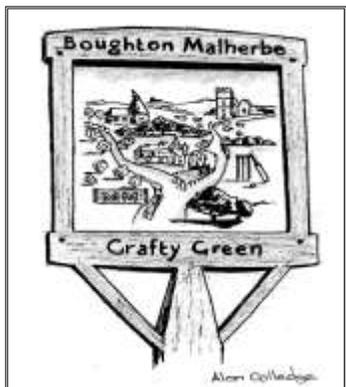


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Anything for the **July** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **15th June**

Front cover: Garden at Masons Farm - Open on 30th June & 1st July as part of the National Garden Scheme - see separate article in magazine.

News from St. Nicholas Church

A loyal toast 'God save the Queen' good health and happiness to her Majesty on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee from all her loyal subjects in Boughton Malherbe and Grafty Green.

Parish Footpath Walk & Tea - We hope to see many of you coming to join the Footpath Walk and Tea, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 2nd June at 2.00pm for those who would like to walk. Teas will be served from 3.00pm. There is no charge for tea but if you would like to give a donation, it will be given to the Village Hall to help with the refurbishment. Maps will be available at the Church on the day and if you have a mobile phone it might be a good idea to bring it with you just in case of an emergency. We hope for a sunny day with little or no wind.

Prayer Morning at St. Nicholas Church - On Tuesday 12th June Prayers will be said in St. Nicholas and again on 26th June at 9.30am and at Ulcombe All Saints on 19th and 3rd July.

Village Coffee Morning - We will be holding the monthly Coffee Morning on Wednesday 13th June 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall. By then you will have photos of the Jubilee celebrations. Please bring them along with you as most people love to look at photos. Coffee, tea and homemade cheese scones and cakes will be available. This event is open to everyone - not just those who go to church - come and join us, it would be good to see you. Again, we pay by donation, which will be sent to a Charity at the end of the year.

Cream Teas - Cream Teas will be starting on 8th July, 2.00pm-5.00pm, served in the Churchyard if sunny and in the Church if the weather is too windy or rain threatens. A pot of tea and two scones, jam and cream are at a very minimal cost. Beautiful views over the Weald of Kent - what could be better on a Sunday afternoon in the middle of Summer?

Sheila Millen - It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Sheila Millen on 14th May and our thoughts and prayers go out to John and the family at this very sad time.

Songs Of Praise - On Sunday 3rd June at St. Mary's Lenham after the morning Service they are holding a Bring and Share Lunch followed by showing the Jubilee River Pageant on a Big Screen. At 4.00pm they will be holding a Songs of Praise to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Gentleman's Breakfast - The next Breakfast at the Red Lion will be on 30th June. The Speaker is Christo Thiaradt, a Blind Church Leader. Please ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195 or Frank Allen on 01622 850559 to reserve a place. The cost is £6.00.

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Rik _____, Anarchic star of The Young Ones and Bottom
2	The _____, Crime busting with Steed and Peel
3	_____ Strokes, A sit com with Karl Howman
4	Pat _____, Former Corrie stalwart known as Elsie Tanner
5	_____ Kaye, Actor who played Rene in Allo Allo
6	Lenny _____, Puppet companion of Terry Hall
7	The _____ Roundabout, French animation narrated by Emma Thompsons father
8	The Crystal _____, Game show that had Aztec and Medieval zones
9	_____ Armstrong, Emmerdale gamekeeper 1978 to 2003
10	Teri _____, Actress who moved from Metropolis to Wisteria Lane

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Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

Welcome to this newly formed club and these notes which aim to cover the basic set up. Of course with anything new not all the i's are dotted and t's crossed at the start thus your ideas and input will be welcomed. It is envisaged the club will cater for all levels of interest - i.e. those whom want to play ad-hoc social games to those whom want to progress to play more competitively in friendly matches with other clubs or even leagues.

The club has been able to get off the ground with the invaluable support and financial help from the village hall committee. We have purchased two second-hand 'carpets' together with second-hand bowl delivery mats, sets of bowls, 'jacks' and fenders. Additionally we will have to meet hall hire costs, and it will be in our longer term interest to affiliate with the ESMBA (English Short Mat Bowls Association). In order for the club to 'pay its way' the following charges are proposed:

Annual membership fee of £5. (Payable after four initial sessions).
Session charge £3 for those using 'club bowls' or £2 if using own bowls.
Tuition has been arranged and will be free of charge.

