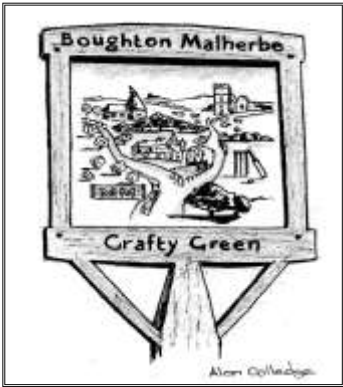


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Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th June**

Front Cover: The new Post Office sign erected recently on the Village Green

News from St. Nicholas Church

Coffee Morning is back on track, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10.30-12noon in the Village Hall. Homemade cakes and scones as usual. Sue Burch came to give us ideas for the Summer fete this time. Remember this event is free for all, we just enjoy being together, the more the merrier!

Funeral. It was with great sadness we said goodbye to Joan Davidson at her funeral in St. Nicholas on May 10th. The church was full, on a lovely sunny morning. There were moving family readings and tributes and John Collins told us of the time, energy and skills she gave so generously to the local community over many years. Our thoughts and prayers are for Mike, Mark and Gail and their families.

Afternoon Tea at St. Nicholas on Sunday 10th June, 2-5pm

This will be a special event to remember Joan Davidson and all that St. Nicholas meant to her. Do come and celebrate. (See further details printed elsewhere in the magazine).

Churchwardens. Vanessa Goodwin has been appointed as churchwarden and we are delighted that she has agreed to take on this role and was affirmed in this at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service in St. Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, on 7th May.

Sally Alexander

Yoga Classes In Grafty Green Village Hall

The benefits of good posture and ease of movement is soon established and with the breathing and relaxation techniques the whole body and mind are balanced; enhance your well-being.

Wednesday evenings 7 to 8.30

Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11

New term starts 6th and 7th June.

Saturday 2nd June 10am £7

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Kent
ME17 2PZ**

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

9th July, 10th September, 12th November, 14th January 2019, 11th March 2019.



St.Nicholas Church

Boughton Malherbe

Afternoon Tea

REMEMBERING JOAN DAVIDSON

Sunday 10th June

2-5pm

£3

Sandwiches, cakes, scones!

All proceeds to benefit St.Nicholas Church



GRAFTY GREEN REMEMBERS

8TH SEPT, 2018

GET INVOLVED EARLY

Children's Opening Fete Competition: This year we thought it would be a good idea to invite Children from Grafty Green and surrounding villages to enter a competition to open the Fete. Children up to the age of 18 to compose a poem or song in the theme of Events of 100 years ago. The **winner** will be invited to **open the Fete on the day** with their entry. Entries must be made by **31st July** and must contain the name, age, phone number and email address to be sent to: carolhulm@gmail.com.

Photo Competition: Re-introducing the Photo Competition this year. Winning entries will be used to create next year's calendar. The themes are open, but it would be nice to see local pictures in various seasons or anything that links to Grafty Green. Further information on how to submit entries will be provided in the next instalment, so start snapping or looking through your existing pictures to enter.

Appealing to those of you who can knit or crochet – we are making poppies for our commemorative display at the fete and need more poppies to be made. One knitted poppy takes me less than an hour.

We also have a team of ten making other sewn commemorative items and could do with another four people. Please call **Sue Burch on 850381** to find out more.

Finally we are looking for help with the following:

- On the day, with putting up and taking down
- Assistance with the stalls / games
- Contributions for the Alcoholic Tombola
- Grand Draw prizes

Please contact Carol on 07990 574214 or email Carolhulm@gmail.com



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME – TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED

Event Opening – Competition Winner – see details below
Fancy Dress – Theme 100 years ago
Punch & Judy
Fun Audience Game – to be confirmed
Birds of Prey – https://www.facebook.com/soaringhighdisplaycentre
Punch & Judy
Fun Audience Game – to be confirmed
Tug-of-War
Grand Draw and Competition Announcements

Food, Ice Cream and Refreshments available throughout the day

ATTRACTIONS / EXHIBITIONS

- Donkey Rides
- Fire Engine – Chris Wheal
- Around the Garden Table
- Church Stall
- History Club
- Local Honey – Gavin Rees
- Children's Games - Daisy
- Apple Bobbing
- Local Vintage Tractors – James Chantler
- Military Artefacts – Steve Hookins
www.stevehookins.co.uk
- Alan Colledge – Local Artist
- Grafty Green Gardening Club
- Stained Glass – Mandy Hitchins
- Shove Halfpenny
- Messy Tent for Kids
- Alcoholic Tombola

Grand Draw: Prizes include: £100 Cash, Smart Speaker, 2 x Freedom Passes to Leeds Castle and many other fabulous prizes.



