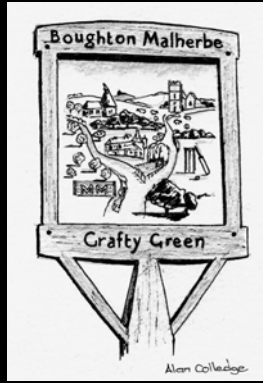


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Front cover: Inside of Boughton Malherbe Church as it undergoes extensive repairs.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Harvest Supper

On 30th September we held our Harvest Supper, which was a very successful evening. Thank you to all of you who bought Tickets and supported us helping to make a very enjoyable evening. Our thanks go out to those who helped, with planning and doing the shopping, cooking Apple Pies, helping to set up tables, giving Apples and Cobnuts, Raffle Prizes, Salads, Beetroot, Potatoes, Coleslaw and Egg Mayonnaise.

Many hands make light work. A big thank you to Jack Grace for entertaining us, we really do appreciate that you come along year after year Jack, we look forward to many more happy evenings being entertained by you. A big thank you to our two Barmen, who year after year man the Bar for us. The total amount raised was over £700.00, well done everyone.

Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride

Thank you to those who gave up their time to walk or ride for us on 9th September, also to the people, who helped by sitting at St. Nicholas to sign in the Riders, who braved the Hill up from Grafty Green, not very many this year I'm afraid, but it was a lovely day to sit in the Sun and read the newspapers. The amount raised is not known at the moment.

St. Nicholas Re-wiring etc

The scaffolding was put into the Church on 4th and 5th October, and work started on Monday 9th with stripping out of the old wiring etc. Now that it is possible to climb up to the beams some worm damaged has been seen, which we hope will not be too extensive. The Architect has been informed and it is hoped this will not hinder progress too much. The Painter is due to start work on Monday 16th October. The front page of the Magazine gives a glimpse of the work being undertaken.

St. Martin's Day

We will be celebrating St. Martin's Day on 12th November, at a Service at 4.30p.m. in the Church, followed by Tea at the Old Rectory. If the Church isn't finished by then, it will be in the Village Hall, Grafty Green, so watch for Posters giving up to date details. All Children and their parents are welcome; it is a delightful little Service. The Children have Lanterns and are told the story of St. Martin.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday also falls on the 12th; there is always a Service at St. Nicholas and also in St. Mary's, Lenham at 10.30a.m with Church Parade for the British Legion and Guides and Brownies etc. Watch for Posters for the time and where the St. Nicholas Service will be held.

Boughton Malherbe Mugs

We still have a good number of Boughton Malherbe Mugs, which we would love to sell and we have had a suggestion that if filled with sweets they would make excellent Christmas presents for a child to give to their friends. They are very nice to drink out of, the china being quite thin as mugs go. We are offering them at £2.50 each or 4 for £8.00, I hope you can find it in your heart to purchase a Mug or two. Obtainable from Sally on 858348 or Joan on 850210

Christmas Cards

Again we have some Christmas Cards to sell which are for £2.00 for 6 cards. They have snowy scenes of the church taken by two local people. If everyone purchased 6 cards or more I won't be trying to sell them next year.

Tea Towels

Sally also has Tea Towels at £2.50 each ideal as Table Presents or Stocking fillers.

Joan Davidson

Introducing - The Grafty Gadabouts !

This is a new idea from three Grafty Greeners who would like to organise outings to all sorts of events - because it's often more fun to go as a group than alone and because, with car sharing, those without their own transport can still join in.

All are welcome to join in any outings that take their fancy (you don't have to become "a member" of anything).

By the time you read this, the first outings (to Belmont house and to a Comedy Club evening at the Gulbenkian theatre) will already have taken place, but the next is already on the stocks!

On 30th **November** we're off to see "**The Spirit of The Dance**" at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford (subject to ticket availability). The brochure describes this as "The international smash hit production seen by more than 30 million people around the world." "Bursting with raw energy...combines Irish dance with Flamenco and Salsa rhythms." "Ireland's Three Tenors bring a selection of songs to the production." Tickets (for the best seats in the house!) will be £21.50 if we can get together a group of at least 10.

