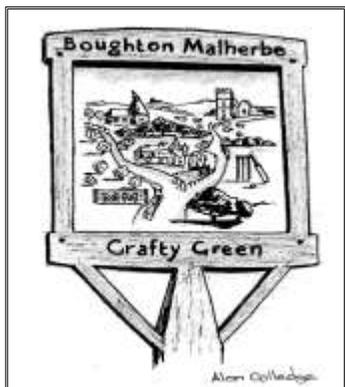


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Anything for the **May** edition should be left in Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on 01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th April**

Front cover: Local farmer David Chantler with his MBE at Buckingham Palace recently. Malherbe Monthly would like to join others in congratulating David on this well deserved honour.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayer: On alternate Tuesdays of the month, prayers will be said at St. Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe and All Saints, Ulcombe at 9.30 a.m. on the 1st, 15th and 29th April at St. Nicholas and 8th and 22nd April at All Saints. The sessions last about half an hour and you will be most welcome - so do come along.

The Village Coffee Morning: On Wednesday 9th we will be holding the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Do come and join us for a chat and coffee or tea and homemade cakes and scones.

There is no charge for this but any donations we receive go towards a water project in Zambia which will bring fresh, clean water to four small villages. This will enable children to go to school, instead of fetching water for their family's daily needs from the nearest supply which could be a good distance away. This project is organised by the Tearfund Charity.

Lent Lunches: We have two more Lent Lunches this month to be held at 12.00-2.00p.m. on:

2nd April at the Old Rectory, Boughton Malherbe

16th April at Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill, Grafty Green

There is no charge for the Lunches but any donations received will be sent to Christian Aid as our contribution to Christian Aid Week, which is held in May.

The Gentleman breakfasts are held at the Dog and Bear in Lenham, where a very good breakfast is served at a small cost of £8.00. At each Breakfast there is a Speaker. If you would like to come along, ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195 and he will include your name on his list. The next Breakfast is on Saturday 26th April at 8.00a.m.

Joan Davidson

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

Village Hall News

At the time of writing we are still a week away from our 'Italian Meal & Magic' evening, but preparations are proceeding well and almost all tickets are sold so I can confidently predict that, by the time you read this, we will have had another good evening at the Hall! I will report back on the financial out-turn next month but, meanwhile, my thanks go to all those who have helped with the myriad of things that have to be done to run an event like this, from the advertising and the decorating to the cooking and the clearing up. Particular thanks go to Stephania and Jacopo from whom we sought advice on recipes but who did much more, from finding Italian flags and posters to recording Italian music – thank you both so much. It's lovely to have you in the village.

What's new at the Hall? Well, this month we've invested in vast quantities of insulation in the roof space. The Hall can take a while to heat up in the winter, because so much heat is lost through the metal roof, but early signs are that the insulation is making a noticeable difference – and we are considering what further steps we might take to improve our heating arrangements in this cost-conscious and energy-conscious era.

The most important news this month, however, is that we are holding the Hall Management Committee **AGM**, at the Hall, on **Monday 14th April at 7.30pm**. This is a public meeting to which you are all invited – and I hope many of you will come. The evening will include an open discussion on what the committee has done up to now and, importantly, what *you* would like done in the future.

More particularly, a new committee has to be elected for the year ahead, and every adult in the village is entitled to attend the meeting and to vote. More than this, every adult is entitled to stand for election. One of the existing committee is standing down this year, meaning that there will now be two vacancies to fill at the meeting.

Every committee needs new blood, new ideas, different folk with different approaches. This is vital if we are not to get stuck in a rut so, if you have ever considered putting yourself forward, do please offer yourself for election this time. We have full meetings only about every 3 months but, in between, small 'working groups' take forward ideas for events or deal with Hall maintenance and improvement issues. Whether you are a long-time resident of the village or a relative newcomer, do get involved – it's fun! For further information just give me a call or drop me an email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Pilborough, Hall Committee Chairman
tel: 850484; e-mail: pilborough@graffy.plus.com

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

The Kings Head Grafty Green

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



Traditional Sunday Lunches

**Fresh Fish Fridays
Lunches and Suppers**

***Booking Advisable*
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Children's Room Beer Garden

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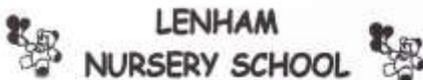
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In brackets are areas of specific interest, although all councillors are available for any matters relating to Boughton Malherbe.