Fete Opening Children's Competition Grafty Green Remembers

Date: 8th September, 2018

This year our village fete will recall events from 100 years ago:

- Peace Time after WWI
- Women – Votes and Women's Institute
- The formation of the RAF

This year we thought it would be a good idea to invite Children of Grafty Green and surrounding villages to enter a competition to open the Fete this year.

We would like to ask any Children up to the age of 18 to compose a poem or song in the theme of Events of 100 years ago. The **winner** will be invited to **open the Fete on the day** with their entry. Entries must be made by **31st July** and must contain the name, age, phone number and email address to be sent to: carolhulm@gmail.com

I look forward to receiving your entries.

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Children's Room Beer Garden

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)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
1/4 cup brandy
1/2 cup beef stock
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 cup double cream
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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Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
May 1	Colin Moat	50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)
May 5	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire	
August 7	TBA	
Sept 4	Autumn Show	
Sept 9	Coach Outing to Kew	
Oct 2	Philip Johnson	How to grow sweet peas
Nov6		Hops
Dec 2	TBA	

This month on **5th June**, we can look forward to our summer programme of events which start with a visit to Little Mockbegger, Mockbegger Lane. Biddenden, Ashford TN27 8ES. Entry will be £5.00 and refreshments extra. This is a charming cottage garden and we look forward to seeing as many of you as can come.

Our Plant Sale held earlier in the month was blessed by good weather and a steady flow of villagers who came along to buy their plants and enjoy a chat over coffee and cake outside of the shop. Thank you Rob for once again allowing us to use your electricity and to all those who came to support us.

Tip of the Month - Harvest vegetables as they mature and plant winter brassicas, and protect them from pests. Water fruit and vegetables thoroughly during dry spells. Plant out summer bedding in borders and containers including hanging baskets. Prune spring-flowering shrubs and watch out for pests and suckers on roses.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green
Gardening Club (01622) 757536**

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

The **Village Hall AGM** was held last month. It was disappointing that no one new offered themselves as potential committee members, but the existing stalwarts all agreed to serve for another year and so the committee continues to comprise myself, Carol Hulm, Robert Turner, Sue Burch, Liz Burgess, Stefi Graziola, Sandra Pilborough, Jacky Simmons, Jacqui Thompson and John & Angela Thompson.

Robert continues as our Treasurer but Sue will take over from Carol as our secretary, enabling Carol to concentrate on the annual fete and our links with the local community. We already have the above website, of course, but would like to develop more of a presence on Facebook, and perhaps launch an interactive page for the village, where news could be exchanged between individuals, 'sales & wants' advertised, neighbourhood watch items published, etc. If you would be interested in getting involved in this, do contact Carol, whose details will continue to appear on the first page of this magazine as she also remains the Hall Booking Secretary.

Continuing the 'digital' theme, we agreed at the AGM to invest in **Wi-Fi for the Hall**. We believe this will benefit existing hirers and encourage new ones by offering, for example, smart phone connectivity for those who can't receive a phone signal in the Hall, the ability to stream music, and the facility for visiting speakers to access photographs or YouTube clips as part of their presentations. Perhaps we could even offer 'Telecottage' facilities (as at Egerton) where volunteer 'experts' can help local folk with simple IT issues.

At the AGM the committee also decided that the **Hall hire fee** should increase by 25p/hr, but this will not be instigated until the Wi-Fi facility is available.

It was a vibrant meeting, and a bold idea to **up-grade the Hall kitchen** was put forward by one committee member and received with enthusiasm by the rest of us. A sub-committee has been formed to consider the viability of the plan, which would involve moving the kitchen door to where the serving hatch presently is, re-laying the floor (which has a damp problem) and fitting out with modern units. If you have an interest in this possible up-grade (which would require closure of the kitchen for a period) do get in touch with me and let me know your views. If we go forward with the idea I will, of course, publish further details in the Malherbe Monthly in due course.

