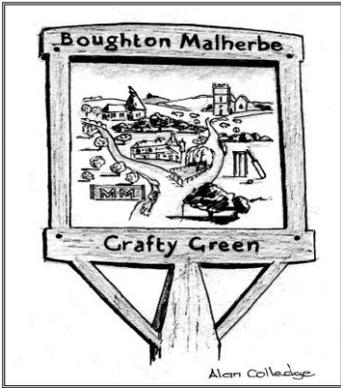


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Anything for the **June** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th May**

Front Cover: a work party from the Grafty Green Gardening Club rewilding part of the Church yard at Boughton Malherbe. More pictures inside of the progress made on the day.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Easter Sunday was indeed a special occasion as we enjoyed the outdoor service together. The sheep and lambs in the field were keen to join in. The good weather played its part too.

The Porch remains the only part of the church building open to all, but still a haven, at any time of day, to those needing a refuge from these cold east winds and a place of quiet for reflection.

There are on-going safety precautions in place by the West Door and tower area. We are waiting for repairs to the damaged masonry. Please take care in that area.

Morning Prayer is said daily, on-line, at 9.30am. Please contact Rev. Anne Price on 01622 924963 or revanne@lvb.org.uk if you would like to join in any day.

If you have any prayer requests do contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Anne Price or the churchwardens at any time and prayers will be said at Morning Prayer time, or in private if you wish.

Other services are available on-line, television and telephone. Please contact the church office for information about these regular events, including Prayer Times and services throughout the benefice and how to access them, by phone, email etc. The Church of England has links to regular services on their website and there is a daily prayer on Facebook.

Services at St.Nicolas. Times of services at St.Nicolas have been frequently altered recently. Apologies to those who have been inconvenienced. I dare not give details here, but will make sure that posters at the church and in the Village Shop are correct each week. Even the churchwardens have been unable to plan accurately! Strange times for us all!

Sunday 25th April. Birthday wishes were in abundance today as we celebrated Diana Parker's special day, with a unique St.Nicolas' outdoor Informal service, complete with bunting, cakes and some sparkling drink! Thank you so much for all the effort in arranging it, to Vanessa and her family, to Rev.Anne Price, to Angela and John for the amazing new bunting, to those who came to join in. A special welcome to Diana's family. Good to be able to sing for the first time in many months, with all Covid precautions in place. God was much in evidence with a lovely sunny morning, birds singing around us and contented sheep nearby.

St. Nicolas in the community. Vanessa Goodwin (one of our churchwardens) has written an update of how plans are progressing with work in the churchyard:

Phase 2 of our Eco church project has started with a brilliant first meeting of the gardening club up at the churchyard. It was amazing how quickly a rather sad part of the churchyard was transformed into a new wildlife-friendly flowerbed. Huge thanks go to all the volunteers who came and donated plants, who weeded and planted up the new bed. We ended with coffee and biscuits in the sunshine planning the future of this joint church and gardening club project.

Phase 2 has also seen the first bird boxes put up in the churchyard hoping to attract wildlife and the first insect box. We hope that many more will follow shortly.

A new Benefice Green Church group has also had its first meeting and we were all encouraged to join Eco Church. This is an initiative of the Church of England which links up churches who wish to help the environment. Eco Church is encouraging all the churches to join into a wildlife counting project in the week beginning the 5th of June. The idea is to allocate a day where we count and record as many wild animals and wild plants as we can find in our churchyard in a set time. The data will then be added to a National wildlife database. As churchyards have not been farmed and remain often untouched over many years, they provide a unique habitat and we will also be able to record which animals call it their home now and which we may attract in the future.

As we still do not know whether the church can run cream teas this summer, we thought we might combine this wildlife counting event with a cake sale in the church grounds and invoke the spirit of cream teas.

If you are interested in being part of the wildlife counting day or may be happy to be involved in the cake sale, please contact me at: Vanessa@Goodwin.net

With best wishes at this beautiful time of year. **Vanessa**

Eco-spot Have been mesmerised by the huge numbers of Martins and Swallows swooping over the Mill Pond in recent weeks on their way to their home nesting areas countrywide. Welcome home!

Interested to learn that the mealworms we put out for the garden birds, Robins and Wrens especially, should not be left where Hedgehogs have access. Do look up the **Bumblebee** conservation trust website for interesting ways to help and support bumblebees at this time of year.

