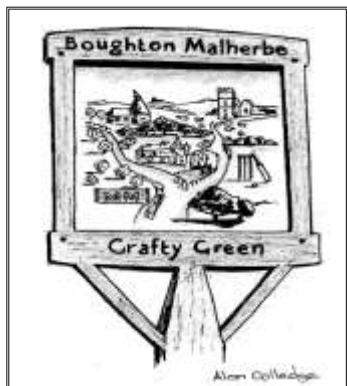


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Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
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Front cover: A rather splendid Pheasant in the snow.
Picture courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers are held fortnightly at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesday mornings at 9.30a.m. These are held on alternate Tuesdays with All Saints Ulcombe. The dates this month are 6th and 20th.

Lent Lunches are to be held on Wednesdays during March with the last one on 4th April. The time for these is 12.00-2.00p.m., entry is by donation, we serve a variety Soups with Crusty Bread and very good they are too. The proceeds will be sent to Christian Aid as our contribution for Christian Aid Week, which is held in May. See below for host venues:

Wed: 29 th February	Joan Davidson, Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill
Wed: 7 th March	Sally Alexander, Bowley Oast East, Sandway
Wed: 14 th March	Vanessa Goodwin, The Old Rectory, Boughton Malherbe
Wed: 21 st March	Sylvia Close, Ferndown, Grafty Green
Wed: 28 th March	Joan Drury, Grafty Green, Village Hall
Wed: 4 th April	Foxes Earth, Grafty Green

The Village Coffee Morning will be on 14th March 10.30-12.00 in the Grafty Green Village Hall. Entry is by donation, which is to be sent to a Charity later in the year. Coffee or Tea is served with delicious homemade cakes and scones etc. Please come and join us hope to see you will be most welcome.

Mothering Sunday falls on 18th March this year there will be flowers for children to give to their Mothers at this Service, which is our monthly sung Holy Communion service.

Gentlemen's Breakfast will be held in the Red Lion Lenham Square on 31st March at 8.00a.m., when a 'Full English' will be served. The speaker this month will be Keith Willis who is an author. Ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195 or Frank Allen 01622 850559 to book your breakfast.

Joan Davidson

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Mash, Novelty chart record from Bobby Pickett and the Crypt Kickers in 1973
2	Little Red _____, A Willie Dixon song that The Rolling Stones took to No 1 in 1964
3	_____ All Over, Dave Clark Five's only No 1 in 1963
4	All or _____, Successful 1966 chart release from The Small Faces
5	_____ Are Made Of This, A 1956 ballad by Dean Martin
6	I'm Telling You ____, A No 2 release from Freddie and The Dreamers
7	_____ Rigby, Beatles track from the Revolver Album
8	Neil _____, Who had a top 10 hit with Calendar Girl
9	Love _____ in the Sand, A No 2 in 1957 from Pat Boone
10	_____, Rod Stewart's nautical biggest selling UK single

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Village Hall News

If you're reading this before 3rd March, and haven't yet got your Frog Racing tickets, then you have just hours left to buy them (only £1 each, available from Rob at the Village Shop). If you're reading this *after* 3rd March, well, I hope you had a great time at the Frog Racing!

I hope to report next month that the evening earned us some more cash to put towards our Diamond Jubilee celebration in June - for which we shall ask only a nominal admission fee but which will offer music and dancing, entertainment for both children and adults, and stalls where you can test your skills (or, perhaps, *display* your skills: are there any arty/crafty folk in the village who might like to show off what they create?) And, of course, we have the free hog roast, which we plan to follow with free strawberries & cream / ice cream.

You are asked to bring your own salads, etc, to accompany the roast meat, but we have a plan to make even that aspect more enjoyable! You are invited to meet up with other villagers at the Hall on the morning of Saturday 21st April (just so happens to be the Queen's birthday), to pick up some new ideas and recipes for 'portable food'.

We invite you to bring your own special recipes and ideas to share: your variations of pies, flans, anti-pasta, mista, salads, crudités, dips, breads etc. etc. And if you can provide a sample of your recipe for tasting that would be fantastic. Please contact Sue Burch (850381 or email burch1997@aol.com) if you think you may have something to contribute. Let's make this celebration a great 'community' event in as many ways as we can.

We have one other event to look forward to in the Village Hall before the Jubilee and that is a Beetle Drive (very popular last time) which we shall hold towards the end of April or beginning of May. More information on that in next month's magazine.

