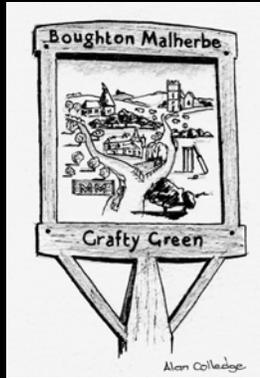


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Front cover: Daffodils at St Nicholas Church Boughton Malherbe

News from St. Nicholas Church

Retirement of Don Irvine

As you will see elsewhere in this Magazine, our rector Don Irvine is to retire at the end of April. He will be moving to Swalecliffe to a 'House for Duty' post in the Whitstable Team Ministry. We will be very, very sorry to see him go but understand his reasons for taking early retirement, to his and our great sadness. The Benefice is making a collection for a Gift for him. Anyone wishing to contribute, please put your donation in a sealed envelope clearly marked and bring it to a Service or hand it to a Churchwarden, the Treasurer or PCC member. They will see that your contribution gets to the right person - who is Sue Perkins, Wellesley House, Runham Lane, Harrietsham. You may wish to send your donation direct to this address. Thank you.

Lent Lunches

Our Lent Lunches in aid of Christian Aid Week have already started and I hope the word reached our supporters that the first two Lunches as listed in the February Magazine had to be switched around. Sorry, but there was nothing I could do about this alteration, except put it in the Pew Sheet for each Sunday. The Lunches yet to be held are at the following venues:

March 7 th	Foxes Earth, Grafty Green	Pat Anderson
March 14 th	Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill	Joan Davidson
March 21 st	Liverton House, Liverton Street	Sylvia Evans
March 28 th	Grafty Green Village Hall	Sylvia Close

All Lunches start at 12.00 noon and end at 2.00p.m.

Malherbe Monthly News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who deliver our Magazine each month come rain or shine and a special thank you to those who have found it too much, and have had to withdraw their help. Also, to those who have been kind enough to take on a round recently, thank you on behalf of the MM News Team. Thanks also to the Editor who compiles and edits the Magazine each month.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Green Village Hall – Barn Dance

The Village hall Committee are holding a Bard Dance on Saturday 24th March starting at 7.30pm with the Band **Folkal Point** and calling by the experienced and popular Roy Gill.

There will be a Licensed Bar and snacks will be provided. Tickets will be £7.00 and are available from Grafty Green shop and members of the Village Hall Committee – Sandra and Richard Pilborough – 850484, Bernard Dodson 850645 and Mandy Hitchins – 858937.

We hope you will support this event which can be fun – no experience is required and sometimes this can be an advantage as you are guided through the dances with the help of the Caller and other dancers.

Grafty Green Village Hall Committee

Family History Group

COACH TRIP TO THE FAMILY RECORD CENTRE LONDON

A coach has been booked for a trip to the record centre on Monday 23rd April 2007. It will leave the car park at the Harrietsham Community Centre at 8-30am and leave London at about 3-30pm. Please park your car on the far side of the car park.

Cost £11 to £13 per head, according to numbers on coach. It is advisable to bring a packed lunch with you, there is a place to sit and also buy liquid refreshments.

To book a seat please call Frank Long on 01622 850863, leave a message if I am not available.

Frank Long

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th March at 7-30 pm when Nick Robinson will talk to us about 'Organic Vegetable Gardening'. All welcome – further details from Rosemary Smith 850526 or Sue Burch 850381

PROGRAMME FOR 2007

Date	Topic	Speaker
Jan 9th	AGM - Light up your garden with bulbs	Janet Bryant
Feb 6th	Japanese garden	Jean Cockett
March 6th	Organic Vegetable Gardening	Nick Robinson
April 3rd	Saxon shore way	Chris Wade
May 1st	Evening visit to Hole Park	
May 5th	Plant sale	
First weekend in June	Weekend trip to Worcestershire. Details to be finalised	
June 5th	Evening visit to Torry Hill	
July 3rd	Evening visit to Hall Place	
Aug 5th	Afternoon visit to Stoneacre	
Sept 4th	Autumn Show Talk on Chrysanthemums	John Lawrie
Oct 2nd	Mushrooms and Toadstools	Martin Newcombe
Nov 6th	History of Weather forecasting	Ian Currie
Dec 4th	Port & Stilton	David March