Now, in 2016, we held a **photo competition** - judged at the fete that year - for images to adorn the 2017 village calendar, and at the AGM we decided to do the same thing this year.

So get snapping (or get delving in those files on your computer or those shoe-boxes of old prints). Full details will appear next month, but I can tell you that any image appropriate for a calendar will be eligible, though preference in the judging will be given to those photos with a seasonal flavour and/or a local theme. Photos must be in 'landscape' format (ie broader than they are tall).

You missed a lot by not being at the meeting!

Joan Angela Davidson

Joan was born on 29 June 1939 the eldest daughter of Cath and Algy Stanley. Her sister Ruth was born a few years later. They were raised by their mother until the return of Algy in 1945 when Joan was 6 and at Yalding Primary School. She moved to the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Maidstone aged 8, finishing at Maidstone Technical College before starting work at Barclays Trust in Maidstone. She made many lifelong friends during these years, with plenty of fun on the Number 24 bus from Yalding to Maidstone.

Living in the heart of hop country meant that Joan was able to earn extra pocket money hop picking.

Her father loved cricket and so the family spent a lot of time at Yalding Cricket Ground. Joan met Mike, who had just returned from working in Australia and New Zealand, at Yalding Dancing club in the summer of 1958. It wasn't his dancing skills that attracted her as she always called him "unrhythmic love" for the rest of their married life.

They married in 1960 and Joan left Barclays Trust to start working full time with Mike. Within 6 months they moved to their first firm at East Malling and Mark came along in 1962. Two years later Ivy House was purchased and in 1965 Gail was born. (Mike was very brave - making an offer to buy Ivy House before Joan had even seen it!)

As well as giving Mark and Gail a happy and adventurous childhood she was fully involved in the running of the farm - keeping the books and working in the pack house when deadlines loomed. She became involved in local clubs, was a keen tennis player and started to get involved with the Church.

When the children left home she became more involved in village life and the church with flower arranging skills. She always loved singing and became a member of the Invicta Singers and had many fund raising concerts in the lawns at Ivy House. She was a regular on the church committee and served as Church Warden for 23 years. She organised the Harvest Supper in the village hall for many years.

Joan was a keen gardener and fantastic cook. She designed and maintained the gardens at Ivy House - Mike was allowed to undertake the heavy work, but only under close supervision.

While Joan was involving herself with all these activities her family was growing - 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Joan's first battle with cancer was in the new Millennium and she recovered well with only a few lasting difficulties. Unfortunately, her second brush some 18 years later was to prove too much, although the complication of kidney failure meant she was fighting with one hand tied behind her back. She fought so hard to keep going over the last three years. Her ability to adapt to the demands of dialysis three times a week and still keep her life going virtually unaltered was inspirational. Unfortunately she lost the battle on 15th April.

Mobile Phone (Android) – Transferring Contacts

Getting a new phone, giving your old phone to a friend or family member, then you will need to transfer your contacts (and content optional).

Here's what to do:

Step 1: Export the contacts to either the SD card or SIM card as follows:

1. On your Android device, go to Contacts, tap menu. Top right
2. Select Settings
3. Then: Select Import/Export contacts. Select **Export**
4. Choose from the available options - Export to SD card or SIM card.

Note: Do not Export to the Device storage, because you will not be able to Import to the new phone.

Step 2: Import the contacts to the new phone, once you have put the SIM and/or SD card into the new phone

1. Repeat 1 and 2 above
2. Then: Select Import/Export contacts. Select **Import**
3. Choose from the available options - Import to Device storage, SD card or SIM card.

The import will begin automatically and will display how many contacts have been completed.

Step 3: Ensure that you have the correct contacts displayed. If the previous owner had saved their contacts to a Cloud account (eg: Google or Samsung accounts), you may still see them in your contacts: So to ensure you just display your contacts:

1. Repeat 1 and 2 above
2. Then select Contacts to display
3. Then choose the location where you Imported the contacts, e.g.: SIM, Device or SD card.

Additionally – you can back-up contacts to a cloud account (eg Google, Samsung) – if you have one of these:

1. Repeat 1 and 2 above
2. Then select Move device contacts
3. Then select which account to move to.
4. When you then do the Display contacts you can select that account.

