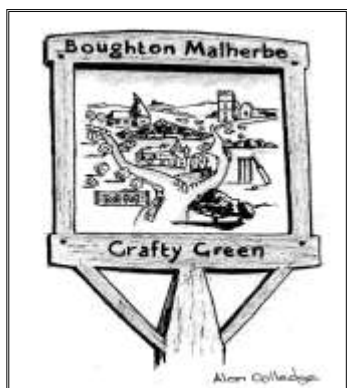


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Anything for the **October** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th September**

Front cover: The new path at St Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe making it easier to reach the toilet facilities at the rear of the church. This path was built by Lenham Heritage and paid for by Malherbe Monthly magazine. More pictures elsewhere in the magazine.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Cream Teas: By the time you read this, the Cream Tea season will be over for another year. Thank you to all those who came and supported us on Sunday afternoons. We have raised in the region of £1500 towards the running costs of the Church for the next year. The weather has been mixed and we have set up the tables and chairs in the Nave on two occasions, which is a little cramped. Many people have come to visit us again this year, having found our teas are the best in the area.

Morning Prayers will start again on September 1st, 15th and 29th at St. Nicholas and 8th & 22nd at All Saints Ulcombe at 9.30a.m. They take about 30 minutes. Do come along and join us.

Bible Study will resume again in September at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green. They begin at 10.30a.m. For more details, ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766.

Coffee Morning The village Coffee Morning will be on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10.30-12.00, which this month is 9th. Homemade cakes and cheese scones will be served with freshly made coffee or tea if you prefer. Donations will go to our fresh water project in Africa.

Ride and Stride will be on Saturday 12th September starting at 10.00 until 6.00p.m. We would be pleased if one or two people came forward to ride or stride for us. Details and sponsor forms can be had from Joan Davidson on 01622 850210. The Church will be open on that day and the welcomers will be ready with light refreshments. It is a good day to visit Churches in the area as many will be open and happy to see you. A list of Churches taking part can be seen on request.

Harvest Supper The Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday 3rd October in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. There will be a meal, licensed bar, raffle and (we hope) some entertainment as well. Get your tickets from the Village Shop, Sandra Pilborough, and Joan Davidson. The Ladies of the Hall committee will be helping us again this year. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Sandra or Joan Davidson. Many thanks.

Joan Davidson

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 16th November 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

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relating to Boughton Malherbe.

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St.John Alexander Burch

St.John Alexander Burch MVO who has died aged 74 was an inspiring, engaging, wickedly witty chap. St.John had the ability to engage with a whole host of people and they gravitated towards him, immediately charmed by his natural ability to make you feel at ease and know that he was genuinely interested in you. He had a brain that soaked up information and facts and could talk knowledgeably on a multitude of subjects.

Life at the beginning was not without difficulties; he was orphaned by the time he was nine so no definite place to call home or even the stability of the same school. But St.John was a striver and had enormous resilience which enabled him to over-come the hurdles that would, have daunted many.

St.John's career started in the RNLI at 15 as a junior in the design office - he moved on to a boat building yard at East Cowes which gave him the skills to become an accomplished design engineer enabling him to progress on through a very interesting career starting with the television and theatre world thus sparking an avid interest in lighting. Working in the commercial arena he designed the floodlights that you see at football pitches and the spotlights in Pizza Express and many more; he designed a spotlight for the BBC that was needed when colour television came in.

The latter part of his professional life was spent lighting exhibitions in some of the most prodigious museums and art galleries in the UK, including exhibitions put on at Buckingham Palace and other royal palaces for The Royal Collection Trust. For this his company gained the royal warrant of which he was immensely proud and the in 2007 he was invested by Her Majesty as a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The funeral will be held on Thursday 3rd September, 11.20 at Charing Crematorium.

Sue Burch

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5 th December	Pond work and scrub clearance	Chilston Ponds
2 nd January	Coppicing & footpath clearance	Bull Heath
6 th February	Coppicing/glade creation	Hurst Wood

All events 10am to 2pm on Saturdays

more information



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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 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	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 1st	Autumn Show, Bring and Buy - Note: Cancelled	
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.	

