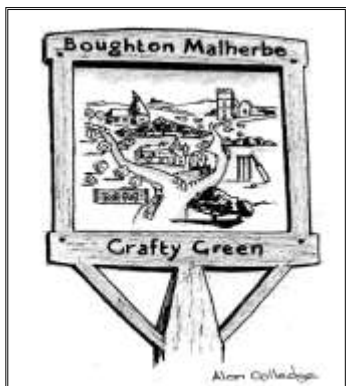


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Front cover: Silly Olympics' winners on the podium (l to r) Silver Gold Bronze.
Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Cream Teas: Our last Cream tea for this season will be on Sunday 1st September, 2.00pm-5.00pm We look forward to welcoming you all. The season has been very successful this year and we have been blessed with good weather so far. As I write, it is raining but hopefully the week-end will be dry. It's been windy on our hilltop but we have learnt to cope with that - employing clothes pegs to keep the cloths on the tables. Last Sunday the wasps found us - maybe because our friendly badger, who was partial to a wasp nest or two, met his end just around the corner from the Church.

Morning Prayer will resume again this month and the first one will be at St. Nicholas at 9.30am on 3rd September and then on alternate Tuesdays with All Saints Ulcombe.

Village Coffee Morning will be on 11th September 10.30am to 12.00 noon. Come along for a chat - we would love to see you. Coffee, tea, homemade cake and scones will be available. There is no charge for this but a donation would be appreciated, which will be sent to a charity at the end of the year. Hope to see you there.

The Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 14th September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. This year we have a Rider from Platts Heath who has agreed to ride for us and we will be looking for sponsors for him - he enjoys cycling so should cover quite a number of Churches during his ride.

Many churches which are usually locked will be open on this day, so if you are interested in old buildings and churches in particular it's a good time to go visiting. Churches which are taking part have a sign out side advertising they are open.

Our Harvest Supper will take place on 28th September, 2013 in the Village Hall Grafty Green. Tickets are £8.50 each, to cover the cost of the entertainment, who are Barber Shop Singers.

We serve a very good Supper as most of you know and aim to spend a very happy evening. We look forward to welcoming you all, especially new members of our community. Tickets are available from the village shop or Joan Davidson on 850210. Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs.

Harvest Festival will be held in St. Nicholas Church on Sunday 13th October, at 3.30pm. After the Service we hold an Auction of the gifts that are given in thanks for the Harvest. We will also be serving Refreshments.

Joan Davidson

**Ken and Eve Sweet
extend a warm welcome to**

The Kings Head Grafty Green

**A
16th Century
Coaching Inn
haunted by
"Dover Bill" -
the Highwayman!**



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**Fresh Fish Fridays
Lunches and Suppers**

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Children's Room Beer Garden

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Village Hall News

Just a few quick jottings this month, as I've only just returned from holiday and am still a bit jet-lagged! There are three important dates I need to tell you about.

On Saturday 28 September is the annual **Harvest Supper**, being organised this year jointly by the congregation of St.Nicholas' Church and the Village Hall committee. A barber shop quartet has been booked for after-supper entertainment, so do come along and enjoy the evening. Tickets from Rob at the village shop, or contact Joan Davidson on 850210.

Then, **on Sunday 13 October Phil-The-Bag returns to Grafty Green.** You know the routine by now, I'm sure. Please deliver any old clothes, shoes, belts, bags and soft furnishings to the Hall in plastic bags/sacks between 10.30 and 12.00 and, if you like, stay for tea, biscuits and a natter with whoever else turns up. We arrange for the unwanted items to be collected and re-cycled and the Hall receives a very useful payment. So, please, save your old textile products until then. The only things that we can't sell are carpets, bedding items like pillows & duvets, and left-over off-cuts of material.

And finally, **on Saturday 9 November, we have a dance** to my own band, "Group Therapy". We play music from every decade from the 60's to the present day. (Check us out at The George at Newnham on Friday 6 September or at The White Horse at Chilham on 19 October if you want to know what we sound like). For now, please just keep the 9 November date clear. More details of the event will appear in next month's magazine.

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

We are having a 'Phil' the Bag fundraising collection on Sunday 13 October!



