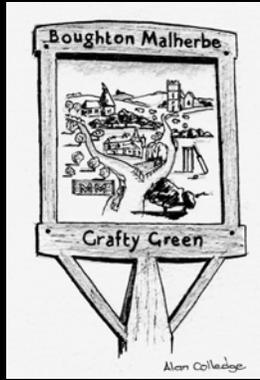


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Front cover: Harvest underway in Boughton Malherbe.

## **News from St. Nicholas Church**

### **Cream Teas – Boughton Malherbe Church**

Creams Teas have started well at St. Nicholas Boughton Malherbe with a good number of people coming on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Our customers seem to like buying our newly made Jams etc. and the Sunday School are selling Cards to help support a child, they have adopted in Lebanon. So, if you haven't been along to sample a Cream Tea this year, please try to come, on a good day its hard to beat, just sitting in the sunshine eating a homemade Scone with Strawberry Jam freshly made from Kentish Strawberries grown locally, topped with whipped Cream and washed down with a newly made Pot of Tea. The price is £2.50 per person, available between 2.00-5.00p.m. on Sundays.

We look forward to welcoming old Friends and hopefully some new customers too. Our Church is very old and has a wealth of History to interest the amateur Historian. We also have a wonderful view of the Weald of Kent.

### **Jam Jars**

We are in need of your used Jam Jars for our Jams. If you have any even if only just one or two, please telephone Joan on 850210 and we will make arrangements to collect or perhaps if you have a car you could bring your Jars to Ivy House Farm. Many thanks.

### **Harvest Supper**

The Harvest Supper this year is earlier than usual on 30<sup>l</sup> September in the Village Hall. Please make a note in your Diary and keep this date free. It's a good Evening with a 4 course Meal and entertainment. Tickets will be available in September.

**Joan Davidson**

## **Editorial**

I have heard several comments of complaint that the magazine is being distributed late in the month and that some of the articles are past their date when the magazine is received. This is partly true in that the January and July issues were late. However there are several reasons (not excuses) for this situation.

Firstly and the main reason for late publication is that the articles are not sent for inclusion by the stated deadline date. If the magazine was published according to the deadline date then for the past several months the magazine would be woefully short of articles. Additionally we need more articles as the magazine is not just a vehicle for adverts, it is a source for articles of interesting and local issues, but for this to happen we need input !!

Secondly, readers should be aware that the magazine is printed free and for that we should be thankful to Eddie Brooke. However as it is printed free we cannot and do not demand that it is available by a particular date, we can and only request when we would like it by. Because of this, from next month (September issue) we will not include ANY articles received after the deadline date in that months issue. To help, if you have articles that advertise events early in the month then you should consider including them in the month before the event occurs.

## **Bar-B-Q** **in aid of Grafty Green Village Hall funds**

There will be a Bar-B-Q at 5 p.m. on Sunday 20 August at White Cedars, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green. Food will be provided and there will be a bar and the opportunity to play games (including table football, boule and croquet) if you feel inclined. And you will feel inclined, 'cos the garden's on a slope!.

Why not come along for a fun social evening. Bring your friends! Bring your own games if you don't fancy ours!

Tickets are available from Sandra Pilborough (850484), Mandy Hitchins (858937) and the Grafty village shop at £5 (£2.50 for under 14s).

## Grafty Garden Cuttings – August

A family of long-tailed tits were busy in the bushes this morning, the multitude of young quite oblivious to the onlooker, continuing to preen or dart about, pecking at insects. Thrushes have also bred successfully here this spring and I have listened to them cracking snails open all over the garden, bits of empty shells crackle underfoot as we walk the paths, alerting everything else that flies/scampers or hops, but despite this, we think we have conquered the rabbit population, for the moment, with the last one going in to the pot for a tasty stew. Everything is home produced and organic.

Naturally, water or lack of, is a major issue, but at the time of writing, we are still allowed to use a watering can. I am only watering the vegetables and anything newly planted or that looks in imminent danger of death. We have just taken down our first casualty, a fir tree that I planted in about 1980, and a dead willow is awaiting the saw. I hope these are not the first of many. We have just visited Beth Chatto's garden in dry Essex, average 20" per year, (it rained as soon as we arrived), and her dry garden is beautiful. It is not hosepipe watered at all, relying on rain, or lack of it and shows we can achieve beauty all year round, even with a hosepipe ban. Soil preparation is all, plus a good mulch of gravel or bark, so that no soil is exposed, after planting

Time to cut back wisteria - all those long trailing shoots should be taken down to 3 or 4 buds from their base. Yew can be trimmed and cuttings taken of border plants like penstemon, verbena and pinks Roses need dead-heading and summer flowering shrubs can be trimmed into shape. To keep pot and smaller plants bushy, the tips can be pinched out to encourage side shoots to grow. An explanation of why pinching out works: plant shoot and root elongation is controlled by hormones called 'auxins'. These collect in the greatest concentration in the growing tips of said shoots and roots and is known as apical dominance. Remove this concentration and side buds are encouraged to grow as the concentration of auxins gathers in them instead.