More information about setting up a back-up for your contacts, which means that you don't need to worry about losing your phone as your contacts will always be available to download go to : <http://androidfact.com/how-to-backup-android-contacts/>

For information on transferring contacts on the Apple device go to:

<https://ee.co.uk/help/help-new/getting-started-and-upgrading/transfer-contacts-and-content-between-phones/how-do-i-transfer-contacts-from-my-old-phone-to-my-new-phone>



If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there to help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com



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CHURCH FETE



**To be held in the Rectory Garden, Church Road,
Harrietsham**

Saturday, 14th July 2018
1pm – 4pm

**Music, Pimms Stall, Book Stall, games, refreshments, raffle
& much more**



The Lenham Family Festival

At last we are in June and it's nearly time for the Lenham Family Festival!
Here is a roundup of everything that will be happening over the Festival weekend:

Thursday 7 June - Len Valley Community Hub Club

The children of Lenham Primary School will be entertaining members and friends.

Friday 8 June - Lenham Social Club

The Social Club will be holding a special Bingo Evening in support of the Festival.

Saturday 9 June - at Lenham Community Centre

The fun starts at 12 noon, when the fun day officially opens, and goes on all afternoon until 6pm.

Our Western-themed family day out is packed with music, dance, magic, fun and games, craft and information stalls, and delicious food and drink. Have a browse around the stalls, buy some raffle tickets, play giant Jenga, guess the house prices, have a go at the tombola and spin a winner and marvel at the beautiful live owls on display.

There will be plenty to keep the children entertained – face painting, tombola's, fair-rides, spin a winner, fancy dress competition andsomeone from Lenham Primary School will be in the stocks! So come and throw a wet sponge or two!!!

If music is your thing, there will be live music on the outdoor stage throughout the afternoon. Sit and listen and soak up the atmosphere or, if you are feeling more energetic, get up and have a boogie!

When you start to feel hungry there will be plenty of food on offer at our outdoor food and bar area. This year there will be a Western-style seating area with tables at which you can enjoy your food as you listen to the music.

Don't forget to spend some time inside the Community Centre too where there will be more live music, dance displays and a magic show. There will also be food and drink on available inside, with teas and coffees and delicious homemade cakes to enjoy as you watch the entertainment. Or, if you want some quiet time to sit and chat to your friends, seek out the quieter seating area also situated indoors.

The Western-themed fancy dress competition for the children will be held at 1.30pm followed by the Town Crier competition at 2pm, and the announcement of the raffle winners will take place at 4pm.

Sunday 10 June – at Lenham Monthly Market

Live music in the Square performed by Sixpenny Piece to round off the weekend.

Remember that there is a Summer Prom Concert the following weekend also in support of the Festival. See separate article for full details.

Please do support our various events. They are a lot of fun and all monies raised will be split equally between Lenham Nursery School, Lenham Primary School and Prostate Cancer UK. Hope to see you there!

Gail Robinson (on behalf of the Lenham Family Festival Committee)

Summer Prom Concert – City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra Tithe Barn, Lenham

Saturday 16th June at 7pm. - Gates open at 6.30pm.

Returning for a 3rd year to the beautiful Tithe Barn is The City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra performing classical works by Elgar, Parry, Mozart and Britten; including Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem and Fantasia on British Sea Songs. The very talented Jacob Bride is also returning with the World Premiere of 'Jacobs Bride's Travel Guide to the Orchestra'.

Children from Lenham Nursery School will produce artwork and Lenham Primary School will perform and produce artwork for you all to enjoy.

Part of Lenham's Family Festival, a group of volunteers are organising this event with the proceeds being given to charity – Lenham Nursery, Lenham Primary School and Prostate Cancer UK. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets: Adults £15, Concessions £13 and Children up to and including the age of 18 can attend for free. There will be free nibbles and a bar is available on site. Seating is not allocated.

Tickets are now available from Lenham Village Store, Len Valley News and Lenham Primary School. For out of Lenham enquiries, please contact Annie on 07568 476573.

Annie Drylie (on behalf of Lenham Family Festival committee)

Coconut Macaroons

Worshippers at the postponed Women's World Day of Prayer service in Lenham enjoyed the macaroons made to a recipe from Suriname. So here it is ...