Parochial Church Council of Ulcombe Church

Ulcombe Church will be hosting a concert in memory of Jenny Balston on Saturday the 21st of April at 7.30 pm. We are privileged to have the renowned **Barbican Piano Trio** who will be performing music by Schubert and Beethoven – the Archduke Trio being the main work in the programme.

Tickets will be £10 and available from Sue Balston on 01580 765161 or Molly Poulter on 01622 842988. All profits will be going to the Ulcombe Church Restoration Fund.

Grafty Garden Cuttings - March

The snow and cold weather have succeeded in bringing back some of our birds. I have been watching nine blackbirds squabbling over the apples I threw out on to the lawn and there are blue tits and chaffinches on and under the bird feeders. Further up the garden I have also seen gold crests, long tailed tits and the woodpeckers are about again. Jays and a cock pheasant pay the odd visit, too.

We have now had enough rain to make the garden more like a swamp, but if it does dry out by the second half of the month, I shall be planting my early potatoes, sowing parsnip seed (having first warmed the ground under cloches), putting in onion sets, giving the buddleias a final cut right down and pruning the roses.

Rambling roses should be tidied up only if needed, which could include some drastic chopping if they are very old and out of hand. Climbers need all side growths especially those that flowered last year cut to within 3 buds of the main leaders, which should be trained in to their supports. Bush roses need old or dead wood cut out, any crossing or weak stems removed and the main stems cut back to an outward facing bud. This can be anything from 4" above ground level to a foot or more, depending on type of rose and how hard it was cut the previous year. If time is short, take a pair of hedge clippers or a chain saw and just trim across the tops of the bushes. Apparently it makes no difference which method is employed and the latter can even produce more blooms - according to trials carried out.

Hydrangeas also need attention, once the worst of the weather is over. Spent flower heads, left on to protect the new buds, can be cut off, old wood cut out and new growth taken back to a pair of strong buds lower down shaping the bush carefully as cuts are made.

Ivy is taking over our countryside and although it is great for wildlife, providing food and shelter all year round, it needs keeping an 'eye' on. The various cultivars can look wonderful as ground cover, on pergolas or up walls, but the wild variety is terribly invasive and can smother beds, borders, houses and trees the minute one's back is turned. A great deal of my weeding involves pulling out ivy seedlings, as well as the ubiquitous ash and brambles.

Spring is really under way, so definitely time for some garden visits to enjoy the wonderful displays of bulbs and spring flowers.

Rosemary Smith

Grafty Green Heating Oil Club

Grafty Green has a successful Heating Oil Club. We have to date nearly 100 members all taking advantage of cheaper heating oil when ordered in bulk. To make this club work all members have to have at least the minimum 500 Litres every time we order, that is about 3 to 4 times a year. It makes sense to have a bulk order delivered over 2 to 3 days every 4 months, rather than have tankers clogging up our village every week. We now cover Harrietsham, Headcorn, Lenham, Liverton Hill, Platts Heath, Sandway Ulcombe and Biddenden. If you would like to join or need some information about the club, email me on europa.13@btinternet.com or 01622 858350. The Oil Club is non-profit making.

Malherbe Monthly Magazine

This magazine can now additionally be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition all back issues for 2006 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

This web site also hosts all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and give details of up-coming events in the Village Hall. The below link will get you there:

www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council has now issued the timetable for this service up to 1st April 2007. Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during this period:

Grafty Green

Saturday 10th Mar: 13:30 – 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Grafty Green 30mph Speed Limit

It looks as if the reduction of the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph for Grafty Green is going to happen. The e-mail and notice below are the formal parts of the procedure which should in the near future lead to the introduction of the lower limit. The notice include other speed limit proposals!!

