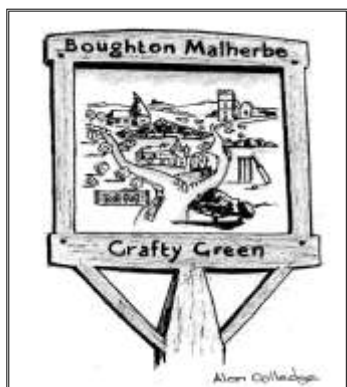


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**Front cover:** The Olympic flame comes to Harrietsham It is being carried by 17 year old Peter Bannister, a student at Sutton Valence School and a future Olympic kayaking hopeful.  
Picture courtesy of John Collins

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Cream Teas:** We will be serving Cream Teas on Sunday afternoons between 2.00 & 5.00pm throughout August and for the first two Sundays of September. In July we have had one Sunday which was badly attended because of rain and Wimbledon finals and one very good one. We hope to see old friends and new at the teas this year. We will be selling jams, cakes, postcards and second-hand books. We are able to sell the village History Book too- just ask and a copy will be available for you to see and hopefully you will be inspired to buy one.

**Jam Jars:** Please don't forget that the cream tea ladies need 1lb jam jars for the jams they sell at the Teas. Please ring Joan 850210 or Sylvia 858919 for collection.

**Coffee Morning:** Our Coffee Morning this month will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12.00pm. Do come and join us - you are all welcome. Coffee, tea and homemade scones and cake will be available along with good chat and laughter. A small donation would be appreciated, which will be given to a Charity later in the year.

**Date for your Diary:** Harvest Supper is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall -tickets will be available next month.

**Prayers in St. Nicholas** will not take place during August; they will resume again in September.

**Ride and Stride:** The friends of Kent Churches RIDE AND STRIDE takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. Please would you consider taking part by either riding or striding around a group of Churches. Get your sponsors sorted out in good time - you can either be sponsored per church or by a lump sum for doing the walk. You will then be helping to raise money for the Friends of Kent Churches and your own Church too, as half the money raised is returned to your Church. Go with a friend or go on your own.

Canterbury is a good one to choose or Tunbridge Wells and the Medway Towns because there are about 15 Churches to visit in a small area. Ask Joan on 01622 850210 for a sponsorship form and a list of Churches open and get your sponsors for a fun day out visiting the Churches in your area and meeting others while you walk.

We will also need people to be at the Church to welcome Riders and Striders, these people can also be sponsored for giving up their day. Ride and Stride starts at 10.00am and finishes at 6.00pm.

**Joan Davidson**

**Ken and Eve Sweet  
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## **Summer Yoga Sessions in Grafty Green Village Hall**

There will be three yoga sessions during August, Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>  
and 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30 – 11 am – all welcome  
£18 for 3 or £8 a session - Special rate for 12 to 16 year olds of £4  
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Contact Susan Burch *01622 850381*  
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## Another Serious Fire

Early on the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July the sound of sirens and the awareness of another fire tragedy in Grafty Green but thankfully no injuries albeit a huge impact for the family concerned; Our thoughts go to them. As we understand it a neighbour raised the alarm seeing smoke coming from the house and alerted the family. There is some disparity of accounts of the time taken for Kent Fire and Rescue Service to attend, however, from a senior KFRS source we understand the logged time from the first 999 call to first appliance on scene was 21 minutes from Maidstone whereas there are accounts of up to nearly an hour. Martin Adams, KFRS Community Safety Manager, has already been asked to investigate and clarify the situation and he will welcome any information – contact 01622 692121.

Without exception all accounts are of an excellent job by the fire-fighters on scene. A water tanker was mobilised from the outset, foam used, and a hydrant immediately available (ironically just the day before we had done our voluntary checks of all hydrants in the Parish). A British Red Cross Support Unit was also mobilised (gives invaluable support and help in the aftermath of fire to those affected).

