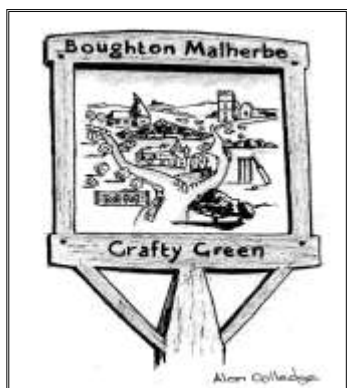


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Anything for the **May** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th April**

Front cover: Now with the clocks put forward Spring seems to be in the air

News from St. Nicholas Church

Easter Services at St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe

The Water of Life - Tuesday of Holy Week 31st March at 7.30pm Evening Prayer

Good Friday 3rd April 2.00-3.00pm an Hour at the Cross

Easter Day 5th April 9.30 am Family Communion

Monday 30th March Evening Prayer at Ulcombe time 7.30pm

Wednesday 1st April Evening Prayer at Lenham time 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday 2nd April Holy Communion at Harrietsham St. John's 7.30pm

Morning Prayers will be held in St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe and All Saints Ulcombe on Tuesdays at 9.30am. No meeting in Bank Holiday Week at Boughton so the only meeting will be on 21st and at Ulcombe on 14th and 28th.

Village Coffee Morning will be held as usual on the second Wednesday (8th April) in the Village Hall at 10.30 am – 12.00, when cheese scones and homemade cakes will be served with coffee or tea. Donations to our **Zambian Charity**.

Crafty Club in the Village Hall on 15th April. Do come along for a chat and share your ideas with one another from 10.00 till 12.00.

Lent Lunches raised £270.60 for Aid Christian this year. Thank you to all who supported this very good cause.

The **Annual Parish Church Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe. The Vestry Meeting will be held at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, with an additional meeting for the Election of Officers. You will be very welcome to attend these meetings.

Bible Study at Weirton Villa will recommence on 23rd April at 10.30am when we will be finishing our study of Mark's Gospel. Do come along and join us as we will be very pleased to see you.

Men's Breakfast will be held on 25th April at the Dog and Bear at 8.00am. The cost is £8.50 and there will be a speaker.

Our Condolences go out to the families of Philip John Weeks of Hill Farm, Liverton Hill and Ronald McCallum Stuart, whose daughter lives at the Black Barn, Liverton Street. The funerals of these two parishioners have already taken place.

Our Good Wishes go to Ryan King and Jessica Milton of Liverton Street and to Christopher Perry and Jane Scrace who are to be married at St. Nicholas this month.

Joan Davidson

SAINTS AND SINNERS

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Litter Pick

As previously mentioned in the Malherbe Monthly I propose to organise a **LITTER PICKING SESSION** This will take place on Saturday **10th April 2015**

1 Meet on the Green at **10 am**

2 If enough people turn up we will organise groups and it should not take more than 1 hour per group .

3 If you have one please bring a "high vis jacket " I do have a few.
Also bring a pair of GLOVES

I do have a supply of black plastic bags as well as a few litter pickers (metal grabs)
Thank you for your help. See you on the 10 April

Robert Turner

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Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only	Not School Days	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325		
Uilcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332		
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337		
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339		
Warmlake Corner	0717	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	0746	1003	1358		
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401		
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407		
Maidstone, King Street	---	0804	1020	1415		
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	---	---	---		
London Road, Somerfeld Hospital	0814	---	---	---		
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	---	---	---		

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	---
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	---
0807	1004	1410	Sutton
0811	1008	1414	Road
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632

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Service No	School Days Only	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	---	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatshaf, 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	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	---	---	1826
Uilcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langley	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	---	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	---	1841
0928	1334	---	1848

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Emergency Plan Update

Your copy of this month's Malherbe Monthly is accompanied by your free copy of the Boughton Malherbe Parish / Grafty Green Emergency Plan. Please keep it in a safe place should it ever be needed.

The plan is mainly intended to be used in the event of a major disaster such as a plane crash into the village where many people might be affected, and we have to respond until all the emergency services arrive, after which our co-ordinators will assist. The plan might also be used if, for example, we have another extended power failure, homes are cut off by snow or a major storm strikes.

However, the plan also contains useful information for self help if your home is at risk or you are in personal danger.

Please take a few minutes to read the plan, we have kept it as short as possible so that you do not give up from boredom.

The plan will not become fully active for about three weeks while the full version is being finalised for the emergency services and for the co-ordinators. The next issue of the Malherbe Monthly will confirm if the Plan is active, but in the meantime an emergency should still generate a response from any co-ordinator.

