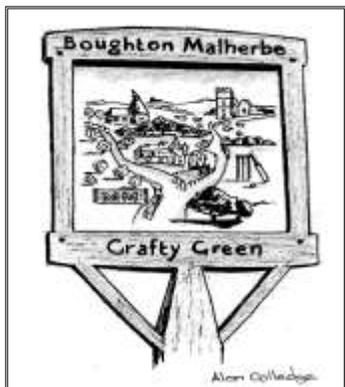


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## News from St. Nicholas Church

**A very Happy Christmas to all our readers and a Happy New Year in 2013**

### **December Services at Boughton Malherbe**

2 December - 9.30 am - BCP Holy Communion  
9 December - 6.30 pm - Choral Evensong  
16 December - 9.30 am - Holy Communion  
16 December - 3.00 pm - Carol Service  
23 December - 9.30 am - Holy Communion  
24 December - 4.00 pm - Crib service  
25 December - 10.00 am - Family and Holy Communion

**Quiz:** Many thanks to Janet Legon and her team for organising the Christmas Quiz.

**Craft Fair:** Tegan Jezard had the idea of having a Fair so on 9<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Craft Fair in Grafty Green village hall 10am – 4pm. The ladies of the church will be manning a stall so do come and support us all. Many thanks to Tegan. If you want a stall, contact Carol Hulm (01622 853583).

**St Nicholas Day:** Also on 9<sup>th</sup> December there will be Choral Evensong at 6.30pm when we remember St Nicholas to whom our church is dedicated. St Nicholas' day is on the 6<sup>th</sup> December so we celebrate on the nearest Sunday to that date.

**Morning Prayer:** Prayers will be said at 9.30am at All Saints Ulcombe on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December and at St Nicholas on 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> January at Boughton Malherbe.

**The Village Coffee Morning** will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am until noon. Do come along and enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee (or tea if you prefer) and a mince pie. See you there.

**Carol Singing:** Don't forget to come and join in the Carol Singing around the village on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6.45pm by the village shop and the Christmas tree. For more details look further in the magazine or ring Carol Hulm on 01622 853583.

**New Toilet and Kitchen:** Those of you who use Church Road to travel to Lenham will have seen that things are happening at the Church. A start has been made on installing a toilet in the old boiler house and a kitchen in the tower area. It is hoped that the work will be finished by Christmas.

**Date for your Diary:** We will be holding an Evening Event in the village hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. John Collins will be showing some slides/videos of Grafty Green past and present and there will be some refreshments. This is still in the planning stage so there may be changes before the day.

**Joan Davidson**

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2012 Programme

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Social – Tom La Dell	Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden

The December meeting is on Tuesday December 4th. Our speaker will be Tom La Dell who will be talking to us about some "Weird and Wacky things to eat from the Garden". Following the talk we will be having a Christmas Social event and supper.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. For information about this event or the Gardening Club telephone Rosemary Smith on (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch on (01622) 850381.

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*Christmas Greetings from Weirton Villa to all friends and neighbours in Grafty Green. Instead of a card this notice (my thanks to the editor for including this) I am inviting you to call in for mulled wine and mince pies on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 6.30pm. Do come!*

*Joan*

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## **News from Ulcombe Village School**

### **Clean the Chimney – Father Christmas is Coming**

We have plenty to report, as ever, as we move from autumn into winter. Whilst we might not have cleaned the chimney, plenty of other events have kept us occupied. The Ulcombe Megastore has already proven popular with those who like to shop online. Our Active Bug campaign has also already proven popular with the number of children walking all or part of the way to school increasing.

A fabulous new playhouse for our younger children has been completed by parents and grandparents of children at the school. It was officially opened and named on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The children have already made great use of it. We are delighted the playground repairs have now been completed and both playgrounds are now fully in use again.

As well as all of this as we have held our Ulcombe School Friends' Dinner, the village sky was lit up by the FUS Village Fireworks' Night and our Open Day was a great time to welcome parents and prospective parents to see the school in action.

There is plenty planned for Christmas time. Everyone is welcome to join us for our nativity play this year, and it would be wonderful to see everyone at our Christmas Service, on the last day of the year. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the amazing story of Christmas.

### **Major New Fundraising Initiative – Just in Time for Christmas Shopping**

You can now raise money for the school every time you do your online shopping. All you have to do is go via our brand new School Megastore on the left hand side of our school's web-page.

