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Front cover: One of our Local Pubs – The Kings Head

News from St. Nicholas Church

Cream Teas

We will be waiting to serve you at our last two Cream Tea afternoons on the 2nd and 9th September, 2.00-5.00p.m and look forward to seeing you. If you haven't managed to come along this year, this is your last chance. We have been able to welcome old and new customers this year and we thank those who have supported us and hope to see you all again next year.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on the 7th October at 9.30a.m at our monthly Sung Eucharist. There will be an Auction of the produce after the Service, while we have our morning coffee and biscuits. The proceeds will go to a Charity.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be on 13th October in the Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00p.m. Tickets will be £7.00 each available from Joan on 850210 and the Village Shop. There will be a Licensed Bar and a Raffle. We have been told that we will need to make substantial repairs to the Chancel Roof before long and need to raise money for that, so please support this event.

Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride

The FKC Bike ride takes place on 8th September starting at 10.00a.m finishing at 6.00p.m. Mair Chantler has lists of the Churches taking part this year. Ask Mair for a sponsorship form and a list of Churches and plan your route. You can either cycle between the Churches in the countryside or choose a town and walk around the Churches in that town. Canterbury is an interesting one to walk and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells have a good number of Churches to visit. In these days of a good many Churches being locked because of theft and vandalism, it's a good opportunity to visit them. There is a wealth of history in our Churches even our own small Church was the Parish Church to courtiers of Kings and Queens such as Elizabeth I. So DON'T delay. Ring Mair, get your sponsorship form, plan your route and enjoy a day in the open air getting some exercise and helping the Friends of Kent Churches and your own local Church. St. Nicholas will receive back half of the money that we raise. The Friends of Kent Churches have supported us in the past and we may need to ask for their support again so if we raise some money we can then ask them for monetary support in the future.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Garden Cuttings - September

Wandering the garden at dusk reveals a different world - quiet and peaceful, with the clumps of white Shasta daisies glowing in the half-light and just the snuffling of hedgehogs audible. One came zigzagging across the orchard, gobbling up any slugs it came across, so intent on its feeding, it passed right by me without pausing. Further down the garden, another one was rumbling through the border. They have nests which they use all year round, under some of the larger clumps of perennials and Michael was quite startled on a couple of occasions to hear human-like coughing and spluttering coming from one of these piles of leaves.

The rain this year has helped to produce masses of insects so there are a group of bats (I think, Pipistrelle), to be seen dashing over the orchard and upper garden and sometimes they come quite close, too. Then, while sitting on the veranda of the 'shack at the back' the other day eating my sandwich, a little rustle alerted me to a weasel sinuing among the plants; a beautiful little creature that lives mainly on mice which we have many of. The difference between weasels and stoats, which are very similar in colour: weasel, longest name smallest creature: stoat, shortest name largest creature that has a black tip to its tail.

The pheasant nesting near the back door hatched 5 chicks and was gone, taking them away as fast as possible. I have seen her since, just once, hiding in the shrubbery, with just one youngster in tow.

Major job of the moment is hedging and trying to regain some order in one that has grown well beyond us. All hedges need a good trim for the winter.

Cuttings can be taken now of anything that you want to propagate. Using a gritty compost to dib them into and covering with a plastic bag or lid to keep them moist, or with hard wood cuttings, by pushing them into the ground and firming in, having first added some grit to the planting slit. One exception to covering cuttings is geraniums (pelargonium), which should be kept dryish and in good light, but not direct sunlight, uncovered or they will develop black-leg and rot very easily.

Trays of plug plants for growing-on, ready to plant up winter containers can be purchased now and hardy annuals sown for early colour next year. Treated bulbs for Christmas flowering should be planted no later than the middle of the month. They do not need feeding, but the compost should be kept moist and once shooting need plenty of light and cool conditions to prevent lanky growth.

And on my soap-box now, do please remember to be good gardening neighbours by not allowing thugs like thistles and ragwort to grow unchecked so that their downy seeds blow everywhere. One year's seeds, seven year's weeds, is a true saying.