It is hoped our plan will never be needed, but if it is, it provides the framework for co-ordinated help.

We maintain an emergency system to help the elderly and vulnerable if needed. If you know anyone who might benefit, including yourself, please tell Ron Galton (01622 850369) and a confidential note will be kept on file in case of need.

If you live outside the Parish, but have received a copy of the plan with your magazine you are not excluded from assistance in emergency. We will always try to help if possible, but if your Parish has its own plan you should use it in preference to ours.

Thank You
The Emergency Plan Committee

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2015 Programme

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 6th	Malcolm Withnall	AGM and Gardening for the over 70's
Saturday February 14 th	Josephine Sammut, Oak Tree House, Bottles Lane, Rodmersham Sittingbourne ME9 0PR	Snowdrop visit – times to be confirmed.
March 3 rd	Mr Denness	Orchids as a house plant
April 7th	Caroline Drewett	Bats / spring show
May 5 th	Outing	To be confirmed
May 9 th	Village Green	Plant Sale 10 am
June 2	Visit to Nettlestead Place £5 entry	
June 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	Weekend visit to Derbyshire, £260 per person, dinner bed and breakfast staying at Mercure Hotel, Burton on Trent Swiss Garden at Biggleswade, Calke Castle Gardens, Melbourne Gardens, University of Leicester Botanical Garden,	
Sunday July 5 th	Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh £5 entry	
August 4 th	Social event in a village garden	
September 1 st	Autumn Show, Bring and Buy	
October 6 th	George Pearson	Traveller's remarkable images of flora from around the globe.
November 3 rd	Mrs Rayney	Homes for wildlife – practical session
December 1 st	Outing to the George in Egerton for supper.	

Our Spring Show will take place on April 7th in the Village Hall 7.30. Entries can be bought along at the earlier time of 6.45p.m. Caroline Drewett will give a talk about Bats while the judging takes place.

We look forward to seeing you all on the night!

For further information about this event please call Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Birch (01622) 850381. Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any event or meeting which are friendly and informal.

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on
Monday 18th May 2015 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

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

Just a brief note this month to remind you of the hotly anticipated return of the Grafty Green Village Fete!

This was a popular annual event in the village until a few years ago, when it lapsed because the effort of organising it was falling on the same few people each year.

Recently, several people have approached the Village Hall committee to ask if it could be resurrected and, bravely, our Secretary, Carol Hulm, has said she will take the lead in organising one for this summer. The committee have, of course, fallen in behind Carol to help achieve this – and already much planning has been undertaken and the groundwork has been laid – but the Hall committee cannot do it all. Amongst other things, we will need help on the day to set things up, to run stalls, and to clear up afterwards.

The date has been set for 6th June. **Could you offer us a few hours of your time** to help make this event a real show-stopper? If so, please contact Carol via the Village Hall website (address above) or via email or phone (see Carol's contact details on the inside front cover of this magazine). Perhaps you have an idea yourself for an attraction you could run but, if not, we can surely find you a role you would enjoy. Do please offer your support if you can.

Visit our website to see what ideas are already being progressed and put the date in your diary now, so you don't miss out on a great day of fun and games for all the family.

Richard Pilborough

Village Hall Committee Chairman



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Grafty Green Photo Competition

50p Entry per photo or enter 3 for £1

Taking place on the day of the Fete: 6th June 2015. For further details about the Fete please see separate article in this Magazine.

There will be recognition for the following:

- **Best Overall Photo:** Will be used as the Cover Photo for the Grafty Green 2016 Calendar
- Best Spring Photo
- Best Summer Photo
- Best Autumn Photo
- Best Winter Photo
- Best Animal Photo
- Craziest Pub Photo

Winners of each category will receive a Certificate. There will be a 1st and 2nd place for each of the categories, which will then be used for the 12 months of the year for the calendar.

Voting

The photos will be displayed in the village hall throughout the Fete, where we hope to have a miniature railway exhibition.

The exhibition will cost 50p for visitors. Each visitor will get 3 votes, which will be put into a ballot box. Final judging will be done by John Collins and Chris King. Winners to be announced during the evening at the Kings Head pub, where there will be Hog Roast.

Rules

There are only three rules:

1. The photos must be taken within the Parish
2. The photographer must write the date and location of the photo
3. The photos must have been taken within the last 2 years

Weekly Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall and St. Edmunds Centre, Platt's Heath

Yoga helps to develop suppleness, strength and stamina and to concentrate the mind together with aiding relaxation. Practicing yoga enables all the body's muscles to be worked but avoiding over-training specific muscle groups; balance, posture, agility and grace can all be achieved through yoga.

Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evening at 7 till 8.30 starting 8th April for 7 weeks - £42

Thursday morning at 9.30 till 11 starting 9th April for 6 weeks, missing out May 7th - £36 as the hall will be used for the general election.

St. Edmund's Centre, Platts Heath

Friday morning 9.30 till 10.30 starting 17th April for 6 weeks - £36

If you can't commit to a regular class please feel free to drop in on any of my classes – drop in rate £8

Contact me for more information on 01622 850381.

If my classes don't fit in with your routine The British Wheel of Yoga web site can direct you to a class convenient for you www.bwy.org.uk org

Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

Occasional Saturday Yoga Practice

April 18th at 10am in Grafty Green Village Hall.

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More details contact Sue Burch on 850381



Two of the Yoga devotees doing their stuff at the recent SPECIAL Saturday practice on March 14 for **RED NOSE DAY** in Grafty Green Village Hall. The event raised £120 for Comic Relief

Kings Head Grafty Green

Calling all big strong strapping lads or lassies !!! The Kings Head is entering a team of 8 for the Tug of War contest at the Village Fete on 6th June. Contact Carol on 853583 or Bev in the Kings Head.

Curry & Quiz Night at the Kings Head

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Floor	Open	Game	Plan
2	Night	Book	Fan	
3	Board	Average	Suspicion	
4	Active	Pirate	Local	
5	Coaster	Paint	Blind	
6	Weight	Foil	Act	
7	Television	Poetic	Off	
8	Steering	Spinal	Gossip	
9	Invisible	Blot	Jet	
10	Tin	Opener	Watering	
11	Winner	Ginger	Roll	
12	Glass	Moral	Optic	
13	Helping	Split	Hand	
14	Print	Scale	Extra	
15	Raiser	Rail	Call	
16	Ship	Land	War	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Barney _____, Fred Flintstones best mate
2	_____ Taylor, Film icon twice married to Richard Burton
3	I Saw _____ Ships, Traditional Carol
4	_____, Wife of president Obama
5	Lionel _____, Theatrical composer of Oliver
6	_____ Jerry, British group whose biggest hit was ' In The Summertime'
7	Si _____, Hairy Biker who accompanies Dave Myers
8	Tim _____, Stand up comic whose brother is Jeremy
9	____ Hughes, Celebrated Poet Laureate
10	Lost _____, 1976 hit for Bonnie Tyler



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**Important Announcement
from
Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

It is an open secret that the Grafty Green Garden Centre has been sold. The purchaser is Quinn Estates who intend to develop the site.

This is not a Greenfield site, it is a Brownfield site with classification for retail use, and because of this the considerations for future planning of this site are quite different to those of previous sites that we have had to consider, and redevelopment of the Garden Centre is inevitable in one form or another.

Quinn Estates propose to develop 6.5 acres of land with a very high quality low density development of 14 large 4 / 5 bedroom houses, a small number of offices, and extensive landscaping, all in keeping with the local landscape. We want to hear your opinions and suggestions before Quinn Estates finalise their proposals and submit a planning application.

You are invited to attend an exhibition of the proposals in Grafty Green Village Hall which will be open on **Friday 1st May** from 7.00pm to 9.00 pm and **Saturday 2nd May** from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon for viewing. Representatives from Quinn Estates and the Parish Council will be in attendance for discussion and to listen to your comments.

This is one of the most important planning issues that has ever been put before the Parish and your input is welcome to the process. We could object, or we can get involved and try to obtain the best outcome for the Parish if it is clear the scheme has potential for us, albeit with modification to answer concerns if Quinn Estates agree.

Please attend the exhibition and if you have ideas to benefit the Parish we want to hear them.

**Thank You
Ron Galton
Planning Committee Chairman
Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Indicative Schedule Of Accommodation			
Residential Dwellings	1 - 3	3 Units	
Residential Dwellings @ 400sqft	4 - 6, 11 - 14	5 Units	
Residential Dwellings @ 300sqft	7 - 8, 9 - 10	8 Units	
Residential Dwellings @ 250sqft	13 - 16	2 Units	
Commercial @ 400sqft			
Total Residential Dwellings		14 Units	



Overall Site Boundary



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Kent TN27 9LL
APPLICATION TYPE: Householder
COMMENTS DUE BY: 27 March 2015
DECISION DUE DATE: 29 April 2015

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Tuesday 5 May.

Matthew Wilkes from Matthew Wilkes Wealth Management. Pension updates. "How the Pension Freedom Reforms affects you and those around you". 'Pension freedom' changes will give people greater power over how they spend, save or invest their retirement pots from this April. The irrevocable decisions made could have far reaching consequences.