Peter.Rosevear@kent.gov.uk wrote:

Subject: RE: Speed Limit

Date: Wed, 21 Feb 2007 09:49:22 -0000

From: <Peter.Rosevear@kent.gov.uk>

To: <europa.13@btinternet.com>

CC: <Sandy.Bruce-Lockhart@kent.gov.uk>

Pat,

The Order appeared in the Kent Messenger Extra (Maidstone edition) on the 9th Feb, and will be open to public representation until 6th March.

Regards,
Peter R

In the Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER (VARIATION NO. 14) ORDER 2007

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of this Order will be as follows -

Bearsted - to extend the 30 mph speed limit in Ashford Road westwards to include the junction with Willington Street.

Boughton Malherbe (Grafty Green) - the existing 40 mph speed limits will be reduced to 30 mph in Church Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road and Woodcock Lane.

Boxley - to reduce the speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph in Sandling Lane.

Chart Sutton - to extend the 30 mph speed limit in Warmlake Road approximately 350 metres eastwards to the recreation ground.

East Farleigh - the 40 mph speed limit in Dean Street will be reduced to 30 mph from its southern terminal point near Horse Shoe Farm to 25 metres north of Workhouse Lane. North of this point the 40 mph speed limit will be unchanged.

Harrietsham - the 40 mph speed limit on Ashford Road (A20) which ends near Hook Lane to be extended for about 550 metres westwards to now end near the culvert 210 metres Maidstone side of the altered West Street junction.

Hunton - the existing 40 mph speed limit in West Street will be reduced to 30 mph between 110 metres north of Bensted Close and 85 metres south-west of Grove Lane. Bensted Close will become 30 mph, as will the 40 mph section of Elphicks Farm Road (Bishops Lane)

Sutton Valence - the 30 mph speed limit on Headcorn Road (A274) to be extended southwards to 140 metres Headcorn side of South Lane.

Sutton Valence - the 40 mph speed limit in Chartway Street to be reduced 30 mph.

Thurnham - to introduce a 30 mph speed limit in Caring Lane from Ashford Road for 690 metres (about 60 metres south of Woodlands@)

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, maps indicating the location and effect and a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at Kent Highway Services, Mid Kent Division, Doubleday House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford ME20 7BU during normal office hours.

An information pack containing basic details of the traffic order proposals will also be available for examination at the Highway Information Centre, Directorate of Strategic Planning, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX, and at the Information Office, Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to the Transportation Manager, Kent Highway Services, Mid Kent Division, Doubleday House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford ME20 7BU by 12 noon on Monday 5th March, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed Order or require further information please contact Kent Highway Services (01622 798473)

Pete Raine - Director of Strategic Planning
Invicta House, County Hall Maidstone.

Mondays to Fridays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	Days	Only	Days
Maldstone, Pudding Lane, Stop R2	59	59	59	59
Maldstone, King St, Colman House, Stop L2	1225	1400	1552	1612
Maldstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	1227	1402	1555	1615
Wheatshiel	1229	1404	1557	1617
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1236	1411	1604	1624
Linton Corner	1240	1415	1608	1608
New Line Learning — Cornwalls	1244	1419	1612	1612
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1249	1424	1617	1617
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1252	1427	1620	1620
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1255	1430	1623	1623
Warmslake Corner	1258	1433	1626	1626
Kingswood, Village Hall	1438	—	1638	1731
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1306	—	1523	—
Ulcombe, Post Office	1313	—	1530	—
Grafty Green, King's Head	1320	—	1535	—
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	—	—	1535	—
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	—	—	1544	—