'Phil' the Bag

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2013 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
January 8th	AGM – Adrian Hutchinson	Alpine plants
February 5th	Steve Harmer	History of gardening
March 5th	Rob Masters	Adventures on the allotment!
April 2nd	Spring show and George Pearson	Madagascar
May 7th	Old Farm Otterden, Near Faversham	Outing
May 10th – 13th	Weekend away Malvern Spring Show	
June 2nd (Sunday)	Old Bladbean Stud, Near Elham, Canterbury	Outing
July 2nd	Michael and Gill Bushell, Garden House, Surrenden	Outing
August 4 th	Bexon Manor	Outing
Sept 3rd	Autumn Show Peter Kirby	My lost Kent
Oct 1st	Produce, jams chutney evening	Bring and Buy/swapping
Nov 5th	Sue Marshall	Love affair with Irises
Dec 3rd	Social and quiz	

The Autumn Show will take place in the Village Hall on September 3rd. The hall will be open from 6.30 pm. It will be helpful if exhibits are in place for judging by 7.15. Following judging Peter Kirby will be giving a talk entitled My Lost Kent. We look forward to seeing you all on what promises to be a very enjoyable evening. For information about this event or the Gardening Club please telephone Sue Birch on (01622) 850381 or Rosemary Smith on (01622) 850526.

Who'd A Thought It

15th Sept: 40th Anniversary of the Who'd A Thought It. Celebrations as we head back to 1973. Dress in 70's attire and disco! Activities hoping to raise money for Help The Heroes.

Kings Head

21st Sept: Curry @ Quiz evening from 7.30pm. £9, Please book in advance on 01622 850259

29th Sept: Sunday Lunch will be served. As above please book in advance

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Palace, Oxfordshire home to Duke of Marlborough
2	Ringo _____, Former drummer with The Beatles
3	_____ Presley, Music legend who lived at Gracelands
4	Stan _____, Comic legend with Oliver Hardy
5	_____ Martin, Cornish based medical drama
6	Alan _____, Late DJ nicknamed Fluff
7	_____ Piaf, French singer
8	Jonathan _____, Author of Gulliver's Travels
9	_____ Lansbury, Star of crime series Murder She Wrote
10	Peter _____, Actor in Lawrence of Arabia

**The first official
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday 23rd September
7.30pm**

Grafty Green Village Hall

**Do come along and have *your* say
about our future -
or just come and listen.**

**This is *our* Neighbourhood Plan,
to be created by the people
for the people of our parish -
and that includes *you*!**

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only See Note 1				School Days Only			
	59	66	59	59	59	66	59	59
Maidstone, King Street	1230	.....	1610	1745				
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	.....	1612	1747				
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	1239	.....	1619	1754				
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	.....	1623	1758				
Linton Corner	1247	.....	1627	1802				
Cornwallis Academy	.....	1505	.....	.....		
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	.....	1632	1807				
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1509	1635	1810				
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1512	1638	1813				
Warrilake Corner	1301	1515	1641	1816				
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1523	1649	1824				
Kingswood, Village Hall	.....	1525	.....	1826				
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1530	1656	1831				
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	.....	1703	1836				
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	.....	1535	.....	.....		
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	.....	1544	.....	.....		
Sutton Valence, The Harbour	.....	1549	.....	.....		

Saturdays

School Days Only			
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	.....	.....	.....
and	1303	1547	1817
Langley	1306	1550	1820
.....	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
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Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

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Ulcombe, The Harrow	0717	0729	0750	0937	1332			
Kingswood, Village Hall	0722	0733	0754	0942	1337			
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0725	0736	0757	0944	1339			
Warrilake Corner	0731	0742	0801	0950	1345			
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0735	0745	0804	0953	1348			
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0738	0749	0807	0956	1351			
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0741	0751	.....	0958	1356			
Cornwallis Academy	.....	.....	0820	.....	.....	
Linton Corner	0746	0756	.....	1003	1358			
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0750	0800	.....	1006	1401			
Wheatsheaf, Loose Road	0756	0806	.....	1012	1407			
Maidstone, King Street	.....	0814	.....	1020	1415			
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	.....	.....	.....	.....
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817			
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0826			

Saturdays

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59	59	59	59
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0740	0937	1343
0745	0942	1348	1604
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The September Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Leo at the start of September, and moves towards Virgo later in the month.

New Moon occurs on Thursday 5th September, and **Full Moon** is on Thursday 19th September in the west at about 4:30 am when in Aquarius.

