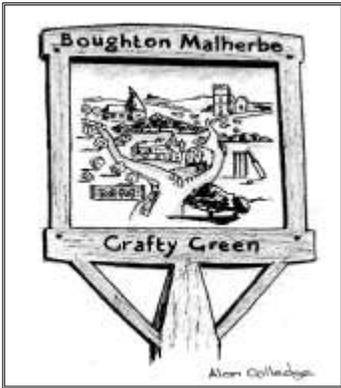


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Front Cover: Ken, Eve and Bev recently celebrating their 25th anniversary of running the Kings Head pub in Grafty Green
Photo courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayer will be held on 1st 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 9.30 a.m. in St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe and on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at All Saints Ulcombe. You are very welcome to join these sessions. During August Prayers will be said in Harrietsham on Thursday mornings at 9.30a.m.

Bible Study/ House Group will be held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green. For further information about these Groups please ring Joan Drury on 01622 853766. For those of you who are interested we are a small group of people who meet to study passages from the Bible.

Cream Teas will be served on 6th, 13th and 20th August from 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. Sally will be making her delicious scones and Sylvia will be making cheese scones for those of you who prefer a more savoury taste. We hope we are blessed with fine weather. We would be grateful for some help with the setting up of the Tables and Chairs at around 1.00p.m, please let us know if you can help ring 01622 850210 many thanks.

Coffee Morning Our monthly Coffee Morning will be held in the village hall on the 9th August from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon Do come along and share a coffee and homemade cake or cheese scone with a friendly chat.

Gentlemen at Breakfast will start again in September on the last Saturday of the month at the Dog and Bear Lenham at 8.00 a.m. when a full English Breakfast will be served costing £8.50 per head. If you would like to reserve a place please ring Sarah at the Church Office on 01622 850604 or James Hodgkinson on 01622 850137 for further information.

Ride and Stride organised by the Friends of Kent Churches will take place on the 9th September between 10.00a.m. and 6.00p.m. Joan Davidson has sponsorship forms. We would like people to take part and help raise monies for the Friends and our church as we are repairing masonry and windows at the moment and will be very pleased for any additional help with the cost of this project.

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Susan Burch

All our yesterdays ... The Hardware Shop Lenham Square, circa 1920, now the Bow Window Coffee Shop and Café.



Grafty Gourmet

This is another very simple recipe for you to try. Roasting a pineapple whole gives you the best of both worlds. The outside is hot and sticky, but the middle remains juicy and sweet, making this the perfect summer dessert.

Roast Pineapple with Coconut Rum Cream

100g of light muscovado sugar

1 teaspoon of chilli flakes, plus extra to serve

1 teaspoon of cracked black pepper

1 pineapple, peeled with top leaves left on

50g of butter

160g can of coconut cream

2 tablespoons of white rum

1. Heat the oven to 160C for fan oven or 180C for conventional oven. Mix the sugar, chilli flakes and 1 teaspoon of cracked black pepper in a large roasting tin. Roll the peeled pineapple in the mixture. Leave the pineapple in the tin and dot the top with large pieces of the butter.

2. Roast the pineapple for 30 minutes, basting every 10 minutes with the buttery juices, until sticky and golden. Remove from the oven and let it cool slightly.

3 While the pineapple is cooling, make the rum cream by whipping the coconut cream to form soft peaks. Then fold in the rum. Just before serving, baste the pineapple again in the buttery juice. To serve, Sprinkle with a few extra chilli flakes and slice up the pineapple. Add some of the extra sauce from the roasting tin and a large dollop of the cream.

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Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

| Date | Speaker/Event | Topic |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Jan 10 | AGM and Sarah Morgan | Alpines in landscape design |
| Feb7 | Tim Ingrams | Hellebores |
| March 7 | Nikki Gammans | Bumblebee Conservation |
| April 4 | Alison Marsden - and Spring Show | Front gardens – making the most of your house |
| May 2 | Steven Edney | Salutation Garden |
| May 6 | Plant Sale 10am on the village green | |
| June 4 | Sunday afternoon Garden Safari around our village | |
| June 9 -11 | Weekend away Somerset, Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton, | |
| July 4 | Boldshaves, Woodchurch | |
| August 1 | Orangery at Mystole, Chartham CT4 7DB | |
| Sept 5 | Tram Hatch | |
| Oct 3 | Stephen Harmer | History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show |
| Nov7 | Fiona Wemyss | Blue Leaf Plants |
| Dec 5 | Meal | |

August 1st visit to The Orangery at Mystole, Chartham, Canterbury CT4 7DB. Turn off the A28 through Shalmsford Street. In one and a half miles at a crossroads turn right down hill. Continue, ignoring roads on left and right, ignore drive on left (Mystole House) only. At sharp bend in 600 yards turn left into private drive. entry is £4.50. Please give Irene Ayling a call if you are coming.