Our Megastore features all the top online retailers including Amazon, ASDA, Argos, John Lewis, Expedia, Sainsbury's, Boots, M&S, PC World and many, many more. The cost is exactly the same as shopping direct, so you raise money for us at no extra cost to you! Buying a Kindle from Amazon? If you go to Amazon via our School Megastore, Amazon will be able to tell. And because the School Megastore 'referred you', they donate a percentage of whatever you spend back to us.

It really is that simple. We're not asking you to use specific retailers, all we ask is when you shop online, please go via our shop and you can help us raise much needed funds that will help to support high quality teaching and learning in a variety of ways, such as keeping down the costs of swimming and other educational visits.

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## **Get the Active Bug and Walk To School**

Our school is now taking part in the Kent Active Bug challenge. The green travel campaign is run by the charity KM Walk To School Team, who provide incentives encouraging families to walk, cycle or scoot to school. The charity helps children understand the importance of exercise and reducing car journeys as well as road safety skills. Well done to all three classes who are making more journeys on foot.

## **Fireworks Fun for Everyone**

Everyone is welcome to join us for a wonderful evening, including refreshments and, fantastic fireworks. Fireworks' Night will be on Friday 9th November. The firework display was incredible again this year. It was wonderful that so many friends and families came along to enjoy the evening together.

We must pass on our thanks to the FUS Committee and the wide number of family and friends who helped before, during or after the event to help make it such a great evening, particularly our firework lighters, Mr Shortland, Mr Odam and Mr Powell.

## **Open Day**

Are you a parent? Is your child already here at Ulcombe? Are you looking for a school for your child in the future? Our Open Day was a great chance to see us in action, and see what we get up to on a normal day. We had a morning session and an afternoon session for our Open Day. The Friends of Ulcombe School, our PTA, kindly offered to provide refreshments, including tea and coffee with cake, which were wonderful as ever!

If you were unable to join us on the day, but you would like to see the school in action, feel free to contact the School Office (01622 842903 - [office@ulcombe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@ulcombe.kent.sch.uk)) for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

## **Christmas is Coming**

Looking ahead to the festive season, please put in your diary Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the day when Father Christmas comes to Ulcombe on his pre-Christmas visit. The reindeers are scheduled to land near the Village Hall soon after 6pm, then he will be walking down to the school for the FUS Christmas Fayre (which starts at 6.30pm).

If you would like to find out about The Supersonic Lamb, our nativity is taking place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Contact the School Office for more information. Our Christmas Celebration at All Saints Parish Church will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.15pm. We look forward to seeing many of you there, joining the children, staff, families and friends.

As ever, if you have any queries, concerns or offers of help please come and speak to one of us. Many thanks to you all for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you during December.

Best wishes,

**Mr V Hampton, *Head Teacher.***

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**For You Only' Christmas  
Craft Fair!**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012**



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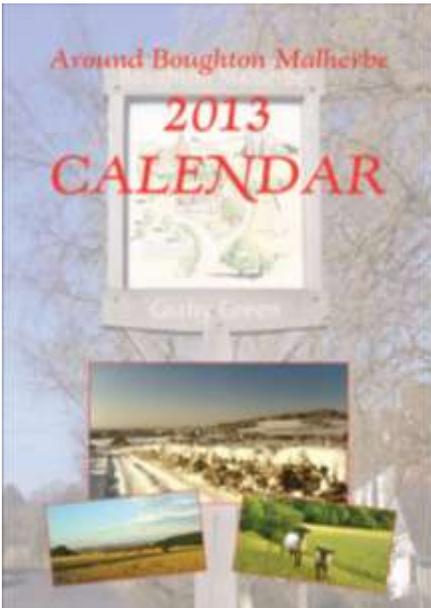
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### **Yoga Classes Grafty Green Village Hall**

Wednesday evenings 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7 until 8.30  
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27 November 2012

### **Survey of one of Kent's largest Tudor estates is now on-line**

A rare sixteenth century Kent land survey that previously could be read only in an ancient volume at the British Library in London has been transcribed and published on-line by a team of Kent Archaeological Society volunteers.

The document originally belonged to the Wotton family, whose estate covered 6,000 acres in nearly every part of the county, from Ringwood in the east to St Mary Cray in the west, and from Cliffe on the Thames estuary to Lydd on Romney Marsh.

The estate was established from the early fifteenth century by five generations of Wottons, mostly in Boughton Malherbe (the family's country seat) and neighbouring parishes. By the middle of the sixteenth century it comprised a total of 67 manors and plots scattered across more than 30 parishes.

