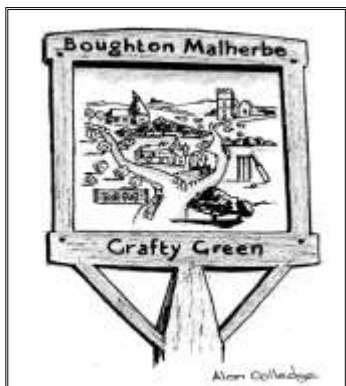


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Ride and Stride

Jane Raye and her friend had a glorious day riding from Boughton Malherbe church through to Chart Sutton stopping at Ulcombe, East Sutton and Sutton Valence on the way. We were out for five and half hours with a few stops on the way. Her total sponsorship totals £485, she would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

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

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Rev: Dr. John Huggins will be Inducted to the Benefice on 10th October at St. Mary's and his first Service will be on the following Sunday 14th at 11.00a.m. We wish you a warm welcome and look forward to your ministry here among us.

Harvest Festival will be held on 8th October at 6.30p.m. for Evensong followed by an auction of the harvest produce accompanied by refreshments

Harvest Supper is planned for Saturday 14th October at 7.30p.m. Tickets will be £8.00 available from the shop and members of the PCC. There will be a 3 Course Meal, a licensed bar and a raffle will be held.

Morning Prayer will be held on 1st 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 9.30 a.m. in St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe and on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at All Saints Ulcombe. You are very welcome to join these sessions.

Bible Study/ House Group will be held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green. They will be studying The Lord's Supper on 5th October at 10.30a.m. For further information about these groups please ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766. For those of you who are interested we are a small group of people who meet to study passages from the Bible.

Coffee Morning Our monthly Coffee Morning will be held in the village hall on the Wednesday 10th October from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Do come along for a Coffee and homemade cake or cheese scones coupled with a friendly chat.

Gentlemen at Breakfast will be on the last Saturday of the month at the Dog and Bear Lenham at 8.00 a.m. when a full English Breakfast will be served costing £8.50 per head. If you would like to reserve a place please ring Sarah at the Church Office on 01622 850604 or James Hodgkinson on 01622 850137 for further information.

Ride and Stride organised by the Friends of Kent Churches took place on the 9th September between 10.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.. Thank you to all those who took part in the event and thanks to those who sponsored the riders and walkers

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Susan Burch

Pictures from the Grafty Green Medieval Fete





Grafty Green Gardening Club

£500 from the proceeds from the garden safari that took place on 4th June has been donated to the Heart of Kent Hospice. In the picture you will see their ambassador Debbie Boland being presented with a cheque on 8th September.

Kings Head Grafty Green

Saturday 21st October 7.30pm

Curry & Quiz

To book please call 01622 850259

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great recipe for vegetarians. The parmesan can be substituted for a vegetarian equivalent if required. As usual, a very simple but tasty dish to make and enjoy.

Spinach & Ricotta Gnocchi

200g of young spinach
Small handful of parsley leaves – finely chopped
1 x glove of garlic
140g of ricotta cheese
85g of plain flour
2 eggs
100g of freshly grated parmesan cheese (use a vegetarian equivalent if vegetarian)
Freshly grated nutmeg
Olive oil & rocket, to serve

1. Boil the kettle. Place the spinach in a large bowl and pour boiling water over it. Leave for 2 mins until wilted, then drain thoroughly. Leave to cool, then wrap a clean tea towel around the spinach. Hold it over the sink and squeeze out as much water as possible. Finely chop.

2. Place the spinach, parsley, garlic, ricotta, flour, eggs, cheese and a generous grating of nutmeg into a large bowl and season with salt and pepper. Use a fork to stir very thoroughly until everything is completely mixed. Using wet hands, form the mixture into walnut-size balls. Place on a large plate or tray and refrigerate for at least 30 mins.

3. When ready to cook, bring a large pan of water to the boil. Reduce the heat to medium and drop in batches of about 8-10 gnocchi at a time. They will sink to the bottom, and when they rise to the top give them about 1 min more, then remove with a slotted spoon and keep warm while you cook the rest. Serve the gnocchi on warm plates drizzled with olive oil and scattered with rocket and more cheese.

