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**Front cover:**

One of the Flower displays at the Flower Festival at Boughton Malherbe Church

“God gave us the harvest and the glowing shades of autumn”

Display by Sylvia Evans – Photo by John Collins

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

### **Harvest Flower Festival & Harvest Festival**

What a week-end we had! The Church was humming with chatter and laughter all week-end - wonderful.

Our thanks are due to everyone who supported this event and to all those who helped to make the week-end a great success. The Church looked fantastic. The flowers were wonderful with every corner brimming over with flowers and fruit. The theme was harvest and the arrangers had a great time finding suitable quotes etc. to describe their arrangements. You could hardly see the pulpit or the font for flowers. Some of the arrangements were large and flamboyant and others simple with clear lines. Very, very striking. We did not forget the wild animals harvest either, as they rush around the hedgerows gathering nuts and berries for their stores. We even had a mini harvest scene complete with combine harvester and trailer full of corn - the children loved that one. The catering team did us proud with coffee, tea, biscuits, cakes and ploughman's lunches: very appropriate for a Harvest Festival.

On Saturday evening we had a concert, which was extremely good, with soloist, violinists, a wonderful Celtic harp, poetry and a group of singers called Rob's Recruits (a group from The Tenterden Singers). On Sunday we had Harvest Eucharist and Songs of Praise in the evening (compiled by Joan Drury and Rev. Tony Old) followed by an auction of the produce. The proceeds of the auction will go to Demelza House Children's Hospice. We made £136 at the auction and over £1,000 for the week-end, which will go into the Fabric Fund. Thanks are also due to all those who sponsored the event. Many of the flower arrangers sponsored their own arrangements, which helped enormously in adding to the success of the festival. Thank you, thank you everyone. We even had a sponsored portaloo for the week-end.

### **Licensing of our new Priest Reverend Doctor Dick Venn**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 we welcomed our new priest, Dick Venn to the benefice with a service in St. Mary's Lenham at which the Bishop of Dover the Rt. Rev: Stephen Venner officiated with the Archdeacon Philip Down and the Area Dean. Dick was licensed as a Priest-in-Charge.

St. Mary's was packed with people from across the benefice and parishioners from Holy Trinity, Margate, where Dick was curate, together with people from the Carpenter's Arms Group in Sandwich where Dick was very involved before training for the priesthood. The Mayor of Maidstone and her husband attended, escorted by Mr. Robert Hilton, one of our Lay Readers. Representatives from the Parish Councils,

schools and various other organisations of the benefice were also present. Many priests from the Deanery and our neighbouring parishes and other clergy known to Dick attended. Priests from other religious denominations within the benefice offered words of welcome.

It was a lovely service with hymns chosen by Dick Venn. Representatives of all the choirs of the benefice formed a choir. All eight churchwardens were present holding their Wands of Office; their job being to protect the Bishop and welcome the new priest. After the service there was a buffet supper with each church contributing to the food and wine. Thanks are due to John Arthur and Valerie for allowing us to use the area around the Tithe Barn; to the community centre for opening their car park for parking and to the residents of Church Square for allowing a very superior portaloo to be parked in the Square.

**Joan Davidson**

### **Flower Festival – Some of the arrangements are featured below**



‘Variety is the spice of life’ – Arrangement by Sandra Pilborough





‘We plough the fields and scatter’  
Arrangement by Sylvia Close and Jos Wickens



‘You crown the year with your bounty’ – Arrangement by Sally Alexander

## **ANY BRIGHT IDEAS – ANOTHER UPDATE**

The following ideas have now been proposed.

- A water supply for the church
- A toilet for the church. Only possible with a water supply
- Disabled access for the church
- Improve footpaths with kissing gates to replace stiles
- Publish a book on parish history with a free copy to each parish household

Each idea will be assessed for practicality, obstacles, cost, funding sources and chances of success.

This could take a while to research as a spare time job. So if there are any volunteers out there willing to help please call Ron Galton on 850369.

