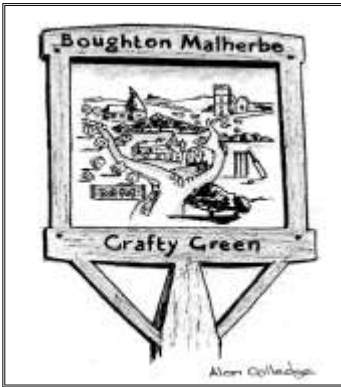


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Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th February**

Front Cover: The welcome arrival of Snowdrops brings hope that spring is on its way. Picture courtesy of John Collins.

News from St. Nicholas Church

We look back on the Christmas and New Year events with joy. So many people joined in the celebrations, from the welcoming Crib Service on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day Service and on to the joint Benefice Service here on New Year's Eve when friends from the other churches celebrated the season with us. The choir also enjoyed their Carol singing, visiting various venues, including Chilston Park Hotel, and were much appreciated.

Away Day for members of the 4 Churches, Lenham, Harrietsham, Ulcombe and Boughton Malherbe in Egerton Village Hall on Sat. 20th January, organised by Rev. John Huggins and Rev. Millie Hart with Rev. Steve Coneys leading, was a useful and friendly event and a time to exchange ideas.

Morning Prayers 9.30am at St. Nicholas on the 1st and 3rd and at All Saints Ulcombe on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Village Coffee Morning for everyone will be in the village hall, Grafty Green on Wednesday 14th February, 10.30 - 12noon.

Come and enjoy Sylvia's cheese scones and other home-made delights.

Ash Wednesday 14th February there will be a service at St. Mary's, Lenham at 7.00pm, marking the beginning of Lent.

Bible Study continues at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green on Thursdays from 10.15am - 12noon. Contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766 for more details.

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid start at The Old Rectory on 21st February 12-2pm kindly hosted by Vanessa Goodwin and then at the home of Sylvia Close in Headcorn on 28th February.

Sally Alexander

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Saturday 17th February at 10am
- the **Annual working party** to tidy the village hall flower border – all willing hands to help manage the planting is most welcome and appreciated; bring a hand fork or trowel. For more information - talk to Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary 850526.

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Children's Room Beer Garden

Yoga Classes In Grafty Green Village Hall

Yoga focuses on postural alignment; strengthening the core to support the spine. Yoga is a complete system to bring harmony and balance into your life together with adding suppleness, stamina and strength.

Wednesday evenings 7 - 8.30 pm

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11 am

No classes 14th and 15th February.

New term begins 22nd and 23rd February for 6 weeks. £36

Drop in available at £8 a session.

Next Saturday morning practice - 10th March 10 till 11.30

Further information or one to one bookings call Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381

High Speed Broadband

It may of interest to the residents of Grafty Green that Fibre Optic Broadband is now available in the village. The newly installed green BT cabinet in Headcorn Road went live on Thursday 23rd November and is now available to order from your preferred telecom provider.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:
12th March 2018

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

Grafty Gourmet

This is yet another very simple dish, to help warm you up on these cold Winter nights.

This recipe will serve approximately 4 people. Serve with dumplings, mash potato or rice.

Honeyed Beef Stew

2 tablespoons of vegetable oil
1kg of beef stewing steak, trimmed and diced

1 large onion, chopped

1 green pepper, chopped

3 sticks of celery, chopped

2 large carrots, peeled and sliced

2 tablespoons of clear honey

2 tablespoons of fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons of English mustard

4 tablespoons of tomato ketchup

500ml of water

salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 180C. In a large pot over medium high heat. Heat the vegetable oil and quickly brown the beef pieces on all sides. Place the onion, green pepper, celery and carrots into the pot and fry for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat.

2. In a mixing bowl, combine the honey, lemon juice, mustard, ketchup, water, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

3. Transfer the meat and vegetables into a 2 litre casserole dish. Pour the ketchup mixture over the meat and vegetables.

4. Bake in the preheated oven for 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until meat is tender.

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Update On Progress Towards Spending The Quinn Donation

The Boughton Malherbe Parish Council wish to thank all those who responded to our request for suggestions as to how we should spend the £100,000 donation from Quinn Estates. There were 26 valid suggestions from 53 people. One suggestion was invalid because it was anonymous with no address to prove it came from within the Parish.