Mondays to Fridays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	Days	Only	Days
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	—	—	—	—
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	—	—	0736	—
Ulcombe, King's Head	0723	—	0723	—
Ulcombe, Post Office	0730	—	0730	—
Kingswood, Village Hall	0735	—	0735	—
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0738	—	0738	—
Warmslake Corner	0748	—	0744	—
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0759	—	0747	—
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0742	—	0750	—
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	—	—	0745	—
New Line Learning — Cornwalls	—	—	0820	—
Linton Corner	—	—	0750	—
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	0756	—	0802	—
Wheatshiel	0758	—	0800	—
Maldstone, Chequers Bus Station	—	—	0810	—
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0808	—	—	—
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0817	—	—	—
—	0826	—	—	—

Service 59: Maldstone, Pudding Lane, High Street, King Street, Chequers Bus Station, Romney Place, Lower Stone Street, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road (return Stone Reservoir), Hayle Road, College Road, Mill Street, High Street, King Street, Loose, Linton Road, Linton Cross Road, Headcorn, Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Green Lane, Heath Road, Farningham Road, Amber Lane, Chart Sutton, Warmslake Road, Warmslake Cross Roads, Charway Street, Bromfield Road, Kingswood, Ashford Drive, Charlesford Avenue, Caysar Drive, Gravely Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Ulcombe Hill, Ulcombe, The Street, Pye Corner, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green.

Buses running via Langley run as normal from Maldstone to Loose Road, then Sutton Road, Langley, Sutton Road, Warmslake Cross Roads, then as normal route to Grafty Green.

Buses terminating at Kingswood run as normal from Maldstone to Kingswood, Chartway Street, then Gravely Bottom Road (Village Hall), Caysar Drive, returning via the normal route.

Service 66: New Line Learning — Cornwalls, Heath Road, Four Wents, then same route as Bus 59 to Pye Corner, Lenham Road, King's Road, Headcorn.

Sundays and Public Holidays*

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	Days	Only	Days
—	59	59	59	59
—	0836	—	—	—
—	0838	—	1241	1525
—	0840	—	1243	1527
—	0847	—	1250	1534
—	0847	—	1254	1538
—	0859	—	1312	1556
—	—	—	—	1604
—	0907	—	1320	—
—	0914	—	1327	—
—	0921	—	1334	—

Saturdays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	Days	Only	Days
—	59	59	59	59
—	0733	—	0923	1336
—	0740	—	0930	1343
—	0745	—	0935	1348
—	0747	—	0937	1350
—	0753	—	0943	1356
—	0756	—	0946	1359
—	0759	—	0949	1402
—	0802	—	0952	1405
—	0807	—	0957	1410
—	0811	—	1001	1414
—	0815	—	1005	1418
—	0823	—	1013	1427

Saturdays

Service No.	School Days		Net School Days	
	Only	Days	Only	Days
—	59	59	59	59
—	0733	—	0915	1325
—	0730	—	0922	1332
—	0735	—	0927	1337
—	0738	—	0929	1339
—	0744	—	0935	1345
—	0747	—	0938	1348
—	0742	—	0941	1351
—	0745	—	0944	1354
—	0750	—	0949	1359
—	0756	—	0953	1403
—	0758	—	0957	1407
—	0810	—	1005	1415
—	0808	—	1005	1415
—	0817	—	1011	1421
—	0826	—	1020	1430

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

NOTE
1. The Saturday buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council by Nu-Venture (Tel: 01622 882288), NOT Arriva.

CODES
* — These buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council. If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to Transport Integration, Kent County Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent ME19 4QG.
* — Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.
R — Sets down only upon request by passengers boarding at or before Loose Road, Plains Avenue.

St Edmunds Centre – Platts Heath

Without any hiccups the builders should finished the work by 2nd March.

Therefore the AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 20th March 2007 at 8.00pm in the newly completed hall. For those of you new to the area the hall is at the bottom of School Lane Platts Heath. Anyone willing to serve on the management committee would be extremely welcome please do not hesitate to contact me. Anyone wishing to start a club or join an existing one is welcome to come along and have a look at the new facilities but if you cannot make the AGM I am willing to show you round.