Sally Alexander

Kings Head Pub – Grafty Green



Please be aware that we are still cooking Fish & Chips for takeaway on Friday Lunch and Evening.

Please order in advance by calling on **01622 850259** and we wish everyone to stay safe and well and thank you for your support.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes will be resuming in the Village Hall - I had hoped to start in mid may but the re-roofing of the hall has meant that I will now start in June :-

Monday morning 9.30 – 11 - 7th June – 28th June - £24

Wednesday evening 7 – 8.30 - 2nd June – 30th June - £30

Thursday morning 9.30 – 11 - 3rd June – 24th June - £24

At the moment I am restricted to numbers and Wednesday evening is now fully subscribed.

The Monday morning class is initially to accommodate my Harrietsham class as I am not able to use that hall until the vaccination programme has been fulfilled. I will also plan some Saturday morning practices which will be open to my non regulars or new yogis.

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Sue Burch
British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

Sue's Nature notes

The last month has been cold and very dry which is not good for farmers and gardeners! But also, the cold winds and frosty nights will have reduced the number of insects for birds that need them to feed their fledglings,

The temperature also affects amphibians – according to The Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (when asked about timing of frog spawn):-

1) Reptiles are much quicker at taking the opportunity to gain from the odd sunny day in mid - late winter or early spring and will often just bask for a few hours in the daytime if the conditions are right, dry and sunny. They can also take advantage of local micro climates far more readily than amphibians.

2) Amphibians need the night time temperatures to be warm and wet, not the daytime temperatures to be high.

3) Whereas reptiles are sitting around just basking, not very active, amphibians are usually moving towards their breeding ponds and so are using up more energy and so need it to be warm for a longer period, usually two or three nights or warmer and wetter conditions.

4) Additionally, amphibians need a general warming of a far larger area, than just a small micro habitat that the reptiles will rely upon.

5) Lastly the water in the pond needs to warm up and this depends upon water depth, position in the environment (e.g., its colder at the bottom of a valley than on a sunny plateau or an urban garden).

So, in a nutshell, lazy reptiles just need to lay about in the sun for a few hours, whilst busy amphibians need the night-time temperatures to be warmer for longer period of time.

Sue Burch

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**A short update from
the Parish Council**

**Annual Parish Meeting and Annual
Parish Council Meeting, 17th May**

These important meetings, which did not take place in 2020 due to the pandemic, will take place on the evening the 17th May in the village hall - unless there are new restrictions. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to hear about a range of activities and clubs in the parish and take stock of any actions required to improve the quality of life in the locality. The Annual Parish Council Meeting follows the Annual Parish Meeting and elects council and committee chairmen and approves the council's policies and procedures. Please put this important evening in your diary and let's hope we can meet in person in the village hall.

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

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Commissioned by Grafty Green Gardening Club

This rose bowl, created by Jane Richardson - local potter - has come about because members of the Gardening Club saved plants from Margaret Hoad's garden which we were able to sell

The money raised was earmarked for a trophy in her memory

This will be on show at the plant sale and our first competition for a floral display will be held at the September meeting





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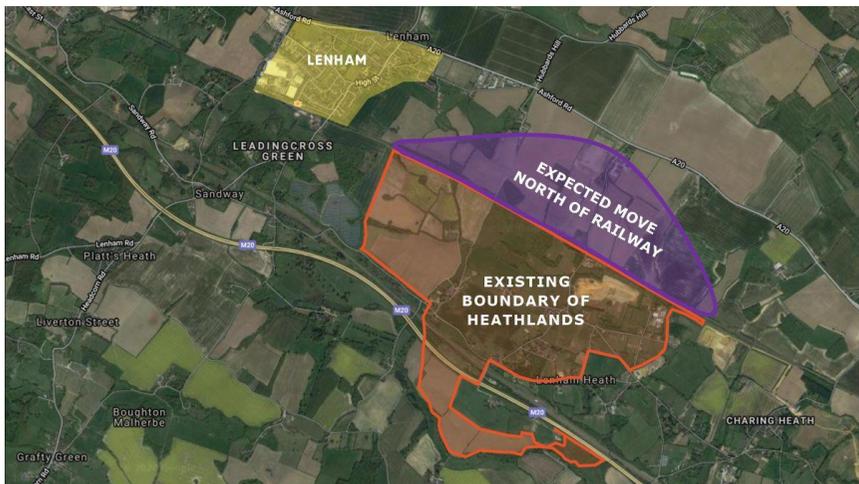
Council keeps residents in the dark over latest masterplan

The third version of the Heathlands garden community masterplan was submitted by Maidstone Council to Maidstone Council's planning department as part of the Local Plan Review on 31 March. Since January, we have been assured that the 'new redline' would be published and it was expected to respect the wishes of the 18 landowners who threatened legal action through SOHL to have their land removed. The Council has confirmed that it is likely those landowners will be 'obliged' but has now confirmed that they will not be publishing the new masterplan until June, creating further uncertainty and anxiety for those residents directly affected by the proposal.