To book a place, or to obtain further information, contact Sylvia Galton on 01622 850369. Last date for booking (with payment) is 10th November.

The Grafty Gadabouts already have some ideas for further outings in 2007. Perhaps a visit to the studio of artist Graham Clarke; a day out at Charing Races; a trip to The Darling Buds of May classic car show; a local (or not so local) walk followed by a pub lunch, or a boat trip somewhere. We could go as a group to one of the many open-air concerts or dramas that are held during the summer months, or take the train to London either for a show or for a guided/unguided walk around the city. The sky's the limit! If any of the above tickle your fancy - or if you have any ideas of your own for a 'group visit' of any sort - get in touch with Sylvia (above) or with Carole Frost (tel 850221) or Sandra Pilborough (850484).

Dance
Grafty Green Village Hall

18th November 2006
7.30pm

The Hall is holding a Dance with the entertainment being provided
by the popular group “Walls have Ears”

There will be a licensed Bar

Tickets £7 available from Mandy Hitchins (858937)
& Grafty Shop

Proceeds from this event will go towards Village Hall funds to
improve the facilities that Hall can offer its users.

Carol Singing round the Village

This annual event will be held this year on Tuesday 19th December assembling on the green at 7.30pm. As well as singing outside many of the village houses we will be visiting the ‘Who’d a thought It’ pub and ending up at the ‘Kings Head’ pub at approx 9.30pm. This year as well as a collection we will be holding a raffle in the Kings Head and we are appealing for raffle prizes to make this a good fund raising event for worthy charities. Donations can be left either at the Pub, the shop or with Joan Davidson.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Garden Cuttings – November

We recently spent a few days in Gloucester, where we visited the Malvern Autumn Show, something I have long wanted to do. Though similar to the Detling show, with animals and the usual bags, hats, boots and other sundry items for sale, also included were show gardens, crafts and lots of nursery stands with masses of must-have plants. This meant we carried a garden around in the car for a week, but we all survived. For us, the highlight of the show, however, was the Harvest tent, which really took us back in time, with its wonderful and beautiful displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The competition for the largest pumpkin, marrow, leeks, onions etc, was a real eye opener! The two largest cabbages filled a table on their own, the largest marrow was over six feet (2 Metres) long and the largest pumpkin came in at 349.5 lbs, or more than 6 sacks of potatoes. Fork-lift trucks required. The setting, at the base of the Malvern Hills was wonderful too.

Our trip also included a visit to the WWT site at Slimbridge. We did our own little Autumn Watch, looking at the first of the thousands of Hooper swans and geese that come to winter there, and the fact that the site also includes the all important and brand new visitor centre facilities, with an excellent restaurant, really made the day.

Here, we have seen a pair of nuthatches for the first time in years, there is still a good population of tits, but the blackbirds and thrushes seem to have gone fly about, leaving us with a huge supply of grapes on the vine in the mulberry tree. Ladder needed to harvest these, wresting them from the giant wasps, which become quite drunk by the end of the day. The grapes go through the juicer, no sugar required for a refreshing drink, or with gelatine added for a fruity, table jelly. We are not wine drinkers, so have not tried making that yet.

The rain has spurred the gardens to a late rush of growth, so lawns can continue to be mown on a higher setting until frosts really set in, when all this greenery and lush growth will also need clearing. Leaving the autumn tidy-up to spring is the wildlife friendly option of course. I shall clear leaves from the lawns and alpine beds, but will let those left around the borders stay to protect insects. Rotting leaves in fish ponds are not a good idea, so these should be carefully raked out, or a fine net used, to keep them out in the first place. In the wildlife

pond, the newts and other pond creatures seem to like to hide in the murk at the bottom, so I only clear that out every 4 or 5 years.

Sweet peas, garlic and autumn onion sets should be in and shooting so still plenty to do.

