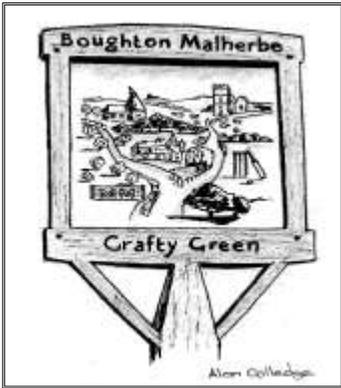


# Malherbe Monthly

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**Incorporating Liverton Street & Platts Heath**

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**Front Cover:** The Allen Family Band performing at the Country & Western Themed Meal in Grafty Green Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## News from St. Nicholas Church

**Prayer requests** can be left in the church porch as usual. The porch is always open and paper and pen are available in the 'Prayers' tin.

**Morning Prayers** for our local communities and beyond take place in St.John's, Harrietsham, 9.30-10am on Fridays and in St.Mary's, Lenham on Wednesdays also at 9.30-10am.

**Bible study** takes place at Weirton Villa, the home of Joan Drury, on Thursdays 10.30am -12noon. Please contact Joan on 01622 853766 for details.

**The Village Coffee Morning** will be on **Wednesday June 12th, in the Village Hall, 10.30am-12noon.** We look forward to meeting everyone again. Alice will sadly have returned to New Zealand, we will miss her 'coffee morning' cakes.

**Lent lunches.** The final total of donations to be given to **Christian Aid is £480.** Very many thanks to everyone. We did enjoy those lunchtimes together around the village and in the Hall, where we almost ran out of soup and supplies!

**Baptism.** In a lively service on Sunday the 5th of May we welcomed Anya Elodie and Indie May Fielder into our church community. Their parents, Katie and Todd, married here a few years ago, and their grandparents, Alayne and Andrew Burr live locally.

**Benefice Service on June 9th, Pentecost,** will be at **10am in St.John's, Harrietsham** Sadly not here in St.Nicholas as expected.

**Cream Teas will be here again!** We will be starting on **Sunday 7th July from 2-5pm.**

We are looking forward to meeting and chatting to many old, and new, friends.

**Alice.** We say many thanks to Alice Bates, for her contribution to our community while she has been staying here for the last 6 months. She has joined, and sung, with the church choir, made lots of very delicious treats for us all (especially at the coffee mornings), assisted in church services and Lent Lunches and made many friends. We wish her well, and safe travelling, as she returns to New Zealand. We look forward to welcoming her back in October.

**Eco-spot!** My family are now encouraging us to abandon 'cling-film' in all it's forms. What is wrong with just putting a plate over left-over's in the fridge, they say. There are now very useful paper sandwich bags available too, which do not disintegrate with a soggy sandwich! I am sure you have other good ideas.

**Sally Alexander**

## Liverton Hill Safari Supper 2019



Picture Andy Flood

Dr Taylor of the Len Valley Practice is collecting a donation from Liz Totman and Parish Councillor (Boughton Malherbe) Annie Allum after Liverton Hill had held another successful and enjoyable safari supper raising £300 for the Practice.

The money raised will go towards a rechargeable Cautery Unit (£346.65). Nine households hosted courses with everyone meeting together at the final dessert and coffee course where a raffle was held.

Raffle donations also came from The Pepper Box (Windmill Hill) Fig Tree and Bow Window, (both in Lenham Square) for which we are very grateful. We know the winners will enjoy their treats.

### **Ulcombe Parish Council**

Ulcombe Parish Council currently have a vacancy for a part-time Parish Clerk. This part-time role, 40 hours per month, offers variety and flexible home-working. The closing date for applications is 14th June 2019. Full details of the role and how to apply can be found on our website:

<https://www.ulcombecp.kentparishes.gov.uk/2019/05/23/ulcombe-parish-clerk-vacancy/>

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**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 - Joan Marriott  
01622 858100 or Robert Turner 01622  
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**A Time Capsule with a Difference**

During the current renovation of the St  
Nicholas church boundary wall a pebble was  
found hidden in a gap in the old mortar



jointing by  
one of the  
craftsmen.

On one side  
the  
inscription  
was almost  
gone, but

was deciphered to read:

"Mom, Audrey May Abram English, War  
Bride"

On the other side shown in the photo it  
reads:

"Daughter, Pat Santoni, Lethbridge AB,  
Canada." Each inscription was accompanied  
by a heart motive. The pebble was returned  
and resealed where found.

