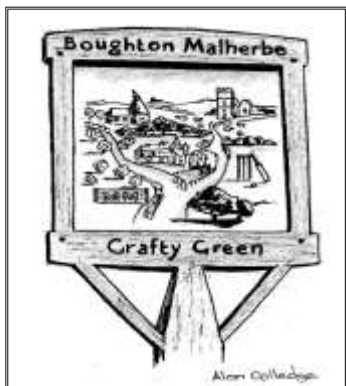


# Malherbe Monthly

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**Incorporating Liverton Street & Platts Heath**

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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](mailto:mfhitchins@btinternet.com)) by **20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Front cover:** The Kings Head pub looking resplendent in the autumn sunshine after it's recent exterior paint over.

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Cream Teas:** As you must realise the weather on Sundays this year has not been ideal from the Cream tea point of view, but in spite of this the teas have been profitable and we are only a little down on last year making over £1500 for the Fabric Fund. As you know we are hoping to put in a permanent WC and in time a kitchen. Having the mains water on tap this year has been really good. The extra Cream Tea in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice on 18<sup>th</sup> September was very well supported - we raised £475.00. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event and all the other Sundays this summer. Thank you very much we need your support.

**Weekday Prayers:** Prayers at St. Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe and All Saints Church, Ulcombe on alternate Tuesdays have started again and you will be most welcome to join the group when they meet at 9.30am for half an hour. The meeting on the Morning of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October is to be held at Ulcombe.

**Bible Study:** Bible study at Weirton Villa has begun again on Thursday morning 10.15am for Coffee and starting at 10.30-12.00pm. You will be most welcome to join us just ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766 so that she knows you are coming.

**Gentleman's Breakfast:** The Gentleman's Breakfast at the Red Lion Lenham has been brought forward this month to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00am. A full English is served at a cost of £5.00 and there will be a speaker General Roddy Porter MBE

**Village Coffee Morning:** The Village Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall Grafty Green on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – 12.00pm. Please do come along for a chat and a coffee or tea and maybe a piece of cake or a biscuit. Now that summer is over perhaps a few more people will have more time to spare and join us for half an hour or so - I do hope so. There is no charge but if you would like to give something there will be a dish for donations on a side table.

**Harvest Supper:** We are holding a Harvest Supper this year on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Just an informal evening with a three course meal and lots of good chat. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. The tickets priced £6.50 are now available from the Village shop and Joan Davidson on 01622 850210. Do come along and help to make it a good evening.

**Joan Davidson**

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Piggott, Jockey who had nine Derby winners
2	Doris _____, Actress who starred in Calamity Jane
3	_____ Corvette, A General Motors division
4	Al _____, Notorious American gangster
5	_____ Cup, Golf tournament between the USA and Europe
6	Space _____, Early arcade video game
7	Maurice _____ Music composer of the Bolero
8	A _____ of Sugar, Classic tune from Mary Poppins
9	_____ Morecambe, Late partner of Ernie Wise
10	True _____, 1969 film starring John Wayne

**Ken and Eve Sweet  
extend a warm welcome to**

### The Kings Head Grafty Green

**A  
16th Century  
Coaching Inn  
haunted by  
"Dover Bill" -  
the Highwayman!**



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## Grafty Green Village Hall Update

Many thanks to those who contributed ideas for events in the Hall following my appeal in the last Malherbe Monthly – and to the people who volunteered their help with occasional maintenance jobs. Progress is being made on both fronts.

Regarding maintenance, the area of planting to the left of the Hall has been weeded and the path cleared, new stage curtains have been hung and a start has been made on a deep-clean of the gents' toilets. Work has also begun to remedy the problem with the kitchen floor, although this may take a while – and will certainly cost a lot of money, I'm afraid.

Regarding events in the hall, well we have the evening of 60s/'70s music with "Chicory Tip" on 19<sup>th</sup> November to look forward to (tickets from Margaret Neaves, tel 850320) and another quiz evening is being organised independently of the Hall Committee for December 10<sup>th</sup>. Beyond that, it's up to you! On the reverse of this page are listed some of events that have been suggested. All you have to do is tick those that might appeal to you, tear out the page and drop it in one of the receptacles that are in the village shop and the Kings Head pub. We'll follow up the most popular events, and try to brighten those dull winter evenings!

