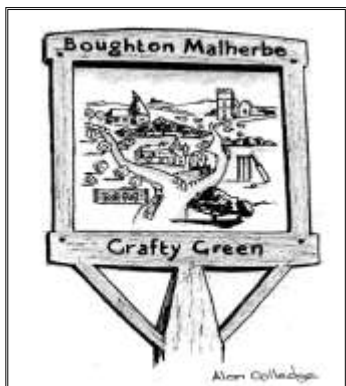


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Anything for the **July** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th June**

Front cover: Roy and Barbara Pearce who sadly will be moving away from Grafty Green. Seen here at their farewell function in the Kings Head

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Concert at Chilston Park was a most enjoyable evening and we are most grateful to Doreen Hulm, Beverley and Gemma Hone for giving us such a varied and amusing programme, quite an achievement to have three generations of the same family to entertain us; thank you so much to you all.

Morning Prayers will be said in St. Nicholas on the 1st, 2nd and 5th Tuesdays in June and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at All Saints Ulcombe at 9.30a.m.

Bible Study will re-convene on 4th June at Weirton Villas, Grafty Green at 10.30 a.m. You are all welcome to come and join us.

Village Coffee Morning in the Village Hall will be on the second Wednesday of the month which is the 10th at 10.30a.m.

Men's Breakfast at the Dog and Bear Lenham will be on 27th June at 8.00a.m. when a full English breakfast will be served at a cost of £8.50. To reserve your place ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195, there will be a speaker as usual.

Adam Hart and Kelly Downes of St. Stephen's Chatham will marry at St. Nicholas Church on 20th June. We wish them both a very happy day and a long life together. Adam is Rev: Millie Hart's son so it will be a very extra special day for her too.

The Church will be running a stall at the Grafty Green traditional Fete and there will be other stalls manned by members of the congregation. Lets pray for a dry day and for the sun to shine and may it be a successful and enjoyable day for everyone.

The Ashford Invicta Singers are to hold a Concert with two guest spots, in the Tithe Barn at Court Lodge Farm, Lenham. The Tickets will be £10.00 with a licensed bar and a raffle. You may bring a picnic which can be enjoyed in the outer garden of Court Lodge and around the Tithe Barn. The Concert will start at 7.30 p.m and if you would like to picnic you can arrive about 5.30p.m. The Concert will be in aid of the Fabric Fund of St. Nicholas and a donation will be given to The Kent Kidney Association. Tickets will be available from Joan Davidson (01622 850210 and other members of the St. Nicholas PCC. and the Village shop at Grafty Green.

Joan Davidson

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

At our AGM last month Barbara Pearce tendered her resignation from the management committee and so, as we were already one person short of our full complement, there became two places to be filled on the committee for the year ahead. Happily, Jon and Angela Thompson volunteered their services and have brought us up to full strength again. So the committee now comprises myself, Carol Hulm (Secretary), Robert Turner (Treasurer), Sue Burch, Sarah Cutbill, Stefania Graziola, Margaret Neaves, Barbara Pearce, Sandra Pilborough, Jacky Simmons, Jacqui Thompson and Jon & Angela Thompson.

Jon and Angela quite recently moved into the bungalow beside the field where our outdoor events are customarily held and have readily agreed that we can tap into their water and electricity supply for our fete on June 6th. We thank them hugely. Clearly they are going to be a great asset to the village!

At the AGM I presented my report for the year just past. Here's a brief summary:

The regular hirers of the Hall continue to be Headcorn Morris, the Gardening Club, The "Dazzle" drama group for children, Sue Burch's Yoga class, the Bowls Club, the Parish Council and the Church. We have also succeeded in attracting more occasional hirers than in previous years, which has increased our letting income a little.

The main social events we organised were a treasure hunt & barbeque; our traditional Christmas quiz and, most recently, a Greek meal with Greek dancing and belly-dancing. The Committee also assisted again with the running of the Harvest Supper. These events, plus a 'Phil The Bag' fund-raiser and a generous donation from the organiser of the Christmas Craft Fair, have helped us maintain a financial surplus.