Tip of the Month - Feed and water container plants, deadhead roses and prune rambler roses. Trim hedges and cut back wayward perennials. Continue watering in spite of recent rain. In the vegetable garden keep harvesting young crops including onions, beans can be frozen if there is a glut. In our many garden visits this summer Angel's Fishing Rod has been a favourite flower if there is room for it maybe a choice for next season?

A request for some plants for the village fete on 2nd September? We will be running a stall for the competitions - largest sunflower head, largest bean/onion as detailed in June magazine or call Sue Burch for further details.

Carole Frost - Secretary
Grafty Green Gardening Club (01622) 757536.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:
4th September, 6th November, 15th January 2018, 12th March 2018

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

Before I get on to the main point of this month's article (the fete next month), I need to tell you of a deadline for submitting photos for next year's **village calendar**. You will remember that we are looking for *any* beautiful, intriguing or interesting images that folk might like to adorn their walls with for a month next year. We'd be particularly keen if anyone has images of past 'happenings' in and around Grafty (events, outings, exceptional weather conditions, etc) but we'd be happy to receive any favourite photos of yours that you think others would also like. Just let me know that you have something and we will arrange to get a copy somehow. But these things have to be arranged a while in advance, so I must ask you to get in touch by the **end of August**, please. My contact details are below.

I also need to let you know that there will be another '**Phil The Bag**' day at the Hall on **Sunday 8th October**. Of course, I'll remind you nearer the time but I mention it now to encourage you to hold on to your old clothing, soft furnishings, shoes, belts and bags for a couple of months if you can. As you know, we are paid for every bag that we collect for 'Phil' and each year this contributes around £200 to our continual fund raising effort, as well as giving us another excuse for a little social get-together on the day!

Now, the big news is that our **Medieval-themed fete** is only a month away, on **Saturday 2nd Sept**. Amongst other attractions (see separate page) will be competitors for the **best-dressed hobby horse and best medieval costume** – and the costume competition is not restricted to children! You don't need much to give your get-up a medieval flavour. Become a medieval monk in your hooded bathrobe or a peasant with an old shirt and some string around your trouser legs. Perhaps, somewhere in your family, there is lurking a Robin Hood or Maid Marion outfit. Search 'medieval costume' on-line for loads of ideas for things easily made.

On the next page are simple designs for hats that can be made out of stiff paper, but other headgear is possible. A floppy cap with a feather would make a lovely squire's hat and a plastic bucket or bowl + ingenuity would make a fine knight's helmet! That's all we need to give the day a truly medieval feel, so do please enter into the spirit of the event and wear something on the big day!

No hobby horse for the hobby-horse competition? On the following page you can learn how to make one of those too! And you can find other designs on-line.

Richard Pilborough Hall Committee Chairman

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Medieval fete – Saturday 2nd September

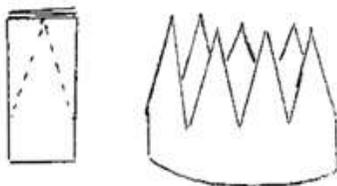
Make a 'jester's crown' or a 'princess cone'

from stiff paper (perhaps left-over wallpaper) following the instructions below:



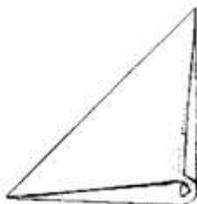
Jester's Crown:

1. Measure round your head at forehead level.
2. Cut out a piece of paper this long (plus 2"-3" for an overlap) and about half as wide.
3. Colour the sheet at this stage, if it is plain.
3. Fold its length in half, then in half again, then in half again.
4. Mark mid-way along the top of the folded sheet and on each edge 2"-3" from the bottom.
5. Draw a line from the top mark to each of the side marks and cut the corners off.
6. Open the sheet out, overlap and join the ends with sellotape inside and out.
7. Curl the points down and decorate them with something light & fancy from Hobbycraft!