Wednesday 27 May

This is a big one don't miss our combined networking, LVBA with South Maidstone Business Association, Charing Business Association and Marden Business Forum at The Weald of Kent Golf Club, Headcorn. Award winning business coach and #1 ranking author Andrew Priestley will present 'Eight strategies to increase revenues and profits'.

There's no meeting in June.

There's a new LVBA website - check it out now - www.lenhambusiness.co.uk ! See networking webpage for the whole years' programme. There's a Facebook too, page and group.

Further information from Alan Reading on 01622 820841.

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Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 9th May 2015.

Grafty Green

Saturday 18th April

15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 18th April

14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 25th April

09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Grafty Gourmet

This is a mouth watering curry from north of India. Serve with rice or crusty bread. Although it has a few ingredients, the cooking process, as with all my recipes, is very straight forward.

Kashmiri Lamb

4 dried red chillies	2 large onions, sliced thinly
3 fresh green chillies	1kg (2 lb) lamb, washed, pat dry and
1 teaspoon cumin seeds	cut into 1 1/2" pieces
1 teaspoon Kashmiri garam masala	1/2 pint plain yoghurt
1 inch piece of root ginger, peeled and	1/2 teaspoon turmeric
grated	1/2 teaspoon saffron
5 cloves garlic, crushed	20 blanched almonds
4 tablespoons desiccated coconut	A handful chopped coriander
3 tomatoes, chopped	salt to taste
6 tablespoons oil	

1. Grind the red chillies, green chillies, cumin seeds, garam masala, ginger, garlic, grated coconut and tomatoes together into a smooth paste.
2. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions until golden.
3. Add the spice paste and fry it until the oil separates from the mixture. Now add the lamb pieces and the salt and cook until it is almost done. Stirring frequently. Add the yoghurt, turmeric, saffron and the blanched almonds and mix well.
4. Cook over low heat until the meat is tender and the gravy is thick. Garnish with chopped coriander leaves and serve.



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Music Notes - April

I have had to hunt far and wide to find concerts at the beginning of the month, due to the fact that local musicians have avoided Easter dates for their events. Perhaps that will encourage you to go to your local Easter church service instead! Alternatively, if you really are willing to travel for your music, the Aldeburgh Easter weekend festival is at the Snape Maltings, 3rd & 4th April. Tel. 01728 687110 for details. My list is:

- Friday 3rd April, 7.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Deal, CT14 6DY, the Swell singers (from Shepherdswell) perform Fauré's *Requiem*. Free entry, retiring collection.
- Saturday 11th April, 7.00pm at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Summer Hill, Harbledown CT2 8NW, there will be a piano recital by Peter swallow. Tickets 01227 751 430.
- Saturday 18th April, 7.30pm at Church of St. James, the Great, East Malling, East Malling Singers present a varied concert with works by composers including Tallus, Lotti, Laurisden, Jonathan Vincent and more. Tickets 01622 750943
- Saturday 25th April, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas' Church, Leeds, Peter Brice and the Straight Eight Choir provide an evening of seasonal songs entitled "Saints and Singers". Tickets 01622 861280. Proceeds in aid of The Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches.

On radio I would pick out "Good Friday at Kings". Radio 3 at 7.30pm on 3rd April will broadcast MacMillan's *St. Luke Passion* from Kings College chapel, Cambridge.

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Christian Message April 2015

In a month's time we will be going to the polls to elect a new government. No, I am not going to tell you which way to vote. But I am going to say that it's time for us all to engage with politics and community. The Church of England bishops got themselves into hot water with the government (again) last month by publishing a letter pleading for a fresh way of thinking.

Of course, there were howls of rage from the politicians: "keep out of politics – stick to saving souls." Sadly, our politicians just show their own ignorance and naivety when they speak like that. The church should be about so much more than "saving souls."

Jesus – showing us what God is like – had a lot to say about the political and religious leaders of his day. It was by no means complimentary! He had a passion for downtrodden, ordinary people. He – like God – longed for justice and right-living, for peace and love to be the marks of society, not greed, self-importance, power, lust and selfishness. Jesus' message was one of being right with God; but equally about the importance of living right and loving our neighbour (whoever they are, whatever they look like) *as much as we love ourselves*.

Whatever our politics, it's important that our voice is heard. Many will say "what's the point? Politicians are all the same." Let's not tarnish everyone with the same brush and let's bring some hope and vision back into our national life. The bishops' letter suggests that we are in danger of being a "society of strangers", rather than a "community of communities." We can strengthen our community by voting, by getting involved, by helping those around us, by looking out for each other. We can develop our gifts of hospitality by befriending our neighbours; we can learn to be generous with time, money and talents. Our four churches, for example, are raising money year on year to provide fresh water boreholes for four villages in Zambia. Girls can now get an education instead of trudging miles each day to fetch water from dirty wells. They, too, are our neighbours.