Due to the sad news that St.John Burch has died we have decided to **cancel** the Autumn Show. Members are advised to call Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 for news of our next meeting

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

We're having another 'Phil' the Bag fundraising collection!



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'Phil' the Bag

Just a quick note this month of some up-coming events at the Hall that you might like to book in your diaries:

Firstly, the Village Hall will be hosting our annual **Harvest Supper** on **Saturday 3rd October**. Tickets will be available soon from the village shop. (Price tbc as we decide the menu and see whether we can source some entertainment for the evening!)

Next, there will be another '**Phil The Bag**' event on **Sunday 18th October**. Bring any unwanted clothes and other textile products - also shoes and bags - to the Hall between 10.30 and 12.00 and, if you like, stay for a social chat with others over a cup of tea.

Then on **Sunday 29th November** the regular Christmas **Craft Fair** returns to the Hall. Although not organised by the Village Hall Committee, the Hall benefits from the generosity of the organiser, so please drop by the Hall and support this event if you can.

And finally (for this year!) on **Saturday 5th December** we will have our ever popular pre-Christmas **Quiz Night**. More information on this nearer the time.

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

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 5th Sept

15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 5th Sept

14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 12th Sept

09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens



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Jenny Palmer (3rd from right) celebrating her 80th birthday being transported in style by Alan Carr for afternoon tea with friends in his wonderful Rolls Royce

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall and St. Edmunds Centre, Platt's Heath

Grafty Green Village Hall

September classes start 9th and 10th September in Grafty Green

St.Edmund's Centre, Platts Heath

September classes start 11th September in St.Edmund's Centre, Platt's Heath.

All classes are mixed ability and I encourage people to work to their own level as yoga is non-competitive!. Contact me for more information on 01622 850381.

If my classes don't fit in with your routine The British Wheel of Yoga web site can direct you to a class convenient for you www.bwy.org.uk org

Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ulcombe, 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
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	0803	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0814	0815	1021	1416
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0814	0815	1021	1416
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	0826	1022	1417

Saturdays

59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	1604
0740	0937	1343	1611
0745	0942	1348	1616
0747	0944	1350	1618
0753	0950	1356	1624
0756	0953	1359	1627
0759	0956	1402	1630
0802	0959	1405	1633
0807	1004	1410	1638
0811	1008	1414	1642
0815	1012	1418	1646
0820	1020	1426	1652

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Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	1231	1745	1746
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747	1748
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754	1755
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758	1759
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802	1803
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807	1808
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810	1811
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1638	1813	1814
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816	1817
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824	1825
Kingswood, Village Hall	1316	1656	1831	1832
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831	1832
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838	1839

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	1604	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	1609	1841
0928	1334	1616	1848

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Grafty Gourmet

A great tasting Italian pork recipe. As usual, and like most Italian recipes, this is a very simple recipe bursting with flavor.

Lemon Pork Tagliatelle

2 cloves of garlic	200ml dry white wine
2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil	50g of grated parmesan, plus extra for serving
1 small onion, finely chopped	1 grated zest from one large lemon
1 celery stick, finely chopped	400g dried egg tagliatelle
100g diced pancetta	3 tbsp chopped flat leaf parsley
500g minced pork	