Princess cone:

1. Cut paper into a square with sides of 12" or so and colour/decorate it.
2. Curl the paper diagonally (top left corner towards bottom right corner) and overlap it as necessary to form a cone.
3. Sellotape these edges together, inside and out.
4. If necessary, make holes about 1/2 way along each of the open edges, reinforced with sellotape, and thread through some ribbon to form a chin strap.
5. Attach some tissue paper or light material to the point of the cone so it hangs to the back.



Make a hobby horse like this, or go on-line for more ideas:

1. Start with a broom handle, or dowling of similar dimensions.
2. Use a saw to make a groove around it approximately 12" from one end.
3. Stuff a long sock to make the face and neck of your hobby horse, and temporarily tie some wool or cord around the top to keep the stuffing in.
4. Sew on buttons for the eyes.
5. Cut two pieces of felt to make ears and sew or stick these to the heel of the sock.
6. Wool can be used for the mane and fringe, and tape can be used to make a bridle.
7. When the head is finished untie the sock in order that you can feed the dowling/broom handle in, so that it reaches the heel of the sock.
8. Using strong thread or cord, tie the head onto the dowling using the prepared groove to secure the head tightly.





Grafty Green Medieval Fete

2nd Sept, 2017

Location: The Field, Church Road, Grafty Green

Time: 2pm – 5.30pm

Official Programme

| Time -pm | Event |
|----------|---|
| 2:00 | Event Opening - James Whale and his Medieval Friends – see more about James below |
| 2:15 | Costume Competition – judged by James |
| 2:30 | Punch & Judy |
| 3:00 | Close up Magic and Fire Display in medieval costume |
| 4:00 | Fun Jousting |
| 4.20 | Punch & Judy |
| 4:50 | Hobby Horse Gymkhana |
| 5:10 | Morris Dancers |
| 5:30 | Grand Draw and Competition Announcements |

Jacket Potatoes, Burgers, Ice Cream and Refreshments available throughout the day

Grand Draw: Prizes include: Ashley Law Samsung 9" tablet, £100 cash, Whody Boudoir £100 voucher, Hamper donated by AW Court, Tea for 4 at Chilston Park, Fish & Chip Supper for two at The Kings Head, Around the Garden Table Gift, Alan Colledge Gift, Immy Blingy Gift.

Sponsors: Ashley Law, Kings Head Pub, AW Courts, Amiga-Fire & Security, Chilston Park Hotel, Jan and Steve, Karen and Niall, Who'd a Thought It, Chequers Fish Bar, Philip Jarvis Estate Agents

Games and Competitions

Stocks – featuring Ken from the Pub
Coconut Shy
Hoopla
Human Fruit Machine
Splat the Rat
Tombola
Children’s Medieval Activities
Largest Vegetable – Gardening Club
Largest Sunflower Head – Gardening Club



Attractions and Stalls

Grafty Green Alpacos
Buttercups Sanctuary for Goats
Around the Garden Table
Big Cats Sanctuary
Alan Colledge – Local Artist
Church Craft Stall
Grafty Green Gardening Club
Caff’s Cakes and Bakes
Local Homemade Cakes
Stained Glass

About James Whale: James is the well-known broadcaster and radio presenter, and contributor to the paper reviews on ITV’s This Morning and SKY News.

Still recovering from his recent stint in Celebrity Big Brother ! Now on air @TalkRadio Monday to Thursday 7pm till 10pm.

Away from broadcasting James likes to spend his time target shooting with his favourite custom made English Long Bow. It’s one of his favourite pastimes along with a passion for Old English and Medieval crafts.

James’ autobiography Almost a Celebrity: A Lifetime of Night-Time was published in 2007.

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The Tithe Barn, Lenham

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August 2017

10am – 4pm

This indoor event will take part in the largest 14th century Tithe Barn in the country, situated in the beautiful village of Lenham. Following the great success of previous Mid-Winter Markets at the barn (this event is being held again on 18th & 19th November 2017), we are pleased to present you with this chance to join us to celebrate what the producers of Kent have on offer and exceptional treasures on show created by our local makers.

Delicious homemade food and entertainment will be available throughout the day. This amazing barn is rarely open to the public so the opportunity to soak up the traditional atmosphere is not to be missed.

For further information please contact Sharon Prior at Orchids on 0776 401 401

Platts Heath School PTFA are holding a 'Phil the Bag' event on Friday 22nd September.

Bags can be dropped off to St Eds hall on Thursday 21st September.

Items that can be donated are:

Clothing including school uniform,, hats, shoes, belts and handbags.
Household textiles including sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels.