Along with our local councillors, Tom & Janetta Sams, we have formally requested the masterplan is published without any further delay.

In the second version of the masterplan published in July 2020, the Council dropped the high-speed railway station and new motorway junction from its plans as they were unviable. Plans for a new secondary school were also abandoned which would have supported the influx of thousands of new families to the area.

The third version of the masterplan is expected to address many of the inadequacies and shortcomings in the previous masterplan. It is also expected to shift the area of focus to land between the mainline railway and the A20, towards the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This is clearly unacceptable and will continue to be challenged.



Village Hall News

I am pleased to advise that given the easing of the lockdown restrictions the hall will begin reopening. We have adopted Government guidelines and procedures are in place at the hall to keep everyone that uses the hall as safe and well as possible.

By way of an update the following will be held at the hall:-

6th May – The hall will be used as a polling station for the local elections.

17th May – The Parish Council AGM will be held at the hall.

24th May – The Village Hall Committee AGM will be held at the hall.

Yoga classes will return to the hall from the 17th May.

The roof is being replaced around the end of May/beginning of June and the hall will be closed for approximately a week whilst this work is carried out.

We also host the gardening club, a youth drama club, (Dazzle), the Morris Ladies, bowls, an art class and a monthly coffee morning, we are liaising with the organisers of these events as to when they will return but this will be after the 21st June.

The village hall is a community resource and if you have any ideas for a club, society or class that would benefit from using the hall please let me know on 01622 851351.

The village hall committee host a number of events throughout the year and we have pencilled in the following dates for your diaries:-

27th November – Our annual craft fair.

4th December – Christmas Quiz Night

29th January 2022 – Christmas Panto – Dick Whittington

We plan to host an event in the summer to celebrate the re-opening of the hall.

The Church also hold their annual harvest supper at the hall in the autumn and we are liaising with the church as to when they would like to hold this – more information on this will follow in due course.

It is good to be back and as a committee we all look forward to welcoming you back to the hall shortly.

Jon Thompson Village Hall Chairman

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

| Find the missing word? | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Peter _____, Late actor who played Clegg in 'Last of the Summer Wine' |
| 2 | Kim _____, Glamourous film star |
| 3 | Bette _____, who starred in 'Ruthless people' |
| 4 | Des _____, Sports presenter |
| 5 | Bright _____, Number 1 hit for Art Garfunkel |
| 6 | _____ Brynner, Actor and Lead role in 'The King and I' |
| 7 | The _____, Group that included Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin |
| 8 | Moeen _____, English international Cricketer |
| 9 | _____ Wallace, John Torode's partner on Master Chef |
| 10 | Eden _____, A Cornish tourist attraction |

| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
|----|------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | Gate | Mid | Sticky | Wicket |
| 2 | Compass | Knitting | Pine | |
| 3 | Darkness | Stranger | Sum | |
| 4 | Minister | New | Stone | |
| 5 | Grass | Model | Nova | |
| 6 | Foot | Knit | Swim | |
| 7 | Home | Line | Waste | |
| 8 | Brass | Carpet | Tin | |
| 9 | Fall | Mill | Tonic | |
| 10 | Brian | Cosmetic | Plastic | |
| 11 | Cabin | Cut | Neck | |
| 12 | Hemisphere | Isles | Spaghetti | |
| 13 | Boy | Ship | Story | |
| 14 | Day | Founding | Pilgrim | |
| 15 | Pad | Tiger | White | |
| 16 | Family | Gum | Trunk | |