It was one of Kent's largest estates in the Tudor era, exceeded in size only by those held by the Church and a few 'lay lords'. Most of the Wotton family's contemporaries among the landed gentry held fewer than 1,000 acres.

In 1557 the head of the family, Thomas Wotton, then about 36 years old, decided to record precisely how much land he held, where it was, who occupied it, how it was used and whether, after his death, feudal law would require it to be divided equally among all his heirs under a Kentish custom called 'gavelkind' or handed down in its entirety to his eldest son.

So, between October 1557 and November 1560 he and his assistants surveyed each and every plot of his land, using measuring rods sixteen and a half feet long – the standard measuring tool of the day.

Most of the measuring was done by William Clarke, a husbandman (tenant farmer or small landowner) of Lenham and Robert Kennett of Boughton Malherbe, one of Wotton's labourers. When Thomas was unable to attend he sent his servant, William Dymming, to supervise.

Thomas died in 1587 and the Wotton male line became extinct when his grandson (also named Thomas) died on his 43rd birthday in 1630, leaving only daughters. The Wotton estate then passed to the Stanhope family, into which the eldest Wotton daughter, Katherine, had married.

The survey, written in English on 338 folios (676 individual pages) of vellum, was still being used in the early seventeenth century but subsequently the estate's papers were either inherited by relatives, or sold, and it somehow disappeared.

It was not seen or heard of again until 1929 when it was sold at auction in London by an unknown vendor. In about 1932 it was acquired by the British Library in London and for the next 80 years could only be consulted there.

It took the KAS team three years to transcribe the manuscripts. Some of its members were experienced in reading sixteenth century handwriting; others were complete beginners. Digital images were supplied on CD by the British Library and the volunteers worked from enlarged (A3-size) black and white copies of the images, which were more legible than the brown ink on cream vellum of the original folios.

Thus a document which is an important source of local, social and family history and essential reading for place-name scholars is now freely accessible to all. To read it visit [www.kentarchaeology.ac](http://www.kentarchaeology.ac).

#### The Wottons of Boughton Malherbe

The Wottons lived at Boughton Place, near St Nicholas Church, Boughton Malherbe, which contains several of the family's graves and memorials.

Thomas's great great grandfather, Nicholas Wotton, a draper, was elected Sheriff of London in 1406, during Dick Whittington's second term as Mayor of London. Nicholas was twice Mayor of London and acquired the Manor of Boughton Malherbe through his marriage in 1416 to Joane Corby, daughter of wealthy landowner Robert Corby.

From this time Boughton Place became the Wottons' main residence for more than 200 years, from the reign of Henry V until that of Charles I, and the family estate grew as a result of a series of dowries, legacies and purchases.

Nicholas's grandson, Sir Robert Wotton, was Sheriff of Kent in 1498-99 and King Henry VIII's Chief Gatekeeper of Calais and Comptroller of Calais.

Robert's son, Sir Edward Wotton, was a member of the court of Henry VIII, a Justice of the Peace, a Sheriff of Kent, and a guest at the coronation of Anne Boleyn and the baptism of Prince Edward, the future King Edward VI.

Thomas Wotton, Edward's son, was three times Sheriff of Kent.

In August 1573 Queen Elizabeth I stayed at Boughton Place and planted an oak tree in the grounds during her progress through Kent.

Sir Henry Wotton, a diplomat, poet, publisher and friend of Isaac Walton, was born at Boughton Place in 1568.

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*St Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe, the Wotton family's parish church. (Ref no. TW1)*



*Boughton Malherbe village sign. (Ref no. TW2)*

## Music Notes - December

December brings Advent and Christmas, with festive music abounding. No shortage of concerts, and don't forget the carol services as advertised elsewhere in this magazine. Here are just some of the other local musical events for the month: -

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone – Maidstone Symphony Orchestra with soloist Jamie Walton perform Dvorak's *Cello concerto* and Brahms *Symphony no.1*. Tickets 01622 735 830.
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at holy Cross Church, Bearsted – Bearsted Choral Society's Christmas Concert includes a selection of Christmas choral works by Charpentier, Bush, Poulenc and Thiman. Information 01622 674384
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone. Maidstone Wind Symphony perform their Christmas Concert in aid of All Saints' Church Restoration & Development Trust . There is a wide selection of seasonal music, some popular, some meditative. Info and tickets 01580 291056.
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Maidstone Choral Union presents Music for Christmas, a concert of carols for choir and audience with the Kent Festival Brass Ensemble. Retiring collection for the Royal British Legion. Tickets 01622 726193.

