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Incorporating Liverton Street & Platts Heath

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Front cover: The Village Green at Grafty.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Benefice Hog Roast

The Hog Roast will be held at Wellsley House, Runham Lane on Sunday 25th June, 12.00 for 12.30p.m. Tickets £8.00 Adults, Children £4.00 (includes a Glass of Wine, Dessert and Entertainment). Children under 5years eat free Contact Sue Wood 859638 or Sue Perkins 850235

Garden Safari

A Garden Safari is planned for Sunday 18th June starting at 2.00p.m - 6.00p.m. Tickets will be available on the day. Teas will be available and we hope a Cake Stall and Plant Stall. We have yet to meet to work out how things will run. Please make a note in your Diary.

Barbecue at Godington Lake

On Sunday June 4th at Godington Lake, Harrietsham by kind permission of David and Andree Chantler, we are holding a Barbecue. The Tickets will be available from Mair Chantler on 859672, Joan Davidson on 850210 and the Village Shop, Adults £6.00 Children £2.00. The Barbecue will start 2.00p.m and end around 6.00p.m. There will be a Raffle, please bring your own Chair and Rug. Because of the new Licensing Laws please bring your own liquid refreshment.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Green Village Hall Committee

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm in the hall. Visitors are welcome. If you like to be on the committee, please contact Mike Hitchins on 858937.

Grafty Garden Cuttings – May

One and a half inches (38ml) of rain, overnight - wonderful. It has given my poor, newly planted yew hedge a good watering and me the chance to spoddle about in the ditch, hooking out piles of leaves and twigs threatening to block the system and cause a minor flood. And we even have a waterfall, which these days is a very rare event, plus the ground makes that sizzling sound if you stamp hard, which is yet another rare event. My husband can remember digging potatoes here and washing the mud off them in the water lying between the rows and that at the top of the garden, but that was some 40 years ago !. We were, it seems, lucky not to have this precipitation as the snow that many others experienced.

Hopefully things will warm up and by the end of the month, bedding, baskets, runner bean, marrow, courgette and squash plants etc, can all go outside. Cover with cloches or have fleece ready, just in case.

Keep an eye open for pests and diseases and deal with them early. I have found vine weevil beetles and grubs, which can be squashed, or if in containers, the soil can be spread out for the birds to pick over and the plants re-potted, or treat with Provado Bug Killer. Aphids in small numbers, can be rubbed off, treated with a biological control, or especially if in huge numbers, sprayed with a chemical (if one is not an organic gardener), when the best method is to encourage the blue tits into the garden. They do a grand job.

Early flowering shrubs can now be trimmed into shape and lawn care and maintenance should be in full swing. This is the first year for many that we have not had to mow until April, but no doubt the grass will grow away and make up for that with a vengeance, once it sets its mind to it.

To return to the major issue of water: I see from the Kent Messenger that the hose pipe ban (at least the regulations in force as I write), says we can fill as many watering cans as we like, to water our lawns - please do not waste time, energy and water on the lawn, unless it is very recently laid turf, or newly sown, use it on other parts of the garden, for grass will almost always recover, after a drought, where trees and shrubs may not. And as we can still hose down our cats and dogs, why not stand them on a bed or boarder for the job and kill two animals with one wash?

Remember, it is far better to water very thoroughly occasionally, rather than little and often and spraying over the leaves is really a total waste of time, for most of it evaporates before reaching the roots.

Rosemary Smith

GRAFTY GREEN GARDENING CLUB

EVENING VISIT
to
'BELMONT PARK'
Nr. Faversham

TUESDAY 2nd MAY
with escorted tour of the vegetable garden by the
Head Gardener

(Belmont Park lies between Throwley and
Ospringe)
Meet in the car park at 6.15 for 6.30pm, entry
£2.75
Refreshments available
Non members welcome
Further details from Sue Burch on 850381.