1. Peel the garlic cloves, cut in half lengthways. Gently warm the garlic and oil in a large frying pan (big enough to toss the pasta in later). As it starts to colour, take off the heat and let the garlic infuse for 5 minutes, then discard it.
 2. Tip the onion and celery into the garlic oil, sprinkle with a little salt and return to a gentle heat. Let them soften, without colouring, for 8-10 minutes. They should sweat rather than fry, so if you hear sizzling add water, a tablespoon at a time.
 3. Add the pancetta and cook for another 6 minutes. Stir in the pork and turn the heat up. Don't colour the meat too much and avoid breaking it up. Add the wine and let it evaporate, then season. Pour in 200ml water, cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes. Mix in a little water if the mixture gets too dry.
 4. While cooking, put a pan with plenty of water on to boil. When the water is boiling add 2 tsp salt, then the pasta. Bring back to the boil, give it a good stir and reduce the heat so the water boils gently. Taste the pasta 2 minutes before the timing on the packet.
 5. Drain the pasta, reserving some pasta water. Immediately transfer the pasta to the frying pan and toss well over a low heat. Tip in the parmesan and toss well. Add pasta water to dilute, or extra cheese to absorb excess liquid, and mix again.
 6. Toss in the lemon zest and parsley and serve.
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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Herring	Funny	Idle	Bone
2	Shower	Night	Hub	
3	Button	Chair	Over	
4	Going	Liner	Indian	
5	Crossing	Spirit	Spilt	
6	Stainless	Works	Cold	
7	Present	Small	Race	
8	Bearing	Cannon	Net	
9	Blossom	Crab	Cart	
10	Twin	Film	Sun	
11	Situation	Club	Black	
12	Rifle	Long	Free	
13	Coat	Band	Line	
14	Singer	House	Soap	
15	Primrose	Dress	Good	
16	Tennis	Spoon	Turn	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Oly, Popeye's sweetheart
2	Johnny _____, Star who played Tonto in 2013 Lone Ranger
3	_____ Sanderson, Former Javelin thrower who won Gold at the Olympic Games
4	John _____, Former Sex Pistols singer who appears in an advert for butter
5	_____ Hitchcock, Film Director
6	Anne _____, Second wife of Henry VIII
7	_____ Le Bon, Iranian-British model
8	Statue of _____, New York Monument
9	_____ Whittle, English engineer who invented the Jet Engine
10	George _____, Heavyweight boxer who was beaten by Muhammad Ali in The Rumble in the Jungle in 1974



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Tuesday 3rd November. Dog and Bear

Hotel, Lenham. Presentation by Steve Elliott, Senior Adviser/Trainer at ACAS. How the advisory conciliation arbitration service assists businesses large and small to resolve and more importantly, prevent disputes at work with timely intervention, information and advice.

Tuesday 1st December. Another big annual get together with South Maidstone Business Association coming up soon at Chilston Park Hotel, Lenham. Our speaker will be Hilary Steel, Editor of Kent Women in Business Magazine. "The power of predicting personality". An interactive look in to understanding what makes people respond and behave in the way they do in the world of business.

New members and one off visitors welcome, you can try it out for free - we are sure you'll like networking with LVBA. Register on our website, on the registration page. Events start at 5.45pm and finish around 8pm.

Events are organised and presented by Alan Reading who has been networking from before it was even called networking!

Keep up to date (& to join) www.lenhambusiness.co.uk or call 01622 820841

"Don't give us the brush off, sign up to alerts and avert a fire" say fire-fighters

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is launching a new free, email alert system to help keep you, your home and business safe from chimney fires.

Between 2010 and 2014, KFRS tackled almost 1,350 chimney fires around the county. From KFRS research carried out earlier this summer, one in three people who responded to a KFRS online survey* said that they hadn't had their chimney swept in over a year, if at all.

Head of Community Safety, Lee Rose, said: "Chimneys can turn into blazing furnaces when they catch fire, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage and putting your home, family and business at risk.

"We're launching the clean sweep alert– it's safe and easy-to-use and you can sign up in seconds. It will send you a message to remind you to get your chimney cleaned and inspected if you haven't already had it done yet. That way you can make sure it's free from debris and in good working order before you light it when the weather cools down. This will help to prevent fires and structural damage to your property."

If you have a chimney, open fire, wood burner, Aga or other 'real flame' appliance, it's vital that you ensure it is properly installed and serviced by competent engineers, so you can safely curl up next to a warm, cosy fire throughout the colder winter months.

