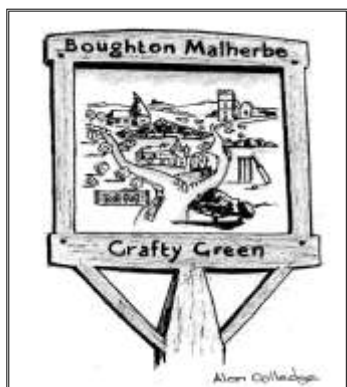


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**Front cover:** A photo of the duck family which successfully hatched in John Maunders garden recently. The photograph shows the mother, with seven of her ten ducklings, making her first attempt to escape. She succeeded the second time!

## **News from St. Nicholas Church**

**Ride and Stride** - The Friends of Kent Churches annual Bike, Ride and Walk will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am-6.00pm.

We would be very grateful if some people would be prepared to walk or cycle to help raise money for the Friends of Kent Churches and St. Nicholas. Sponsorship forms are available from Joan Davidson on 01622 850210. (We can help getting sponsors for you.) There is a list of churches that will be open on the day which will help plan your route. The money raised is sent to the Friends and half the amount raised is returned to your Church, thereby helping both themselves and the Church. The Friends use the money for grants to help churches with major repairs to their buildings. We also need people to be welcomers at St. Nicholas, dividing the day into hour or two hour sessions. The welcomers can also be sponsored.

**Morning Prayer** - will start again this month - the first one being at St. Nicholas at 9.30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This takes about half an hour and you would be most welcome to come along and join in. They are held alternately between St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe and All Saints, Ulcombe.

**Cream Teas** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September will be our last Cream Teas this year. We have had a very successful time - raising over a £1,000 already - which is very good as we have had to increase the amount of Parish Share due to Canterbury and the money raised will help us keep solvent.

We are proposing to give the amount taken at the last Cream Tea towards the new toilet facility that we hope to install at St. Nicholas in the not too distant future. We have been granted a faculty to allow us to do this work. So please come along on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or the 9<sup>th</sup> to support us.

**Harvest Supper** - will be held a little earlier this year on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 in the Village Hall, Grafty Green at 7.30pm for 8.00pm for the meal. There will be a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets will be £7.50 available from Janet Collins on 01622 850213 and the Post Office Stores. This event is usually a most enjoyable evening - get your tickets early so as not to be disappointed.

**Joan Davidson**

### **The Barnside Hanging Basket Competition**

I have much pleasure in announcing the winner of the Best Hanging Basket Competition. The standard this year was particularly high which made the decision very difficult. The judges felt that the interesting use of weeds in Mr Thompson's basket was perhaps a little too innovative so Mrs Jackie Thompson's minimalist display was awarded the title.

**Janet & Steve Legon**

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

## **The Kings Head Grafty Green**

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Coaching Inn  
haunted by  
"Dover Bill" -  
the Highwayman!**



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Lunches and Suppers**

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**Contact Ami Rathmill**

**07967 128056**

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### **Yoga Classes for September and October Grafty Green Village Hall**

Yoga helps to develop suppleness, strength and stamina and to concentrate the mind together with aiding relaxation. Practicing yoga enables all the body's muscles to be worked but avoiding over-training specific muscle groups; balance, posture, agility and grace can all be achieved through yoga.

Yoga is suitable for all ages, men and women; no previous experience is necessary.

**Term dates:- Wednesday evening 7 - 8.30 pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday morning 9.30 – 11 am**

**13<sup>th</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> October**

*7 week course - £42 or drop in £8 a session.*

If you would like to register your interest please contact me on the following  
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**Susan Burch**

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

| Date          | Event/Speaker                    | Subject                                       |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sept 4</b> | <b>Autumn Show - Neil Coombs</b> | <b>Vintage Trees</b>                          |
| Oct 2         | Veronica Moore                   | Horticultural Therapy                         |
| Nov 6         | Sue Buckingham                   | Wild flowers of the Mediterranean             |
| Dec 4         | Social – Tom La Dell             | Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden |

On the evening of September 4<sup>th</sup> we are holding our Autumn Show in the village hall. Entries can be bought along from 7.00pm and will be judged following a talk by Neil Coombs on Vintage Trees.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. For information about this event or the Gardening Club telephone Rosemary Smith on (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch on (01622) 850381.