Mercury rises in the east with the Sun at the beginning of the month near Leo at 8:00 am, and at the end of the month it rises in the east at about 9:20 am in Virgo, so again we will not be able to see this elusive little planet this month.

Mars rises in the northeast earlier in the month at about 3:00 am when in the constellation of Cancer, and at the end of the month again rises in the northeast at about 3:30 am still in Cancer. Through a telescope it may be possible to see the dark and light patches on the surface, together with the white North Polar Cap.

Jupiter rises in the northeast at 1:00 am earlier in the month when in the constellation of Gemini, and at the end of the month it rises a little earlier still in Gemini. Through a telescope you may be able to see the dark and light bands, and some of Jupiter's four major moons.

Venus & Saturn both rise in the southeast just after midday when close to Virgo, and again at the end of the month at midday in Virgo. So it will not be possible to see these planets this month.

Now on a slightly lighter note. Some of you may have read that William Shatner of Star Trek fame has succeeded with a campaign, which will allow members of the public to help choose the names of new planets and moons. The International Astronomical Union, which governs the naming of heavenly bodies, has now adopted a new policy. Since it was established nearly a hundred years ago, it has named celestial bodies from Greek and Roman mythology for those in our solar system, and sets of numbers and letters for planets outside it. Apparently it vetoed attempts to name one of Pluto's recently discovered moons after the planet Vulcan in Star Trek. The 'IAU' will now invite members of the public to have an input into the naming, not only those in our solar system, but the hundreds of planets outside it. The 'IAU' has a website that will accept proposals by email. Obviously there are certain rules to follow.

Incidentally, the 'IAU' ruled that that Pluto's fourth and fifth moons would be called Cerberos, after the three-headed hell hound of Greek mythology, and Styx, the river in the underworld.

John Maunder

News from Ulcombe Village School

A New School Year Gets Underway

It seems incredible that another school year is about to start. Whilst there are often jokes to be made about the length of school holidays, it seems we have only just ended one academic year when we are working hard for the next one. Many of the staff team have spent much time in school preparing for the new school year, as well as work being completed by contractors.

Welcome to ...

The coming year sees changes to that staff team. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tysoe to our school and community. She will work with Mrs Hargrave in Barn Owls class, with Mrs Boorman moving to work with our youngest children in Owlets full-time.

Improving the Building

We have had various jobs completed to make the school more accessible and more secure. If you visit the school you may notice some of the improvements which make it easier for all visitors to come in to and move around the school. We have had some work completed on our windows which will make sure heat cannot escape from classrooms so easily.

Improving Security

We must apologise for any disturbance which has been caused by the installation of our new alarm system, which has been to protect the school from oil theft. Some of you may remember that oil was stolen last autumn and we are confident that the alarm installed will be an effective deterrent and, should anyone not heed this, help us to catch them red-handed. If you do hear the alarm going off, please contact a member of the school staff or governors as quickly as you can.

The Library Project

The latest news that I have on this project is that it is with solicitors at the Diocese and UK Power Networks. This is so that the electricity sub-station adjacent to The Street can be re-located to the north-western corner of the main school site. We continue to do what we can to push this project along, enabling us to make our great school even better.

Fencing Comes to Ulcombe

Following a survey of parents we have decided to try holding a weekly Fencing Club. This will take place before school every Wednesday. It will be the first time we have offered fencing and the first time we have offered a club at the start of the day. We hope this new venture will be a great success.

Can you help?

We are always very grateful for every one of our parents, friends and neighbours who are able to offer a helping hand during the school day and beyond it. If you think you

can help us, from hearing children read to running an extra-curricular activity or from caring for our grounds to looking after our library, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

And finally ...

We must already start thinking about the next academic year, particularly for children starting Year 6. If you are a parent of a child in Year 6, or if you know someone who is, please remember that secondary school places need to be applied for this autumn. We will have a small amount of information in school and we will be happy to help in any way we can. KCC's web-site has a wealth of information.

As ever, if you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school.

