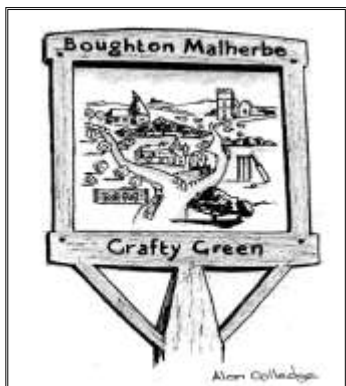


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Anything for the **June** edition should be left in
Grafty Green Shop, or contact Mike on
01622 858937 (mfhitchins@btinternet.com) by **20th May**

Front cover: One of 11 ducklings swimming in a Grafty Green garden in April.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Diamond Wedding Congratulations to Audrey and Roy Wickens as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding on 30th April. They were married in St. Dunston, Cranbrook and have spent all their lives together in Grafty Green, first at Holly House, then Ash Tree Farm and latterly at March Farm.

Weddings this month at St. Nicholas . We send our congratulations to two couples this month. First Christopher Stanbridge and Emma Wakeford who are to be married on 8th May and Todd Fielder and Katie Burr who will make their vows on 23rd May. Our best wishes for future happiness go to both couples: may they be blessed with long and happy lives together as Audrey and Roy Wickens have been.

Ladies Breakfast will be held on 2nd May at 8.30am at the Dog and Bear. There will be a Speaker, Dr. Sarah Montgomery, who works in refugee camps and teaches family medicine in developing countries. A choice of a full English or Continental breakfast will be served. Contact Helen Venn.

Morning prayers will be said in St. Nicholas on 5th and 19th and in All Saints Ulcombe on 12th and 26th May at 9.30 am. Do come and join us.

Coffee morning will be held in the Village hall at 10.30 am on Wednesday 13th May when homemade cakes and scones will be served. Do come along and enjoy a chat with good company.

Craft Club will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 27th May at 10.00-12.00. Everyone welcome to come and join in the activities.

Bible Study at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green each Thursday during term time at 10.45 am. Anyone is invited to join us.

APCM was held in St. Nicholas on 22nd April the PCC were re-elected en bloc. The Churchwardens remain the same - Kenneth Alexander and Joan Davidson. The Treasurer is John Collins. The only change is that Joan Davidson has retired from being the Synod representative. Dominic Goodwin will now be representing us at Synod.

Rose Service will be held in St. Mary's Lenham at 3.00pm on 17th May to remember and give thanks for loved ones whether it be recent or some years ago that they were bereaved.

Men's Breakfast is on 30th May at the Dog and Bear for a full English Breakfast and a speaker. Ring Dick Venn on 01622 858195 to reserve a place.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great Spring dish and goes great with new potatoes. Just a little care required when flambéing.

Flambéed Chicken & Asparagus

4 boneless, skinless, chicken breasts
1 tablespoon of plain flour
2 tablespoons of olive oil
1 knob of butter
4 shallots, finely chopped

4 tablespoons of brandy
300ml of chicken stock
asparagus spears, halved
1 tablespoons of crème fraîche
1 tablespoon of chopped tarragon

1. Dust the chicken with the flour. Heat the oil and butter in a large, wide pan with a lid, add the chicken, and fry on all sides until nicely browned. Add the shallots, then fry for about 2 minutes until they start to soften, but not colour. Pour in the brandy and carefully ignite, (stand well back until the flames have died down). Stir in the stock and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat, cover, then cook for 15 minutes until the chicken is just tender.

2. Add the asparagus to the sauce. Cover, then cook for a further 5 minutes more until tender. Stir in the crème fraîche and tarragon and warm through. Season to taste

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Litter Picking 11th April 2015

I would like to thank the ten Stalwarts who turned out in the rain to pick up "litter" around the village and the neighbouring lanes.

The area that was covered was Liverton Hill ,Headcorn Road from Stream Farm to Crumps Lane , Eastwood Road to the parish boundary, Colbridge Lane to the Parish boundary, Woodcock Lane and Church Road.

Fourteen large plastic sacks were filled with rubbish in the space of an hour and a half.