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If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com

August Music notes

In August the "Proms" are in full swing; they start on 14th July and continue through to 9th September. As well as the daily live performances, there are daily broadcasts on radio 3, and some of the most popular concerts are shown on TV. For this month look out for Prom 10 on BBC4 on 18th August (Beethoven), and Prom 49, (Bach's St. John Passion) on BBC 4 on 20th August.

I have to admit that having mentioned what is probably well known to many of my readers, I have struggled to find to recommendations locally this month. All major local choirs and orchestras are all "on holiday". Apart from the Hever Castle Arts Festival (18th July-27th August) there may be some more good concerts in local churches, but if so their publicity has not reached me in time for publication.

So here is what I have found:

- Saturday 5th August, the Invicta Jazz Orchestra is playing at the Flying Horse, Cage Lane, Smarden TN27 8QD from 2.00pm-4.00pm as part of the Smarden Beer Festival
- Saturday 12th August at Hever Castle Festival Theatre (TN8 7NG) at 8.00pm, a performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinnafore*. Box office 01732 866114. Gates open 6.30pm.
- Sunday 13th August at Hever Castle Festival Theatre (TN8 7NG) at 8.00pm, a performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Box office 01732 866114. Gates open 6.30pm.
- Saturday 26th August, 7.30pm at the Mote Hall, Maidstone (ME15 7RN), the Kent County Youth Orchestra completes their Summer course with a public concert. For information email hello@kent-music.com
- Sunday 27th August is "Swing night at Rolvenden Church". This is an event featuring works by Gershwin, Porter, Berlin and others. 8.30pm at St. Mary's Church Rolvenden TN17 4LT. Tickets at the door.
- Also on Sunday 27th at Hever Castle Festival Theatre (TN8 7NG) at 8.00pm, The last night Festival Concert. Box office 01732 866114. Gates open 6.30pm.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 10th July 2017, 7.40pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; T King; J Collins
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: Cllr Shellina Prendergast

Cllr Turner opened meeting at 7.40pm

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – received and accepted apologies for absence from – Cllr R Galton, Chris Wheal, John Boyd, Stuart Ellesmere, Cllr Martin Round
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 meeting held on the 8th May 2017 were approved.
6. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
5. **Public session** - no one in attendance from the public
7. **KCC/MBC Reports**

Cllr Shellina Prendergast requested that the Parish Council responds to the Planning Inspectorate appeal with regard to land at the rear of The Meadows. It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond in line with the previous submission to the planning application.

Cllr Prendergast advised the council, with regard to heavy goods vehicles using Liverton Hill, to collect data using a lorry watch approach and write to her on the issue of 7.5 Tonne signs.

Cllr Prendergast invited the Councillors to arrange an informal meeting with her to discuss Parish issues. Clerk to arrange.

If there are any further abandoned caravans Shellina advised that the Clerk writes to John Edwards at MBC with a copy to her.

8. **Local Policing/community**
Councillors were disappointed to note that none of the invitees were present. The Clerk was asked to inform invitees of their disappointment and request attendance at future meetings.

- 9. Highway and Footway Matters**
- 9.1 Liverton Hill – noted forthcoming closure and concerns raised by residents
 - 9.2 Ditches, gullies, pot holes - noted works completed on potholes. Agreed to keep pressing with regard to gullies
 - 9.3 Speedwatch – noted problems arising from the approvals process
 - 9.4 HGV Signage – signs now in place but too small. Cllr Turner will write to Shellina Prendergast with regard to a 7.5 tonne limit
 - 9.5 Lorry watch – it was agreed that this should be explored
- 10. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended**
- Cllrs Allum and King provided feedback with regard to the KALC Neighbourhood Planning workshop. Cllr Turner provided feedback from the KALC Councillors Conference. It was agreed that the clerk would contact insurers with regard to insurance cover for contractors maintaining the village green
- 11. Finance**
- 11.1 To note the Balance at the Bank - £28,909.26 Nat West
£500.00 Santander
 - 11.2 Income since the last meeting – VAT rebate £184.27 received, noted that PSS has not yet been received
 - 11.3 Bank Reconciliation approved and signed for position at 5th June 2017
 - 11.4 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting - none
 - 11.5 Update on new bank signatories – noted that this is still not resolved
 - 11.6 Granting Special Instruction to the Clerk – noted that a letter of request had been delivered to the bank
 - 11.7 Use of Reserves – noted position on the two main proposals with regard to the Village Green and Car Park and councillors agreed to continue to pursue these options as the most likely use of the council's legacy. It was agreed that once informal enquiries have been completed with regard to the village green a formal meeting will be arranged.
 - 11.8 The Annual External Audit Report for 2016/16 was received and noted
- 12. Correspondence** – There was correspondence from: CPRE, AON Insurance, The Pensions Regulator and MBC with regard to changes in the electoral register. This was noted
- 13. Further Information** – Clerk to arrange date for a meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss planning request at Chilston Park and the Appeal regarding land at the Meadows