Best wishes,

Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.*

Ulcombe Pre-School



Spaces at the Pre-School

We currently have spaces available for children over the age of 2. If your child is already 3 then pre-school is free and there is some funding available for 2 year olds. (Conditions apply please contact Helen Leat on committeeups@hotmail.com or Corinne Giles on 07940225341 for more details)

Toddler Morning

There is a toddler morning every Tuesday 9.30am- 11.30am held at the pre-school in Ulcombe Village Hall. Please bring along your little one for a play and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat yourself. We hope to see you soon! (Please note this is term time only)

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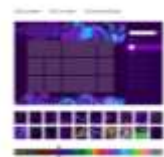
Selected Personalise which will display three options:

- Lock Screen
- Start Screen
- Account Picture

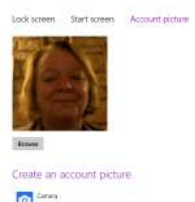


The **Lock screen** option is automatically selected. Select one of the existing pictures shown in the list or select Browse, which will take you to your own picture Gallery so you can select one of your own.

Select **Start screen** which will show you numerous styles and colour schemes. Select a style and then the colour that you like. Go back to your Start screen to see the changes made.



To change your **Account Picture**, you can add a picture from your gallery, select browse and find a picture **OR** you can take a picture of yourself using the camera, if your PC has this capability.



Yoga Classes Grafty Green Village Hall

Wednesday evenings 7 – 8.30, term starts 11th September

Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11, term starts 12th September

Yoga is about taking time to become centred, balanced and harmonious. Yoga can expand your boundaries and find your limits whilst being able to truly relax into who you are.

The rewards of Yoga are many; whether you are restless or lethargic the combined physical and psychological aspects brings an instant feel good effect and in the longer term being able to move more freely, develop strength and stamina.

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Fresh Mussels in a Green Onion, Smoked Bacon and Cider Sauce. £7.50

Kentish Blue Cheesecake with Poached Pear and Candied Walnuts. £6.50

Free Range Chicken, Ham and Leek Terrine with Apple Chutney and Toasted Bread.

£6.50

MAINS

Suet Crusted Ox-tail and Beef Shin Pie with Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.

£11.00

Butcher of Brogdale "Bangers and Mash" with a Caramelised Onion Gravy and Crispy Bacon. £10.50

Kentish Beer Battered Fish and Chips with Mushy Peas, Tartare Sauce. £10.50

White Horse 6oz Beef Burger topped with Pickled Cucumber in Toasted Sourdough Bun and Hand Cut Chips. £9.50

Slow Cooked Tomato, Mushroom and Goats Cheese Burger in a Toasted a Bun, Salad and Hand Cut Chips. £9.50

Spinach, Pinenut and Smoked Cheddar Pastie with Carrot Puree and a Red Wine and Port Reduction. £12.00

Pan Fried Chicken Breast stuffed with Goats Cheese and Thyme on Pot Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. £13.50

Roasted Ham with Eggs, Hand Cut Chips and Piccalilli. £10.50

28 Day Aged Steak with a Slow Cooked Tomato, Mushroom and Hand Cut Chips. £17.00

A Choice of Sauce for £2.50

-White Wine & Kentish Blue

-Red Wine Jus

-Brandy & Peppercorn

A Choice of Butter for £1.50

-Parsley & Caper

-Garlic & Herb

-Tomato & Paprika



New planning rules are coming! Will they mean:

Chaotic house-building? Rampant development?

**Little boxes on every hillside? Wind turbines everywhere?
Does it make you angry? Then join us now!**

secretary@wkps.org.uk OR www.wkps.org.uk

Auction of Promises

The newly formed Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe will be holding an **Auction of Promises** in Ulcombe Church on Saturday the 16th of November at 7.30 pm. A Buffet supper will be served in the interval.

The Friends have already received a number of very interesting promises, and details will be publicised later.

If you would like to make a Promise to help save this beautiful church for the future, could you send the details of the promise to:

Mrs Molly Poulter, The Old Dairy, Street Farm, Ulcombe, Maidstone ME17 1DP
(Tel.01622 842988).

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have not yet issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service for our villages after September. Hopefully, next month we will be able to inform you of the dates for the rest of this year.

Parish Calendar 2014

Thank you everybody who
submitted photographs for the
Parish Calendar Competition, and to all who voted
for their favourites at the Grafty Olympics.

The votes have been counted.
The winners are (in no particular order!):

Louise Neaves
John Collins
Anna Wickens
Ashleigh George
Harry and Sue Grimmer
Jos Wickens
Colin Clements
Christine King
Judy Sears

The Calendar will be on sale
later this month, cost £5, at:

~ Grafty Green Shop ~

~ Grafty Garden Centre ~

~ Lime Tree Antiques ~
Lenham Square



Your countryside needs you



The Heaths Countryside Corridor is looking for volunteers to help safeguard and maintain local areas of the countryside near you. The HCC sites were purchased to help conserve greenspaces for local people. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month we'd love to hear from you.