Christine King, Parish Clerk

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BOUGHTON MALHERBE (& neighbouring parishes)
COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

Tuesday 8th APRIL 2 – 5pm

Grafty Green Village Hall (Church Road)

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UNDER ONE ROOF AND FIND OUT ALL THAT THEY DO, AND HOW THEY MAY
BE ABLE TO HELP YOU – SO OFTEN WE SAY 'IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN'**

REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING

KCC COMMUNITY WARDENS – cover a diverse range of topics from home security and safety advice, warning of door to door, postal or e-mail scams, helping the lonely and vulnerable; they work closely with many other organisations.

KENT POLICE – rural neighbourhood policing.

KENT FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – find out about *free Home Safety Visits and smoke alarms*, general information about fire and road safety.

CROP (Citizens Rights for Older People) – suffered an injustice, need to access care services, tenancy problems, perplexed by forms, unsure how to complain or deal with poor service are all part of CROP's help.

BRIGHTER FUTURES (part of Voluntary Action Maidstone) – lots of practical help for older persons, home repairs, telephone emergency help lines and befriending, transport, outings, social events are just some of the aspects available to enhance 'quality of life' for local people.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – making the best use of your local scheme, improving your safety and security and the opportunities to save money on house insurance.

RED CROSS – easy everyday first aid and confidence for emergencies.

BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL – what the council is doing on your behalf.

FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM: KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN STUART ELLESMERE 07969 583923
KFRS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CHRIS WHEAL 01622 858100

County Councillor's report

It has been an extremely busy time at County Hall, with another very difficult budget, for 2014-15, agreed at a full Council meeting in February. The net revenue budget for the next 12 months will be £940m, covering 300+ services including schools, highways, adult and children's social care, libraries, trading standards and health, serving a population of over 1.5m. We identified £80m of savings and raised Council Tax by 1.99%, which will raise £10m for frontline services. Similar savings will have to be found next year and public spending is expected to be squeezed for several more years yet, despite the improving economic climate.

We had to find savings from the school transport budget, namely the Kent Freedom Pass, which has been renamed the Kent Young People's Pass. This will be valid from 6am to 7pm, from Monday to Friday, across the year except for August. The annual fee for the new pass will be £200, with a concession of £100 for children eligible for a free school meal; the pass will be free for children in care and registered young carers. Whilst this fee is double the current cost of a Freedom Pass, the revised scheme will still be the most generous in the country outside London for the transporting children living in Kent aged 11-16 attending Kent schools. In addition, we are also reducing the cost of the 16+ Travel Card for 16-19 year olds in sixth form, at college or studying at work-based learning providers from £500 to £420. Schools, colleges and work based providers will continue to be able to offer further concessions to young people using their 16-19 Bursary Fund.

I have a £25,000 KCC Community Grant pot for 2014/15 to support local causes. This fund is stretched very thinly across 15 parishes, but please do get in touch if you represent a scheme or organisation that is deserving of support.

I would like to apologise on behalf of Kent Highways for the failure to complete pothole repairs on Liverton Hill when the road was recently closed for this purpose over a two day period. I know the Parish Council were incandescent on behalf of residents. I took up the cudgels with Kent Highways, who undertook a site inspection following the works which were undertaken by contractors and identified four missing patches that were originally requested for attention. Arrangements were made to complete the repairs on 19 March. Kent Highways admitted that the "original repairs fell well below the expected standard" and committed to avoiding a repeat of this in the future.

Speedwatch

I have provided funding for the Parish Council's Speedwatch scheme from my 2013/14 Member Community Grant and hope this will help tackle speeding in the village.

If you need my help or advice, please contact me on Tel: 734897 or email jenny.whittle@kent.gov.uk.

Jenny Whittle
Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services
County Councillor for Maidstone Rural East

DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT- STOP PRESS

Thanks to a very generous community project sponsorship scheme piloted by A W COURT the village will very shortly have a

‘PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR’

We of course hope that it will never need to be used but if it is needed it may just save a loved one or neighbour

The defibrillator will be sited externally in a weatherproof locked cabinet at a central village location to be determined shortly; the ambulance service will give the lock code to 999 callers in appropriate situations. The defibrillator is of a type suitable for use by untrained persons, however it is preferable and recommended that people do have some basic training in emergency first aid and resuscitation techniques – training sessions will soon be offered.