KFRS have under constant review rural response times which are often outside the time parameters they and we would like; in the ideal world every town / village would have a fire station manned 24/7 but in our real austere world this is cost prohibitive and there has to be a balance of compromise. An innocuous seemingly small fire can develop to envelop a room in just 3 minutes, a fact confirmed by the very serious Chatham fire last year where the response time was just 3 minutes but a family perished and the property gutted. The underlying message is about FIRE PREVENTION and the following paragraph, which we would urge you to read, says something about this. Through the magazine we will keep you informed as information becomes available.

**Chris Wheal** 01622 858100

**Robert Turner** 01622 850325  
(Chairman Parish Council)

## Fire Prevention

Most local residents and readers of the magazine will know of my involvement with KFRS since the fire last October at the Barn and the efforts made in conjunction with the Parish Council to improve fire safety, preventative and precautionary measures in the village and the considerable work both done and on-going regarding fire hydrants and water supplies for fire fighting. I have recently completed a training course to become a KFRS Community Volunteer and as such will be able to help anybody regarding fire prevention, *FREE* home safety visits by KFRS staff including the fitting of *FREE* smoke alarms when appropriate. I anticipate being able to organise relatively soon a *fire prevention meeting including demonstrations which will concentrate wholly on steps you can and should take in your homes*. I thought I was 'streetwise' before my training – how wrong I was – the reasons why it is so important to take heed,

how just 3 breaths of smoke can and does cause death, the speed fires can spread , safe evacuation particularly at night, numerous steps to avoid fires, ways to restrict fire spread. Simple things which are often not obvious but can make a real difference to both avoid fires and worst scenario escape unscathed in the unfortunate event.

**Chris Wheal** 01622 858100 or **KFRS Community Safety Unit** 01622 692121

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**From:** Adams Martin <martin.adams@kent.fire-uk.org>  
**To:** 'Chris Wheal (Firewatch)' <cwhealmail-graftyfirewatch@yahoo.co.uk>  
**Cc:** "'turnerrmb@gmail.com'" <turnerrmb@gmail.com>; Bone-Knell Sean <sean.bone-knell@kent.fire-uk.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 July 2012, 10:29  
**Subject:** RE: GRAFTY FIRE

Hi Chris,

I have now had the opportunity to interrogate the incident log for the fire at Grafty Green on Friday morning, and I have provided below details of KFRS attendance times and mobilising, as requested:-

Received first call at 08.20hrs and 25secs

First fire engines from Maidstone mobilised by Control Centre at 08.20hrs and 37secs (call handled in 12 secs)

60R1(the first Maidstone fire engine) booked mobile to incident at 08.21hrs and 8 secs (booked mobile in 31 secs)

60P1(the second Maidstone fire engine) booked mobile to incident at 08.21hrs and 44 secs (booked mobile in 1 min and 7 secs)

60R1 booked In Attendance at the address at 08.42hrs and 22 secs (an attendance time of 21 mins and 57 secs)

60P1 booked In Attendance at the address at 08.42hrs and 27 secs (an attendance time of 22 mins and 2 secs)

Due to the number and nature of calls a third fire engine from Ashford, 11R1, was mobilised at 08.34hrs.

This appliance booked mobile to incident at 08.36hrs, and In Attendance at 08.55hrs. The Water Unit 65W1 from Larkfield was mobilised at 08.35hrs

A fourth and fifth pump from Medway were mobilised on the 'make-up' – 43R1 was In Attendance at 09.23hrs, and 43P1 In Attendance at 10.16hrs.

A fire engine from Thameside, 35P1 and the Command Support Unit from the same station, 35C1, booked In Attendance at 09.45hrs as Command Support and Support Pump for the incident.

You said in our telephone conversation on Friday evening that there may be a couple of local residents who might appreciate a discussion with myself with regards to our

attendance times, which I would be more than happy to facilitate. If you could provide me with the names and contact details of these people, and I will make contact with them this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information, or if you would like to talk through any of the details above.