## **News From Ulcombe Village School**

### **A New School Year Gets Underway**

What a summer it has been! The Olympics and Paralympics will surely have inspired many people – young, old and in between – to get active. We certainly hope that the children here at Ulcombe CE Primary School will take advantage of the clubs and activities that will be on offer. We will shortly have new playground markings to help the children enjoy their playtimes even more and stay active.

### **The Library Project**

The development of the school remains a high priority, and many of you will have seen the 'For Sale' board alongside the disused adventure trail. For those of you who are concerned following recent coverage in the media of this issue, Kent County Council is selling land that is surplus to the school. The level of physical activity will not be affected in anyway. We still have our large playing field which is far greater than many other schools in the county and the country. The latest news, at the time of writing, is that the agents are waiting for KCC to agree on the preferred bid. We are optimistic that this will move forward with greater speed during the coming weeks, enabling us to further improve our great school.

### **Congratulations to the Hargrave Family**

Mr and Mrs Hargrave receive our congratulations on the birth of their third child this summer. (Some of you may remember Mrs Hargrave joining the staff as Miss Lillyman.) We send our best wishes to the whole family including the newest addition, a baby daughter, Charlotte.

### **Friends of Ulcombe School**

Looking ahead to the autumn, the plans are in place for a Family Bingo Night on Saturday 29th September, starting at 5.30pm. This will be a joint event with the Village Hall. Please put the date in your diary now. Make sure you have your name down for this event, which I know will be an extremely enjoyable evening.

### **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 a sports club to looking after our grounds, please contact us and let us know how you think you can help. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **And finally ...**

We must already start thinking about next 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.

**Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.***

# 'For You Only' Christmas Craft Fair!

9<sup>th</sup> December 2012



Grafty Green Village Hall ME17 2BA

10am – 4pm

Handmade Crafts to purchase for  
loved ones!

For the Children...

Sand Painting, Biscuit Decorating, Games,  
Colouring, and a ***Story Teller!***

For the Grown Ups...

Cake Stalls, Jewellery, Cards, Gifts, HUGE  
Raffle, Tea and Coffee, Mince Pies, and much  
more!

## **59 Bus Route**

The last meeting of the East of Maidstone Rural Transport Group was held on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Following the changes to the service in April (Grafty Green not really affected) and KCC picking up the funding for the 0721 to Maidstone on Monday to Friday non-school days and the 17.25 from Maidstone on Mondays to Fridays, the 59 service is now said by the Arriva representative to be performing financially very well and no further changes are seen to be needed.

I asked that the 12.20 from Maidstone on Mondays to Fridays should now return in service to Maidstone, as it always used to, instead of returning 'not in service', as the reason for it having to get back to Maidstone quickly no longer existed after the service changes in April. The Arriva rep agreed to consider this suggestion which had the support of the other parishes present.

The KCC rep advised that there were no current plans for subsidy withdrawals for financial year 2012 –13 but stressed that pressures on the budget during this time (resulting from commercial service withdrawals e.t.c) could change this situation. Awareness therefore needs to be given to the fact that the joint 13,59,28,29 Saturday contract could be under threat if such pressures were forthcoming. He agreed to advise the group as soon as possible if such a scenario was likely.

The Saturday contract is due for renewal from April 2014 and the KCC rep confirmed that any decision on a reworked contract would take place in the summer of 2013 ready for the new contract start date of April 2014 and that the group could be involved in any such discussions.

New buses are due in Maidstone in the next few months which should enable all buses on the 59 to be worked by low floor (easy access) vehicles from Feb next year.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 14th January 2013.

