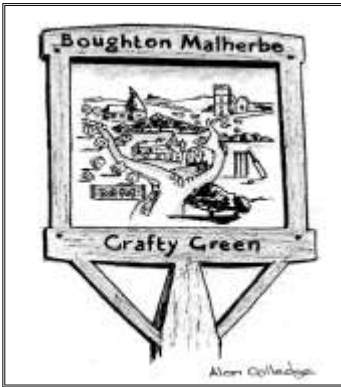


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Front Cover: Mersey to the Mediterranean coast of France - See story on page 4
Photo courtesy of Ron Galton

News from St. Nicholas Church

The Rev: Dr John Huggins will be Inducted to the Benefice on 10th October at St. Mary's and his first Service will be the following Sunday at 11.00a.m.

Harvest Festival will be held on 8th October at 6.30p.m. for Evensong.

Harvest Supper is being planned for Saturday 14th October at 7.30p.m.

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

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

Cream Teas were a great success again this year and were very well attended with many new people supporting this event. The weather was kind to us, with only one Sunday when it rained - it was windy on a couple of occasions too. Thank you Sylvia and to all the Ladies who helped to run these afternoons. Without your help we couldn't manage, and we do need the income from the teas to help balance the books.

Coffee Morning Our monthly Coffee Morning will be held in the village hall on the 2nd Wednesday, 13th September from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Do come along for a coffee and homemade cake or cheese scone coupled with a friendly chat.

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

Ride and Stride organised by the Friends of Kent Churches will take place on the 9th September between 10.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.. Joan Davidson has sponsorship forms We have two people who are looking for sponsorship this year Sylvia Close will be welcoming and minding the Church and Jane Raye will be Riding her Horse from Boughton along the Greensand Way taking in Ulcombe and East Sutton.

'Away Day' is planned for Saturday 16th September to be held at the Mission Church Sandhurst TN18 5JU to start at 9.30a.m. until 3.30p.m. Millie will be glad to receive your names if you would like to join us.

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

Elsie's Journey

On the 22nd August 2017 an interesting horse drawn caravan passed almost unnoticed through Grafty Green, and was captured on camera opposite Woodcock Farm in Woodcock Lane on its way to the coast. It was 300 miles into its 1000 mile journey from Mersey to the Mediterranean coast of France.

On the 27th November 2016 Elsie Georgina Gregson passed away at exactly one month old.

The family were helped by three charities during their ordeal and Phil and Emily are undertaking this journey by caravan with their two horses and two dogs from their home in Banks, Lancashire to raise money for the three charities:

Alder Hey Children's Charity, Liverpool Women's Charity, and Claire House Children's Hospice.

These are worthwhile causes and although you may not have seen the caravan you might like to help the family on its way to reach its £3000 target.

For more information and to donate visit:

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The Boughton Malherbe Hoard

Dr Sophia Adams will talk about the discovery in a field near Boughton Malherbe church of the third largest Bronze Age hoard ever found in Britain. Over 352 objects were discovered giving an insight into the lives of the inhabitants of Kent in the 9th century BC. The talk is hosted by the Wychling, Doddington and Newnham Research Group and will be held in Doddington village hall on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm. Admission £2 – free refreshments.

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Susan Burch

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Grafty Gourmet

This cheesecake, made with Greek yogurt and honey, makes a delicious end to a meal. For an alternative base you could use ginger biscuits instead of the digestive biscuits.

Lemon Cheesecake with Greek Yogurt & Honey

For the base:

175g of Digestive Biscuits, crushed
75g of Unsalted Butter, melted
25g of Demerara Sugar

For the cheesecake topping:

200g Full Fat Soft Cheese
4tbsp of Greek Honey
150g of Greek Yogurt
Juice and zest of 2 lemons
140ml of Fresh Double Cream

1. Lightly grease the base of a 20cm round loose-bottomed cake tin. Make the cheesecake base by combining the biscuit crumbs, butter and Demerara sugar. Press the mixture evenly over the base of the tin with the back of a spoon. Leave in the refrigerator to chill while preparing the cheesecake topping.

2. Place the soft cheese, honey and yogurt in a bowl and beat well, using an electric whisk or hand whisk, until the mixture is thoroughly combined. Stir in the lemon juice and zest.

3. Add the cream and continue whisking carefully at a low speed until the mixture becomes the consistency of lightly whipped cream.

4. Pour the mixture over the biscuit base and leave in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours, or overnight, until the cheesecake has set.