GRAFTY GREEN GARDENING CLUB

PLANT SALE

10 am

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
(OR VILLAGE HALL IF WET)

COFFEE, TEA, CAKES



YOGA

Grafty Green Village Hall

Thursday mornings

9.30 - 11.00

£5 a session

Yoga for stamina, suppleness,
strength and relaxation

Mixed Ability Class

For further details contact Liz Watts on 01622
737321

YOGA FOR GOOD HEALTH

* BALANCING * ENERGISING * DE-STRESSING *
MAINTAINING FITNESS*

Maidstone — Chart Sutton — Kingswood — Grafty Green

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Mondays to Fridays

Saturdays

Service 59: Maidstone, Pudding Lane, High Street, King Street, Chequers Bus Station, Romney Place, Lower Stone Street, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road (return) Sheels Crescent, Hayle Road, College Road, Mill Street, High Street, King Street, Loose, Linton Road, Linton Cross Road, Linton Road, Chart Sutton, Broughton, Monchelsea, Green Lane, Heath Road, Four Wents, Bisham Road, Amber Lane, Chart Sutton, Wormlake Road, Warmingale, Ashford Drive, Charlesford Avenue, Cayer 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 Maidstone to Loose Road, then Sutton Road, Langley, Sutton Road, Warmingale Cross Roads, then as normal route to Grafty Green.

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

Service 56: New Line Learning — Cornwalls, Heath Road, Four Wents, then same route as Bus 59 to Pye Corner, Lenham Road, King's Road, Headcorn.

Mondays to Fridays

Saturdays

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.

Service No.	School Days		Not School Days		School Days		Not School Days	
	Only	Days	Only	Days	Only	Days	Only	Days
Maidstone, Pudding Lane, Stop R2	59	59	66	59	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, King St, Colman House, Stop L2	1225	1400	—	1552	1552	1612	1657	1747
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	1227	1402	—	1555	1555	1615	1700	1750
Wheatshaf	1229	1404	—	1557	1557	1617	1702	1752
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1236	1411	—	1604	1604	1624	1709	1759
Linton Corner	1240	1415	—	1608	1608	1713	1803	—
New Line Learning — Cornwalls	1244	1419	—	1612	1612	1717	1807	—
Broughton Monchelsea, Albion	1249	1424	—	1617	1617	1722	1812	—
Broughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1252	1427	1509	1620	1620	1725	1815	—
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1255	1430	1512	1623	1623	1728	1818	—
Warmingale Corner	1258	1433	1515	1626	1638	1731	1821	—
Kingswood, Village Hall	1306	—	1523	—	1634	1646	—	1839
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1313	—	1530	—	1641	1653	—	1836
Grafty Green, King's Head	1320	—	—	—	1648	1700	—	1843
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	—	—	1535	—	—	—	—	—
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	—	—	1544	—	—	—	—	—

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	Only	Days	Only	Days	Only	Days	Only	Days
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	59	59	66	59	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0723	—	0736	—	0745	—	—	1703
Ulcombe, Post Office	0730	—	0723	—	0915	1325	—	1710
Kingswood, Village Hall	0735	—	0735	0750	0922	1332	—	1715
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0738	—	0738	0757	0929	1339	1442	1717
Warmingale Corner	0746	—	0744	0808	0935	1345	1448	1723
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0739	0747	0809	0938	1348	1451	1454	1726
Broughton Monchelsea, Albion	0742	0750	0811	0941	1351	1454	1454	1729
Broughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0745	0753	—	0944	1354	1457	1457	1732
New Line Learning — Cornwalls	—	—	0820	—	—	—	1507	—
Linton Corner	0750	0758	—	0949	1359	1502	1509	1737
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	0756	0802	—	0953	1403	1506	1513	1741
Wheatshaf	0758	0800	0806	—	0957	1407	1510	1745
Maidstone, King Street	0810	0814	—	1005	1415	1518	1525	1753
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826	—	—	—	—	—	—	—



News Release

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Maidstone Borough Council urges residents to stay calm but vigilant about bird flu

Maidstone council urges residents to remain calm but vigilant after tests on a dead swan in Fife, Scotland found the H5N1 strain of bird flu.

Residents should contact the Department of the Environment Farming & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) helpline on 08459 335577 if they find any of the following:

- Dead swans
- Dead wild fowl - ducks or geese
- More than three dead birds of the same species
- More than five dead birds of different species in the same location

Keepers of poultry with more than 50 birds kept for commercial purposes are required to register their flocks with DEFRA. It would also be useful for anyone with fewer than 50 birds to let DEFRA know on 0800 634 1112.

Sian Murphy, Environmental Health Manager at Maidstone borough Council said:

"Maidstone council has a contingency plan in case of an outbreak in the borough and is working closely with DEFRA and other partners across the local authority area."

For further information log onto www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk.