**Please, do have your say. We need to know what YOU would enjoy. Then WE'LL get to work organising it!** (We're notably short of ideas for young people, though - so if you have any, let us know.)

Finally, looking beyond the dull winter evenings, we have the Queen's diamond jubilee to celebrate next June and we're already thinking of ideas for that. Jamie Clark has kindly offered the use of his field off Church Road (where the cricket used to be played, and the annual fete held).

We're thinking in terms of some sort of 'eating event' (perhaps a hog roast or BBQ, perhaps just a village picnic) accompanied by some fete-style stalls and/or entertainment. Could **YOU** help us with this major event? Do you have a gazebo we might borrow for the day? Could you run a stall? Do you know anyone who might provide entertainment of any sort? (Juggling? Magic? Music? etc, etc). We have to start organising this now, if it's going to be as good as we want it to be! **Do, please, offer your help if you can.**

The big day is to be Bank Holiday Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Telephone Richard Pilborough (01622 850484) or email [pilborough@graffy.plus.com](mailto:pilborough@graffy.plus.com).

EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

I like the idea of the following events (tick all that appeal to you, tear out the page and leave it in one of the receptacles in the village shop or the Kings Head)

A Karaoke night \_\_\_\_\_

Talks on any subject \_\_\_\_\_  
(have you any subject preferences?) \_\_\_\_\_

A 'silly games' evening \_\_\_\_\_

Carpet Bowls \_\_\_\_\_

A Barn Dance \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_  
(have you any entertainment preferences?) \_\_\_\_\_

A Murder Mystery evening \_\_\_\_\_

A 'Race Night' (betting on filmed races)  
Bingo Nights or Beetle Drives \_\_\_\_\_

A Psychic Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Wii competitions, with big screen projection \_\_\_\_\_

A Wine Tasting evening \_\_\_\_\_

Coach trips to shows or places of interest  
(anything in particular?) \_\_\_\_\_

Regular groups, eg Keep Fit \_\_\_\_\_  
Table Tennis \_\_\_\_\_  
Photography \_\_\_\_\_  
Drawing / Painting / Crafts \_\_\_\_\_

(Any other suggestions for 'interest groups?') \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else...?

## Grafty Green Village Sign



On the left is a picture of the Grafty Green Village sign as seen last month. Well it has now been refurbished and returned to its rightful home and looking as good as new.

Below is the Village Sign as of 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. Notice how the trees have begun to change colour - Autumn is upon us - though it is

hard to think so when the temperature is in the high 70's





## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	59	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1220	1350	See	1610	1725
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, J4	1222	1352	Note	1612	1727
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1229	1359	1	1619	1734
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	1233	1403	....	1623	1738
Linton Corner	1237	1407	....	1627	1742
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	1505	....	....
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1242	1412	....	1632	1747
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1245	1415	1509	1635	1750
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1248	1418	1512	1638	1753
Warmlake Corner	1251	1421	1515	1641	1756
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1259	....	1523	1649	1804
Kingswood, Village Hall	....	1426	1525	1651	1806
Ulcombe, Post Office	1306	....	1530	1656	1811
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1313	....	....	1703	1818
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	....	1535	....	....
Headcom, opp. Milbank Lay-by	....	....	1544	....	....
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	....	....	1549	....	....

## Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0838	1241	1525	1755
0840	1243	1527	1757
0847	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	....	....	....
and	1303	1547	1817
Largely	1306	1550	1820
....	1309	1553	1823
0659	1312	1556	1826
0907	1320	....	1834
0909	1322	1804	1836
0914	1327	....	1841
0921	1334	....	1848
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## NOTES

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## Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

## Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only	Not School Days	School Days Only	Not School Days	School Days Only
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	....	....	0731	....	....
Headcom, Milbank Lay-by	....	....	0736	....	....
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	....	....	0745	....	....
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0710	0721	....	0930	....
Ulcombe, Post Office	0717	0729	0750	0937	....
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942	1430
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944	1432
Warmlake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950	1438
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953	1441
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956	1444
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	....	0958	1446
Cornwallis Academy	....	....	0820	....	1505
Linton Corner	0746	0756	....	1003	1451
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	....	1006	1454
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	....	1012	1500
Maidstone, King Street	....	0814	....	1020	1508
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	....	....	....	....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	....	....	....	....
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826	....	....	....	....