5. Transfer to a serving plate and decorate simply with shavings of lemon zest or seasonal fruit.

Boughton Malherbe

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Grafty Green Gardening Club – Programme Of Events

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

September 5th is our summer evening visit to Tram Hatch at Charing Heath, Ashford TN27 OBN. Tram Hatch can be reached from the A20 by turning toward Charing Railway Station on Pluckley Road, over the motorway then 1st Right signed Barnfield to the end, turn Left and carry on past Barnfield , Tram Hatch is ahead.

As usual, a call to Irene Ayling on 01622 842507 who will collect numbers attending and pass these on to Mrs Scrivens the owner who is opening the garden especially for us and will provide tea and cakes too.

Tip of the Month - We can dig over heavy clay soil before autumn rain make it less workable and harvest the last marrows and courgettes and lift main crop potatoes. Support might be needed for late-flowering perennials and we can start planting new ones too. Important to start to clear garden debris to prevent pests overwintering.

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

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

By the time you read this our 2017 fete will no doubt have come and gone, so I can only say I hope you enjoyed it and offer my thanks publicly to all who helped to make it happen, in particular Carol Hulm who has been the driving force behind all the fetes organised recently by the Village Hall committee.

Looking ahead, this is the last chance I will have to ask you to bag-up and keep any old clothes, soft furnishings, shoes, belts and bags for our '**Phil-The-Bag**' collection on **Sunday 8th October**, when you are invited to bring them to the Hall, any time between 10.30 and 12.00, and enjoy a convivial cuppa with us. If you can't get your items to the Hall on the day, let me know and we'll make arrangements to collect them from you beforehand. My contact details are below.

And as autumn embraces us we are looking ahead to other events in the Hall. Please note in your diary the **Harvest Supper** on **Sat 14th October** and our annual **Craft Fair** on **26th November**. If you would like to have a stall at the Craft Fair, please contact Carol Hulm whose contact details are always on the inside front page of this magazine, as our Hall Committee Secretary.

Helen Whately

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Upcoming surgeries

Friday 15th September in Headcorn

And, while you have your diary out, you'll not want to miss our traditional pre-Christmas quiz night on **Sat 2nd December**, so write that in too!

That's all for now. See you at the Phil The Bag collection.

Richard Pilborough

Hall Committee Chairman

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The Crafty Grafty Christmas Craft Fair

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Grafty Green Village Hall

Kent Fire and Rescue Service is promoting it's 'safe and well-being' plan and scope to assist residents particularly in rural communities and within this promote *dementia friendly communities*.

KFRS Volunteers will be on hand to give advice and answer questions around 'safety', offer free home safety visits including checking or issuing free smoke alarms amongst other things. At 10am and 11.30am DEMENTIA FRIENDS presentations will be given, - some facts and myths about dementia and how understanding dementia can help provide support those affected and make it possible to quote from Dementia UK - 'live well with dementia'. These presentations take around 45 minutes and are delivered to all KFRS staff including crews as they are deemed essential basic *dementia* understanding.

IF YOU JUST WANT TO COME FOR COFFEE -THAT'S OK.
(dementia presentations will take place separate from the coffee area)

ANY QUERIES CONTACT CHRIS WHEAL 01622 858100

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We are having a 'Phil' the Bag fundraising collection!



'Phil' the Bag TM

- Please fill a bin bag with your unwanted clothes, towels, bed linen, curtains, belts, bags and shoes
- Bring it to the Hall on the date below
- The bags are collected by a recycling company
- The more they weigh, the more we get paid.

Our 'Phil the Bag' event is on Sunday, 8th Oct.

Bring your plastic sacks to Grafty Green Village Hall between 10.30 and 12.00 and stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat – it's a social event too!



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

September Music notes

It's back to school, and back to rehearsals for our local amateur musicians. Not many have performances yet, but there are good concerts to support – see below.

In case you are not familiar with it, I would draw your attention to the Great Comp Music festival, which provides excellent concerts throughout the Summer and through September. I have selected just one in my list but there are 3 others in the month. Accommodation is limited and concerts tend to be fully sold out. Tickets must be ordered in advance – for details ring 01732 453240.