A great effort by all concerned. Thank you again for all your help

Robert Turner

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Mondays to Fridays

Service No	School Days Only				Not School Days			
	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59
Grafty Green, Kings Head	0653	0711	0930	1325				
Uilcombe, The Harrow	0700	0719	0937	1332				
Kingswood, Village Hall	0706	0723	0942	1337				
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0710	0726	0944	1339				
Warmlake Corner	0717	0732	0950	1345				
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0722	0735	0953	1348				
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	0727	0739	0956	1351				
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	0730	0741	0958	1356				
Linton Corner	0737	0746	1003	1358				
Loose, Loose Road/Old Loose Hill	0743	0750	1006	1401				
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	0751	0756	1012	1407				
Maidstone, King Street	---	0804	1020	1415				
Maidstone, Cannon, Stop B	0803	---	---	---				
London Road, Somerfeld Hospital	0814	---	---	---				
Tonbridge Road, Oakwood Park	0825	---	---	---				

Saturdays

School Days Only				Not School Days			
59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59
0733	0930	1336	---				
0740	0937	1343	---				
0745	0942	1348	1604				
0747	0944	1350	1606				
0753	0950	1356	1612				
0756	0953	1359	---				
0759	0956	1402	Langley				
0802	0959	1405	---				
0807	1004	1410	Sutton				
0811	1008	1414	Road				
0815	1012	1418	1624				
0820	1020	1426	1632				
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Service No	School Days Only				Not School Days			
	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, King Street, Stop L2	1230	---	---	1745				
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Stn, Stop J4	1232	1612	1747					
Wheatshaf, Loose Road	1239	1619	1754					
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1243	1623	1758					
Linton Corner	1247	1627	1802					
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1252	1632	1807					
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1255	1635	1810					
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1258	1838	1813					
Warmlake Corner	1301	1641	1816					
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1309	1649	1824					
Kingswood, Village Hall	---	---	1826					
Uilcombe, opp. The Harrow	1316	1656	1831					
Grafty Green, Kings Head	1323	1703	1838					

Saturdays

School Days Only				Not School Days			
59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59
0845	1241	1525	1755				
0847	1243	1527	1757				
0854	1250	1534	1804				
via	1254	1538	1808				
Sutton	1258	1542	1812				
Road	1303	1547	1817				
and	1306	1550	1820				
Langley	1309	1553	1823				
0906	1312	1556	1826				
0914	1320	---	1834				
0916	1322	1604	1836				
0921	1327	---	1841				
0928	1334	---	1848				

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Emergency Plan – Update, May 2015

The Emergency Plan is still not fully live for the following reasons:

Having issued the Plan to every household in the Parish it transpires that Barbara and Roy Pearce have sold their house much quicker than expected and are about to move. This means another change to the Plan is necessary, but we cannot re-issue it immediately, so please make a note on your copy that Barbara Pearce will be replaced as a co-ordinator by Steve Legon. Tel 01622 853907.

Our Parish Clerk is also leaving us and until a replacement is appointed the plan cannot be suitably amended and put to use with the emergency services.

Until the Plan is re-issued to all households again in 12 months time, incorporating all revisions that have taken place in the meantime, we will continue to announce changes in the Malherbe Monthly as they happen. This procedure will take place in all future years.

Unless there is need for further amendment before the plan is deposited with the emergency services it should become live within the next month. There will be an announcement in the next issue of Malherbe Monthly.

We are sorry for these unexpected delays that are outside our control.

The Emergency Plan Committee

To The Users Of Liverton Hill, Headcorn Road And Lenham Road.

The petition for a 7.5 ton weight restriction was submitted to the Joint Transport Board by Cllr Martin Round at Maidstone Town Hall on 15th April as planned.

A total of 270 signatures were obtained which clearly made an impression, the petition was not rejected as had been feared and the matter will now be passed on for review and consideration by the KCC and other parties who need to be consulted. There may be a long way to go yet but the first hurdle has been cleared.

Thank you to all who took part.

Ron Galton, on behalf of the Committee.