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

**QUIZMASTER JOHN NYE**

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## **The Grafty Gourmet**

This month's recipe is another very simple, but yet very tasty dish to make. It serves 4 people, and I find best served with fresh vegetables and fried diced potatoes. It can also be served with rice or pasta.

### **CHICKEN WITH CREAMY TARRAGON SAUCE**

(Serves 4)

30g Butter

4 Chicken Breast Fillets

¼ Cup of Dry White Wine

1 Tablespoon of Brandy

250g of Baby Mushrooms (sliced)

1 Cup of Thick Cream

1 Tablespoon of Chopped Fresh Chives

1 Tablespoon of Dried Tarragon

1. Heat the butter in the pan, until melted. Add the chicken breasts and cook turning occasionally until slightly golden in colour and cooked through.
2. Add the wine, brandy and mushrooms, and cook stirring, until the mushrooms are soft.
3. Remove the chicken from the pan.
4. Stir in the cream and herbs into the wine, brandy and mushroom mixture, and bring to the boil whilst stirring. Then simmer uncovered for 7 minutes, or until sauce is slightly thickened.
5. Serve sauce over chicken.

**The Grafty Gourmet**



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

	Find the missing word?
1	Elkie _____, Had a hit with Pearls a Singer
2	_____ Peppard, Actor who played Hannibal Smith in the A-Team
3	Gary _____, Lead Singer with Take That
4	_____ Carey, Who sang Against all Odds
5	Peter _____, Actor in To The Manor Born
6	Dian _____, Zoologist played by Sigourney Weaver
7	_____ John, Candle In The Wind singer
8	Amy _____, Back to Black singer
9	_____ Darling, Chancellor of the Exchequer
10	Terry _____, Breakfast show host on BBC 2 Radio

**Grafty Green Heating Oil Syndicate**

Grafty Green has its own Heating Oil Syndicate. We have over 200 members who benefit from cheaper Heating Oil when ordered in bulk. If you are prepared to buy at least 500 Litres 3 or 4 times a year and are fed up with Oil Tankers trundling through your village every week causing damage to our roads, not to mention the environmental cost and you want to join, email [europa.13@btinternet.com](mailto:europa.13@btinternet.com) or call Keith Anderson on 01622 858350. We now reach out to over 25 villages in the Ashford and Maidstone area. This club is non profit making.

**Keith Anderson**

## **Grafty Garden Cuttings – November**

Gorgeous autumn colours and a visit to Sheffield Park Gardens to see them, unfortunately no sun on that particular day to show them at their best but the Nyssas and Acers were well lit in their fiery reds and yellows to make a good show.

A glowing autumn has helped offset the dismal summer and the time has come to begin the mammoth task of leaf clearing, to keep the lawns, at least clear of too much debris. Last winter I raked up what I could rather late and they have not rotted down well. This year I am hoping we can mow them up and the mix of chopped leaves and grass will do a much better job, and I should add an activator as well to help.

Moving the compost heap is also another top priority, especially now it has rained and the borders can be weeded, forked over and mulched. Or if I have the energy everything dug out and a fresh start made -- doubtful! A more pleasant task is to sit by a nice log fire and go through the catalogues, choosing and sending for next years seeds and plants, or online of that is one's want – me, I'm too old fashioned for that, so it is a catalogue every time.

Other jobs for the month: net any greens that survived the caterpillar onslaught to keep off hungry pigeons. Yes even after many mouths munching most of the summer, some plants have survived and grown through the damage, so it is worth a little trouble now to keep the birds off as there is nothing to beat home-grown cabbages, cauliflowers and sprouting greens in the spring. Root crops like carrots and beetroot should be out of the ground, the tops twisted off and stored in dry sand somewhere frost-free. Parsnips can be left in the ground and dug as needed. They taste sweeter after a frost or two but I cover mine with fern fronds or similar, if many frosts are forecast and the ground is liable to become too hard to dig them easily.

Anyone wanting to concrete, pave or generally hard landscape their front gardens should note that there is now a new Government rule. If you want to cover more than 5 square metres of front garden with a non-permeable surface, planning permission must be sought. If a permeable product, such as gravel, permeable blocks, porous asphalt, grass reinforcements etc is used permission is not necessary.