If anyone knows about Mom and Daughter, and the significance of the pebble, please  
contact Ron Galton at [galton@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:galton@gotadsl.co.uk) In the meantime it is safely hidden once  
more, ready for future rediscovery. ( Photo courtesy of Dr Angela Pack, visitor from  
New Zealand.)



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## Update on the Traffic Calming Scheme in Grafty Green Village

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council, has been extensively lobbied by local residents to introduce measures aimed at reducing the speed of vehicles and discouraging lorries through Grafty Green village centre.

The perception is that there are a number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limits.

There is concern regarding safety, and also the impact on the tranquility of our small rural village. There have been a number of requests for chicanes through the village, or a scheme similar to the one in Doddington village near Faversham/Sittingbourne.

### **Please find below a summary of the proposed BMPC planned Traffic Calming Scheme in Grafty Green Village.**

The first part of this process was to demonstrate need to Kent County Council (KCC) Highways as we require their agreement for any measures we wished to introduce.

Following initial discussions with KCC Highways (Jenny Watson, Schemes Project Manager) we were advised to conduct a traffic/speed survey as the first step.

This was completed through Grafty Green village from Monday 2nd July for one week last year, 2018. The cabling ran across the road by the Kings Head Pub garden.

Cost of installation and data production £ 295.00 + KCC Licence fee £92.50 excluding VAT

We received traffic/speed survey results at the end of July which was not the easiest to interpret and therefore a meeting was arranged with KCC in September 2018 to review results & discuss next steps. The following is a brief summary of this survey compiled by KCC.

Site 1 <u>Hearcom Road, Grafty Green</u> (30mph speed limit)					
Direction	Number of vehicles	Average speed Over 7 days	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile speed Over 7 days	Total vehicles in excess of the 30 mph speed limit	Total above enforcement threshold of 35mph
North bound	5,343	28.5mph	35.9mph	2,220 (41.5%)	966 (18%)
South bound	5,569	30.2mph	37.2mph	2,885 (51.8%)	1,324 (23.7%)

At this meeting with KCC we were informed that the survey did not show that the location was a "hot spot", therefore, would not qualify for KCC funded traffic calming

measures - including chicanes. KCC, however, said they would support us with a series of other measures which we would have to fund ourselves.

These proposed measures were set out in a draft Highways Improvement Plan (HIMP) which was approved by the Parish Council.

The next stage was KCC required a feasibility study to outline our proposal with costings.

This was to include:-

- 1) New Village Plate gateways to include white gates, new village nameplates, plus 'please drive carefully through our village', red tarmac and 30mph roundels (which means painted in black on the red part of the road) - located at each end of the village
  - (i) Northern end adjacent to Stream Farm;
  - (ii) Southern end either beside "Hillside" or opposite "Barnside"
- 2) Cobblestone chicanes or painted chicanes (as in Doddington Village) in the village centre adjacent to the village green, pub and post office and ,in addition, as you enter the village centre from the South alongside the "Homestead" and "Quince Cottage"
- 3) Mobile radar signs (SID Scheme)

Following discussions with KCC Highways, and a survey of the village which was undertaken in October 2018, a number of issues were raised. We subsequently took the following action as set out by KCC Highways.

- 1) A working party began clearing vegetation from all roadside signs and cleaned the signs with soap and water.
- 2) We further surveyed either side of the village centre to identify more appropriate potential sites for Gateways as stipulated by KCC. All measuring more than 1.5 metres.

Further, we formally requested that KCC refresh all white lines throughout the village and on either side of the carriageway on the hill (Liverton Hill) leaving the village towards Liverton Street to emphasise it is single track.

In December 2018 following further consultation with KCC, the mobile radar signs had to be abandoned as we failed to meet their criteria.

However, BMPC agreed to appoint a consultantancy firm to carry out a feasibility study with the production of an outline costed design so KCC Highways could check and approve that our plan met all their required standards.

We initially invited bids from 5 Consultancy firms and eventually choose MLM, Road & Traffic Consultancy. They came recommended by another Parish and their quote included obtaining KCC and Technical approvals.

Cost	Site Visit	£	550.00	
	Design.	£	4,400.00	
	Stage 1&2 RSA	£	<u>1,200.00</u>	
	Total	£	<u>6,150.00</u>	excluding VAT.