Ingredients

5 and a quarter cups of desiccated coconut
397g condensed milk
Cup of plain flour
2 tsp vanilla extract
Melted chocolate (optional for dipping)

Method

Heat oven to 170 degrees C. Line baking tray with lightly greased parchment paper. Mix flour and coconut together in a bowl. Add condensed milk and vanilla extract, stir well together until well blended. Scoop by teaspoonfuls and, using wet hands, shape the macaroons into round balls before dropping them on the baking tray. Bake for 12-15 minutes until top is golden brown. Cool completely before dipping in melted chocolate (optional).



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 10th May 2018, 7.55pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; R Galton; T King; J Collins
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: Cllrs Shellina Prendergast

Cllr Turner opened meeting and welcomed Cllr Shellina Prendergast, thanking her for all the work she does for the parish

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – to receive and accept apologies for absence – Chris Wheal, Mike Davidson, Mike Hitchins, Joan Drury
3. Robert Turner was elected as Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for 2018/19 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
4. Ron Galton was elected as Vice Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for 2017/18 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
5. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying - none
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda – Cllr Allum with regard to donation to Platts Heath School as she is a governor
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
6. The minutes of the meetings held on the 19th March 2018 were approved.
7. **Public session** – there were no members of the public present

Maidstone Borough Council/Kent County Council - Cllr Shellina Prendergast (MBC) has circulated a report for the annual parish meeting. The clerk will arrange for this to go on the website and in Malherbe Monthly
8. **Annual Reviews**
 - (i) Review of delegation arrangements/confirmation of portfolios, to committees, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities – agreed unchanged
 - (ii) Planning – agreed unchanged.

- (iii) Finance – agreed unchanged.
- (iii) Review of terms of reference for other committees – Staffing Committee agreed unchanged
- (iv) Receipt of nominations to existing committees – membership agreed unchanged
- (v) It was agreed not to establish any new committees
- (vi) Review and adoption of Standing Orders and Financial regulations – these were agreed unchanged
- (vii) Review of arrangements, including any charters, with other local authorities and review of contributions made to expenditure incurred by other local authorities. No changes made
- (ix) Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back. No changes made
- (x) Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment. Noted and Agreed. No changes made.
- (xi) Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks. Agreed to adopt the recommendation from the council's brokers Carle and Company. Clerk to confirm and arrange payment for one year.
- (xii) Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies. No changes, agreed to retain KALC and CPRE membership
- (xiii) Establishing or reviewing the Council's complaints. Agreed unchanged
- (xiv) Establishing or reviewing the Council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998. Agreed unchanged
- (xv) Establishing or reviewing the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media. Agreed unchanged
- (xvi) Establishing or reviewing the Council's Communications policy. Agreed unchanged
- (xvii) Establishing or reviewing the Council's Employment policy. Agreed unchanged
- (xviii) Setting the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full Council for year – Clerk to circulate proposed dates

9. Highway and Footway Matters

- 9.1 Liverton Hill – noted continuing problems with potholes and water. Clerk to contact KCC again regarding worsening problems with advice from Cllr. Allum
- 9.2 Ditches, gullies, pot holes - Cllr Allum reported problems by Millpond Cottages and will report these to KCC
- 9.3 Speedwatch – meeting with Platts Heath and Ulcombe to take place on 17th May
- 9.4 HGV Signage – Cllr Allum reported that the fallen sign had now been erected

10. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended – Cllr Galton reported back from the Maidstone KALC meeting

11. Finance

- 11.1 Income since the last meeting – notice received regarding precept of £5405.00
- 11.2 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting – none. It was agreed that the cost of the finger post on the Village Green will come from the general fund
- 11.3 To sign any cheques: Refreshments for annual meeting £52.30
- 11.4 To note the Balance at the Bank – Nat West £14,425.17