However, the decision (taken last year) to remove the coin-operated electricity meters is having a more detrimental effect on our finances than we expected, because the free availability of heating has led to hirers using more. So we are not only losing meter income but also incurring greater usage charges - and the early signs are that last year's increase in letting fees will not bridge the gap, as it was intended to. Consequently, an increase in the rate next year cannot be ruled out, I'm afraid.

This year, we continued to use what surplus funds we had to improve the Hall's facilities. We have installed a larger fridge in the kitchen and have also replaced the broken cooker with a larger new one. This has made catering in the Hall very much

more practicable. Our secretary, Carol Hulm, has also developed a website for the Hall, which is now live.

And our next event? Well, the revival of the village fete, of course, on June 6th – of which much more elsewhere in this magazine!

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great Summer Dessert, and as usual, so simple to make.

White Chocolate & Strawberry Mouse Cake

175g digestive biscuits
75g butter, melted
400g white chocolate
400g strawberries

300g tub full-fat soft cheese
200ml double cream

1. Crush the biscuits with a rolling pin to fine crumbs, add the melted butter and mix well. Tip the mix into a 20cm lined, loose-bottomed cake tin, smooth with the back of a spoon and put in the fridge for 30 minutes.
2. Melt 375g of the chocolate in a microwave or glass bowl set over a pan of simmering water, then allow to cool slightly.
3. Take out 6 strawberries and set aside. Blitz the remaining strawberries in a food processor until smooth, then add them to a bowl with the soft cheese and cream. Beat until really smooth and thick, then stir in the melted white chocolate. Pour on top of the biscuit base and smooth the top. Place in the fridge and chill overnight.
4. Halve the reserved strawberries and place on top of the cheesecake. Melt the remaining 25g chocolate and drizzle over the top, then keep chilled until ready to serve.

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Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only	Not School Days	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325		
Uilcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332		
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337		
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339		
Warmlake Corner	0717	0732	0950	1345		
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348		
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351		
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356		
Linton Corner	0737	0746	1003	1358		
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401		
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407		
Maidstone, King Street	---	0804	1020	1415		
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	---	---	---		
London Road, Somerfeld Hospital	0814	---	---	---		
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	---	---	---		

Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	---
0740	0937	1343	---
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1606
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	---
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	---
0807	1004	1410	Sutton
0811	1008	1414	Road
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632

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Service No	School Days Only	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	---	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	---	---	1826
Uilcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0845	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langley	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	---	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	---	1841
0928	1334	---	1848

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Grafty Green - Traditional Summer Fete

6th June, 2015



The Field, Church Road, 2pm – 5.30pm

Hog Roast Kings Head, 6pm – till late



Final (updated) Programme

Time	Event
2.00pm	Fete Opening by David Chantler MBE
2.15pm	Dazzle Drama Workshop display
3.00pm	Fire Juggling & Balloon Modelling
3.15pm	Fire Service Demonstration
3.45pm	Fire Juggling finale
4.00pm	Children's Fancy Dress Competition
4.15m	Tug-o-War – Participants: Kings Head, Who'd a Thought It, White Horse, Red Lion
5.00pm	Grand Draw and Prize giving
5.15pm	Morris Dancers, Kings Head Car Park
5.30pm	Field Event Closes
6.00pm	Hog Roast at the Kings Head, served by Tony from the White Horse

Don't forget to:

Get dressed up for the Fancy Dress competition – Homemade only

Enter the Photo competition – Prints (preferably about A5 size) can be delivered to White Cedars, Headcorn Rd until 4th June, with 50p per print entry fee (£1 for three)

Drop donations for the Tombola into the Post Office



Grand Draw: Prizes include: £100 cash, Room for the night at the Who'd a Thought It, Hamper, Tea for two at Chilston Park, £60 Photo session, £50 hair voucher, Chinese set meal for two

For the children: Homemade Fancy Dress Competition, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Pets Corner (Pony & Trap, Alpacas, Shetland Ponies and Goats), Lucky Dip, Face Painting and games