BMPC agreed to this next step in January 2019.

MLM drew up initial draft plans and these were approved by BMPC at meeting on 12th March 2019

We had a further approval meeting with KCC Highways (Jenny Watson and Paul Leary, Schemes Project Managers) on the 11th April when they agreed to the proposed plan with a few minor agreed stipulations

- 1) Omit centre line by Stream Farm
- 2) Use Glasdon Signage
- 3) Remove existing roundals
- 4) Remove 'dragon tooth' road markings at the start of 'Gateways'.
- 5) There will not be any future maintenance by KCC of the red tarmac, so we need to ensure the initial installation is done correctly, ( e.g. take out top 40 mm and resurface SMA, then top with High Friction Red Tarmac)
- 6) The work will not include raised kerbs to the cobbled chicanes hence 'virtual calming' although KCC are content with Timber Bollards with reflectors at the start and finish of all 4 chicanes.

We have since confirmed that KCC now have a specialist team to do these types of road works, which would include a two year warranty, and organising appropriate road closures and inspecting the works on completion. We have therefore, pencilled in for the work to be completed by KCC through the school summer holidays starting the end of July 2019 when traffic is significantly reduced.

Final drawings with minor adjustments were prepared for and agreed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th May. Cllr Annie Allum will visit all residents in adjacent properties to fully explain the planned works and answer any concerns or queries.

All proposed plans will be displayed on BMPC Noticeboard and website.

Finally, costings will be done along with Road Safety Audit and BMPC to agree final funding.

**Our Aim** - KCC to be employed to commence work as provisionally booked, in July 2019.

**Cllr Annie Allum May 2019**



Two cool Dudes enjoying the Country & Western Band in Grafty Green Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

Experience 'the feel good effect' of a balanced yoga practice, increased mobility and reducing stress.

Mixed ability yoga classes held each **Wednesday** evening at 7 and **Thursday** mornings at 9.30

No class on **June 6th**.

Further details from Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381, email – [grafyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:grafyyoga@gmail.com)

**Sue Burch**

### **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting will be in Grafty Green Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 7.55pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; A Allum; J Collins; C Brown  
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: Cllrs Shellina Prendergast, Karen Chappel-Tay; 4 members of public

Cllr Turner opened meeting

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. Robert Turner announced that he was standing down as Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Ron Galton was elected as Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for 2019/20 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. There were two abstentions. Cllr Galton then took the Chair
3. No Councillor was elected as Vice Chairman of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for 2017/18
4. (i) Councillor Robert Turner was elected as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the next year. There was one abstention  
(ii) No councillor was elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the next Year
5. (i) Councillor John Collins was elected as Chairman of the Finance and Staffing Committee for the next year  
(ii) No Councillor was elected as Vice-Chairman for the Finance and Staffing Committee for the next year
6. **Apologies –none**
7. **Declarations :**  
There were no declarations of lobbying  
There were no interests in items on the Agenda  
There were no changes to the register of interests  
There were no changes to the register of pecuniary interests
8. **Approval of Minutes** – the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved
9. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** - none
10. **Public Session** - Cllr Shellina Prendergast reported that Boughton Malherbe was the first Parish to have a Highways Improvement Plan approved. Mike Hitchins asked that financial statements are placed on the website, Clerk to arrange. Mike Davidson led a vote of thanks to Robert Turner for his time as Chairman and everything he has done for the Parish.
11. **Annual Reviews**
  - i. Review of delegation arrangements/confirmation of portfolios, to committees, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities. **Agreed unchanged**
  - ii. Review of the terms of references for committees.
    - Planning,
    - Finance and Staffing**Agreed unchanged.** Clerk to arrange for the Finance and Staffing Committee Terms of

- Reference to be reviewed by the next meeting of the committee
- iii. Receipt of nominations to existing committees – **no changes proposed. All Councillors to be members of all committees**
  - iv. Appointment of any new committees, confirmation of the terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors) and receipt of nominations to them. **No new Committees agreed**
  - v. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations **Agreed unchanged. Clerk to review wording to ensure it is gender neutral.**
  - vi. Review of arrangements, including any charters, with other local authorities – in particular the Kent Code of Conduct for Members **Agreed unchanged**
  - vii. Review of representation on, or work with, external bodies and arrangements for reporting back – including Maidstone KALC. **Agreed unchanged**
  - viii. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment. **Agreed unchanged**
  - ix. Review and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks. **Agreed unchanged**
  - x. Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies. – **Agreed unchanged**
  - xi. Agreeing or reviewing the Council's complaints procedures **Agreed as amended previously. Next Council meeting to receive a report back from the Code of Conduct training delivered by MBC**
  - xii. Agreeing 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**
  - xiii. Agreeing or reviewing the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media. **Agreed unchanged**
  - xiv. Agreeing or reviewing the Council's Communications policy. **Agreed unchanged**
  - xv. Agreeing or reviewing the council's employment policy and procedures **Agreed unchanged**