So here is what I have found:

- Thursday 7th September there will be a lunchtime concert (12.30pm, refreshments on sale) at St. Dunstan's church, Stone St., Cranbrook TN17 3HA by British-Swiss violinist Naomi Burrell. Free admission, retiring collection.
- Sunday 17th September 7.30pm at Great Comp, St. Mary's Platt TN15 8QS – an event in the Great Comp Music festival is a concert by The Dante String Quartet. The programme includes works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Beethoven. For tickets, see text above.
- Tuesday 19th September 7.30pm The Sixteen, under their director and conductor Harry Christophers, continue their 2017 Choral Pilgrimage with a concert at Rochester Cathedral. The programme consists of a selection of choral works by Palestrina and Poulenc. Box office 01904 651485
- Friday 29th September 7.30pm at Sutton Valence School, the first concert of the Sutton Valence Music Society's new season is by Cavendish Winds – a quintet who were finalists in the Royal Overseas League competition. Programme covers Mozart, Danzi and Malcolm Arnold. Tickets at the door for non-members.

For TV watchers, The Last Night of the Proms is on BBC TV live on 9th Sept– 1st half on BBC2, second half on BBC1. There are also proms on BBC4 on Sept 7th and 8th. And of course every prom is broadcast on BBC radio3.

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Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 24th July 2017

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); A Allum; T King; R Turner; J Collins.

Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

1 member of public

1. Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – no declarations received
2. Apologies for Absence: None received
3. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda -none
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying – none
4. Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 19th June 2017 – the Minutes were approved and signed.
5. Planning Applications

- (i) **Application: 17/503215/LBC Officer:** Ms Angela Welsford Grid: 589487/150137
Ward: Headcorn Parish: Boughton Malherbe **Address:** Chilston Park Hotel Boughton Road Sandway Maidstone Kent **Proposal:** Listed Building Consent for additional York stone paving with courtyard **Applicant:** Hand Picked Hotels **Contact Address:** C/O OSG Architecture Ltd Mr Dan Town Wyseplan Building Occupation Road Wye TN25 5EN
DUE DATE 17th August 2017

It was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this application. The committee particularly welcomed the improvement to disabled access arising from the proposed developments.

- (ii) **Planning Inspectorate Appeal APP/U2235/C/17/3173046: LAND REAR OF THE MEADOWS, TN27 9LG**
DUE DATE: 15th August 2017

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council will write to the Planning Inspectorate requesting that the appeal is rejected.

- (ii) **Application Reference: 17/503281/FULL/ANJO Proposal:** Proposed siting of one mobile home, one touring caravan, erection of a dayroom/utility room and new vehicular access onto Lenham Road (retrospective). **Location:** The Meadows Lenham Road Headcorn Kent
DUE DATE 2nd AUGUST

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council objects to this application.

6. Further Information – there was no further information



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1	Kitchen	Sink	Thermal	Units
2	Bridge	Ivory	Watch	
3	Centre	Hospital	Prison	
4	Pencil	Plucked	Raised	
5	Bank	Fortune	Story	
6	Furnace	Off	Bomb	
7	Price	Sun	Wage	
8	Grid	Beef	Dairy	
9	Bag	Baked	French	
10	Assembly	Dresser	Rarebit	
11	Cap	Cleaner	Contact	
12	Away	Foot	Under	
13	Field	Air	Magnetic	
14	Bottle	Eye	Tin	
15	March	Shotgun	Cake	
16	Under	Crab	Well	

	Find the missing word?
1	The Three _____, Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo
2	_____ St Clair, Former Generation Game host
3	Uncle _____, Rob Brydon & Stacey character
4	_____ Chiefs, Group who sang 'I Predict a Riot'
5	Victor _____, Grumpy 'One Foot in the Grave' character
6	Kerry _____, A 2001 celebrity 'Big Brother' contestant
7	Electric _____, An Eddy Grant song named after a London street
8	_____ Army, Gary Numan's new wave band
9	Michelle _____, Actress who played Zoe Slater in Eastenders
10	Fern _____, Former 'This Morning' co-presenter

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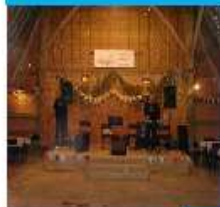
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Business Networking has changed for the whole of Maidstone Borough.

Maidstone Business Networking is the new name for Lenham Valley Business Association.

Following conversations with the new Mayor Maidstone, Cllr Malcolm Greer; Sean Henry from The MBC Business Terrace and Ilsa Butler from One Maidstone setting up this new organisation was a good idea said Alan Reading the organiser.