ENDS

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The following documents are available for viewing by arrangement from Pat Anderson - Parish Clerk on 01622 858350 :-

Maidstone Local Development Framework - Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document, this Section is Introduction and Part 1 - Using Water. The consultation period runs until 19th May 2006. (MBC)

The South East Plan which was submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister by the South East England Assembly on Friday 31st March 2006. This can also be viewed on www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan . Any comment with regard to this document should be with the Panel by 23rd June 2006.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting, the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting are due to be held on 23rd May 2006 in Grafty Green Village Hall. Please feel free to attend, all are welcome.

Short Monthly Quiz – Answers at the back (don't look first!)

1. Which comedian created the character Alan Partridge?
2. Who in his early career appeared in neighbours, before finding screen fame playing a gladiator?
3. Name the former lead singer of the Jam, who is nicknamed the Mod Father?
4. At what time of the day is a serenade traditionally sung?
5. Holby City is a spin off from which medical drama?
6. Burgess Meredith and Danny de Vito have played which arch enemy of batman?
7. Who had a hit with its raining men in 2001?
8. Courtesy of the 1990 world cup finals who had a hit single with Nessun Dorma?
9. Who provided the voices of the animals in the 60s TV series animal magic?
10. In the Flintstones, who is the father of bam bam?

Link 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

The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Non	Pulp	Science	Fiction
2	Elbow	Service	Waiting	
3	Candle	Numeral	Road	
4	Dish	Opera	Soft	
5	Gift	Name	Price	
6	Bar	Hearted	Legal	
7	Circle	Class	Crust	
8	Digger	Leaf	Rush	
9	Form	Gear	Ten	
10	Dead	John	Stinging	
11	Black	Fire	Rain	
12	City	Temple	Tube	
13	Dive	Job	Parsons	
14	King	Peeled	Tiger	
15	China	Funny	Idle	
16	Boy	Cat	Thumb	

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

Neighbourhood Watch Messages

Message 1

SCAM!!!

If you receive a card through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) saying that they have a parcel awaiting delivery instructions, and can you contact them on 0906 6611911. **DO NOT** call this number as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 739 6655.

Message 2

Sheds are an easy target for thieves, especially as they are often not alarmed, and generally hold very expensive garden tools etc. You can purchase a versatile alarm from most Police Stations which can be easily fitted to the inside and will make an audible noise if the shed door is forced open.

Message 3

A theft occurred in early April whereby an open backed vehicle was suspiciously parked on Headcorn Road Grafty Green whilst the driver stole from a local farm, if you see a vehicle parked which you do not recognise please take the number and either phone the Police or me on 858350. It may be innocent; it may also be about the steal from you or your neighbour.

If you have any elderly or vulnerable people on your watch then please consider using the Nominated Neighbour Scheme. For any information on this scheme please contact Lorraine at the Neighbourhood watch office on 01622 604395.

Keith Anderson

Motorway noise meeting

The meeting has been rearranged for **Friday 19th May 8pm** Lenham Community Centre. The date had to be changed because Hugh Robertson MP was suddenly called away and we felt given Hugh's input before his presence would be vital. We want a huge turnout from villagers to show our outrage about the change of heart from the highways agency. "The highways agency has no firm dates for the resurfacing of concrete roads that have not already been replaced".

At the time of going to print we have invited representatives from Parish Councils, Borough Councils and Kent County Council. This with invitations to Damian Green MP, The Highways Agency and Government representatives. The Highways Agency has formally responded and will be sending a representative. We want the meeting to be positive and constructive and hope that at the end of the meeting we can have an action plan to move on. We have asked the KM to publicise the event and will also use space within the village news slots for more up to date information.

For more details contact tom&janettasams@maidstone.gov.uk or ring me on 01622 859412

Janetta & Tom Sams Borough Councillors

Family History Group

We meet in May on the 22nd (4th Monday) at 7-30pm at Harrietsham School
Come along and find out how and where to search for your forebears, it is
challenging, not impossible.

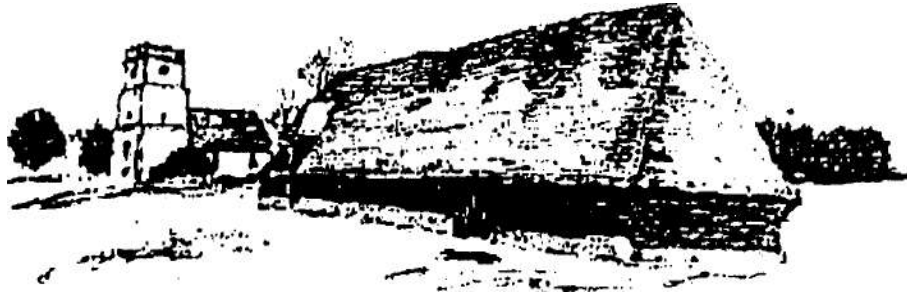
Cost £1, there is no joining fee, Car parking available in the playground

Many books are available for you to study

Further info from Frank Long 850863

PRESS RELEASE • SUMMER ART SHOW 2006

(Contact Bruce Argue 01622 851190)



**Pilgrims Way Artists
The Tithe Barn • Lenham • Kent
• The Art Show is on for 11 days.**

Friday 19th May to Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May 2006.