**John Collins**



## Mondays to Fridays

| Service No                           | School Days Only |      | School Days Only |      |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------|------------------|------|
|                                      | 59               | 66   | 59               | 59   |
| Maidstone, King Street               | 1220             | See  | 1610             | 1725 |
| Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4 | 1222             | Note | 1612             | 1727 |
| Wheatsheaf, Loose Road               | 1229             | 1    | 1619             | 1734 |
| Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill    | 1233             | .... | 1623             | 1738 |
| Linton Corner                        | 1237             | .... | 1627             | 1742 |
| Cornwallis Academy                   | ....             | 1505 | ....             | .... |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Albion          | 1242             | .... | 1632             | 1747 |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn        | 1245             | 1509 | 1635             | 1750 |
| Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head         | 1248             | 1512 | 1638             | 1753 |
| Warmlake Corner                      | 1251             | 1515 | 1641             | 1756 |
| Kingswood, Ashford Drive             | 1259             | 1523 | 1649             | 1804 |
| Kingswood, Village Hall              | ....             | 1525 | ....             | 1806 |
| Ulcombe, Post Office                 | 1306             | 1530 | 1656             | 1811 |
| Grafty Green, Kings Head             | 1313             | .... | 1703             | 1818 |
| Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle          | ....             | 1535 | ....             | .... |
| Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by       | ....             | 1544 | ....             | .... |
| Sutton Valence, The Harbour          | ....             | 1549 | ....             | .... |

## Saturdays

| 59      |      |      |      |
|---------|------|------|------|
| 0838    | 1241 | 1525 | 1755 |
| 0840    | 1243 | 1527 | 1757 |
| 0847    | 1250 | 1534 | 1804 |
| via     | 1254 | 1538 | 1806 |
| Sutton  | 1258 | 1542 | 1812 |
| Road    | .... | .... | .... |
| and     | 1303 | 1547 | 1817 |
| Langley | 1306 | 1550 | 1820 |
| ....    | 1309 | 1553 | 1823 |
| 0859    | 1312 | 1556 | 1826 |
| 0907    | 1320 | .... | 1834 |
| 0909    | 1322 | 1604 | 1836 |
| 0914    | 1327 | .... | 1841 |
| 0921    | 1334 | .... | 1848 |
| ....    | .... | .... | .... |
| ....    | .... | .... | .... |

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## Grafty Green - Kingswood - Chart Sutton - Maidstone

## Mondays to Fridays

| Service No                       | School Days Only |      | School Days Only |      | Note 1 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------|------------------|------|--------|
|                                  | 59               | 59   | 66               | 59   |        |
| Sutton Valence, The Harbour      | ....             | .... | 0731             | .... | ....   |
| Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by        | ....             | .... | 0736             | .... | ....   |
| Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle      | ....             | .... | 0745             | .... | ....   |
| Grafty Green, Kings Head         | 0710             | 0721 | ....             | 0930 | ....   |
| Ulcombe, Post Office             | 0717             | 0729 | 0750             | 0937 | ....   |
| Kingswood, Village Hall          | 0722             | 0733 | 0754             | 0942 | ....   |
| Kingswood, Ashford Drive         | 0725             | 0736 | 0757             | 0944 | ....   |
| Warmlake Corner                  | 0731             | 0742 | 0801             | 0950 | ....   |
| Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head     | 0735             | 0745 | 0804             | 0953 | ....   |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn    | 0738             | 0749 | 0807             | 0956 | ....   |
| Boughton Monchelsea, Albion      | 0741             | 0751 | ....             | 0958 | ....   |
| Cornwallis Academy               | ....             | .... | 0820             | .... | ....   |
| Linton Corner                    | 0746             | 0756 | ....             | 1003 | ....   |
| Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill | 0750             | 0800 | ....             | 1006 | ....   |
| Wheatsheaf, Loose Road           | 0756             | 0806 | ....             | 1012 | ....   |
| Maidstone, King Street           | ....             | 0814 | ....             | 1020 | ....   |
| Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station  | 0808             | .... | ....             | .... | ....   |
| London Road, Somerfield Hospital | 0817             | .... | ....             | .... | ....   |
| Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park     | 0826             | .... | ....             | .... | ....   |