Do join the Grafty Green Gardening Club for our special day at Brogdale (see advertisement further on)

Rosemary Smith

Malherbe Monthly Magazine

This magazine can now be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition, all back issues for 2006 and 2007 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

This web site also hosts all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and give details of up-coming events in the Village Hall. The below link will get you there:

www.boughtonmalherbecp.kentparishes.gov.uk

Advertising In Malherbe Monthly

The publication of this magazine is only made possible with the kind support of its advertisers. Since the commencement of the magazine, advertising has been undertaken by Christine King but she is now moving to pastures new and I would like to thank her for all the effort she put into this task; without her this magazine would have floundered a long time ago. However this does leave a space (or opportunity) for a new person to come forward and assist the editor in managing the advertising side of the magazine.

This would involve contacting current and new advertisers, preparing the adverts and managing the invoicing side of things. For all this effort you will be paid the princely sum of £0.00 per year. Not a lot I grant you, but you will have the satisfaction of keeping a local magazine on its feet and my grateful thanks.

I can be contacted on 01622 858937 or by e-mail: mf.hitchins@virgin.net

Mike Hitchins - Editor



Please remember that our next meeting is on the 4th September in the Village Hall when we will shall have our Autumn Show and a talk on Chrysanthemums by John Lawrie. All are welcome.

County Show...

I am also a keen gardener and am the Show Sec for the Grafty Green Gardening Club. Last year, we entered the Kent Federation of Horticulture's club exhibitions. There were only four entered in the vegetable section and guess what we got fourth prize! Still it was not a bad achievement. The weather was not too kind to some flowers but vegetables seem to be relishing the moisture.

Lesley Feakes

PROGRAMME FOR 2007

Date	Topic	Speaker
Jan 9th	AGM - Light up your garden with bulbs	Janet Bryant
Feb 6th	Japanese garden	Jean Cockett
March 6th	Organic Vegetable Gardening	Nick Robinson
April 3rd	Saxon shore way	Chris Wade
May 1st	Evening visit to Hole Park	
May 5th	Plant sale	
First weekend in June	Weekend trip to Worcestershire	
June 5th	Evening visit to Torry Hill	
July 3rd	Evening visit to Hall Place	
Aug 4th	Afternoon visit to Stoneacre	
Sept 4th	Autumn Show Talk on Chrysanthemums	John Lawrie
Oct 2nd	Mushrooms and Toadstools	Martin Newcombe
Nov 6th	History of Weather forecasting	Ian Currie
Dec 4th	Port & Stilton	David March

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council has now issued the timetable for this service up to 30th September 2007. Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during this period:

Grafty Green

Saturday 22nd Sept: 13:30 – 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Ulcombe

Sunday 9th Sept: 11:15 – 12:15 -: Lodge Gardens

Platts Heath

Sunday 2nd Sept: 14:15 – 15:30 -: Green Lane

Lenham

Saturday 22nd Sept: 07:45 – 08:45 -: Lenham Heath Rd - Junction Boughton Rd

QUIZ NIGHT

QUIZMASTER JOHN NYE

ST EDMUNDS CENTRE

SCHOOL LANE PLATTS HEATH

SAT 6th OCT 2007 at 7.30PM

£3.00 PER PERSON TEAMS OF 4

TO BOOK A TABLE RING JAN 859412 OR TRICIA 858891

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS AND GLASSES

“By Special Invitation”

***Visit Brogdale National Fruit Collection
Faversham***

“A GRAFTY GREEN DAY AT BROGDALE”

Saturday SEPT 15th 2007

All Villagers / Parishioners Welcome

Programme

*11am Arrive. Coffee & tea in the tea room. Talk about Brogdale,
Past, Present and Future*

11.30 FREE Guided Tour of the Orchards – approx 1 hour

1.00 Lunch (lunch menus available in advance)

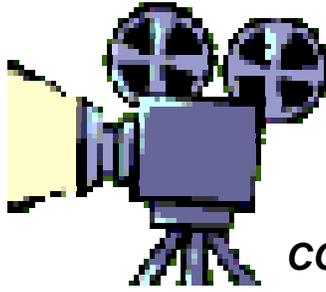
*This is a **FREE** event but booking by **12th September** is essential
since we need to know numbers in advance.*

*Book your place by phoning Rosemary Smith on 01622 850526
Saying if you need a lift, or have space in your car*

*Our invitation comes from the group of people who have joined
forces to try to ensure Brogdales future.*

Hope you can accept!