Do let me know what else you'd like us to offer in the way of entertainment. Looking ahead to the autumn and beyond, we're presently considering a 60s/70s disco, a 'foody' evening of some sort and, if we can afford it, professional entertainment in the Hall. What do you think?

We're also keen to encourage those with common interests to come together in new 'clubs' or 'societies'. An indoor bowls club has been mentioned for example - any interest? Or perhaps table tennis? Do let me know if you have any ideas. We're getting to the stage where we can begin to consider expenditure on any equipment that might be needed, so don't be put you off by the thought that some expense would be involved.

Ring me on (01622) 850484 or email me at pilborough@grifty.plus.com with any views. I'd love to hear from you.

Richard Pilborough - Hall Committee Chairman

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council



Could **YOU** be a Parish Councillor?

It may surprise you to know that the answer is probably yes!

Councillors are just ordinary people like you and me who, for various reasons, decide that they want to be more actively involved in our community. They put themselves forward for election and it is up to us to choose who we trust to represent us.

Councillors are the most local part of the British democratic system and are closest to the public whatever the problem, from pot holes to planning. As a councillor YOU can become a voice for your community and affect real change.

Why don't YOU stand for election to your Parish Council and see what difference you can make to your local community? It doesn't matter how old you are as long as you're over 18; it doesn't matter what you do for a living or whether you're unemployed or retired. Our Parish Council should be representative of the parishioners of our parish and, therefore, made up of people from all walks of life.

The role of Parish Councillor can take as much or as little time as you let it, from the typical 4 - 5 meetings per year to extra undertakings on behalf of parishioners. There is training available, should you need it fulfil your role; support, advice and help from Officers/Councillors.

The Parish Council Elections take place on Thursday 3rd May this year. There are 5 positions to fill and current councillors, if they wish to continue, will have to stand for re-election - it is by no means a done deal!

Interested? Then call either Pat Anderson, Parish Clerk, on 01622 858350, e-mail europa.13@btinternet.com, or Janet Barnes at Maidstone Borough Council on 01622 602242, e-mail janetbarnes@maidstone.gov.uk

Kings Head - Grafty Green

Curry & Quiz Night

Sat 24th March - 7.30pm

Chicken Tikka Masala or Chicken Jalfrezi
with rice and poppadoms

Veggies catered for. £8 per head

Please book Tel: 850259

Fire Meeting 31st January - Summary

It was heart-warming to see such a good attendance for the Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) presentation which gave a very good insight to their diverse fire prevention work. Unfortunately for many attending, me included, the consensus was we needed to hear much more about fire prevention measures we can and should take in our own homes - sometimes the obvious is not as obvious as it seems! To remedy this situation and for the benefit of those at the meeting a leaflet is being prepared in conjunction with KFRS and will be delivered to every household in Boughton Malherbe Parish. Please remember KFRS Community Safety Unit will on request visit anybody in their own home (particularly the vulnerable) to advise on fire safety and where appropriate fit smoke alarms completely free of charge. If you have any queries or require a KFRS visit please contact Chris Wheal on 858100 or Robert Turner on 850325.

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Tovil Green Household Waste Recycling Centre

I write to bring the following matter to your attention.

We are in the process of carrying-out some refurbishment works at the Tovil Green Household Waste Recycling Centre, Burial Ground Lane, Tovil. This will unfortunately necessitate a complete temporary closure of the facility for a 5 day period. The work involves essential repairs to the fabric of the site, and re-surfacing of the access road and some of the operational areas. It is a busy facility and due to the limited space available, it would be difficult to carry-out these works safely and efficiently without a full closure whilst the work is going on in the public areas.

The facility will therefore be closed with effect from Monday 19th March for 5 days. The site will re-open on Saturday 24th March 2012.

We are mindful that the nearest alternative facilities are some distance away, the impact this will have on our customers, and the potential for increased fly-tipping in the area. Accordingly we are planning various mitigating measures as follows:-

- During the 5 day closure period, the site entrance will be manned throughout the hours the site would normally be open. Customers will be given leaflets explaining the closure with directions/maps to the nearest alternative facilities at North Farm, Tunbridge Wells and Church Marshes, Sittingbourne. A sign board will be set up outside the site with details of the temporary nature of the closure and contact details for more information.
- Additional staff will be provided at the nearest alternative facilities to help deal with the increased usage.
- Any fly-tipping at the site entrance and immediate locality will be monitored and cleared daily.
- In advance of the closure, notices will be posted in the local press and at the site.
- The KCC and DC Contact Centres will be suitably briefed.
- The websites will provide appropriate information on alternative facilities

All these measures will be monitored, reviewed daily, and adjusted to meet needs as necessary throughout the closure period.