## Saturdays

| 59   |      |      |         |
|------|------|------|---------|
| 0733 | 0923 | 1336 | ....    |
| 0740 | 0930 | 1343 | ....    |
| 0745 | 0935 | 1348 | 1604    |
| 0747 | 0937 | 1350 | 1606    |
| 0753 | 0943 | 1356 | 1612    |
| 0756 | 0946 | 1359 | via     |
| 0759 | 0949 | 1402 | Langley |
| 0802 | 0952 | 1405 | and     |
| .... | .... | .... | Sutton  |
| 0807 | 0957 | 1410 | Road    |
| 0811 | 1001 | 1414 | ....    |
| 0815 | 1005 | 1418 | 1624    |
| 0820 | 1013 | 1426 | 1632    |
| .... | .... | .... | ....    |
| .... | .... | .... | ....    |

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## Village Hall News



### We are having a **'Phil' the Bag** fundraising collection!

As mentioned in last month's magazine, we are repeating our fund-raising event 'Phil The Bag', where we are paid for any old clothes, shoes, belts, bags and other textile products (other than off-cuts, carpets and bedding items like pillows and duvets) which we can gather together.

Anything still usable finds its way to developing countries and the rest is re-cycled. We have now agreed the date and time on which your bagged cast-offs can be brought to the Village Hall and it is **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, between 11.00 and 12.30.** So, until then, THROW NOTHING AWAY! Keep all your unwanted textile products (whatever their condition) and we will deliver a bag to you all in due course which we would ask you to fill and bring along to the Hall. Teas and coffees will be available, so come along, have a natter with whoever else turns up and make it a social occasion!

We are working hard to improve the Hall and its facilities and we've been trying out prospective **new chairs** over the last few months (as you will know if you've visited the Hall when we've had samples 'on test'). Sadly, some of the most comfortable turned out to be either too heavy to move easily or too bulky to fit around our tables or to store, so compromises have had to be made, but we hope you will approve of our final choice. The new chairs, which will be delivered during this coming month, are similar to the old ones, but have padded seats and backs and are significantly more comfortable. If you know of anyone who could make use of our 90+ old chairs, please get in touch with me. We would be happy to see them go to a good home, for just a small donation to our funds.

During last month, Hall committee members began the process of applying fresh preservative to the outside walls of the Hall and re-painting the window frames. Such regular maintenance is, of course, necessary if we are to keep the Hall in good condition, but it's a long job and not finished yet. We plan to continue on **Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.** If you could offer any help, we'd be very grateful. Just turn up at any time after 9.30 and you'll be welcomed with open (paint-covered) arms!

Finally, as we put the finishing touches to our programme of events for the Autumn and Spring, it is not too late to tell us what you have enjoyed in the past and what you would like to see in the future. My email address is below.

**Richard Pilborough,**  
**Hall Committee Chairman**  
**email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com**

## Music Notes - September

After a "fallow" period for rest, holiday and watching the Olympics, local musicians will start rehearsing again in September, but this will not result in much in the way of public performance until later in the year. A major exception is the Kent County Youth Orchestra which rehearses in the Summer and has its concert on September 1st. Also All Saints' Church Maidstone continues its season of lunchtime concerts. These are held at 1.05pm every Thursday until 29<sup>th</sup> September. Entry is FREE but at each concert there is a retiring collection in aid of a local charity. So my recommendations for the month are:

- Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm at Mote Hall , Maidstone. Kent County Youth Orchestra perform Rachmaninov's *Symphony No.2* and Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. Details 01622 358402
- Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at All Saints' church Ulcombe. Trumpet & Organ recital to commemorate the anniversary of the installation of the organ. Details 01622 844325
- Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road Folkestone, CT20 2HQ. Organ recital by Trinity Organists. Details tel: 01303 221130
- Go to one or more events of the Rye Arts Festival, which runs from 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September and includes a full programme of evening and lunchtime classical concerts, plus a fully staged performance of *Così fan Tutti*. Information from 07790 193000 or [www.ryeartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.ryeartsfestival.co.uk).
- Spend a Thursday lunchtime at All Saints' Maidstone.