Regards

Martin

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### **Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)**

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

#### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August      15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

#### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August      14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

#### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August      09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

## Village Hall News

It's now a year since the current Hall Committee was formed, and what a busy year it has been!. We've enjoyed a 60s/70s dance to the famous 'Chicory Tip', we've raced frogs, driven beetles, raised funds with 'Phil The Bag' and, of course, celebrated the Royal Jubilee in style. Behind the scenes, we've repaired an ailing kitchen floor, re-fitted and redecorated the loos and fought a fearsome campaign against rodent trespassers!

It's now time to take stock and plan the year ahead. We have several ideas, but are keen to know what you've enjoyed most in the past and what new events or entertainments you'd like to see at the Hall. Do let me know. My email address is at the foot of this article.

Many of you have asked if we intend to repeat 'Phil The Bag'.... so we will! You'll remember that this is a scheme for re-cycling our old clothes, shoes, belts, bags and other textile products (other than off-cuts, carpets and bedding items like pillows and duvets). We are paid for what we gather, and last time this earned us nearly £300, so it's well worth doing - and anything still usable finds its way to developing countries, where people are pleased to be able to buy what we have just grown tired of. So, for the next couple of months, **THROW NOTHING AWAY!** Keep all your unwanted textile products (whatever their condition) and, at the beginning of October, we will provide a bag in which you can bring them along to the Hall. (The exact date for delivering your bags to us will appear in the October edition of this magazine.)

More immediately, we have a job of work to do. We need to protect and smarten up the exterior of the Hall, where the wood stain and preservative needs renewing. We will be doing this (weather permitting) on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Could you offer us any help? Just turn up at the Hall from 9.30 on either day in your best DIY clothing and we'll "splash it on all over", as "our 'Enry" used to say. Many hands make light work, so do please come along if you can.

**Richard Pilborough,**

Hall Committee Chairman

email: [pilborough@graffy.plus.com](mailto:pilborough@graffy.plus.com)



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## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
<b>August 7 6.30pm</b>	<b>Bean Place Nursery, Headcorn</b>	<b>Nursery visit</b>
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

On the evening of August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 the Gardening Club will be visiting Bean Place Nursery at Headcorn. The Nursery can be reached via a right turning into Bletchenden Road off the A274 Biddenden Road on the opposite side to the Airport. The post code is TN27 9JB. The evening is open to members and non-members. For further information about the Gardening Club call Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381.

### **Yoga Classes for September and October Grafty Green Village Hall**

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

Yoga is suitable for all ages, men and women; no previous experience is necessary.

Term dates:- Wednesday evening 7 - 8.30 pm

12<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday morning 9.30 – 11 am

13<sup>th</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> October

*7 week course - £42 or drop in £8 a session.*

If you would like to register your interest please contact me on the following  
01622 850381 or 07803 962339 or Email: [griftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:griftyyoga@gmail.com)

**Susan Burch**

## News From Ulcombe Village School

This is the last village newsletter article for this academic year and has been co-written by the Head Teacher for the Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Mr. Joe Williams.



*Head Teacher for the Day, Mr Joe Williams, meeting the Chair of Governors*

### **A Busy Year Comes to a Close**

Looking back over Term 6 some very exciting events have taken place. First we had our Sports' Day and the Summer Fayre. See below for more information. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June we had Ultimate Dodgeball as part of National School Sports Week and World Sport Day. Everyone enjoyed playing this by throwing the ball at each other and trying to catch each other out. We have raised over £300 for British Heart Foundation and the school. In the same week, Year 4 and 5 went to a Mini-Olympics and some of Year 6 were in a cricket tournament.

Tawny Owls have spent 2 months making a model railway set for a competition run by Hornby and Kent County Council. At the end of June six Year 6 pupils went to a judging final where we were runners-up. The whole school was invited to the FUS disco on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone enjoyed themselves - even the teachers. After the disco Years 5 and 6 had a BBQ. This was also really good, even though Mrs. Wills even set fire to the burgers.