You will need flat soled (no heel or tread) shoes which are changed into in the hall and not worn outdoors (to protect the carpets). Ideally in time you will purchase your own sets of bowls which is recommended so that you have the size, weight, bias and 'feel' that suits you – we can give you contact details for both new and second-hand bowls.

Initially sessions will be Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings with play starting at 2.15 and 7.45 respectively thus you ideally will want to arrive perhaps 15 minutes earlier giving time for the carpets etc. to be got ready.

With two carpets it is possible to accommodate up to 16 bowlers on each session, so with the afternoon and evening session there should be space for everybody – depending on the take up we may ultimately have to look at extra sessions or at worst capping membership.

On 'healthy and safety' which now rules our lives trip hazards are our main risk –the edge of the carpet, the bowls, the centre block and the end fenders. Please be careful. To accommodate the correct length carpets they will necessarily go up to the toilet doors including 'end fenders' and 'dead bowls'. To minimise risk please keep 'dead bowls' clear of door entrances and minimise toilet usage during sessions with the end fenders in situ and 'in-play' bowls in the locality.

Robert Turner has kindly agreed to act as treasurer. I will act as co-ordinator until we establish a committee format. *The main thing and above all* **ENJOY YOUR BOWLS** and don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Chris Wheal (May 2012) phone 01622 858100
e-mail: cwhealmail-graftybowls@yahoo.co.uk

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Curry & Quiz Night

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The Kings Head Pub Grafty Green

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Queen's Jubilee Celebration- Monday 4th June

Grafty's Jubilee celebration centres on a hog roast in the field in Church Road once used for our annual fetes. As I explained in detail in last month's magazine, this will be accompanied by various entertainments but I'm sorry to have to say that – due to circumstances completely beyond our control – Hobo Jones & The Junkyard Dogs are now unable to play for us. Instead, The Abbey Capers Barn Dance Band will entertain us and get us dancing in the main marquee after the meal.

I hope you have your hog roast tickets, as numbers are limited to the servings we can get from one hog! Enquire at the village shop if you've not got yours yet (Price: £5, or £2.50 for under16s). If you are too late for hog roast tickets, don't forget you can still come and enjoy the entertainment.

Gates open at 4.00pm and entertainment begins soon after.

The hog roast begins serving at approx 6.00pm. There will be tables & chairs in the marquee, disposable plates and cutlery will be provided and drinks will be on sale – so just come along and enjoy! (If you need to bring a car, there will be parking available.) The hog roast tickets are individually numbered and the numbers will be entered in a Grand Prize Draw (winners to be announced after the meal).

At dusk, after enjoying the Barn Dance Band, we will all struggle up Church Road to light our jubilee beacon – after which, I suspect, most of us will roll back down again to the pub!

We are still seeking volunteers to help us on the day, and also to help set up on Sunday 3rd and clear up on Tuesday 5th, and we would also welcome contributions (in advance) towards a prize for our Grand Draw. When you pop into the shop for your tickets, perhaps you could buy a bottle, a jar, or a pack of chocs, and leave it with Rob as your donation? Otherwise anything delivered to any Hall committee member would be well received. My own contact number is below. Please let me know if you can offer any help, or contribution.

See you all on 4 June!

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman (tel: 850484)

Update On Water Supply Problems.

As previously reported, since the fire at The Barn the Parish Council has been in constant discussion with South East Water (SEW) concerning the low mains water pressure and inadequate flow rates for fire hydrants.

As a result of our previous survey we have established from the feedback that whilst water pressure is low there are no reports of houses where it is below the statutory minimum. However, some householders have said that pressure is so low that their roof storage tanks can run dry after a bath because the flow rate is inadequate. We have now received an assurance from SEW that if we provide a list of the addresses which have suffered this problem they will try to assist.

WILL ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THEY HAVE SUFFERED FROM INADEQUATE FLOW INTO THEIR ROOF COLD WATER STORAGE TANK WHICH HAS CAUSED A PROBLEM PLEASE REPORT IT to:

Ron Galton (01622 850 369) or leave your details on the list in the Grafty Green shop.

The parish Council will then take up the matter on your behalf with SEW.

With regard to Fire Hydrants, SEW have now stated after investigation into the system that it will not be possible to provide the high flow rates required by the Fire Service and because SEW are meeting their statutory obligations there are no immediate plans to improve the situation.