## Saturdays

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0740	0930	1343	....
0745	0935	1348	1604
0747	0937	1350	1606
0753	0943	1356	1612
0756	0946	1359	via
0759	0949	1402	Largely
0802	0952	1405	and
....	....	....	Sutton
0807	0957	1410	Road
0811	1001	1414	....
0815	1005	1418	1624
0820	1013	1426	1632
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## The Grafty Gourmet

Yet another very simple, but very tasty recipe this month. Sometimes, the simplest and easiest dishes to cook are the best. This one requires no effort, except a little chopping up, and the result is surprisingly good.

### **Stuffed Mushrooms with Creamy Leeks & Garlic Croutons**

#### *For the Mushrooms:-*

3 Slices of unsmoked bacon - chopped  
6 Portobello mushrooms  
2 shallots, finely chopped (or ½ onion)  
100g fresh white breadcrumbs  
250g stilton cheese, crumbled  
Salt & freshly ground black pepper  
2tbsp flat leaf parsley - chopped

#### *For the creamy leeks:-*

Dash of Olive Oil  
1 Leek, finely sliced  
1 Garlic clove, finely chopped  
3 tbsp chopped fresh Chives  
200ml/Double Cream  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### *For the garlic croutons:-*

2 tbsp Olive Oil  
2 Garlic cloves, peeled and crushed  
2 slices white crusty bread - cubed (crust removed)

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Centigrade (160 degrees for fan ovens).
2. For the stuffed mushrooms, heat a little olive oil in a frying pan, add the chopped shallots (or onion) and fry over a gentle heat for 2-3 minutes. Break off the stalks of the mushrooms and chop finely. Place in a bowl, and add the crumbled Stilton, breadcrumbs, chopped bacon and chopped parsley and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add the fried shallots (or onions) and mix the ingredients together. Divide the mixture evenly on the inside face of each mushroom. Place on a baking tray and place in the oven for 20 to 25 minutes until the cheese has just melted.
3. For the creamy leeks, heat the olive oil in a small saucepan, add the leeks and fry over a gentle heat for 3-4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for a further minute. Add the chives and cream, season with salt and freshly ground black pepper and heat through. Remove from the heat and keep warm.
4. For the croutons, heat the olive oil in a frying pan, add the garlic and cook over a gentle heat for 1-2 minutes. Add the bread cubes and fry until golden.
5. Serve the mushrooms with the creamy leeks to the side, and sprinkle the croutons over.



# Grafty Green Christmas Quiz

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011

at

The Village Hall

Grafty Green

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Tickets £7.50

*(this price includes a sausage and chip supper and mince pies)*

Licensed Bar, Free nibbles

All proceeds to be donated to Charity

**Tickets will go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> November and are available from Pat Anderson, Sharon Jennings, Jacqui Thompson and Janet Legon**

# **News from Ulcombe's Village School**

## ***Welcome to another great year!***

Summer seems long ago already. I am sure the weather, with its particularly autumnal feel during September, helped us all to think of summer as a distant memory. Our topic title, however, suggests we must be getting close to something, as this term it is 'Ahoy There!' We are learning about the sea in different ways in each class.

Adding to this is the busy start to the new term. Much has been going on behind the scenes, but some things have been a bit more obvious. Each Wednesday Rev. Dick Venn, Rev. Millie Hart and Mrs Joan Drury all take it in turns to lead collective worship in school. Premier Sport have also been in school to outline what clubs they are offering during this autumn. Another visitor has been Sue from Margaret McCarthy Photography, taking everyone's picture.

The first half of September continued to keep us on our toes, with several children taking the PESE test (11+) and all of Years 3 to 6 got to enjoy a free 'taster' theatre workshop by Razzmatazz. In the week beginning Monday 19th September there was more to keep us busy. Read on to find out more about our Pirate Day and Funky Footwear Friday. Tawny Owls also had a trip during the same week!

## ***Library Update***

I am pleased to inform you that KCC and their chosen developers, Bailey Partnerships, have submitted outline plans to Maidstone Borough Council planning department for the land at the north of the site, which is no longer used by the school. The plans, if approved, will increase the price that can be gained by KCC from the sale of the land, and so increase the amount that we will receive in school to use on our new library. At the time of writing I remain hopeful that we will have a set of plans on display in school. I believe the deadline for determining the application will be during late October, but MBC have yet to contact us in school.