Lee added: "The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning can occur at any time, in any home or enclosed space. Blocked flues and chimneys can prevent carbon monoxide escaping, allowing it to reach dangerous levels. Make sure you don't get caught out by a silent killer. Proper care and maintenance will allow you to enjoy the benefits of using your fireplace safely and, as it will run more efficiently, it could save you money too!

"Don't take chances with safety, sign up for the free clean sweep alert and get your chimney and flues inspected and swept annually. Follow our common sense chimney fire safety advice and keep your home and business fires burning safely this winter."

To sign up for the clean sweep alert visit www.kent.fire-uk.org/cleansweepalert.

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Music Notes - September

It's back to school, and back to rehearsals for our local amateur musicians. Not many have performances yet, but there are good concerts to support – see below.

In case you are not familiar with it, I would draw your attention to the Great Comp Music festival, which provides excellent concerts in September. I have selected just one in my list but there are 3 others in the month. Accommodation is limited and concerts tend to be fully sold out. Tickets must be ordered in advance – for details ring 01732 453240.

And finally – the last night of the proms is 12th September!

- Thursday 10th September 7.30 pm in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral, Harry Christopher's "The Sixteen" move their Choral pilgrimage on to Canterbury. If you didn't get to hear them at Rochester, this is a second chance. Tickets via Marlowe Theatre 01227 787787
- Saturday 12th September, 7.30pm at Great Comp, St. Mary's Platt TN15 8QS – an event in the Great Comp Music festival is a concert by The Brook Street Band, famous as interpreters of Handel. The concert includes examples of his work, also Bach & Telemann. See introductory paragraph above re tickets.
- Thursday 24th September, 1.05pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone – the last of the Summer lunchtime concerts is an organ recital by David Flood, organist of Canterbury Cathedral. Free entry, retiring collection in aid of the cathedral restoration fund.
- Friday 25th September 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the first concert of the Sutton Valence Music Society's new season is by Kosmos – 2 violins and an accordion provide a unique programme of music from around the world. Tickets at the door.

For TV watchers, The Last Night of the Proms is on BBC TV live on 12th Sept– 1st half on BBC2, second half on BBC1. There are also proms on BBC4 on Sept 3rd, 4th 6th and 10th.

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Christian Message September 2015

First Impressions

It was November when I moved into my new house in Lenham. I had left Devon after 35 happy years there. I lost my husband 8 years ago and I was getting older so common sense dictated that I left that old life of friends and familiar places and came to live in the village where my daughter lives.

Of course, when one enters new life one does so with feelings of doubt and uncertainty. Other than my daughter I didn't know anyone; I didn't know where places were. One of my first buys was a Satnav. That at least solved one difficulty although I still found the roads incredibly busy and the roundabouts terrifying! But one certainty in my life, one point of sure refuge, was the church. I had always been a churchgoer, seeking and finding to a greater or lesser extent, some sort of peaceful contentment within its godly walls. And here in Lenham was an ancient, stone edifice which within it held the story of the people of Lenham's lives and worship.

The first Sunday I attended the Communion service I was welcomed by Helen, the Vicar's wife. At the end of the service she persuaded me to stay for a quick cup of coffee and she introduced me to other members of the congregation. I even met a lady who lives near me; a new neighbour. I had enjoyed the Vicar's sermon and I told him so. He asked why. I said that I liked the meaning of the readings being explained with a light touch and the odd little joke thrown in.

The following Saturday I went to the regular coffee morning. Everyone was friendly. By the time I had lived in Lenham a month I knew quite a few people. In fact, shopping or walking around my new village was a bit like my old home town with cheery 'helloes' being said as I walked along. Of course, I did not go to church for a social life. I went to worship my God and to receive some sort of arrow for the week ahead. The social life was a fringe benefit!