**EGERTON FILM SOCIETY
NEW SEASON OF FILMS FOR
AUTUMN 2007**



COME AND JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER

The Egerton Film Society has been running successfully since 2000. Our new season of monthly films will start on Thursday 27th September 2007 when new annual memberships will be taken out. We meet on the last Thursday of every month – 7pm for 7.30pm and there is always a licensed bar for refreshments.

The programme for the next season has already been established by vote from the members for 2006-7 and the selection is really exciting – imagine a full high-quality widescreen DVD video projection and Dolby EX 5.1 Surround Sound of *The History Boys* or the comedy *Little Miss Sunshine*.

We are always looking for new members and welcome any film buffs from all surrounding villages.

You are cordially invited to apply for a membership application form and a full autumn programme from Pat Parr: pat.parr@scottwilson.com, telephone 01233 756601 or Ruth Haggie: ruthinegerton@aol.com, telephone 01233 756332

Lenham Badminton Club

How fit are You ?
Have you played Club Standard Badminton?
Do you miss it ?

Lenham Badminton Club misses you !!

Ring Linda on 01233 756762 or Pat on 01622 858561 if you are interested in joining the club.

St Edmunds Centre – Platts Heath

The garden planted up by some enthusiastic gardeners of the village is looking good, the grass has taken well and the rain and heat are making the flower beds mature at a fine pace. With the donation of some garden furniture the coffee morning ladies had hoped to sit outside however the weather has so far not been fine enough on coffee mornings. The dates for next month are Wednesday 5th September and Wednesday 19th September - we are changing the time to 10.30am - 12.30pm.

We plan to hold a quiz night on Saturday 6th October with the village's own John and Helen Nye as quizmasters. Teams of 4 tickets £3 per person. Please bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses.

Our harvest supper is on Friday 19th October and will be fish and chips. Tickets £6 - they are limited and must be purchased by 5th October. Again you will need to bring your own drinks and glasses. The last supper we held was before the hall had been refurbished and was a great success so the committee looks forward to our first supper in the more pleasant surroundings.

Line dancing is every Thursday 8pm-9pm £2-50p beginners are welcome too.

Patricia Dibley Secretary

Grafty Green Heating Oil Club

Grafty Green has a successfully run Oil Consortium. We now have over 130 members all benefiting from discounted heating oil when ordered in bulk. To keep the Consortium working, all members need to order the minimum 500 Litres of Oil at least 3 times a year. I'm sure you'll all agree, oil tankers trundling through our villages 3 or 4 times a year is better than seeing them every week. The word is spreading, as well as Grafty Green and Boughton Malherbe, we now reach out to Ashford, Biddenden, East Sutton, Harrietsham, Headcorn, Kingswood, Lenham, Lenham Heath, Liverton Hill, Platts Heath, Sandway, Stalisfield Green and Ulcombe.

So if you would like to join, and benefit from cheaper oil, please email europa.13@btinternet.com or phone 858350 for details.

Keith Anderson

HARVEST SUPPER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19th 2007 AT 7.30PM

TRADITIONAL FISH AND CHIPS

ST EDMUNDS CENTRE PLATTS HEATH

TICKETS £6

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED AND TICKETS MUST BE PAID FOR

BY 5th OCTOBER 2007

CALL TRICIA 858891 OR DUFF 850463

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GLASSES AND DRINKS

Missing Word Puzzle

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Pop _____, David Jason's character in Darling Buds of May.
2	Abbey _____, a Beatles album.
3	_____ Stone, actress in Basic Instinct.
4	From _____ with Love, James Bond film.
5	Top _____, Motor reviews from Clarkson, May and Hammond.
6	_____ Sullivan, Weatherfields Newsagent.
7	Mighty _____, A 60's No 1 for Manfred Mann.
8	The _____ Head, The local in Grafty Green.
9	Sir Walter _____, Wrote the novel Rob Roy.
10	The _____, the street in which you find London's Savoy Theatre.