A full list of the valid suggestions made is reproduced below:

- 1 - Purchase a ground source heat pump for the church.
- 2 - Christmas decorations.
- 3 - If we are unable to use all funds, we should help a neighbouring Parish with a project for which funds are needed.
- 4 - Support the shop and pub to keep them open.
- 5 - Connect broadband to all houses in Parish not now connected.
- 6 - Purchase the village green.
- 7 - A children's obstacle course around perimeter of village green, and upgrade fencing with gates.
- 8 - Make a donation to Platts Heath Primary School for an essential item.
- 9 - Finance the Platts Heath Primary School Annual Prize.
- 10 - Repair the QE1 tree wall.
- 11 - Purchase QE1 tree wall and tree plus surrounding land, fence it with road access and repair wall.
- 12 - Car park for village hall and village.
- 13 - Improve car parking facilities.
- 14 - Install traffic calming through the village.
- 15 - Put slow sign in Woodcock Lane near Ash Tree Farm.
- 16 - Put white imitation gates and name signs in Headcorn Road at village boundaries.
- 17 - Convert grass verge to pavement from corner of Woodcock Lane to bus stop to avoid criss-crossing road when walking.
- 18 - Improve road drainage at Headcorn Road / Crumps Lane junction.
- 19 - Street lights at each end of footpath beside Kings Head.
- 20 - A playground.
- 21 - Purchase land for a playground, playing field, fete venue, village green, car park and adult fitness centre, all enclosed with fencing and gates.
- 22 - Village hall maintenance and improvements.
- 23 - Refurbish village hall.
- 24 - Extend village hall at back for new larger kitchen, convert kitchen to cloakroom.
- 25 - New village hall.
- 26 - Sell village hall plot with planning permission & use proceeds to buy larger plot and build new hall with lottery fund finance.

The next task will be to evaluate all suggestions in detail which may take some time and a further progress report will be issued in due course.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council.

Village Shops

Is a village a proper village without a shop? I moved to Grafty Green in 2007 and was delighted to discover that our village is a proper one! No need to waste petrol or time travelling to Lenham or Headcorn to buy food essentials or to post a parcel.

Rob Eastwood's excellent article in last month's parish magazine revived for me sad memories of what happened in the Kentish village where I grew up. We had a shop which was a blessing to young and old. In their wisdom the Borough Council had built a few bungalows for the elderly within a stone's throw of the shop (*those were the days!*) And then....the business faltered through lack of use and the shop closed.

There was grief. I remember several men telling me about the loneliness they felt about not meeting others when they went to the shop to collect their newspapers. Sadly, for many of them, this was their only purchase from the shop. Had they bought more things the shop might still be open.

Result: nowhere for school children to buy ice creams and sweets; no where to display posters to maximum advantage; no source of local information.

That shop is still closed. As I drive through the village I sense the loss of a vital hub to local life and hope that Grafty Green does not suffer a similar fate.

Joan Drury

These Ladies meet once a month for afternoon Tea, but this time tried their luck with the Kings Head Fish and Chips - they seem pretty happy about it !! - Picture by John Collins



Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

Come and join us at the Village Hall for ...

Pancake Day!

Yes, in a new venture for the village, we invite you to drop in at the Hall any time between **5.00pm and 7.30pm*** on **Tuesday 13th February** for freshly cooked pancakes and a good old natter - but, of course, there will be pancake **tossing competitions** and **pancake races** to enliven the proceedings, too!

There's no ticket to buy and no seat to reserve, just drift in at any time that suits you. It's a family affair, so all ages are welcome.

Tea & coffee will be offered but if you want anything else to accompany your pancake simply bring it along yourself. Indeed, if you have a special filling that we might not have thought of, bring that along too and we'll offer a discount from the standard price (which is only £2 anyway).

The aim is just to have a relaxed and fun couple of hours in good company.

**Note change of times from those announced in last month's Malherbe Monthly*

Then, on **17th March** we have another of our famous '**themed**' meals to look forward to. Now we all know, of course, that 17th March is **St Patrick's Day**, so this year our 3-course meal will have a decidedly **Irish theme**. Dress up as a leprechaun or just sport something green to help the theme along! Enjoy a Guinness or two with your Irish stew (veggie option available) but go easy on the pud as we invite you to dance to the fiddles, mandolin & guitar of '**Strictly Ceilidh**', our live Irish folk duo.

Get the date in your diary now. Tickets will be on sale from the middle of this month, with the price held at just £15 for yet another year. How do we do it?!