Attractions include: Coconut Shy, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Wheelbarrow raffle, Guess the sweets, Bric-a-Brac, Tip the Lady out of Bed (featuring Bev and Eve for a short session, time to be confirmed), run by the Ulcombe Drama Group

Displays include: Old Fire Engine, Old Cars, Photo Competition - see magazine for the rules

Refreshments Include: Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Cakes, Candy Floss and Hot Doughnuts

Sponsors: Kings Head, AW Court, Who'd Thought IT, White Horse, Chilston Park, Ward & Partners, Maidstone Photo Factory, R&S Wickens, Janet and Steve Legon. Karen and Niall McNulty, Mowtastic, Holly Go Lightly, Lenham Bakers, Chequers Fish Bar, Lenham Village Store, Sweeny Todd, Chopstick and Bowl, Bow Window, Fig Tree, Clive Lennard Portrait painting, Weald of Guitar, Headcorn Coffee Corner, HQ Hair and Beauty, Sweet Williams Florist, Philip Jarvis Estate Agent



Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2015 Programme

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 6th	Malcolm Withnall	AGM and Gardening for the over 70's
Saturday February 14 th	Josephine Sammut, Oak Tree House, Bottles Lane, Rodmersham Sittingbourne ME9 0PR	Snowdrop visit – times to be confirmed.
March 3 rd	Mr Denness	Orchids as a house plant
April 7 th	Caroline Drewett	Bats / spring show
May 5 th	Outing	To be confirmed
May 9 th	Village Green	Plant Sale 10 am
June 2	Visit to Nettlestead Place £5 entry	
June 19th, 20th, 21st	Weekend visit to Derbyshire, £260 per person, dinner bed and breakfast staying at Mercure Hotel, Burton on Trent Swiss Garden at Biggleswade, Calke Castle Gardens, Melbourne Gardens, University of Leicester Botanical Garden,	
Sunday July 5 th	Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh £5 entry	
August 4 th	Social event in a village garden	
September 1 st	Autumn Show, Bring and Buy	
October 6 th	George Pearson	Traveller's remarkable images of flora from around the globe.
November 3 rd	Mrs Rayney	Homes for wildlife – practical session
December 1 st	Outing to the George in Egerton for supper.	

2nd June outing to Nettlestead Place, ME18 5HA – 6.30 pm at the garden £5 entry. If you need a lift please contact Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary Smith 850526.

Our weekend away to Derbyshire begins on 19th June – the coach will leave Grafty Green Post Office at 9 am, picking up at Lenham at 9.10 and 9.30 at Hilton Hotel. A more detailed itinerary will be issued to those booked on the trip shortly.

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 17th August 2015 at 19.30.**

The Agenda for these meetings and the minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

Emergency Plan – Update, June 2015

Since the last update in May the outstanding problems have been resolved and within the next week the plan will be live and ready for use. No further changes since the May update have actually been necessary.

The plan should also be available on the Parish Council website very soon.

The Emergency Plan committee

Grafty Green Photo Competition

50p Entry per photo or enter 3 for £1

Taking place on the day of the Fete: 6th June 2015. For further details about the Fete please see separate article in this Magazine.

There will be recognition for the following:

Best Overall Photo: Will be used as the Cover Photo for the Grafty Green 2016 Calendar, then

- Best Spring Photo
- Best Summer Photo
- Best Autumn Photo
- Best Winter Photo
- Best Animal Photo
- Craziest Pub Photo

Winners of each category will receive a Certificate. There will be a 1st and 2nd place for each of the categories, which will then be used for the 12 months of the year for the calendar.

Voting

The photos will be displayed during the fete. Yet get three votes for 50p, which will be put into a ballot box. Final judging will be done by Chris King and John Collins. Winners to be announced at the end of the Fete during Awards and Prize giving.

Rules

There are only three rules:

1. The photos must be taken within the Parish
2. The photographer must write the date and location of the photo, on the back of the photo
3. The photos must have been taken within the last 2 years

How to enter: Deliver prints to Richard Pilborough at White Cedars, Headcorn Rd, by 4 June with 50p per print entry fee or 3 for a £1. Prints may be any size but, for consistency, we would prefer them to be about A5.

