

# Malherbe Monthly

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**Merry Christmas to all our readers**

**Incorporating Liverton Street & Platts Heath**

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**Front Cover:** Lighting of the Christmas Tree Lights on the green on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Morning Prayers** 9.30-10am at St. Nicholas on Tuesday 4th and 18th and at All Saints, Ulcombe on Tuesday 11th.

**Bible Study** at Wierton Villa, Grafty Green will be continuing on Thursdays 10.30-12noon in the New Year, with the subjects for 2019 still to be decided. If you would like to know more, please contact Joan Drury on 01622 853766.

**Christmas Coffee Morning** We will be holding our monthly Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, Grafty Green on Wednesday 12th from 10-12 noon. This will be a special Christmas event with mince pies, cakes and cheese scones and a chance to buy some of the craft and other goods you might have missed at the Craft Fair on 25th November. As usual any profit will go to a charity, yet to be decided.

**Remembrance Sunday.** This was a very special and poignant time, as we gave thanks for the men and women of all conflicts who gave their lives in the service of others. The local men who died 100 years ago in WW1 were especially commemorated with their pennants and details on display round the candlelit church. Family members joined with the congregation to enjoy Trench Cake (from a 1916 recipe!) and Anzac biscuits (from a New Zealand recipe, sent to their men serving overseas). There was much to talk about over coffee, with so many new faces.

**Craft Fair.** This was a great occasion, as always, with many different stalls. We, on our stall, met so many friendly people and watched everyone tucking in to the amazing choice of cakes and treats from the refreshment hatch. We were able to see Laura at their church stall in Oslo, thanks to Sylvia's iPad, and to send her a picture of ours in Grafty Green! It is good to know that they are praying for us in their church, St. Edmunds in Oslo, as we now pray for them.

**Mandy.** It was with great sadness we said farewell to Mandy, in a packed church on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Her family spoke of her with such love and affection. It is hard for the whole community, as we, too, come to terms of life in the village without her humour, laughter and energy. We are pleased to know that she will ever be remembered in St. Nicholas, for the delightful small stained glass panel she made and gave to the church.

**Christmas at St. Nicholas** We are looking forward to this special time at St. Nicholas, as always. It will be an added bonus to have the **Carol Service on the 23rd at 3pm**, with the excitement building as we sing to welcome our Saviour so close to Christmas Day. Surely our voices will have a special emphasis and enthusiasm. Mulled wine and mince pies should add to the enjoyment.

**The Crib Service will be at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve**, a service beloved by adults and children, as we welcome the baby Jesus into the shelter of the stable.

**Christmas Day at 10am**, will be the time of the service at St Nicholas.

**Sally Alexander**

# Helen Whately

**MP for Faversham and Mid Kent**

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# Pantomime time!

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**the Highwayman!**



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## Grafty Gourmet

Fill your kitchen with the smell of Christmas with this juicy gammon joint in a cinnamon-spiced stock, added with a sticky syrup and clove glaze. The coke adds a sweet treacly flavour to balance the saltiness of the ham.

### Christmas Cola Ham with Maple and Mustard Glaze

2kg unsmoked boneless gammon joint  
2 litres of cola (not diet)  
1 carrot, chopped  
1 onion, peeled and quartered  
1 stick of celery, chopped  
1 cinnamon stick  
½ tablespoon of black peppercorns  
1 bay leaf

For the glaze:-

150ml of maple syrup  
2 tablespoon of wholegrain mustard  
2 tablespoon of red wine vinegar  
A pinch of ground cloves or five-spice

1. Put the unsmoked boneless gammon joint in a large pan and cover with the 2 litres of cola. Add the chopped carrot, quartered onion, chopped celery stick, cinnamon stick, the peppercorns and the bay leaf.

2. Bring to the boil, then turn down to simmer for around 2 ½ hrs, topping up with boiling water if necessary to keep the gammon fully covered.

3. Carefully pour the liquid away, then let the ham cool a little while you heat the oven to 190C (170C fan).

4. Lift the ham into a roasting tin, then cut away the skin leaving behind an even layer of fat. Score the fat all over in a criss-cross pattern.

5. Mix the maple syrup, wholegrain mustard, wine vinegar and a pinch of ground cloves or five-spice in a jug. Pour half over the fat, roast for 15 mins, then pour over the rest and return to the oven for another 30 mins, baste half way through.