Another snippet gleaned from the RHS magazine, says that apparently the weedkiller Sodium Chlorate, which can be used by home gardeners, on land

not intended for cropping, is to be withdrawn, maybe by 2010. This and anything else withdrawn should either be used by the date specified for withdrawal, or taken and handed in at the local council waste site - never poured down the drain or put in a rubbish bin.

**Rosemary Smith**

## *Grafty Green Gardening Club*



A reminder for the forthcoming meetings:

- ❖ At our November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the speaker will be Robert Canis who will be talking about “A Kent Woodland through the Seasons”
- ❖ On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be having a practical/social evening making a decoration for the Christmas table or for the door. With this in mind, if you have any seed heads, cones or greenery that you can bring on the night please save them for us. We will be providing the oasis and other floristry items; you might like to bring your own secateurs/scissors. We will also be providing wine/juice and nibbles.

***Sue Burch***



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## **St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath**

The Harvest supper was quite a success Karen and her band of helpers made sure there was plenty of food on the tables. We just about managed to fit everyone in.

We have now installed the baby changing unit in the toilet for the mother and toddlers group but still await the delivery of the new children's chairs and tables which have now been on order for over six weeks. It is gratifying to see this group becoming so successful. Any new mums to the village who are interested in the group Karen Yardley is the organiser telephone her on 858208 they meet on Monday mornings at 10am.

The line dancing is on Thursday evenings from 8-9pm. Unfortunately for a variety of reasons numbers have been dropping off lately and we are in danger of closing down if new members cannot be found. So if you think you might be interested in joining us for a fun way to get some exercise do please come along, your first evening will be free and then £3 per person children over 11 may come along with their parents at £1.50p. Joanne is willing to do a beginners only half hour if there are enough people interested. Members are reminded there will be no Line dancing on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas party it will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> this year after that we will close until the new year.

Finally if anyone wishes to hire the hall they can by contacting me on 858891 or Duffrey Robinson on 850463.

**Patricia Dibley Secretary St Edmunds Centre**

### **Art Classes**

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# Maidstone — Chart Sutton — Kingswood — Grafty Green

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## Mondays to Fridays

Service No:	School Days Only		School Days Only		School Days Only	
	59	59	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, King St, Colman House, Stop L2	1227	1402	1555	1555	1615	1700
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	1229	1404	1557	1557	1617	1702
Wheatshiel	1236	1411	1604	1604	1624	1709
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1240	1415	1608	1608	1612	1713
Linton Corner	1244	1419	1612	1612	1612	1717
Cornwallis Academy	1249	1424	1617	1617	1617	1722
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1427	1620	1620	1620	1725
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1430	1623	1623	1623	1728
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1433	1626	1626	1626	1731
Wormlake Corner	1306	1523	1634	1634	1646	1829
Kingswood, Village Hall	1313	1530	1641	1641	1653	1836
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1320	1537	1648	1648	1700	1843
Ulcombe, Post Office	1320	1537	1648	1648	1700	1843
Grafty Green, King's Head	1320	1537	1648	1648	1700	1843
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	1320	1537	1648	1648	1700	1843
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	1320	1537	1648	1648	1700	1843

## Mondays to Fridays

Service No:	School Days Only		School Days Only		School Days Only	
	59	59	59	59	59	59
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	0723	0723	0736	0736	0736	0736
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	0730	0730	0743	0743	0743	0743
Ulcombe, Post Office	0735	0735	0748	0748	0748	0748
Kingswood, Village Hall	0738	0738	0751	0751	0751	0751
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0746	0746	0759	0759	0759	0759
Wormlake Corner	0749	0749	0762	0762	0762	0762
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0752	0752	0765	0765	0765	0765
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0755	0755	0768	0768	0768	0768
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0758	0758	0771	0771	0771	0771
Cornwallis Academy	0761	0761	0774	0774	0774	0774
Linton Corner	0764	0764	0777	0777	0777	0777
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	0767	0767	0780	0780	0780	0780
Wheatshiel	0770	0770	0783	0783	0783	0783
Maidstone, King Street	0773	0773	0786	0786	0786	0786
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0776	0776	0789	0789	0789	0789
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0779	0779	0792	0792	0792	0792
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0782	0782	0795	0795	0795	0795