There is always hope. Even in the most desperate of times, we can hope, and we can be part of the path to a better society, a community of communities. The message of Easter is one of hope. Out of Jesus' death comes new life and that new life brings hope and the power to do right.

I will be voting. I hope everyone will. And I will be praying for our community, our country and our world as we face the continued pressures that affect us.

Rev Dick Venn

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – **April 2015**

Wednesday 1st April

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Harrietsham: Maundy
Thursday service

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

10.00am Messy Church at
Harrietsham Church

2.00pm Services in all four
churches "An hour at The Cross"

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Easter
Celebration with Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Easter
Celebration with Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Easter
Celebration with Communion

11.00am Lenham: Easter Celebration
with Communion

Sunday 12th April

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Prayer Book)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Evensong

Sunday 19th April

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy
Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Saturday 25th April

5.00pm Harrietsham: **Prayer and
Praise**

Saturday 25th April

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham: **Men's
breakfast**

Sunday 26th April

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
(Prayer Book)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family
Worship

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

Len Valley Churches Ladies Breakfast

Join us at The Dog and Bear, Lenham on Saturday May 2nd at 8.30 am

A chance to enjoy a cooked or continental breakfast, meet new friends and listen to an inspiring speaker. This month it will be Sarah Montgomery, a doctor who has worked abroad in many different countries, teaching family medicine and working in refugee camps. She has just returned from Burkino Faso and India.

To book your place please ring or email the church office on 850604 or churchoffice@lvb.org.uk



Easter Messy Church special at Harrietsham church on Good Friday, April 3rd from 10.00 to 12.00.

Join us in a hunt through the churchyard to find some of the characters from the Easter story. What will the Roman soldier give you and what will he tell you?

Men's Breakfast

On the last Saturday of each month we meet at 8am to enjoy a Full English Breakfast in the function room of the Dog and Bear Hotel, Lenham and listen to a speaker. There are opportunities to ask questions, meet interesting people and talk informally. The cost is £8.50 for breakfast. Our forthcoming meetings will take place as follows:

25th April – Dr Peter LeFeuvre: 'Revealing the Gospel through medicine'

30th May – Alex Clark from The Family Trust, Maidstone. Title to be confirmed

27th June – to be confirmed

If you would be interested in joining our group you would be most welcome. Please contact The Reverend Dick Venn for further information or to book on 01622 858195 or vicar@lvb.org.uk.

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Floor	Open	Game	Plan
2	Night	Book	Fun	Club
3	Board	Average	Suspicion	Above
4	Active	Pirate	Local	Radio
5	Coaster	Paint	Blind	Roller
6	Weight	Foil	Act	Counter
7	Television	Poetic	Off	Licence
8	Steering	Spinal	Crossip	Column
9	Invisible	Blot	Jet	Ink
10	Tin	Opener	Watering	Can
11	Winner	Ginger	Roll	Bread
12	Glass	Moral	Optic	Fibre
13	Helping	Split	Hand	Second
14	Print	Scale	Extra	Large
15	Raisier	Rail	Call	Curtain
16	Ship	Land	War	Lord

	Find the missing word?
1	Barney Rubble, Fred Flintstones best mate
2	Elizabeth Taylor, Film icon twice married to Richard Burton
3	I Saw Three Ships, Traditional Carol
4	Michelle, Wife of president Obama
5	Lionel Bart, Theatrical composer of Oliver
6	Mungo Jerry, British group whose biggest hit was 'In The Summertime'
7	Si King, Hairy Biker who accompanies Dave Myers
8	Tim Vine, Stand up comic whose brother is Jeremy
9	Ted Hughes, Celebrated Poet Laureate
10	Lost in France, 1976 hit for Bonnie Tyler



Grafty Green

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6th June, 2015

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Hog Roast
Kings Head
5.30pm

Arena Events Programme

Time	Event
2.00pm	Fete Opening by David Chantler MBE
2.15pm	Dazzle Drama Workshop display
3.00pm	May Pole Dancing – Platts Heath School
3.30pm	Fire Demonstration – TBC
4.00pm	Tug-o-War – Participants: Kings Head, Who'd a Thought It, White Horse, Red Lion
5.00pm	Field Event ends
5.30pm	Hog Roast at the Kings Head, served by Tony from the White Horse
7.00pm	Morris Dancers, Kings Head Car Park

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