Grafty Green Gardening Club Programme 2021

| Date | Speaker/Event | Topic |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 5 th January | Kevin Tooher | Pruning |
| 2 nd February | Lucy Adams | Dry Gardening |
| 2 nd March | Laura Brady | Vegetables & Herbs – Growing & Cooking |
| 6 th April | Group Zoom 7.30 | Flower Arrangements with a Spring Theme |
| Sat 8th May | Plant Sale, on the green if fine and in Hall if wet | |
| 4th May | Visit to Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe | |
| 1 st June | Visit to The Croft at Thurnham | |
| 12 th June | Grafty Open Gardens | |
| 6 th July | Visit to Godinton Garden | |
| 3 rd August | Visit to Horton Farm | |
| 7 th September | DeJaeger – Bulbs | |
| 10/11/12 Sept | Weekend away in Herefordshire | |
| 5 th October | Ian Gray (Mammal Society) | Hedgehogs |
| 2 nd November | TBC | |
| 7 th December | Visit Winter Event at Kew. | |

Grafty Green Gardening Club - Update for May

The coach trip to Leonards Lee Garden is not happening but in its stead is a visit to Knowle Hill Farm, Ulcombe, courtesy of Elizabeth and Andrew Cairns on Tuesday 4th May at 6pm. Entry is £6.00 which goes to the National Garden Scheme. This is a fabulous garden with far reaching views over the Weald; please let Sue know on (01622) 850381 if you are coming for numbers of teas and pieces of cake required, the cost of this is extra.

Next is the Plant Sale, Saturday 8th May on the Village Green at 10am. We aim to have a range of plants from young vegetables, summer annuals and some perennials. Donations of excess plants are always welcome to help boost club funds. Big thanks in advance

Tuesday 1st June, 6pm, is a visit to The Croft, Pilgrims Way, Detling ME14 3JY. This garden has formal areas and wilder spaces and again panoramic views. Look for signs for parking that will direct you into the orchard. Donations for the Hospice. As before please let Sue know if you are coming for catering purposes.

There is still the Village open Garden event on Saturday 12th June to look forward to 1pm to 6pm. £5.00 individual or £8.00 for a family - more details next month.

As promised the weekend away in Hereford is as follows 10th - 12th September. The cost remains at £330 plus entries and deposits of £50.00 are now due. Cheques to Doreen Hulm or electronically Reference - your name, sort code 09-01-53 a/c number 18103281. The final amount will be payable by 16th July. A copy of the itinerary will be available at the Plant Sale or from Carole Frost (01622) 757536.

In our Gardens:- Beware of night frosts! Keep mowing and feeding lawns. Brassicas are best netted with cane supports to prevent the birds pecking through them and hoe regularly, a job worth doing to keep weeds in check.

If you would like to join the Gardening Club a subscription to our Treasurer Doreen Hulm at Lavender Cottage, Grafty Green of £5.00 will secure membership.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club.

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Part of the Churchyard after rewilding and replanting by the Grafty Gardening Club on Saturday 17th April.



Grafty Gourmet

This is another very simple recipe. Cod is used here, but any white fish can be used instead. The distinctive flavour of the paprika and oil from the chorizo really compliments the fish. Serve with rice or just some crusty bread.

Spanish Chorizo & Cod Stew

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| 100g of diced chorizo | 400g tin of chickpeas - drained and rinsed |
| 1 onion - sliced | 2 sliced roasted red peppers from a jar |
| 2 garlic cloves - sliced | 500g cod loin |
| 1 tea spoon of smoked paprika | Chopped fresh flatleaf parsley |
| 1 table spoon of tomato purée | |
| 250ml of vegetable stock | |

1. Heat a large non-stick pan, then fry the chorizo and onion for about 8 minutes or until soft and caramelised. Add the garlic cloves and smoked paprika and cook for a further minute.
2. Stir in the tomato purée, vegetable stock, chickpeas and roasted red peppers. Cook for 4-5 minutes until thickened.
3. Cut the cod loin into 4cm chunks, then place carefully into the sauce. Cook for 3-5 minutes or until cooked through and the fish flakes easily. Sprinkle with chopped fresh flatleaf parsley and serve with crusty bread or rice.



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Music Notes for May 2021 – B Hardy

The lockdown rules still won't allow live local concerts in May but I believe Maidstone Choral Union may be planning a concert in July if conditions permit and other musicians are planning events in October. Watch this space! Meanwhile I will continue to regale you with musical anniversaries, this time for May. There are lots so here are just a few, of the more well-known musicians:

- **2nd May** - 4th anniversary of the death of Norma Procter, English operatic contralto, aged 89
- **17th May** – 100th anniversary of birth of Dennis Brain, British virtuoso horn player
- **21st May** – 180th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Parry, Welsh composer and musician.
- **22nd May** – 207th anniversary of the birth of Richard Wagner, German composer and conductor
- **23rd May** – 187th anniversary of the Death aged 76 of Charles Wesley junior, English organist and composer.