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman

Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
May 1	Colin Moat	50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)
May 5	Plant Sale 10am on the village green	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire	
August 7	TBA	
Sept 4	Autumn Show	
Sept 9	Coach Outing to Kew	
Oct 2	Philip Johnson	How to grow sweet peas
Nov6		Hops
Dec 2	TBA	

On 6th February Dr Sue Turner will give a talk on **HOW TO GROW POTATOES**. Members and non members alike are all welcome to come along and enjoy the evening, ask questions, swap ideas and enjoy the company of other gardeners over a cup of coffee/tea after the talk.

Tickets will be on sale again for our celebrity event the **HELEN YEMM** talk. We are expecting for this to be a sell out event (see poster) and am keen that members and villagers have first choice of available tickets.

TIP OF THE MONTH - Examine your tools and machines to ensure they are in working order. Have a clear out of your gardening products from the shed shelves. It is a hungry month for wildlife, and putting food and water out may distract birds and small mammals from taking buds and bulbs. It is a good time of the year to apply organic fertiliser as this takes longer to release its nutrients the inorganic ones. Prune overgrown evergreens but more tender shrubs such as Choisya should be left till it has warmed up a bit. Feed after pruning and then mulch with organic matter. Top-dress pot-grown shrubs.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green
Gardening Club (01622) 757536**

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Presents an evening with

Helen Yemm

(Writer, Lecturer, Broadcaster, Daily Telegraph Columnist)

‘Onwards into Autumn’

An illustrated talk that focuses on late summer
flowering plants

Tuesday 6th March – 7.30 pm

Grafty Green Village Hall

Tickets £5 from Sue Burch – 01622 850381

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 15th January 2018, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; T King; R Galton; J Collins
Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Turner opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – received from Cllrs Martin Round and Shellina Prendergast
3. **Declarations:**
Any lobbying - none
Any interest in items on the Agenda – Councillors Turner, Galton, Collins and King declared that they had made suggestions with regard to item 13 (Quinn Donation)
Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
4. **Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November 2017 were approved.
5. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
6. **Public session** – No members of the public in attendance
7. **Planning Outcomes since the last meeting** – None
8. **KCC/MBC Reports** – None received
9. **8.1 Local Policing/community** – The Clerk circulated recent crime reports from the e-watch website
8.2 Community Warden Report – No report
8.3 KFRS – No report
8.4 Speedwatch – No report
10. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 10.1 **Liverton Hill** – It was reported that the road surface was breaking up close to Stream farm.
 - 10.2 **Ditches, gullies, pot holes** - several problems were reported by Cllr Turner. Cllr Allum to pursue these with KCC Highways
 - 10.3 **HGV Signage** – Nothing to report
 - 10.4 **59 Bus** – Cllr Collins updated the meeting with regard to discussions with KCC regarding subsidies. Decisions be made by July for implementation in September 2018.

11. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

Cllr Galton provided feedback from KALC AGM, KCC Highways Workshop, Meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner, and Garden Centre Site with MBC. Cllr Turner provided feedback from the KALC Crime Prevention Seminar

12. Finance

12.1 Note the Balance at the Bank - £42,199.14 Nat West
£500.00 Santander
£85,000 Cambridge and Counties

12.2 Income since the last meeting – None

12.3 Bank Reconciliation - approved and signed for position at 5th January 2018 by Cllr Collins

12.4 Any cheques to sign – signed two cheques to KALC and two for Village Green maintenance

12.5 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting – noted payment to Clerk for stationary. Clerk to inform Cllr Galton of printer ink requirement

12.6 Legal Costs Associated with Quinn Donation – it was agreed that the Clerk will write to Quinn asking whether they had offered to cover the legal costs

- 13. Donation From Quinn Estates –** the council received suggestions from 54 people amounting to 27 different ideas. It was resolved that (i) the Clerk will review all of the suggestions and identify whether the council can legally pursue each of the ideas, and, if it can, the legal basis for going forward (ii) Cllr Galton will arrange for the list of proposals to go in the next edition of Malherbe Monthly (iii) Cllr Turner will approach the land owner to explore options around the acquisition of the Yew Tree to enable this option to be explored given that the tree is on private land. All actions to be reported to the next meeting of the Parish Council in March. Following this initial work, those proposals which have a sound legal basis will be formally evaluated

- 14. Post Office Sign –** noted latest position. No further action until the Parish Council receives a formal enquiry.