We will start up the coffee mornings again on Wednesday April 18th 2007 at 10.00am Eve and I hope this year some of our ladies will join a rota to run the coffee mornings.

The Line Dancing will return to the hall on Thursday 15th March at 8pm. We are extremely grateful to the Lenham Bowls Club for allowing us to use their club house whilst the St Edmunds Centre was closed.

THE TRUSTEES OF ST EDMUNDS CENTRE

A.G.M.

WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007 AT 8.00PM

IN THE

ST EDMUNDS HALL,

SCHOOL LANE, PLATTS HEATH

DO COME AND TAKE A LOOK

Platts Heath on a Platter!

This spring, after a great deal of hard work, Platts Heath's very own community hall is due to open. As part of the celebrations to mark this event we're organising a Revue evening of sketches, songs and music with a very local theme: "Platts Heath on a Platter".

Production date is Saturday 5th May and we really hope you'll be able to join us! In the meantime though, you might also want to get involved, perhaps either performing or helping backstage. Residents of Platts Heath are particularly invited to get stuck in. Mind you, if you're busy, and most of us are, then we'll be very happy to see you as an audience member.

We'll be publicising the event again during April but in the meantime if you want to take part please contact me, murray.motley@btinternet.com or 01622 859169 – we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Don't forget to put the date in your diary now!

Murray Motley

Concert of African Music

Congo Action (www.congoaction.co.uk) is a small Maidstone Charity aimed at helping children in a small area of Democratic Republic of the Congo. They are holding a Concert of African Music with Mosi Conde & Friends on Saturday 3rd March, 7.30pm at Grove Green Community Hall, Maidstone. Tickets £12 adults and £5 children including a buffet.

Further information and tickets from Martine or Charlie 01622 750979, Edith 765497 or Valerie 813115. Thank you in advance for your support and help.

Valerie Crafter



Concert
of

African Music

by

Mosi Conde & Friends

vocals + African Percussions, Kora, Balafon, Djembe & Guitar

3rd March 2007

at 7.30pm

Tickets *in advance only*

(including Buffet)

£12 (Children welcome £5)

Wine & Soft Drinks will be available

at **Grove Green**

Community Hall

Maidstone

(near Tesco)



Contact: Edith (01622765497), Valerie (01622 813115), Congo Action (01622 750979)



All proceeds to **CongoAction**, Registered charity no.1088833

www.congoaction.co.uk

Email: congoaction@hotmail.co.uk

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9.30 - 11.00

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All Saints Church, Ulcombe

Saturday 17 March 2007
7. 30 pm

**An Organ and Trumpet
Concert
by
Michael Alexander (organ)
and Pauline Fisher (trumpet)
and pupils**

**Proceeds in aid of church restoration
Tickets £7. 50 to include refreshments**

**Call Molly Poulter on (01622) 842988
or the Church Office on (01622) 850604**

**Concert by Michael Alexander, organist, and Pauline Fisher,
trumpeter.**

Saturday 17th March at 7.30 pm

Michael Alexander is the organist at All Saints, Ulcombe and St Luke's, Maidstone. He is a keyboard player, oboist, singer and lecturer in the fields of classical and popular music. More recently he has collided with the world of rock. Michael and Pauline are also members of a Kent jazz band.

In addition to working for the Open University and Kent Music, Michael freelances around London and the south east. Michael will present a wide selection of styles, demonstrating the capabilities of All Saints' unique organ.

Pauline Fisher studied at the Royal College of Music, and over the years has pursued a varied playing career: ensembles and orchestral music, a West End Show, and studio work including recording the theme for the BBC's Blackadder. Now living in Ulcombe, she teaches at the Sutton Valence preparatory and senior schools and Maidstone Grammar School. She is also actively involved in church music, and with orchestral and choral societies.

At this concert, together with Michael Alexander and three students, she will present a potted history of the trumpet.

The Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held at All Saints Church, Ulcombe, on Friday the 2nd of March at 7.30 pm.

The theme this year is 'United under God's tent', and the Speaker will be Mrs Sally Collins, Authorised Lay Minister in the Len Valley Benefice. The service has been produced by the women of Paraguay. This service is always very special as we have visitors from the other three churches of the Len Valley Benefice (Harrietsham, Boughton Malherbe and Lenham) as well as from many churches around – Leeds, Hollingbourne and Kingswood. After the service we enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

Ulcombe Pre-School



Ulcombe Pre-School offers your child the opportunity to learn through play with a varied range of activities.

The Pre-School caters for children aged from two and is Ofsted inspected. It has a very high staff to children ratio and meets in a modern, spacious hall, with a safe and fenced garden area.

It has received 'top marks' from Ofsted during their Care Inspection.

The Pre-School runs Monday - Thursday, 9.15 - 12.15
term time only.

Places are available for this academic year and reservations are being taken for September 2007 and beyond. For more details, contact Corinne Giles, Supervisor, on 07765350077 (out of hours) or 07940225341 (during Pre-School hours), or Jane Williams, Chairman of Committee on 843228. Alternatively, you are more than welcome to visit the Pre-School during opening hours at Ulcombe Village Hall.

We also run a baby/toddler session on a Tuesday from 9.30 - 11.30 when younger children are welcome to come along with a parent/career and join in with the pre-school children at a cost of £2.00 per child per session. (Refreshments included)

Maidstone Borough Council – News **Release**

Release Date: 5th February 2007

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Big Day Out

More than 10,000 free tickets will be given away to local residents to visit some of the county's top tourist attractions, as part of Kent's Big Day Out on 31 March.

Maidstone Museum will be offering 250 free tickets for a behind the scenes look at items and collections in storage as well as showing how major exhibitions are put together. There will be tours throughout the day, beginning at 11am.

Other tourist attractions in Maidstone taking part in the Big Day Out include the Museum of Kent Life, Garden Organic, Yalding and the Maidstone Carriage Museum.

Across Kent there will be 87 venues offering free tickets, which will be available from 14 February from the Kent tourism website — www.kenttourism.co.uk or at Maidstone Town Hall Visitor Information Centre — telephone 01622 602169.

Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture at Maidstone Borough Council, Cllr Brian Moss, said, "This is a really good way for people who would not normally visit these top attractions to get a taste of what Maidstone — and Kent — has to offer. They will be able to share their experiences with friends and family, and enjoy a great day out."

ENDS

Missing Word Puzzle

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

I hope you enjoyed last months link word here is another
to rack your brains – Paul Neaves

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Lloyd Webber, Composer
2	The _____ Life, 1970's TV sitcom
3	_____ Suchet, Poirot, Actor
4	Billy _____, Some Like It Hot, Director
5	_____ Phoenix, Early Corrie Actress
6	Oh! _____, 1959 Neil Sedaka Hit
7	_____ Dogs, 1971 Dustin Hoffman Film
8	Private _____, Film starring Goldie Hawn
9	Jessica _____, Driving Miss Daisy Actress
10	Air Force _____, Harrison Ford, Film

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

I hope you enjoyed last months link word here is another
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The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Grease	Room	Tennis	Elbow
2	Block	Clock	Watch	
3	Action	Going	Wire	
4	Store	Whole	Wood	
5	Cupboard	Handle	Stick	
6	Beauty	May	Mother	
7	Happy	Nerve	Never	
8	Dressing	Over	Stitch	
9	Door	Gin	Parent	
10	Bone	Dig	Pads	
11	Ape	Eye	Truth	
12	Rhyme	School	Slopes	
13	Knitting	Point	Work	
14	Account	Tenancy	Venture	
15	Air	Ship	Shop	
16	Case	Lead	Skirt	

Many thanks to **Paul Neaves** who set both the Quiz and the Missing Word
Puzzle.