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Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 10	AGM and Sarah Morgan	Alpines in landscape design
Feb7	Tim Ingrams	Hellebores
March 7	Nikki Gammans	Bumblebee Conservation
April 4	Alison Marsden - and Spring Show	Front gardens – making the most of your house
May 2	Steven Edney	Salutation Garden
May 6	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 4	Sunday afternoon Garden Safari around our village	
June 9 -11	Weekend away Somerset, Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton,	
July 4	Boldshaves, Woodchurch	
August 1	Orangery at Mystole, Chartham CT4 7DB	
Sept 5	Tram Hatch	
Oct 3	Stephen Harmer	History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show
Nov7	Fiona Wemyss	Blue Leaf Plants
Dec 5	Meal	

October 3rd - AUTUMN SHOW and talk by STEPHEN HARMER on the HISTORY OF SISSINGHURST GARDEN. Entries for the show can as usual be brought along to the hall at the earlier time of 7pm.

Following the judging of the show entries, and Stephen's talk there will be time for us all to view the entries over a coffee or tea if you prefer and to look back on our summer visits. Feedback to committee on the gardens visited is always useful and helps us when planning for next year. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Tip of the Month - in the kitchen garden cut down the dying tops of perennial vegetables and lift and divide rhubarb. Finish planting spring bedding and spring-flowering bulbs. Winter flowering heathers, pansies and ivy in a hanging basket will give a cheerful display from now until next summer. Dig up a few roots of each of your herbs and put each into a small pot of compost, water in and stand on a bright windowsill in the kitchen. You will then have fresh, tasty herbs at your fingertips all winter.

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

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:
6th November, 15th January 2018, 12th March 2018

Another Great Village Fete

By Carol Hulm

"Excellent day" "Best Fete ever" (well this century at least), just two of the quotes from people who attended. There are so many people to thank on behalf of all the Village Hall committee, so we hope the following poem will cover everything.



Everyone said this was the best Fete ever
With the beautiful views and perfect weather
So thanks to the committee for organising the event
And thanks to the helpers for all their time spent

On Friday evening they were putting up tents
And preparing the field for the various events
And Saturday was such a long long day
And in the evening they had to pack it away!

And thanks to Carol for her schedules and lists
And the people who made sure nothing was missed
And thanks to Amiga for the advertising boards
And everyone who sold raffle tickets by the hordes

And thanks to the sponsors for all their donations
From the grand draw prizes to the other declarations
And the Medieval Society and their traditional tents
And their displays and costumes and entertainments

Thanks to the newcomers who enjoyed the sun
We're really glad you came and had some fun
And the medieval entertainers we had to admire
With balloons and stilts and performing with fire

In the activity tent the children had great fun
Making medieval hats and playing games with everyone
We saw the goats from the sanctuary and the lovely alpacas
And the amazing Punch and Judy that really was crackers

Thanks to the people who manned the stalls for free
And the Cata Mount burgers cooked so perfectly
And our own Mr. Whippy who served ice cream cones

And people who donated cakes and buns and the lovely home-made scones

And the fantastic costumes for the fancy dress
And the show of large vegetables that really impressed
And to Alan who went through all the submissions
And perfectly judged the costume competition

There were cakes from Cathy and Mandy's Stained glass
And Alan Colledge's paintings were really first class
Gavin brought Honey and the Church had crafts for you
With plants from the Gardening club and Around the Garden Table too

But the jousting for adults was brilliant fun
Without some clever innovation it couldn't be done
And the Hobby Horse Gymkhana was such a scream
So thanks to the bowls club for organising the team

In the stocks, getting soaked was our landlord Ken
With Richard taking over every now and again
And the Morris dancing at the end of the day
Closed the Fete in the most traditional way

And a big thanks to James Whale for being "Kelly Brooks"
Even though he hasn't got the body or the good looks!
So thanks to the helpers who got stuck in and did their bit
And to everyone who came and made a success of it

But this year we were even on Social Media
On Twitter & Facebook and even Wikipedia!
So post your photos and videos of the day
On hashtag #GraftyGreenMedievalFete

All photos will be available on the Grafty Green Village Hall Website – www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk and also on the Village Hall Facebook page. Pictures of the children have not been included unless permission has been received, but if anyone wants to see these pictures please let contact Carol Hulm. If anyone does not want their picture on the website please let us know and they will be removed. We would like to thank our stand-in photographer for all the lovely pictures.