## 12. Highway and Footway Matters

- 9.1 Liverton Hill – Cllr Allum reported that the leaking drain had been reported to KCC
- 9.2 Ditches, gullies, pot holes – Clerk to report potholes by Woodsdsen which are now dangerous. Clerk to write to KCC regarding inadequate repair of potholes on Church Road seen by a resident.
- 9.3 Speedwatch – Cllr Turner to write a piece for Malherbe Monthly again to seek volunteers
- 9.4 Highways Improvement Plan – Cllr Allum updated the Council on progress, including further meetings with KCC Highways. The Council approved the revised drawings and agreed to proceed to the next stage including consultation with properties affected and place notices around the village. Clerk to contact KCC with regard to white line from Crumps Lane into the village

## 13. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended – Cllrs Galton and Turner had attended Maidstone KALC, Cllr Collins has attended the East of Maidstone Bus Pilot Group

## 14. Finance

- 14.1 Income received since the last meeting –KCC £500 for Commemorative stone; C.Hume £50 cash back on printer; precept MBC £5,515
- 14.2 Authorisation of any payments since last meeting: MLM £3432 KALC £234.86
- 14.3 To sign any cheques: £76.20 for Cllr Turner re: refreshments for annual meeting and litter picking equipment
- 14.4 Noted the Balances at the Bank)-
 

£ 14,207.48	Nat West(5/5/19)
£ 25,230.28	Nationwide
£ 85,492.65	Cambridge and Counties
- 14.5 Bank Reconciliation – agreed the statement circulated with the agenda
- 14.6 External Audit 2017/18 – (i) Approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement  
(ii) Approved and signed end of year Accounting Statements  
(iii) Approved and signed Certificate of Exemption

- 14.7 – Insurance – agreed in principle to appoint Came and Company for 2019/20 subject to the premium which will be conveyed to Councillors when notified
15. Risk Assessment – reviewed and agreed register of risks facing the council in 2019/20
16. Quinn Donation –
- Xmas Tree event – to be held 30<sup>th</sup> November
  - Noted that solar lights are fitted and are working
  - Clerk to obtain price for metal kissing gate
17. Council Email Addresses – Cllrs Collins, Galton and Turner to collectively seek help to activate their accounts
18. Dates, time and venue for meetings in 2019/20 - dates are:
- 1st July
  - 9th September
  - 4th November
  - 20th January
  - 9th March
- Councillors to inform the Clerk if any of these dates are unsuitable. Dates to be confirmed at the next meeting
19. Correspondence – magazines from CPRE received
20. Further Information - none

## **Kent Household Waste Recycling Centres**

Following the public consultation undertaken last year, it can be confirmed that the Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste, has now endorsed the recommendation for the ‘charging for the disposal of non-household waste materials (soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard) at KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres’.

The charging policy starts on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 at all 18 Kent Household Waste Recycling Centres, with details as follows:

### **Soil, Rubble & Hardcore:**

£4 per bag\*/item.

Limited to 5 bags/items per day

### **Plasterboard:**

£6 per bag\*/sheet.

\*Any bag up to the size of a standard black sack.

Payment will be by card only and there will be a dedicated member of staff to assist customers when they arrive at site with chargeable waste items.

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## Grafty Gourmet

Make this version of a takeaway favourite, complete with chilli and garlic sauces. Serve with pitta bread, shredded cabbage, sliced onion and chopped tomatoes.