Joseph Parry was, as far as is known no relation to the English composer Sir Hubert Parry. Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, he is best known as the composer of "Myfanwy" and the hymn tune "Aberystwyth", on which the African song "Nkosi Sikelel' Afrika" is said to be based. Parry was also the first Welshman to compose an opera; his composition, Blodwen, was the first opera in the Welsh language.⁷

Charles Wesley junior was an English organist and composer. He was the son of Sarah and Charles Wesley (the great hymn-writer and one of the founders of Methodism), and the brother of Samuel Wesley, also an organist and composer. He is usually referred to as "Charles Wesley junior" to avoid confusion with his more famous father. Although much less well known than his brother Samuel, he was like Samuel regarded as a musical prodigy in childhood, and he was playing the organ before the age of three. He became a professional musician in adulthood, and Matthews (1971) quotes the European Magazine of 1784 as reporting that "his performance on the organ has given supreme delight".

By popular request the alphabet continues:

P: Piano – soft (the neighbours have complained)

PP: Pianissimo – VERY SOFT (the neighbours are at the door)

F: Forte – loud (the neighbours are out)

Ff: Fortissimo – VERY LOUD (sucks to the neighbours)

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You may recall the story of Jonah and the Whale. Jonah, a minor prophet of the Old Testament is given an important message from God to deliver to the people of Nineveh – they are living selfish, greedy lives and bringing harm to themselves and others and so Jonah is to tell them that God notices these things and is giving them an opportunity to change their ways and return to Him and in so doing be forgiven and saved. The prophetic message was good – but Jonah hated the idea that the terrible people of Nineveh should be ‘let off’ by God – he thought they should be punished. So, Jonah decided not to give the prophecy and to take a boat to Tarshish in a completely opposite direction to Nineveh. This is when a storm causes fear in the boat. Jonah is found out for being a ‘conscientious objector’, is thrown into the sea, swallowed by a whale and then spewed up 3 days later on the coast of Nineveh to go and take the message he should have taken first of all. A message of potential retribution but with a genuine and loving get out clause – do the right thing and you will be fine.

Jonah dutifully gives the message; the people of Nineveh change their lives and are saved by God. Jonah has a stroop and storms off into the local desert on his own to bemoan the generosity of God and the undeserving saved Ninevites. Filled with his own importance and virtue he slumps down in the heat of the desert and God, generous God, looks upon him and with mercy grows a vine over his head to relieve him from the damage and dehydration of the sun’s rays. Jonah remains unhappy about God’s response to Nineveh and so God allows a small insignificant worm to nibble its way through the vine until it withers and dies and Jonah really feels the heat of the desert turned up full and is still angry.....

God said to Jonah, “Do you think it is right for you to be angry just because this plant died?”

Jonah answered, “Yes, it is right for me to be angry! I am angry enough to die!”

And the Lord said, “You did nothing for that plant. You did not make it grow. It grew up in the night and the next day it died. And now you are sad about it. If you can get upset over a plant, surely I can feel sorry for a big city like Nineveh. There are many people and animals in that city. There are more

than 120,000 people there who did not know they were doing wrong. (Jonah 4:9-11 ERV)

Such a great story. And it finished there, with the short dialogue between Jonah and God. I wonder if Jonah saw sense, after all he did already know that God was benevolent and kind, merciful and just, he knew that God would not harm the people of Nineveh if they made amends. Surely he would know that applied to him as well.....

Left out, ignored or unloved. We may have been critical of others, tempted to do our own thing – I don't fancy being swallowed by a whale - but I do know God is present , available, loving and kind and it's good to be under His care.

Every blessing of peace and wellbeing be yours.

Rev. Lorraine Apps-Huggins (*Chaplain to the Living Well, Nonington. Canterbury Diocesan Centre for Healing & Wholeness.*)

Len Valley Benefice May 2021

Everybody is welcome

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

Sunday 2nd May

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast

Service

11.00 am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion (Book of
Common Prayer)

11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal
Service

Sunday 23rd May

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

Sunday 9th May

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Evensong

Lenham: Breakfast Church will be
joining the market on this day.