The FUS Summer Ball was a great success, with more information below. At the time of writing we still have our final performance of Greece Goes to Pieces. Our Dress Rehearsal and Opening Night both went very well, with the audiences enjoying our acting, singing and dancing. The play helped us to learn about Greek myths and gods, too. The last event of the term will be our Leavers' Service at All Saints Parish Church. Today I have also decided that there will be a Talent Show on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. I know, even before writing, that this will be an extremely enjoyable and entertaining time.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for the productions, talent show and, especially, our special service.

Best wishes,  
Mr J Williams  
*Head Teacher for the Day*

## **Goodbye Year 6 and Ms Farrow**

This summer sees our Year 6 pupils and their teacher all moving on. The children will be heading off in various directions to begin their time at secondary school. We know they will face new challenges and make new friends in their new schools.

In their time at Ulcombe the children have responded to many challenges with considerable success. This year's 'SATs' results show 77% of the Year 6 pupils achieved Level 4 or higher, whilst an amazing 46% reached Level 5 in Maths, but an even more incredible 62% achieved Level 5 in Reading. Along with this amazing level of academic achievement this group of children has proven themselves to be keen sportsmen and women and great actors, actresses and musicians.

Ms Farrow has also achieved a great deal whilst here at Ulcombe. Whilst we are sad that she is leaving, we are proud that she has been able to secure a post in a much larger primary school. We wish all of our Leavers every happiness and success.

## **Friends of Ulcombe School**

FUS have certainly been busy since the last newsletter. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves at our Sports Day and Summer Fayre on Saturday 23rd June. The Sports Day started at 11am The Summer Fayre this year raised over £1,000, which is phenomenal for our wonderful village school. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who came and supported us, with special thanks to Mrs Arundel and Mrs Tew, for making sure we all knew where we should be when.

Our End of Year Disco was on Friday 13th July, after school. We are very grateful to our own resident DJ, as this was yet another fantastic disco, which was very much enjoyed by all of the children. On Saturday 14th July FUS held its Summer Ball, which was a chance for the grown-ups to dance the night away. I can safely say that some took this opportunity with immense enthusiasm and energy! The auction was extremely popular and (at times) competitive. Our thanks go to all of the generous donations of lot items, from baby-sitting to coach tickets to Paris and even Head Teacher for the Day, and to everyone who placed bids, even if they were not successful this time. The Summer Ball, like the Fayre, proved to be a huge success, raising over £1,500! We must thank Mrs Berry and Mrs Finley who did a great deal of work in advance to make sure the evening was such a success.

Looking ahead to the autumn, the plans are in place for a Family Bingo Night on Saturday 29th September, starting at 5.30pm. This will be a joint event with the Village Hall. Please put the date in your diary now .

## **The Attendance Star**

The Attendance Star Trophy was presented at the Leavers' Service to children with 100% attendance during the year. Very many congratulations go to Grace, Rhiannon and Daniel who have all achieved this incredible feat this year.

## **The Library Project**

At the time of writing KCC are considering which bid to accept for the disused land at the northern end of the site. I hope to be able to tell you more in the next month or so, as this will mean our long-awaited extension is getting closer!

## **And finally ...**

I must thank staff, governors, parents, friends and, of course, pupils, who have done so much to make this year such a success. We look forward to another great school year starting in September. Whilst the children are about to head off for the summer, we know staff will have to pop in at various times during the holiday in preparation for the next academic year, striving to make Ulcombe CE Primary School the best school that it can be.

Have a wonderful summer, whatever you do, wherever you go,

**Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.***

## **Music Notes - August**

August is a holiday month for local musicians as well as for the rest of us, and a search for local concerts in all the usual listings, and some of the unusual ones, tells us only that All Saints' Church Maidstone continues its season of lunchtime concerts. These are held at 1.05pm every Thursday until 29<sup>th</sup> September. Entry is FREE but at each concert there is a retiring collection in aid of a local charity.