Rosemary Smith

Grafty Green Gardening Club

November meeting is on Tuesday 7th November in Grafty Green Village Hall with Mr. H. Newman giving a talk on 'The Winter Garden' - doors open from 7.15 and talk will commence approximately 7.45. Entry £1 (includes refreshments) for non members who are most welcome to join us. An informal social event with raffle.

Our 5th December meeting will be with supper and talk by Colin Coe. December is also the time when our programme for 2007 will be published. Again all are welcome - further details from Sue Burch on 850381.

Sue Burch

Neighbourhood Watch

The following has been received from the police with regard to Neighbourhood Watch issues.

From: kcm.maidstone@kent.pnn.police.uk
To: europa.13@btinternet.com
Subject: Ringmaster email

can you please warn your members about leaving downstairs windows open at night. There have been properties that have been entered in the early hours and have car keys or small items taken. Also on occasions the car as well. If you do see anyone suspicious wandering around in the early hours please call the control room on 01622 690055. If you are able to get any descriptions of a person or a vehicle this will be most helpful.

Short Monthly Quiz – Answers at the back (don't look first!)

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1	Which country and western singer starred in the film 9 to 5?	
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Maidstone Film Society

58th Season 2006 -2007

Maidstone film society will be showing a selection films from around the world from 11th September to 2nd April. Starting with *Les Choristes* and finishing with the Buster Keaton in *The General*, our 58th season includes *Brokeback mountain* from the USA, *Brotherhood of war* from South Korea and *Bombon El Perro*, a comedy from Argentina.

Membership is only £24 for the complete season of 12 films.

All films are shown on Monday evenings in the Exchange Theatre, Maidstone.

See our web site www.maidstone-film-society.org.uk where you can see our complete program, or contact our membership secretary on 01622 672307

YOGA

Grafty Green Village Hall

Thursday mornings

9.30 - 11.00

New Term Commenced 7th September

£5 a session

Yoga for stamina, suppleness,
strength and stress relief

Mixed Ability Class

For further details contact Liz Watts on 01622
737321

YOGA FOR GOOD HEALTH

* BALANCING * ENERGISING * DE-STRESSING * MAINTAINING
FITNESS*

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

I hope you enjoyed last months link word here is another to rack your brains – Paul Neaves

The answer to number 1 has been filled in – can you solve the rest?

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Cattle	National	Reference	Grid
2	Cleaner	Dream	Peace	
3	Blood	Padded	Prison	
4	Foreign	Head	Junior	
5	Closer	Kit	Pit	
6	Commercial	Lost	Private	
7	Blossom	Juice	Peel	
8	Colouring	Cream	Intelligence	
9	Chair	Going	Option	
10	Bone	Rich	Speed	
11	Country	Fast	Memory	
12	Acid	Cloud	Dance	
13	Iron	List	Off	
14	Blond	Mountain	Tray	
15	Floor	Master	Pension	

Many thanks to **Paul Neaves** who set both the Quiz and the Link Word Puzzle.

Liverton Hill – Leak Update !!!

The following is an e-mail message received by Pat Anderson – Clerk to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council, concerning the status of the leaks on Liverton Hill:

Pat,

As you may be aware I sorted the water problem outside of Ivy House Farm, however it appears that another spring has appeared further down the hill just after the double bends. Dennis Gower and I investigated on Monday and we have a rough idea of where the possible spring is within the carriageway. For me to carry out the remedial works safely I am going to have to put an emergency road closure on Liverton Hill. I am in the process of arranging this closure and hope to start the works before the weather turns bad.

Thanks Earl, (Kent CC Highways Dept)

Malherbe Monthly Magazine

This magazine can now additionally be viewed on the Internet via the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Web Site. As well as the current edition all back issues for 2006 can be viewed. You even get the front cover in colour!!!

This web site also hosts all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and give details of up-coming events in the Village Hall.

The below link will get you there:

www.boughtonmalherbepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

There are no scheduled weekend freighter service stops during the month of November in our area and as yet Maidstone Borough Council has not issued the timetable for December onwards. We will publish this information as soon as it becomes available.