Swadelands School Activity at Bull Heath

A team from Swadelands School, led by John Cox, successfully completed a wet week of environmental management at Bull Heath. Bull Heath was once used as a sand quarry but is now a mixture of grassland, shrubs and trees, home to a wide variety of species, including many rare birds, plants and flowers. In July the Swadelands party assisted members of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project (KSCP) in a number of conservation tasks including coppicing, path clearing and weeding. The group also spent time on art activities and studying insects.

“Despite the weather, we have had a great time” said Mr Cox. Jon Heuch, trustee of the Heaths Countryside Corridor, was pleased to see that the site is being used by the school and explained that keeping the paths clear was an important aspect of managing the site, “by increasing the sunlight in the wooded area more flowers can grow and consequently more insects and birds live in Bull Heath”.

Lenham Archaeological Society

Most of our archaeology seems to be centred north of the Greensand ridge. Not that this means there is no archaeology in Boughton Malherbe but just that we seem to be finding more in Lenham. It is possible that the chalky soil with its high fertility is often pasture land.

If any people in Boughton Malherbe are interested in joining us on a dig, we have an interesting one on going at Chapel Farm. That area is on the Folkestone sand beds as they are called and the sandy soil is a dream to dig, clay can be most difficult especially in this wet weather we are experiencing.

The site is Iron Age and has a lot of pottery and interesting items to discover. Please phone me on 850275 if you are interested.

Lesley Feakes

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

I hope you enjoyed last months link word here is another
to rack your brains – Paul Neaves

The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Awake	Birth	Open	Wide
2	Elephant	Ocean	Summer	
3	Fountain	Friend	Name	
4	French	Party	Peck	
5	Cut	Fuse	Straw	
6	Bucket	Cap	Cube	
7	Cosy	Nest	Timer	
8	Capital	Opener	Perfect	
9	Film	Fish	Shooting	
10	Patch	Root	Soup	
11	Club	Custody	Eternal	
12	Book	Grid	Library	
13	Bird	Hare	Scatter	
14	Hole	Mushroom	Push	
15	Bully	Salt	Steak	
16	Close	Long	Mountain	

Many thanks to **Paul Neaves** who set both the Quiz and the Missing Word Puzzle.

Back to School?



When the new school year starts in September, how about doing some learning for yourself? Brush up your computer skills or make a start in learning how to use a computer and take advantage of the Internet for anything from shopping to researching your family history.

Over 80 people from local villages used Egerton Telecottage computer centre last year to take a course for the first time and enjoyed the friendly, informal atmosphere in our purpose built computer centre. One of our enthusiastic students has taken nearly every course offered and her skills have been admired by friends and family! We are non-profit making and run by volunteers with computer expertise.

A range of courses are planned in the autumn on the dates shown below. New ideas for this year are making best use of Outlook software for emails and appointments and a "Music on the NET" course- showing how to download tunes from the best sites to your IPOD. If you are interested in these or any of the courses shown below, please contact Alison on 01233 756366 for further information.

Evenings - 8-10pm:

Sept 12th/Oct 3rd - **Digital Photography** - 4 weeks (Wednesdays)

Sept 13th/Oct 4th - **Internet** - 4 weeks (Thursdays)

Oct 17th/Nov 21st - **Desktop Publishing** - 6 weeks (Wednesdays)

Oct 18th/25th - **Clean up your Computer** - 2 weeks (Thursdays)

Oct 22nd/29th - **Email** - 2 weeks (Mondays)

Nov 1st/22nd - **Basic Excel** - 4 weeks (Thursdays 7.30/9.30pm)

Daytime - 10am-12noon

Sept 18th/Oct 9th - **Basic IT** - 4 weeks (Tuesdays)

Oct 16th/Nov 6th - **Basic Word Processing** - 4 weeks (Tuesdays)

Nov 20th/Dec 11th - **Intermediate Word Processing** - 4 weeks (Tues)

Letters and E-Mail's to the Editor

Subject: Kent Benefits Partnership
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 12:08:08 +0100
From: <Francesca.Milne@kent.gov.uk>
To: <clerk@boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk>

Hello,

I am the Welfare Officer for the Kent Benefits Partnership. This is an organisation set up by all the councils within Kent and Medway to raise awareness and increase the take up of Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit.