I have now visited the other three churches in this Benefice. They are all different having a different ambience, different buildings and come to that, different organs. The unifying features are the similarity of services and the friendliness of each congregation. One hears phrases like 'brothers in Christ' and 'the family of God.' I can truly say that such words are really meaningful. I belonged to the Christian family of God in Devon and wonderfully, I have found an extension of that same family here in Lenham. Come to that, it's a pretty big family. A family which crosses our globe.

Sheilah Elvins

Special Day for the Len Valley Churches

On Sunday September 20th at 6.30pm Pamela Cuerden will be licensed as an Anglican Reader in Canterbury Cathedral. Everyone in the Len Valley is warmly invited to this service. The last occasion when something like this happened was in 2004 when Millie Hart was licensed.

Pamela has worked hard and her studies will continue. Recently she has been preaching and leading services in the four congregations of the Group. We pray that God will bless her and use her in this ministry.

Trained leaders are essential to the continuation of God's work in our country. If you would like to find out what is involved in Reader training, do please, contact me.

Joan Drury Deanery Reader Adviser 01622 853766 jdrury23@btinternet.com

Joan Drury

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Planning Applications received in August 2015

APPLICATION REF:	15/506226/FULL
PROPOSAL:	Proposed additional six motel rooms through the building of a new single storey detached building within existing motel complex.
ADDRESS:	Who'd A Thought It Headcorn Road Grafty Green Kent ME17 2AR
APPLICATION TYPE:	Small Maj Others
APPLICATION REF:	15/505906/FULL
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of the existing garden centre buildings and infrastructure, erection of 14 detached bespoke dwellings including garages with annex above, two storey B1 office unit (5,515sqft); together with associated parking, access and landscaping.
ADDRESS:	Grafty Green Garden Centre Headcorn Road Grafty Green Kent ME17 2AT
APPLICATION TYPE:	Large Maj Dwellings

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

Sunday 6th September

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

10.45am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30pm Harrietsham: Growing in Faith Together (GIFT Family Worship)

Sunday 13th September

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 19th September

4.00 – 6.00pm Messy Church
– Lenham Church

Sunday 20th September

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 26th September

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham:

Men's breakfast

5.00pm Harrietsham: **Prayer and Praise**

Sunday 27th September

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

3.00pm Boughton Malherbe: **A Celebration of Marriage**

Loneliness

Molly Poulter's Christian Message in the August magazines focussed on the problem of loneliness. I would be interested to hear comments from readers. Do you identify with what Molly wrote? If so, how do you cope? Maybe you have some advice to share with others. I would be interested to hear about your experiences.

Joan Drury Weirton Villa ME17 2AP

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Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	0845 155 1000
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KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07969 583923
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	<i>Home Safety Visits</i>	0800 923 7000
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Herring	Funny	Idle	Bone
2	Shower	Night	Hub	Cap
3	Burton	Chair	Over	Push
4	Going	Liner	Indian	Ocean
5	Crossing	Spirit	Spilt	Level
6	Stainless	Works	Cold	Steel
7	Present	Small	Race	Arms
8	Bearing	Cannon	Net	Ball
9	Blossom	Crab	Cart	Apple
10	Twin	Film	Sum	Set
11	Situation	Club	Black	Comedy
12	Rifle	Long	Free	Range
13	Coat	Band	Line	Waist
14	Singer	House	Soap	Opera
15	Primrose	Dress	Good	Evening
16	Tennis	Spoon	Turn	Table

	Find the missing word?
1	Olive Oly, Popeye's sweetheart
2	Johnny Depp, Star who played Tonto in 2013 Lone Ranger
3	Tessa Sanderson, Former javelin thrower who won Gold at the Olympic Games
4	John Lydon, Former Sex Pistols singer who appears in an advert for butter
5	Alfred Hitchcock, Film Director
6	Anne Boleyn, Second wife of Henry VIII
7	Yasmin Le Bon, Iranian-British model
8	Statue of Liberty, New York Monument
9	Frank Whittle, English engineer who invented the Jet Engine
10	George Foreman, Heavyweight boxer who was beaten by Muhammad Ali in The Rumble in the Jungle in 1974

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