Age Concern Maidstone exists to promote the Welfare of the older residents in the Borough of Maidstone and was originally founded in 1957 as Maidstone Old People's Welfare Committee. In 1972 Age Concern Maidstone was registered as a charity affiliated to Age Concern Kent and Age Concern England. In 1997 Age Concern Maidstone became an Incorporated Charity with the company number 3344224 and the Charity number 1062723.

We provide day care for the older residents in our day centres located throughout the Borough of Maidstone. At the centres we organise a variety of activities from bingo to educational talks; we also provide a hot mid-day meal and perhaps most importantly the companionship of their fellow attendees. During the warmer months we organise trips out for our day care clients. We are able to transport our day care clients to and from our centres on our fleet of minibuses. We also run a domiciliary bathing service and our foot care service is available in a number of surgeries throughout the borough or in the home if house bound. Information and advice on services for the benefit for older residents of the Borough is available from our office in Mill Street.

Our permanent staff is ably supported by our team of 60 volunteers who drive our minibuses, escorting those clients using the minibuses from and to their homes and supporting our day care work. Without their continued valued support our work would be curtailed to the detriment of our clients.

If you would like to know more about our work; join our team of volunteers; attend a day centre; access our other services; please feel free to contact us on 01622 753 618 or alternatively e-mail us on info@ageconcernmaidstone.org.uk If you wish to make a financial donation to support our work our address is Age Concern Maidstone, 14A Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6XH.

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****Problem arisen between keyboard and chair***

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Grease	Room	Tennis	Elbow
2	Block	Clock	Watch	Tower
3	Action	Going	Wire	Live
4	Store	Whole	Wood	Grain
5	Cupboard	Handle	Stick	Broom
6	Beauty	May	Mother	Queen
7	Happy	Nerve	Never	Ending
8	Dressing	Over	Stitch	Cross
9	Door	Gin	Parent	Trap
10	Bone	Dig	Pads	Shin
11	Ape	Eye	Truth	Naked
12	Rhyme	School	Slopes	Nursery
13	Knitting	Point	Work	Needle
14	Account	Tenancy	Venture	Joint
15	Air	Ship	Shop	Steward
16	Case	Lead	Skirt	Pencil

	Find the missing word?
1	ANDREW Lloyd Webber, Composer
2	The GOOD Life, 1970's TV sitcom
3	DAVID Suchet, Poirot, Actor
4	Billy WILDER, Some Like It Hot, Director
5	PAT Phoenix, Early Corrie Actress
6	Oh! CAROL, 1959 Neil Sedaka Hit
7	STRAW Dogs, 1971 Dustin Hoffman Film
8	Private BENJAMIN, Film starring Goldie Hawn
9	Jessica TANDY, Driving Miss Daisy Actress
10	Air Force ONE, Harrison Ford, Film

From the Registers

Thursday 21st December, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late Doris Fitch of Harrietsham.

Thursday 4th January, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, wedding of Craig Davis & Jane Saunders.

Friday 5th January, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, interment of the late Eileen Hogben.

Tuesday 9th January, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late Paul Whitehead of Lenham.

Sunday 14th January, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, baptism of Harry Whiteside.

Thursday 25th January, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, interment of ashes of the late Pearl Edwards.

Tuesday 30th January, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late Cedric Furmidge of Harrietsham.

Tailpiece – Joy

‘Grief can take care of itself but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with’. Mark Twain.

‘Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.’ Mother Theresa

Incumbent takes early retirement

By the time you read this many, if not all, of you will know that I have decided that the time has come for me to retire from full-time stipendiary (paid!) ministry. Over recent months I have spent time reflecting on my ministry and my personal situation: past, present and future. In this process I have been greatly assisted by the Senior Staff of the Diocese, the Bishops and Archdeacons; I have also received a huge amount of stimulus, care and support from many parishioners - for which, thank you.