The mayor has agreed to attend our first meeting in Frankies, Clapper Lane in Staplehurst on 28th September from 5:45pm. If you want to attend it is a free meeting and finishes at 8pm. It is designed to ensure it is a pleasant experience and you will know who is in attendance if you particularly want to meet a specific person.

If you want to see more then go to www.maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk and if you are a social networker then we are on Facebook, Twitter, Linked in and Google+”

It is understood that Alan spent time talking to Laura Garcia, Special Programmes Producer at from KMTV (Kent Messenger Television) which only started a few weeks ago. Look out for him appearing on that! He was on the Kilroy Show as specialist guest, represented Maidstone Football Club several times in addition to his news items for The Maidstone & Mid Kent Chamber of Commerce.



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Christian Message September 2017

At 9.45am every day Radio 4 (198 LW) broadcasts a 15 minute service. I enjoy the space in which to listen to different styles of worship and, if no one is around to listen, join in the singing!

A recent service was particularly inspiring. The minister of a northern Irish church had asked members of his congregation to make a list of their concerns about the world. Many, many problems were highlighted and it was agreed to call a special prayer meeting. Each person taking part held a lighted candle and prayed for one of the countries listed.

As a teenager I was so bored with my Vicar's oft repeated words, "As we look round on a troubled world...." Well, of course, he was right and I was wrong to be so critical. The world today is even more troubled than it was all those years ago. Consider just 2 of the countless problems :-

*Attacks by Israelis on Palestinians and vice versa continue
There are 173 prisoners of faith in Eritrea...
Hunger is widespread in Sudan and South Sudan...*

Jesus said, 'WHEN you pray,' not 'IF you pray.' Church members tend to focus on the sick, the bereaved, children, local issues in their prayers. We read, 'God so loved the WORLD...' (John 3:16). Why, then are our prayers for it so sparse?

It must be admitted that prayer meetings are not the most popular events in a church calendar. This is, surely, a failure to love others as Jesus commanded. What can WE do? If any reader feels led to follow the example of that Irish congregation and call a prayer meeting, please let me know and I will join you.

Joan Drury (01622 853766)

New Len Valley Vicar

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

Focus on Faith

This is an event for women in Ryarsh village hall on Wednesday 18th October from 9.15 to 2.15pm. Contact Joan Drury (01622 853766) for more information. Several of have attended in the past and enjoyed it very much.

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

Sunday 3rd September

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

Wednesday 6th September

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 10th September

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship
6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 17th September

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th September

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 24th September

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Family Worship
10.45am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00am Lenham: Family Worship

Saturday 30th September

8.00am Dog & Bear, Lenham: Men's breakfast

Free Advice

Trained volunteers from Citizens Advice Maidstone will be available in Headcorn Library on Tuesday September 5th between 1.15 and 3.15pm. The Bureau gives advice on matters as diverse as housing, debt, wills. Disability and welfare benefits and is able to deal with other questions.

Bible studies

Our sessions on 1 Corinthians were enjoyable and I hope to continue them later in September. A programme will be circulated as soon as possible.

Joan Drury

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The closure is to enable the installation of a cabinet to be carried out by BT Openreach.

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Kitchen	Sink	Thermal	Units
2	Bridge	Ivory	Watch	Tower
3	Centre	Hospital	Prison	Visitor
4	Pencil	Plucked	Raised	Eye brows
5	Bank	Fortune	Story	Teller
6	Furnace	Off	Bomb	Blast
7	Price	Sun	Wage	Rise
8	Grid	Beef	Dairy	Cattle
9	Bag	Baked	French	Bean
10	Assembly	Dresser	Rarebit	Welsh
11	Cap	Cleaner	Contact	Lens
12	Away	Foot	Under	Wear
13	Field	Air	Magnetic	Force
14	Bottle	Eye	Tin	Opener
15	March	Shotgun	Cake	Wedding
16	Under	Crab	Well	Dressed

	Find the missing word?
1	The Three Tenors , Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo
2	Isla St Clair , Former Generation Game host
3	Uncle Bryn , Rob Brydon & Slacey character
4	Kaiser Chiefs , Group who sang 'I Predict a Riot'
5	Victor Meldrew , Grumpy 'One Foot in the Grave' character
6	Kerry Katona , A 2001 celebrity 'Big Brother' contestant
7	Electric Avenue , An Eddy Grant song named after a London street
8	Tubeway Army , Gary Numan's new wave band
9	Michelle Ryan , Actress who played Zoe Slater in Eastenders
10	Fern Britton , Former 'This Morning' co-presenter

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