Spend a morning outside doing something worthwhile in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The kind of things we will be doing include, coppicing, keeping paths clear and making sure the HCC sites are safe for everybody. All tools will be provided as will drinks and a light lunch.

The group will meet on the first Saturday of every month between 10am and 2pm.

7th September

5th October

2nd November

7th December

Tree guards

Pond clearance

Scrub clearance

Coppicing

Chilston Ponds

Chilston Ponds

Hurst Wood

Hurst Wood

For more information please contact Mike Phillips on 01303 815170 or mike.phillips@kentdowns.org.uk

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Pictures from the Grafty Silly Olympics held on Saturday 31st August.

Pictures courtesy of John Collins





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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bracelet	Lucky	School	Charm
2	Legal	Time	Upper	
3	Berry	Flower	Statesman	
4	Cock	Full	Watch	
5	Area	Hound	Squirrel	
6	Dart	Drawing	Score	
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Grafty Gourmet

This recipe comprises of King Prawns lightly dusted in Cajun spice, served on a bed of pasta and cream sauce, complimented with the bright colours of red and green peppers. Spaghetti, or any pasta of your choice can be used in place of Linguine.

Prawns in Cream Sauce - Serves 2

4oz Linguine Pasta	1 Cup of Double Cream
12 King Prawns (peeled and deveined)	¼ Teaspoon of Dried Basil
1 Medium Onion, finely chopped	¼ Teaspoon of Salt
1 Red Pepper, sliced	¼ Teaspoon of Ground Black Pepper
1 Green Pepper, sliced	½ Teaspoon of sugar
1 Tablespoons of Butter	2 Cloves of Garlic, crushed
Olive Oil	A Good Squeeze of Fresh Lime Juice
2 teaspoons of Cajun Seasoning	¼ Cup grated Parmesan Cheese

1. Place the Linguine in a saucepan of water and bring to the boil, then simmer for about 12 minutes, until al dente.
2. Whilst the pasta is cooking, melt the butter with the olive oil in a frying pan and sauté the onion for 2-3 minutes. Then add the sliced red and green peppers and simmer until soft and tender.
3. Add the cream together with 1 clove crushed garlic, basil, salt, black pepper, sugar and lime juice and stir the mixture with the onions and peppers until warmed through.
4. When Linguine is cooked, drain and add to the cream and pepper mix in the frying pan. Stir into the sauce so that the pasta is even coated, and simmer on a very low heat, to keep warm, stirring occasionally.
5. Fry the king prawns in a little melted butter and crushed garlic, for approximately 3 minutes, until cooked through. Dust the prawns lightly with Cajun seasoning whilst cooking.
6. Serve the pasta and cream mixture, and place the prawns on top. Sprinkle with Parmesan Cheese, if desired.



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Uganda

Recently, Chris and I went to Uganda to see the charity work Chris's sister is doing. We visited two primary schools, with a view to linking them to schools in the UK. In one class 220 beautifully behaved children were being taught by one teacher. We took out books to give to the schools.

We saw an orphan project overseen by Moses. He had 80 children, who were placed in families. They are given shoes, uniform, books, mosquito nets etc and a live goat or turkey for the family. Once a month they are taught skills like mending shoes, making jewellery, rope-making etc so that one day they can earn some money.

We went to an Anglican service, which was packed with people, with others standing outside and which would be followed by another service to accommodate more. It was a moving experience.

We visited a technical school and saw their woodworking department. We took some saws for them, but they needed more tools.

We met an 18 year old girl called Miriam who could not go back to school because her mother could not pay the fees. We helped her and she was able to return to school. Primary schools are free, but secondary education is not. The rain has been disappointing both this year and last, so some crops have died and there is no money to buy more seeds.

80% of Ugandans are poor. Despite this they laugh and smile readily and dress in smart, clean clothes. When you see how little they have and how much we have, it is very humbling.

If you are interested in this charity work, you can find information about it on a website www.dolen-fermio.org.uk. My sister-in-law's group is called Dolen Llanbrynmair, but it is a young group, with no website as yet. Both come under the aegis of Wales for Africa, sponsored by the Welsh Assembly.