- This will be the 9th Annual Summer Art Show by the Pilgrims Way Artists in the magnificent 13th Century Tithe Barn in the village of Lenham in Kent.
- Lenham is on the A20, midway between Maidstone and Ashford.
- The barn is reputed to be the largest of its type still standing in England. The wagon pond has recently been restored and is a wildlife haven.
- The exhibition will be opened by Ken Wharfe MVO former bodyguard to Princess Diana and author of the book 'A Closely Guarded Secret'.
- 28 artists and sculptors will be showing their work in what is becoming the biggest and best art event in Kent.

The artists exhibiting range from A-level students to age unknown, and their talents from the naive to the extraordinary. In the group there is a smattering of Fine Art Degrees; a daub of Fauves; a splosh of exhibitionists including some who have dipped their brushes into the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition; a smudge of pastellists; a whiff of oil painters; a splash of water-colourists and a cluster of ingenious sculptors

**'Artists Critique' and Wine Evening.
Tickets £5 - Friday 26th May 2006. Starting at 7pm.**

- There is an outdoor area for large sculptures and in the barn, free demonstrations in watercolour, pastels, portraiture and jewellery.
- The artists will be on hand to discuss their work as well as artists in action.
- Portraits sketched by artists - £25
- Jane Ford our Featured Artist will be working with Egerton Primary School, who were the winners of the 2005 Schools Art Prize - Tate Modern, in creating a large mural.
- There is ample parking behind the barn and easy wheelchair access.
- Relax with a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake.
- **Opening Times are from 10 am to 6 pm daily and ADMISSION IS FREE**

Pilgrims Way Artists

ART SHOW

The Tithe Barn
(off village square - follow banners)
Lenham Village • Kent • A20



28 ARTISTS & SCULPTORS
Fri 19th May -
Mon Bank Holiday 29th May
Daily 10am to 6pm
FREE ENTRY & PARKING

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.

Keith Anderson

The Len Valley Benefice Walk of our Four Churches

Yes, you may not know yet, but it won't be long before summer is here and "The Four Church Walk" will be here again.

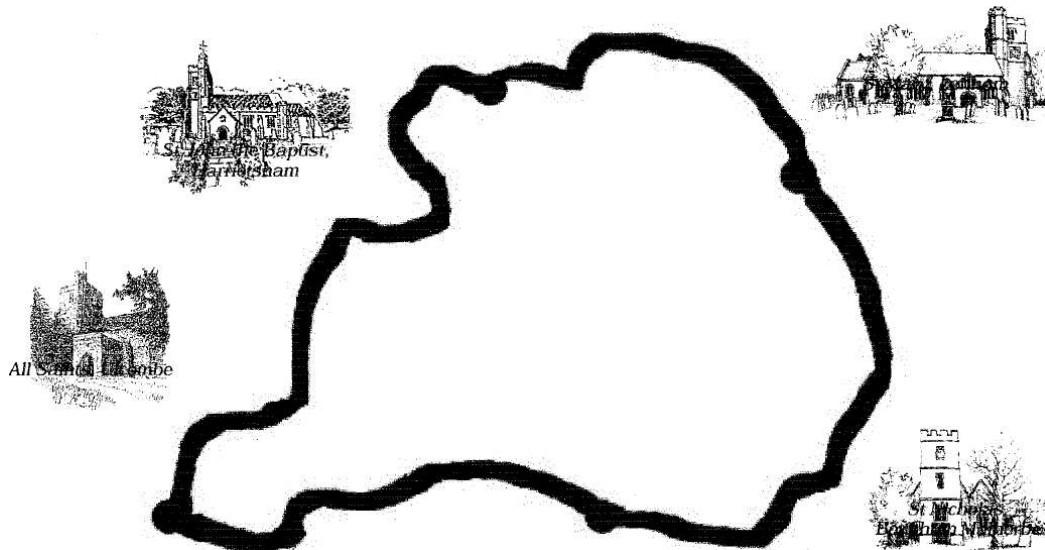
This year it is to take place on the **10th June** and all four churches will be open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, where, if you are lucky and generous, refreshments might be available. As last year, this is not an 'organized walk' but an invitation to walk in company around the four churches of the benefice – Lenham, Harrietsham, Ulcombe, and Boughton Malherbe.