## Saturdays

See Note 1		See Note 1		See Note 1	
59	59	59	59	59	59
0838	1241	1525	1755	1303	1547
0840	1243	1527	1757	1305	1549
0847	1250	1534	1804	1309	1553
1254	1538	—	—	1312	1556
1258	1542	—	—	1315	1559
1303	1547	1817	—	1318	1562
1305	1549	1819	—	1321	1565
1309	1553	1823	—	1324	1568
0859	1312	1556	1826	1327	1571
0907	1320	—	1834	1330	1574
0914	1327	—	1841	1333	1577
0921	1334	—	1848	1336	1580
—	—	—	—	1339	1583
—	—	—	—	1342	1586

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59	59	59	59	59	59
0733	0923	1336	—	0733	0923
0740	0930	1343	—	0740	0930
0745	0935	1348	1604	0745	0935
0747	0937	1350	1606	0747	0937
0753	0943	1356	1612	0753	0943
0756	0946	1359	1615	0756	0946
0759	0949	1402	1618	0759	0949
0802	0952	1405	1621	0802	0952
0807	0957	1410	1624	0807	0957
0811	1001	1414	1628	0811	1001
0815	1005	1418	1632	0815	1005
0823	1013	1427	1632	0823	1013
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**Service 59: Maidstone, King Street, Chequers Bus Station, Romney Place, Lower Stone Street, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road (return Sheals Crescent, Hayle Road, College Road, Mill Street, High Street, King Street), Loose, Linton Road, Linton Cross Roads, Heath Road, Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea, Green Lane, Heath Road, Four Wents, Brighthelm, Amber Lane, Chart Sutton, Warmlake Road, Warmlake Cross Roads, Charway Street, Broomfield Road, Kingswood, Ashford Drive, Charleford Avenue, Cayser Drive, Gravelly Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Ulcombe Hill, Ulcombe, The Street, Pye Corner, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green.**

**Buses running via Langley** run as normal from Maidstone to Loose Road, then Sutton Road, Langley, Sutton Road, Warmlake Cross Roads, then as normal route to Grafty Green.

**Buses terminating at Kingswood** run as normal from Maidstone to Kingswood, Charway Street, then Gravelly Bottom Road (Village Hall), Cayser Drive, returning via the normal route.

**Service 66: Cornwallis Academy, Heath Road, Four Wents, then same route as Bus 59 to Pye Corner, Lenham Road, King's Road, Headcorn.**

## Sundays and Public Holidays\*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

## NOTE

1. The Saturday buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council by Nu-Venture (Tel: 01622 882288), NOT Arriva.

## CODES

\* — These buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council. If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to Transport Integration, Kent County Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent ME19 4QG.  
 \* — Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.  
 R — Sets down only upon request by passengers boarding at or before Loose Road, Plains Avenue.

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

I hope you enjoyed last month's link word. Here is another  
to rack your brains – Paul Neaves

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

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Fall	Mare	Cap	<b>Night</b>
2	Plan	Wide	Prison	
3	Wedding	Company	Tense	
4	Legal	Loin	Bar	
5	Best	Boy	Pen	
6	Warden	Island	Jam	
7	Lounger	Dial	Set	
8	Civil	Self	Lip	
9	Resources	History	Gas	
10	Shopping	Cleaner	Bay	
11	Postal	Form	Tall	
12	Fighter	Draw	Winner	
13	Bowling	Grocer	House	
14	Brain	Length	Crime	
15	Chest	Cup	Bag	
16	Ivy	Pen	Rat	

## **Ulcombe – dates for your diaries**

**The Ulcombe History Society** has an interesting programme ahead. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm the great grandson of Charles Dickens will be coming to entertain us. All welcome.