Yellow sticky traps work well at catching tomato pests like whitefly, although hair or jumpers are favourites prey as well -these traps are not fussy. Blackfly on beans can be washed away or hand squashed (messy but effective), likewise greenfly. Keep tomatoes and beans well watered in hot weather; the former quickly develop blossom-end rot if allowed to dry out, a problem that is not infectious but ruins the fruit. Meanwhile I will continue to rattle the rain stick daily and hope the water butts can be refilled and the gardens refreshed.

**Rosemary Smith**



Below are the remaining events we have scheduled this summer.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August** is the outing to Nymans. This is a National Trust property so free entry to National Trust members (don't forget your card) otherwise the fee is £5.95. We meet at 2 pm for 2.30 talk about the property. This property was damaged by fire and although not rebuilt the gardens are maintained. Looks very interesting so if you would like to join the outing please call Sue burch on 850381 for more details.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** will bring us back to meeting in the village hall with a talk by Ian Currie on 'drought, deluges and dust devils' – at the time of writing I wonder which will be affecting us during the summer months!

**Sue Burch**

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

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
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**Grafty Green Village Hall**

Advance Notice for your diaries: We will be holding a Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a licenced bar and snacks available. The popular group “**Walls have ears**” will be providing the entertainment.

More details in next months Malherbe Monthly.

# YOGA

Grafty Green Village Hall

Thursday mornings

9.30 - 11.00

£5 a session

Yoga for stamina, suppleness,  
strength and relaxation

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?

	<b>Word 1</b>	<b>Word 2</b>	<b>Word 3</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	Letter	Punishment	Working	<b>Capital</b>
2	Big	Engineer	Inspector	
3	Glory	Paper	Tide	
4	Best	Eye	Pegging	
5	Diver	Second	Tone	
6	Aramada	Omelette	Onion	
7	Cord	Satellite	Written	
8	Day	Opportunity	Way	
9	Cop	Fun	Hearing	
10	Clock	False	Fire	
11	Manner	Reading	Table	
12	Hair	Spin	Washer	
13	Bank	Beam	Off	
14	Buggy	Exhaust	Identical	
15	Book	Cabin	Yule	

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

## **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](mailto:europa.13@btinternet.com) or 01622 858350. The Oil Club is non-profit making.

**Keith Anderson**

### **Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)**

Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during August, September and October.

#### **Grafty Green**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept:            07:45 - 08:45 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct:            13:30 - 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

#### **Ulcombe**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug:            07:45 - 08:45 -: Ulcombe Lodge Gardens

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:            11:15 - 12:15 -: Ulcombe Lodge Gardens

#### **Platts Heath**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug:            07:45 - 08:45 -: Green Lane

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:            14:15 – 15:45 -: Green Lane

## **St Edmunds Centre - Platts Heath**

Platts Heath Line Dancers took part in the School Fair and were happy to show our support to the School at this troubled time. My thanks go to our teacher Joanne for giving up her precious time to lead us. With members of the public joining in for the last dance it was great fun.

Although we have yet to hear officially we have been told the Charity Commission are going to agree the terms of our lease, which will mean the church representatives can sign on the dotted line. So we should soon be in the position to get the work under way.

May I take this opportunity to wish the staff and PTFA all success in their fight to keep our Primary School open. The village owes Angie and Hazel a very large thank you for all their hard work, and Mr Priddle and his team did a wonderful job at the Public Consultation Meeting.

The Trustees are right behind you all.

**Patricia Dibley**

## **Platts Heath School Update**

The Public Consultation on 13 July to discuss the proposed closure of Platts Heath School and merger with Kingswood was extremely well attended. A huge thank you to all of you who gave us support, it was greatly appreciated.

With far too many names to mention, all of our speakers made their case with very valid arguments, they spoke passionately, sincerely and with vigour. They were applauded immensely and are all to be congratulated for their efforts, not to mention their conduct. I have great admiration for every last one of them and they should all be proud of the case presented. "One of the best public meetings ever" said a parish councillor.

There was not a single vote in favour of this proposal. The panel appeared at times lost for words and in my opinion were unable to put up too great a fight. They were urged to end this process immediately, as it was very evident they have clearly made a mistake.

I feel the consultation has only reinforced our belief in our school and our community. I for one am even more confident and if there is any justice in this world Platts Heath School will remain open and be allowed to get on with what it does best. It is a successful, effective, viable and sustainable school achieving significantly above average results. It has a close, caring, family atmosphere, passionate about its worth. It is a strong and vital part of the community it serves. Even in these difficult times when the future of our school hangs in the balance, we are increasing our roll by taking on new pupils.