**Brian Hardy**

## Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

### Grafty Green

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October      15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

### Platts Heath

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October      14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

### Ulcombe

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October      09:25 - 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

## **Grafty Gourmet**

Having been to only 3 BBQ's this summer, we are promised an Indian Summer (apparently). So dust the cobwebs from the BBQ and try this very easy yet tasty recipe. The chicken served with fresh pineapple and bacon salsa is refreshing with a hint of smokiness from the bacon.

### **BBQ Chicken with Pineapple & Bacon Salsa - Serves 4**

4 skinless chicken breasts  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
2 cups of your favourite barbecue sauce  
Olive oil, for brushing the BBQ grill

For the Pineapple Bacon Salsa:

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 cups diced fresh pineapple     | Jalapeno pepper           |
| 4 strips cooked bacon, chopped   | 1 clove garlic, minced    |
| 1/2 cup chopped Coriander        | Juice of 1 large lime     |
| 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion | Salt and pepper, to taste |
| 3 tablespoons finely chopped     |                           |

1. Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Place the chicken breasts in a large freezer bag. Add the barbecue sauce and mix until breasts are covered. Let the chicken marinate in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

2. Make the Pineapple Bacon Salsa in a medium sized bowl. Combine pineapple, bacon, coriander, red onion, jalapeno, garlic, and lime juice. Stir until well combined. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

3. When the chicken has marinated, brush the grill on the BBQ at medium-high heat with olive oil. Remove the chicken breasts from the bag and place on the grill. Discard the leftover barbecue sauce and the bag.

4. BBQ chicken until cooked through, about 5 minutes per side. Remove from grill and serve warm with the Pineapple Bacon Salsa

## News from Platts Heath Primary School



### *Where small works*

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun! It's hard to believe it but already the summer holidays are over and an exciting new school year has begun.

Welcome back to all the children, teachers and parents of Platts Heath Primary School and an extra special welcome to our new Reception year children and Miss Francis. Miss Francis is our new Early Years teacher and joins us from a school in Canterbury. We look forward to seeing her and all the children settle quickly into life at our school.

New class names have been picked and this year we have *drawn* inspiration from great British artists:

Year R & 1 are **Lowry** class, after Laurence Stephen Lowry,

Year 2 & 3 are **Wallis** class, after Alfred Wallis and;

Year 4, 5 & 6 are **Turner** class, after Joseph Mallord William Turner

This term the children will be choosing a new school council. The school council is voted for by the children and comprises of a child from each year. The school council enables the children to voice their ideas and opinions, suggest places to visit on school trips, which charities to support and discuss new school equipment.

At the end of last term I had the pleasure of interviewing some of the children from the school. The aim was to find out what they enjoyed most about school and what they would like to improve. On the list of improvements were "a zip wire, a trampoline and go karts". Well, unfortunately we couldn't really accommodate these request as I think we would seriously fail any kind of Health and Safety assessment!! However, we did also have a very healthy request from our Key Stage 2 children; and that was that they would like to eat more fruit. So, starting from this term we are introducing Munchy Mondays and Fruity Fridays. This will provide all the children with a healthy break-time snack and possibly even introduce them to fruit that they may not have tried before.

Thinking of moving, or recently moved to the area? Please give us a call to see if there are spaces available or come and visit our friendly little school. Our website address is: [www.platts-heath.kent.sch.uk/](http://www.platts-heath.kent.sch.uk/) or email us [office@platts-heath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@platts-heath.kent.sch.uk)

**Emma Wilkins – Parent Governor**

### **A Night of Nostalgia**

Recalling memories from the past with a series of short films covering the period from the mid-1800s up to the 1950s

Saturday October 13th ; 7pm for 7.30pm

At : Headcorn Village Hall

Tickets £7.50 from Headcorn Deli, on the door or phone 01795 890 324

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

|    | Find the missing word?  |
|----|---|
| 1  | _____ Lace, Big Bopper hit  |
| 2  | James _____, Yorkshire veterinary surgeon   |
| 3  | _____ Hailey, Rock & Roll pioneer   |
| 4  | _____ Bowl, American football final   |
| 5  | Keith _____, Keyboardist who joined Greg Lake and Karl Palmer in the 70's - a noted rock supergroup |
| 6  | _____and Shout, Up tempo Beatles hit  |
| 7  | Cheryl _____, Singer with pop group Buck's Fizz   |
| 8  | _____ Pitney, 1960's singer   |
| 9  | Elvis _____ Presley, The King's middle name   |
| 10 | _____ Love, 1964 hit for The Supremes   |