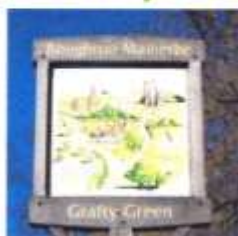


Grafty Green

Traditional Summer Fete

6th June, 2015

The Field
Church Road
2pm - 5pm



Programme

Hog Roast
Kings Head
6pm



Time	Event
2.00pm	Fete Opening by David Chantler MBE
2.15pm	Dazzle Drama Workshop display
3.00pm	May Pole Dancing – Platts Heath School
3.30pm	Fire Service Demonstration
4.00pm	Tug-o-War – Participants: Kings Head, Who'd a Thought It, White Horse, Red Lion
5.00pm	Field Event ends – Grand Draw and Prize giving
5.30pm	Morris Dancers, Kings Head Car Park
6.00pm	Hog Roast at the Kings Head, served by Tony from the White Horse

See overleaf for more information





Grand Draw: Prizes include: £100 cash, Room for the night at the Who'd a Thought It, Hamper, Tea for two at Chilston Park, £60 Photo session, £50 hair voucher, Chinese set meal for two

For the children: Homemade Fancy Dress Competition, Pony and Trap Ride, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Pets Corner (Alpacas, Shetland Ponies and Goats, Lucky Dip and many more

Attractions include: Coconut Shy, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Tombola, Treasure Hunt, Church Craft Stall, Splat the Rat, Alcoholic Wheelbarrow raffle, Guess the sweets, Bric-a-Brac, Photo

Displays include: Old Fire Engine, Old Cars, Miniature Railway (In the Hall), Photo Competition (in the hall) - see magazine for the rules

The programme is subject to change, for updated information go to: www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

Contact Carolhulm@gmail.com or phone 07990 574214 if you would like to volunteer to help on the day or give a donation

Sponsors/Promises to date: Kings Head, AW Court, Who'd Thought IT, White Horse, Chilston Park, Ward & Partners, Maidstone Photo Factory, R&S Wickens, Janet and Steve Legon. Karen and Niall McNulty, Mowtastic, Holly Go Lightly, Lenham Bakers, Chequers Fish Bar, Lenham Village Store, Sweeny Todd, Chopstick and Bowl, Bow Window, Fig Tree, Clive Lennard Portrait painting, Weald of Guitars, Headcorn Coffee Corner, HQ Hair and Beauty, Sweet Williams Florist, Philip Jarvis Estate Agent



Grafty Green Gardening Club - 2015 Programme

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 6th	Malcolm Withnall	AGM and Gardening for the over 70's
Saturday February 14 th	Josephine Sammut, Oak Tree House, Bottles Lane, Rodmersham Sittingbourne ME9 0PR	Snowdrop visit – times to be confirmed.
March 3 rd	Mr Denness	Orchids as a house plant
April 7 th	Caroline Drewett	Bats / spring show
May 5th	Outing	To be confirmed
May 9th	Village Green	Plant Sale 10 am
June 2	Visit to Nettlestead Place £5 entry	
June 19 th , 20 th , 21 st	Weekend visit to Derbyshire, £260 per person, dinner bed and breakfast staying at Mercure Hotel, Burton on Trent Swiss Garden at Biggleswade, Calke Castle Gardens, Melbourne Gardens, University of Leicester Botanical Garden,	
Sunday July 5 th	Smith's Hall, Lower Road, West Farleigh £5 entry	
August 4 th	Social event in a village garden	
September 1 st	Autumn Show, Bring and Buy	
October 6 th	George Pearson	Traveller's remarkable images of flora from around the globe.
November 3 rd	Mrs Rayney	Homes for wildlife – practical session
December 1 st	Outing to the George in Egerton for supper.	

Grafty Green Gardening Club are holding a Plant Sale on the Village Green on 9th May from 10 till 12. If you have any plants you can spare to put into the sale we would be truly grateful. Stall holders include Wheelgate Nursery and Alphabet Orchids. There will also be refreshments and cakes and an opportunity to chat outside the village shop weather permitting.

For further information about this event please call Rosemary Smith (01622) 850526 or Sue Birch (01622) 850381. Members and non-members alike are welcome to come along to any event or meeting which are friendly and informal.

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Grafty Green Village Hall on **Monday 18th May 2015 at 19.00. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting**

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

~ FETE 6 JUNE! ~ FETE 6 JUNE! ~ FETE 6 JUNE! ~ FETE 6 JUNE! ~ FETE 6 JUNE! ~

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

The 2015 AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will take place at the Village Hall on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm

You are all invited!