To try and do this we put articles in newsletters, hold advice surgeries, give talks and hand out leaflets. We have a central office in Maidstone with a telephone helpline. We are able to give people general advice about Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit and try and work out whether they would be entitled. We then have officers who can visit people at home to assist in filling out forms.

I am sending this to you for two reasons. Firstly I was hoping we could put a short article informing people about Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit in any parish magazine or newsletter you may have. Secondly I was hoping you may know of any groups that meet regularly in the parish who may be interested in having someone attend one of their meetings with information about our service.

If you need any more details please don't hesitate to let me know.

Many Thanks,
Francesca

Francesca Milne
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Kent Benefit Partnership

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Maidstone Borough Council – News Release

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Weekly refuse collections here to stay.

Maidstone residents could keep weekly rubbish collections for kitchen waste, disposable nappies and the other things that they cannot recycle and get an improved fortnightly recycling collection for plastics, paper, card and cans.

The council has completed a thorough review of waste collection and recycling services and the Cabinet Member for Environment has recommended that weekly refuse collections should remain alongside new improved fortnightly recycling collections.

The council will consider Tony Harwood's proposals along with options to fund the service. If the proposals are accepted the first 20,000 homes could get the extra collection starting in February, with another 20,000 in October and all the rest in February the following year.

Cabinet Member, Tony Harwood, said: "These proposals will give residents the recycling services that they demand and maintain the weekly refuse collection that they have told me that they want. They also make sense environmentally and economically. I am not looking to recycle purely for the sake of recycling and I have considered in detail the environmental merits of my proposals. I will be placing equal emphasis on waste minimisation and re-use so that our service will have a reduced impact in terms of harmful climate change."

Most households will be getting a new 180 litre grey bin for their weekly rubbish collection. Residents will be asked to use their existing green bins for their fortnightly recycling collections. Large families will be offered a larger bin and special arrangements will be made for people who don't have wheelie bins or space for a second bin.

Although all 63,000 Maidstone homes will be getting a new fortnightly recycling collection some 14,000 will lose the kerbside glass collection. Cllr Harwood explains that this service does not make sense environmentally or economically. "Glass collected from the kerbside is crushed and used as aggregate in roads construction. If residents take it to a bottle bank where it sorted by colour it is recycled into glass bottles and jars. Whereas, ever since the opening of the

Allington waste to energy plant, if they put it into the normal refuse it is saved, crushed and used as aggregate in roads construction. So it really doesn't make sense to pay for an extra vehicle to collect it for no extra environmental benefit."

Council Leader, Fran Wilson, is urging everyone to use the new services: "We have listened to the residents and we are keeping a weekly collection for rubbish and kitchen waste. Residents should not feel forced into using the recycling collection but I am asking everyone to enthusiastically back the service they said they wanted and really start recycling and do their bit for the environment. There are those who say high recycling rates only come through moving to alternate weekly collections. I hope Maidstone Borough residents will help me prove those pundits wrong."

Ends

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Conductor Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 13th October 2007 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works:

- Elgar/Payne - Pomp & Circumstance March No.6
- Sibelius - Violin Concerto, Soloist Jennifer Pike
- Elgar - Symphony No.2

The season opens when two anniversaries will be celebrated - Elgar's 150th birthday with the high emotion of his 2nd symphony, plus the splendid new 6th Pomp and Circumstance March completed by Anthony Payne. Also, in this 50th year after Sibelius' death, favourite former BBC Young Musician, Jennifer Pike, plays his passionate Violin concerto.

Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392 for five concerts at £40, £64, and £80. Single tickets are £10, £16 and £20, seats for children or students with a student card £5, available from the Membership Secretaries paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Maidstone Leisure Centre on 0845 1552277 when payment can be made by credit card.

This concert is sponsored by The Friends of Maidstone Orchestral Society.