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## **Parish Council Funding**

You may have seen in the media that there are changes afoot regarding Parish Council Funding. Indeed, changes have already been imposed which have resulted in the amount BMPC (and other parish councils) receive from Maidstone Borough Council, being reduced. And it could be about to get much worse.

Up until two years ago, Parishes, on average, obtained about one-third of their funding via a grant from Maidstone Borough Council – the Concurrent Functions Grant. The remainder came from Precept, a “local tax” added to Council Tax bills, collected by MBC and then passed to the relevant Parish Council.

The Concurrent Functions Grant scheme was established in the early 1970’s and updated some 25 years ago, its aim was to recognise that Parishes directly provide certain services that the Borough provides in non-parished (generally urban) areas and therefore parishes should be recompensed so that they do not pay twice for the same service – that is, “double-taxation” through Council Tax and, separately, through local Precept for the same service.

However, the Concurrent Functions Grant is now under threat and the scheme may be abolished and replaced with a “Parish Services Scheme”. Under that proposed scheme it would appear that each parish council would get a much reduced amount. What that means for us in Boughton Malherbe is that where as now, the Precept we pay in our Council Tax is in the region of £9 per year (varying dependant on property band) an early estimate suggests that this could increase up to three-fold.

Rest assured that your Parish Council is not taking this lightly and has joined forces with other Parish Councils to work towards a fairer way forward. I write to explain the background to what is going on and will keep you fully informed.

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Select the people you want to talk to from the Contacts List by holding down the “Ctrl” key (bottom left-hand side of the keyboard) which will allow you to select more than one person.

Once you have them in a group you will notice that the Call button changes to a Group Call, so you can now select that and it will call everyone at the same time.

You will see the people you have selected in the display at the top right of the Skype screen. If the person hasn't got a picture they will appear as a ? When they talk their picture will flash.

You can also drag the people you want to make a group call with into the display box at the top of the call page, then make a call.

If you are talking to someone already and then decide to add someone, you can just select them and add them to the call.

You **will not** be able to do Video calls with groups unless you pay a subscription to Skype.



### Instant Messages

You can send instant messages to people using in Skype.

Select the person you wish to send a message to in the Contacts List, then in the bottom of the right-hand screen, type your message, then click on the Blue Speech Balloon, or just press Enter on the keyboard to send the message.



If they are not available they will see the message when they next open Skype. You can also add an Emotion to your message 😊

This is very useful if you want to check that someone is available for a Skype call. It is also good when you want to make a comment to one of the people in a Group Call. Remember to make sure you select the person you want the message to go to, otherwise you may send something inappropriate to the group that was only meant for one person.

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

|    | Word 1     | Word 2   | Word 3 | Answer                |
|----|------------|----------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1  | Sweeper    | Magic    | Bag    | <b>Carp</b> <b>et</b> |
| 2  | Screen     | Under    | Ghost  |                       |
| 3  | Varnish    | Biting   | Toe    |                       |
| 4  | Garden     | Search   | Labour |                       |
| 5  | Fantastic  | Lime     | High   |                       |
| 6  | Book       | Golden   | Over   |                       |
| 7  | Tower      | Marker   | Stop   |                       |
| 8  | History    | Super    | Gas    |                       |
| 9  | Marathon   | Front    | Bean   |                       |
| 10 | Languages  | Post     | Art    |                       |
| 11 | Through    | Island   | Jam    |                       |
| 12 | Volleyball | Combing  | Buggy  |                       |
| 13 | School     | Property | Sector |                       |
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| 16 | Master     | Three    | Back   |                       |

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## The September Night Sky

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

**New Moon** occurs on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, and **Full Moon** is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Mercury** is in superior conjunction (almost directly behind the Sun) on 10<sup>th</sup> September, so we will not be able to see this elusive little planet this month.