Peter Korn

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Pet's Corner!

MORE ITCHY PROBLEMS...

Last month we looked at the problem of fleas and how to tackle them in the home and on your pet.

But, what else can make your pet itch?

Once you have eliminated the possibility of a flea problem, your vet may look elsewhere for an answer to your pet's itching.

Other parasites can cause itching, such as the *sarcoptes* and *demodex* mite.

These microscopic mites live in the pet's hair follicles or under the skin surface. Many dogs already have mites, but only develop a 'problem' if their immune system becomes suppressed and the mites reproduce rapidly. Some dog breeds such as Dobermanns and Staffordshire Bull Terriers appear to be predisposed to developing such a problem.

Both mites can cause itching, with hair loss, severe self trauma leading to skin infections and eventually thickening of the skin if left untreated. *Sarcoptes* is highly contagious, and is usually caught from the wild fox through indirect contact.



Microscopic view: *Demodex*

Diagnosis is usually made through a skin scraping which is examined under the microscope for mites. However, often the mites are difficult to see as they burrow under the skin, so diagnosis is usually based on the symptoms.

Treatment can now be accomplished using Advocate spot-on treatment, which is prescribed by your veterinary surgeon.



Microscopic view: *Sarcoptes*

Other problems that may cause itching are food allergies, allergies to house-dust mites, as well as plants, pollens, grasses and yeasts. The latter type of allergy is usually described as 'atopy', and will need to be investigated by a veterinary dermatologist (skin specialist) to discover exactly what your pet is allergic to. Symptoms can include chewing of the feet and recurrent ear and skin infections.

See your vet if you are concerned that your pet is itching, and your usual flea preparations do not seem to be working.

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- Increased concentration and focus.
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- Reduced levels of stress and relief from tension.

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- ✓ Move freely
- ✓ Think clearly
- ✓ Breath fully

Further details from Sue Burch – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher – 850381 or email grafftyyoga@gmail.com

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to 18th August 2012.

Grafty Green

Saturday 17 th March	15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 26 th May	15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd
Saturday 4 th August	15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 17 th March	14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane
Saturday 26 th May	14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane
Saturday 4 th August	14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 24 th March	09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens
Saturday 2 nd June	09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens
Saturday 11 th August	09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

Date	Event/Speaker	Subject
March 6	Sue Scrivens	More Wayside Plants
April 3	Spring Show / Laurie Manser	More Gardening Memories
May 1	Sandra Pilborough and Sylvia Galton	Making the best of flower arranging
May 15	Ros Bennett	Ferns and Mosses in Elmstone Lane
June 9 Saturday 2pm	Outing Molesworth, Benenden	Private garden
July 3 6.30 pm	Eaglewood, Warren Street,	Mr and Mrs Darvill's garden
27 – 29 July	Weekend in Sussex	
August 7 6.30pm	Bean Place Nursery, Headcorn	Nursery visit
Sept 4	Autumn Show - Neil Coombs	Vintage Trees
Oct 2	Veronica Moore	Horticultural Therapy
Nov 6	Sue Buckingham	Wild flowers of the Mediterranean
Dec 4	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

The March meeting is on Tuesday March 6th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is Sue Scrivens who will be speaking about the topical subject of Wayside Plants. Members and non members alike are invited to come along, enjoy the evening and find out more about our native plants. For more details: Phone Sue Burch (850381 or Rosemary Smith (850526)

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4 tablespoons flour	3 tablespoons oil
4 tablespoons sugar	3 tablespoons chocolate chips
2 tablespoons cocoa	(optional)
1 egg	1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 tablespoons milk	1 large coffee, mug

1. Add dry ingredients to the mug, and mix well.
2. Add the egg and mix thoroughly.
3. Pour in the milk and oil and mix well.
4. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract, and mix again.
5. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high). The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but that's not a problem. Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate served with vanilla ice cream.



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News From Ulcombe Village School

Freezing Fun In February!

February's cold snap certainly provided fun and enjoyment for those who were well prepared. It was great to be able to get outside in the snow, making snowmen and more during our break times. Several Tawny Owls worked together to make a snowman that stood more than six-feet tall!