As a footnote in cardiac arrest (stopped breathing) situations, not to be confused with heart attack or stroke, ideally CPR (cardiac pulmonary resuscitation – chest compressions) needs to start within 5 minutes in conjunction with defibrillation (electric shock to jump start the heart). The chest compressions keep oxygenated blood circulated to the brain; 8 minutes without oxygen and the brain is irreversibly damaged. In a rural location like ours paramedic attendance in under 8 minutes and ideally in less than 5 minutes is unlikely to happen for a very high percentage of calls.

***FIND OUT MORE AT THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT
FROM 2 – 5PM ON TUESDAY 8TH APRIL IN THE VILLAGE HALL***

Help Required

We are looking for a local person to sell some items of furniture on EBay for us. All we require is for someone to list the items and manage the account. Viewing and shipping will be organised by ourselves. If anyone can help us, we will, of course pay them for their time and effort.

Please contact us on 853907 or email janetlegon@hotmail.com

Janet & Steve Legon

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
January 7	Winter Flowers	Janet Bryant
February 4	Mountains of the Moon	Lesley Feakes
March 4	Norway - flora	David Godden
April 1	Spring Show / Bushcraft – a short walk	Steve Kirk
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden	
May 10	Plant Sale	
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh	
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham	
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest Park and Burghley House.	
August 5	The Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst	
September 2	Visit to Blackthorn Trust	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

Come and celebrate Spring and join in the Garden Club's Spring Show. The village hall will be open for your entries at the earlier time of 6.30 or if you are coming along to view the entries at 7.30 pm. Also arranged is a short village walk when Steve Kirk will guide us to look at 'Flora of the Verge'.

Members and non-members are welcome to come along to any of our meetings which are friendly and informal. For further details about the club or Spring Show list please contact Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch on (01622) 850381.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to the end of April 2014.

Grafty Green

Saturday 12th April 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 12th April 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 19th April 09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens



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PLANT SALE
ON THE GREEN
SATURDAY 10th MAY**



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**Garage sale
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Headcorn Road, Grafty Green**

Sunday 27th April 11am till 4pm

Everything must go, bargain prices.

Pat & Keith Anderson

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325
Ulcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339
Warmlake Corner	0717	0732	0950	1345
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356
Linton Corner	0737	0746	1003	1358
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407
Maidstone, King Street	---	0804	1020	1415
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	---	---	---
London Road, Somerfeld Hospital	0814	---	---	---
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	---	---	---

Sundays & Public Holidays*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

Saturdays

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59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	---
0740	0937	1343	---
0745	0942	1348	1604
0747	0944	1350	1608
0753	0950	1356	1612
0756	0953	1359	via
0759	0956	1402	Langley
0802	0959	1405	and
0807	1004	1410	Sutton
0811	1008	1414	Road
0815	1012	1418	1624
0820	1020	1426	1632
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* - Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.

Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only		€
	59	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	---	1745
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1638	1813
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824
Kingswood, Village Hall	---	---	1826
Ulcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838

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0945	1241	1525	1755
0847	1243	1527	1757
0854	1250	1534	1804
via	1254	1538	1808
Sutton	1258	1542	1812
Road	1303	1547	1817
and	1306	1550	1820
Langley	1309	1553	1823
0906	1312	1556	1826
0914	1320	---	1834
0916	1322	1604	1836
0921	1327	---	1841
0928	1334	---	1848

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BUS SERVICE 59

Grafty Green – Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood

A new contract for the KCC funded part of the service, which includes all Saturday journeys, has been awarded to Arriva and will run for four years from 7th April. There are no changes to the present timetable.

BUS SERVICE 66

Schooldays service to and from Cornwallis Academy

This service, which currently runs between Headcorn and Cornwallis Academy via the Pig and Whistle, has up to now been funded by KCC. Following a re-tendering process, Nu-Venture has decided to operate the service in future on a commercial basis. From 21st April this will involve a change of route, in fact a complete change of direction - passengers will need to wait on the opposite side of the road to now!

The morning service will start from Ulcombe Hill Top at 07.30 and call at the Pig and Whistle at 07.37 (exact time to be confirmed) and run via Headcorn, Sutton Valence, and Chart Sutton to Cornwallis Academy, due to arrive as now at 08.20. The return journey from Cornwallis Academy will depart as now at 15.05 with an expected arrival time at the Pig and Whistle of 15.43 (exact time again to be confirmed).