## ***Clubs***

The letter outlining clubs this year should have come home to you on Thursday. As ever there are a huge variety of clubs for a small school. A big thank you goes to everyone who has offered to run or support a club this term. The range goes from Film Club to Football and from Recorders to Wise Owl Web-Site Club. We are delighted that Premier Sport will be offering Street-Dance and Tag-Rugby this term.

## ***Friends of Ulcombe School***

Our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, FUS, had already started fund-raising for this year before the first committee meeting had taken place. Parents received a plants and bulbs order form, with a proportion of the money raised going to FUS. When the committee met on Monday 19th September it was to discuss, among other things, the calendar of events for this academic year and how money raised last year might be spent. Look out for more details of Fireworks, Fayres and more!

We are very grateful to the parents and staff who travelled up to Dartford towards the end of last term and then again towards the end of the summer holidays to collect items from the GlaxoSmithKline plant which is closing down. We have gratefully received a large amount of stationary and several items of office furniture, which are being utilized in various places. We have even received a picnic bench and a park bench, which I have noticed children and adults putting to good use already. Our thanks go to all of you who have helped, including our friends at Wents Service Station who kindly lent us the use of a van to transport items back to Ulcombe.

### ***Pirate Day, Funky Footwear Friday AND OTHER GOOD CAUSES***

The third week of term was a very busy one with two events in particular to capture everyone's imagination. On Tuesday 20th September we held a Pirate Day. All of the children could come to school dressed as a pirate, or something to do with piracy. The pirate theme was taken up by staff in their lessons for the day. This is to support our topic for this term of 'Ahoy There!' The following day saw Tawny Owls head off to Chatham's Historic Dockyard. This was another way to bring the children's learning to life, helping them to understand more about the sea, its dangers and how it is used.

On Friday 23rd September the School Council wanted us all to come into school in funny, strange or even ridiculous footwear, as part of Funky Footwear Friday, raising money for the Kent Air Ambulance. Children and staff were asked to bring in a donation of at least £1. There were prizes for the best dressed feet!

Looking ahead there are other ways to support good causes. We have been asked to advertise Go Walkies for Guide Dogs which is taking place on Sunday 2nd October in Mote Park. For more information visit [www.gowalkies.org.uk](http://www.gowalkies.org.uk). In November we will be taking part in BBC's Children In Need. We will be launching the Shoe Box Appeal again soon this year with an Olympic theme—if you cannot wait to find out more, [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) has further information

### ***Harvest Service***

This will be on Friday 30th September at All Saints Parish Church. If you are reading this in time, please consider yourself to be very warmly invited to join us as we thank God for the gifts of his creation. The children will be asked to bring a gift which will be distributed to some of those most in need during the following week.

### ***The Next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner***

Put the date in your diary—the next Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner will be on Wednesday 19th October. All parents and friends from the wider community are warmly invited. More details are available from the School Office, including the menu!

With plenty more going on during Terms 1 and 2 you can continue to keep up to date through the Ulcombe Messenger and the school web-site. Thank you all for your support. Please remember to come and see one of us if you have any queries or concerns.

**Mr. Vincent Hampton *Head Teacher***



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**Make a Will with Thorneloe & Co in Lenham this November and give to charity, rather than paying our usual fee.**

Thorneloe & Co is participating in Will Aid during November.

To raise as much money as possible for Will Aid, we will draw up basic Wills without charge, in the hope that the Will-maker will make a donation to the Will Aid charities. The suggested donation level is £85 for a single Will or £125 for a pair of Wills. Will Aid is a campaign run by nine of the UK's best known charities: ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

Making a Will is one of the most important things we can do to protect those we love and it is surprising that fewer than half of people have made one. Most say they simply haven't got around to it and yet it can take years to sort out someone's estate if they die without a Will, leaving their nearest and dearest in great distress.

Will Aid has raised more £9 million in donations and very much more in legacies since its launch in 1988. The last campaign in 2010 raised over £1.5 million in donations. The money raised is shared by the Will Aid charities and is used to transform the lives of people in the UK and around the world.