On the theme of safety, Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day. This is a day when we remind the children that the internet has many benefits, but also many dangers. We have used assembly as an introduction to work that will be completed in all three classes next term on the topic of E-Safety. We have also organized an information session for parents, to which you are all very warmly invited on Monday 5th March at 9am.

Moving from safety to health, during the last week the children in Barn Owls and Tawny Owls had a taster session from Reel Eire Dance. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and several are still practicing even now. The dancing continued on the last day of term, when FUS held our annual St Valentine's Disco. The children, as ever, had a wonderful time. Our thanks go to FUS and our DJ for putting on this for the children.

Congratulations Mrs Hargrave!

We are delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Hargrave are expecting their third child at the end of June. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing the whole family every best wish for the next few months and all the joys that await them. Mrs Hargrave, who some of you may even remember as Miss Lillyman, hopes to be with Barn Owls until the end of Term 5. Mrs Boorman and I will cover Mrs Hargrave's maternity leave.

Maidstone Youth Sport Achievement Awards

After an incredible season, our footballers were nominated for the MYSAA Team of the Year award. Several of the squad thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony at Mote Park on Friday 27th January. The event started with a celebration of the Olympics thanks to a team of local dancers. Hugh Robertson, MP, was the guest speaker, along with the Mayor of Maidstone, emphasising the importance of sport in the year when the Olympics come to Britain and the Olympic torch comes to Maidstone.

There were eight teams nominated in the same category from a range of sports and ages, including schools and clubs. The wonderful successes of the other nominees showed what a great achievement it was to be there with a chance of winning. Unfortunately we were not successful on this occasion but we were able to enjoy the evening, being treated like celebrities. Congratulations go to former pupil, Ben Jelf, who was third in the Gold Award.

Is This All Going To Fit Into Just Six Weeks?

Term 4 promises to be full of activities helping us all to enjoy and achieve, from E-Safety to Easter to the Earth and Beyond. Friday 9th March sees the start of National Science and Engineering Week, which we will be using as a time to think about the world and universe which we live in. To start we have a scientific entertainer who will lead each class in workshops before putting on a show for all of the classes in the afternoon.

During the week after this we will have a real focus on Science in our work. This will be followed on Tuesday 20th March with a visit from Herstmonceux's Observatory Centre. They will be bringing their planetarium to us so that we can all to find out about the stars and planets.

During March we will be making final preparations for Tawny Owls' Residential Adventure and heading off on the trip itself. This year we are again going 'overseas' as we head off to PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. We will get children from the three schools together and hold a parents' information session before we go on Friday 23rd March.

The weekend of the Residential Adventure is also when Sport Relief will be taking place. We will be holding an event in school for the children. Two weeks before, I will be visiting Silverstone, going round the motor racing circuit quite a lot slower than F1 cars, running in the Silverstone Half-Marathon. I will be raising money for Sport Relief and the new School Library. If you would like to sponsor me please contact the School Office by telephone, email or pop in.

The term will end with our preparations for Easter. We are pleased that FUS are again organising our Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Thursday 29th March. Please put Friday 30th March in your diary as this is the date of our Easter Service at All Saints Parish Church in the afternoon. We hope lots of you will come and join our special celebration.

Celebrating Mothering Sunday

This year we will again hold an Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner during the week before Mothering Sunday. All parents, grandparents and friends from the wider community are welcome to come in for a roast beef dinner at 1pm, when older children will look after diners by waiting at tables and making sure you do not go thirsty. The Mothering Sunday Assembly will follow at 1.45pm (or soon after), when all of the children will show off some of their work and help us to celebrate. We will also have a surprise guest appearance. Contact the School Office if you have not already received your invitation and you would like to book a seat. Lunches do need to be ordered in advance, so please get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible. Look out for more information about the FUS prize draw to taking place on the same day.

Friends of Ulcombe School

The FUS St. Valentine's Disco has already been mentioned. The next FUS activity will be a Prize Draw for Mothering Sunday. I know that the committee are getting together some lovely prizes, so look out for tickets soon. They will be available from the School Office up until Wednesday 14th March, when we have our Friends Dinner where the draw will be made.

