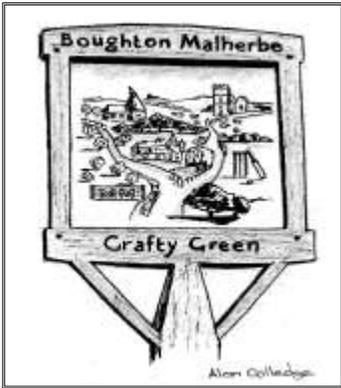


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Front Cover: A topical picture for this month of our local Polling Station

Photo courtesy of John Collins

News from St. Nicholas Church

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

Bible Study/House Group will be held at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd June. 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.

A Confirmation Service was held at St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe on 17th May at 7.00p.m. We had three candidates this year - Laura Hooker, Lily Goodwin and Jean Williams. The Service was conducted by Bishop Trevor Willmott assisted by Rev: Millie Hart. Family and friends of the Candidates and members of the Benefice congregations came along with some members of the Choirs, which made up a good size congregation.

Coffee Morning Our monthly Coffee Morning will be on the 2nd Wednesday (14th) in the village hall, Grafty Green from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon Do come along and share a coffee and homemade cake or cheese scone with a friendly chat.

Gentlemen at Breakfast will be on 24th June 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.

Joan Davidson

A big THANK YOU from Ron Galton

To all my good friends in Grafty Green

Ron would like to thank everyone who joined him in the Kings Head on the 6th May and contributed to the success of his 80th birthday celebrations. Special thanks go to those mystery friends who organised the massive "surprise Happy Birthday sign" on the village green fence.

Kings Head Grafty Green

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Children's Room Beer Garden

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No Yoga 8th June due to General Election

Drop in at £8 a session

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For more information call me on 850381

Unwind, relax but yet energise – the magic of yoga!

Susan Burch

Grafty Green Gardening Club has been busy planning our contribution to the village fete on 2nd of September. We will be running some competitions which we hope you will enter; there are **cash prizes!**

- Three onions – largest by weight and girth
- Three onions – most artistically displayed
- Three runner beans – longest
- Three runner beans – most artistically displayed

Get planting!

- A hand tied posy made up of herbs and edible flowers known in medieval times as a 'tussie mussie'.

Entry forms available on the day – staging at the fete from 1pm.

For children (three age groups – under 8, under 12 and under 16)

- The largest diameter sunflower head.

Ulcombe and Platt's Heath Schools are taking part but if your child or grandchild does not go to either of those schools and would like to take part please let me know and I will provide the sunflower seeds and entry form.

Sue Burch 850381

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	TBA	
Sept 5	Tram Hatch	
Oct 3	Stephen Harmer	History of Sissinghurst Garden Autumn Show
Nov7	Fiona Wemyss	Blue Leaf Plants
Dec 5	Meal	

Garden Safari 4th June

June already and this month we are celebrating our 20 years as a gardening club in the village of Grafty Green with a **Garden Safari**. 9 gardens will be opening on Sunday 4th June from 11 am until 5pm, tickets are £5.00 per person, children under 12 free available from the Village Shop or by phoning 01622 850381 or just turn up on the day!. Anyone who would like to include a meal in their day can book a light lunch e.g. ploughman's or sandwiches at the Kings Head, Grafty Green by 30th May (01622) 850259. Booking is essential for the lunch.

Weekend away to Somerset 9 - 11 June

Pick up for the coach at Grafty (outside the shop) is at 8.30 sharp. Two further pickups at Lenham (end of School Close) approx 8.45 and the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone 9.00am. The journey will take approx 3 hours plus comfort stops and first garden visit is to Lytes Cary Manor. Only tea/coffee/cakes here so if you need more you might want to bring a packed lunch or purchase sandwiches when we stop half way. Dinner bed/breakfast and accommodation: The Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton, Nr Bridgewater, Somerset. On Saturday we visit Montacute House & Garden pm Tintinhull Gardens. Sunday following checkout we visit East Lambrook Manor then Barrington Court. Four of these gardens are National Trust so a reminder to bring your membership cards. More details from Carole Frost (01622) 757536.