The discussions with SEW are likely to continue for some time.

**Ron Galton,
Vice Chairman, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings 7 – 8.30pm, 13th June – 18th July - 6 weeks (£36)

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11am, 14th June – 19th July - 6 weeks (£36)

Drop in £8 a session. Concessions for under 18's accompanied by an adult.

Mixed ability class, beginners welcome.

The Yoga class can be tailored or adapted to suit any age, male or female.

The benefits experienced from attending regular yoga classes:

- A general glow and feeling energised.
- Confidence grows.
- Open body language.
- Developing fitness and tone.
- Strength and stamina.
- Developing self-awareness.
- Increased concentration and focus.
- Physical and mental balance.
- Improved flexibility.
- Reduced levels of stress and relief from tension.

Yoga gives you the opportunity to:

- ✓ Move freely
- ✓ Think clearly
- ✓ Breath fully

Further details from Sue Burch – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 850381 or email graftyoga@gmail.com

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 18th August 2012.

Grafty Green

Saturday 4th August 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 4th August 14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 2nd June 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Saturday 11th August 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
June 9 Saturday 2pm	Outing Molesworth, Benenden	Private garden
July 3 6.30 pm	Eaglewood, Warren Street,	Mr and Mrs Darvill's garden
27 – 29 July	Weekend in Sussex	
August 7 6.30pm	Bean Place Nursery, Headcorn	Nursery visit
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Neil Coombs	Vintage Trees
Oct 2	Veronica Moore	Horticultural Therapy
Nov 6	Sue Buckingham	Wild flowers of the Mediterranean
Dec 4	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

Our June meeting is Saturday afternoon (2pm) 9th June at Mr and Mrs, Molesworth's Garden at Balmoral Cottage, The Green, Benenden TN17 4DL. If anyone needs a lift or is willing to be a driver contact Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary Smith 850526.

Members are reminded that the balance of payment for the weekend away in July of £175 per person is now due.

Maidstone Borough Council Parish Election 2012 - Thursday 3rd May, 2012

Boughton Malherbe - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%	%
■ Robert Michael Broughton Turner		126	20%	Elected
■ Michael Frederick Hitchins		114	18%	Elected
■ Ronald Brian Weeks Galton		112	18%	Elected
■ Barbara Ann Pearce		97	15%	Elected
■ Tony King		81	13%	Elected
■ Ian Victor Shaw		63	10%	Not elected
■ Des McLeish		38	6%	Not elected

Voting Summary

Details	Number
Seats	5
Total votes	631
Electorate	366
Num. ballot papers issued	158
Turnout	43%

Grafty Gourmet

I had some friends round for dinner last weekend, and they all asked if they could have this recipe. I think they may have had too much wine though ! So I said I would put it in this months magazine. Its again, a very simple but very tasty meal. Serve with potatoes and veg, or chips if you prefer.

Filet Steaks with Brandy Cream Sauce - Serves 2

2 x 1 to 1-1/4-inch-thick pieces fillet beef (about 7-1/2 ounces each)	1/2 cup beef stock
Salt and freshly ground black pepper	1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon unsalted butter	2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots	1/2 cup double cream
1/4 cup brandy	1/2 to 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

1. Season each steak generously with salt and pepper. Ensure that steaks are at room temperature, and not straight from the fridge. Heat a heavy-based (preferably cast-iron) frying pan on a high heat. Test by touching the edge of one steak to the pan surface; it will sizzle briskly when ready. Immediately drop in the steaks and sear one side for 2 minutes. Flip the steaks and sear the other side for 2 to 3 minutes. Cook for longer if you prefer your steaks more "well done". Remove the steaks to a warmed plate and let them rest, covered loosely with foil, while you make the sauce.

2. To make the pan sauce: Return the unwashed pan to medium heat. Add the butter and let it melt. Add the shallots and cook, stirring, until tender, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the brandy and stir with a wooden spoon, scraping up any browned bits stuck to the pan. Add the stock and Worcestershire sauce, raise the heat to medium high, and bring to a boil. Whisk in the mustard and then the cream. Continue to cook at a boil, stirring, until reduced to a sauce consistency, 3 to 5 minutes. Taste the sauce and season with salt, pepper, and lemon juice. Serve the steaks with the sauce.