Nationwide £25,025.89

Cambridge and Counties £85,000.00

11.5 Bank Reconciliation approved and signed for 2017/18-year end position

11.6 The Annual External Audit Report section 1 and 2 were approved and signed

12. **Risk Assessment** – the council's risk assessment matrix was reviewed. It was agreed to add the risk of trees on the Village Green injuring the public. Delete reference to records being held in the Village Hall.
 13. **Village Green Trees** – agreed to conduct regular arboricultural surveys. Cllr Galton to provide the Clerk with the names of potential contractors and the Clerk to procure services in line with the council's financial regulations.
 14. **Quinn Donation** – Following a reminder from a parishioner of a suggestion that was omitted by mistake from the original list was discussed. The suggestion is to split the money in half with one half going to one or more projects and the other half set aside with a nominal spend of say £2000 PA for upkeep of the village to include litter picking, odd jobs, and keeping road signs clear. Possibly another two speed indicators, one at the bottom of Liverton Hill and a reminder at the village green. It is intended to set aside Precept funds for upkeep and the council has agreed to explore additional speed indicators. This suggestion, and the decision, are to be added to the list. The council also agreed to support suggestions 2,3 and 4 received in writing from Platts Heath School. The Clerk with secure formal commitment from the school to spend £2500 on these three items only:
 - Books for our recently refurbished library to bring enjoyment for the children when reading - £500
 - A freshen up of the school building to look smart - £1000
 - A bundle of I-Pads/Kindles for independent interactive learning - £1000
- Agreed to add the following to a new phase 2 list (i) entrance path through closed part of churchyard (ii) wifi access in the Village Hall
- It was agreed to meet informally on the completion of the Planning Committee on Monday to discuss the remainder of the proposals and agree actions
15. **GDPR Update** – (i) noted government amendment to exclude Parish Councils from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer (ii) Clerk to contact Hugo Fox to ask about there plans to include privacy notices on the website (iii) Clerk to review simple data security policies for potential adoption by the council.
 16. **Correspondence** – noted correspondence from HMRC, MBC re precept, CPRE
 17. **Further Information** – Cllr Collins unable to attend the Maidstone bus meeting on 4th June. Cllr King to deputise

The Meeting closed 9.08pm

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14th May 2018

Present: Cllrs R Galton(In the Chair); T King; A Allum; R Turner; J Collins

Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – no declarations received
2. Apologies for Absence: none
3. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda -none
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying – none
4. Planning Applications:

APPLICATION REF: 18/501458/FULL

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to residential curtilage (garden) .Construction of oak framed double garage with store above. New driveway.

ADDRESS: Hop Garden Barn Eastwood Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone K,ent

Two members of the public were present and spoke of their concerns about the application. In particular that, apart from the siting of the garage on the plot, nothing had changed from the previous application and therefore the same objections apply.

After discussion the committee resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

- (i) Despite the relocation of the garage within the site there is no change to its size and we therefore, consider the proposal remains inappropriate for the same reasons that the previous application was rejected by Maidstone Borough Council
- (ii) The attached plans are inaccurate and inconsistent
- (iii) Part of the site is designated as agricultural land and the proposed garage would be located on agricultural land
- (v) The application, and accompanying plans, are unclear regarding the curtilage of the land to be re-designated as residential rather than agricultural. The paddock should remain as agricultural and not changed to residential

APPLICATION REF: 18/501910/FULL

PROPOSAL: Erection of a new stand alone external wedding gazebo situated South East of 'Chisiton House'. **ADDRESS:** Chilston Park Boughton Road, Sandway, Maidstone, Kent

No Objection

APPLICATION REF: 18/501911/LBC

PROPOSAL: Listed Building Consent for erection of a new stand alone external wedding gazebo situated South East of 'Chisilton House'. ADDRESS: Chilston Park Boughton Road Sandway, Maidstone, Kent

No Objection

6. Further Information – there were no items of information reported to the meeting

The Meeting closed at 7.58pm

Music Notes - June 2018

I am pleased to be able to include some more local events this month. Do try to let me know in good time for magazine inclusion if there is something musical happening in your village. There may be more in June, but if you haven't told me about your concert I probably haven't included it. So here is my list:

- Saturday June 9th, 12.30pm at St. Mary's church, Sutton Valence ME17 3AW there will be the 3rd in a series of lunchtime organ recitals, followed by a ploughman's lunch. Free entry, with retiring collection.
- Saturday, 16th June, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Hollingbourne. "Summer Serenade" a concert of songs that won the wars. Tickets at the door.
- Saturday June 23rd, at 7.00pm in Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Choral Society with the Rochester sinfonietta perform Haydn's Harmonie Messe
- and Schubert's Mass in Bb. Tickets 01634 401 049
- Also on Saturday 23d June, but 7.30pm at All Saints' church Mill St., Maidstone, Maidstone Wind Symphony's concert provides an exciting programme of Russian Music including Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain, Stravinsky's Firebird Suite and Tchaikovsky's Overture 1812. Tickets: <https://www.maidstonewindsymphony.org/>
- Sunday 24th June at 3.00pm Benenden School there will be a concert in aid of Hospice in the Weald including Laura van der Heijden, BBC Young Musician in 2012 playing the Dvorak Cello Concerto. Tickets from www.thecso.org.uk or Benenden Village Shop.