Sunday 30th May

10.00am Online Benefice Service

*Throughout May we will
continue short reflections each
Sunday online
for those who feel the best
option is to stay at home.*

*As always, please continue to
check notice boards, website
and Facebook for updates.*

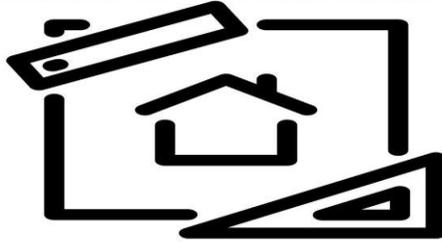
*At this time, we are not
encouraging people to travel
between churches to services.*

Sunday 16th May

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Service

11.00am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion

11.00am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship



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| Police, Non-Emergency - (Including PCSO | 101 |

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First Aid Support – when **an ambulance has been called using 999** - Interim emergency support (first aid and AED defibrillator), prior to arrival of paramedics / ambulance, may be available (not 24/7) by calling Chris Wheal on 01622 858100 -this is a voluntary 'good Samaritan' facility for residents. It is hoped a SECAMB (ambulance) community first responder scheme may start in future

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| NHS Medical Helpline | 111 |
| Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals | 0845 155 1000 |
| William Harvey Hospital | 01233 633331 |
| Headcorn Surgery (out of hours listen to - | 01622 890294 |
| Lenham Surgery recorded messages) | 01622 858341 |

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| Electricity (UK Power Networks) | |
| <i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i> | 0800 783 8866 |
| | or 01243 508866 |

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| Water | <i>Emergencies</i> | 0333 000 0002 |
| Southern Water Foul and Waste Water drainage/Flooding | | 0330 303 0368 |
| Calor Gas | <i>Emergencies</i> | 08457 444999 |
| KCC | <i>Emergencies</i> | 03000 41 41 41 |
| | <i>Highways</i> | 03000 41 81 81 |

KCC Community Wardens:

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| <i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i> | 07969 583923 |
| <i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i> | 07773 397125 |

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| Fire | <i>General Enquiries</i> | 01622 692121 |
| | <i>Home Safety Visits</i> | 0800 923 7000 |
| | <i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i> | 01622 858100 |

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| R.S.P.C.A | <i>Emergencies</i> | 0300 1234 999 |
| Vet | <i>24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service</i> | 01622 734555 |

Maidstone Borough Community Protection - **01622 602202** – Noise, neighbours, Smoke, Travellers. Environmental Services – **01622 602162** – Fly tipping, Street cleaning, Litter, Bins, dead animals

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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|----|------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| | Word 1 | Word 2 | Word 3 | Answer |
| 1 | Gate | Mid | Sticky | Wicket |
| 2 | Compass | Knitting | Pine | Needle |
| 3 | Darkness | Stranger | Sum | Total |
| 4 | Minister | New | Stone | York |
| 5 | Grass | Model | Nova | Super |
| 6 | Foot | Knit | Swim | Wear |
| 7 | Home | Line | Waste | Land |
| 8 | Brass | Carpet | Tim | Tacks |
| 9 | Fall | Mill | Tonic | Water |
| 10 | Brian | Cosmetic | Plastic | Surgeon |
| 11 | Cabin | Cut | Neck | Crew |
| 12 | Hemisphere | Isles | Spaghetti | Western |
| 13 | Boy | Ship | Story | Tall |
| 14 | Day | Founding | Pilgrim | Fathers |
| 15 | Pad | Tiger | White | Lily |
| 16 | Family | Gum | Trunk | Tree |

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| | Find the missing word? |
| 1 | Peter Sallis, Late actor who played Clegg in 'Last of the Summer Wine' |
| 2 | Kim Basinger, Glamorous film star |
| 3 | Bette Midler, who starred in 'Ruthless people' |
| 4 | Des Lynam, Sports presenter |
| 5 | Bright Eyes, Number 1 hit for Art Garfunkel |
| 6 | Yul Brynner, Actor and Lead role in 'The King and I' |
| 7 | The Rat Pack, Group that included Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin |
| 8 | Moeen Ali, English international Cricketer |
| 9 | Gregg Wallace, John Torode's partner on Master Chef |
| 10 | Eden Project, A Cornish tourist attraction |

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