Of some 20 major classical music festivals in August none is held in Kent, or even the south east, apart from the Promenade Concerts in London. So this month the choices I offer are:

- Migrate North – the Edinburgh Festival runs from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September details tel 0131 473 2000
- Travel East – Aldeburgh festival's alternative proms run from 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August at Snape Maltings, details 01728 687110
- Go up to town – The BBC proms at The Royal Albert Hall run until 8<sup>th</sup> September; details tel 0845 401 5040.
- Stay at home and listen to the proms on BBC radio or watch on BBC TV. I recommend:
  1. Prom 36, BBC 2 Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Simon Callow presents a concert celebrating the songs of Ivor Novello, with the Hallé Orchestra
  2. Prom 45, BBC2 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August – The Sao Paulo symphony Orchestra with works by Copeland and Dvorak
  3. Prom 49, BBC2 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Jane Glover conducts G&S – *The Yeoman of the Guard*.

**Brian Hardy**

## **Grafty Gourmet**

This is a great sauce for both lamb and beef steaks. Preparation and total cooking time is about 15 minutes. The redcurrant jelly can be omitted if you don't particularly have a sweet tooth.

### **Lamb Steaks with Shallots & Sticky Red Wine Sauce**

2 Lamb Steaks (or beef steaks) - ensure steaks are at room temperature.	3 Tablespoons of Balsamic Vinegar
8 Shallots	175ml Red Wine
2 Cloves of Garlic (finely chopped)	150ml Beef Stock
25g Butter	1 Teaspoon of Redcurrant Jelly

1. Simmer the shallots in a pan of boiling water for 2 to 3 minutes, then drain and set aside.
2. Make sure the steaks are at room temperature (not straight from fridge). This will help make the steaks more tender. Season the steaks with a little salt and plenty of crushed black pepper.
3. Heat half the butter in a pan until sizzling, then cook the steaks for 3 minutes each side for medium or until done to your liking. Remove the steaks and keep warm.
4. While they rest, add the remaining butter to the same pan, put in the shallots and garlic, then sizzle in the sticky pan until they start to brown. Add the balsamic vinegar and bubble for a few minutes.
5. Add the red wine and boil down until sticky, then add the beef stock and simmer, stirring until everything comes together. Then add the redcurrant jelly and stir until it dissolves. Spoon the sauce and shallots over the steaks and serve with chips or vegetables and potatoes of your choice.

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## News from Platts Heath Primary School



### *Where small works*

With another school year over and summer holidays upon us there is plenty to look back and reflect upon in our last term at school.

**Class visits:** All three classes have taken part in school visits to local attractions to consolidate what they have been learning during their lessons. **Hoy** class enjoyed trip to the Rare Breeds Centre to learn all about farm animals. According to my youngest daughter, the tractor ride and being able to hold the smaller animals in the petting corner were the highlights of the visit. **Goodison** class visited the Roman Painted House in Dover and were lucky enough to have a talk from one of the archaeologists who uncovered this amazing site in the early 1970's. They were given the chance to handle artefacts, try on clothing similar to that worn in Roman times and even to stand on some of the mosaics. I was lucky enough to join **Adlington** class on a trip to Hastings, where we discovered just how different a seaside town is to our little village, Platts Heath. We enjoyed a trip to the Fisherman's museum, a walk on the beach and a ride on the funicular railway.

**Barnaby Bear:** Another member of Platts Heath Primary School, who has been out and about, is Barnaby Bear from Hoy class. He joined Mr Motley on a 200km bike ride on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to raise funds for the Early Years outside area. Thankfully, the rain stayed away and both Mr Motley and Barnaby had a fun but very tiring day. They cycled for approximately 10 hours in one day! Our heartfelt thanks go to Mr Motley and of all those who sponsored him. The total currently stands at £150. We can't wait to start ordering some lovely new equipment for the children to use.

**Whole School Visit:** In July the whole school had the chance to learn all about the creatures that live at Wildwood in Herne Common. Close encounters with fallow deer, bison and wolves, watching them being fed and being able to pose questions to the keepers helped the children have a fantastic day out. As usual the school trip was funded by our very hard working PTFA, many thanks to them for making this day possible.