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bumble	Keeper	Line	Bee
2	Big	Hat	Lap	
3	Aside	Fair	Jet	
4	Band	First	Hearing	
5	Big	Cap	Nail	
6	Barbary	Great	Man	
7	Best	Safe	You	
8	Cup	Boiled	Easter	
9	Black	Bow	Breaker	
10	Liner	Brow	Ball	
11	Cracker	Monkey	Brazil	
12	Dry	Foot	Gut	
13	Conger	Electric	Jellied	
14	Carpet	Brick	Tape	
15	Reading	Road	Pin	
16	Timing	Step	Tone	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	___ Dury, 'Hit me with your rhythm stick' vocalist
2	Roger ____, Founder of The Who and star of rock opera Tommy
3	___ In My Shoe, A No 2 hit for both Traffic and Neil
4	Eddie ____, Rock 'n' Roller of The Summer Time Blues
5	___ Prudence, Beatles song about Mia Farrow's sister
6	Pink ____, The album with iconic artwork, The Dark Side of the Moon
7	___ Manilow, US singer and cabaret king
8	Black ____, Pop outfit responsible for Agadoo
9	___ in Blue, Orchestral by George Gershwin
10	Cat ____, Folk musician now known as Yusuf Islam



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APPLICATION REF: 15/503679/FULL
PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with garage.
ADDRESS: Calcot Coldbridge Lane Egerton Kent TN27 9BP
APPLICATION TYPE: Minor Dwellings
COMMENTS DUE 9 June 2015
BY:

APPLICATION REF: 15/503438/FULL
PROPOSAL: Side and rear extensions (part single storey part 2 storey). Proposed front porch.
ADDRESS: 1 Park House Cottage Headcorn Road Grafty Green Kent ME17 2AU
APPLICATION TYPE: Householder
COMMENTS DUE 5 June 2015
BY:

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Alan Reading, Organiser

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PLATTS HEATH SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE



Saturday 20th June 2015
12pm – 3pm

Platts Heath Primary School, Headcorn Road

Stalls include:

*Bottle Tombola *Chocolate Raffle *Bar *BBQ
*Refreshments *Face Painting *Grand Prize Raffle
*Toy stall *Hook-a-duck *Splat-the-rat *Sand Art
*Design a T-shirt *Guess the name of the Teddy

We will also be holding a cake competition, with prizes in three categories: Men's, Women's and Children's. Bake your favourite cake and bring along by 12.30pm. Please be prepared to share it!

Please bring your family and friends along for a fun day, all in support of Platts Heath Primary School.



The Lenham Swimming Club



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We look forward to welcoming you to the Club





Ulcombe School Summer Fayre



Friday 26th June

Raffle

3.15pm

BBQ

**Face
Painting**

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Loads of fun
games!**

Cakes

Please come and support your local school and have a fun filled afternoon with all the family!

St Edmunds Hall, Platts Heath

St Edmunds Hall, Platts Heath Quiz Night

Come & join us for a fun evening on Friday 5th June, 7.30. Teams of up to 6. Please bring your own drinks & nibbles. To book a table call 858208. Hope to see you there.

St Edmunds Hall, Platts Heath, 50's & 60's Disco

A date for your diaries, 25th July, 8pm till late! We would like to invite you to an evening of nostalgia. Come and dance the night away and enjoy a great mix of tunes! Just £5 a ticket. Please bring your own drinks & nibbles. For any more information, or to reserve a ticket, call 01622 858208



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Music Notes - June

Plenty to choose from this month, so no long introduction. Here is the selection for your delectation:

- Saturday 13th June, 7.30pm at All Saints' church, Maidstone, the Maidstone Wind symphony's concert is entitled "Odyssey" and includes works by Percy Grainger and Gustav Holst. Tickets at the door or via MWSO's web site.
- Sat 20th June, 7.00pm at St. Andrew's church, Tonbridge Rd., Maidstone, there is a concert of "Organ favourites" including works by Rutter, Elgar and Barber. Free entry and light refreshments; retiring collection for church funds.
- Sat 27th June at Rochester Cathedral at 7.00pm, Rochester Choral Society perform Bach's *Magnificat* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*. Tickets 01634 401049
- Sun 28th June, 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church West Malling, Maidstone Singers will perform *The Messiah* in its original form for small choir, supported by the South Circular orchestra. Tickets 01622 630016.
- Sat 4th July at All Saints' church, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's concert features *Carmina Burana* and a rip-roaring "Stars and Stripes Prom" session to celebrate 4th July . Tickets 01622 726193

If you enjoy church music of the best standard, may I also remind you that BBC radio 3 visits a cathedral or leading church every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 to broadcast a service of choral evensong. Well worth putting some time aside.

Brian Hardy

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 30th September 2015.

Grafty Green

Saturday 27 th June	15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 5 th Sept	15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 27 th June	14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane
Saturday 5 th Sept	14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 4 th July	09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens
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Friends of All Saints Photography Competition

The theme of the competition is 'Ulcombe Life'.

There are 4 categories:

Scenery, Buildings, People, Wildlife

and 3 age groups:

Under 12's, Under 18's, 18 and over

We will require hard copy photographs. Each submission will cost £1 (all proceeds to Friends of All Saints Ulcombe).

The deadline for submission will be the 31st October.

All entries (subject to competition rules) will be put on display in the village during November and winners will be announced in December.

Winning pictures will be used to produce the 2016 Friends of All Saints Ulcombe Calendar.

Entry forms and competition rules can be obtained by emailing
ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk <<mailto:ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk>>

or you can pick up a form from the Church.

The History of Ulcombe

In 2004 we produced *Ulcombe's Story: a Millennium History of our village*. It was written by a group of villagers who came together in 2001 and each agreed to research and write a specific chapter about the village. The book was edited by Philip Every and Molly Poulter.

Thanks to grants from charitable trusts and generous donations from many subscribers, we were able to give every household in the village a free copy. Such has been the popularity of the *History*, we have had it re-printed twice. We now have to charge for copies and the cost is £18.

Those new to the village might like to have a copy. They are available from Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

Christian Message June 2015

Pool's paradise

"Ouch!" The straps of my swimming costume, twanged against my back.

"It's O.K. dear. You were all caught up. Just trying to help."

Forcing back an Anglo-Saxon reaction, I managed a faint smile and made a dash for the pool.

Thora - we'll call her Thora because she reminded me of various characters from 'Talking Heads' - walked out to the pool and started barking at her friends: "It's no use coming tumurra Frank. Tumurra is a Bank Holiday and 'B' members can't use the pool when the hotel is busy."

"That's not what we was told. We was told we was welcome."

Thora repeated her theory as if this would give it more credence, then made a dash for the hotel reception. Peace at last?

No.

Frank started thrashing past at a furious pace with his arms flailing in a front crawl. All too quickly Thora returned. Hands on hips, feet apart, swaying back and forth with an air of authority:

"No Frank, I'm right, we're not welcome tumurra. Hotel guests only on Bank Holidays. 'B' members excluded."

"*Thank goodness for that*" I felt my mouth saying to my brain. If my mouth uttered anything so uncharitable, my brain ensured it was done silently.

Thora shared her jewel of information with every 'B' member who turned up after her, and, as if dissatisfied that the strap-twanging had not had enough of an effect, followed me back into the changing room. "Filthy wet floor" she exploded, picked up a mop and sent a shower of water straight towards the skirt I was stepping into.

"*Roll on the Bank Holiday*" Mouth muttered to Brain. I do hope Brain kept the volume down.

The next morning Oliver was holding court. If his belly flops into the pool were not Olympian, his voice certainly was. Oliver did not ask for, he demanded attention.

"*Bring back the 'B' team*" I heard Mouth say to Brain. For 15 minutes Mummy Oliver yelled at and cajoled her boy, then gave up and left. Dad took over with about as much effect as Mummy.