- 15. Committee Terms of Reference -**subject to amendment to the Staffing Committee membership, which the Clerk will make, these were agreed.

- 16. CPRE Legal Support –** it was resolved that the Clerk will write to CPRE saying that the Council has discussed their request and would like further information about likely cost before making a final decision.

- 17. Christmas Tree Expenditure –** it was resolved that the budget provision for the Christmas Tree of £100 be increased to cover the cost for 2017 of £170

- 18. General Data Protection Regulations –** it was resolved that the Clerk will explore all options for providing a Data Protection Officer and will explore options for creating council email addresses and report back to the next meeting

- 19. DCLG Consultation on Park Homes -** Clerk to ask KALC if this consultation has any relevance for Gypsy and Traveller sites

- 20. Correspondence –** There was correspondence from: MBC, Santander and CPRE. This was noted

- 21. Further Information –** (i) Cllr Turner briefed the meeting on the Volunteer Community Warden Scheme and he will make further enquiries. (ii) Cllr King asked if all councillors have access to the KALC website. Clerk to make enquiries

The Meeting closed 9.30pm

**MINUTES OF A MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE
of BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL held at 7.30pm on
Monday 11th December 2017 in Grafty Green Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: J. Collins; R. Turner, A King, A. Allum, R. Galton
Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Collins opened the Meeting at 7.30pm.

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it** - there were no declarations
2. **Apologies** – there were no apologies for absence
3. **Declarations** – there were no declarations with regard to: lobbying, interest in items on the agenda or pecuniary interests
4. **Approve Minutes of 10th July 2017** – The Minutes were approved and signed.
5. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
6. **Review of the half year budget position and approval of any amendments** – the following amendments and actions were agreed:
 - delete AGM refreshments and move to Chairman's expenses
 - Clerk to request that Quinn reimburse the solicitor's fee arising from the Quinn Estates donation
 - amend variance on insurance premium to £8
 - noted that Village green maintenance is likely to come in below budget
 - noted that Village Hall costs are likely to be lower than the budget figure
 - noted that Christmas functions will probably come in below budget and divide into two lines in the budget – (i) Christmas tree (£170) and (ii) Christmas functions
 - Finger post to be paid from the precept and kept in the budget
 - delete 30mph sign from the budget
 - In summary, although an overspend approaching £1000 is currently being shown it is expected that this will fall significantly by the year end
7. **Draft Budget for 2018/19** – the draft budget below was approved pending further information on the precept and PSS. Once these are known the draft budget will be presented to the full council for approval.
 - Once these are known the budget will be approved by full council on 26th January.
 - As the notice board and small size allowance are being removed it is estimated that the PSS will be £550 which only covers grounds maintenance
 - Cllr Turner will enquire with MBC whether we will receive additional precept income from the new houses at Boughton Park during the year.
 - It was agreed that we will maintain three distinct funds in 2018/19: (i) Running Costs (ii) Legacy fund (iii) Quinn donation
 - remove grit bin from the budget in expectation that KCC will provide this
 - Clerk to contact KCC regarding faulty 30MPH sign
 - The provision for the internal auditor will be reduced to £50 in line with this year's cost

	Budget 2018/19
RECEIPTS	
Precept	5270
LCTS	
Parish Services Scheme	550
VAT Refund	200
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6020
PAYMENTS	
Staff Costs - Clerks Wages	2370
Other Costs	
Village Green Maintenance	600
Village Hall Hire	500
Christmas Tree	170
Christmas Functions	500
Litter Collection	100
Churchyard Maintenance	500
Emergency Plan	0
Training Courses	500
Internal Auditor	50
Insurance	280
KALC Membership	235
Contingency	250
Chairman's Expenses	100
CPRE Membership	36
Stationery, postage	200
Total Other Costs	4051
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6421

8. **2018/19 precept** – it was unanimously agreed that, in principle, the precept should be based on a Band D charge of £24 as in 2017/18
9. **Deposit Accounts** – it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the full council that we open a 90 day Business Savings Account with Nationwide and deposit £25,000 in this account.
10. **Permission to spend by the Clerk** – in pursuance of para 5.6 of the Financial Regulations

it was agreed that the Clerk can initiate purchases and payments for the following items without a council resolution, provided spending remains within the approved budget limits:

- Stationery
- Postage Stamps
- Postage special delivery
- Printer Ink
- Printer paper
- Village Green Christmas Tree
- Training courses
- KALC subscription
- CPRE subscription
- Internal audit fees
- Annual insurance premium
- Village hall hire

