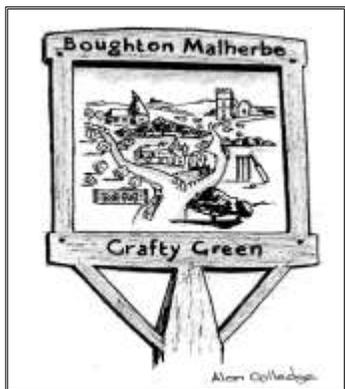


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Anything for the **November** edition should be left in
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Front cover: Autumn is coming - The leaves are changing colour.
Can you guess what type of tree this is ?. Answer is on page 32

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers during October will be at 9.30am at St. Nicholas on Tuesday the 14th and 28th, (at All Saints, Ulcombe on the alternate Tuesdays). As always, everyone is welcome, as are prayer requests and they can be left at any time in the prayer box in the church porch.

Coffee Morning this month is in the Village Hall, 10.30-12noon on Wednesday the 8th. Come and treat yourself!

Craft Club is on Wednesday the 22nd at 9.30am-11.30am in the Village Hall and we look forward to welcoming knitters and handwork enthusiasts of all abilities, with their needles and unfinished projects, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Just come to meet and chat over a coffee even if you have no work in progress.

Ride and Stride, the Friends of Kent Churches annual event, took place on the 13th September and Sylvia welcomed a few visitors to St. Nicholas during the day, including Bishop Trevor, Bishop in Canterbury and his wife! There is still time to sponsor Murray Motley on his epic ride, (see last month's magazine article), contact Sylvia on 01622 891954 to contribute. Murray completed his 126 mile cycle ride on September 21st and will provide a map of his route. Congratulations and thanks to Murray!

Harvest Festival Service is at 3.30pm on Sunday October 12th, all gifts of produce, including cakes are welcome and will be auctioned after the service, while we enjoy refreshments together. Do come and see the Church in it's autumn festive colours.

Harrietsham Rectory: All are welcome, with any garden tools, to join in garden tidying sessions on Saturday 4th and 11th October, from 10.30am. For further information contact John Millen on 01622-850319.

The Evensong Service will be at 3.30pm on the 2nd Sunday each month through the winter from November until February 2015.

We continue to pray for Joan's swift recovery.

Sally Alexander

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Grafty Green Village Hall News

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We were blessed with a sunny day for our Treasure Hunt and barbeque, which was enjoyed by nearly 40 people (and featured in the KM!) A number of folk have been asking about the answers to clues that they missed, so I've posted them on our website for you to check out. Do have a look.

Next up is our fund-raiser '**Phil-The Bag**' on **Sunday 12th October**. You should have received a bag with this magazine, which we invite you fill with your unwanted textile items and bring to the Hall for re-cycling. Clothing, curtains, towels, bed linen and similar textile products plus belts, shoes and bags are all acceptable. Unfortunately, pillows, duvets, sleeping bags, blankets, carpets/rugs and fabric off-cuts can't be accepted, nor can heavily stained or paint-splattered clothes. If you have more than a bag-full, just bring along the excess in a refuse sack.

We sell these items to a recycling firm that sends the clothes for sale in developing countries and recycles the material from the other items.

We will be at the Hall **between 10:30 and 12:00** to receive your donations and to offer you a sit-down, a cup of tea or coffee, and an opportunity to natter with others you may not have seen for a while. (Incidentally, if you have no donation to make, we'd very much appreciate the return of your unused Phil-The-Bag sack – so why not just bring that along and enjoy the tea and chat!)

Looking towards the festive season (sorry to mention it so early) there will be our usual pre-Christmas **Craft Fair** in the Hall on **Sunday 23rd November**, with the opportunity to buy individual hand-made gifts and cards. If you would like a stall at this event, please contact Carol Hulm on 01622 853583 as soon as possible. And we're repeating our traditional **Christmas Quiz Night** on **Saturday 6 December**. So do put both these dates in your diaries to ensure you don't double-book yourselves at this busy time. More on these events next month.

Richard Pilborough
Hall Committee Chairman

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Tuesday 11th November**. The Agenda for this meeting and 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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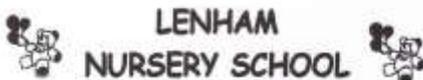
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Neighbourhood Watch

The story so far....

A while ago in this magazine I explained what a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was.