**School Fair:** As always we enjoyed a fantastic school fair and thankfully the sun shone down on us. This year we also incorporated Platts Heath's Got Talent; and for a small school we really do have some very talented and confident children. Well done to all the children who took part in this event; and especially well done to Tilly Cook and James Blake who won the competition.

Of course, our fair wouldn't have happened without the hard work of Jenny Butler and Grace Goddard, along with all the other hard working parents and helpers who

manned stalls. As always our fair was well attended by parents and families, thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Thank you also to Mandy Ellen Performing Arts for helping to judge Platts Heath's Got Talent, entertaining us with their dancing and to providing a terms worth of lessons to all the children who participated in the competition. Thank you also to Helen Nye, another of our Platts Heath's Got Talent judges. One of our biggest fundraisers is our raffle and that is due to the quality of prizes available. A big THANK YOU to everyone who kindly donated prizes.

**WRAVERS Cup:** Platts Heath, Ulcombe, Harrietsham and Lenham Primary Schools recently took part in a 7 a-side football competition on the 3G pitch at Swadelands. Our team played extremely well, holding Lenham (league winners this year) to a 0:0 draw. A great end to the season and we would all like to say THANK YOU to Mr. Sulsh who has trained and led the team all year, whatever the weather. Well done to Harrietsham the eventual winners.

**Sports Day:** Our sports day was aptly Olympic themed this year, with teams participating from the USA, Spain, South Africa, Brazil, China and Australia. Well done to team China who won overall. Sports activities for the children were held in the morning and in the afternoon we held races. As always, we were well supported by our families and it was great to see the parents taking part in their own Olympic Hobby Horse Race!

**Maidstone Torch Festival:** With more Olympic themed news, Platts Heath School were lucky enough to be invited to Leeds Castle on the 19<sup>th</sup> July to participate in Olympic themed sporting events, see the torch arrive at the castle and watch the fantastic concert. A great time was had by both the adults and children who participated. This was truly a day to remember.

**Watch Out Mr McIlroy:** Our older children and staff have been fortunate to receive training in Tri-golf, a mini version of golf designed specifically for primary school children. Tri-golf uses fun-based activity sessions with age appropriate equipment. We have also had a visit from a specialist at Swadelands who has provided further help and assistance. Our families and friends have been busy collecting Sainsbury's vouchers and this year we will be spending them on Tri-golf equipment so that the children can benefit from this activity during their P.E. lessons.

**Tag Rugby:** Mr Cream, a parent of a child at our school, very kindly visited us recently to teach the children tag rugby skills. We would like to say thank you to Mr Cream for giving up his time. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

**A Fond Farewell:** As many of you may already know Miss Keywood our current Early Years teacher is leaving us for pastures new. Miss Keywood joined us in September 2009 and very quickly became a part of our little school family. We wish her the very best at her new school.

We would also like to say goodbye to our year 6 leavers and wish them the very best of luck in their future school careers at Maidstone Grammar School and Swadelands, we are confident that they will do extremely well.

**An Excited Hello:** We are very much looking forward to welcoming Miss Francis to our school. Miss Francis has already been in to spend time with our current Early Years class and has also met our new Reception children and has proven to be a big hit. She has spent time with the children junk modelling and making giraffes. Miss Francis joins us from a school in Canterbury.

Along with Miss Francis, we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children. We are sure that they will settle into life at Platts Heath School very quickly.

**Moving to the area?:** Thinking of moving, or recently moved to the area? Please give us a call to see if there are spaces available or come and visit our friendly little school.

**A Big Thank You:** Mrs Goodwin has been coming to listen to the children at Platts Heath School read for the past 25 years! We would like to say a very big thank you for all the time and support she has given us.

**End of Year Excitement:** On the 13<sup>th</sup> July, the PTFA held an end of year disco for the children. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to get dressed up and have fun with their friends before breaking up for the summer holidays.

The following week, on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, the children of Adlington class put on a fantastic year end production based on the Ancient Greeks. As usual, the assembly was well attended by parents and friends of the school.