So the challenge is how do we top this year. Well I'd be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to be involved, all ideas and volunteers welcomed. Carolhulm@gmail.com or mobile: 07990 574214.

Grand Draw Winners

Apologies for not getting a note of everyone's name/surname

Prizes	Donators	Winners
Samsung 9" Tablet	Ashley Law	Louise (from the 3 Chimneys
£100	GG Village Hall	Paul Neaves
The Whody Boudoir Dress Boutique £100 Voucher	Who'd a Thought It	Robert Turner
Tea for 4	Chilston Park	Liz Burgess
Fish & Chip Supper	Kings Head	Ken Alexander
Luxury Hamper	AW Court	Izzy Turner
Framed Painting	Alan Colledge	Emily Thompson
Pot of Herbs	Around the Garden Table	Pauline Webster
Scarf's	Immy Blingy	Mark

Other Winners

Game	Winners
Fancy Dress	Child: Harrison Baillie – Adult: Lady Jane
Jousting	Yet to be identified, please let us know who you are
Gymkhana	Finlay Cousins
Most Marbles	Adult: Pam Plummer: Junior David
Largest Onion	1 st Sue Birch, 2nd John Millen
Largest runner bean	1st Ben, 2nd Kathy Hales, 3rd Ben's brother William
Largest Sunflower Head	8 sunflower heads entered – 1 st Harrison Masters, 2nd Emily Davis, 3rd Scarlett Webb
Guess the Cake	Jacqui Thompson



Winner of the Hobby Horse Gymkhana



Winner of the Jousting



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Village Hall News

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Don't forget our '**Phil-The-Bag**' collection on **Sunday 8th October** between 10.30 and 12.00, when you are invited to bring to the Hall your old clothes, towels, bed linen, curtains, shoes, belts and bags and enjoy a convivial cuppa with us. The items, which should be placed in a bin liner, cannot include pillows and duvets, nor heavily soiled items or fabric off-cuts, I'm afraid.



Phil The BagTM

Looking ahead to other events in the Hall, I hope you have in your diaries the **Harvest Supper** on **Sat 14th October** and our annual **Craft Fair** on **26th November**. If you would like to have a stall at the Craft Fair, please contact Carol Hulm, whose contact details are always on the inside front page of this magazine as our Hall Committee Secretary.

And, while you have your diary out, you'll not want to miss our traditional pre-Christmas quiz night on **Sat 2nd December**, so write that in too!

Finally, if you're already beginning to get dates to record in 2018, don't rush out and buy a new diary just yet as the **2018 Village Calendar** will be in the village shop by the middle of this month, featuring views of the local area and some of our local wildlife.

That's all for now. See you at the Phil The Bag collection.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 7th September 2017, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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

In attendance: Chris Wheal

Cllr Turner opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – received and accepted apologies for absence from – Cllr J Collins, Stuart Ellesmere, Cllr Martin Round, Cllr Shellina Prendergast
3. **Declarations:**
Any lobbying - none
Any interest in items on the Agenda - none
Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2017 were approved.
6. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
5. **Public session** -
7. **KCC/MBC Reports**
No reports
8. **8.1 Local Policing/community** – no report. Noted that crime statistics can be obtained from the Police website and the Clerk was asked to arrange for this information to be gathered.
8.2 Community Warden Report – an email was received from Stuart Ellesmere. The Clerk will circulate this note to Councillors
8.3 KFRS - Chris Wheal from KFRS informed the meeting about the following: (i) Water pressure concerns in Grafty Green and whether this might relate to the Garden Centre development. It was agreed that Cllr. R Galton will speak to Quinn Estates and report back (ii) those responsible for roadworks not complying with signage requirements, it was agreed that the Council will write to KCC Highways once the current spate of works is completed. (iii) Recent house fires linked to bonfires in older people's gardens.
8.4 Speedwatch – currently on hold as there has been no volunteer to complete the assessment
9. **Highway and Footway Matters**
9.1 Liverton Hill – noted issues regarding springs
9.2 Ditches, gullies, pot holes - problems with three gullies – agreed to raise again with KCC Highways

9.4 HGV Signage – Noted sign is down in Grafty Green. Clerk to report this to Sue Laporte. Also ask Sue about another traffic survey. It was also agreed that we would raise the issue of HGV lorries at the KALC meeting and with Sue Laporte and Shellina Prendergast.