I explained that Sue Burch was the person who currently disseminated any relevant information received from the police (by means of notices in the village shop and Hall notice board) and was the person through whom any information of possible value to the police could be passed. And I mentioned that Judith Woodbridge and Jennifer Butler operated a slightly more pro-active scheme for the residents of Liverton Hill.

I asked if anyone would be interested in creating a more pro-active scheme for the Parish as a whole - and someone was!

Now read on...

Colin Bunting, a Church Road resident, has offered to co-ordinate a scheme that covers the whole of the Parish and which could potentially involve offering help and advice on home and personal security precautions, collating the names of people willing to keep a look-out for elderly or absent neighbours, creating an email network to spread information quickly, etc.

Sue, Judith and Jenny are very happy to be part of this wider scheme, which would be to the benefit of all, and I have offered Colin my full support.

You will shortly be receiving through your door (if you haven't already) an invitation to register your interest in being part of this new Parish 'network'. Registering your interest doesn't commit you to anything but will ensure you are kept abreast of developments & opportunities to get involved as the scheme unfolds, and it means you won't miss out on relevant advice and warnings from the Police, Trading Standards, and so on.

I would urge you to respond positively to Colin's invitation, by popping the reply slip through his door or emailing him with your name, address and telephone number. (In case you have mislaid the invitation, Colin's email is colin.bunting@btinternet.com)

Richard Pilborough

Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2014 Programme

Date	Topic / outing	Speaker
May 6	Frith Old Farmhouse Otterden	
May 10	Plant Sale on Village Green	
June 3	Timbers, East Farleigh	
July 1	Norton Court, Teynham	
11 – 13 July	Weekend away Peterborough Marriott dinner, bed and breakfast. Barnsdale, Stowe, Wrest Park and Burghley House.	
August 5	The Walled Nursery, Hawkhurst	
September 2	Visit to Blackthorn Trust	
October 7	Autumn Show and Produce bring and buy	
November 4	Kent Wild Life Trust	
December 2	Social	

On October 7th the Gardening Club will be holding their Autumn Show and Produce Bring & Buy. The hall will be open from 6.30 to allow time to book in your entries (details from Sue Burch if you have not seen the entry list yet) and if you are bringing, buying, sampling or just coming along to have a coffee and a chat we will be pleased to see you.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any event or meeting which are friendly and informal. Details about the club from Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Burch (01622) 850381

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Ulcombe C of E Primary School News

It has been a busy start to the term, with 11 new year R children joining us at the school, and several other new pupils in other year groups. The school rolls is now approximately 63, a healthy increase from 43 a year ago.

The pupils are being taught from the new national curriculum, which is year group rather than level based and are working hard. The teachers have spent lots of time during the summer preparing for this change.

Ulcombe C of E Primary school as you know is part of a collaboration with Kingswood and Leeds and Broomfield schools – the KULB collaboration. We have started to work a lot more closely together, with joint staff meetings, and pupil events.

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News from The Boughton Malherbe History Society.

Our second book covering the history of Boughton Malherbe is now in the final stages of preparation.

The book will be a follow on from "A journey Through Time" and we believe it will be even more interesting.

We can now confirm that the book will be launched in the Village Hall on the 12th December 2014 in time for Christmas. There will be a free copy to every household in the Parish with a surplus for general sale to those who want extra copies and to anyone outside the Parish.

If you would like your book(s) before Christmas please come to the launch and collect them as we cannot guarantee to distribute all the copies before the 25th December.

The price of all purchased copies will be £15.00. Extra for postage & packing at £3.00 per copy in the UK, £7.00 to Europe and £12.00 elsewhere. If you live locally you will be able to collect or we may be able to deliver.

Owing to the interest shown we are reprinting 100 copies of the first book for sale at the same time as the new book, same price £15.00. If you do not have a copy this is your opportunity and you should have it to get the maximum enjoyment from the new book.

We already have a long list of advance orders and if anyone would like to add their name to it with the number of copies they wish to buy of either or both books please contact Ron Galton, preferably by Email to galtonweeks@gmail.com or by phone to 01622850369.

Final details of the programme for the launch will be published in the Malherbe Monthly in due course.

Get Well Kindness

Thank you to everyone who sent Flowers and Cards wishing me well again and for all the prayers that were said on my behalf. I had so many cards wishing me well that it would take too long to thank you all individually, so I hope you won't mind one big THANK YOU. I'm progressing slowly and hope to be joining in again soon. I had a large Kidney stone which has now been broken up and has disintegrated, so I didn't lose a Kidney but my Kidney function is poor.