The Meeting closed 9.09pm

**MINUTES OF A MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE
of BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL held at 7.00pm on
Monday 10th July 2017 in Grafty Green Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: J. Collins; R. Turner, A King
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Collins opened the Meeting at 7.40pm.

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it - there were no declarations
2. Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence – Cllr Galton whose absence was approved and noted.
3. Appoint Chair of Finance Committee: Cllr Collins was nominated and accepted the position as chair.
4. Appoint Members of Finance Committee: Cllrs accepted and approved nominations, with Cllr King appointed temporary Committee member for this meeting
5. Approve Minutes of 13th December 2016 – The Minutes were approved and signed.
6. Matters Arising – Clerk to pursue outstanding issue relating to the salt bin and report back
7. Review of the year's Budget to date and approval of any amendments.

Cllr Collins handed out a budget statement which showed a forecast underspend of [£1378] for the year 2017/18. Following discussion it was agreed to make the following changes to the forecast:

- Additional PSS income of £100 now received towards notice boards as in 2016/17
 - Add £474 for new salt bin
 - Increase training spend to £600
 - Add £999 as Parish Council's contribution to MBC for new Finger post on green
 - Christmas Festivities add £500
 - Clerk mileage add £200
 - Stationery increase forecast to £200
 - Staffing costs to be reviewed by the new staffing committee
8. Review Level of Reserves as discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 8th May 2017 – this discussion was referred to the meeting of the full Parish Council to follow this meeting
 9. Review 2016/17 External Auditor's report – this was reviewed and noted with regard to the level of reserves
 10. 2017/18 – PSS – noted that this has not yet been received at the bank but we had received notice of a BACS transfer on 7th July 2017.
 11. VAT Claim for 2016/17 – noted that a claim had been made and a payment had been received from HMRC for £184.27
 12. Further information- as requested at the Annual meeting of the Parish Council the Terms of Reference of the Finance Committee were reviewed. It was agreed to

recommend one amendment to the full Parish Council; with regard to membership this should read that there will be at least four members with all councillors permitted to attend and vote and the quorum should be three councillors. The Clerk to bring redrafted Terms of Reference to the September meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

In case you wondered where the Grafty Garden Centre Sheep is now grazing you can find it at the Who'd A Thought It pub

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

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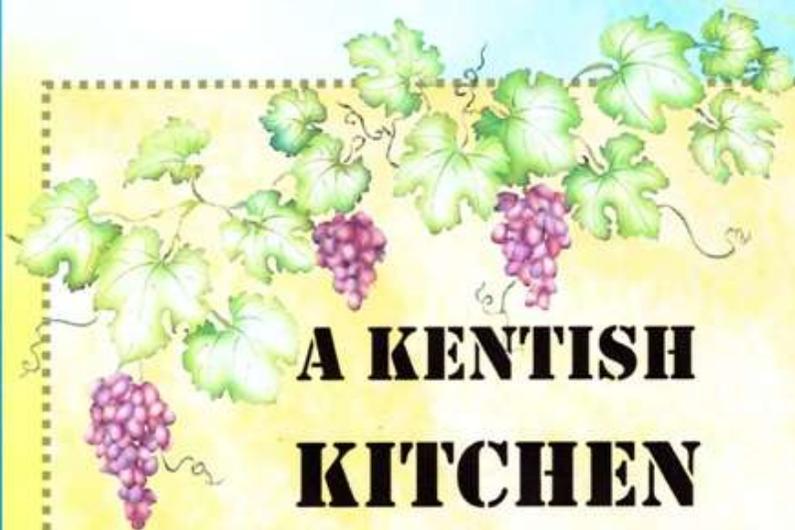
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LVBA has been providing monthly networking opportunities with brilliant presentations from a variety of talented people since 2009. Since then we have all seen a lot of changes. As networking franchises have flooded in from overseas to make money for UK owners, local groups have come and gone and smaller networker hopes and aspirations have nearly started but quickly faded when they do. Some of these 'organisations' are almost 'secret societies' and the majority of businesses people find it all 'uncomfortable'.