9.5 59 Bus – Noted enquiry from KALC regarding Nu-Venture and response

10. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

Cllr Turner provided feedback from a meeting with Maidstone Borough Council Chief Executive, Alison Broon regarding the enforcement of occupation of land at the Meadows. Agreed to meet with Borough Councillors as soon as possible to discuss action required. The Clerk will write to the Planning Inspectorate asking them to set out their timetable for the appeal regarding this site with copies to Shellina Prendergast and Helen Wately. Clerk to write to Maidstone Borough Council Enforcement Team regarding next steps when Stop Notice ends regarding the land opposite the Meadows, copy to Shellina Prendergast.

11. Finance

11.1 To note the Balance at the Bank - £29,076.51 Nat West
£500.00 Santander

11.2 Income since the last meeting – PSS first instalment £499.50

11.3 Bank Reconciliation – approved and signed for position at 5th August 2017

11.4 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting - noted

11.5 Update on new bank signatories – noted that this is still not resolved. Cllr Allum will complete and return the additional signatory form

11.6 Granting Special Instruction to the Clerk – noted that this has been agreed

11.7 Payment from Quinn Estates – noted that this is with Quinn Estates who are drafting an agreement. The Parish Council has appointed a legal advisor to ensure that this is conducted satisfactorily. Clerk to explore the process to register the pub and Village Green as Community Assets. There was no further update regarding the village green.

11.8 The Annual External Audit Report for 2016/17 was received and noted

11.9 Deposit Account – It was agreed to open a deposit account to hold legacy funding. Cllr J Collins to advise the Clerk. Clerk and Cllr J Collins to discuss closing the Santander account and transferring the contents to the deposit account once opened

12. Correspondence – There was correspondence from: Nat West Bank, CPRE, and The Pensions Regulator. This was noted

13. Further Information –

It was agreed to hold the Staffing Committee on the same night as the next Parish Council meeting on 6th November.

Clerk to chase progress on the acquisition of the salt bin for Boughton Malherbe.

The Meeting closed 9.05pm

Revised Parish Emergency Plan

Enclosed with this October 2017 edition of Malherbe Monthly is your updated copy of the Emergency Plan. Please destroy all previous copies in your possession and keep this latest version handy. The next revision will be issued this time next year, in the meantime let us hope for a safe year ahead.

Ron Galton



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October Music notes

A good selection of concerts this month, and there are more if you look around. Particularly recommended is the Hospice concert on October 28th at Mote Hall. All profits go to the hospice, and the top-quality participants give their time free.

I have included a London concert for once, because it features our local Maidstone Singers. There are always good concerts in London of course if you are prepared to make the trip, and this one also provides support for our own. But as the list shows, there is really good quality in October without a long journey:

Sunday 1st October 7.30pm at Great Comp, Borough Green, TN15 8QS, the final concert of the Great comp festival is by the internationally known Allegri String Quartet – Britain's oldest chamber group. Booking 01732 882327

Saturday 7th October 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul Church, High Street, Yalding, ME18 6HU. The Kent Chamber Choir have their first concert of the new season. Tickets 07715 399320 or at the door.

Saturday 14th October 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, ME15 7RN Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's opening concert for the season includes Shostakovich's *Festival Overture* and Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*. Tickets 07817 429143 or at the door. Come early to catch Steve Migden's Free Pre-concert talks from 6.40-7.10pm

Friday 27th October 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, a concert by the Harry the Piano – one of the world's most gifted improvisers -, is presented under the aegis of the Sutton Valence Music Society. Tickets at the door for non-members.

Saturday 28th October 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, ME15 7RN, the bi-annual Hospice Concert will be a concert performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Mikado*. This is a very popular charity event, with professional soloists and a chorus from the combined choirs of the area. Tickets 01622 726193

Sunday 29th October 7.00pm at St. Botolph-without-Bishopsgate church, London, EC2M 3TL, the Maidstone Singers are performing as part of the Brandenburg Choral Festival. Tickets www.brandenburg.org.uk/maidstone, or from choir members.

For the stay-at homes, this month I would recommend the Royal Opera House's production of Verdi's *Othello* on BBC4 on 22nd October.