AGENDA:

- Receive the minutes of the last AGM and deal with matters arising;
- Receive the Chairman's report on the work of the committee last year;
- Receive the annual accounts and the Treasurer's report;
- Open discussion of the committee's work;
- Elect a committee for the coming year;
- Consider ideas for the future;
- Review the Hall hire fee in light of last year's removal of the coin-operated meters & this year's rise in electricity costs.

Please come along, cast your vote and have your say.

Barbara Pearce is standing down from the committee this year and must be replaced.

Would you stand for election to the Committee?

Whether you are a long-standing local resident or a new-comer you will be made very welcome! Just turn up at the meeting.

Every committee needs new blood, new ideas, different folk with different approaches. This is vital if we are not to get stuck in a rut, so if you have ever considered putting yourself forward (or even if you haven't!) do please offer yourself this time.

We have full meetings only about every 3 months but, in between, small working groups take forward ideas for events or deal with Hall maintenance and improvement issues. Do get involved – it's fun! For further information just give me a call or drop me an email. I look forward to hearing from you.

Richard Pilborough (current committee chairman)

Tel: 850484 Email: pilborough@grafty.plus.com

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The ideal candidate will have good administration, financial, IT and communication skills and be happy to work from home. Knowledge of Local Government procedures would be an advantage, although full training is available.

Hours are up to 4 per week, salary is in line with national recommendations and any expenses are fully reimbursed.

If you think you would be interested, please contact Chris King on 01622 850711 for a chat, or e-mail boughtonmalherbepc@gmail.com with your CV and covering letter.

Closing date for applications is Friday 15th May with interviews week beginning 18th May 2015.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Saturday Freighter Service)

Maidstone Borough Council have not yet issued the timetable for the Saturday Freighter Service after the end of April. I expect the next dates to be in July sometime. More information next month.

Grafty Green Photo Competition

50p Entry per photo or enter 3 for £1

Taking place on the day of the Fete: 6th June 2015. For further details about the Fete please see separate article in this Magazine.

There will be recognition for the following:

Best Overall Photo: Will be used as the Cover Photo for the Grafty Green 2016 Calendar, then

- Best Spring Photo
- Best Summer Photo
- Best Autumn Photo
- Best Winter Photo
- Best Animal Photo
- Craziest Pub Photo

Winners of each category will receive a Certificate. There will be a 1st and 2nd place for each of the categories, which will then be used for the 12 months of the year for the calendar.

Voting

The photos will be displayed in the village hall throughout the Fete, where there will also be a miniature railway exhibition.

The exhibition will cost 50p for visitors. Each visitor will get 3 votes, which will be put into a ballot box. Final judging will be done by Chris King and John Collins. Winners to be announced during the evening at the Kings Head pub, where there is a Hog Roast.

Rules

There are only three rules:

1. The photos must be taken within the Parish
2. The photographer must write the date and location of the photo
3. The photos must have been taken within the last 2 years

How to enter: Either deliver prints to Richard Pilborough at White Cedars, Headcorn Rd, by 1 June or send images by email to pilborough@graffy.plus.com.

Prints may be any size but, for consistency, we would prefer them to be about A5.
Emailed images: If your email system offers you a choice of 'size' in which to send your images, it's best to choose the biggest size your system can cope with.

The entry fee and date/location information must also be delivered to Richard Pilborough by 1 June.

Weekly Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall and St. Edmunds Centre, Platt's Heath

Yoga helps to develop suppleness, strength and stamina and to concentrate the mind together with aiding relaxation. Practicing yoga enables all the body's muscles to be worked but avoiding over-training specific muscle groups; balance, posture, agility and grace can all be achieved through yoga.

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Thursday morning at 9.30 till 11 missing out May 7th as the hall will be used for the general election.

St.Edmund's Centre, Platts Heath

Friday morning 9.30 till 10.30

All classes are mixed ability

If you can't commit to a regular class please feel free to drop in on any of my classes – drop in rate £8

No classes for 27th, 28th or 29th May. New term to start June 4th

Contact me for more information on 01622 850381.