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News from Ulcombe Village School

Here Comes a Super Summer

After what I have heard brilliantly described as our recent 'torrential drought' it seems summer is determined not to make an appearance. However, there is still much for us to be doing, both children and grown-ups!

We have already been busy this term with plenty of activities for the children, some popular and some not so popular. As you may be aware, the second full week of May sees the National Tests for children in Year 6. Children in Year 6 have also attended Safety in Action 2012 this term. This is designed to give them an insight into how they should deal with a wide variety of problems, including on the railway, at the seaside, in a disco and even at home. The children represented the school well, doing their best to make safe and sensible choices.

Children who will be in Tawny Owls next year have already had the opportunity to find out about the Residential Adventure in March 2013. We have invited John Mayne CE and Platts Heath Primary Schools to join us for the fifth year. We will all be heading off to PGL Osmington Bay in Dorset for a wonderful weekend in the spring sunshine.

As well as all of this we have had a few important jobs attended to, including repairs to the adventure trail and several minor repairs inside and outside the building. You may have seen the new outdoor shelter, which we are delighted to have, and you can read more about below. You can also find out about the great news regarding our Library project, our next Friends' Dinner and Jubilee Celebration, the Summer Fayre, the Summer Ball and the Olympic Torch celebrations.

Hooray For Her Majesty!

We look forward to welcoming very many of you on Friday 1st June. This will be our next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner. By the time you read this it will be too late to book a place, but if you receive this before Friday 1st June you are welcome to join us after lunch. At around 2pm, the children will be leading a very special assembly, as we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the reign Queen Elizabeth II. I know it will be a very enjoyable time.

As part of the celebration we hope to be finding out more about the Queen's coronation. If you have any brief stories or anecdotes regarding the Queen's coronation that you would like to share please have these in mind. There will be a short time when visitors will be able to tell the children about that special day in history.

Onwards And Upwards For Our New Library

There has been significant progress with the improvements that we want to bring about to our school. Our new library project continues to move onward, and we hope soon that it might be upward.

The sale of the land was handed over to the school to handle by KCC in mid-May. The only stumbling block to the sale now is the electricity sub-station, which anyone buying the land will want to be moved. We in school, KCC and the Diocese have all worked hard to find a solution to this, and we believe this has now been achieved.

The Gazebo Has Landed

As you may have seen by now, our outdoor classroom and shelter has been installed. Children, parents and staff have all made good use of it already, as a place to play, relax and take cover.

This project was first conceived by our School Council, who have put up over £1,000 for it. For those of you who are not aware, the School Council consists of two children from each year group, who meet to discuss ways of improving the school. Currently the School Council is considering how we can make the school more energy efficient in line with being an Eco-School. The council has donated some of its money to the model train project being completed by Tawny Owls. They are also going to plan new markings on the playground to compliment what we already have.

We cannot fail to mention, however, that the gazebo would not have been possible without financial support from FUS and the support of the committee in chasing quotes and making sure the project is completed to our satisfaction.

The Olympic Torch Is Coming To Maidstone

On the last two days of Term 6 the Olympic Torch will be in Maidstone as it makes its way around the country prior to the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics on Friday 27th July.

The torch will be arriving at Leeds Castle in the evening of Thursday 19th July, with Year 6 chosen for the privilege of going to the Maidstone Torch Schools Event during the afternoon and evening. They will then be on hand to see the torch arrive and the celebrations for it.

For everyone else, I would encourage you to head up to the A20, as on the day the torch will be taken around the east of the county, before finally coming through Harrietsham at 6.19pm then on to Leeds Castle. Maidstone Borough Council are holding a community event in Mote Park for everyone who does not have a ticket for the event at Leeds Castle. See the local press or the MBC web-site for more information.

The following morning the torch will leave Mote Park in Maidstone and travel to Medway before heading west to Guildford. If you want to see the torch on Friday 20th July you will need to be an early riser—it is leaving Mote Park at 6.42am, being out of the town soon after 7.30am. For a full itinerary, including all seventy days of the torch's journey, see the BBC web-site.

Friends of Ulcombe School

FUS have continued to be very active, helping to raise funds for the benefit of all of the pupils here at Ulcombe. In mid-May the plants ordered through FUS arrived. This has been another successful fund-raiser, so thank you to all the green fingered people who have bought plants in this way. FUS have been able to contribute well over £3,000 to the gazebo project, and our now thinking of how else they can help to make our great school even better.