Another gem from the musician's dictionary:

Prima Donna: The most important female role in an opera. This is, of course, largely a matter of opinion. Derived from an Italian phrase that may be roughly translated as "pain in the neck", although some have a lower opinion.

Brian Hardy

Maidstone Business Networking news

13th June GDPR/Cyber Insurance presented by Anna Wilkinson 1Stop Insurance Business Development Executive at the Innovation Centre, Maidstone Road, Kent ME5 9FD

Anna Wilkinson's approach to GDPR has been described as refreshing, detailed and understandable - by making time, listening and applying common sense her audiences have found that they come away from her events with useful tips and hints on GDPR & Insurance alike. The GDPR session will be reviewed from an insurance, risk mitigation point of view as this is where Anna's skills lie – she is knowledgeable in GDPR but as there are no experts (only those self professed) Anna will look forward to giving us an overview of different opinions, options & some advice on how to be compliant with our new regulation. Elizabeth Denham herself has said that the 25th May is only the start – not the finish.

Anna Wilkinson of 1Stop Insurance Consultants has a long-standing career within the Insurance Industry. Having spent much time with her clients and contacts assisting in their insurance and business requirements, she is well placed to advise on the protection needs of your business. Although Commercial Insurance is her specialty, it is quite often a bi-product of what Anna does, because she is a natural 'connector' and enjoys introducing her contacts, clients & colleagues she is often busy sending lots of emails & making lots of phone calls. Networking is a huge part of what she does, but also writing articles for various blogs & publications.

Please arrive by 6:15pm. Networking starts immediately, presentation at 6.30 for around 20 to 30 minutes, the rest of the time is all about networking. Visitors are always welcome and the event is free (if you are a paid up member or a first time visitor), we have a sign in and badge system so you must reserve your seat. Open to everyone. Reserve your seat now 01622

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1	Black	Buck	Bush	Thorn
2	Bantam	Fly	Training	
3	Dance	Singer	Topical	
4	Pattern	Plymouth	Socks	
5	False	Jump	Kick	
6	Face	Gas	Ski	
7	Card	Family	Rating	
8	Marple	Near	World	
9	Ink	Printer	Shotgun	
10	Down	Shoulders	Vapour	
11	Chief	Package	Prime	
12	Break	Lap	Morris	
13	Cheque	Cigarette	Out	
14	Barker	Johnson	Perkins	
15	Happy	Main	Track	
16	Cousins	Redbreast	Round	

	Find the missing word?
1	Hylde _____, Whose catch phrase was 'She Knows Y' Know'
2	_____ Wind and Fire, 1970's group who sang 'Boogie Wonderland'
3	Cool _____ Luke, Prison drama starring Paul Newman
4	Amen _____, 60's welsh group who sang 'Bend Sin Shape Me'
5	The _____ _____ Of Texas, Traditional Folk Tune
6	_____ Reed, Screen hell raiser who starred in 'Women In Love'
7	The _____ Trap, A Film which Haley Mills played both Pair of Twins
8	_____ Mickey, TV Robot designed to resemble a 50's space toy
9	'Under The _____', A 1964 Drifters number
10	_____ Pitney, Unmistakable 60's vocalist

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New Date For June Messy Church



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steps children make. Come and join our friendly, welcoming group, share your stories of first steps as the children play, sing, and get creative with craft activities. Lifelong friendships have been established by the children and adults alike. Are you game? Keep an eye out for the new logo as flyers will be circulating around the community soon. We look forward to seeing you and your little treasures here at St. Mary's!

Churches come together for worship



Sunday 29th April was a significant day for the churches in Lenham. Over 80 people joined together in Lenham community centre for a combined act of worship. This included people from the four churches in the Len Valley benefice together with members of Pathways church who hosted the event. There were all ages present, from young children and families to older folk.