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 2nd December 2006 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works:

- Sibelius - Symphony No.7
- Britten - Serenade for tenor, horn and strings, Soloist Neil Jenkins Tenor, Peter Hatfield Horn
- Dvorak - Symphony No. 7.

A concert that contrasts the magnificent 7th Symphonies of Sibelius and Dvorak - the one broodingly Baltic, the other passionately Bohemian. They frame one of Britten's greatest works, his Serenade, with Neil Jenkins, one of our finest tenors, joining old-Maidstonian, Peter Hatfield, horn currently playing in Norway. Concert tickets £10, £15 and £20, seats for children or students with a student Card £5, available from Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Mote Hall Box Office 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card. This concert is sponsored by Annabel Luzzatto. Many thanks for your continued cooperation and support to the MSO.

David Bramley Maidstone Orchestral Society

Grafty Green Heating Oil Club

Grafty Green has a successful Heating Oil Club. We have to date nearly 100 members all taking advantage of cheaper heating oil when ordered in bulk. To make this club work all members have to have at least the minimum 500 Litres every time we order, that is about 3 to 4 times a year. It makes sense to have a bulk order delivered over 2 to 3 days every 4 months, rather than have tankers clogging up our village every week.

We now cover Harrietsham, Headcorn, Lenham, Liverton Hill, Platts Heath, Sandway Ulcombe and Biddenden. If you would like to join or need some information about the club, email me on europa.13@btinternet.com or 01622 858350. The Oil Club is non-profit making.



INDEPENDENCE FOR THE FUTURE

BibleLands supports Project Partners involved in providing degree-level Nurse Training as well as vocational training and rehabilitation facilities for young people.

Promoting and resourcing vocational and adult training remains one of BibleLands key areas of ministry. For individuals and communities caught in the poverty trap, vocational training can provide an opportunity to gain independence, self-sufficiency and a way of building for the future.

Think and Do provides a wide variety of training courses for young people in Cairo and the surrounding rural areas. **£10,000** from BibleLands has provided ten training places.

£6700 has been sent to the **Al Kafa'at Foundation in Beirut** to fund new equipment in the Village where adults with disabilities work together in a sheltered environment, developing their manual and communication skills as a means of achieving some level of independence.

£2500 enables the **Bethlehem Bible College** to hold its annual summer camp, which provides a range of activities for Palestinian children between the ages of 5 and 13.

Following an overwhelmingly generous response from supporters to the BibleLands 150th Anniversary Appeal the first instalment of £118,870 towards a

final total of **£330,000** has been sent to the development of the new **Nazareth School of Nursing** building.

The total **Vocational and Adult Training Programme** support totalled **£496,145**

Donations may be sent to **BibleLands** FREEPOST, PO Box 50, High Wycombe HP15 7BR or e-donate at www.biblelands.org.uk

Charity No: 1076329

Family History Group

We meet on Monday 27th November 2006 at 7-30pm in the NEW SCHOOL in West Street Harrietsham.

We are a self help group, open to all whether beginners or old hands. Come along and see how and where to progress in your searches. Cost £1, there is no joining fee.

Car parking is available; it is just to the left side on the main entrance to the school.

Numbers at the September meeting were much better, but there is plenty of room for more. Further information from Frank Long 01622 850863

Frank Long

Your local Computer Centre

Can we give you some help with your computer?

Leaflets to prepare? Need to set up accounts for your club or home expenses?
Tired of those problems with the internet? Want to buy something on Ebay?

We can help! We are running courses from September right through to Christmas covering Desk Top Publishing, Internet & Email, Excel, Digital Photography and Ebay, together with Basic IT, Word Processing, and Clean up your Computer plus a brand-new course which will cover simple accounts using Excel. There's sure to be something which would be of interest and we would be very glad to see you.

Most of the courses are run in the evening with one or two daytime subjects. Our rates are extremely reasonable and our facilities are excellent.

Please ring Alison, our Booking Clerk, on 01233 756366—she will be happy to give you full details.

Or call in to our drop-in centre on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12 noon and have a chat with one of our tutors. We are situated in the new Millennium Hall in Egerton in the centre of the village.