Moving on to the summer, dates to put in your diary are Saturday 23rd June and Saturday 14th July, which is our Sports Day and Summer Fayre and Summer Ball, respectively. This year we plan to run our Sports Day on the penultimate Saturday in June from 11am, with the Summer Fayre following immediately afterwards. Saturday 14th July is the date of our FUS Summer Ball. You should have received an invitation, but if you need another one please ask at the School Office. As in the past there will be an auction with wonderful lots to bid for, as well as a great meal and the chance to dance the night away. We would like to have an idea of numbers for the hotel very soon, so please do send in your reply as soon as you can, either to the School Office or to Mrs Berry.

FUS and the School Council are continuing to work together to improve our school. The Council has been raising money for a wooden gazebo. This could be used as an outdoor classroom, shelter for the children during playtimes and shelter for grown-ups when coming to collect the children. We are looking at different options at the moment. Thanks to the hard work of both groups in bringing this about.

Lastly, FUS are trying hard to organize a Bingo evening with our friends at the Village Hall in the future. It looks like this will be a joint event taking place in the autumn. Watch this space!

As ever, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in school. We hope to see you at one of the forthcoming events.

With Very Best Wishes,

Mr V Hampton
Head Teacher

Platts Heath Baby and Toddler Group

We meet in the St Edmunds Centre, School Lane on Monday mornings between 10am and noon (even in school holidays!). We are a small, friendly group of Mum's and little one's and would welcome newcomers.

Please do call in and see us or if you would like more information, call Sarah on 01622 859174. There is a small charge of £2 per family. We hope to see you soon.

Lenham Valley Business Association

Why on earth would anyone go LVBA networking?

If you are in business you would have noticed by now it is a bit of a struggle making the ends meet. Many companies (big and small) have already disappeared, either sold up, folded up or just shut up! As always in business it is about investing in the right things to secure incoming sales. Sure, cut back overheads, re-evaluate costs, make sure the quality to sales level is right for your business and move forward ('the cheapest' isn't always right). Sit there and do nothing at your peril! But where can you go to find out more? Who can you ask? Where might you find more customers? Less expensive suppliers? Find better advice? Like minded people?

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Details about the monthly networking events can be found on the networking page of our web site. We meet the first Tuesday every month (apart from June). On 6th March the speaker is Flo Churchill, MBC 'The Business role in Neighbourhood Planning'; on 3rd April Jon Burston, Rialto IT presents '12 top tips for 2012'. It costs nothing to find out more (first 2 meetings are free) and we can provide with you with some good networking opportunities - remember why - to get more business, information, help, advice, money? !

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St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe

Services in March

Lent 2

4th 9.30a.m. Holy Communion BCP

Lent 3

11th 6.30p.m. Choral Evensong BCP

Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

18th 9.30a.m. Holy Communion CW1

Passion Sunday

25th 9.30a.m. Family Worship

Palm Sunday

1st April 9.30a.m. Holy Communion BCP

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Grafty Geeks - Computer Tip of the Month



What does the Right Mouse button do?

Probably the question I get asked the most, so I thought this would be a good topic for this month.

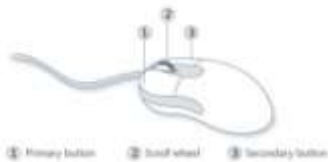


It doesn't matter if you use a mouse or the mouse pad on a laptop, the **Right Mouse Button** is the same.

Its proper name is: **Secondary button**

Mostly commonly known as “right-clicking”

To **right-click** an item, point to the item on the screen and then press and release the **secondary button** (usually the right button).



Right-clicking an item usually displays a list of things you can do with the item. For example, when you **right-click** the Recycle Bin on your desktop, you'll see a menu with options to open it, empty it, delete it, or see its properties. To select any of these options, point to the item, but use the primary mouse button to perform the actually do something from the menu.



If you **right-click** accidentally and a menu appears that you were not expecting, move the mouse pointer away from the menu to an empty area of the desktop and click the **primary button** (usually the left button) to make the menu disappear.

You can use **right-clicking** in almost all applications to provide you with a menu of options available for the item you are pointing at. Try it in the internet for printing, saving objects or word processing for cutting and pasting.

So, if you're ever unsure of what to do with something, **right-click** it and see what options are available. But note that you **never** double-click the secondary mouse button.

Note: You can change your mouse settings to suit your personal preferences. For example, you can change how fast your mouse pointer moves around the screen, or change the pointer's appearance. If you're left-handed, you can switch the primary button to be the right button. For more on customising your Mouse, go to Help and Support.