We also took the opportunity to say a big thank you to Grace Goddard and Jenny Butler who have now stepped down as joint chair of the PTFA. Jenny and Grace have been joint chair of the PTFA for the last four years; and by organising various school fetes and fund raising events, have managed to consistently raise a fantastic amount of money for the school.

Remember, PTFA stands for **Parents, Teachers** and **Friends** Association so should you be interested in joining, please contact the school, we would love to hear from you.

**Emma Wilkins – Parent Governor.**



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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Wisdom, Late British film comedian
2	Range _____, F.W.D vehicle
3	_____ Duncan Smith, Conservative front bencher
4	United _____, Film company formed in 1919
5	_____ Pie, A Don McLean single
6	Angela's _____. Frank McCourt memoir
7	_____ Stein, TV Chef
8	Creature _____, 1990 short animated film by Nick Park
9	_____ Fearnley-Whittingstall, River Cottage Chef
10	Don't Stop __ ____, Classic Queen Hit



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In our own small way, we all like to believe we are making a difference. At LVBA we put a lot of time in to bringing maximum opportunity for minimum member effort. Filling in a form (once), turning up at meetings (monthly), reading (and responding) to the occasional email, paying an annual fee on time, buying an ad space to enable the production of a successful business directory. All designed to try and help make your life in business simpler.

## **Opportunities for you and your business - to help make life simpler.**

Monthly meetings on the first Tuesday every month (apart from June) where you could network with new customers and suppliers. Here's the line up for the remainder of 2012: • 04 September Speaker Nigel Field from Charles Derby Wealth on 'Your money matters' – how to get the most from a pension, investing for growth/income or both, certainty in an uncertain world, tax efficiency. The Oak, Charing. • 02 October Speaker Jon Burston Rialto IT at The Harrow Inn. • 06 November Speaker HMRC on Self Employment. Dog & Bear. • Do not miss this one! 4 December combined networking with SMBA at Chilston Park Hotel, last year 75 people registered to attend.

If you have been thinking about advertising in the 2013 business directory then remember the deadline is set at 31 December 2012 - if you're not a member or have not booked an ad you won't be in it if you do not meet the deadline. The back page has already been booked by a forward thinker! If you have never been involved before and are looking for an easy opportunity to help develop your business then why not give a LVBA meeting a try. There are always new faces to meet and you never know you might just meet your best customer yet - right on your doorstep! If it is your first networking meeting with LVBA then please register first [www.lenhambusiness.co.uk/registering.html](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. 100 others can't be wrong! Make your life a little easier find out about LVBA.

**Alan Reading, Chairman**

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1	Bureau	Financial	Sound	<b>Advice</b>
2	Day	Out	Private	
3	Fee	Party	Word	
4	Figure	Rowing	Some	
5	Mushrooms	Peppers	Toys	
6	Air	Hole	Pass	
7	Bell	Bike	Chair	
8	Friends	Marked	Minded	
9	On	Park	Suit	
10	Back	Phone	Straight	
11	Fly	Komodo	Swap	
12	Event	Smoker	Stick	
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## The August Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Cancer at the start of August, and moves into Leo later in the month.

**Full Moon** occurs on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, when it is in the constellation of Aquarius, and **New Moon** is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**Mercury** is at its greatest distance west of the Sun on 16<sup>th</sup> August, so it might just be possible to see this elusive planet in the south-eastern sky just before sunrise.

**Venus** is rising in the north-east in the early hours, and by dawn the brilliant "Morning Star" outshines every other object in the sky. Relative to the stars, it is moving out of Taurus and into Gemini at the end of the month. Very little detail can be seen through a telescope apart from a rather featureless white disc.

**Mars** is very low in the western sky at dusk, and sets only a couple of hours after sunset. It will not be very easy to see in the twilight.

**Jupiter** rises just before midnight, and is high in the eastern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving eastward in the constellation of Taurus. Through a telescope you may be able to see the dark and light bands, and some of Jupiter's four major moons.