7. Remove from the oven and allow to rest for 10 mins, then spoon more glaze over the top.

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden.

### Programme 2019

Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
January 8	AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.
May 7	Outing - Warren Street House
June 4	Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies
June 6 - 9	Weekend, <u>Thurs</u> ; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u> , East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u> . Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u> . Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden.
July 2	Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare
Aug 3	Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)
Sept 3	Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.
Oct 1	Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru
Nov 5	Andrew - Hops
Dec 3	Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** is our Social Evening with a shared supper and quiz. We look forward to seeing you on the evening when there will be time to catch up with members and friends and discuss our new programme of events for 2019 and add your name to any of the proposed outing lists.

Tip of the Month - If the weather is fine there is still time to prune ornamental plants, fruit trees and bushes and vines. Repair can be done to lawns if conditions allow and winter digging. Insulate garden taps and exposed pipes and protect plants and pots vulnerable to frost damage. Clean and if needed repair sheds paths and fences. Feed birds in cold weather and do not allow ponds and bird baths to freeze over.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club**



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; R Galton; J Collins; C Davies  
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: Cllr Karen Chappell-Tay MBC

Cllr Turner opened meeting and welcomed Cllr Davies and Cllr Karen Chappell-Tay to their first meetings along with three members of public

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – to receive and accept apologies for absence – Cllrs Martin Round and Shellina Prendergast
3. **Declarations:**
  - Any lobbying - none
  - Any interest in items on the Agenda – none
  - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
4. **The minutes of the meetings held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved**
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – none
6. **Election of Cathie Davies to the Parish Council** – Cllr Davies duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
7. **Public session** – there were three members of the public present – Liz Burgess, Sue Burch and Chris Wheel. Liz spoke about the need for traffic calming measures at the Headcorn end of the village. Liz asked the Council to consider placing the gates at the Headcorn end of the village at Triangle Cottage, introducing a 20mph limit in Church Road and moving the 30mph sign on Woodcock Lane to a point adjacent to the public footpath entrance. Cllrs noted the suggestions and explained the need to first put in place the measures currently proposed before moving on to these suggestions which will be kept in mind
8. **Maidstone Borough Council/Kent County Council** - Cllr Karen Chappell-Tay reported on the following:
  - Councillor's grants to Parish of £500. Has to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Applications required ASAP, Karen will send details to the Clerk
  - Ash Gardens – noted appeal. Karen will let the Clerk have details of all applications and appeals close to, but outside, the Parish and ask MBC why we have not been consulted
  - South East Rail have nominated Headcorn Station for a disability adaptation grant to improve access. They are priority number 4
  - MBC have supported the application for the Greensand Ridge to become an AONB

- New MBC enforcement policy improved. Should strengthen enforcement work
- Park and Ride subsidy to be removed to the tune of £160K
- Local Plan Review to commence February 2019
- Lower Thames Crossing Consultation open for comment

A written report from Cllr Shellina Prendergast was read out covering:

- Bus pilot
- Highways England have nothing to report on lorry park plans
- New nursery provision in Headcorn
- Lenham Neighbourhood Plan

9. **Planning Outcomes since 9th July 2018** - noted

10. **Police and Community**

- 10.1 Police/Crime Report - latest E-Watch report was circulated by the Clerk
- 10.2 Community Warden Report - no report
- 10.3 KFRS Report – no report
- 10.4 Speedwatch – it was agreed that Cllr Turner will contact Platts Heath about possible collaboration

11. **Highway and Footway Matters**

- 11.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, pot holes - all issues have been reported. There is evidence that the works undertaken this year on Liverton Hill may not survive the winter. This will be monitored. The surface of Headcorn Road near Offen Farm needs monitoring as it is showing signs of breaking up
- 11.2 HGV Signage – nothing reported
- 11.3 59 Bus – Cllr Collins presented an update on the pilot projects and feeder service/hub at Morrisons. School buses excluded. Pilot starts 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Cllr Collins will represent the Council on the two working groups
- 11.4 Highways Improvement Plan – Cllr Allum reported progress and current proposals. The Plan was approved and it was agreed that, subject to cost, consultants would be employed to take this work forward.

12. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Turner reported on the KCC Highways Parish seminar; Cllrs Galton and Collins on meeting with South East Trains; Cllrs Turner and Galton on the KALC AGM; Cllrs Galton and Turner on the Lenham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation meeting; Cllrs Turner, Collins and Galton on the MBC Strategic Plan consultation; Cllr Collins on the “Big Conversation”

13. **Finance**

13.1 To note the Balance at the Bank:

Nat West	£14,645.31
Nationwide	£25,025.89
Cambridge and Counties	£85,000

13.2 Income since the last meeting: noted PSS £524.46

13.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed statement and signed by Cllr Collins

13.4 Any cheques to sign: Treecraft £360, Cllr Allum for Christmas festivities £537.76

13.5 Authorisation of any payment since the last meeting: Slingsby, Grit Bin £172.80

14. **Donation from Quinn Estates** – reviewed progress and agreed the following:

- 12 and 13 – Cllr Galton to complete measurements and produce firmer costings with a view to a final decision in March 19
- 19 – Cllr Allum to obtain an electrician estimate. Cllr Collins to discuss further with the landlord

15. **Lenham Neighbourhood Plan** – agreed response circulated previously. Clerk to submit before 12pm deadline

16. **Standing Committees –**
  - (i) agreed to amend terms of reference to remove requirement on committees to appoint the Chairman
  - (ii) agreed to merge the Finance and Staffing Committees to form a Finance and Staffing Committee and amend the Employment Policy and Procedures accordingly
  - (iii) appointed Cllr Collins as Chairman of the Finance and Staffing Committee
  - (iv) agreed to appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee at the next Annual General Meeting
17. **Correspondence - none**
18. **Further Information –** agreed to move the next Parish Council Meeting to the 21<sup>st</sup> January. Agreed to hold a meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss application 17/506017/FULL Ash Gardens Lenham Road Headcorn Kent. Cllr Galton to circulate a draft response in advance of the meeting

The Meeting closed 9.24pm

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

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

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

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

## **Yoga Classes at Grafty Green Village Hall**

Classes on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 9.30 plus a special Saturday practice on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00.

Last classes of the term 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December new year starts 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January.

All classes are an hour and a half; approximately 70 minutes of physical postures/stretching followed by a breathing practice that encourages a calm mind and finally a deep relaxation.

Further details from Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381, email – [grafftyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:grafftyyoga@gmail.com)

**Sue Burch**

## Village Hall News

[www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk)

First, a final word on the fete held a couple of months ago. One thing that didn't get reported in the last Malherbe Monthly was that the sale of the hand-made poppies (and donations made on the day) raised £177, which we were delighted to be able to pass on to the Royal British Legion. A big thank you goes to all who made the poppies and all who bought them. The unsold poppies went to Rochester Cathedral for their remembrance display.

Now, at the time of writing, it's not too late to get tickets for our first ever **professional pantomime** at the Village Hall on **Thursday 27 December**. We've booked an experienced touring group to put on a production of '**Robinson Crusoe**', a family friendly panto with all the usual singing, dancing, thigh-slapping and audience participation. Tickets (Adult £10, Child £5, Family 2+2 £25) are available from the village shop. We are advertising this event beyond the circulation area of this magazine and are expecting a big crowd, so get your tickets soon to avoid missing out. It's a **6 o'clock start** and there will be refreshments on sale but, regrettably, we have had to withdraw the idea of a licensed bar for legal reasons.

Also available from the village shop are a few last copies of the Boughton Malherbe **2019 Calendar**. All the photographs have been taken by local people, and many feature views of Grafty and the surrounding area. There's some super work there and it can be yours to hang on your wall for just £6.

Finally, may I wish you all the best possible Christmas and, if I don't see you at the panto, I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in 2019.

*Richard Pilborough,*

Hall Committee Chairman.

Email: [pilborough@grafty.plus.com](mailto:pilborough@grafty.plus.com)

### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

1. The January 2019 meeting of the Parish Council has been moved to the 21<sup>st</sup> to allow more time to hear from Maidstone Borough Council regarding the precept
2. The Parish Council has purchased a salt bin which has been placed near the top of Church Road. Kent County Council refused to provide one but will provide us with the first load of salt to fill the bin. It will be maintained by the Parish Council thereafter
3. Cathie Davies has been elected unopposed to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council created by Tony King's resignation

## December Music Notes

December is a month just full of music. Christmas concerts galore, and carol services in every parish. I list just some of the concerts, but do look around because I cannot include them all and there may well be something local to you that I have missed. Carol services are rightly very popular, so please search elsewhere in this magazine to find details of your local carol service.

