, turn out your surplus good books, and bring them to Leeds church now (put them in the South porch) – please don't leave it to the last day.

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### **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

#### **New Members Always Welcome - Join Us**

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A Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is needed for Grafty Green to join the already active network which includes Liverton Hill and Platts Heath.



If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Annie Allum: E-mail [paallum@googlemail.com](mailto:paallum@googlemail.com) or phone 07999 724111

## November Music notes

Another good selection of concerts this month, and again there are more if you look around. However, just these should be enough for most:

- Saturday 5th November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union presents a concert version of Purcell's Dido & Aeneas. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 19th November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, the Maidstone Wind Symphony offer a concert entitled "Amazing Grace", which includes the UK premier of Peter Meechan's Korn Symphony. Tickets 01732 366500.
- Sunday 20th November, 2.30pm at Sutton Valence School Chapel, a recital on the new chapel organ by Philip Horley, under the aegis of the Sutton Valence Music Society. Tickets at the door for non-members.
- Sunday 27th November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone. Sutton Valence Choral Society sing Bruckner's Mass in F minor and Dyson's Nebuchadnezzar. Tickets: contact: [pamela.hipkins@btinternet.com](mailto:pamela.hipkins@btinternet.com) or 01622 861313

On TV, I suggest you check on the schedules to find the time and date of a 1hour documentary - to appear in November on BBC4 – on the development and family life of prize-winning cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason. He won the BBC Young Musician award this year, and has 6 similarly brilliant siblings. It should be a fascinating programme.

## Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 19.30.**

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



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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Carpet	Road	Mine	<b>Sweeper</b>
2	Glasses	Singer	Soap	
3	Hammer	Flame	Knife	
4	Gesture	Payment	Book	
5	Jacket	Winter	Water	
6	Forwarding	Return	Web	
7	Wheel	Fancy	Will	
8	Braising	House	Tartar	
9	General	Target	Sharp	
10	High	Long	Show	
11	Goat	Bike	Lion	
12	Modern	Pavement	Trapeze	
13	Graduate	Ground	Stand	
14	Front	Centre	Beer	
15	Bubble	Shrink	Gift	
16	Wooden	Table	Feed	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Francis _____, Founder member of the rock band 'Status Quo'
2	_____ Wise, Eric Morecambe's comedy partner
3	David _____, Presenter of 'That was the week that was'
4	_____ Blackman, 60's sex symbol who played Cathy Gale in 'The Avengers'
5	Jimmy _____, Singer in the 50's and became a top radio DJ
6	_____ the Bush Kangaroo, An Australian TV series
7	Joe _____, Gravel voiced singer who sang 'With a Little Help From My friends'
8	_____, Rattle and Roll, 1950's hit for Bill Haley and his Comets
9	Star _____, Cult TV series
10	_____ Everett, Late radio and TV funny man



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**ADDRESS:** Three Chimneys Barn Coldbridge Lane  
Grafty Green Kent ME17 2AX

APPLICATION REF: 16/506662/FULL

**PROPOSAL:** Replacement lunging ring

**ADDRESS:** Southpark Cottage Southernden Road  
Egerton Kent TN27 9BT

APPLICATION REF: 16/507106/FULL

**PROPOSAL:** Conversion of the existing building to the south of the site to provide a residential dwelling with "home" office, alongside associated parking, access and landscaping works.

**ADDRESS:** Park House Farm Lenham Road  
Headcorn Kent TN27 9LJ

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**Boughton Malherbe Parish Council has a new Website:**

[www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk](http://www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk)

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## Christian Message November 2016

A few months ago a group of football enthusiasts formed a choir named 'Hooligans.' Instead of singing on the terraces they performed in St Mary's Church, Lenham. There was a large audience for a programme of football songs including 'You'll Never Walk Alone' (Liverpool FC) and 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles' (West Ham United).

Some in the audience expressed disappointment at the omission of 'Abide With Me' which has for many years been sung at the FA Cup Final.

This well known hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte in 1847 when he was dying. Henry had been Vicar of the Devon village of Brixham for 24 years. September 4 1847 was his final Sunday in the village. Though far from well he was determined to preach and celebrate Holy Communion at the morning service. In the afternoon he rested and later handed his sister-in-law the final draft of a hymn he had been working on for some weeks. Less than 3 months later he died.

The hymn was 'Abide with Me.' In older hymn books it can be found under the section for Evening services although it was not intended for the end of the day. Rev Lyte's inspiration was the account in St Luke's Gospel of something which happened on the first Easter day.

Two dejected disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus, 7 miles NW of Jerusalem. A stranger joined them and they told him about the events in Jerusalem and their disappointments and dashed hopes. The stranger explained that the prophets had foretold the suffering of the Messiah. The conversation continued. When they reached Emmaus one of them said to the stranger, *Abide with us: for it is towards evening and the day is far spent.* Luke 24:29 (KJV).

The stranger accepted their invitation and when he broke the bread they realised that he was Jesus.

This is a powerful hymn which, thanks for the annual Cup Final, has seeped into the consciousness of the nation. It is particularly suitable for funerals and the words give courage to those whose loved one has died.

**Joan Drury**

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Sunday/Main Services – **November 2016**

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**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service  
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship  
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion  
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
10.15am Harrietsham: Remembrance Service  
10.15am Ulcombe: Remembrance Service  
10.15am Lenham: Remembrance Service  
10.15am Boughton Malherbe: Remembrance Service

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am Holy Communion:  
Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service  
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion  
11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship  
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

8.00am Heart of Flavour, Maidstone: Men's breakfast  
Speaker: Brian Walpole (ex-Concorde pilot)  
(Please note change of venue for this month)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship  
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion  
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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

Answer	Word 3	Word 2	Word 1
1	Sweeper	Mine	Road
2	Opera	Soap	Singer
3	Thrower	Knife	Flame
4	Token	Book	Payment
5	Sports	Water	Winter
6	Address	Web	Return
7	Free	Will	Fancy
8	Steak	Tartare	House
9	Practice	Sharp	Target
10	Jumper	Show	Long
11	Mountain	Lion	Bike
12	Artist	Trapeze	Pavement
13	Under	Stand	Ground
14	Garden	Beer	Centre
15	Wrap	Gift	Shrink
16	Spoon	Feed	Table

Find the missing word?	
1	Francis <b>Ross</b> , Founder member of the rock band 'Status Quo'
2	<b>Ernie</b> Wise, Eric Morecambe's comedy partner
3	David <b>Frost</b> , Presenter of 'That was the week that was'
4	<b>Honor</b> Blackman, 60's sex symbol who played Cathy Gale in 'The Avengers'
5	Jimmy <b>Young</b> , Singer in the 50's and became a top radio DJ
6	<b>Skippy</b> the Bush Kangaroo, An Australian TV series
7	Joe <b>Cocker</b> , Gravel voiced singer who sang 'With a Little Help From My Friends'
8	<b>Shake</b> , Rattle and Roll, 1950's hit for Bill Haley and his Comets
9	Star <b>Trek</b> , Cult TV series
10	<b>Kenny</b> Everett, Late radio and TV funny man



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