**Saturn** is low in the western sky at dusk and sets before it is really dark. Relative to the stars it is moving slowly south-eastwards in the constellation of Virgo. It will not be possible to see much detail through a telescope, however, the rings, which appear oval, should be visible.

The famous **Perseid Meteor Shower** returns this month. The meteors appear to radiate from the constellation of Perseus, which is rising in the north-east in the evening, and is high in the east at dawn. The meteors are expected to peak in the middle of the month.

I know that most of you will be aware that scientists, from the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, have confirmed that they have discovered a new particle bearing all the hallmarks of a Higgs Boson. Finding the Higgs Boson proves the existence of the Higgs Field, a force which provides fundamental particles with their mass, without which they would simply zoom around space at the speed of light and never form into stars and planets. It is also the missing piece in the Standard Model.

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### **Pressing on**

Just now, the Olympics are on and many people are glued to the TV, or they've escaped from the over-exposure to sport and gone away. Whether you're watching every race, every event, or just bored with it all, the Olympics can be a lesson for us all.

The point is that these great sporting achievements are not made alone. The athletes and competitors are in teams and they have coaches. Goals are scored by a team and the striker is passed the ball by someone who sets it up for him or her. And the coach plays a hugely important part. The coach watches, thinks, makes suggestions, helps the players to improve their game. Sometimes it might be physical improvements that are needed, so certain exercises designed to strengthen particular muscle groups might be suggested. Or it may be mental stamina and strength that needs work; again the coach will have special techniques to help.

Our own lives – whether we are sporty or not – can benefit from coaching, too. Often we feel let down, miserable, alone and sad. Sometimes we're at the end of our tether. Sometimes we don't know where the next meal is coming from. Sometimes we dread the phone ringing because of the news we might hear. A bit of coaching in these tough times would help!

The great news is that such help and coaching is available, free, to all of us. And he's the greatest coach around. Of course, it's God, in and through Jesus, who can help us. All we have to do is ask. He isn't pushy, but if we want, he will help. That help comes through talking with him in prayer, listening to him through reading the Bible, through Christian friends who want to help and many other ways. The fact is that this great coach is the one who made us so he knows us and knows what can help.

St. Paul writes this in his letter to the church in Philippi: "I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead ..... I have not achieved perfection, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."

Knowing Jesus and his power is the best gift in life. Knowing his help and guidance all through life leads to fun and fulfilment. As we press on in life, let's ask him to help in the good times and the bad. Knowing he's there as friend and coach makes all the difference.

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**5<sup>th</sup> August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**12<sup>th</sup> August – Tenth 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

**19<sup>th</sup> August – Eleventh 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

**26<sup>th</sup> August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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

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There will not be any main morning services in St. Mary's Lenham, St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe or All Saints Ulcombe on Sunday 2nd September, instead please join us for a special Family Celebration Service in St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham at 9.30am, when the new doors and servery will be dedicated, everyone across the Benefice is invited.

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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2	Day	Out	Private	Patient
3	Fee	Party	Word	Search
4	Figure	Rowing	Some	Fight
5	Mushrooms	Peppers	Toys	Stuffed
6	Alt	Hole	Pass	Port
7	Bell	Bike	Chair	Push
8	Friends	Marked	Minded	Absent
9	On	Park	Suit	Safari
10	Back	Phone	Straight	Answer
11	Fly	Komodo	Swap	Dragon
12	Event	Smoker	Sick	Non
13	Motor	Room	Traction	Engine
14	Ache	Phones	Wig	Ear
15	Care	Here	Thought	After
16	Helmet	Life	Path	Cycle

	Find the missing word?
1	Norman Wisdom, Late British film comedian
2	Range Rover, F.W.D vehicle
3	Iain Duncan Smith, Conservative front bench
4	United Artists, Film company formed in 1919
5	American Pie, A Don McLean single
6	Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt memoir
7	Rick Stein, TV Chef
8	Creature Comforts, 1990 short animated film by Nick Park
9	Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, River Cottage Chef
10	Don't Stop Me Now, Classic Queen Hit





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