Here is my list:

- Saturday 1st December, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone ME15 7RN, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Mahler's *Symphony No1 (Titan)* and works by Kodaly and Gordon Jacob. There is a free pre-concert talk at 6.40pm. Tickets 0333 6663366 or on the door.
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Maidstone Choral Union's concert of carols for choir and audience also included part 1 of Handel's *Messiah*.. Tickets [marionheredia@yahoo.com](mailto:marionheredia@yahoo.com) or at the door.
- Saturday 15th December, Bearsted Choral Society's Christmas concert of carols with audience participation is at 7.30pm at St Peter's Catholic Church, Button Lane, Bearsted, ME15 8NJ. Tickets 01634 666730
- Monday 17th December, 7.30 pm at Sutton Valence School Chapel, ME17 3HL, Sutton Valence Choral Society present their Christmas concert. Tickets 012622 861313
- Tuesday & Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St Martins Church Northumberland Avenue Maidstone ,ME15 7LP, Maidstone Singers have their Christmas Concert of carols. Tickets 01622 630016 (or at the door) include light refreshments.

On TV of course it has to be Carols from Kings, on BBC2 on Christmas Eve (time to be confirmed – check your newspaper). It will be broadcast live on Radio 4 as well on Christmas eve and at 2.00pm on Christmas day on BBC Radio3.

**Brian Hardy**

## Maidstone Business Networking news

Be Positive, be Proud of what you do....! One residents view of why we should be proud to work in, live in or visit the Borough of Maidstone.

A presentation by Cllr Martin Cox. Leader of Maidstone Borough Council on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Chilston Park Country Hotel, Sandway, Maidstone ME17 2BE 6.10pm until 8.30pm

Visitors are always welcome and the event is free (if you are a paid up member or a first time visitor), we have a sign in and badge system so you must reserve your seat. Reserve your seat 01622 820841 or email [doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk](mailto:doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk)

Business Networking starts at 6.10pm on arrival, presentation

at 6.30 for around 20 minutes, the rest of the time is all about networking. Open to everyone. Your first meeting is free but you must register.

## Road Closure

Kent County Council gives notice that Eastwood Road, Grafty Green will be closed to through traffic, on or after **3 December 2018** for up to 1 Day.

The road will be closed between Yew Tree Farm and Hillview.

The alternative route is via The Street, Ulcombe Road, Lenham Road and onto Headcorn Road.

The closure is necessary to enable Kent County Council to carry out carriageway patching works.