### **Doner Kebab:-**

- 500 g of lamb mince
- 1 small onion
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced or finely grated
- 100g of fresh breadcrumbs
- 2 teaspoons of ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons of ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon of dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon of smoked paprika
- Sunflower oil for oiling

### **Yogurt and Garlic Sauce:-**

- 3 cloves of garlic, minced to a paste
- 150ml pot of plain yogurt
- 1 lemon – juiced
- 1 teaspoon of dried mint (optional)

### **Chilli Sauce:-**

- 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons of tomato ketchup
- 1 small onion, grated
- 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped or grated
- 1 to 4 chopped red chillis (depending on how hot you want it).
- Pinch of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of white wine vinegar

1. To make the kebab, heat the oven to 200C/180C fan. Tip all the kebab ingredients except the oil into a food processor with a large pinch of salt and lots of ground pepper. Pulse until everything is combined and chopped together. If you have not got a food processor, you can just squish everything together in a bowl but this will give you a looser finish.

2. Oil a large sheet of foil. Tip the meat mix in the middle and mould to a very thick sausage. Roll up the foil tightly, twisting up the ends to create a Christmas cracker shape.

3. Lay on a shallow roasting tin and roast in the oven for 35-40 mins, turning occasionally.

Whilst the kebab is cooking make the sauces as follows:-

4. For the Yogurt Garlic sauce, simply mix all the ingredients together and season with salt and pepper – add a splash of water if you want to make it a drizzly consistency. The mint is optional but goes nicely with lamb. This sauce can be made the day before.

5. For the Chilli sauce, simply tip all the ingredients into a food processor with a pinch of salt and blitz to make a sauce.

6. When the kebab is cooked, remove from the oven and leave it to cool a little. Then unwrap the foil. Place back on the tray and brown under the grill.

7. Place on a board and carve into thin slices. Serve with warm pitta bread, shredded white or red cabbage, sliced onions and chopped tomatoes. Choose your sauce, chilli sauce or garlic yogurt sauce.

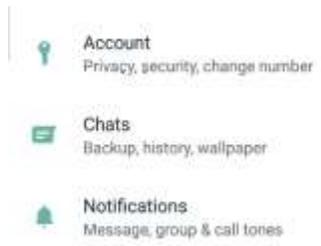


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**If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered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

## Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden.

### Programme 2019

Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
January 8	AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.
May 7	Outing - Warren Street House
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies</b>
<b>June 6 - 9</b>	<b>Weekend, <u>Thurs</u>; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u>, East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u>. Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u>. Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden.</b>
July 2	Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare
Aug 3	Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)
Sept 3	Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.
Oct 1	Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru
Nov 5	Andrew - Hops
Dec 3	Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm

June 4th is the date of our outing to see the Peonies at the invitation of Kate Blacker at Little Buds Farm, Cold Blow Lane, Thurnham ME14 3LR.

June 6th to the 9th is our weekend away in Norfolk. We will be staying at the Burlington Palm Court Hotel in Great Yarmouth and visiting Ulting Wick Gardens (entry £9.50), Fairhaven Woodland & Water Garden in Norwich (entry £6.00), East Ruston old vicarage (entry £9.50) Oxburgh Hall (free to National Trust members otherwise £10.80 for House, Estate and Garden £5.65 Garden and Estate only) and Fuller Mill Gardens £4.50). Please bring correct money if you can, thank you.

Tip of the Month - We can plant runner beans and tomatoes outside now. Watering in a dry spell needs to be done thoroughly, a good soaking once a week being better than a light watering every night. Mulching is good for the soil and will reduce water loss but needs to be spread after watering the garden or it will keep the water out!

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club**

## Councillor's Report for Newsletter, May 2019 Results of Maidstone Borough Council Elections

As many of you probably know, Maidstone Borough Council holds elections in three out of four years. This is because the term of a Borough Councillor lasts for four years, and a third of seats are up for election each year. This year, they were held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The results meant that the hung Council remained, with the seats allocated as follows: - Conservatives 24 seats, LibDem 20 seats, Labour 4 seats, Independent Maidstone 2 seats, and various Independents 5 seats. At the first formal Council Meeting, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Martin Cox (LibDem) was re-elected as Leader of the Council, and a new Mayor was appointed, Marion Ring. In Maidstone, the Mayor is a non-political position, and you may meet the Mayor at many different events and ceremonies across the Borough.

After the Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May, a civic parade was held, led by the Mayor, and including the 36 Engineer Regiment and the Queen's Gurkha Engineers exercising their Freedom of the Borough and the right to march through the town with fixed bayonets, ex-servicemen, the Police Cadets and the Sea Cadet and the Councillors, followed by a service at All Saints Church, Maidstone.