For further information or to make an appointment to make a Will please telephone:  
Thorneloe & Co on 01622 859416

# Grafty Geeks - Computer Tip of the Month

## Printing photos using Word

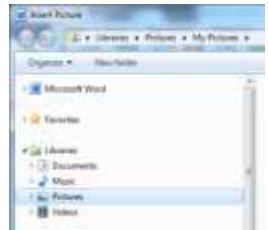
Putting your pictures into a Word document means that you can re-size the pictures to whatever size you need, print more than one picture on one sheet of photo paper (saving money) and gives you a bit more control on how you print your photos.

The first thing you need to check is that you have put your photos onto the PC from the Camera in the normal way, usually in the Pictures folder.

Now you need to Open your Word application, it doesn't matter which version of Microsoft® Office you have, and it doesn't have to be Microsoft® Office, it could be any Word processing application.

Then you will need to locate the Insert menu, in Word 2007 and 2010, this is next to the Home tab ribbon in the menus, in earlier versions of Word it is located on the Menu Bar.

Once you select Insert tab, then select **Picture** or **Picture from File** which normally takes you to your Pictures folder on your Computer



You then need to find the pictures you wish to print or arrange on a single page, and select them by either clicking on them and clicking the Select button or just double-clicking them. You can select more than one Picture at one time by holding down the Ctrl key and selecting more pictures or you can just keep adding more pictures separately to the same word document.

When you add the pictures they will appear in the Word document, but you may find you can't move them, so you need to select the pictures, by clicking on it with your mouse to get the small dots surrounding it (which selects it).



Once selected you need to select "wrap text" from the Picture toolbar, or Ribbon (depending on your version of word) and then select Square.



Once you have selected Square you will be able to move your pictures by pointing to the picture, the mouse pointer on your screen will become a "four-arrowed cross" so you just click and drag the picture to where you like on the page.

To change the size of the picture point to the dots, you will see a small white-arrowed mouse pointer, click the mouse and drag to make the picture smaller or bigger. **Tip:** only use the dots on the corners to make sure the picture stays in the correct ratio and to avoid distortion.

You can now arrange all your pictures on the page exactly how you want prior to printing the Word document.

**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE SURE YOU SELECT PHOTO PAPER WHEN PRINTING FROM THE PRINT MENU**



## Raffle Appeal

I hope that by now you have **19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** firmly circled on your calendars. This is of course the date for **CHICORY TIP** to entertain us at our Village Hall.

If you feel you do not have the stamina!, or perhaps are double booked for this date, then a donation of a raffle prize for the evening would be very welcome.

Margaret Neaves (850320) is organising the ticket sales, but any raffle prizes can be collected by me (850232) or alternatively can be left in the Post Office.

Don't miss what is sure to be a great evening,

**Barbara Pearce**



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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Pole	Ship	Stones	<b>Flag</b>
2	African	Rouge	White	
3	Box	Cricket	Point	
4	List	Mate	Spot	
5	Ear	Set	Skinned	
6	Ink	Oil	Wishing	
7	Carpet	Cat	Gulf	
8	Close	Tight	Wear	
9	Frozen	Fuel	Rock	
10	Court	Shoes	Table	
11	Country	Lunch	Quiz	
12	Bank	Filing	Town	
13	Air	Powder	Runner	
14	Pin	Stock	Stone	
15	Craft	Doctor	Hazel	
16	Hound	Matter	Squirrel	

## Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

### Grafty Green

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October     15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

### Platts Heath

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October     14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

### Ulcombe

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October     09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

## Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to the public and there will be time set aside for public representations to be made.

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## St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

You are invited to our Film Night on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** 2011. Doors open 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m. screening. Admission £3. Please bring your own drinks and refreshments.

We are showing '**The Reader**' starring **Kate Winslet & Ralph Fiennes**. Certificate 15. Running time 120 mins.

A law student discovers, during a court visit, that the woman (Hannah) with whom he had a brief relationship with several years previously was an SS officer now on trial for war crimes. The student does not reveal Hannah's secret that could have influenced the outcome of her trial. This leads to devastating consequences for the law student. The film also deals with the guilt confronting contemporary German youths in coming to terms with the actions of Nazi Germany

## **Why Lenham Valley Business Association works for everyone**

On the first Tuesday of every month somewhere in the Harrietsham - Charing - Ulcombe triangle, there is a quiet but friendly group of people glad that the Lenham Valley Business Association exists. Since April 2009 this magazine (thanks guys!) has carried editorial keeping readers up to date with what LVBA actually do. All the way back to early 2009 those involved in business have recognised the quick return on investment of LVBA membership.