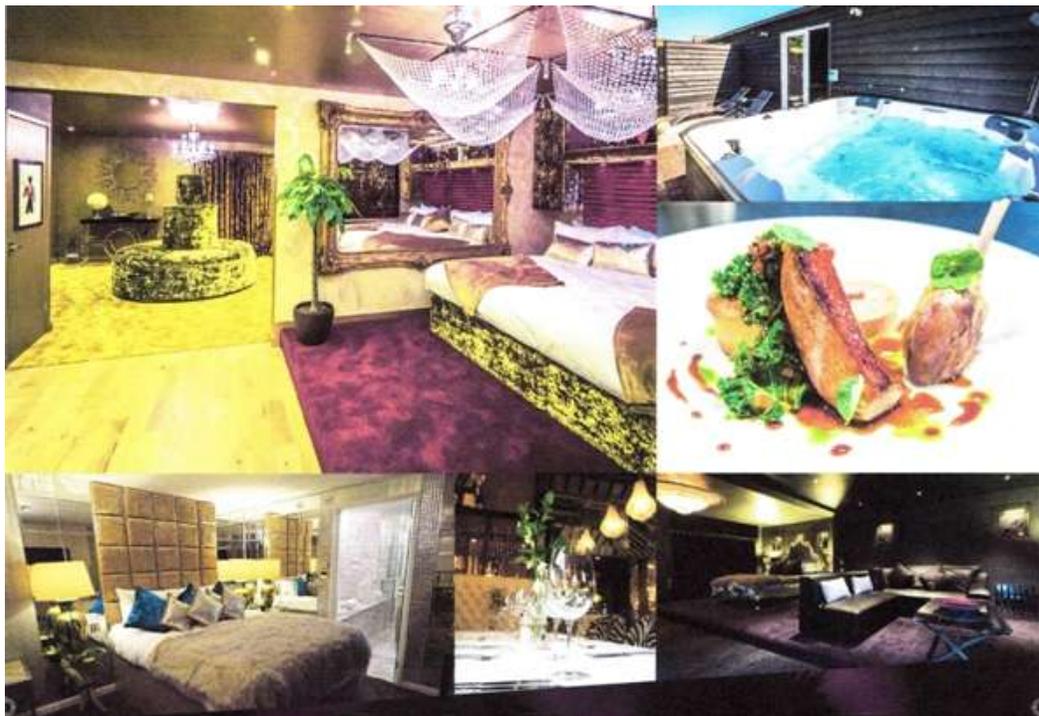


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# It's a date ...

As we lead into Autumn don't miss out on these dates for the diary, only at the Who'd A Thought It.

## Treasure Hunt

*Sunday 23rd September*

Our popular treasure hunt returns leading you on an adventure around the countryside.

**£10pp** including entrance and food.

## Psychic Night

*Wednesday 17th October*

An evening of spooky clairvoyance with 6 mediums giving private readings. Tickets are

**£22.50pp** including a one course meal and glass of wine. Readings will be on a first come first serve basis and will be charged separately.

## Fireworks Night

*Sunday 4th November*

Spectacular firework display, burger and hotdog menu will be available. Free entrance for fireworks, but we only have space for 200 people so please book in advance.

## Christmas 2018

*Throughout December*

Our restaurant will be serving a Christmas menu from 1st to 20th December. There will be a **2-for-1** offer on the Christmas menu for people who book a hot tub suite (Monday - Thursday only).



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## **News update re Activate Gym - Lenham**

The Activate Gym at the Lenham School closed on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and reopened at 7am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November as the **Lenham Community Gym** run by a management team consisting of:-

John Tanner (chairman)	Matthew Root-Hicks (vice chairman)
Chris Godden (treasurer)	Georgia Gibbons (secretary)
Calum Lambotte (staffing)	Anne Osborn and Craig Hills (advertising)
Rebecca Bell (legal adviser)	Eddie Tomarken (team member)
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The team of volunteers has been working hard to form what will be the Lenham Community Gym Club and hopes to have everything in place early in November for you to re-join. Until then, please continue to use the gym. Our plan is to start charging membership fees on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and on the first of the month thereafter by direct debit, but we will accept cash and cheque payments.

### **The membership fees will remain the same as they are now:**

£28 adults (18 and over) - £23 concessions (seniors and under eighteens) - £50 family membership (2 adults + 2 children) - walk-ins £2.50 (16 to under 18 year olds) and £5 adults (18 and over) per session.

If you are already a member please retain your Activate membership cards as we may be able to use them in the short term until we have our own membership card system in place.

### **The opening hours will remain the same:**

Mornings - 7am to 8-30am and Evenings – 5pm to 9pm - Monday to Friday.  
We hope to be able to open on Saturdays sometime in the New Year but this will depend on us being able to get regular staff to do so. Please note the gym will be closed from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December and open Thursday and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12pm and then closed again until January 2<sup>nd</sup> when it will be open for the normal hours and days.

If you would like more information or would like to become a member please contact Chris Godden on 01622 858658.

**The Management Team.**

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Board	Cast	Sticking	<b>Plaster</b>
2	Beans	Pot	Table	
3	Cord	Off	Roaring	
4	Bed	Instrument	Warbler	
5	Face	Hanger	Heath	
6	Book	Cross	Library	
7	Finney	Prince	Square	
8	Bitter	Popper	Sleeping	
9	Bunter	Goat	Silly	
10	Ink	Marker	Wave	
11	Prickly	Shaped	Tree	
12	Brew	Help	Work	
13	Big	Free	Water	
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## **Burns Night**

### **Advance Notice**

FASU is holding a traditional Burns Night Supper on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Ulcombe Village Hall, starting at 7.00 pm.