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To help us manage this properly, we will be offering the dates and times shown below; you will need to call us to book a slot and provide your phone number, email address and what you need help with. We will also ask for you to pay the price of £5 prior to your session, by cheque, or by popping into the Telecottage on any Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon, where bookings can be taken and confirmed.

**There will be 3 x 1- hour slots available between 9am–12noon
on the following dates:**

March: Thursday 1st, Monday 5th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 29th

The list below is not exhaustive but provided to give an idea of what can be covered:

Getting Started
Digital Photography
Family History
Word Processing
Tables in Word

Manage Files & Folders
Photos: Camera to PC
Edit Photos
Email Photos
Produce a Calendar

Produce a newsletter
Use the internet
Facebook/Twitter/Skype
Excel
PowerPoint

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The March Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Aquarius at beginning of March, and moves into Pisces on the 12th.

The **Spring Equinox** falls on Tuesday 20th March, so after this date the days will grow longer than the nights. **British Summer Time** begins on Sunday 25th March, when clocks go forward one hour.

Full Moon occurs on Thursday 8th March when in the constellation of Leo, and **New Moon** is on Thursday 22nd March.

Mercury is at its greatest distance east of the Sun on 5th March, so there is a chance to see this elusive planet just after sunset. If you look low in the western sky at about 7 pm you should be able to see it shining very faintly.

Venus is again a brilliant "Evening Star" this month. It can be seen in the south-western sky just after sunset, and remains visible late into the evening. Relative to the stars it is moving rapidly north-eastwards, leaving Pisces in early March, and into the constellation of Taurus at the end of the month.

Mars is rising in the east at sunset, and is high in the southern sky at midnight. Relative to the stars it is moving steadily north-westwards in the constellation of Leo. Through a telescope it may be possible to see the dark and light patches on the surface, together with the white North Polar Cap.

Jupiter is again well placed for viewing in the evenings this month. It is high in the western sky at dusk and is brighter than any of the stars. Relative to the stars it is moving north-eastwards in Aries. Through a telescope you should be able to see the dark and light bands together with the **Great Red Spot**. It may also be possible to see, even through binoculars, Jupiter's four major moons.

Saturn is rising in the east in the late evening, and is well up in the southern western sky just before dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly in the constellation of Virgo. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

In my December article last year I reported that scientists at the Cern laboratory had carried out further experiments, that seemed to confirm previous experimental results that neutrinos (subatomic particles) did in fact travel faster than the speed of light. Following a report issued in February 2012, it would appear that the results had been caused by a loose fibre optic cable attached to one of the atomic clocks, which measured the departure and arrival time of the neutrinos. They intend to run the experiment again once the cable has been repaired.

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The spending will concentrate on village/rural/community projects which chime with WKPS' stated aims of sustaining and protecting the character of Weald and its communities and promoting it as a viable and vibrant living area.

We have a special interest in "green" projects, use of sustainable materials wherever possible, reclamation/repair/re-use of what already exists but also fresh new ideas to fill gaps within the community.

To give everyone time to reflect and plan, we will receive applications up to **June 30th 2012**, decide on grants to be made in July and make payment to successful applicants in August.

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Ulcombe History Society

The next meeting of the Ulcombe History Society will be on Tuesday the 6th of March. Following a brief AGM there will be a talk by Imogen Corrigan on *Our Anglo Saxon Heritage*. She is an excellent speaker and this will be her third visit to our society.

The Ulcombe History Society is open to anyone interested in history. We meet at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village hall, and after the talk wine and nibbles are served. Membership is £8.00 and guests are charged £5.00.

Our year's programme comprises :

Tue 24 th April	Talk by Canon Peter Brett on <i>The Mediaeval priest and his parish</i>
Sat 28 th April	Outing to Fishbourne and Chichester
Tue 26 th June	Talk by Pippa and Albert Evans on <i>Aphra Behn – the seventeenth century actress and playwright</i>
Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th Sep	Weekend away - possibly Versailles and Fontainebleau (views please)
Tue 4 th December	Talk by Alan Stockwell on <i>The History of Pantomime</i>

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March 7th , 14th and 21st
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Christian Message March 2012

The time between Christmas and Lent can be the most demoralizing time of the year. The expectation of Christmas and its celebrations have evaporated, the weather is often at its worst and there seems little to look forward to. Even the zeal of New Year Resolutions wears off quite quickly. . There is, of course, the story of the Magi and the revelation that the world was so shaken by the arrival of a baby boy that Herod ordered one of the most horrific acts of the Gospels in the slaughter of the innocents. Later in January, the Conversion of St. Paul with the miraculous events on the road to Damascus gives us another example of how things can be changed beyond all expectation. Saul from Tarsus the tent maker and Pharisee a cruel persecutor of early Christians is changed forever on the road to Damascus. The period of Lent and the time in the wilderness forecasts the biggest change of all. It brings Christ to the beginning of his Ministry in Galilee and, ultimately, to the Resurrection.