We started the morning with coffee and catching up with each other, leading into a fun time of writing poems in small groups. This proved to be very popular and we discovered some enthusiastic poets among us as we considered the beauty of the area that we have the privilege of living in.

Musicians from the various churches joined together to form a combined worship band, leading us in an uplifting time of singing, focussing our attention and worship onto the greatness of the God that we all serve.



Rev John Huggins from the Benefice led us into communion, and it was wonderful to have leaders from Pathways serving alongside leaders from the Benefice, and to see everyone receiving communion together. Then Rev Johnny McCabe from Pathways spoke, and brought a clear message encouraging us all to express the love of Jesus by serving our community.

A collection of over £300 was taken which will go to the Katie Piper Foundation. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

We finished with drinks, and wonderful cakes provided by the ladies of Pathways. The mood was upbeat, and the comments were positive. For some the style was different to what they were used to, but all agreed that it had been a good morning, and that we should do it again in the future!

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Christian Message June 2018

For me, there's nothing to beat that warming cup of coffee! Maybe for you it's a cuppa tea? Most drinks need to be served either hot or cold rather than somewhere in between. Recently while staying in a hotel in Malta, I was excited to learn that I could request a bowl of porridge for my breakfast. I usually start my day with porridge so this was good news for me! However, when it came, nearly every day it was lukewarm and very disappointing. It reminded me of this passage from the book of Revelation.

'I am well aware of your actions, and fully realise you're neither hot nor cold. How fervently I wish you were different, but no, you are lukewarm – not cold but not hot either – for that reason I spit you out of my mouth! (Revelation chapter 3: verses 15-16).

It seems that lukewarm believers are in need of hearing the Gospel message, as well as everyone else.

I do see that having a little faith can be a good thing. And surely it's better to believe a little than believing nothing at all? But an apathetic or nominal faith might well presume that all is well, that it's just OK to go through the motions with a commitment only a shadow of what it's meant to be. If your faith is lukewarm we might not even notice what's happening, we might have stopped listening.

I ask you to ask yourself what is sapping your energy, causing it to cool off? And what measures can you take to prevent it? Are such steps needed now? If our faith is to be all it should be, we need the courage to look at ourselves, measure the temperature of our commitment and acknowledge where it is lacking so that we burn genuinely hot for God, not lukewarm.

Forgive us Lord, when our faith doesn't blow as hot as it should Amen.

Rev Millie Hart

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Sunday/Main Services – June 2018

Sunday 3rd June

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

Wednesday 6th June

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 10th June

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 17th June

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th June

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 24th June

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

Saturday 30th June

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham: Men's breakfast
4.00 pm Harrietsham: Messy Church

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Black	Buck	Bush	Thorn
2	Barnam	Fly	Training	Weight
3	Dance	Singer	Topical	Calypso
4	Pattern	Plymouth	Socks	Argyle
5	False	Jump	Kick	Start
6	Face	Gas	Ski	Mask
7	Card	Family	Rating	Credit
8	Marple	Near	World	Miss
9	Ink	Printer	Shotgun	Cartridge
10	Down	Shoulders	Vapour	Rub
11	Chief	Package	Prime	Suspect
12	Break	Lap	Morris	Dancer
13	Cheque	Cigarette	Out	Stub
14	Barker	Johnson	Perkins	Sue
15	Happy	Main	Track	Event
16	Cousins	Redbreast	Round	Robin

	Find the missing word?
1	Hyda Baker, Whose catch phrase was 'She Knows Y' Know'
2	Earth Wind and Fire, 1970's group who sang 'Boogie Wonderland'
3	Cool Hand Luke, Prison drama starring Paul Newman
4	Amen Corner, 60's welsh group who sang 'Bend Me Shape Me'
5	The Yellow Rose Of Texas, Traditional Folk Tune
6	Oliver Reed, Screen hell raiser who starred in 'Women In Love'
7	The Parent Trap, A Film which Haley Mills played both Pair of Twins
8	Metal Mickey, TV Robot designed to resemble a 50's space toy
9	'Under The Boardwalk', A 1964 Drifters number
10	Gene Pitney, Unmistakable 60's vocalist

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