I shall not dwell on my Incumbency but I should like it to be known that I have been very happy and fulfilled in my seven years in post. I began in 1999 by taking responsibility for the parishes of Harrietsham and Ulcombe, to be followed a year later with the addition of the parishes of Boughton Malherbe and Lenham. It was a great privilege to be able to share in ministry with two outstanding curate colleagues: the Revd Nigel Fry and the Revd Ann Sadler, before they moved on to 'greater things'! Likewise, it has been a real privilege to share in ministry with so many able leaders: Readers, Lay Ministers, Church Wardens, members of Church Councils and Musicians as well as the many gifted and dedicated parishioners - far too many to list - who give so freely of their time and talents; God has bestowed rich gifts upon our parishes.

My last service in the benefice is to be on Sunday 29th April at Ulcombe, All Saints, at 10.30am; this is a whole-benefice service for all four parishes together. I am leaving to take up a post (unpaid!) in the Whitstable Team Ministry, with specific responsibility for the district of Swalecliffe, St John the Baptist. I shall be living in the Swalecliffe Rectory and working in that district for two days a week, plus Sunday duty; the CofE calls this arrangement '*House-for-Duty*'. The remainder of my time will be spent in some diocesan commitments and personal pursuits. The Parish of Whitstable comprises some six churches with a team of three full-time clergy, a youth worker, myself and many other lay workers. I am to be licensed at Swalecliffe on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm.

For the future of the four parishes of the Len Valley Benefice, it is my prayer that a new Incumbent will be found without undue delay but this

process generally takes several months. Meanwhile, we are very fortunate to be supported and served by a number of local clergy, both retired and active, together with the many lay folk who already do so much for God's work in the area. I ask for your prayers for the future of the benefice and especially for the leadership who will be managing the vacancy during the process of identifying the next Incumbent.

Finally, my thanks for all the care and support I have received in each of the four parishes; I shall continue to hold you all in my prayers.

May God bless you,
Don Irvine

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra. Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 24th March 2007 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park Maidstone. The programme consists of three works:

- Prokofiev - Lieutenant Kije Suite
- Khachaturian - Violin Concerto, Soloist Barry Wilde Violin
- Tchaikovsky - Symphony No.2 'Little Russian'

Here Russian fireworks abound as MSO's Leader, Barry Wilde, takes an even more centre-stage position than usual to play Khachaturian's effervescent Violin Concerto. Surrounding him are Prokofiev's Lieutenant Kije Suite, a colourfully quirky miscellany, and Tchaikovsky's wonderful evocative "Little Russian" Symphony.

Concert tickets £10, £15 and £20, seats for Children and students with a student card £5, available from Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Mote Hall Box Office 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card. This is a Muriel Tassell Memorial Concert.

David Bramley - Maidstone Orchestral Society

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services - March 2007

PLEASE NOTE:
*New start time of 11.00 am for Sunday Services in Lenham
and 9.30 am in Boughton Malherbe*

Date	Time/Location	Service
Fri 02 Mar 07	19.30 U	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sun 04 Mar 07 2 nd of Lent	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 19.00 U	BCP HC CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc Taize
Sun 11 Mar 07 3 rd of Lent	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U	BCP HC Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1
Sun 18 Mar 07 Mothering Sunday 4 th of Lent	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 18.30 BM	BCP HC BCP HC CW 1 CW 1 CW 1 BCP EP
Sun 25 Mar 07 5 th of Lent	08.00 L 10.30 H 18.30 H	BCP HC CW 1 (benefice service in Harrietsham; no services in other three churches) Informal

Key

Parishes / Churches

L: Lenham
BM: Boughton Malherbe
H: Harrietsham
U: Ulcombe

Services

BCP HC = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Holy Communion
BCP EP = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Evening Prayer
Fam Svc = Family Service (not Communion)
MS = Morning Service (not Communion)
CW 1 = Common Worship (Order One)
H = Holy Communion
Informal = Informal! (not communion)

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