Joan Davidson

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(If you are aged 70 **or** 79 up to 31st August 2014 and have not been vaccinated but would like to be, please contact the surgery. You are ineligible after that date.)

If you have never had vaccination against **pneumonia**, you can have this at the same time (unless you are having shingles vaccination).

At Lenham Surgery: Saturday 11th October 8.30-11.30am

At Harrietsham Surgery: Thursday 16th October 3-5pm

Hopefully it won't rain but the local Church has kindly booked the community centre at Harrietsham for patients to wait if they wish.

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3	Queen	Tale	Tooth	
4	Chicken	Clean	Coiled	
5	Control	Liner	Missile	
6	Cupboard	Soft	Town	
7	Breakfast	Channel	Queens	
8	Lamp	Level	Team	
9	Blooded	Carpet	Squirrel	
10	Pod	Soup	Sweet	
11	Arch	Big	Water	
12	Abstract	Graphic	Trapeze	
13	Blossom	Picker	Tomato	
14	Gate	Ox	Wind	
15	Bread	Clove	Press	
16	Dining	Football	Wine	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Phillips, A Carry On actor known to say 'Ding Dong'
2	The Beautiful _____, Band who had a hit with 'A Little Time'
3	___ of the Tiger, A no 1 hit for US band Survivor
4	____ Kelly, Hollywood icon remembered for 'Singing in the Rain'
5	Coach _____, Channel 4 reality series
6	____ Keats, English Romantic poet
7	Benjamin _____, Founding US statesman
8	_____, Marxist revolutionary
9	_____ of Dover, Famed English landmark
10	The ____ Duckling, A Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale

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- Tuesday 4 November at The Holiday Inn. Awaiting speaker confirmation.
- Tuesday 2 December THE BIG ONE joint networking with South Maidstone Business Association at Chilston Park Hotel, Sandway, Lenham. Speaker Michaela Stewart-West (below right) presents "The Big Picture".

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Monday nights Yoga, 8.45 - 9.45

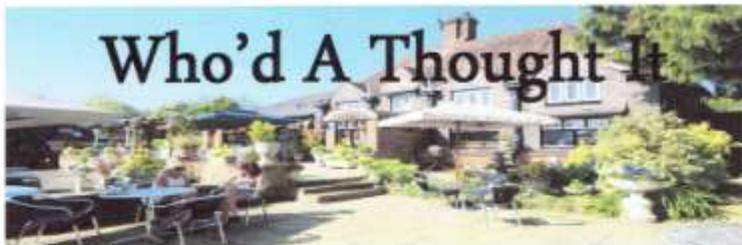
Wednesday Drama for Children, 3.50 - 4.50

Friday Mornings Yoga, 9.30 - 10.30

Every third Friday of the Month, Film Club, 8 0 clock.

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

Grafty Green

Saturday 8th November 15:15 – 15:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Platts Heath

Saturday 8th November 14:30 – 15:10 -: Green Lane

Ulcombe

Saturday 15th November 09:25 – 09:55 -: Lodge Gardens

Ulcombe History Society

The Ulcombe History Society has planned an interesting programme for 2014. It meets in Ulcombe Village Hall at 7.30 pm – mainly on a Tuesday, though the December meeting will be on a Monday.

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

Wed 9th Jul Evening Outing to the Red House

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

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

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

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



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Grafty Geeks – Facebook Lists and Smart Lists

Ever wondered what those items located on your profile page under the Groups section is used for. These are known as Lists and Smart Lists.

Lists: A quick optional way to organise friends so you can control what you see in your News Feed and post updates to specific people.



These have been set up as a default. You need to select which friends will be Close Friends or Acquaintances.

To do this you need to go to your friends list and select which type of friend they are.

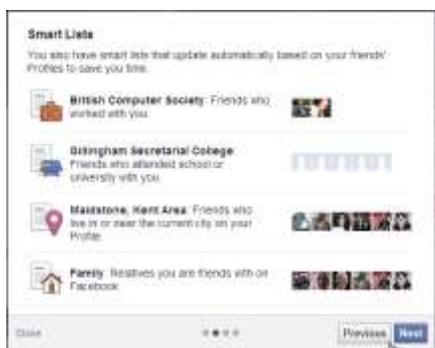


From here you can also select to add your friend to other Lists by selecting the other option in the menu.

You can create your own list by clicking on “More” in the menu and then Create list. This will also show you the Smart Lists you have been connected to relative to your profile.

Smart Lists: automatically update themselves with colleagues, classmate and local friends and family members based on your friends’ Profile info.