Brian Hardy



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1	Board	Short	Take	Notice
2	White	Patch	Red	
3	Knuckle	Foot	Tread	
4	Country	Section	Double	
5	Table	About	Coat	
6	Security	Speed	Shy	
7	Court	Art	Law	
8	Paper	Hand	Desk	
9	Sweetheart	Second	Happy	
10	Warming	Land	Felt	
11	Trouble	Light	Black	
12	Gammon	Flash	Ground	
13	Shopping	Piece	Nerve	
14	Jacket	Salad	Hot	
15	Screen	Spread	World	
16	Pitched	Field	Ship	

	Find the missing word?
1	Looney _____, Warner Bros animated series
2	_____ Day, Paul McCartney single that reached No 2 in 1971
3	LS _____, Famous painter of Salford Industrial scenes
4	_____ Grey, Female lead in Dirty Dancing
5	Just _____, Fiction series by Richard Compton
6	_____ Glaser, David Souls co-star in Starsky & Hutch
7	____ Stubbs, TV actress who portrays Mrs Hudson in Sherlock
8	Issac _____, Late US musician who wrote and played the theme for the film Shaft
9	_____ Wood, Actor who played Frodo Baggins in Lord of the Rings
10	Christine _____, Showgirl who became infamous due to The Profumo Affair (1963)

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Ride and Stride 2017 - A report by Bernard Bentley

Saturday Sept 9th was a beautiful day, ideal conditions for cycling with nil wind. At least where Neville and I began. Jim Talbot joining the ride for the first time chose to begin at All Saints Ulcombe at 10.30. Next stop Harrietsham then on to Lenham and Boughton Malherbe. From there a nice ride to Headcorn where he visited 3 churches before the return, journey home via Sutton Valence St. Mary to Ulcombe. On his ride he covered 17 miles and made 9 church visits. A good first experience.

Jan and Chris Whyte were available this year and they decided to head west beginning at Kingswood at 10.15. Riding through all the Suttons and then heading for Boughton Monchelsea where there is a considerable hill to negotiate. That accomplished they proceeded to Linton St Nicholas, and a 20 minutes ride to Hunton, another 20 minutes they arrived in Yalding where there are 2 churches. Next call was at Laddingford before arriving at Collier St. St. Mary at 12.55. After a short lunch break they visited St.Micheal and All Angels Marden, finding 3 more churches in Staplehurst they began heading home via Headcorn to finish at All Saints Ulcombe.

Jan and Chris

reported reasonable conditions, but experienced some strong head winds and got a soaking as they went through Ulcombe. A cracking effort covering 46miles and 23 church visits.

Neville Bentley elected to do one of my favourite rides beginning at Cheriton. By 11.45 he had visited 13 churches from Folkestone through to Sangate, on to Hythe for 4 more before proceeding towards Romney Marsh. His first call was Burmarsh All Saints a nice gentle ride enjoying the sunshine and very little wind approaching Dymchurch where there were 3 churches to visit. Further along the coastline was All Saints St. Marys Bay and finally New Romney for 3 more before turning north to call at Iychurch St. George and a break for refreshment. His homeward journey took him to Newchurch and last stop at St. Rumwolds Bonnington at 5.55pm. By which time the heavens had opened!!! During his 45 mile ride he made 30 church visits. Well done to him and thanks for the sponsorship from Iychurch.

For yours truly it was a starting point at Canterbury St. Dunston at 10.15. My aim was to cover all the outer churches before entering the City Centre. This accomplished I started in the Centre at 11.00am starting at the Cathedral. It took rather longer than anticipated to cover the remainder due the difficulty in cycling amongst hoards of people. I had to dismount several times for safety reasons which didn't do my dodgy knee much good. However I reached Thanington Without St. Nicholas at 12.40pm. There I joined cycle route 18 and enjoyed a pleasant ride into Chartham signing in at St. Mary at 1.10pm. With a lunch break and further visits to Chilham and Godmersham I was approaching Wye around 2.45pm when I felt a slight knock in the crank area. Having reached Wye Parish Church I inspected the crank and found that the all important securing nut on the folding section was missing. You can imagine what would have happened if the bike had folded!!! Fortunately we had loaded a spare bike on the Camper Van and I was soon on my way heading for Brook and

Hinxhill. Having crossed the M20 at junction 10 I called At Sevington St. Mary before proceeding through Willesborough and Ashford with some ease. However as I called at Christchurch Beaver Rd there was a clap of thunder followed by heavy rain and I thought my ride was finished with my target of 6 more churches to visit for a total of 40. It wasn't long before the rain ceased and I decided to press on as it was 5.00pm managing to complete the 40 by just on 6.00pm at Shadoxhurst, having ridden approx. 40 miles (the reserve bike didn't have an odometer).