As ever the message remains – USE IT OR YOU MIGHT POSSIBLY LOSE IT

John Collins

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone Rural Transport Group

Emergency and Help Contact Details

Police, Fire And Ambulance Emergencies **999**

First Aid Support – when an ambulance has been called using 999 Interim emergency support (first aid) prior to paramedic arrival may be available (not 24/7) by calling 07979 864929 (Chris Wheal) - this is a voluntary help facility prior to the setting up and implementation of a SECamb (ambulance service) Community First Responder scheme.

NHS Medical Helpline	111
Maidstone & Pembury Hospitals	0845 155 1000
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Headcorn Surgery	01622 890294
Lenham Surgery	01622 858341

Electricity (UK Power Networks)	
<i>Emergencies and Power Cuts</i>	0800 783 8866
	or 01243 508866

Water	<i>Emergencies</i>	0333 000 0002
Calor Gas	<i>Emergencies</i>	08457 444999
KCC	<i>Emergencies</i>	03000 41 41 41
	<i>Highways</i>	03000 41 81 81

KCC Community Wardens:

<i>Local warden – Stuart Ellesmere</i>	07969 444999
<i>District Support – Dawn Riach- Brown</i>	07773 397125

Police *NON EMERGENCY - (including PCSO Alan Beech)* **101**

Fire	<i>General Enquiries</i>	01622 692121
	<i>Home Safety Visits</i>	0800 923 7000
	<i>KFRS Community Volunteer – Chris Wheal</i>	01622 858100

R.S.P.C.A	<i>Emergencies</i>	0300 1234 999
Vet	<i>24 Hour Pet Emergency Treatment Service</i>	01622 734555

Ulcombe C of E Primary School News

Ulcombe C of E primary school continues to be a hive of activity this month. March sees the lead up to Easter, and the celebrations and bible stories that accompany that. We have invited in our mums, grandmas and members of the community for a mothers' day lunch.

Year 2 and year 6 are working very hard preparing for their SATs (standard assessment tests). The teachers and I are very proud of the children's progress, which for some has been very rapid!

We also celebrated world book day, by dressing up as our favourite book characters, decorating the classroom doors as book covers, making book marks and inviting in our families to read with us.

Some of the pupils will be travelling all the way to the Isle of Wight this weekend for a weekend of outdoor pursuits, we wish them fun and sunshine !

The year 6 pupils have been invited to attend an Easter revision school at Kingswood primary school to help them prepare for the tests.

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher

Ulcombe Pre-School



The children have been taking advantage of the better weather, spending lots of time outside. They have been weeding all their pots and planters from last year, ready to grow some more tomatoes and strawberries. They have been making good use of the playground, and enjoy climbing to the top of the slide so they can see the sheep in the field - they are waiting patiently for the first spring lambs to appear! The role play corner has been transformed into a café this term, and the children have been practicing their letters and numbers by writing menus.

A big thank you to those of you who came and supported our carwash on the 9th March. We raised just over £460 which is a great amount for a small pre-school like ours.

It is hard to believe but it is only 6 months until our older children will be starting school. We will be losing 6 of our children to "big school" this summer, leaving lots of spaces for new children to start. We are open Monday to Thursday from 9.15 to 1pm during term time. We are extremely lucky to have the use of Ulcombe Village Hall which provides the children with lots of space to play, and we have access to a huge

amount of outdoor space including our own garden, the outdoor play area with swings and slide, and the recreation field where the children enjoy going on nature walks to collect specimens for their investigation table.

If you have a child aged 2 or over that you would be interested in sending to our pre-school, please get in touch on 07511 658728 or committeeps@hotmail.com. If you would like a place for September please get in touch by the end of April so we can start planning for the year ahead.



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THE PILGRIMS WAY ARTISTS

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30 local artists, potters and sculptors exhibiting over 300 works.

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ARTISTS DEMONSTRATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 21st May

6:30pm to 9pm. Entrance £5 including refreshments

Come along and see the artists at their easels and discuss their work

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Grafty Green

I came from Cranbrook to Grafty Green 89 years ago, and where else would I wish to live?

To see the sun rise over the barn and to set beyond the cowshed. To see the commuters flying down the road (do we have a 30 mile per hour limit?) and see Mr and Mrs go to work, see them come home, and wonder if they have had a good day. I see Grannies out with their grandchildren, see ladies walking their dogs. I can tell the season by the loads carried on the tractors. Sylvia calling in with rescued cheese scones left over from the coffee morning.

When I wake up in the night I hear an owl hooting from somewhere in Tom's jungle; hear the fox barking on his way over to Jackie's to see if she's left his dinner out. So why would I want to live anywhere but Grafty Green?