Tip of the month:- Keep sowing salad vegetables, Plant out runner beans and plant tomatoes outside. Water fruit regularly and watch out for caterpillars on leafy veg, remove them when you see them, and squash any eggs.

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

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IN

GRAFTY GREEN

9 gardens open
Sunday 4th June

11 am to 5 pm

Celebrating 20 years of Grafty
Green Gardening Club.

Tickets, £5 per person, children under 12 free,
available from the village shop or by phoning 01622
850381.

Donation to be made to Heart of Kent
Hospice

*Anyone who would like to include a meal in their day can
book a light lunch, eg ploughmans or sandwiches, at the
Kings Head, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN, by phoning 01622
850259, by the 30th May; (booking is essential).*

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

The **Village Hall AGM** was held recently. No new volunteers came forward to join the management committee, which is a shame, but the existing stalwarts all agreed to serve for another year and so the committee continues to comprise myself, Carol Hulm (Secretary), Robert Turner (Treasurer), Sue Burch, Liz Burgess, Stefi Graziola, Sandra Pilborough, Jacky Simmons, Jacqui Thompson and John & Angela Thompson.

Our finances are in good shape, thanks to the efforts of this team in organising social events like last year's 'Animal Antics' and the Mexican Fiesta, and fund-raisers like 'Phil The Bag'. Hall lettings also contribute very significantly to our income, and letting income was up marginally last year, following a small increase in the hourly charge a year ago. The rate will be reviewed again at our next AGM but presently remains at just £7.50 an hour for local residents and regular hirers. Do consider hiring the Hall for your own private parties or commercial events, as it will help to sustain us. Carol Hulm is the contact for bookings. Her details are always on the inside front page of the Malherbe Monthly.

Looking ahead, I must offer a huge 'thank you' to the several people who have now come forward to help the committee with this year's **fete**, which will be held on **2 September** and which will have a medieval theme. At the time of writing, ideas are still being formulated, but the enclosed flyer gives you an idea of our current thinking. It's shaping up to be another really fun event! Make sure the date is on your calendar. Which reminds me...

The Hall Committee has now taken on the task of producing the **village calendar** each year (picking up on the original initiative of Chris King) and we're looking for ideas for illustrating next year's issue. We thought we might have a theme of 'happenings' within the village. By this we mean not only photos of social events that have been organised over the years but also, for example, of extreme weather events, like the deep snow of the early 1980s. If you have any photos that might vaguely fall into this category do please let me know.

Alternatively, if we can't get enough images on this topic, do you have *any* photograph of which you are particularly proud and which you think others might like to hang on their wall for a month next year? If so, please get in touch. Obviously we're not looking for snaps of your family on holiday, however good they are, but if you have a photograph which is humorous, beautiful or intriguing (like an abstract pattern from nature, for example) this could be your chance to have it published.

That's it for this month. Back in July.

Richard Pilborough,

Hall Committee Chairman.

Email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com



The Grafty Green Medieval Fete



2nd Sept, 2017 : 2pm – 5.30pm

Location: The Field, Church Road, Grafty Green

Here are the provisional details for the Fete this year. More details to follow, with the final programme being ready by the end of July.

Acts already booked	Activities agreed so far
Punch & Judy Medieval Entertainers Fire Juggling Morris Dancers Tug o War	Stocks – featuring Ken Sweet Gardening Club Competitions: - Largest Vegetable - Largest Sunflower Head
Attractions	Stalls/Games
Alpacas Goats Sanctuary – includes goats Big Cats Sanctuary – no actual cats Alan Colledge – Local Artist Local Cakes and Bakes	Around the Garden Table Church Craft Stall Alcoholic Tombola Coconut Shy, Hoopla, Apple Bobbing

Food, drink and refreshments available during the day and there will also be a medieval themed fancy dress competition.

During the day there will be additional medieval themed games to be confirmed in the next magazine, if you have any suggestions or ideas please *text or phone Carol on 07990 574214.*

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

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Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August 2017

10am – 4pm

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Lenham Valley Business Association

Wednesday 28th June Jo Dodds at the Dog & Bear Hotel, Lenham Square.
5.45pm until 8pm

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10 steps to follow to avoid procrastination and get stuff done Life feels so overwhelming nowadays with our busy lives, all the digital technology and that seemingly 'always on' culture. I'm on a mission to help business owners to be more productive, organised, healthy and happy doing what they want to do, rather than what they feel they should or need to do.