If my classes don't fit in with your routine The British Wheel of Yoga web site can direct you to a class convenient for you www.bwy.org.uk org

Susan Burch - British Wheel of Yoga Teacher

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

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Blow	Cleaner	Dream	Pipe
2	Athletics	Boxing	Dramatics	
3	Bed	Box	Haste	
4	Bernard	George	Patron	
5	Dry	Foot	Gut	
6	Acute	Grinder	Right	
7	Brown	House	Real	
8	Animal	Building	Yard	
9	Box	Hire	Park	
10	Cotton	Hose	News	
11	Bag	Bullets	Surgery	
12	Direct	Packed	Replay	
13	Along	Quartet	Vest	
14	Bait	Lie	Snow	
15	Black	Branch	Oil	
16	Alarm	Screen	Stack	

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

	Find the missing word?
1	_____ Armstrong, Jazz Trumpeter whose nickname was Satchmo
2	Are You _____, 1961 No 1 for Elvis
3	_____ Children, A No 1 from 1964 by Billy J Kramer
4	Susan _____, Singer of Bobby's Girl in 1962
5	_____ Almanac, Catchy song by The Kinks
6	Jeff _____, He fronted the Electric Light Orchestra
7	_____ Simone, Jazz performer and Civil Rights activist
8	Procol _____, Who had a big hit with 'A Whiter Shade of Pale'
9	The _____ a Clown, 1970 chart topper by Smokey Robinson
10	_____ Plant, Lead singer with Led Zeppelin



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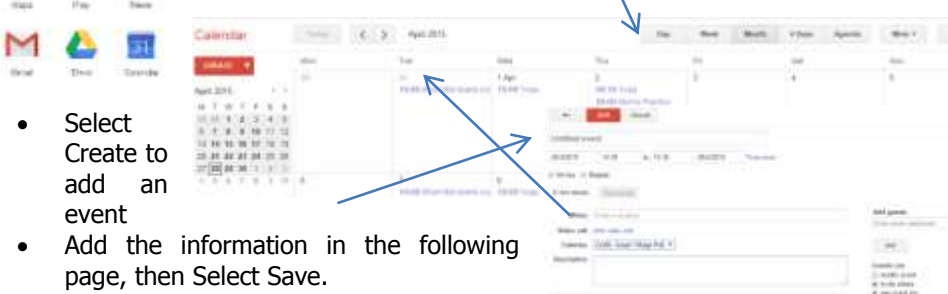
Have you ever heard the saying “The fastest path to madness is to have more than one diary”

Nowadays many people have more than one electronic device, a phone, a tablet, a laptop, etc. People seem to use their devices depending on where they are and what they are doing. So it is sensible that you only have one calendar (diary) that can be accessed by all of these devices.

In order to use an on-line Calendar you will need to be signed up to a Service Provider eg: Google, Yahoo etc. I will use Google for this example as that is my preferred supplier, but most providers will have a calendar you can use.

Once you have signed into your Google Account, you will see a set of 9 dots in a square – top right of the window. Click on these 9 dots to display this menu. Then click on the Calendar icon.

You can change the view of the calendar to show one day, a week, a month etc, which ever you prefer.



- Select Create to add an event
- Add the information in the following page, then Select Save.
- You can add other people to the event, by adding their email addresses. This will send them an invite and put the event in their calendar.

You can share your calendar with other people if you like, but if you do have more than one calendar from other people, please make sure you add the event to the correct calendar. (eg: I have my own calendar and one for the Village Hall).

You will now be able to see your calendar from any device that has access to the internet, just simply go to Google, sign in and locate the calendar as above. If your phone has a calendar App, your events can be seen there too. You can even access your calendar on other PCs, via the internet eg: airports, internet cafes or at family and friends houses.

See an example of a shared calendar on the Grafty Green Village Hall Website. Go to www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk – select Facilities and Location from the main menu then click on the link for availability. If you are a regular hall user and would like access please contact carolhulm@gmail.com. If you want to book the hall you can check availability here first, then use the booking form.

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APPLICATION TYPE: Householder
COMMENTS DUE BY: 7th May 2015

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Tuesday 5th May.

Matthew Wilkes from Matthew Wilkes Wealth Management. Pension updates. "How the Pension Freedom Reforms affects you and those around you". 'Pension freedom' changes will give people greater power over how they spend, save or invest their retirement pots from this April. The irrevocable decisions made could have far reaching consequences.