Audrey Wickens

Lenham Valley Business Association

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See what we have lined up:

- Tuesday 6 May an entertaining presentation by 3 members of LVBA with a presentation called 'The Ladder'.
- Wednesday 28 May (instead of our usual Tuesday in June) networking with South Maidstone Business Association at the Weald of Kent Golf Club, our speaker is Hilary Steel, Editor of Kent Women in Business Magazine.
- Tuesday 1 July our regular speaker Emily Chapman from Loud Monkey provides a Social network update.

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12	Black	Cream	Dry	
13	Boy	Lick	Slip	
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15	Bank	Fortune	Story	
16	Cellar	Hot	Leg	

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3	_____ Keys, R&B singer
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5	_____ Harman, Labour Politician
6	The _____ Menagerie, A Tennessee Williams play
7	_____ The Line, Johnny Cash hit
8	Paul _____, 'Bake Off' chef
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As you may be aware Maidstone Borough have released their long awaited Local Plan for the Borough with regard to planning.

The local plan:

- Sets out the scale and distribution of developments in the borough until 2031
- Identifies, by site, where developments will be located
- Identifies where developments will be restrained
- Explains how we and our partners will deliver the plan
- Is our main planning document

The consultation period begin on 21st March, and will last for six weeks. The following is a schedule of public events that will allow the public to view and comment on the proposals

Saturday 29 March	The Mall Chequers (outside Boots)	10am-4pm
Tuesday 8 April	Headcorn Village Hall, Church Lane	2pm-8pm
Wednesday 9 April	The Hilton Hotel, Bearsted Road	2pm-8pm
Thursday 10 April	St Nicholas Church Hall, Poplar Grove, Allington	2pm-8pm
Friday 11 April	Staplehurst Village Hall, Maidstone Road	2pm-8pm
Monday 14 April	Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall, Church Street	1.30pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 15 April	John Banks Hall, Goudhurst Road, Marden	2pm-8pm
Wednesday 16 April	Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way	2pm-8pm
Thursday 17 April	Coxheath Village Hall, Stockett Lane	1.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 23 April	Cardwell Pavilion, Hollingbourne	2pm-8pm
Friday 25 April	Heather House, Bicknor Road, Park Wood	2pm-8pm
Saturday 26 April	Maidstone Leisure Centre	10am-2pm
Tuesday 29 April	Yalding Village Hall, Lyngs Close	2pm-8pm
Friday 2 May	Harrietsham Village Hall, Church Road	2pm-8pm

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Ulcombe History Society

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Membership is £10 a year, but visitors are very welcome. For more information contact Molly Poulter on 01622 842988.

Programme:

Tues 20th May Talk by Bronwen Sadler on: *Gramps War: the History of the Great War.*

Sat 24th May Outing to Greenwich – *Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Queens House and Royal Observatory*

Tues 17th Jun Talk by Dr John Mercer on: *William Morris and the Red House*

Wed 9th Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

Fri 19th Sep to Sun 21st Sep First World War Remembrance trip

Tues 21st Oct Talk by David Debenham on: *The white colonial – Benefactor or Plunderer*

Tues 18th Nov Talk by Dr Jean Stirk on: *Researching the History of a House.*

Mon 1st Dec Talk by Geoff Hutchinson on: *What is Christmas? Exploration of Christmas folklore*

All Saints Church Ulcombe

A very special day takes place at All Saints Church, Ulcombe, on Saturday 26th April called ***Mystery and History for all the family.*** It will run from 10 am to 5 pm. During the day there will be opportunities to try your hand at bell ringing, go up the tower, take part in an adult History Hunt, do a children's Treasure Hunt, do a brass rubbing, take part in children's activities, watch an artist and a stone mason at work, watch a Mystery Play, listen to a talk on the history of church music, listen to a concert - and enjoy food, real ale and home made cider!"

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SUTTON VALENCE CHORAL SOCIETY

Spring Concert Sunday 6th April 2014

Sutton Valence Choral Society starts the 2014 season with two very popular works: Mozart's Coronation Mass and Faurés Requiem.

The concert takes place at All Saints' Church, Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6YE on Sunday 6 April at 7.30pm. Music Director Bryan Gipps conducts the choir of 90, accompanied by the Beresford Sinfonia.