For the stop-at homes, try BBC radio 3 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, for the Advent carol, service from St. John's College, Cambridge; then there is of course the Kings College Cambridge festival of nine lessons on radio 3, 3pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and a different service on TV BBC 2 (time to be confirmed). Also on Christmas Day BBC 2, Rossini's *La Cenerentola*, (Cinderella)- again time to be advised.

**Brian Hardy**

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## Grafty Gourmet

Christmas is upon us again, so here's one for those of you with a sweet tooth. As usual, simple to make and great to eat.

### Christmas Rocky Road

250g dark chocolate, chopped	200g amoretti biscuits
150g milk chocolate, chopped	150g shelled Brazil nuts
175g butter, softened, plus extra for greasing	150g red glace cherries
4 tbsp golden syrup	125g mini marshmallows
	1 tbsp icing sugar

1. Place the dark and milk chocolate pieces into a heavy-based pan. Add the butter and golden syrup and cook over a low heat to melt and combine.
2. Place the amoretti biscuits into a freezer bag and bash with a rolling pin to make crumbs of various sizes. Place the Brazil nuts into another freezer bag and bash in the same way.
3. Take the pan of melted chocolate mixture off the heat and add the crushed biscuits and nuts. Add the glace cherries and mini marshmallows. Fold the mixture carefully to coat all of the solid ingredients with the syrupy chocolate mixture.
4. Pour the mixture into a 25cm/10in x 30cm/12in greased and lined baking tray and smooth the surface as much as possible (although it will look bumpy). Refrigerate for two hours, or until firm enough to cut. Dust with icing sugar, then sprinkle with edible glitter if you wish. Remove the block of rocky road from the tray and cut into 24 rectangles.



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## News from Platts Heath Primary School



### *Where small works*

And so we come to the last newsletter of 2012. This year has flown by, but it's hardly surprising when you look at how much we have managed to pack in!!

#### **Fund Raising**

Our school council members proudly represented Platts Heath Primary School at the remembrance service on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church in Lenham. We also raised a wonderful £46 for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies.

Spot the Difference? - The children and staff all came to school in suitably spotty attire on the 16<sup>th</sup> November and between them raised a whopping £71 for BBC Children in Need.

As part of Turner class' ongoing efforts to raise funds for their trip to the O2 in January, they have raised another tremendous £36 by asking their parents to sponsor a Christmas carol. Parents were given a number of carols to choose from and were asked to sponsor the songs they most wanted to hear the children sing at the Christmas carol concert. The six chosen carols were 'Little Donkey', 'It was on a Starry Night', 'Away in a Manger', 'O Come all ye Faithful', 'Go Tell it on the Mountain' and 'I saw Three Ships'.

#### **K'NEX Challenge**

The children from Wallis and Turner class (Year 2-6) are getting excited about competing again in the K'NEX challenge taking place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The winning pair will go through to the finals, competing against children from across the area, to be held in Rochester on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



Turner class have now completed their Global Children's Challenge™ and managed to "virtually" walk all the way to Pompeii! Their average class step was 11,077 and the total number of steps managed was 553,853.

#### **Intriguing India**

Turner class' topic this term is about India and on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November they will be holding "India day." In the morning the children will be making some traditional Indian dishes such as chapattis and samosas. Parents will be able to taste these culinary wonders in the afternoon whilst being entertained with some traditional dancing.

We are well and truly in the festive mood and all the classes are currently in the process of producing a Christmas mural to decorate the corridor in the school. Lowry class (Reception and Year 1) have drawn inspiration from Raymond Briggs "The Snowman", Wallis class (Years 2 and 3) are looking at Eric Carle's "Dream Snow" and Turner class (Year 4&5&6) are focusing on Chris Van Allsburg's "The Polar Express".

Continuing with the seasonal festivities, we will be having our Christmas lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. As always this is well attended by our governors who will be serving dinner to the children – apparently, I am very lucky and get to be on Brussels sprout duty!

### **Whilst shepherd's watch their flock?**

We shall be watching Lowry class perform their nativity "Shine Star, Shine" on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Lowry class will be telling a story about an important big star who is having the trouble to find strength to shine, until his friends help him in every way they can. I'm sure the children will be brilliant as usual.