**Venus** is rising in the north-east in the early hours, and by dawn the brilliant "Morning Star" will be well up in the eastern sky. Relative to the stars, it is moving rapidly eastwards out of Gemini and into the constellation of Leo. Very little detail can be seen through a telescope apart from a rather featureless white disc.

**Mars** is very low in the western sky at dusk, and throughout September sets only a couple of hours after sunset. Again it will be difficult to see in the twilight.

**Jupiter** rises in the northeast in the late evening, and is high in the eastern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly eastward in the constellation of Taurus. Through a telescope you may be able to see the dark and light bands, and some of Jupiter's four major moons.

**Saturn** is low in the western sky at sunset and sets only an hour after the Sun, It will, therefore, not be easy to view in the bright twilight sky. The planet will disappear behind the Sun next month.

I know that most of you would have read about NASA's Curiosity Rover, which successfully landed on Mars on 6<sup>th</sup> August. The curiosity Rover, which was launched from Earth on 26<sup>th</sup> November last year, travelled 352 million miles in 8½ months, and landed on the surface of Mars after a carefully executed entry at 13,200mph.

The Rover, which is virtually a mobile laboratory, is 10ft x 9ft x 7ft high, and weighs 2000lbs. With its six large wheels it will be able to move across the surface of the 'Red Planet'. The Curiosity's goal is to scour for basic ingredients essential for life, including carbon, nitrogen, phosphorous, sulphur and oxygen. The main aim for future missions is to bring back to Earth samples of rock and soil for detailed analysis in order to determine whether Mars may have supported life.

**John Maunder**





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## **All Saints Church Ulcombe**

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**10.30 – 2pm**

This is an opportunity for you to buy the best of local produce as well as some excellent crafts. Stalls will include meats, vegetables, fruit, pickles, preserves, honey, woodcarving and quilting to name but a few!. If you yourself have a craft and would like to have a stall do please contact me on the number below. There is a small charge for stallholders. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available.

The money raised will go towards the new church roof. Unfortunately the roof has now reached the end of its useful life and needs replacing. We have been given permission to use an alternative metal, which will mean we will not be a target for lead thefts in the future, but even a substitute metal will cost £90,000. So more fund raising events will be on their way!

More details on the Fair will be in next month's edition. If you have any queries or would like to contribute to the event please contact me.

**Rita Strutt**

**01622 844325, [strutt465@btinternet.com](mailto:strutt465@btinternet.com)**

# **Smarden Charity Christmas Cards and Gifts Sale**

## **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

I am taking part in what is a long established event held every year at The Charter Hall in Smarden. I will be raising funds for the Maidstone Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Up to 20 different charities gather to offer their latest cards, novelty gifts and stocking fillers to all-comers. Some are national charities e.g. Save The Children, RNLI, Cancer Research and Guide Dogs for the Blind, but many are local organisations and branches of charities. There will be a room filled with (early) Christmas cheer, seasonal gifts and the opportunity for festive retail therapy in abundance! There will of course be the expected competitions and raffles with some good prizes to enjoy!

Take a drive through some lovely countryside out to Smarden. It's only 15 miles from Maidstone. The Charter Hall is a wonderful venue and the hall has good access and facilities. A hot lunch will be available courtesy of the local WI (i.e. an excellent choice of hot soups, sandwiches and cakes!!). It all makes for a lovely outing and obviously will raise money for all those charities attending. Last year raised £4,000 for these worthy causes. So do please try to come .

The postcode for the Charter Hall is TN27 8NF (for Sat-Nav users) and the doors open from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Banners are posted to direct you once you arrive in the village.