**Did you take any holiday snaps?.....**  
**.....now learn what you can do with them!**

## ***ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH VISTA?***

Situated in the centre of the village of Egerton, the Telecottage is run by volunteers and offers computer courses for all levels, starting with the absolute beginner. All classes are run for four weeks with the exception of the two week course for Vista.

**To book onto any of the courses listed below or for further information,  
please telephone Sylvia Tillman on 01233 756050**

**Basic IT** - Monday mornings 10am-12noon - 8th/15th/22nd/29th September

**Basic IT** - Monday mornings 10am-12noon - 3rd/10th/17th/24th November

**Basic Word Processing** - Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon -  
8th/15th/22nd/29th October

**Intermediate WP** - Wednesday mornings - 10am-12noon - 3rd/10th/17th/24th  
September

**Intermediate WP** - Wednesday mornings - 10am-12 noon - 19th/26th  
Nov/3rd/10th Dec

**Vista** - an introduction - Wednesday evenings – 7-9pm - 1st/8th October

**Digital Photography** - Tuesday evenings 7-9pm - 7th/14th/21st/28th October

**Desk Top Publishing** - Tuesday evenings 7-9pm - 11th/18th/25th  
November/2nd December

**Internet** - Wednesday evenings 7-9pm -12th/19th/26th November/3rd December

There will be further classes in the New Year including a peep into Ebay where perhaps you could sell some of those unwanted Christmas gifts!

Remember we have a free drop-in session every Saturday morning between 10am to 12 noon – come along and meet some of the team, log on to the internet or just and have a coffee and a chat. We would be very happy to see you.

## **The Great Leeds Book Sale**

Yes, it is coming round to that time of year again! The Great Leeds Book Sale will be held on Saturday 15th November – put a note in your diary because we want you all to come, and meanwhile deliver to Leeds Church that stack of books that you have read and would like to pass on to others. The church is usually unlocked after about 9.30 in the morning, and you can leave books in the South Porch.

We also hope to repeat the ‘cake and preserves’ stall that has been such a successful adjunct to the book sale in recent years, and of course there will be the usual refreshments available while you browse the books.

**Brian Hardy, 01622 842915**

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

### **GRAFTY GREEN RED TELEPHONE BOX**

I have been contacted recently by some of the parishioners with concerns about several articles which have been in the media recently regarding the removal of red telephone boxes. This policy has been applied nationwide to under-used kiosks and I have been assured by BT that ours is not one of them.

This policy started last April/may and has taken a long time to sort out, had our kiosk been one of those affected we would have been advised by the council.

**Pat Anderson  
Parish Clerk**

## **The November Night Sky**

For most of this month the Sun is in the constellation of Libra. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> it moves into Scorpius, before moving on into Ophiuchus at the end of the month.

In last month's article I mentioned that the Sun is going through a very active phase, and it is the heliosphere, which protects us from harmful radiation during these cycles. I will mention this in greater detail at the end of this article.

This month Full Moon occurs on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, and New Moon on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, although the new crescent will not be visible in the southwest until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>.

I am afraid that this month Mercury and Mars will not be visible, as they are both at 'superior conjunction' (behind the Sun).

Venus is getting into the role of 'Evening Star' and can be seen low in the southwest just after sunset. Venus is moving rapidly eastwards and by mid November is moving into the constellation of Sagittarius and is only above the horizon for a few hours. You will get much better views next month.

The giant planet Jupiter is the only one we can see easily this month. It is low in the southwest at dusk and sets about three hours after sunset. Again it is low on the horizon and not ideal to view through a telescope.

Saturn is rising in the early hours of the morning, and is high in the south eastern sky at dawn.

Now back to the Sun. A new analysis shows that the Sun is more active now than it has been at anytime in the previous 1000 years. It has been reported in the papers and scientific journals that data from the Ulysses deep-space probe show that the heliosphere, the protective shield of energy that surrounds our solar system, has weakened by 25 per cent over the past decade and is now at its lowest level since the space race began 50 years ago. Scientists are baffled at what could be causing the barrier to shrink, and have launched a spacecraft known as 'the interstellar Boundary Explorer' or Ibex, which will measure the shock wave that forms as our solar system meets the interstellar radiation. Obviously if the heliosphere were to continue to shrink it could have a major

impact on our communications and would be potentially harmful to life. I think I will rush over to the Kings Head and have my last pint!