You may start at any church and walk in either direction, but if you wish to walk in company, come to Lenham at 10.00 am. Walkers will be invited to make a donation to the church of their choice or, if they wish, arrange their own sponsorship. More information may be obtained from Kenneth Alexander on 01622 858348.

The Four Churches Walk

*Walk around the four churches of
The Len Valley Benefice
Total distance approximately 11.5 miles*

June 10th 2006 10.00am - 5.00pm



*Start at any of the four churches and
visit as few or as many churches as you are able
or walk in company starting from Lenham at 10.00am*

Refreshments and toilet facilities at some churches.

*For more information contact
Kenneth Alexander 01622 858348*

Lenham Community Centre
Fundraising Committee
Present a



May Ball

with the Beverley Big Band,
with dance demonstrations by
the Grafty Dance Club

At Lenham Community Centre
7:30 pm Saturday 6th May

Tickets £10

Available from Lurcocks of Lenham
and Goldsmiths Fine Art

BYO Drinks & Nibbles
Smart Dress or Black Tie

Ulcombe History Society

On Tuesday 16 May Dr Reuthen will be talking about the History of Nursery Rhymes. This may seem a curious subject but nursery rhymes are fascinating as they are mainly written as a result of some historical event. For example, *Baa Baa Black sheep* relates to an economic problem in the 13th century when merchants couldn't sell their wool, and *Here we go round the mulberry bush* relates to the murder of Thomas a Becket, and *Ring a ring of roses* to the great plague.

It promises to be an interesting evening - Tuesday 16 May at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall. There will some light refreshments.

Molly Poulter

Day Trip to Ypres

Saturday 20th May

Cost £47

Leaving at c. 7 am

This trip to Belgium to see the War Graves of the First World War is proving very popular. But, at the time of writing, there are still a few spaces left on the coach.

At £47 it is incredibly cheap. It covers the cost of the coach throughout the day, the shuttle across the Channel, museum entries, and a wreath to lay at the Menin gate, and dinner in France in the evening.

Throughout the day we will have a Guide with us - Col. Piers Storie-Pugh of The Royal British Legion.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.



Egerton Parish Council's computer training facility based at the Millennium Village Hall is now in its sixth year as a purpose built Telecottage offering advice and tuition.

Run entirely by volunteers, courses are run throughout the year on Basic IT, Basic and Intermediate Word Processing, Excel, Desk Top Publishing, Digital Photography, Internet and Email, and Ebay etc. Most are evening classes with a few being run in the mornings. It is hoped soon to be able to offer a LearnDirect Sage Basic Bookkeeping Course and another on Website Design and suggestions for other subjects are always welcomed.

Every Saturday morning an informal drop in session is run from 10am to noon offering free advice on computer problems as well as using the facilities to send emails or surf the Internet.

If you would like any further information on current classes please ring Alison on 01233 756366 or just drop in to see us for a coffee and a chat any Saturday morning – we would be happy to you.

Concert by Kent Police Male Voice Choir

On Saturday 6th May at 7-30pm at St John Church Harrietsham

Tickets Adults £6-50p,

Students and under 18 £4,

Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £18

Available from Frank Long 850863

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during May – July.

Grafty Green

Saturday 27th May: 07:45 – 08:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

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

Platts Heath

Saturday 6th May: 07:45 – 08:45 -: Platts Heath – Green Lane

Sunday 25th June: 14:15 – 15:45 -: Platts Heath – Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 13th May: 07:45 – 08:45 -: Ulcombe Lodge Gardens

Sunday 2nd July: 11:15 – 12:15 -: Ulcombe Lodge Gardens

From the Registers

Wednesday 15th March, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, funeral of the late (Lady) June Doyle.

Wednesday 29th March, at Vinters Park Crematorium, funeral of the late Robert Field of Harrietsham.

Sunday 2nd April, at Ulcombe, All Saints, wedding of Rory Costain and Katherine Moon.

Tuesday 4th April, at Lenham, St Mary, funeral of the late Don Parker.