Mary Parkinson

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7.30pm**

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

Calling occupants for interplanetary, most extraordinary, craft

For those with a taste for adventure and the unknown, a Dutch company is planning a one-way trip to Mars and hoping to build a community of settlers on the planet. [Mars One](#) has already received thousands of prospective applicants, who must be resourceful and work well as a team. There is no return because during the seven-to-eight month journey, astronauts will lose bone and muscle mass and it would be almost impossible to readjust back to Earth's gravity. Solar panels will supply energy, water will be extracted from soil and the explorers will grow their own food. It will cost about £3.8bn to send the first group and the project will be televised worldwide.

Many questions have been asked about whether individuals could live on Mars, which is thought to be hostile to life as radiation levels are higher and temperatures vary. And what of the moral issues? If God set us down in a beautiful world with plenty to eat and drink, should we not be doing more to care for our own planet rather than leaving for new environments? If we were meant to live on Mars, would he not have put us there? The people leaving are likely to be young as the company will want the most they can get for their money, so are they 'playing God' in choosing which people go and is it responsible to leave the elderly and needy behind? Can it be right to spend billions on a project that may not work out when the world has serious economic issues?

On the other hand, God made us naturally curious about the unknown. Thanks to a desire for adventure and knowledge, explorers have made great discoveries from which we have benefited, often despite great danger: In 1776 Captain James Cook set sail to the Pacific Ocean and mapped the New Zealand coastline; In 1969 [Neil Armstrong](#) and [Edwin Aldrin](#) landed on the moon.

Throughout history, people have travelled in search of a better future: In Exodus we learn how God led the Israelites out of a life of hardship and slavery in Egypt to Canaan; in 1629 the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America to secure religious freedom for their families and descendents. Many have travelled to share their beliefs: In the Acts of the Apostles we read that Paul travelled through [Asia Minor](#), preaching throughout the region; and Augustine visited Kent in 597 AD. All prayerfully took a leap of faith, into unknown, and sometimes hostile, territories.

'By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.' Hebrews 11: 8

Nasa astronaut Stan Love Said "We've been dreaming about this (Mars) for 50 years. The moon was just supposed to be a stepping-stone to Mars... ...Exploring our world,

and now beyond is what humans do, it's in our genome. The settlers' dream of going to Mars will come true."

As well as satiating our natural curiosity, there is a more serious side to such a project. With a current population of over seven billion, we need to think carefully about the resources available to us all: Food prices are tipped to treble in the next 20 years; the first person to live to 1,000 is calculated to have already been born; and by 2050 there are likely to be over nine billion of us. We are told that we will need to change our diet as less animal protein will be available and rely on a higher ratio of vegetable matter. If we can provide more room and sustainable resources for our descendants on neighbouring planets, all part of God's creation, surely it seems an option worth investigating. I take my hat off to those brave enough to consider "boldly going where no man has gone before".

Here in Kent, in the Len Valley Benefice, such projects might seem irrelevant or far-fetched. We may not feel up for such extreme adventures as Mars One but we can all rise to the challenge of taking a leap of faith in our everyday lives. With God to guide and protect us we can prayerfully put aside our personal concerns about the unknown in the pursuit of improving life for those around us. It's alright if, as we face each challenge, we feel scarred or make mistakes along the way:

'for His power is made perfect in our weakness.' 2 Corinthians 12: 9

So go ahead: The 'one small step for man' that you make, may just turn out to be 'one giant leap for mankind.'

Pamela Cuerden

Music Notes, September 2013

Having taken a holiday in August, our local amateur players and singers are mostly busy rehearsing during September and as far as I can tell none of the major music groups in the area is publicising a concert in the month. The lunchtime concerts at All Saints' Maidstone will of course continue to the last Thursday in the month, when David Flood, the Canterbury Cathedral organist, will perform in aid of the cathedral restoration appeal; additionally I have been able to find some professional concerts for your consideration :

- Tues 17th Sept., 7.30pm in Canterbury cathedral – Harry Christopher's and The Sixteen perform their 13th choral pilgrimage with works by Palestrina, Allegri and McMilliau. Tickets 01227 787787
- Sat 21st Sept., 7.30pm at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone – "Hear the people sing", a quality presentation of a selection of modern London musicals by The WestEnders. Tickets 01622 758611