On Saturday 23rd June we have our Summer Fayre. The Sports Day starts at 11am The Summer Fayre follows immediately afterwards, and this promises to be another great Fayre, with plenty of stalls and activities to enjoy, including a prize raffle, refreshments and a barbecue.

On Saturday 14th July FUS are holding a Summer Ball. As in the past there will be an auction with wonderful lots to bid for, as well as a great meal and the chance to dance the night away.

If you have booked already we would be very grateful if you could pay for your places soon. There are still spaces available, so if you want to book more places please contact us as quickly as possible.

Lenham Football Tournament

Congratulations to the players (and supporters!) who braved the weather for the annual Lenham 5-a-side Football Tournament on Saturday 28th April. The team played brilliantly, even though they had to have a player 'on loan' from Platts Heath School, reaching the Plate Final.

The team finished fourth overall, which was a highly creditable achievement as there were a number of absentees. Very well done to the team!

Make Kent Quicker Broadband Campaign

The makekentquicker.com campaign will help Kent to tell broadband suppliers that there are people across the county who want better broadband.

Go to makekentquicker.com to register – it can take as little as two and a half minutes. At this web-site there are also posters that you can print to encourage others where you live to register too. Business can sign up as well – and we would welcome any support to get the message out as widely as possible.

As ever, if you have any questions about what we are doing here in school, or if you can offer to help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr V Hampton *Head Teacher*

Lenham Valley Business Association

Customer Relationship Management.

There's something to be said for keeping communication simple. People using big words are frequently hiding an insecurity or something worse. KISS is still a term used by business, not to encourage you to embrace your fellow trainees but short for 'Keep it simple stupid'! So when another phrase is invented by a busy executive and we are all supposed to start talking the talk you can hear people sighing and instantly forgetting the phrase.

Unfortunately for business too many people think the more big words and 'catchy' phrases they use the better they are and the more they can charge. Well, good luck to them. Change happens sure, but does a new phrase really bring a greater awareness?

CRM stands for Customer Relationship Management, mmmm . . . know what, since that phrase was introduced it's caused quite a few problems. More people don't know what it means than do. If your business name is shortened to the same letters heaven help you because everyone will get it wrong and call you CRM (if they can remember that). (I know that because my business is called CMR)!

Back to CRM. Here's Wikipedia "a widely implemented model for managing a company's interactions with customers, clients, and sales prospects." You knew that! Or did you. I think that since we started calling it CRM more companies don't reply to telephone calls and emails than do. And that will be their downfall. I have had more experiences than ever recently where buying customers (and suppliers) have been trying to reach a business that seems to be unable to respond in the right way at the right time.

Business is not about one business, doing business with another business. It is about a person having a professional relationship with another person - real flesh and blood, thinking, experienced, responsible. And it is so easy. Treat your enquiries the way you want to be treated. Answer the phone calls with a smile. Respond to the messages. Answer the email. Develop the business one step at a time and in no time you'll get respect and more importantly you'll get referred! Build business in the traditional way. Call it CRM if you like - just as long as you make it work for you!

Apology: it's not often that a particular issue gets a buzzer in the bonnet, but when it does, flush it out with GOB - a new term meaning to rid one's frustration as soon as possible, short for Get Out Buzzer - let's hope that doesn't catch on. Smile here.

First networking meeting with LVBA? Then please register first <http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk/registering.html> or if you prefer a more traditional mode of communication - just phone **Alan Reading** on 01622 820841. It's good for business and fun.



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Platts Heath Baby and Toddler Group

We meet in the St Edmunds Centre, School Lane on Monday mornings between 10am and noon (even in school holidays!). We are a small, friendly group of Mum's and little one's and would welcome newcomers.

Please do call in and see us or if you would like more information, call Sarah on 01622 859174. There is a small charge of £2 per family. We hope too see you soon.

Platts Heath St Edmunds Centre

Looking for a venue for a Family gathering or a children's party? Need a regular hall to run a club from? The St Edmunds Centre in Platts Heath would be perfect for either. We offer a very reasonable hourly rate. For more information, or to arrange a look inside call Karen Yardley on 01622 858208

Picnic Time

The last of the current series of Messy Church events will be a picnic on Saturday afternoon, June 9th in the field near Harrietsham Church. Telephone Helen Venn on 01622 858195 for more information.