If it is good for certain types of business and you like it, then it is there for you. Not everyone wants to spend a lot of money on networking every year. Some people still find having to buy a meal to go networking is not very appetising. Some groups parted from original networking groups and that idea results in nothing but problems. Better to work together than setting up a competitive situation dividing the original audience between two operations rather than keeping it all together.

At LVBA we have concentrated on the experience of the event. Made it all positive, especially for first timers. The real emphasis goes onto the networkers, they are there to improve and move their businesses forward, as easily as possible. Without complications. Getting into a room where specialist professionals are available, approachable and keen to provide helpful advice free of charge is very useful. Getting to know fellow networkers is what it is all about!

These small areas of networking were useful but not as successful as they might be. People want more now, more options and more places equals more people. That means more organised & more successful networking. And that is where LVBA is helping to develop the plan. LVBA will still be there but within a bigger, better more versatile flexible business networking operation. The places will still be local, October is in The Harrow Inn, December at Chilston Park, but September we will re-launch with the Maidstone Mayor in Staplehurst. November will be in another area but still within the borough.

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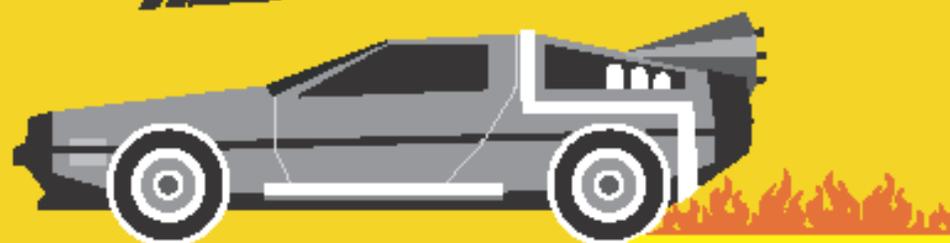
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Christian Message August 2017

Phew!

After four years of study my Reader training course is finished at St Augustine's College. Initially it was a case of sighing with relief that the work was all over, a little sadness at the parting of the ways from fellow students and tutors, and then a time of celebrating the results.

With an ending, however, comes time to take stock and reflect; uncertainty and questions about one's future, a sending out and eventually, new beginning. I'm sure this must be familiar to many people, not least those who have recently left school, university or have changed jobs

God prepared Moses for the task ahead of him and then sent him out. In fact again and again in the Old Testament people are prepared for a task and then sent out, often reluctantly and with fear and trepidation but eventually with success through God's power.

In the New Testament Jesus went through the same process and later prepared his disciples for the life that lay ahead of them and then sent them out to carry on with the work that he had started. Just like the disciples, we are called to step out in confidence to carry on God's work; to care for his creation; love one another; look after those in distress, hungry and suffering and witness to him.

It is important to BE PREPARED as all good Girl Guides know but there is no need to be hesitant if we study God's word, follow his 'rules' for life, pray regularly and let the Holy Spirit guide us. My late father used to say that you only really learn how to drive a car once you have passed your test. My mother said something similar about teaching, claiming that all the training in the world can never quite prepare you for the 'classroom experience.' We have to expect the unexpected but, protected by our armour of faith, we know that we *can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13)*. Of course it helps to have the love, guidance and support of others. The four parishes of our Group could not have been more welcoming and supportive to me over the last four years and the ministry team are available to help and to guide.

I pray that I can serve the community, our new incumbent and God to the best of my ability and look forward to the next step in my faith journey. I hope our new Vicar is looking forward to the next step in his faith journey and experiences the same welcome in each parish that I have, and I hope that you look forward to the next step in your faith journey strengthened by the knowledge that Jesus loves you whatever you do next.

If you have not yet asked Jesus into your life, now is your chance to take that step and know his love. It may feel like a giant leap into the unknown but you have a whole Church family ready to welcome and support you.

Pamela Cuerden

New Len Valley Vicar

The Rev Dr John Huggins, currently service in the Creekside Benefice, has been appointed Vicar in the Len Valley Benefice with effect from 10th October.

The Len Valley Benefice ***Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe*** **Sunday/Main Services – August 2017**

Wednesday 2nd August

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 6th August

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

Sunday 13th August

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Wednesday 16th August

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 20th August

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

Sunday 27th August

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

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