Free event organised by Lenham Valley Business Association. To reserve your seat please call 01622 820 841.



Laura Hooker, Lily Goodwin, and Jean Williams, after their Confirmation on 17th May at St Nicholas Church, pictured with Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover.

Picture by Tony Hooker

Friends of Ulcombe church

The Friends of Ulcombe church are holding a 1960s Party at Jubilee Barn, the home of John and Fiona Kenward, on Saturday 15th July from 7 pm. Tickets, price £20 available from Molly Poulter (842988) or John Kenward (891889).

June Music notes

Plenty of concerts this month, provided you are prepared to look around. Unfortunately I couldn't find any orchestral events – apart from a lunchtime concert for piano on the 1st of the month, every one is performed by choirs. My choice, for what it's worth, would be the Maidstone Singers' concert on 17th, but parking will be a problem I fear. Here is the list for you to chose:

- Thursday 1st June, there is another lunchtime concert (12.30-2.15) at St. Dunstan's church, Stone St., Cranbrook, - music for two pianos. Concert starts at 12.30, refreshments available from 12.00pm. Free admission.
- Saturday 10th June, 7.30pm at St Mary's church Ashford TN23 1QG, a Summer Concert by the Kent Chamber Choir includes sol by award winning Fiona Jackson. Tickets 07715 399320
- Saturday 17th June, 7.30pm at St. Faith's church, Station Rd., Maidstone ME14 1LH, The Maidstone Singers' Summer concert includes Durufflé's *Requiem*. Tickets 01622 630016
- Saturday 24th June, 7.00pm at Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Choral Society performs CPE Bach's *Magnificat* and Haydn's *Mass in time of war*. Tickets 01634 401049.
- Saturday 1st July, 7.30pm at St. George's church, Gravesham.DA11 0DJ, Gravesham Choral Society's concert includes works by Haydn, Mozart and Durufflé. Tickets 01474 812726

As I explained last month, I'm afraid I can no longer obtain radio and TV information earlier enough for our magazine deadlines, so with regret I leave that research to the readers.

Brian Hardy

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 10th July 2017 at 19.30.**

The Agenda for these meetings 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

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great dish and only takes about 20 minutes to prepare. Serve with vegetables and potatoes of your choice, or simply with rice. Either way, it's a great tasting and simple dish for 3 to 4 people.

Roast Marmalade Duck

2 x 2kg (4lb) of duck
450g of thick cut marmalade
12 kumquats (Chinese oranges), halved lengthways
(4 normal oranges can be used instead, each cut into 6 segments)
200ml of fresh orange juice
250ml of chicken stock
2 tea spoons of brown sugar

1. Heat the oven to 180°C. Wipe the ducks and prick all over with a sharp knife (pierce the skin but not the flesh underneath). Roast the ducks on a rack in a large roasting tin, breast-side down for 40 minutes (make sure they don't touch each other).
2. Remove the ducks from the tin and pour the fat into a bowl. Return the ducks to the rack, breast-side up, and spread each breast with some of the marmalade, giving the duck a good coating (you may need to warm it slightly to make it spreadable). Return to the oven and cook for a further 40 minutes. Cover with foil if the marmalade is catching and burning - it should be a dark golden colour with the odd bit of peel slightly blackened.
3. Meanwhile, make a sauce by bringing the remaining marmalade, halved kumquats, orange juice, stock and sugar to the boil in a small saucepan. Simmer for 10 minutes, then pour over the ducks before serving.