Those hoping to either increase revenues by selling more product or services as well as those hoping to find local businesses and willing to help keep those businesses stay in profit. One member reports that he is now using the various talents of 19 different other members that he did not use before LVBA existed. That's called helping the rural economy to survive. And we should thank customers for bothering to do exactly that.

Right up to today LVBA members have been helping with local events; publicising the wonderful attractions of the area; assisting through the (recently renamed) Maidstone Tourism Association to find grants for walks leaflets, editorial to go into magazines promoting the area; bringing the benefits of co-ordinated marketing for revenue from tourism; helping new ventures get started; putting the word out for new requirements; bringing the Maidstone Borough Council here (in the shape of the Mayor and others) such as speakers for networking events; assisting all sorts of people in all sorts of ways but making sure that no one can ignore the wonderful area we live in.

At 5.45pm on Tuesday 1st November we are going to The Oak in Charing where Alan Reading (top right) will run through the association website. On Tuesday 6th December - a big networking meeting where we are doubling up with the South Maidstone Business Association at Chilton Park Hotel. If you can only make one meeting for the rest of the year make it this one! If you are a first timer go to the Lenham Business website and register to attend. It costs nothing and we can provide with you with some good networking.

Every first Tuesday of the month in 2012 we will be networking somewhere nearby, we have already started to line up our speakers: Denise Humphries from Bytesize Training will be showing us all some new tricks in Excel Spreadsheets; a counsellor on violence (and other things) in the work place; Health and Safety in the workplace; Best use of your pension; Alex Waterton from F-Keys will be telling us about the new version of Cloud Computing from Microsoft and their new 265; there is a new Mayor for Maidstone in May to send an invitation to and a marketing specialist with lots to say - and then some! In fact something for everybody.

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The pastes and spreads affected are not distributed in the UK but may have been bought in France or via the Internet. They are produced by a company called La Ruche, based in Cavaillon, France, and are branded as:

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The pastes or spreads are made with olives, basil, sun-dried tomatoes, bell-peppers, anchovies, tuna, chickpeas, artichokes and aubergines. They have been on sale in shops and markets particularly in the Provence, Cote D'Azur region since 31 May this year with a best before date of 16 December 2012 and lot number 112005.

These products have been withdrawn from sale in France.

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The details are on <http://food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2011/sep/botulism>

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### Citizens Advice Bureau

Staff from the Citizens Advice Bureau are available for consultation in Headcorn Library on the third Friday of each month from 10am until noon.

## Pet's Corner!

### Dogs That Just Don't Like 'Other Dogs'!

Aggression against other dogs is one of the most common complaints among dog owners, and can vary from a dog that growls at other dogs whilst on the lead, to one that has actually attacked and injured other dogs.

If a dog has a series of complaints made against it by other dog owners, the Dog Warden may become involved and you may find yourself paying vet bills for the 'victims' of your dog's unsociable behaviour.

It is therefore essential that dog owners are aware of how they can prevent this problem occurring in the first place, since that it is a lot easier than treating the problem once it has become established.



### Why Do Dogs Fight & Bite?

About 95% of dog aggression is caused by fear. This fear stems from the dog's inability to interact socially with other dogs because it has not been given the opportunity to practice these essential skills, particularly during the sensitive age of 7 to 16 weeks. Since the dog cannot cope with social interactions, it becomes aggressive in an attempt to make the other dog 'go away'.

This usually works, and is further reinforced by the owners pulling them away from each other, increasing the distance between them still further. A major 'win' as far as your dog is concerned!

The owner usually then reprimands or punishes their dog because they are frightened / embarrassed at their dog's behaviour, further confirming your dog's view that other dogs are just not good to have around!

Every time an encounter happens, the unsociable behaviour is reinforced and therefore becomes steadily worse.

Dogs using 'ritualised displays of aggression' to sort out 'disagreements' (i.e. that bone is MINE!) is normal behaviour, but if they are well socialised the situation is resolved before the display goes any further.