I tried to carry on practicing my breast stroke and was soon lost in my own world as a secret agent trying to board a ship, so having to swim as silently as possible towards the hull by nightfall. Oliver might be nine but he didn't have the monopoly on silly games and I've watched far too many James Bond films.

My mind wandered further and I started to think about Thora, Frank and Oliver.

"Love your neighbours" Brain said to mouth. **"Stop scowling and love your neighbours."**

"Trust you to start coming over all reasonable" muttered Mouth.

"It's Good Friday" explained Brain. **"Remember what that means. On Good Friday we remember Christ giving up his life for you, Thora, Frank and Oliver."**

"Well yes, but Thora pinged my costume and invaded my social space."

"She was just being friendly."

"But she sluiced water towards my skirt."

"It didn't reach and she made the floor safe."

"But she yelled her head off,"

"and saved all her friends from a wasted journey."

"Oh alright, alright... but what about Frank splashing away? Front crawl is definitely a man thing. He was annoying."

"And you weren't annoying, doing widths when the 'B' members were all swimming lengths? Did any of them tell you off for getting in their way, even once, all week? No, not one."

"No, I suppose not... but what about Oliver, yelling, splashing and ignoring his parents?"

"Weren't you ever young? Oliver gave up his time willingly, playing with a much younger lad, Tim, and keeping him entertained."

"Oh alright, alright, you win. Love your neighbour, tolerate others and don't be grumpy about the little things."

"That's more like it. Jesus went to the cross and suffered a dreadful death in order that you could be saved and enjoy eternal life. Now, if you could just manage a little smile?"

"I would smile but then I'd get water in my mouth, gurgle and never get to the battleship in silence."

Brain sighed and left Mouth to make up its own mind.

God leaves us all to make up our own minds. As if crucifixion, resurrection and loving us unconditionally is not enough, we all have free will as well!

I pray that you love your neighbours, even the really annoying ones who swim widths and not lengths, and I thank the Lord that you are almost certainly, far more tolerant than me...

Pamela Cuerden



Next Messy Church June 20th in Lenham churchyard.

Bring your own picnic tea. 4.00pm

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – **June 2015**

Sunday 7th June

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

10.45am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

12.00 – 4.00pm Harrietsham: The Big Lunch

Sunday 14th June

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Saturday 20th June

4.00pm Messy Church – Lenham Church

Sunday 21st June

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Saturday 27th June

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

Saturday 27th June

5.00pm Harrietsham: **Prayer and Praise**

Sunday 28th June

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

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Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies	999
Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO)	101

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	<i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i>	01622 858100

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bumble	Keeper	Line	Bee
2	Big	Hat	Lap	Top
3	Aside	Fair	Jet	Set
4	Band	First	Hearing	Aid
5	Big	Cap	Nail	Toe
6	Barbary	Great	Man	Ape
7	Best	Safe	You	Bet
8	Cup	Boiled	Easter	Egg
9	Black	Bow	Breaker	Tie
10	Liner	Brow	Ball	Eye
11	Cracker	Monkey	Brazil	Nut
12	Dry	Foot	Cut	Rot
13	Conger	Electric	Jellied	Eel
14	Carpet	Brick	Tape	Red
15	Reading	Road	Pin	Map
16	Timing	Step	Tone	Two

	Find the missing word?
1	Ian Dury, 'Fit me with your rhythm stick' vocalist
2	Roger Daltrey, Founder of The Who and star of rock opera Tommy
3	Hole In My Shoe, A No 2 hit for both Traffic and Neil Eddie Cochran, Rock 'n' Roller of The Summer Time Blues
4	Dear Prudence, Beatles song about Mia Farrow's sister
5	Pink Floyd, The album with iconic artwork, The Dark Side of the Moon
6	Barry Manilow, US singer and cabaret king
7	Black Lace, Pop outfit responsible for Agadoo
8	Rhapsody in Blue, Orchestral by George Gershwin
9	Cat Stevens, Folk musician now known as Yusuf Islam
10	

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