Wallis and Turner class shall also celebrating Christmas with their own carol concert on the 20<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Church in Lenham. The winning carols will be performed along with plenty of other performances from the children. Of course, as we are an all inclusive school, parents will be thrilled to know that the "Twelve Days of Christmas" is back, along with all the actions and pictures!

### **Platts Heath Primary School Open Afternoon – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

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We hope you enjoy the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy holiday.

**Emma Wilkins – Parent Governor**

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

Maidstone Borough Council have issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service up to end of January 2013.

#### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January      15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd – Junction Headcorn Rd

#### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January      14:30 – 15-10 -: Green Lane

#### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January      09:25 - 09.55 -: Lodge Gardens

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

	Find the missing word?
1	Silent _____, Popular Christmas carol
2	_____ Christmas, A Bing Crosby favourite
3	Let It _____, A Dean Martin song
4	_____ around The Christmas Tree, a hit for Mel & Kim
5	A _____ Tale of New York, A no 2 hit for The Pougés & Kirsty McColl
6	Once in Royal _____ _____, A Christmas carol
7	_____ and Wine, A no 1 for Cliff Richard
8	Frosty the _____, A popular Christmas song
9	_____ Bryan, Had a hit with All I want for Christmas is a Beatle
10	A Lonely ____ (In a Christmas shop), A song by Adam Faith

### Platts Heath St Edmunds Centre

By the time you are reading this, we will have held our latest Quiz. If you haven't been able to join us before, they are always a fun night, and would be wonderful to see you at our next one!

We will be carol singing again on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Leaving the Hall at 4, working our way around the village, then heading back for mince pies and mulled wine. It would be great to see some new faces, so make a note of the date & hope to see you there!

We will be having a New Years Eve disco, families very welcome, from 8 til late, £5 an adult, children free. If you would like to buy tickets call 858208.

We have lots of fun evenings coming up in the New Year, a curry & live music night, plus Beer tasting & social night to name a few, watch this space for dates. It would be fantastic to see you there! And we would welcome any suggestions you may have for future events.

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### **From your Parish Council .....**

There was some response to my call in last month's Malherbe Monthly for people to come forward and help with the preparation of an Emergency Plan and a Village/Neighbourhood Plan and, as a result, at the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2 groups were established:

Emergency Plan: Pat Anderson; Cllr. Ron Galton and Chris Wheal.

Village/Neighbourhood Plan: Sylvia Close; John Collins; Mike Davidson; Cllr. Tony King; Ian Shaw and Cllr. Robert Turner.

They will meet before the next Parish Council meeting (22nd January 2013) to establish the way forward and I will keep you updated.

Regarding the Parish Services Scheme (which, if it comes into being, will mean the Parish council will have very little money, maybe only enough to keep some of the grass cut) there is little further to report. The petitions from the parishes had a total number of signatures in the region of 3,400. It will be presented to MBC on Wednesday 12th December in Maidstone, exact venue to be confirmed. It is hoped that as many Parishioners from the whole of the Maidstone area will attend as possibly can to create a real show of the extent of our disapproval. If you would like to go, please contact me and I will organize lifts/car sharing where possible.

***Christine King***  
***Parish Clerk***

## ABOUT SKYDRIVE – HOTMAIL (2<sup>nd</sup> Article on the Cloud)

Microsoft is in the process of changing from the old Hotmail (Web/Online) to their new Outlook.com (Web/Online) design. To change over to the new version click **options** and select **Upgrade to Outlook.com**. The emphasis is on integration and sharing via the cloud. The general trend is for everything to be cloud based.

This is the old style Hotmail or Windows live mail and as you can see it has a link to SkyDrive and has done for some time now.



This is the new style Hotmail called Outlook.

To show the links click the down arrow next to Outlook at the top left.



The SkyDrive link is now showing along with the **Calendar** and **People** links.

Click the **SkyDrive** cloud to get the following.