12. Further information- there was no further information

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

News from Helen Whately MP

The beginning of the year is a time of long nights, cold days and fresh starts. It's time to take stock, make resolutions and plan for the year ahead, so here's some of the things I want to achieve for you in 2018:

Winter is the toughest time for the NHS and I've been hearing a lot recently about overcrowding in A&E. To fix this we need to make sure people have alternatives to going to hospital unless they are seriously sick or injured. More GPs and walk-in clinics are the answer. I'm campaigning for a new health centre for the South East of Maidstone, so that people in Downswood, Parkwood, Langley and Sutton Rd can get the care they need nearby. I've been haranguing the NHS locally to work out the shortfall in GPs in the area. Heather House would be a great location for a Health Centre and this should be seriously considered. Improvements in physical healthcare must go hand in hand with better mental healthcare. With the Government investing record amounts in mental health, I'm determined that Maidstone gets its fair share.

My other top priority is getting investment in roads, schools and public services. Work on the costs and benefits of a Leeds-Langley relief road is at last moving forward but there's still a way to go. The proposed new school at the Valley Invicta site has been beset by delays and I'll be working to break the deadlock along with pushing for progress on a badly needed new primary and special school.

We also badly need more lorry parks. Tragically three people recently died after a car crashed into a parked lorry on the A2. We don't know – and may never know – the real causes of this terrible accident. Whether the lorry itself was a factor or not, this accident is shining a light on the lack of proper lorry parking facilities. [Stop 24 at Folkestone](#) and the [Ashford truck stop](#) are turning lorries away at night because they're full. **I'm campaigning for more truck stops so drivers can park safely when they need to, and get a decent rest in hygienic facilities. Once there are enough parking spaces we need tough rules to make sure drivers use them.**

Nationally, Brexit will dominate the whole of Parliament – with the final deal due to be secured this year. No doubt there will be bumps on the road and lots of briefing against Britain from the EU, so the Prime Minister will have to hold her nerve as negotiations go to the wire. I'll be pushing for a good deal for Kent, particularly on customs. We must not see delays at the border and long queues of lorries snarling up traffic across Kent and damaging businesses.

After all the upheaval of last year, maybe 2018 will be quieter – but somehow I doubt it.

News from Platts Heath Primary School

Life here at Platts Heath Primary School continues to be a mixture of events, celebrations and opportunities for our wonderful children. As always our children are polite, well behaved and eager to learn in and out of school. Here are some of the activities and events they recently took part in,

Premier Sports

Best of luck to our year 4, 5&6 Basketball Team who will be taking part in a tournament very soon. Next term, children in years 1, 2&3 will get the chance to learn Cricket.

Silence in Court!

Our Year 5 and 6 children recently had a visit from a local magistrate who explained the judicial system and what happens when someone breaks the law, from arrest to sentencing. Once again our children were praised for their engagement, behaviour and probing questions.

Perfect Packed Lunch

Each year our school is involved in the perfect packed lunch awards run by the KM Charity Team. Children in Nesbit and Crompton Class had to design either a genuine or imaginary perfect packed lunch for a person of their choice. We had lunches created for Donald Trump, Fairies and footballers. Hetty Benfield from Nesbit Class had a winning entry with Darcey Bussell's lunch. Hetty was able to go to the awards held at the Beaney Museum, where her design is currently on show. Congratulations Hetty!

Kent Cooks 2017

Kent Cooks is an annual Master chef-style cookery competition held for schools in the South East. William Stansfield from Nesbit Class took part in this competition in the Family category. William impressed the judges with a Spinach and Sausage Ravioli for his main course and for pudding he made a blackberry Fool with Shortbread Biscuit. William had to make all this by scratch and then had to prepare and cook his meals at a live final. Congratulations William!

Recently moved into the area or looking for an alternative school?