Next week, we will look at how to prevent dog to dog aggression.

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## The October Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Virgo throughout October.

**British Summer Time** ends on 30<sup>th</sup> October, when clocks should be put back one hour.

**Full Moon** occurs on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October when in Pisces, and **New Moon** is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**Mercury** was at superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 28<sup>th</sup> September, and during October it sets only a few minutes after sunset. So again we are unlikely to see this elusive planet this month.

**Venus** is still setting only a few minutes after sunrise, so again we will not be able to see the brilliant "Evening Star" until well into autumn.

**Mars** is rising in the east around midnight, and is high in the southeast at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving steadily south eastwards, leaving the constellation of Cancer and crossing into Leo. We will have to wait until much later in the year to see any detail through a telescope.

**Jupiter** is the only planet well placed for viewing in the evenings this month. It rises in the east just after sunset and is high in the southern sky in the early hours. Though a telescope you should be able to see the dark and light bands together with the **Great Red Spot**. It may also be possible to see, even through binoculars, Jupiter's four major moons.

**Saturn** is at superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 13<sup>th</sup> October, and will therefore not be visible this month.

During the second half of October we can see the **Orionid** meteor shower. They appear to radiate from the northern part of Orion, and will probably peak around Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The best time to view them is in the early hours of the morning. This is also the best time of the year to see sporadic meteors. These can be seen at any time and in any part of the sky.

I thought I would briefly update you on the latest results from the Large Hadron Collider at Cern. Recently scientists have expressed doubt as to whether the Higgs boson, otherwise known as the "God particle", really does exist. They have indicated that hopes are fading of finding the Higgs boson particle, which explains in theory how other subatomic particles have mass. In another experiment at the CERN laboratory, scientists have apparently recorded subatomic particles travelling faster than the speed of light. There are considerable doubts about these findings, which if true, would disprove Einstein's theory of special relativity.

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# **News from Maidstone Borough Council**

## **Food Waste Thank You**

Maidstone Borough Council is thanking residents for using the food waste collection service.

Since its introduction in January more than 80% of residents are using the food waste collection service. This means more than 100 tonnes of food is sent for composting every week.

Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr Marion Ring, said: “I’m delighted to see that so many people are using the food waste service which was introduced earlier this year. I’d like to thank everyone for helping us recycle so much of the borough’s food waste into compost.

“The compost is made at West Malling and used by local farmers to grow more food. It’s a great system; it’s simple and very sustainable.”

Because of the success of the scheme Maidstone’s recycling rate has shot up to 45% and the council has reduced the rubbish sent for disposal by 37%.

Home composting for certain types of kitchen and garden waste is a great way to get rid of some of your food waste. It reduces the amount of lorry movements needed and provides a nutritious fertilizer for the garden.

At home you can compost fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags, coffee grounds and egg shells. You can also reduce the amount of food waste thrown away by measuring portions and using up leftovers.

It is important to check dates on food purchased - ‘Best Before’ dates are for quality so there is no need to throw out food on the stated date (eggs being the exception). Food can also be eaten right up to the ‘use-by’ date, or frozen.

For more hints and tips on reducing food waste visit

[www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)



## Grafty Green Roads Update

As reported last month Chris Wheal has been on the case with regard to the state of repair of some of our local roads. He has been in discussion with Jenny Whittle (KCC) and with the new highways contractor who took over responsibility for road maintenance on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. They have confirmed that the reported potholes on the Lenham road from Grafty to Headcorn will be fixed immediately and that extensive remedial work on the same road will be carried out during the October half term period to minimise inconvenience



## Grafty Green Gardening Club

Date	Topic	Speaker
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Brogdale National Fruit Collection	Tasting Apples and Pears
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Alison Sollis	Composting
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Social Evening	

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## **Christian Message October 2011**

### **"When you pray" (Matthew 6:5)**

Well, when do *you* pray? Recently I read two appreciations of the late Michael Bukht, who launched Classic FM. His Muslim faith was central to his life.

Petroc Trelawny wrote, 'as an eager 21 year old, I was thrilled once to have a long taxi ride with him, when I hoped to share some ideas, "I'm sorry I won't be able to talk", he announced, "I shall be praying during the journey." Jon Lander commented, 'Michael's door was always open to staff and students, except for the appointed times of Muslim prayer.' They knew when *he* was praying.