- Sun Sept 29th, 3.00pm at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford DA1 1ED- a concert by the famous Grimethorpe Colliery Band. Tickets 0132 2220000
Or (sorry, this clashes!)
- Sun 29th, 4.30pm at Rochester cathedral, a free organ recital (with retiring collection).
- Tuesday 1st October, 7.30pm at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford DA1 1ED – a performance of Verdi's *Aida* by the Chisinau National Opera from Moldova. Tickets 0132 2220000

Finally, may I remind you that "The proms" continue until the Last Night on Sat 7th September. Apart from the traditional last night items the programme for 7th includes a huge selection of popular works and features Nigel Kennedy performing Vaughn Williams's *The Lark Ascending*. Marin Alsop will be the first woman to conduct the Last Night. 7.30pm BBC2 (first half), 9.00pm approx BBC1 (second half).

Brian Hardy

Fellowship

The Oxford English Dictionary definition of fellowship is: *participation, sharing, community of interests*. Something of this nature is enjoyed by those who meet at Weirton Villa on Thursday mornings. As many know, we study the Bible and this may sound dull to those who have never come along to find out what happens.

Rather than dull this group, which began meeting in September 2007, has discovered the Scriptures to be interesting, relevant and stimulating. So far, beginning with a love story (Ruth) we have studied 7 books and various themes.

The group also has a more obvious practical side. Over a year ago our attention was drawn to the plight of the homeless and hungry in Maidstone. Thanks to the co-operation of Rob and Hazel Eastwood many Grafty residents have been able to leave gifts of non-perishable food in the shop. Every few weeks one of our members takes these boxes to the Day Centre in Maidstone. Recently we made a donation of £100 to their vital work.

Last but not least we pray at each meeting. If you have a prayer need or know of one please let me or one of the group know and we will bring them to God.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th September at 10.30 and we shall continue our studies in the Gospel of Mark which was the first to be written.

So do come along! Don't be shy! I can assure you of a warm welcome, coffee and biscuits, lots of talk and laughter. In other words: FELLOWSHIP.

Joan Drury 01622 853766 jdrury23@btinternet.com

Messy Church is back for the autumn term

Have you been to Messy Church yet? An hour of games, messy construction, paint, glue and glitter. Activities for boys and girls, babies and grandparents, toddlers and teens. Then a chance to gather round for songs, story and prayer. And finally a slap up tea for all the family. Church for families but on a Saturday afternoon at a time that suits you! So what are you waiting for! Here are our autumn dates and venues:

14th September:	Lenham church
12th October:	Ulcombe Village Hall
16th November:	Harrietsham School
14th December:	Lenham church

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8am Harrietsham BCP Holy
Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Worship
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Worship

**8th September – 15th Sunday
after Trinity (Blessed Virgin Mary)**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

**15th September – 16th Sunday
after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship

**22nd September – 17th Sunday
after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Family Worship
11am Lenham Family Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion

**29th September – Michael and All
Angels**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Ulcombe Benefice Praise
Service with Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

September Informal service

Come along to our September informal service where we will be studying the next line of the Lord's Prayer. This month we will be considering:

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory.

There will be an informal communion. The service will be at St John's Church, Harrietsham, on Sunday 29th September, at 6.30pm. Please bring your families and friends and join us for praise and worship. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you would like a lift to Church, please telephone 01622 859442. Everyone is welcome to join us in worship and praise!

If you would be interested in joining the planning group and contributing to the worship at future services, then please do let me know.

Pamela Cuerden

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bracelet	Lucky	School	Charm
2	Legal	Time	Upper	Limit
3	Berry	Flower	Statesman	Elder
4	Cock	Full	Watch	Stop
5	Area	Hound	Squirrel	Grey
6	Dart	Drawing	Score	Board
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14	Box	Lever	Top	Gear
15	Camera	Limit	Boat	Speed
16	Police	Master	Power	Station

	Find the missing word?
1	Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire home to Duke of Marlborough
2	Ringo Starr, Former drummer with The Beatles
3	Elvis Presley, Music legend who lived at Graceland
4	Stan Laurel, Comic legend with Oliver Hardy
5	Doc Martin, Cornish based medical drama
6	Alan Freeman, Late DJ nicknamed Fluff
7	Edith Piaf, French singer
8	Jonathan Swift, Author of Gulliver's Travels
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10	Peter O'Toole, Actor in Lawrence of Arabia



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