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Piers Anscomb
Head teacher

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If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there to help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

February Music notes

Some splendid concerts this month, to meet a variety of tastes, plus the not-to-be missed Hollingbourne Panto. The Leeds presentation was on 12th Night this year, and so if you haven't seen it I'm afraid you have missed it! Never mind, do make an effort to get out on at least one of these Winter evenings to support the performers of February events:

- **Saturday Feb. 3rd 7.30 pm** at Mote Hall Maidstone ME15 7RN, The Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Elgar's Cello concerto and Dvorak's New World Symphony. Tickets 033 666 3366. Come early to fastening the pre-concert talk (6.40-7.10pm).
- **Wednesday 7th Feb. to Sat 10th Feb** in Hollingbourne Village Hall, 7.45 pm each evening plus 2.30pm on Saturday – The Hollingbourne village pantomime is The Wizard of Hozz. Tickets tel 880200.
- **Saturday 10th Feb. 7.30pm** at Rochester Cathedral, the world-famous Harry Christopher's Sixteen are performing a range of choral classics including Vivaldi's Gloria and Bach's Mass G major. Tickets 01904 651485
- **Sunday 18th Feb. 2.30pm** at Groves Hall, Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society give an afternoon concert featuring Bartosz Glowacki, one of the leading lights of a new generation of accordionists. His artistic goal is to improve awareness of the accordion in classical music, as well as to develop a new repertoire for his instrument. Tickets at the door include tea with home-made cakes!! Info (only) 01732 843129
- **Saturday 24th February 7.00pm** at The Space Performing Arts Centre, Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HU, the Kent Festival of Wind and Brass includes performances by Maidstone Wind Symphony and past BBC Brass Player of the year Matilda Lloyd. Tickets 01732 467765

An item from the Musicians' dictionary;

Applause: Noise made by the audience (often at the wrong time) to express a desire to end the performance and go home.

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2	Partner	Citizen	Statesman	
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7	Water	Land	Stay	
8	Escape	Gauge	Boat	
9	Industrial	Military	Replay	
10	Gold	Loose	Fig	
11	Village	Ever	Fly	
12	Class	Case	Cut	
13	Suspicion	Average	Board	
14	Silly	Ticket	High	
15	Portrait	Shooting	Press	
16	Crew	Lace	Tie	

	Find the missing word?
1	Alice _____, Rock Star who sang 'Schools Out'
2	_____ Donegan, who sang 'My Old Mans a Dustman'
3	Emerson _____, Two time World Champion in F1
4	___ Champion, won the Grand National on Aldaniti
5	Erica ____, The Twickenham Streaker
6	_____ Road, QPR's home ground
7	Andre _____, US winner of Wimbledon
8	_____ Women, Long running ITV daytime show
9	Whole _____, A No 1 smash hit for Atomic Kitten
10	_____ Voderman, Former countdown lady

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Christian Message February 2018

Question: Do you know where Suriname is? Until a few weeks ago I had no idea. I had to admit my ignorance! Then, with friends from the Len Valley churches I attended a meeting to plan the Women's World Day of Prayer event for 2018.

A few facts to prepare you for a Quiz Night! Location: Suriname is in South America and lies north of Brazil on the Atlantic Ocean. It is part of the Guiana's which means "land of many waters." Columbus arrived there in 1492. The population is multi-ethnic and numbers 540,000. Past rulers have been France, England, New Zealand and the Netherlands. It is now independent and freedom of religion is laid down in the constitution.

It is a beautiful country with 715 species of birds and exotic wild life including the blue frog and giant sea turtles. Beautiful but, as in the rest of the world, the environment is threatened by widespread waste and pollution. Against this background the women of Suriname have chosen **"All God's Creation is VERY GOOD!"** as the title of the service.

At the meeting we were challenged about our excessive use of paper often in the form of paper cups; unnecessary use of plastic for wrapping food and other forms of waste.

God created the world and he saw that it was very good. (Genesis 1:31) He has given human beings the responsibility of caring for it.

WWDP services are held on Friday 2nd March and women from all over the world will attend the service planned by the women of Suriname. Services will be held in Lenham (10.30am) and Ulcombe (7pm) churches. Look out for details of these opportunities to meet and worship our Creator. Men are also welcome to attend. An offering is taken and in 2016 sufficient was given for the English WWDP committee to donate £280,000 to various Christian organisations.

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11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

Wednesday 7th February

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Saturday 10th February

4.00pm Harrietsham: Messy Church

Sunday 11th February

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
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Wednesday 14th February: Ash

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Wednesday 21st February

10.30am Chippendale Lodge

Saturday 24th February

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

Sunday 25th February

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
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King David

The speaker at the next **Focus on Faith** –a Bible day for women – will be Angela Davies. She will explore the life of King David and has called her talk 'The slings and arrows of misguided fortune.' The event will be held in Ryarsh village hall on Wednesday March 21st from 9.15am to 2.15pm. Contact Joan Drury (01622 853766) for more details.

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