Seriously, scientists think we are not in any imminent danger, and it is quite likely that the natural variations in the solar wind pressure will stabilise the situation.

**John Maunder**

### **LUDICROUS LAWS**

O.K. so you're not breaking any Fire Regulations, but you're almost certainly breaking the law every day without knowing it. While you're unlikely to have contravened the Police Act of 1847 by firing cannon next to a dwelling house, or broken the Metropolitan Streets Act of 1867 by driving cattle through the streets of London, you have probably eaten a mince pie on Christmas Day. Here are the top ten most bizarre UK laws still on the statute books, as voted in a recent survey.

- It is illegal to die in the Houses of Parliament.
- It is an act of treason to place a postage stamp bearing the Queen's image upside-down.
- It is illegal for a woman to be topless in Liverpool except as a clerk in a tropical fish store.
- Eating mince pies on Christmas Day is banned,
- If someone knocks your door in Scotland and requires the use of your toilet you required to let them enter.
- In the UK a pregnant woman can legally relieve herself anywhere she wants, including in a policeman's helmet.
- The head of any dead whale found on the British coast automatically become the property of the King, and the tail of the Queen.
- It is illegal not to tell the taxman anything you do not want him to know, but legal not to tell him information you do not mind him knowing.
- It is illegal to enter the Houses of Parliament wearing a suit of armour.
- It is legal to murder a Scotsman within the ancient city walls of York, but only if he is carrying a bow and arrow.

## **Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)**

Maidstone Borough Council has now issued the timetable for this service up to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009. Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during this period:

### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov:	13:30 – 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	07:45 – 08:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	13:30 – 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov:	07:45 – 08:45 -: Green Lane
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	12:15 – 13:00 -: Green Lane

### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	07:45 – 08:30 -: Lodge Gardens (cul-de-sac)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	11:15 – 12:30 -: Lodge Gardens (cul-de-sac)

### **Lenham**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov:	07:45 – 08:45 -: Lenham Heath Rd - Boughton Rd
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	09:00 – 10:30 -: Lenham Heath Rd - Boughton Rd
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	07:45 – 08:45 -: Lenham Heath Rd - Boughton Rd

## **Malherbe Monthly Magazine**

This magazine can now be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition, all back issues for 2006, 2007 and 2008 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

This web site also hosts all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and give details of up-coming events in the Village Hall. The below link will get you there:

**[www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk)**

## **The Great Leeds Book Sale**

Final Reminder! The Great Leeds Book Sale will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. 10.00am to 2.30pm at St. Nicholas' Church Leeds.

Books of all sorts at incredibly low prices, all in aid of church funds. There will also be a cakes and preserves stall, and refreshments are available to keep you going as you wade through the books.

## **Music Notes - November**

In November there is a veritable cornucopia of music available locally. Here is my recommended selection:

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church Maidstone – Kent Chamber Choir perform a concert in aid of The Friends' of St. Margaret's. This is a quality group, worth hearing. Details and tickets 01622 737916
- Saturday 8th November, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – Maidstone Choral Union perform Haydn's *Creation*. This production of Haydn's masterpiece is MCU's first concert under their new Music Director Martin Hindmarsh. Don't miss it. Tickets 01622 726193
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Ulcombe – A concert of Mediaeval Music performed by The Music Cabinet. As usual Ulcombe are offering something different and of quality. Tickets 01622 842988. Why not go along after having spent the morning browsing at the Great Leeds Book Sale?
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School – Sutton Valence Choral Society concert including Rossini's *Stabat Mater* and Kodaly's *Missa Brevis*. Tickets 01622 853791
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School – Sutton Valence Music Society are offering an unusual recital consisting of pieces for two cellos and piano, performed by twins Pei-Jee Ng and Pei-San Ng (cellos) with Miyako Machida (piano). Contact: 01622 844888