A very successful day for the team who between them rode 194 miles and made 125 church visits. On behalf of All Saints Church Ulcombe I thank everyone who sponsored the event which will raise a sum well in excess of £2600.00. The final result will be published in the next edition.

NEW Maidstone Business Networking launched: next events!

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Mid November, final date and venue to be confirmed. Speaker Sunil Rupasinha is a barrister who has practised at the London Criminal Bar for 25 years. He has prosecuted and defended in the full range of criminal courts, from the humble Magistrates' Courts through to the august Court of Criminal Appeal itself, and, in the full range of criminal cases, from shoplifting to murder. He has now set up a niche, road traffic defence practice in which he specialises in saving driving licences. In, 'Why I defend the 'Guilty'', Sunil will explain the ethical and moral dimensions of practice at the criminal bar by reference to a series of 'loophole' cases in which he has appeared.

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The Lenham Swimming Club

I would like to begin by thanking all those who have supported us again this year.

The Club is looking to the future with some new ideas for next year, coming from both longstanding and new volunteers. We are also looking at raising funds to improve and maintain our existing facilities. This year, we have needed to spend some money behind the scenes in the plant room on such things as the heater and filter system. Please keep a look out for fund raising events and if you wish to raise some money or have an idea for the pool please let us know.

Some of the volunteers who have helped us this year have committed to helping at the pool again in 2018. However, we are inevitably losing some of our 'crew' as circumstances and commitments change. The pool cannot open without help with many of our volunteers doing far more than they signed up for and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to them.

Are you able to help us continue to provide this community facility? We are hoping to encourage some more volunteers. Would you be willing and able to undertake the Royal Life Saving Society Emergency Response qualification and commit to a voluntary session one evening or a Saturday/Sunday per week during June, July and August 2018? Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age but there is no upper age limit. The qualification is a two-day course which will be held at the pool once it is ready for use. This would be fully funded. There may be the opportunity to undertake the full pool lifeguard qualification (6 days course) which would potentially create an ideal career opportunity. NPLQ courses take place at a local Leisure Centre during 2018. We also need helpers for the front desk to take payments for swims and run the tuck shop.

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During the interval, John Arthur Boyd held a very lively auction which included: tea and garden tour for 4 donated by Mr & Mrs Shotter, a combine harvester ride and a day watching a pheasant shoot donated by John Arthur Boyd and time with the shepherd, donated by Mr M Bromley. Our grateful thanks to all donors. This fund-raising event produced over £2000, which will go towards the badly needed church roof and gutter repairs.

Without everyone attending our events and their kind donations we would not be able to continue to restore and maintain our beautiful village church. The Friends of St Mary's very much appreciated all your support. **Thank You.**

Christmas Market

The Friends of Ulcombe Church are planning a special **Christmas Market** on Saturday the 2nd of December from 2.30 pm till 7 pm.

We are mentioning it now because we are hoping that those in the village who are into crafts of any sort might like to take a stall (£10 plus a raffle prize!). This will give people plenty of time to prepare their crafts for the stall.

We are hoping to have other things going on – children's activities, tours up the tower, music, food and drink, Father Christmas, and the evening will end with a light hearted concert with songs and carols.

Put it in your diary!

For more information, please contact **Molly Poulter** on 01622 842988

Christian Message October 2017

By the time you read this, the holiday season will be over for most of us and we will have mainly forgotten the great moments of peace or fun or family or beauty which we perhaps paid a small fortune for! Instead, we may be back in the big race of life, trying to find time to fit everything in for ourselves and those around us, planning our next break.