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Black	Song	Mute	Swan
2	Holiday	Account	Sand	
3	Upright	Grand	Stool	
4	Change	Cannon	Leaf	
5	Master	Ship	Body	
6	Shooting	Press	Art	
7	Identity	Ground	Hit	
8	Brand	Goal	Up	
9	Cricket	Fruit	Vampire	
10	League	Cloth	Salt	
11	Level	Light	Pig	
12	Fore	Bean	Gun	
13	Wrench	Puzzle	Nut	
14	Product	Deep	Game	
15	Ladder	Tight	Guy	
16	Killer	Sea	Rag	

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

Find the missing word?	
1	The ____ is High, 1980s Blondie hit
2	____ Wellington, Fillet coated in Pate and wrapped in puff pastry
3	Game of _____, Hit US fantasy series adapted from books by George Martin
4	_____ Conan Doyle, who wrote Hounds of the Baskervilles
5	Orange _____, High quality grade of Black Tea.
6	_____ Ricci, actress in Sleepy Hollow & The Adams Family.
7	Tate _____, Gallery on the south Bank of the Thames.
8	_____ Gerrard, was a Liverpool & England soccer star.
9	Robert Falcon _____, Doomed Explorer who reached the South Pole in 1912.
10	_____ Ravel, composer of the Bolero.

All our yesterdays ... Grafty Green



A lovely old sign outside the Who'd'y. Not sure of the year - the old car is probably a clue to those in the know!



SPORTS Day and BBQ

*at Ulcombe Village Hall on
Saturday 24th June 4-6pm*



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Father's Day - Sunday 18th June

Treat your dad to a fantastic Sunday lunch at the Who'd A Thought It. Choose from our A La Carte Menu or enjoy a Sunday roast and if the sun is shining dine on the terrace. Book your table now as we will be busy.

Royal Ascott - Friday 23rd June

Come dressed to the nines and celebrate Royal Ascott with us. A parasolled, glam and fun packed day with live racing shown on the large screen and a delicious 2-course lunch for just £20. Live music in the afternoon.

Treasure Hunt - Monday 28th August

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 8th May 2017, 7.45pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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

In attendance: Cllrs Shellina Prendergast and Martin Round(MBC)

Two members of the public

Cllr Turner opened meeting and congratulated and welcomed Cllr Shellina Prendergast, newly elected to KCC.

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – to receive and accept apologies for absence – Chris Wheal, John Boyd
3. Robert Turner was elected as Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for 2017/18
Clerk to arrange for the Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
4. Ron Galton was elected as Vice Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for 2017/18
Clerk to arrange for the Vice Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office
5. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying - none
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda - none
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
6. The minutes of the meetings held on the 6th March 2017 and 20th March 2017 were approved.
Mike Hitchins pointed out that the minutes of the meeting on the 20th March are not on the website
– Clerk to arrange this
7. **Public session**

Maldstone Borough Council - Cllr Shellina Prendergast (MBC) drew the council's attention to the consultation on rail services and the rail franchise. It was agreed that Cllr J Collins would draft a response to the consultation and circulate this to other members. The Clerk will then submit the response. Shellina agreed to send, via the Clerk, a copy of the Headcorn publicity on the proposed timetable changes for the council to consider replicating.

Cllr Martin Road briefed the meeting on two issues: firstly, the local plan which is nearly complete. Secondly, potential mergers of councils which could have implications for Boughton Malherbe which need to be monitored.

Members of the Public

Mike Hitchins asked if the council had any plans to use the reserves comprising the legacy left to the parish. Cllr Turner outlined some of the potential ideas but explained that due to their commercial sensitivity it was not possible to place these in the public domain just yet. Cllr Turner thanked Mike for raising the issue and assured him that as soon as it was possible there will be public consultation and that the council will continue to actively seek appropriate use for these funds.

Mike Davidson drew the council's attention to increasing speeds from vehicles on Liverton Hill and an accident involving a cyclist last week.

8. Annual Reviews

Cllr Galton presented a short note outlining proposed procedural changes which had been circulated earlier in the day. Following discussion, it was agreed that:

(a) The following pre-ambles will be inserted ahead of the list of "portfolio holders" agreed at the meeting on the 20th March 2017:

"The following members are appointed as "Portfolio Holders" with responsibility to research, report, and advise the full council on the delegated subjects listed below, and to make recommendations for a vote and a mandate. The outcome shall be conveyed to external parties by the Clerk unless otherwise agreed. Portfolio Holders shall not make decisions, but are free to attend conferences and meetings, discuss and correspond via the Clerk's office with others as necessary to perform their roles, keeping other members fully informed."

(b) Under Item B(vii) the following to be incorporated into our Standing Orders:

"Unless authorised by resolution, no councillor shall:

- 1) Inspect any land and/or premises which the Council has a right or duty to inspect.
- 2) Issue orders, instructions or directions."