Answers to the Quiz and Link Word Puzzle

Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Non	Pulp	Fiction
2	Elbow	Service	Room
3	Candle	Numeral	Roman
4	Dish	Opera	Soap
5	Gift	Name	Tag
6	Bar	Hearted	Tender
7	Circle	Class	Upper
8	Digger	Leaf	Gold
9	Form	Gear	Top
10	Dead	John	Nettles
11	Black	Fire	Forest
12	City	Temple	Inner
13	Dive	Job	Nose
14	King	Peeled	Prawn
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Question	Answer
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10	In the Flintstones, who is the father of barn barn ? Barney Rubble

Bits 'n Pieces

Tuesday 2nd May 2006 - Ploughman's lunch with Guest Speaker

The Revd Paul Wilton of the Council of Christians and Jews in Kent, will talk on "*Jewish-Christian Relations*" starting at noon in '*Shalom*' in Maidstone Community Support Centre, Marsham Street. Suggested contribution £3.00, to include refreshments; no booking required. Enquiries: 01622 683878 (day) 738508 (evenings).

Appeal on behalf of *Shalom* Centre

Shalom is a tenant of the Maidstone Community Support Centre in Marsham Street and its rent has been increased by 50%. In order to keep going they need to raise £5,000. *Shalom* provides an extremely worthwhile service of pastoral and practical support to people of all faiths and of none. For further details contact the numbers given above (for the Ploughman's Lunch meeting).

Come for a free Supper!

You are warmly invited to supper on Thursday 4th May at 7.00pm in the Lenham Community Centre. There will be a short talk entitled "*Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?*" and an opportunity to join in a series of talks and discussions over following weeks. If you read the *Kent Messenger*, you may have seen the current serialisation of this material. It's called the Alpha course and it offers a chance to ask all those questions you always wanted to ask - but never dared! Why not come along on 4th May? You might be surprised! For more information ring Revd Don Irvine on 859466, Revd Fiona Naylor on 853919 or Michelle Saunders on 850604. Ring up and book, or just come along on the night.

FairTrade 'Freebies'!

You are warmly invited to attend a 'Taster Session' of Fairtrade goods - including wine - in Otham Church on Monday 8th May. In the afternoon from 3.30pm to 5.00pm when tea, coffee, squash, cakes, biscuits, cookies etc will be on offer to

sample plus Traidcraft goods to purchase and/or in the evening from 7.30pm to 9.00pm when there will also be Fairtrade wine and nibbles. In addition, FairTrade will be the theme at the Informal evening service in Harrietsham on Sunday 28th May (6.30pm).

Maidstone Bible Convention (mbc) 2006 - *The God who melts mountains!*

This year's mbc is being hosted in the United Reformed Church, Week Street, Maidstone, from Monday 8th May until Thursday 11th May. Every evening at 8.00pm there will be a talk and discussion. The speakers are Derek Tidball, Principal of the London School of Theology, and Paul Smith, Superintendent Minister of the Methodist Central Hall in Plymouth. More details on www.maidstonebibleconvention.org

Youth Worship

On Sunday 14th May at 6.30pm there is to be a special worship service In St Mary's, Lenham, with the focus on and for young people. People of all ages are invited but our aim is to provide a modern and meaningful means by which the young people of our parishes can know the power of God's love for them.

Tailpiece

*Patience is ... counting down, without blast-off!
a bitter plant that produces sweet fruit!
the ability to put up with people you'd like to put down!*

If you would like to find out more about Church services or activities please contact either the Revd Don Irvine (859466) or the Revd Fiona Naylor (853919) or the Benefice Administrator, Michelle Saunders (850604).

Revd Don Irvine

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday Services - May 2006

Date	Time/Location	Service
Sun 07 May 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	08.00 H	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	CW 1
Vocations	09.30 H	Fam Svc
Sunday	10.45 L	CW 1
	11.15 U	Fam Svc
	18.30 U	Taize
4th of Easter		
Sun 14 May 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	Fam Svc
	09.30 H	CW 1
Christian Aid	10.45 L	Fam Svc
Week	11.15 U	CW 1
	18.30 L	Youth Worship
5th of Easter		
Sun 21 May 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	BCP HC
	09.30 H	CW 1
	10.45 L	CW 1
	11.15 U	CW 1
	18.30 BM	BCP EP
6th of Easter		
Sun 28 May 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	MS
	09.30 H	CW 1
	10.45 L	CW 1
	11.15 U	CW 1
	15.00 H	Baptism
	18.30 H	Informal
7th of Easter		

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) Holy Communion
Informal = Evening worship in an informal style

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