When do Christians pray? Do our families and friends ever say, 'he/she will be praying now so I won't ring.' I decided to check this out with my sister, 'Do you know when I pray?' I quizzed her. 'In the morning, between 7 and 8', she thought. Almost right 7.45 would have been nearer the mark as I'm not such an early bird. At least she knows that I pray!

There are several references in the Gospels to Jesus praying. In Luke 6:12 we read that he spent the night in prayer. Regular contact with his Father was important to Jesus. Is it with his followers? Do we share with Muslims their high regard for a prayer punctuated life?

It would be interesting to know whether neighbours comment that so-and-so is setting off for the 9.30 prayer meeting at church, No need to be embarrassed. If they know it gives them an opportunity to ask for prayer.

St Paul stressed the importance of prayer when he wrote, 'pray continually'. Let's not be ashamed to admit that prayer is a vital part of our lives and share, if asked, what our routine is. How will new believers develop a fulfilling prayer life if the experiences of more mature Christians are not shared?

**Joan Drury**

### **Garden Tools**

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## Music Notes - October

Much more local music to choose from this month. All our musicians were back rehearsing in September following their Summer holidays, resulting in plenty of concerts in October and November. Here is a selection:

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society presents award-winning pianist Mishka Rushdie Momen (piano) performing a programme that includes works by Schubert, Liszt and Ravel. Tickets at the door. Info 01233 756672
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, a choir of 200 drawn from singers throughout the Maidstone area, under the direction of MCU's Martin Hindmarsh, will perform Handel's *Messiah* as part of the international 'Music for Hospices' event. All proceeds in aid of Heart of Kent Hospice, and MBC have awarded a rare "free let" at the Centre for the occasion to ensure a maximum charitable result. **This is a really special event and strongly recommended. Tickets 01622 790195**
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra open their 101<sup>st</sup> season with a concert that includes Gieg's *Piano Concerto*, and Shostakovich's *5<sup>th</sup> symphony*. Tickets 01622 735830
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30pm at All Saints' church, Maidstone, there will be a choral concert by Maidstone Singers and Eindhoven Vocal Ensemble, accompanied by the Jupiter Brass Ensemble. Tickets from [tickets@themaidsingers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@themaidsingers.org.uk)

## Quote of the month

Notice in the kitchen of a Church Hall: "Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink"

## The Great Leeds Book Sale

Yes, it's coming to that time of the year again! Make a note in your diary that the book sale is at St. Nicholas' Church on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the date clear so that you can come and browse, buy, and meet all your friends.

**Brian Hardy**



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**Sunday/Main Services – October 2011**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**9<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

**16<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**23<sup>rd</sup> October – The Last Sunday after Trinity**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> October – All Saints**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
10.00am Ulcombe Benefice Praise Service with Holy Communion  
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

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Harrietsham school will be the venue for the second story in the series. On October 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6pm the focus will be on Abraham's great grandson Joseph of the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat fame.

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Pole	Ship	Stones	Flag
2	African	Rouge	White	Elephant
3	Box	Cricket	Point	Match
4	List	Mate	Spot	Check
5	Ear	Set	Skinned	Thick
6	Ink	Oil	Washing	Well
7	Carpet	Cat	Gulf	Persian
8	Close	Tight	Wear	Knit
9	Frozen	Fuel	Rock	Solid
10	Court	Shoes	Table	Tennis
11	Country	Lunch	Quiz	Pub
12	Bank	Filing	Town	Clerk
13	Air	Powder	Runner	Gun
14	Pin	Stock	Stone	Rolling
15	Craft	Doctor	Hazel	Witch
16	Hound	Matter	Squirrel	Grey

	Find the missing word?
1	Lester Piggott, Jockey who had nine Derby winners
2	Doris Day, Actress who starred in Calamity Jane
3	Chevrolet Corvette, A General Motors division
4	Al Capone, Notorious American gangster
5	Ryder Cup, Golf tournament between the USA and Europe
6	Space Invaders, Early arcade video game
7	Maurice Ravel, Music composer of the Bolero
8	A Spoonful of Sugar, Classic tune from Mary Poppins
9	Erle Morcambe , Late partner of Ernie Wise
10	True Grit, 1969 film starring John Wayne

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