Take some time to check out which lists have been added to your profile automatically. You can create your own lists, archive lists and add friends to a specific list in order to get more control of what you are sharing with whom.



Grafty Gourmet

This is another one of my concoctions that I threw together, so thought it best to type this recipe straight away. It was a bit of a guessing game, so the units of the ingredients are approximate. Taste the sauce as you cook it, and add more of each ingredient if required. It worked really well, and it was extremely tasty with an Indonesian / Malaysian flavour. I used prawns, but you could use pork, chicken, beef or vegetables.

Prawns in Spicy Peanut Sauce with Fried Rice - Serves 2

2 Hands full of cooked prawns (or cooked meat or vegetables)
1 Large Onion, chopped into $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pieces
1 Red Pepper, chopped into $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pieces
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup of Chicken Stock
1 Small Red Chilli, very finely chopped (use 1 chilli for slightly spicy or 2 to put hairs on your chest)
2 Large Cloves of Garlic (crushed)
1 Teaspoon of Chinese Five Spice Powder

2 Tablespoons of Tomato Ketchup
1 Cup of Milk
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tablespoons of Smooth Peanut Butter
2 Tablespoons of Lemon or Lime Juice
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tablespoons of Soy Sauce
For the Fried Rice:
2 to 3 Tablespoons Oil
1 Cup of Long Grain or Basmati Rice (Rinsed)
A Hand full of frozen Peas
3 Spring Onions, chopped
Soy Sauce

1. Cook the rice in boiling water as per instructions, but 5 minutes before the end add the peas and stir in. When cooked, drain in a colander and rinse well with cold water.
2. In a saucepan, add the chicken stock, ketchup, soy sauce, lemon juice, milk, peanut butter, chilli garlic and Chinese five spice and simmer, stirring until the peanut butter melts. Keep stirring or the Sauce will stick to the base of the pan and will burn. If the sauce is too runny, make a paste with a little cornflour and water and stir into the sauce to thicken.
3. Place a little oil in a frying pan, and simmer the onions and pepper until just soft, but still slightly crunchy. When done, add the onions, pepper and prawns (or alternative) to the sauce. Simmer on a low heat, stirring frequently, whilst doing the next step.
4. Add 2 more tablespoons of oil back into the frying pan, and heat. When the oil is hot, add the cold rice and pea mixture, stirring so that the rice is evenly coated in the oil. Fry, stirring for 2 minutes and then add the chopped Spring Onion and a good dash of soy sauce. Stir so that the rice is evenly coated in the soy sauce for another couple of minutes.
5. Serve the rice on a warm plate, and top with the spicy peanut prawn mixture.



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Music Notes, October 2014

A better choice of concerts locally in October, although we have to wait until November for the first concert of the music year (which seems to be the same as the academic year generally) from some of our music makers. If you know of other local concerts that I have omitted, please remember to get your local organiser to let me know in future, via the editor of this magazine. Here then is my selection:

- Sunday 5th October, 3.00pm at Pilsden Barn, West Malling- The East Malling Research Station Music Club will provide a concert by the London Violin Ensemble. As well as Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* the programme includes works by Puccini, Paganini and Rossini. Tickets at the door. Information (only) tel 01732 843 129
- Saturday 18th October, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church, Maidstone – Maidstone Wind symphony starts its new season with a concert featuring Johan de Meij's Symphony No.1, *The Lord of the Rings*, together with works by Nielsen, Holst and Clarke. Tickets at the door. Information tel, 01732 366500
- **Also** on Saturday 18th October, at 7.30pm, but at the church of St. James the Great, East Malling, the East Malling Singers are providing a Mozart concert. Works include Mozart's *Requiem* and *Concerto for flute and harp*. Tickets 01622 750943
- Friday 24th October, 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School – Sutton Valence Music Society presents a concert by Joseph Shiner, a highly acclaimed clarinettist and Frederick Brown (piano), his regular duo. Tickets at the door or call 01622 863002.

If you have young family members or friends to whom you would like to introduce classical music, I would draw your attention to the Blue Peter programme on CBBC at 5.30pm on Thursday 9th October. Radio 3's In Tune programme joins forces with the Blue Peter team in a project to fire-up children's interest in classical music.

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Messy Church this autumn

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20th September	Lenham church
25th October	Ulcombe Village Hall
15th November	Harrietsham School
13th December	Lenham church



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Christian Message - October 2014

There was a little girl who wandered through a dark forest and came upon an ancient castle deep in the heart of the woods. Attentively she climbed up to the attic. Where she found an old lady spinning golden thread.