**Brian Hardy**

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Fall	Mare	Cap	Night
2	Plan	Wide	Prison	Open
3	Wedding	Company	Tense	Present
4	Legal	Loin	Bar	Tender
5	Best	Boy	Pen	Friend
6	Warden	Island	Jam	Traffic
7	Lounger	Dial	Set	Sun
8	Civil	Self	Lip	Service
9	Resources	History	Gas	Natural
10	Shopping	Cleaner	Bay	Window
11	Postal	Form	Tail	Order
12	Fighter	Draw	Winner	Prize
13	Bowling	Grocer	House	Green
14	Brain	Length	Crime	Wave
15	Chest	Cup	Bag	Tea
16	Ivy	Pen	Rat	Poison

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	Elkie Brooks; Had a hit with Pearls a Singer
2	George Peppard, Actor who played Hannibal Smith in the A-Team
3	Gary Barlow, Lead Singer with Take That
4	Mariah Carey, Who sang Against all Odds
5	Peter Bowles, Actor in To The Manor Born
6	Dian Rosssey, Zoologist played by Sigourney Weaver
7	Elton John, Candle In The Wind singer
8	Amy Winehouse, Back to Black singer
9	Alistair Darling, Chancellor of the Exchequer
10	Terry Wogan, Breakfast show host on BBC 2 Radio



***The Len Valley Benefice***  
***Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe***  
**Sunday/Main Services – November 2008**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time/Location</b>	<b>Service</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U	BCP HC Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November  Remembrance Sunday	08.00 L 10.15 BM 10.15 H 10.40 L 10.15 U 19.00 U	BCP HC Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Taize Service – Ulcombe
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	08.00 L 09.30 BM 09.30 H 11.00 L 11.15 U 18.30 BM	BCP HC BCP HC Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Evening Prayer
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  Christ the King	08.00 L 10.00 BM	BCP HC Benefice Service at Boughton Malherbe
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday before Advent	08.00 L 10.00 H  18.30 H	BCP HC Benefice Service at Harrietsham Informal Service

## Key

### Parishes / Churches

L: Lenham  
BM: Boughton Malherbe  
H: Harrietsham  
U: Ulcombe  
B: Bearsted

### Services

BCP HC = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Holy Communion  
BCP EP = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Evening Prayer  
Fam Svc = Family Service (not Communion)  
MS = Morning Service (not Communion)  
CW 1 = Common Worship (Order One)  
H = Holy Communion  
Informal = Informal! (not communion)

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## **CHRISTIAN MESSAGE**

### **Leaving Home**

My husband and I returned recently from a 5-day Short Mat Bowls break in Devon, near Dawlish. We go away on such breaks two or three times a year with other members of our Club. At the venue there are 100 or more other competitors, from various Counties, all competing in Singles, Pairs and Triples matches. We have to be 100% focussed on such breaks, because the standard of play is high, and there are many matches to play. In between our games we join each other for meals, for drinks and "unwinding" in the bar and we watch each other's matches, ready to cheer or commiserate. The world goes away for those 5 days and we are in a little time-warp. I can only liken it to a stay in hospital (although much more pleasant!) where we can also feel far away from home and a normal routine.

Our bowls breaks are good while they last, but after five days I, for one, am ready to pack up and return to normal again. How, then, did Jesus' disciples feel when they packed their bags to follow Him? And not just for five days, but for as long as they were required. Their normal routine was gone forever and in its place was uncertainty, bewilderment, fear, doubt - many emotions; yet they stayed with Him. They believed in Him enough to leave their homes, families and friends and follow Him. Most of us leave home from time to time, for many reasons, but we feel safe in the knowledge that we have our homes to return to when we choose. Jesus' disciples gave up everything and risked their lives to follow Him and spread the word. It is only when our homeward journey is over and we can sit in our favourite armchair with a welcome cup or tea that we can begin to appreciate our home and what it really means to us, and only then do we begin to have an inkling of what the disciples gave up in to follow Jesus. It is a very humbling thought.

**Marjorie Lawrence**