Your Councillors for Headcorn, Ulcombe, Grafty Green, East Sutton, Hawkenbury and Boughton Malherbe are Karen **Chappell-Tay** and **Martin Round**. If you have any issues which you have raised with the Council, which you feel have not been sorted, then please contact one of us and we will do our best to help.

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## June Music Notes

Plenty of very good quality classical concerts this month, provided you are prepared to look around. I am not going to presume any favourites, here is the list for you to consider:

- Thursday 6th June, there is a lunchtime concert (12.30-2.15) at St. Dunstan's church, Stone St., Cranbrook, featuring the Wolfe/Zerpa-Falcón Duo (violin & piano). Programme is of sonatas by Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven. Concert starts at 12.30, refreshments available from 12.00pm. Free admission, retiring collection.
- Saturday 23rd June, 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, The Maidstone Singers' Summer concert is a special "Coming of age" event, celebration the choir's 21 years of singing. The programme includes Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and features an extended choir for the occasion. Tickets 01622 630016.
- Saturday 22nd June, 7.00pm at Rochester Cathedral, Rochester Choral Society performs Mozart's *Vespers* and Haydn's *Theresienmesse*. Tickets from [tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk](mailto:tickets@rochesterchoral.co.uk) or at the door.
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at St. George's church, Gravesham.DA11 0DJ, Gravesham Choral Society's concert is "An evening with Mozart" and the programme includes the Requiem Mass. Tickets 01474 816684
- Also on 29<sup>th</sup> June, but at 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Mill St., Maidstone ME15 6YE, there is another Anniversary Concert, this time the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maidstone Wind Symphony with "some of our most popular ever repertoire" and featuring special guest soloists Brett Baker on trombone. Tickets from <https://www.maidstonewindsymphony.org/> or at the door.

We Have reached "M" in the musicians' alphabet: **Metronome** – a person small enough to fit comfortably into a mini!

**Brian Hardy**



One of the tractors taking part in the Annual Sarden Vintage and Classic Tractor Run as it passes through Grafty Green

## Link Word Puzzle - Answers at the back (don't look first!)

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
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6	The Kings _____, Film with Helena Bonham Carter as Queen Elizabeth
7	___ Davis, Lead singer with The Kinks
8	Buster _____, who was Uncle in Only Fools and Horses
9	___ Spumante, Sparkling wine from Italy
10	_____ McQueen, Star of the 1968 film Bullitt

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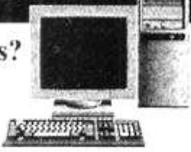
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## Christian Message June

Our Bishop, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott retired in May. During the 9 years of his ministry in Canterbury he has become fairly well known in the Len Valley and has confirmed many of our church members.

In his farewell Easter letter to the Diocese Bp Trevor wrote that the story of Easter is not a fairy story but a story of hope. It is the hope from which all others take their meaning. In his words, 'it is not a wishy-washy phenomenon but the concrete assurance of a victory already won.' 'Vain optimism,' he went on, 'will not solve the divisions of our age nor will the temptation to give in to despair'. Quoting the epistle to the Hebrews, the Bp wrote 'Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.'

He maintained that the Church is called to be a beacon of hope in our parishes and communities. Hope is hard and it is always costly to those who seek the way of reconciliation, justice and truth. 'Faith is the gift of God to his people,' continued the Bp and the church is called to live and embody the kind of hope made real by faith – life changing concrete hope. Though we, the Diocese may be small in number and financially challenged we must not give in to despair. **We are people of hope.'**

Bp Trevor commented on the stories he has heard of those engaged in church-run food banks, night shelters and debt advice centres. 'I hear', he wrote, 'of people coming to faith through simple and honest human contact and compassion.'

As we in the Len Valley look back with gratitude to the ministry of Bp Trevor and Mrs Willmott let's pray for his retirement and heed his call to be a beacon of hope.

**Joan Drury**

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a forest in autumn. The trees are covered in vibrant red, orange, and yellow leaves, with some green still visible. The ground is covered in a thick layer of fallen leaves. The lighting is soft, suggesting a slightly overcast day.

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9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion  
11.00 am Ulcombe: Morning Worship  
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion  
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Communion)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 am Harrietsham: Benefice Pentecost Holy Communion

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service (with optional Holy communion)  
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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion  
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service  
9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service  
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

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We have an interesting variety of stalls booked but we still have space for a few more. The cost of a stall is £10 and can be booked via Mrs Bridget Samuelson (01622 890912)

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