"Councillors shall not publish or assist anyone else to publish material that affects public support for a political party."

- (i) Review of delegation arrangements/confirmation of portfolios, to committees, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities – agreed unchanged
- (ii) Planning – agreed unchanged. Terms of reference to be reviewed at the first meeting
- (iii) Finance – agreed unchanged. Terms of reference to be reviewed at the first meeting
- (iiii) Review of terms of reference for other committees – there are no other committees
- (iv) Receipt of nominations to existing committees – membership agreed unchanged
- (v) It was agreed to establish a staffing committee to comprise Cllrs: J Collins, A Allum and T King. The Clerk will prepare terms of reference and arrange the first meeting
- (vi) Review and adoption of Standing Orders and Financial regulations – these were agreed unchanged except for the changes agreed above. Clerk to amend the standing orders and circulate amended version
- (vii) Review of arrangements, including any charters, with other local authorities and review of contributions made to expenditure incurred by other local authorities. No changes made

- (ix) Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back.
No changes made
- (x) Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment. Noted and Agreed. No changes made.
- (xi) Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks.
Agreed to adopt the recommendation from the council's brokers Came and Company. Clerk to confirm and arrange payment for one year
- (xii) Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies. No changes, agreed to retain KALC and CPRE membership
- (xiii) Establishing or reviewing the Council's complaints. Agreed unchanged
- (xiv) Establishing or reviewing the Council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998. Agreed unchanged
- (xv) Establishing or reviewing the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media. Agreed unchanged
- (xvi) Establishing or reviewing the Council's Communications policy. Agreed unchanged
- (xvii) Setting the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full Council for year – Clerk to circulate proposed dates

9. Highway and Footway Matters

- 9.1 Liverton Hill – noted excessive speed and recent incident involving cyclist
- 9.2 Ditches, gullies, pot holes - Cllr Allum to pursue
- 9.3 Speedwatch – nothing to report
- 9.4 HGV Signage – signs now in place. The next objective is to move to a 7.5 tonne limit

10. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended - none forthcoming

11. Finance

- 11.1 Income since the last meeting - none
- 11.2 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting - none
- 11.3 To sign any cheques: none
- 11.4 To note the Balance at the Bank - £26,274.93 Nat West
£500.00 Santander
- 11.5 Bank Reconciliation approved and signed for 2016/17-year end position
- 11.6 The Annual External Audit Report were approved and signed
- 11.7 Approved the appointment of Lionel Robbins as Internal Auditor
- 11.8 The annual Parish Services return to MBC was approved and signed

12. Councillor Training in GGVH – offered by KALC if 20 Cllrs can attend. Agreed not to pursue at this time

13. Correspondence - on the table: None

14. Further Information –

Clerk to arrange date for Cllr Turner and Allum to attend the council's bank to amend the signatories and address for statements

Clerk to purchase copies of the publication "Local Councils Explained"

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The 2017 Lenham Family Festival takes place from 8th to 11th June 2017 with a further event taking place on 17th June 2017. See full event details below.

All events held will be in support of The Katie Piper Foundation and Lenham Primary School. Come to the Square at lunchtime on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June to relax and listen to our buskers.

Thursday 8th June

- Event at the Len Valley Community Hub Club with The Lenham School.

Friday 9th June

- Live band at Lenham Social Club

Saturday 10th June – Family Fun Day!!!

This takes place from 12 noon to 9.30pm in and around Lenham Community Centre.

- Listen to our local bands playing live on the main stage and inside the Community Centre
- Watch our local dancers and other entertainment acts perform live
- Have your face painted
- Buy a raffle ticket – we have 2 raffles this year. One will be specifically for the younger members of our community
- Eat and drink your fill from our variety of food stalls and bars
- Play giant versions of your favourite games
- Shop for local produce and handicrafts from our many stalls
- Spend a while at our Nail Bar having your nails painted or enjoying a relaxing hand or foot massage
- See beautiful live owls up close and learn more about them
- Lots more for children to do this year including bouncy castle and assault course
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Sunday 11th June 2017

- Visit our monthly market in Lenham Square for local produce and crafts and more live music.