There will be Scottish pipe music, welcome bubbly and dram of whisky, smoked salmon, haggis, neeps and tatties, crannachan, Scottish tablet and coffee, as well as the essential traditional entertainment of speeches, singing and Scottish dancing until late – all included in the price

There will be a licensed bar selling wine, whisky and soft drinks. It will be a great evening's fun as well as supporting the village church's fabric. Tartan wear or smart casual. All are most welcome

Tickets, £25 in advance, are available by phone from John Kenward (01622 891889) or Bridget Samuelson (01622 890912). To make sure of your place, please book as soon as possible to reserve your place or book part/whole tables



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## Christian Message December 2018

What does Christmas mean for you? The Church of England's slogan for this year is "Follow the star" (you can follow it on twitter), but what star will each of us follow? What does Christmas bring us this year? For some there will be joyous family reunions, for some well, just family reunions (!), and for some sadness and loneliness. Most of us will enjoy twinkling lights in a crisp evening sky. And, of course, there will be that relentless B-word buzzing around us all the time, of which we are all so tired. (A recent survey showed that more people just wanted Brexit over with than cared what the actual outcome was.)

Pause and think: what's your *favourite* thing about Christmas. Mine – yes actually more than presents! – is the sense of peace that comes as the whole mad world just slows down a bit, reflects a little and opens up to wonder. One of the reasons I like midnight Communion so much is that those three elements are combined there, but there may be other times as well when you are able to relax, look out at this wonderful world in which we live, and be thankful.

All of us follow a star. The star may be our own wealth, our health, or our family. But the question is really what will you find when your star stops leading and you have arrived. At the heart of Christmas is a destination that was totally unexpected by...well, everybody. The destination was a new-born baby, born in poverty, who grew up to be a teacher so profound, a worker of miracles so flabbergasting, that his followers recognised him as being God, and that in Him they recognised God's message to us as being a call to love.

May your heart and feet take you this Christmas to discover that same baby, and in him that same God, and in him that same call to love. Maybe join us in a local church to help take you there? You would be so welcome.

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The Society meets in  
Ulcombe Village Hall at 7.30pm

This year there will be eight talks,  
an evening outing to Elham, a  
day trip to Greenwich and  
a weekend away.

## PROGRAMME 2018

Membership is open to all who have an interest in local and national history.  
The annual membership fee is £10. Visitors are always welcome.  
Refreshments will be served

**Tuesday 16 January**

**John Moore**

*Education in India: challenge and opportunity*

**Tuesday 20 March**

AGM 7.30pm followed by

**Mrs Mary Smith**

*A Schoolgirl's War*

**Tuesday 17 April**

**Steve Hookins**

*Woolwich Women at War*

**Tuesday 15 May**

**Dr Marc Morris**

*Bad King John*

**Saturday 16 June**

**Trip to Greenwich**

**Tuesday 10 July**

**Evening outing to Elham**

**Tuesday 18 September**

**Simon Elliott**

*From Ragstone to Riches*

**Fri 14 - Sunday 16 September**

**Weekend trip**

**Tues 16 October**

**Patsy Erskine-Hill**

*The fire that took hold - printing, literacy  
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**Tuesday 20 November**

**Melanie Gibson-Barton**

*Wandering in Flanders Fields*

**Tuesday 18 December**

**Imogen Corrigan**

*Powers behind the throne - the women  
of the first millennium.*

***The Len Valley Benefice***  
***Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe***  
**Sunday/Main Services – December 2018**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Family Worship

**11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**3.30 pm** Harrietsham: GIFT **Family**

**Christingle**

**6.00 pm** Ulcombe: **Taize Service**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30 am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**11.00 am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**11.00 am** Lenham: Morning Worship

**3.30 pm** Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**3.00pm** Lenham: **Messy Church**

**Christingle**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Morning Worship

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**3.00pm** Boughton Malherbe: **Carol Service**

**5.30pm** Lenham: **Candlelight Carol Service**

**7.00pm** Harrietsham: **Carol Service**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.00am** Chippendayle Lodge

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.00pm** Ulcombe: **Carol Service**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

**9.30am** Lenham: The Big Breakfast Crib Service

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**Christmas Eve: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am** Harrietsham: **Family Crib Service**

**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: **Family Crib Service**

**4.00pm** Ulcombe: **Family Crib Service**

**4.00pm** Lenham: **Family Crib Service**

**11.15 pm** Harrietsham: **Midnight Communion**

**11.15 pm** Lenham: **Midnight Communion**

**Christmas Day: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Family Celebration with Holy Communion

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Family Celebration with Holy Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Family Celebration with Holy Communion

**11.00am** Lenham: Family Celebration with Holy Communion

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00 am** Lenham: **Joint Len Valley Churches Service:** Holy Communion

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Bunter	Goat	Silly	Billy
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