Tickets, priced £12, (£6 for under-18s and those in full-time education), are available from choir members, from Music Matters in Week Street, Maidstone, by ringing 01233 840540, or via the website at www.suttonvalencechoral.co.uk

Sutton Valence Choral Society (Regd. Charity No 1119160) supports Fegans

Grafty Gourmet

This has got to be one of the simplest dishes I've put in the magazine. (I had trouble trying to string it out a bit to make it longer). The Pork can be substituted with chicken or beef. And vegetarians, can try using sliced carrots, potatoes or other vegetables of your choice. Serve with rice or noodles for that extra Chinese touch.

Crispy Chinese Style Pork and Onion Rings

Oil for deep frying	½ Teaspoon chilli powder
50g Plain flour	½ Pork Fillet cut into strips
50g Cornflour	½ Onion cut into rings
½ Teaspoon paprika	50g (1 ¾ fl oz) Milk
½ Teaspoon cumin	

1. Heat the oil in a deep fat fryer.
2. Mix together the plain flour, cornflour and spices. Using just over half the mixture, coat the strips of pork.
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Music Notes, April 2014

In a previous "Music Notes" I mentioned the Clash Diary operated by the Maidstone Area Arts Partnership on behalf of arts organisations in the Maidstone area. This month the concerts offered by our local choirs illustrate a complete failure to use the diary to the benefit of the choirs themselves and the concert-going public. At the very end of March Maidstone Choral Union performed Fauré's *Requiem* together with Part II of the *Messiah*. Just a few days into the new month Bearsted Choral Society perform Fauré's *Requiem*, and one day later Sutton Valence Choral Society also sing it! To avoid favouritism I have listed them all; just possibly a very few Fauré fans may wish to go to them all to compare the performances, but I doubt it! Here is the list:

- Tuesday 1st April, 8.00pm at Pilsdon Barn, West Malling ME19 6HH, East Malling Research Station Music Club present a concert by The London Violin Ensemble. Tickets at the door. Info only 01732 843129
- Saturday 5th April, 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted, Bearsted Choral Society perform Fauré's *Requiem*. Tickets 01634 666730 or at the door.
- Sunday 6th April, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, Sutton Valence Choral Society perform Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and Fauré's *Requiem*. Information 01233 840540
- Saturday 26th April, 7.30pm at Pamoja Hall, Sevenoaks School, Maidstone Wind Symphony's **Concert Five** includes Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and also features the Kent Jazz Orchestra. Ticket info 01580 291056.

Brian Hardy

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm**

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Christian Message - April 2014

Lent will soon be over and Easter Day is 20th April.

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Lent is about remembering that Jesus gave up a lot to come and show us what God is like and to offer us a new way of living with a different focus. Just after his baptism in the river Jordan, on the brink of going public with his message, he went into the desert for 40 days. He had nothing to eat. He was preparing for the months and years ahead – he knew life was going to get tough so some training was in order. But it was more than that: he was developing his relationship with God, his Father, and practising dealing with temptation.

Each year, when we observe Lent, we are identifying with what Jesus did in the desert. It helps us develop our relationship with God, and it can also help identify our weaknesses, our own temptations, so that we can grow in our relationships with our friends and family, our community and with God.

These days, many people focus on doing something positive during Lent, rather than just giving things up. So maybe it's always letting someone out of a side road when you're driving, or putting aside some money or some tins for the Food Bank in Maidstone, or visiting someone you know to be a bit lonely, or taking someone a home-made cake; perhaps "random acts of kindness" like paying for the shopping for the person in front of you in the shop or newsagent.

Me? I've given up eating between meals – snacking – and I have decided each day to do something to bless someone around me.

So I will remember, when I think of a snack, to pray for someone or something. Perhaps it will encourage me to make a phone call, or visit someone. And I hope that I will do something positive in the community (if you see me about, put me on the spot and ask me what I've done today!).

It was this training and preparation in the desert that helped Jesus overcome the greatest battle of all – that of letting go of control of his own life and trusting his Father. As he faced the horrific cruelty and pain of death by crucifixion he prayed "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

His willingness to give his life into God's safekeeping and to trust him is a challenge to all of us.

May you know his grace and strength this Easter and always.

Dick Venn

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Sunday/Main Services – April 2014

**6th April – The Fifth Sunday of
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8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Family Worship
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion
11am Lenham Holy Communion
11.15am Ulcombe Family Worship

13th April – Palm Sunday

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
09.30am Harrietsham Holy
Communion
11.00am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton Choral Evensong

20th April – Easter Day

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
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27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Family Worship
11am Lenham Family Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Harrietsham Informal Service

Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

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