Healing and Wholeness

Rev Dr Russ Parker, Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation, will lead a day of Healing and Wholeness on Saturday June 9th in Eastling Village Hall. Coffee will be served from 9.30am and the sessions will take place between 10am and 4pm. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. The cost will be £9 per person and bookings may be made by email to eastlingchurch@gmail.com or by ringing Hilary on 01795 890338.

Adventures in Prayer

The series of Bible studies on prayer will resume on Thursday June 14th at 10.30am in Weirton Villa. For more details ring Joan on 01622 853766.

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2	Home	Master	Body	
3	Sergeant	Kerb	Fire	
4	Straight	Cutting	On	
5	Sandwich	Secret	Plan	
6	Personal	Literate	Dating	
7	Tennis	Protection	Sport	
8	Foreign	Barrier	Bad	
9	Grand	Eclipse	Recall	
10	Master	Uniform	Public	
11	Pistol	Blocks	Price	
12	Fight	Video	Tape	
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The June Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Taurus at beginning of June, and moves into Gemini on the 21st. The **Summer Solstice** occurs on 20th June, which is the longest day. After this date the days will start getting shorter! (Where's our summer?)

Full Moon occurs on Monday 4th June, when it is in the constellation of Ophiuchus, and **New Moon** is on Tuesday 19th June.

Whilst still on the subject of the Moon, not many people were able to see the so-called "Supermoon" last month on 6th May. This is an annual event, when the Moon's elliptical orbit brings it closest to the earth, at the same time as full moon.

Mercury is at its greatest distance east of the Sun on 1st June, so we are again unlikely to see this elusive little planet this month.

Venus is in inferior conjunction on Wednesday 6th June. This normally means that it passes almost directly in front of the Sun. But on this occasion it will pass exactly in front. So there may be an opportunity to observe a **transit of Venus** across the disc of the Sun. The last transit took place in 2004, and there will not be another until 2117.

It would again be wise to warn of the dangers of looking directly at the Sun. The safest way is to arrange a telescope or binoculars to project an image on to a white card or screen. It may then be possible to see a small black dot moving across the face of the Sun.

Towards the end of June it may be possible to see **Venus** low in the northeast just before sunrise, as a brilliant "Morning Star".

Mars is in the south-western sky at dusk, and sets in the west around midnight. Relative to the stars it is moving steadily south-eastwards from the constellation of Leo and into Virgo on 21st June. Through a telescope it will be getting increasingly more difficult to see any details.

Jupiter is now emerging into the morning sky, and can be seen towards the end of June low in the north-east just before sunrise.

Saturn is in the south-western sky at dusk, and does not set until after midnight. It is almost stationary in the constellation of Virgo. Again it is well placed for viewing. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

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Ulcombe History Society

Weekend Trip to Versailles, Chartres Cathedral and Fontainebleau.

Friday 14 September to Sunday 16 September

Our two day trip to France will cost between £199 and £213 – depending on how many come (and single supplement of £20 a night for a single room).

The cost is inclusive of the coach, two nights bed and breakfast, entry to Versailles and Fontainebleau, and the assistance of a Tour Manager. We will have to buy our own lunches and dinners.

We leave at 1 pm on the Friday from Ulcombe Village Hall Car Park in order to stop for an evening meal en route.

For more details, contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

If you would like to join us, we need a deposit of £30 by the end of May.

Please send the details below with your name and address, and your bed requirements, and enclose your cheque for £30 per person made out to *The Ulcombe History Society*, and send to: our Treasurer, **John Moore, at Eastville, Eastwood Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone ME17 2DQ** (tel. 01622 850384)

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Ulcombe History Society

The next meeting of the Ulcombe History Society will be on Tuesday the 26th of June when local residents, Pippa and Albert Evans, give a live account of the work of Aphra Behn, the celebrated seventeenth century woman playwright. Pippa is an actress, so it promises to be a good evening.

We meet at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall, and enjoy a glass of wine after the talk. Visitors welcome

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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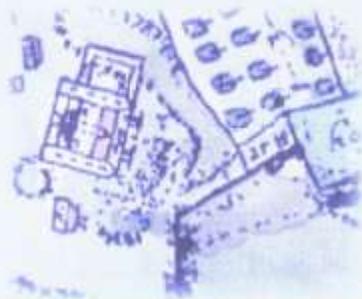
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Leeds Castle, Maidstone – Evening Celebration site.