Wednesday 27th May

This is a big one don't miss our combined networking, LVBA with South Maidstone Business Association, Charing Business Association and Marden Business Forum at The Weald of Kent Golf Club, Headcorn. Award winning business coach and #1 ranking author Andrew Priestley will present 'Eight strategies to increase revenues and profits'.

There's no meeting in June.

There's a new LVBA website - check it out now - www.lenhambusiness.co.uk ! See networking webpage for the whole years' programme. Further information from Alan Reading on 01622 820841.

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AGM - Ulcombe & Boughton Malherbe Conservatives

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Music Notes - May

Included in my list this month is a concert by The Sixteen, the internationally famous singing group conducted by Harry Christophers. They are making a tour entitled "The Choral Pilgrimage", which includes an event at Rochester Cathedral on 29th May. Not to be missed, but this is a nationally advertised event, so book early. If you can't make the 29th, the next nearest concert of their tour is at The Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich on 20th May. In case it's not for you, here is the overall list for May:

- Saturday 9th May 7.30 pm at the Central Theatre, Chatham, The City of Rochester symphony Orchestra's Spring concert includes Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*, Vivaldi's *Double trumpet Concerto* and Beethoven's *2nd Symphony*. A splendid selection!. Box office 01634 338338
- Friday 15th May, 7.00pm at the church of St. Mary and St. Eanswythe, Folkestone, the Sacconi Quartet and guests perform works by Haydn, Sibelius Dvorak and Tchaikovsky. Tickets 01303 858500. This is part of a festival in Folkestone running from 15th-17th May
- Saturday 16th May, 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone, Maidstone Symphony Orchestra perform Tchaikovsky's *1st Piano concerto* (soloist Alexandra Dariescu) and Shostakovitch's *7th Symphony*. Tickets 07817 429 143. Pre-concert talk 6.40pm
- Friday 29th May, 7.30 pm at Rochester Cathedral, The Sixteen have a programme of 16th Century Spanish music with the theme "Flight of Angels". (see above). Tickets 01634 338141

If you can access Sky Arts 2 on TV, I would recommend Verdi's *Macbeth* on Sat 2nd May at 8.00am (record it for later??). Or try BBC Radio 3 on 12th May at 7.30pm for a promising live concert from Cardiff which includes Brahms's *Violin Concerto in D* played by Esther Yoo.

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and 3 age groups:

Under 12's, Under 18's, 18 and over

We will require hard copy photographs. Each submission will cost £1 (all proceeds to Friends of All Saints Ulcombe).

The deadline for submission will be the 31st October.

All entries (subject to competition rules) will be put on display in the village during November and winners will be announced in December.

Winning pictures will be used to produce the 2016 Friends of All Saints Ulcombe Calendar.

Entry forms and competition rules can be obtained by emailing

ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk <<mailto:ulcombe-newsletter@hotmail.co.uk>>

or you can pick up a form from the Church.

Book at Bedtime....

or any other time. Did you know that the KCC Library Van visits Grafty Green every Wednesday? From about 4.30pm for 20 minutes you will find the travelling library parked in the vicinity of the village shop. Use it or lose it, as the saying goes! Why not go along and borrow a book and meet other readers.

Christian Message May 2015

Who do you follow on Twitter?

Which football team do you support?

Poldark, Wolf Hall or Game of Thrones? The Killing or The Bridge?

Being a follower means being a fan. Wanting to know more, be part of the fan club.

Being a follower implies a journey. Moving from A to B. It also implies change ; new ways of thinking and doing.

Peter was one of the first followers of Jesus. Jesus said to Andrew ‘Come and see’ and to Philip ‘Follow me.’ The first thing he said to Peter was ‘You’re a rock’ And the last thing he said was ‘Follow me.’

Perhaps Peter thought, “It’s not the same any more now that Jesus isn’t here in the flesh, ”and “How can I follow someone I can’t see any longer?” Could one way be by remembering what he did and said, how he behaved and then modelling his life on that? Yes, but even more, by knowing the spirit of Jesus was present with him for the rest of his life.

How can **we** follow someone we’ve never seen or met? Well, I might follow someone on Twitter who I’ve never met but that doesn’t stop me feeling I know them because I know their opinions, their comments, their passions. By reading what they say. How can we be followers of Jesus, nearly 2000 years after his death? Simple. By reading one of the accounts of his life. Start with Mark, one of the shortest and simplest.