There is an incredibly powerful Christian antidote to this sense of post-holiday depression that comes straight from the words of the Bible:

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thes 5:16-18)

Rejoicing ("being happy") and giving thanks are usually something that we think about doing when we respond to something, like being in nice holiday surroundings. But one of the great keys to enjoying life is to realise that rejoicing and thanking are active verbs. They are things that we do, often out of habit. But habits have to be made! If we make it our habit to look for things in each day where we see beauty or kindness or inspiration or fun, we start to develop the habit of being thankful.

The strange thing about being thankful is that it breeds thankfulness. To start with, we might have to wrack our brains at the end of the day to find anything to be happy about, but as we practice rejoicing, we find that we look back and start to find reasons for thankfulness all around us.

For Christians, the key for thankfulness is in appreciating the greatest beauty and kindness and even fun that we find in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: all of which is freely given, unlike those "special holiday deals"!

John P. Huggins (01622 858195)

Focus on Faith

This is an event for women in Ryarsh village hall on Wednesday 18th October from 9.15 to 2.15pm. Contact Joan Drury (01622 853766) for more information. Several of have attended in the past and enjoyed it very much.

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Sunday/Main Services – October 2017

Sunday 1st October

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

Wednesday 4th October

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 8th October

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

Tuesday 10th October

7.00pm Lenham: Licensing Service of the Rev. Dr. John Huggins as Priest in Charge of the Len Valley Benefice

Sunday 15th October

9.30am Harrietsham: Benefice Harvest Service

Wednesday 18th October

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Saturday 21st October

4.00pm Ulcombe: Messy Church Bright Lights Event

Sunday 22nd October

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion with Harvest Celebration
11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

Saturday 28th October

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

Sunday 29th October

10.00am Ulcombe: Joint Len Valley Churches Celebration Service

The Great Leeds Book Sale

The annual Great Leeds Book Sale will be held earlier this year on Friday October 20th from 4.00pm to 8.30pm and Saturday October 21st from 10.00am to 2.30pm at St. Nicholas' church Leeds. Note that we are again extending the opening hours to cover the Friday evening for people who can never make Saturday mornings – last year many people said they found it helpful. There will be some 14,000 books for sale – yes 14,000! – so something must be there to suit everyone's taste. As well as paper-backs and hard-backs for a quiet read yourself, there are plenty of splendid books in as-new condition which would make excellent gifts.

For sale of this size we obviously need and get support from a wide area and it has now become a major local attraction – it is not just for Leeds residents. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you browse. So don't miss out – make a note NOW to keep some time free on the 20th or 21st or indeed both! If you like handling and exploring books, and would be interested in helping with setting out the books in the week before the sale, do let us know (see phone number below).

If your bookcases are already full, it is not too late to make some space for more inexpensive purchases by donating some books to the sale – just deliver them to the church any day between 9.00am and 4.00pm, and leave them in the South porch (but no old magazines, videos or second-hand toys please; save these for the next jumble sale or boot fair; and please no encyclopaedias or old text books – we can't sell them nowadays).

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
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2	White	Patch	Red	Cabbage
3	Knuckle	Foot	Tread	Bare
4	County	Section	Double	Cross
5	Table	About	Coat	Turn
6	Security	Speed	Shy	Camera
7	Court	Art	Law	Martial
8	Paper	Hand	Desk	Writing
9	Sweetheart	Second	Happy	Childhood
10	Warning	Land	Felt	Heart
11	Trouble	Light	Black	Spot
12	Common	Flash	Ground	Back
13	Shopping	Piece	Nerve	Centre
14	Jacket	Salad	Hot	Potato
15	Screen	Spread	World	Wide
16	Pitched	Field	Ship	Battle

	Find the missing word?
1	Looney Tunes, Warner Bros animated series
2	Another Day, Paul McCartney single that reached No 2 in 1971
3	LS Lowry, Famous painter of Salford Industrial scenes
4	Jennifer Grey, Female lead in Dirty Dancing
5	Just William, Fiction series by Richard Compton
6	Paul Michael Glaser, David Souls co-star in Starsky & Hutch
7	Una Stubbs, TV actress who portrays Mrs Hudson in Sherlock
8	Isaac Hayes, Late US musician who wrote and played the theme for the film Shaft
9	Enigah Wood, Actor who played Frodo Baggins in Lord of the Rings
10	Christine Keeler, Showgirl who became infamous due to The Profumo Affair (1963)

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