TIME RUNNING OUT TO MAKE AN ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY

If you lose the mental or physical capacity to handle your own affairs, it is difficult for your relatives to help you if they are not authorised to access your bank accounts or sign documents on your behalf. However, since 1984 it has been possible to plan for this eventuality by setting up an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA).

An EPA allows you to appoint one or more people to deal with your financial affairs if you become unable to do so yourself. Without an EPA, your relatives would have to go through the lengthy and expensive procedure of applying to a court for a Receiver to be appointed in order to help you.

However, the Government are replacing EPAs later this year and from October you will only be able to make Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs).

Although the basic idea is the same, there are some important differences between the two.

The good news is that LPAs will allow you to appoint an attorney to deal not only with your Finances and Property but also with your Health and Welfare. Should you appoint one, your Health and Welfare attorney would be able to make decisions about where you live, the standard and cost of your care and even the medical treatment you receive at the end of your life.

The bad news is that, whereas the EPA is a three page document, the new LPA will be made up of two much longer documents and a Code of Practice of around 300 pages! Needless to say, with longer documents to prepare and explain the legal fees incurred are likely to increase. Not only this but, whereas an EPA can be used immediately after it has been signed and must be registered with the Court only if you lose mental capacity, an LPA must be registered before it can be used at all. This will mean an additional expense of over £200 in Court fees and a delay of around six weeks before the document can be used.

However, if you draw up an EPA before October it will remain valid for the rest of your life and will not be affected by the new law. If you lose capacity its existence will make it much easier for your family to help you. It will also be considerably cheaper than both an LPA or, the least desirable option, the appointment of an official Receiver.

**Harriet Thorneloe
Thorneloe & Co Solicitors Lenham**

**THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH,
HARRIETSHAM**



HOG ROAST SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd

The Friends of St John's are joining forces with the St John's Church Choir to host a fund raising Hog Roast at Hillside, Pilgrims Way from 12.30pm on Sunday September 2nd, by kind permission of Rita and Paul Butler. Tickets, price £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for children under 14, are available from Paul Butler on 858981, Andrew Bond on 858251 or from the Church Office on 850604 and include main course, sweet and soft drinks. Please bring your own garden chairs and alcoholic drinks.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

The Friends of Kent Churches Annual Sponsored Bike Ride takes place on Saturday September 8th between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Obviously this event is more fun the more people take part. You don't have to be a great cyclist since it's entirely up to you how many churches you choose to visit. Indeed you don't have to be a cyclist at all – Marian Bond is hoping to take a party from Marden to walk around all the churches in Canterbury and would very much welcome any Harrietsham walkers who would like to join them. You don't even have to ride or walk for St John's although we'd obviously prefer it if you did – you can specify any participating church as the recipient of one half of your sponsorship money, the other half going to the Friends of Kent Churches. Sponsorship forms are available from our local organiser, Helen Hubble, on 859692.

LEN VALLEY CHRISTIAN UNION

HARVEST SUPPER BARN DANCE

HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER, 2007

TICKETS £7.50

7pm for 7.30 Start

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSES

THE USUAL HARVEST SUPPER FAYRE WILL BE SERVED

Tickets are available on a first come first served basis from

Barbara Verga Telephone 07919 597665

Saturday 20th October – The Sutton Valence Choral Society

This will be a concert with a difference - a Come Sing event. The rehearsal will be in the afternoon when anyone who enjoys singing can come along. The performance will be at 7.30 pm in the evening.

Anyone interested in taking part in singing Faure's Requiem and Vivaldi's Gloria should get in touch with Alexandra Brown on 01622 85379.

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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4	From Russia with Love, James Bond film.
5	Top Gear , Motor reviews from Clarkson, May and Hammond.
6	Rita Sullivan , Weatherfields Newsagent.
7	Mighty Quinn , A 60's No 1 for Manfred Mann.
8	The Kings Head , The local in Crafty Green.
9	Sir Walter Scott , Wrote the novel Rob Roy.
10	The Strand , the street in which you find London's Savoy Theatre.



You warmly invited to BibleLands Annual service
St Michael's, Chester Square, London
(nearest tube Victoria)
Saturday 13th October, 10.30am - 4.00pm

Join us for our annual day of celebration - a great opportunity to hear about BibleLands work, listen to guest speakers, meet with fellow supporters, staff and BibleLands' Trustees, and worship at our Service of Thanksgiving.