But even more than that, I’d say I’ve ‘seen’ and ‘met’ Jesus through reading the Bible, meeting people who are like him, and in prayer.

Someone once said, “Following Jesus is all we do.” I rather like that! Does that make being a follower of Jesus, being a Christian, seem easy or hard? Very simple and at the same time very profound I’d say. But definitely worth giving it a go!

Helen Venn

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – **May 2015**

Saturday 2nd May

8.30am Dog & Bear, Lenham:
Ladies Breakfast

Sunday 3rd May

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
service

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

10.45am Ulcombe: Family
Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

3.30pm Harrietsham: Growing in
Faith Together (GIFT Family
Worship)

Saturday 9th May

4.00pm Messy Church –
Ulcombe Church

Sunday 10th May

8.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion (Prayer Book)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning
Worship

6.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Evensong

Sunday 17th May

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion

10.45am Ulcombe: Morning
Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

3.00pm Lenham: **Rose Service**

Sunday 24th May

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 May

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

Saturday 30th May

5.00pm Harrietsham: **Prayer and
Praise**

Sunday 31st May

10.00am Joint Len Valley
Churches Services at All Saints,
Ulcombe

The Ulcombe History Society's next meeting will be a Musical Evening on Saturday 23rd May at 7. 30 pm at The Old Dairy. Michael Alexander, the organist at Ulcombe Church, will be presenting a history of keyboard music and in the latter part of the evening Genevieve Hawes, a former chorister at York Minister, Katharine Samuelson, a local lass who is currently studying music and drama, and John Brooks, Ulcombe Church's choir master, will all be singing. A light buffet supper (£7) will be served

Len Valley Rose Service



Each year the Len Valley Churches hold a service to remember all of those who have died in the previous years and whose funeral services we have been privileged to take part in. This year the service will be at Lenham on May 17th at 3pm.

We hold a short service with space to reflect on your loved one, to light a candle and place a rose. There are some simple prayers and words of comfort. Please feel free to join us whether your service was led by a minister from the Len Valley churches or not. The service is open to all.

Men's Breakfast

On the last Saturday of each month we meet at 8am to enjoy a Full English Breakfast in the function room of the Dog and Bear Hotel, Lenham and listen to a speaker. There are opportunities to ask questions, meet interesting people and talk informally. The cost is £8.50 for breakfast. Our forthcoming meetings will take place as follows:

30th May – Alex Clark from The Family Trust, Maidstone. Title to be confirmed
27th June – to be confirmed

If you would be interested in joining our group you would be most welcome. Please contact The Reverend Dick Venn for further information or to book on 01622 858195 or vicar@lvb.org.uk.

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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Blow	Cleaner	Dream	Pipe
2	Athletics	Boxing	Dramatics	Amateur
3	Bed	Box	Haste	Post
4	Bernard	George	Patron	Saint
5	Dry	Fool	Gut	Rot
6	Acute	Grinder	Right	Angle
7	Brown	House	Real	Ale
8	Animal	Building	Yard	Farm
9	Box	Hire	Park	Car
10	Cotton	Hose	News	Reel
11	Bag	Bullets	Surgery	Plastic
12	Direct	Packed	Replay	Action
13	Along	Quartet	Vest	String
14	Bait	Lie	Snow	White
15	Black	Branch	Oil	Olive
16	Alarm	Screen	Stack	Smoke

	Find the missing word?
1	Louis Armstrong, Jazz Trumpeter whose nickname was Satchmo
2	Are You Lonesome Tonight , 1961 No 1 for Elvis
3	Little Children, A No 1 from 1964 by Billy J Kramer
4	Susan Maughan , Singer of Bobby's Girl in 1962
5	Autumn Almanac, Catchy song by The Kinks
6	Jeff Lynne , He fronted the Electric Light Orchestra
7	Nina Simone, Jazz performer and Civil Rights activist
8	Procol Harum , Who had a big hit with 'A Whiter Shade of Pale'
9	The Tears of a Clown , 1970 chart topper by Smokey Robinson
10	Robert Plant , Lead singer with Led Zeppelin



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