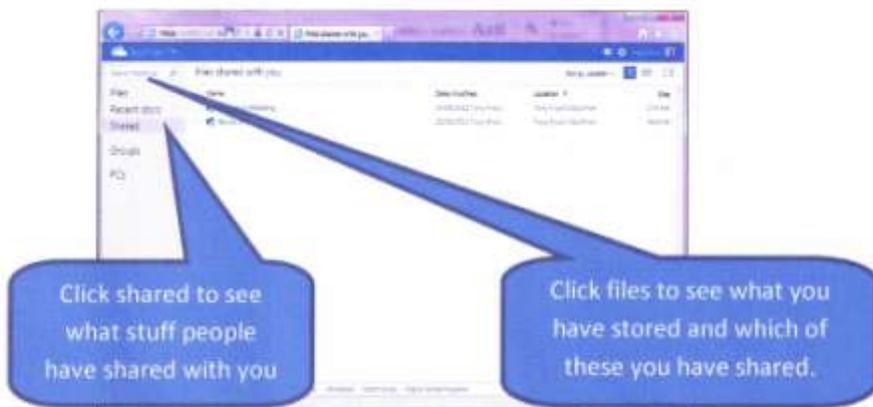


On the left there is a Shared folder, click this to see who is sharing with you.

Any file can be shared or not. Check the properties of the file by using the right-click on the file to find out if it is shared and who with.



All SkyDrive sharing is done by the you, never automatically. When a picture email is sent, Outlook puts the real picture in a folder under files then sends the person you sent it to a "thumbnail" of the picture and a link to the shared folder on your SkyDrive. In the case of picture emails this is a temporary share and expires after a few weeks.



There are a lot of changes and integration with social sites such as Facebook and twitter. In the **People** folder all contacts from all your social sites can be shown if you so desire. It has to be setup by you and passwords are required so not so easy to do unintentionally. However if you are already logged in to Facebook for example it may be possible, so be careful.

### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013**

The minutes for the last meeting (and all previous minutes) can be viewed on the Boughton Malherbe Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

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1	Battle	Cruise	War	<b>Ships</b>
2	Fighting	Hissy	Tight	
3	Back	Down	Dutch	
4	Clad	League	Poison	
5	Blue	Battle	Family	
6	Coloured	Purpose	Tasking	
7	Federal	Game	Gold	
8	Birth	Exchange	Water	
9	Baking	Siphon	Bread	
10	Library	Phone	Home	
11	Club	Strip	American	
12	Shadow	Gloves	Day	
13	Flask	Packed	Cleaner	
14	Resources	History	Super	
15	Friend	Sunday	Seller	
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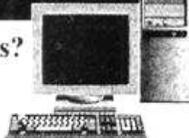
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## The December Night Sky

The **Sun** is in the constellation of Ophiuchus at the start of December, and moves into Sagittarius on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**New Moon** occurs on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, and **Full Moon** is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December in Gemini.

**Mercury** is at its greatest distance west of the Sun on 4<sup>th</sup> December, and we may have a chance to see this elusive planet just before dawn in the southeast in the middle of the month.

**Venus** is rising in the northeast in the early hours, and by dawn the brilliant "Morning Star" will be well up in the south-eastern sky. Relative to the stars, it is moving rapidly south-eastwards out of Libra and across the northern part of the constellation of Scorpius. Again very little detail can be seen through a telescope apart from a rather featureless white disc.

**Mars** is very low in the south-western sky at dusk throughout December, and sets only a short time after sunset. Again it will be difficult to see in the twilight.

**Jupiter** is at opposition to the Sun on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and therefore rises at sunset and sets at sunrise. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly westwards in the constellation of Taurus. Through a telescope you may be able to see the dark and light bands, and some of Jupiter's four major moons.

**Saturn** is rising in the east in the early hours of the morning, and is well up in the eastern sky at dawn. Relative to the stars it is moving very slowly south-eastwards leaving Virgo and into the constellation of Libra. Through a telescope you should be able to see the famous rings together with many of its moons.

One of the most reliable meteors showers of the year is the **Geminid** shower, which occurs every December. These can be seen at any time between December 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

They appear to radiate from the bright star Castor in the constellation of Gemini, and will be visible throughout the hours of darkness. They are expected to peak on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is also the best time of the year to see sporadic meteors. These can be seen at any time and in any part of the sky.

Back in September I reported on NASA's Curiosity Rover, which was launched on 6<sup>th</sup> August, with the main aim of finding evidence of life on the surface of Mars. Recently NASA's SAM laboratory reported a remarkable discovery, but has not revealed any details. According to some reports it will now warrant further Mars cave explorations. I will keep you informed.

**John Maunder**



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## Christian Message December 2012

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels:  
*O come let us adore him,*  
*O come let us adore him,*  
*O come let us adore him, Christ the*  
*Lord.*

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created,

*O come let us adore him, etc.*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:  
'Glory to God  
In the highest':  
*O come let us adore him, etc.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;  
*O come let us adore him, etc.*

### **Traditional words of 18<sup>th</sup> century translated from the Latin in 1841 by F Oakley and others**

One of the great joys of Christmas is the music. Music has always been acknowledged to have power to set or enhance a mood. I really like the idea that Christmas is God's invitation to us to join in his dance and sing his song. His Christmas song is the music of God's love for the world by sending his Son to us as the baby Jesus.