The old lady welcomed the child and gave her a golden ring, and told her

'I'm constantly here for you, spinning the golden thread of life. Wear this ring always. It joins you to the thread of life which can never be broken, that thread connects you eternally to me, and I love you unconditionally and will always hold you close to my heart.'

The child was delighted to have the ring but was dismayed to discover that the golden thread itself was invisible. She was going to have to trust what the old lady had told her was true, because she couldn't see the thread that connected her to the golden spool of life.

Well, that was a fairy tale – but our Christian living can sometimes feel like that too. We do know that we are eternally connected to God – but we can't see the thread! And so we may sometimes lose heart. But Jesus is what makes the invisible thread real, he was visible and we can live in bold confidence that this is the thread that can never be severed.

The ways of life can be amazing but they can also sometimes be dark and winding. The words in the gospels give us a golden thread as we read about the life of Jesus. In the words printed below St Paul reminds us about the golden thread of life which is the unfailing access we have to God, because of Jesus.

We truly can live in bold confidence that this thread can never be severed. The words that I finish with below are words we have reminded ourselves of in the Len Valley group of churches every week over the last few months. They are words that St Paul wrote when he was in prison and yet he was able to proclaim the very gateway of freedom. Prison bars come in different forms. I pray that you may find freedom from whatever you may feel trapped by today, that you may discover the golden thread of life.

'through faith in Christ we can come to God with freedom and confidence.'

Ephesians 3:12

Millie Hart

The Tree on the front cover is a 'Pride of India' tree

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – October 2014

NB, lots of new things going on! Changed times at Ulcombe and Harrietsham (first Sunday) and new service at Lenham. Come along and try us out!

Sat 4th		Harrietsham Harvest Supper
Sun 5th		
Boughton Malherbe	9.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Harrietsham	3.30pm	New service "Growing in Faith Together" (GIFT) and Harvest Celebration
Lenham	9.30am	Family Breakfast service
	11am	Holy Communion
Ulcombe	10.45am	Family Worship – 10.30 for coffee
Sat 11th		Lenham Harvest Supper
Sun 12th		
Boughton Malherbe	3.30pm	Harvest celebration and auction of produce
Harrietsham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Lenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am	Family Breakfast service
	11am	Harvest Celebration
Ulcombe	10.45am	Holy Communion – 10.30 for coffee
Sat 18th	5pm	Prayer & Praise at Harrietsham Church Ulcombe Harvest Supper
Sun 19th		
Boughton Malherbe	9.30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Harrietsham	9.30am	Morning Worship
Lenham	9.30am	Family Breakfast service
	11am	Holy Communion
Ulcombe	10.45am	Harvest Celebration – 10.30 for coffee
Sat 25th	4pm	Messy Church at Ulcombe Village Hall
Sun 26th		Bible Sunday
Boughton Malherbe	9.30am	Family Worship
Harrietsham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Lenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	11am	Family Worship
Ulcombe	10.45am	Holy Communion – 10.30 for coffee

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Police, Non Emergency - (Including PCSO	101

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

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Bank	Current	Deposit	Account
2	Life	Mare	Silent	Night
3	Queen	Tale	Tooth	Fairy
4	Chicken	Clean	Coiled	Spring
5	Control	Liner	Missile	Cruise
6	Cupboard	Soft	Town	Toy
7	Breakfast	Channel	Queens	English
8	Lamp	Level	Team	Spirit
9	Blooded	Carpet	Squirrel	Red
10	Pod	Soup	Sweet	Pea
11	Arch	Big	Water	Wheel
12	Abstract	Graphic	Tapeze	Artist
13	Blossom	Picker	Tomato	Cherry
14	Gate	Ox	Wind	Tall
15	Bread	Clove	Press	Garlic
16	Dining	Football	Wine	Table

	Find the missing word?
1	Leslie Phillips, A Cary On actor known to say 'Ding Dong Time'
2	The Beautiful South, Band who had a hit with 'A Little
3	Eye of the Tiger, A no 1 hit for US band Survivor
4	Gene Kelly, Hollywood icon remembered for 'Singing in the Rain'
5	Coach Trip, Channel 4 reality series
6	John Keats, English Romantic poet
7	Benjamin Franklin, Founding US statesman
8	Gualala, Marxist revolutionary
9	White Cliffs of Dover, Famed English landmark
10	The Ugly Duckling, A Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale



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