So, hidden in the depths of winter and the darkest months are three examples of change which have framed the Christian world for over 2000 years.

For me, though, one of the most potent messages of change comes in the Parable of the Talents in which three 'slaves' are given five, three and one Talents "according to their ability" by their 'master' to look after. Two of them double the amount and are rewarded by a grateful master on his return. The third buries the money because he is frightened and is punished for not using the money profitably. A Talent was worth about 20 years of salary a labourer.

The message for us today is, it seems to me, about using whatever resources we have to develop and change for the good. I work in a school where there are many 'Talented' children. They are accomplished at sports, at dance and music, find science exciting and maths a challenge. Others are good at relating to their peers and at making friends. Some are ordinary but are good at being content and being happy. Every single one has something to offer and most do as time passes. They multiply their skills and they change through the process becoming 'whole' people.

Sadly, there are a few who bury whatever they have naturally and their progress makes them less happy and discontent.

In adult life things are the same. All of us know that if you want something done, ask a busy person. We see those who make the most of what they have – however great or small that is. There is something in those people that shines – in their eyes, in their response to adversity, in the way they speak to anyone they deal with. There are those, too, who love playing 'ain't it awful'. Who find fault as if for something to do and are ready to condemn rather than praise.

What has this to do with change? The people who use and develop their gifts do so in praise of God and the spirit of Christ's teaching. The Parable of the Talents tells us very clearly that it is pleasing to Him to strive to make the best of those skills and attributes we have been given and that the change brought about in us through those efforts will be rewarded.

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11th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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11am Lenham Morning Worship
11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion
6.30pm Boughton – Choral Evensong

18th March– 4th Sunday of Lent

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

25th March - Mothering Sunday

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

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Music Notes - March

More good local concerts in March, as our musicians present the results of their rehearsals throughout the Winter months. On the radio, Schubert fans should note that BBC radio 3 is devoting the week 23-31st March to the music of that composer. Also something different for opera lovers; on 5th March a new film version in 3D of *Madam Butterfly*, with Royal Opera House singers, hits the cinema circuit. Something to watch out for. And here is my local concert selection:

- Tuesday 6th March, 8.00pm at Bradbourne House (ME19 6DZ), East Malling Research Station Music Club present a concert entitled "Tyrants and Lovers" – a programme of opera solos and songs featuring Elaine Tate(sop) and Alex Ashworth(bar). Tickets at the door. Info 01732 843129.
- Saturday 24th March, 7.30pm at Mote Hall Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes works by Weber, Delius, Mendelssohn and Schumann. Tickets 01622 735830.
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Cart	Big	Spin	Wheel
2	Present	Father	Card	Christmas
3	Wind	Tax	Bus	Shelter
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6	Pooper	Hen	Piece	Party
7	Secret	Travel	Estate	Agent
8	Gold	Black	Granny	Smith
9	House	Hedge	Hawk	Sparrow
10	Whale	Weed	Pain	Killer
11	Field	Annual	Organiser	Event
12	Black	Cream	Skating	Ice
13	Point	Stick	Test	Match
14	Brief	Study	Suit	Case
15	Hand	Bin	Eye	Liner
16	Meat	Roll	Dog	Sausage

	Find the missing word?
1	Monster Mash , Novelty chart record from Bobby Pickett and the Crypt Kickers in 1973
2	Little Red Rooster , A Willie Dixon song that The Rolling Stones took to No 1 in 1964
3	Glad All Over , Dave Clark Five's only No 1 in 1963
4	All or Nothing , Successful 1966 chart release from The Small Faces
5	Memories Are Made Of This , A 1956 ballad by Dean Martin
6	I'm Telling You Now , A No 2 release from Freddie and The Dreamers
7	Eleanor Rigby , Beatles track from the Revolver Album
8	Nell Sedaka , Who had a top 10 hit with Calendar Girl
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