Carols have always been associated with Christmas. I have learnt that the word 'carol' comes from 2 Latin words, which are 'cantare' meaning to sing, and 'rola' which is an exclamation of joy. Christmas carols are still very popular and many of us still enjoy some of the old traditions associated with them. During this month we will see groups of people wandering the streets, singing carols, listening to them as they shop, and exchange gifts, being offered mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments, attending various Christmas concerts and carol services, and generally enjoying ourselves in 'the spirit of Christmas', even in this high-tech post-modern world. Maybe one of the reasons that 'Christmas' is still celebrated so widely is that Christmas music is as popular as it ever was.

In a sense, all carols are hymns, and many hymns are carols. If a carol is a song of joyful exclamation, then many of our church hymns qualify. I suppose our carols are poems designed to be sung in praise to God. O Come all ye Faithful is one of the most famous, most popular and most well-known carols. It's interesting to note how many, even non-church attendees, can sing several verses without checking the words on carol sheets! The carol tells the story of Christmas. It starts by calling us to worship and the refrain, 'O come let us adore him' repeats the invitation after each verse. The 2<sup>nd</sup> verse tells of the incarnation, reminding us of the deep significance of this Christ-child whom we are to come and adore. The verses then describe the nativity, joining us to the adoration of the shepherds and the magi. We then sing of the humbleness of the Christ child who is poor

and in the manger. We often end the carol with the words 'sing choirs of angels' and we end with great praise as we proclaim 'Glory to God in the Highest'. Often the exception is on Christmas Day when traditionally we go one verse better! In this final verse the words 'now in flesh appearing' can send a tingle down the spine, probably something to do with it being reserved only to be sung for one day of the year, and its use gives a special significance to *this* day, the day when God became human for us. And on this special, holy day, in fact on any day, we can greet the Lord and welcome him into our hearts, in adoration, for he is Christ the Lord.

Our warm invitation to you, from our churches, is to Come, all of you, joyful and triumphant, or however you are feeling, come and behold him, born the king of angels. We look forward to welcoming all of you as we celebrate together.

I invite you to say this prayer as you prepare for your Christmas celebrations:

*Lord Jesus, as we follow the light of your star to Bethlehem, to greet your presence with us, grant us, your people to be faithful as we find, adore and follow you, not only at this time, but at all times, until we come to dwell with you, and sing your praise with choirs of angels and all the citizens of heaven. Amen.*

**Reverend Millie Hart**

### **Ulcombe History Society**

The next meeting of the Ulcombe History Society will be on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Alan Stockwell on *The History of Pantomime*.

As it is near Christmas, we thought we would make it a festive occasion with mulled wine and mince pies. We also thought some of you just might like to come in pantomime costume (definitely not obligatory!!). All are welcome.

### **St. Edmunds Centre - Film Club**

The following films are the suggested screenings for the remainder of our current season. Doors open at 7.45 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start. Titles may vary if members agree to make changes. If you wish to receive emails detailing each film about a week prior to the screening date please contact Clive Bartlett, 14 Green Lane to leave your address details. The information can be hand delivered if you do not have access to a computer. You are invited to make a donation of £3 to St Edmunds.

**21st December.** Christmas Carol (animated)

**25<sup>th</sup> January.** Ice Age 4

There is not a Film night during February.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March.** Breakfast at Tiffany's

**9<sup>th</sup> April.** Choice of Ealing Comedy (Title to be agreed).

**24<sup>th</sup> May.** Warhorse

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8am Harrietsham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Christingle Service  
9.30am Boughton Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
11.15am Ulcombe Christingle Service

**9<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (St. Nicholas)**

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

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30pm Service for people with learning Disabilities and their Carers and anyone else who wants to join in for some Christmas fun in St. John the Baptist Church Harrietsham

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

4pm Messy Church in St. Mary's Lenham

**16<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Advent**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Morning Worship  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Holy Communion  
11.15am Ulcombe Morning Worship  
3pm Boughton Malherbe Carol Service  
5pm Lenham Carol Service  
6.30pm Harrietsham Carol Service