Saturday 17 June 2017

- The City of Rochester Symphony Orchestra will be performing at 7pm in The Tithe Barn. There will be music and dance based on Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" with the children of Lenham Primary School. Also other works by Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn and Faure. This is a ticketed event and tickets are on sale at Lenham Village Store and Len Valley News.

There is still time to volunteer to help out on the main day of the Festival with a variety of tasks, none of which are particularly onerous. If you would like to be involved in this way, please contact Gail on 01622 850126. She is compiling a list of names and contact details of willing helpers. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Christian Message June 2017

The world seems very dark. Homeless men and women sleep on our streets; literally millions have died in the Middle East in the last few years; thousands risk their lives in the Mediterranean Sea hoping to find safety in Europe while still others spend years in refugee camps.

A dark world in which Christians cling on to their belief that God sent his Son into the world to dispel the darkness.

The Bible study group of which I am a members has discovered much which is heartening by studying a Lent course prepared by EMBRACE the Middle East. EMBRACE was formerly known as Bible Lands Society and uses its funds to alleviate suffering in Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria.

Here are just some examples of the way money given to them is used to bring light into the darkness of many lives. We learned , for example about the Zabaleen people in Cairo. Their name means 'Garbage people.' They sort the rubbish on the city's refuge dumps and attempt to sell it. Many build flimsy shelters from the material found on the dumps. Inevitably their living conditions are insanitary and dangerous. The Salaam Centre is a place of safety for women. Sisters from a nearby convent live alongside them and give counselling. A Zabaleen woman said: *I get support from the centre. My husband can get help to overcome his addiction. I know there is a way for healing; I can now get food, find a job and know that I have rights.*

Christians in Lebanon are funded by EMBRACE to help refugees from Syria. 13 year old Tariq has been helped. Back home in Syria his family sold falafel, humus and other delicacies to restaurants. The war came and he was nearly killed making a delivery. His family fled to Lebanon and he is now able to study at the EMBRACE supported education centre.

Nahla was diagnosed with a brain development disorder when she was 7. Now 20 her needs are complex. She is being helped by speech and movement therapy at the Zvartontz Centre in Beirut. She has discovered a talent for embroidery. Government funding is limited so EMBRACE is funding 10 Syrian refugees.

We learned this and much more from this course and were reminded that, **'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.'** (John 1:5).

The light of Christ will continue to shine in the dark places of the world as long as Christians continue to obey the teaching of their Lord by their actions as well as words.

Joan Drury

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Sunday/Main Services – **June 2017**

Sunday 4th June

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 7th June

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 11th June

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 18th June

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 21st June

10.30am Chippendayle Lodge

Saturday 24th June

4.00pm Ulcombe Village Hall: Messy
Church

Sunday 25th June

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

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Black	Song	Mute	Swan
2	Holiday	Account	Sand	Bank
3	Upright	Grand	Stool	Piano
4	Change	Cannon	Leaf	Loose
5	Master	Ship	Body	Builder
6	Shooting	Press	Art	Gallery
7	Identity	Ground	Hit	Parade
8	Brand	Goal	Up	Own
9	Cricketer	Fruit	Vampire	Bat
10	League	Cloth	Salt	Table
11	Level	Light	Pig	Headed
12	Fore	Bean	Gun	Runner
13	Wrench	Puzzle	Nut	Monkey
14	Product	Deep	Game	End
15	Ladder	Tight	Guy	Rope
16	Killer	Sea	Rag	Weed

Find the missing word?	
1	The Tide is High, 1980s Blondie hit
2	Beef Wellington, Fillet coated in Pate and wrapped in puff pastry
3	Game of Thrones, Hit US fantasy series adapted from books by George Martin
4	Arthur Conan Doyle, who wrote Hounds of the Baskervilles
5	Orange Pekoe, High quality grade of Black Tea.
6	Christina Ricci, actress in Sleepy Hollow & The Adams Family.
7	Tate Modern, Gallery on the south Bank of the Thames.
8	Steven Gerrard, was a Liverpool & England soccer star.
9	Robert Falcon Scott , Doomed Explorer who reached the South Pole in 1912.
10	Maurice Ravel, composer of the Bolero.



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