Our special guest speaker this year will be Nadeem Shwayri, founder of the Al Kafa'at Foundation, Lebanon, who will be talking about his life's work. He will also be joined by his son and current Director of the Foundation, Raif Shwayri.

Our afternoon Service of Thanksgiving will be led by the Revd The Lord Griffiths, ex-President of the Methodist Conference.

Al Kafa'at, Beirut, Lebanon - A BibleLands Project

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Al Kafa'at, in Beirut, Lebanon, a project that BibleLands has been supporting since it first began in 1957. Al Kafa'at was founded on the principle that "Every man, irrespective of the degree and severity of his handicaps, remains a reservoir of potentials, a source of life, of hope and joyfulness." In Lebanon, this is not a universally held belief and many disabled people find themselves marginalised, ignored or discriminated against.

In 2007, Al Kafa'at needs our help more than ever before. The civil unrest and the recent bombing of last summer have left Lebanon with a legacy of economic hardship, poverty and damaged infrastructure. As there is little government money for new projects, Al Kafa'at has turned to us for help to build an urgently needed new Centre for Vocational Training and Sheltered Employment. We hope to raise £250,000 towards this project over the next three years.

Lara Al-Habr, has cerebral palsy caused by premature birth. We invite you to pray that we are able to build this centre for her and for others with similar disabilities.

This unit will allow 200 intelligent young people hampered by physical disabilities to develop and make their own valued contribution to their families' income. For the first time they will have a real place in the community, giving them dignity and hope.

We encourage you to support this appeal, both in prayer and through donations.

We need to raise £17,000 to build each of the 15 workshops, so every penny counts. Please give whatever you can to this amazing project to bring hope and future prospects to Lara, Wahib and others on the vocational training scheme waiting list who need our help to make their lives complete. Please make a donation on-line at www.biblelands.org.uk or by cheque to, BibleLands Lent 2007 Appeal, FREEPOST, PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP15 7BR. Registered Charity: 1076329

Tricia Pruden
Head of Communications and Fundraising

From the Registers

Wednesday 11th July, at Medway Crematorium, funeral of the late Leslie Baker of Harrietsham

Saturday 14th July, at Lenham, St. Mary, wedding of David Fewings Martin and Catherine Sahanna Egger.

Saturday 14th July, at Ulcombe, All Saints, wedding of Ross Harvey Parkin and Katherine Frances Martin.

Sunday 22nd July, at Lenham, St. Mary, baptism of Darcie Alice Wrighton and also of Charles James Gravenell.

Sunday 29th July, at Lenham, St. Mary. Baptism's of Harry Matthew Russell and James Peter Russell and also of Jack Luka Nahab Travis.

Saturday 4th August, at Harrietsham, St. John the Baptist, wedding of James Alexander Frost and Jacqueline Wendy Wright.

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services - September 2007

Date	Time/Location	Service
Sun 2 nd September 13 th Sunday after Trinity	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 19.00 Bearsted	BCP HC CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc Taize Service
Sun 9 th September Blessed Virgin Mary	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U	BCP HC Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc CW1
Sun 16 th September 15 th Sunday after Trinity	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 18.30 BM	BCP HC BCP HC CW 1 CW 1 CW 1 BCP EP
Sun 23 rd September 16 ^h Sunday after Trinity	08.00 L 10.30 L	BCP HC CW 1 - Benefice Service in St Mary Lenham
Sun 30 th September 16 ^h Church Army Sunday	08.00 L 10.30 H 18.30 H	BCP HC CW 1 - Benefice Service in St John the Baptist Harrietsham Informal

Key

Parishes / Churches

L: Lenham
BM: Boughton Malherbe
H: Harrietsham
U: Ulcombe

Services

BCP HC = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Holy Communion
BCP EP = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Evening Prayer
Fam Svc = Family Service (not Communion)
MS = Morning Service (not Communion)
CW 1 = Common Worship (Order One)
H = Holy Communion
Informal = Informal! (not communion)

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