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

7pm Ulcombe Carol Service

**23<sup>rd</sup> December – Christ the King**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Harrietsham Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe Holy Communion  
11am Lenham Family Worship

11.15am Ulcombe Holy Communion

**24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**

4pm Harrietsham - Crib Service

4pm Boughton - Crib Service

4pm Lenham - Crib Service

4pm Ulcombe - Crib Service

11.15pm Harrietsham – Holy Communion

11.15pm Lenham – Holy Communion

11.15pm Ulcombe – Holy Communion

**25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

10.00am Harrietsham Family Worship and Holy Communion

10.00am Boughton Malherbe Family Worship and Holy Communion

10.00am Lenham Family Worship and Holy Communion

10.00am Ulcombe Family Worship and Holy Communion

**30<sup>th</sup> December – The First Sunday of Christmas**

8am Lenham BCP Holy Communion

10am Lenham Benefice Holy Communion Service

**31<sup>st</sup> December**

Come and celebrate with us on New Year's Eve at 11.30pm in St. John the Baptist Church Harrietsham, as we welcome 2013 with reflection and festive refreshments.

**An invitation to those with learning disabilities, their carers and all others who would like to join us.**

We warmly invite you all to a time of Christmas fun at St John's Church in Harrietsham on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

There will be some Christmas carols, crackers, mince pies and other festive refreshments. Please do join us.

If you would like further information please contact Reverend Millie Hart 01622 859753 or email [millie.hart@uwclub.net](mailto:millie.hart@uwclub.net)

**Messy Mums**

A new group for mums or dads, carers and grannies with babies and toddlers at St Mary's Lenham. Drop in from 10.30 – 12.00 on Wednesday mornings in term time for coffee, chat and friendship with a brief pause in a quiet space for reflection plus songs and a story for the little ones.

## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Battle	Cruise	War	Ships
2	Fighting	Hissy	Tight	Fit
3	Back	Down	Dutch	Hoe
4	Clad	League	Poison	Ivy
5	Blue	Battle	Family	Royal
6	Coloured	Purpose	Tasking	Multi
7	Federal	Game	Gold	Reserve
8	Birth	Exchange	Water	Rates
9	Baking	Siphon	Bread	Soda
10	Library	Phone	Home	Mobile
11	Club	Snip	American	Football
12	Shadow	Gloves	Day	Boxing
13	Flask	Packed	Cleaner	Vacuum
14	Resources	History	Super	Natural
15	Friend	Sunday	Seller	Best
16	Garden	Ginger	Mat	Beer

	<b>Find the missing word?</b>
1	Silent Night, Popular Christmas carol
2	White Christmas, A Bing Crosby favourite
3	Let It Snow, A Dean Martin song
4	Rocking around The Christmas Tree, a hit for Mel & Kim
5	A Fairy Tale of New York, A no 2 hit for The Pogues & Kirsty McColl
6	Once in Royal David's City, A Christmas carol
7	Mistletoe and Wine, A no 1 for Cliff Richard
8	Frosty the Snowman, A popular Christmas song
9	Dora Bryan, Had a hit with All I want for Christmas is a Beatle
10	A Lonely Pop (in a Christmas shop), A song by Adam Faith



## TAKING BOOKINGS NOW FOR CHRISTMAS!

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES, CHRISTMAS DINNERS  
OFFICE PARTIES IN OUR PRIVATE DINING ROOM**

*(please pop in or call for menus – bookings from November 12<sup>th</sup>)*

**& CHRISTMAS DAY DINING**

*(bookings to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> December)*



### CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

19<sup>th</sup> December Ashford Valley Hunt – join us and support them from 10:30am

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

*24<sup>th</sup> December – normal lunch / evening food service 6 till 8 (pub closes at 10pm)*

*25<sup>th</sup> December bar open 11 -2pm / Christmas day lunch 2:30 (bookings only)*

*26<sup>th</sup> bar open 11 till 6pm – no food but complementary buffet at lunch*

*27<sup>th</sup> normal day plus “STEAK GHT” for those fed up with turkey!*

*(10oz rump - £8:95)*

*28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> normal days*

### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!

*31<sup>st</sup> normal lunch / eve food service 6 – 9 (last orders 8:45) please book!!*

*Then LIVE MUSIC with CROSSFIRE*

*TICKETS ONLY – NO FEE - Please contact David*



*Christmas buffet parties from £15 ph*

*Christmas party menu £25 ph (4 course)*

*Christmas day £65 ph (3 course)*



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