**Yvonne Keeling**

### **Messy Church**

A new year of Messy Church is just about to start. Come along to St John's Harrietsham for our combined Fete and Messy Church from 2 - 5 on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> . For your diaries, dates until Christmas are Oct 20<sup>th</sup> , Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

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## Christian Message September 2012

### Maidstone Street Pastors

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It has been fantastic to witness the change in people's attitude towards the Church & us in general. When I first stated going out in 2009, some were still a little suspicious of our motives and saw us as the local do-gooders. It would have been easy in those first few months to admit defeat & give up, but we carried on regardless, knowing that God had called each & every one of us to this Ministry. Now some 4 years after Maidstone Street Pastors was launched I feel we are a more understood & respected part of the night-time economy. We have even been asked by the police to pray for certain areas of the town that have been particular hotspots for trouble!! Many of the door staff will talk to us about problems in their personal lives & ask us to pray for them, the homeless know that they can count on us for the odd hot drink or sandwich, but more importantly we will listen to them & care for them. It is not unusual now to hear the youngsters say "that's the Church people, they're the ones you can trust, they're the ones that will look after us later" they will high five you as they walk past or they will run up & give you a hug & thank you for taking care of them sometime before. So you see seeds are being planted, no matter how small & who knows where a small act of kindness & love will lead. How great it is to see God's Spirit at work on our streets & how amazing it is to see prayers being answered (sometimes instantaneously) week after week.

I would like to leave you with this thought; Street Pastors don't go out to preach, it is not our place to condemn or judge we simply take God's love out on our streets. In 1 John 4 v 7 it says **"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."** As Christians, I believe it really should be that simple.

There are now 2 Street Pastors & 5 Prayer Pastors in the Len Valley Benefice, but more are always welcome. If you are interested please do not hesitate to call me or look at the Maidstone street pastors website for more info.

**Angie Collins**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Benefice Family Celebration with Archdeacon Stephen Taylor  
who will dedicate the new doors and servery

**9<sup>th</sup> September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**16<sup>th</sup> September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

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There will not be any main morning services in St. Mary's Lenham, St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe or All Saints Ulcombe on Sunday 2nd September, instead please join us for a special Family Celebration Service in St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham at 9.30am, when the new doors and servery will be dedicated, everyone across the Benefice is invited.

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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|    | <b>Word 1</b> | <b>Word 2</b> | <b>Word 3</b> | <b>Answer</b> |
| 1  | Sweeper       | Magic         | Bag           | Carpet        |
| 2  | Screen        | Under         | Ghost         | Writer        |
| 3  | Varnish       | Biting        | Toe           | Nail          |
| 4  | Garden        | Search        | Labour        | Party         |
| 5  | Fantastic     | Lime          | High          | Light         |
| 6  | Book          | Golden        | Over          | Rule          |
| 7  | Tower         | Marker        | Stop          | Watch         |
| 8  | History       | Super         | Gas           | Natural       |
| 9  | Marathon      | Front         | Bean          | Runner        |
| 10 | Languages     | Post          | Art           | Modern        |
| 11 | Through       | Island        | Jam           | Traffic       |
| 12 | Volleyball    | Combining     | Buggy         | Beach         |
| 13 | School        | Property      | Sector        | Private       |
| 14 | Pigeon        | Piano         | Toad          | Stool         |
| 15 | Swallower     | Broad         | Fish          | Sword         |
| 16 | Master        | Three         | Back          | Quarter       |

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|    | <b>Find the missing word?</b>  |
| 1  | <b>Chantilly</b> Lace, Big Bopper hit  |
| 2  | <b>James Herriot</b> , Yorkshire veterinary surgeon  |
| 3  | <b>Bill Haley</b> , Rock & Roll pioneer  |
| 4  | <b>Super Bowl</b> , American football final  |
| 5  | <b>Keith Emerson</b> , Keyboardist who joined Greg Lake and<br>Karl Palmer in the 70's - a noted rock supergroup |
| 6  | <b>Twist and Shout</b> , Up tempo Beatles hit  |
| 7  | <b>Cheryl Baker</b> , Singer with pop group Buck's Fizz  |
| 8  | <b>Gene Pitney</b> , 1960's singer   |
| 9  | Elvis <b>Aaron</b> Presley, The King's middle name   |
| 10 | <b>Baby Love</b> , 1964 hit for The Supremes   |



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