Answers to the Quiz and Link Word Puzzle

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From the Registers

Saturday 9th September, at Boughton Malherbe, St Nicholas, interment of cremated remains of the late Ivy Ashford.

Thursday 21st September, at Ulcombe, All Saints, interment of cremated remains of the late Jenny Balston.

Sunday 24th September, at Lenham, St Mary, baptism of Heidi Mansfield and Isabel Brooks

Bits 'n Pieces

Wednesday 1st November - All Saints Day. This celebration precedes All Souls Day and the usual 9.30am service of Holy Communion will take place in Lenham, St Mary and will include the reading of names of dear ones departed. If you wish to have the name of a loved one read out at the service, please add the name to the list at the back of church.

Saturday 11th November - Armistice Day. At 11am there will be a simple Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Harrietsham; all are welcome to attend.

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday. Services of Remembrance for the sacrifices of war will be held in all of the parish churches on this Sunday morning; for timings, please see the details of services elsewhere in the magazine.

Sunday 12th November - St Martin. A special, short children's service to celebrate the life of St Martin will be held at Boughton Malherbe, St Nicholas, starting at 4.30pm; the service will be followed by a lamp-lit procession and refreshments.

Sunday 12th November - Youth Service. There will be a youth-led service in Lenham, St Mary on this Sunday evening with the theme 'The return of the Prodigal Son'.

Tailpiece on Faith

- *'Faith doesn't operate in the realm of the possible. There's no glory for God in things that are humanly possible. Faith begins where human power ends.'* [George Muller]
- *'Faith is like radar that sees through the fog.'* [Corrie ten Boom]
- *'Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.'* [Martin Luther King]

Revd Don Irvine

Len Valley Christian Union

The Len Valley Christian Union will have a film night at the United Reformed Church in Lenham on Friday 10th November, where we will watch and discuss the 15 plus rated film, the Matrix. Entrance free and light refreshments served. Help with transport can be arranged. Please contact Pamela Cuerden on 859442.

The Len Valley Christian Union will be enjoying an evening of carol singing around Harrietsham with musicians from the Salvation Army, on Wednesday 6th December, starting in West Street by the Christmas tree at 7pm for 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the happy occasion of rejoicing and worship. For more details, please contact Pamela Cuerden on 859442.

The Len Valley Christian Union Carol Service will be on December 17th at St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham, at 6.30pm, with guest speaker, Monsignor Timothy Galligan from St Pater's Roman Catholic Church in Bearsted. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a mixture of nine traditional and modern lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more details please contact Pamela Cuerden on 859442.

Pamela Cuerden

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday Services - November 2006

Date	Time/Location	Service
Sun 05 Nov 06	08.00 L 08.00 H 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U 19.00 U	BCP HC BCP HC CW 1 Family Service CW 1 Family Service Taize
4 th before Advent		
Sun 12 Nov 06	08.00 L 10.15 BM 10.15 H 10.15 U 10.40 L 16.30 BM 18.30 L	BCP HC Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service St Martin's Day Service Youth Service
Remembrance Sunday		
3 rd before Advent		
Sun 19 Nov 06	08.00 L 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U 18.30 BM	BCP HC BCP HC CW 1 CW 1 CW ! BCP EP
2 nd before Advent		
Sun 26 Nov 06	08.00 L 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U 18.30 H	BCP HC MS CW 1 CW 1 CW 1 Informal
Christ the King		
Next before Advent		

BM - Boughton Malherbe, St Nicholas

Due to essential repair and refurbishment work which is expected to commence at St Nicholas Church during October, all Services are likely to be held in the Village Hall, Grafty Green. Please see the Church Notice board and Village Post Office for further information regarding services in November

Key

Parishes / Churches

L: Lenham
BM: Boughton Malherbe
H: Harrietsham
U: Ulcombe

Services

BCP HC = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Holy Communion
BCP EP = Book of Common Prayer (1662) Evening Prayer
Fam Svc = Family Service (not Communion)
MS = Morning Service (not Communion)
CW 1 = Common Worship (Order One)
H = Holy Communion
Informal = Informal! (not communion)

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