All too often we throw away what we think is no longer required, only to find that we were wrong. If this small rural school is closed, remember it is lost forever as is part of your heritage and history. Please support small rural schools! Who knows which one will be targeted next. Please continue to give us your support by writing to the following.

Chris Jones  
Area Education Officer  
Mid Kent Office  
Kroner House  
Eurogate Business Park  
Ashford Kent TN24 8XU

Alternatively send e-mails to: [school.consultations@kent.gov.uk](mailto:school.consultations@kent.gov.uk). Please copy me in.

You can also write to KCC at County Hall Maidstone.

Many many thanks

**Angie McElvanney**

## Platts Heath School Field



On Sunday morning, 23rd July, Platts Heath residents rallied, a total of 204 people - parents, children, and concerned locals, on the playing field in Platts Heath as a show of solidarity against the proposal to close Platts Heath Primary School, an action which would not only affect the school children, staff and families but the wider community as well. One of the wider reaching repercussions, it is feared, would be that the only recreational area in the village would be sold off for development.

In the Public Consultation Document circulated by KCC, the final paragraph states the "the County Council's major objective is to ensure that the outcome of this proposal has local support and is in the best educational interests of the children involved." This proposal has NO LOCAL SUPPORT WHATSOEVER, and the parents of the 74 children who chose Platts Heath School, when they had a choice of many others, can't all be wrong.

# Egerton Telecottage

Egerton Parish Council's computer training facility based at the Millennium Village Hall is now in its sixth year as a purpose built Telecottage offering advice and tuition.

Run entirely by volunteers, courses are run throughout the year on Basic IT, Basic and Intermediate Word Processing, Excel, Desk Top Publishing, Digital Photography, Internet and Email, and Ebay etc. Most are evening classes with a few being run in the mornings. It is hoped soon to be able to offer a LearnDirect Sage Basic Bookkeeping Course and another on Website Design and suggestions for other subjects are always welcomed.

Every Saturday morning an informal drop in session is run from 10am to noon offering free advice on computer problems as well as using the facilities to send emails or surf the Internet.

If you would like any further information on current classes please ring Alison on 01233 756366 or just drop in to see us for a coffee and a chat any Saturday morning – we would be happy to you.

## Answers to the Quiz and Link Word Puzzle

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## From the Registers

**Sunday 4th June**, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, baptism of Jimmy Huggett

**Friday 16th June**, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, interment of cremated remains of the late Louise Cripps.

**Saturday 17th June**, at Boughton Malherbe, St Nicholas, wedding of Mathew Francis and Rebecca Rose.

**Sunday 2nd July**, at Canterbury Cathedral, ordination of the Revd Marian Bond of Harrietsham.

**Sunday 2nd July**, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, baptism of Rianna O'Neill.

**Friday 7th July**, at Vinters Park Crematorium, funeral of the late Jean Spencer-May.

## **Bits 'n Pieces**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August - 9.30an - 12noon Arts & Craft Exhibition & Sale**

The usual Coffee Morning in Lenham, St Mary is to augmented by an opportunity to admire - and to buy - works of creative and art and craft from talented local people. Do come along!

**Saturday 2nd September 4.30 - 6.30pm - Tea Dance at the Rectory!**

Arranged by the Friends of St John the Baptist Parish Church in Harrietsham, a Tea Dance is to be held in the garden of Harrietsham Rectory. Tickets cost £5 each, (children/students £2.50 and under 5s, free); tickets include a lucky number draw.

**Tailpiece -Change:**

~ Some people change when they see the light; others change only when they feel the heat!

~ When it comes to changes, people like only those they make themselves!

*f you would like to find out more about Church services or activities please contact either the Revd Don Irvine (859466) or the Revd Fiona Naylor (853919) or the Benefice Administrator, Michelle Saunders (850604).*

**Revd Don Irvine**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time/Location</b>	<b>Service</b>
Sun 06 Aug 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
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	09.15 BM	CW 1
Transfiguration	09.30 H	Fam Svc
	10.45 L	CW 1
	11.15 U	Fam Svc
8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	[18.30]	No Taize in August
Sun 13 Aug 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	Fam Svc
	09.30 H	CW 1
	10.45 L	Fam Svc
9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11.15 U	CW 1
Sun 20 Aug 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	BCP HC
	09.30 H	CW 1
	10.45 L	CW 1
	11.15 U	CW 1
10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	18.30 BM	BCP EP
Sun 27 Aug 06	08.00 L	BCP HC
	09.15 BM	MS
	09.30 H	CW 1
	10.45 L	CW 1
	11.15 U	CW 1
	14.00 L	Wedding
	16.00 H	Baptism
11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	[18.30]	No Informal in August

## 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)

**Many thanks to Eddie Brooke for printing this magazine - It is very much appreciated**

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