18:33hrs from Leeds Castle entrance lane at Broomfield Road along Causeway, Main Drive, Grassed area and Event Space to Celebration Stage at 18:50hrs.

Day 63 – Friday 20th July 2012

Maidstone

06:42hrs from Mote Park along Mote Avenue, Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, King Street, High Street, A229 Bishop's Way, A229 Mill Street, Archbishop's Palace entrance, river approach path, to Archbishop's Palace at 07:05hrs.

07:10hrs Transfer of Flame by boat from Archbishop's Palace to Maidstone Rowing Club river jetty at 07:25hrs to upload flame onto river jetty.

07:30hrs from River Jetty Forecourt along James Whatman Way to A229 Royal Engineers' Road at 07:32hrs.

Saturday 30th June 2012 - Harrietsham Jazz Al Fresco in the Church Field

Don't miss this wonderful open air community event with great live music from Maidstone Grammar School jazz band Room 74, great food (bring a picnic or enjoy barbeque food) and good company. The Harrietsham School Choir will also be performing and there will be a raffle and face painting. A real family occasion and a chance to catch up with the neighbours and meet new people from 4.00pm onwards til the sun starts to set!

For more information and tickets contact Stuart Bligh on [01622 850490](tel:01622850490) or Ginny in Country Styles Hairdressers [01622 858276](tel:01622858276) . Tickets are £6 for adults, £4 for under 16s (under 5s are free) and £15 for a family ticket (2 adults 2 children)

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Christian Message June 2012

Hosepipe Ban

Shortage of water. Hosepipe ban. Gardens dried up. Lawns looking like the desert. Vegetables and flowers not flourishing. 'A drop of rain will make all the difference,' says the gardener.

Broken families. Rebellious children. Violence in the streets. Obscene wealth and life sapping poverty living side by side. A lack of harmony in society. The world not a place of peace and joy as its creator had hoped.

'Water from me will make all the difference', says Jesus.

In the public mind Christians are seen as people bickering over differences, maintaining ancient buildings and rituals equally old, some wearing strange clothes and generally doing things which mystify onlookers.

That's not how Jesus intends his followers to be. His followers, those described in Dick Venn's article last month, are quite different.

On a great public occasion in the temple in Jerusalem Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water will flow from within them." (John 7:37)

Christians are to be like rivers of living water in their communities. They are to be messengers of God's forgiveness and his healing power. They are called to bring comfort to the distressed and reconciliation in disputes. They are to be welcoming, loving, sharing and praying wherever greed and selfishness reign.

A good shower refreshes and revives the garden. The prior activity of Christians is to love God and in so doing to refresh their communities by acts of love and life giving words.

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9.30am Boughton Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Worship
4pm Lenham Songs of Praise

10th June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Holy Communion
11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Family Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

17th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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

24th June – St. John the Baptist

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Family Worship
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Music Notes - June

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The Maidstone Festival opens on 17th June. For full details contact the festival office on 01622 695283. Some of my local selection of concerts this month are part of the festival:

- Monday 4th June , 7.30pm at Whatman park, Maidstone, a free Diamond Jubilee open air concert. Picnics from 4.00 pm. Information 01622 758611
- Sunday 17th June, 7.00pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – the opening concert of the Maidstone festival; a Festival gala led by The Maidstone Singers, orchestra and Maidstone schools. Information and tickets 01622 695283
- Saturday 23rd June, 7.30pm at Maidstone United reformed Church, Weeks Street, Maidstone – Maidstone Operatic Concert Party will give a charity concert of songs from popular shows in aid of Hi Kent, the local charity for the deaf. Admission by donation. Programme plus refreshments £5. Well worth supporting.
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2	Home	Master	Body	Builder
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13	Neck	Mock	Dove	Turtle
14	Golf	Crash	Damp	Course
15	League	Manners	Cloth	Table
16	Symphony	Pitch	Hall	Concert

	Find the missing word?
1	Rik Mayall, Anarchic star of The Young Ones and Bottom
2	The Avengers, Crime busting with Steed and Peel
3	Brush Strokes, A sit com with Karl Howman
4	Pat Phoenix, Former Corrie stalwart known as Elsie Tanner
5	Gordon Kaye, Actor who played Rene in Allo Allo
6	Lenny The Lion, Puppet companion of Terry Hall
7	The Magic Roundabout, French animation narrated by Emma Thompsons father
8	The Crystal Maze, Game show that had Aztec and Medieval zones
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