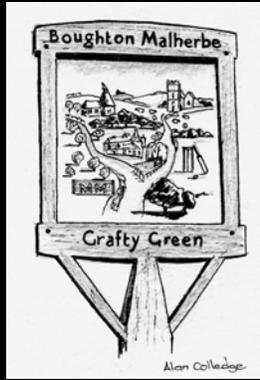


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Front cover: New arrivals at Boughton Place.

News from St. Nicholas Church

Lent Lunches

There are 2 Lent Lunches that have yet to take place this Lent, both will start at 12.00 and end at 2.00p.m.

5th April at Ivy House Farm, Liverton Hill

12th April at March Farm, Grafty Green

Thank you to all the Ladies who have hosted a lunch. They have been very successful both socially and financially and we now have our contribution towards Christian Aid Week, plus a sum for the Fabric Fund.

Kneelers

We still have some Kneelers left to be worked and/or donated. We are getting ever nearer our goal of replacing all the old Kneelers in the Church, but there are still some left to be replaced.

Garden Safari

The date for this is the 18th June, if we can get enough people to take part. We need another 3 or 4 people to agree to open their Garden to make it a worthwhile event. Please think about opening your Garden - it doesn't have to be pristine. Gardens are always evolving and there are always new projects going on. Please ring Joan on 01622 850210. Thank you. The Church building needs your support so that future generations can see what was built during the 13th Century and added to in later centuries. The least we can all do is to maintain what is already there.

Barbecue at Godington Lake

We are planning a Barbecue at Godington Lake Harrietsham on June 4th by kind permission of David and Andree Chantler, more about this in the next issue.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Garden Cuttings – April

With a blizzard in progress, I looked out as the snow blew across the garden to see several brown lumps, hunched on top of the fence. As the snow eased (it was a very minor blizzard), I counted six hen pheasants, which began to fluff their feathers and move off onto the top of the hedge where they pranced in stately fashion before flying down into the garden. Three came almost to the house, and then with the others worked their way up to the woods. We have now seen various members of this 'gang of six' most days, so they are still in the area and a neighbour tells me some have visited her garden, to the detriment of her crocuses. We really rather hope they don't all decide to nest in our garden or we shall have to work in protective gear for weeks!!

The resident woodpecker is regularly heard drumming for a mate, the blackbirds are nesting and spring has sprung in all its glory. Do keep feeding the birds, as they need all the help we can give them. If anyone is worried about the bird flu threat, give the RSPB a ring for information, but the thinking at the moment is that it is perfectly safe to feed wild birds. Good hygiene around the bird table is sensible and always wash hands after touching feeders etc.

And of course, the other worry is the drought. Do we or do we not, plant up masses of containers and baskets, replant flower beds or put in new trees and shrubs? Difficult that one. If it rains on and off enough to fill our water butts and keep the ground moist, great, but if not, it may not be easy to keep everything watered. Mulching now will help and I'm inclined to take a middle-of-the-road view and do just some of everything and hope for the best. So, continue sowing, grow on those plug plants, put in any remaining seed potatoes and give lawns a rake to take out any moss before feeding them. Congested perennials can still be split and replanted or pieces can be potted up until the autumn if it is easier to look after them in dry spells. Grow-on cuttings of dahlias and chrysanthus and be prepared still to cover anything tender, if frost is forecast.

Rosemary Smith

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

1. The star sign Gemini is represented by a pair of what?
2. What name is given to the leather case for holding a revolver?
3. How many meanings does a double entendre have?
4. What is the name for the decorated carved poles by Native Americans?
5. Which alcoholic drink is also the name for the left side of a ship?
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7. What instrument is named after the Greek God Pan?
8. Nag is a slang term for which animal?
9. What type of weapon is a Cutlass?
10. What type of boat is steered by a Gondolier?

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?

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6	Boat	Captain	Fish	
7	Chess	Piece	Square	
8	Club	Custody	Hostel	
9	Cargo	Fishing	Hair	
10	Break	Leaf	Towel	
11	Book	Permit	Shift	
12	Top	Bowler	Doctor	
13	Can	Hole	Mouth	
14	Cap	Contact	Zoom	
15	Parent	Speed	Tin	

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

Bus Service 59 on Saturdays
Grafty Green - Maidstone via Ulcombe and Kingswood

To confirm the news in last month's magazine, the Saturday service is to continue beyond the end of March with Kent County Council funding a contract for its operation. The operator on Saturdays from 8th April will be Nu-Venture rather than Arriva, and the timetable from that date is reproduced opposite. The fares will be the same as those for Mondays to Fridays.

There are **no** changes to the timetable on Mondays to Fridays which will continue to be operated as now by Arriva.

We should now all try to support these services on Mondays to Fridays as well as on Saturdays to ensure they do not come under threat in the future.

Finally, a reminder to all those aged 60 and over that, from Saturday April 1st, you are entitled to free local bus travel throughout Kent (including Maidstone Park and Ride) after 9am on Mondays to Fridays and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays. You will, however, need to be in possession of a Free Bus Pass to make use of this entitlement.

As an alternative to the free pass, you can decide to have vouchers to the value of £26 which can be used on local bus and rail services and are also accepted by many local taxi operators.

Maidstone Borough Council is writing to all existing Half Fare Permit and Voucher holders enclosing an application form for you to indicate which option you wish to take up. If you are a new applicant, you should contact the Concessionary Fares Helpline on 01622 602334. More details are also available on the Council's website at www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk

John Collins

Service 59

Maidstone - Chart Sutton - Kingswood - Grafty Green

Saturdays

Maidstone , Pudding Lane, Stop R2	0836
Maidstone , Kings St, Bus Station	0838	1241	1525	1755
Maidstone , Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	0840	1243	1527	1757
Wheatsheaf	0847	1250	1534	1804
Loose , opp Post Office	↓	1254	1538	↓
Linton Corner	↓	1258	1542	↓
Boughton Monchelsea , Albion	↓	1303	1547	1817R
Boughton Monchelsea , Cock Inn	↓	1306	1550	1820R
Chart Sutton , Buffalo's Head	↓	1309	1553	1823R
Warmlake Corner	0859	1312	1556	1826R
Kingswood , Village Hall	↓	↓	↓	↓
Kingswood , Ashford Drive	0907	1320	1604	1834R
Ulcombe , Post Office	0914	1327	...	1841R
Grafty Green	0921	1334	...	1848R

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Grafty Green , King's Head	0733	0923	1336	...
Ulcombe , Post Office	0740	0930	1343	...
Kingswood , Ashford Drive	0745	0935	1348	1604
Kingswood , Village Hall	0747	0937	1350	1606
Warmlake Corner	0753	0943	1356	1612
Chart Sutton , Buffalo's Head	0756	0946	1359	↓
Boughton Monchelsea , Cock Inn	0759	0949	1402	↓
Boughton Monchelsea , Albion	0802	0952	1405	↓
Linton Corner	0807	0957	1410	↓
Loose , Kings Arms	0811	1001	1414	↓
Wheatsheaf	0815	1005	1418	1624
Maidstone , Town Centre	0823	1013	1427	1632

Neighbourhood Watch Messages

Message 1

There is concern that we have had a number of incidents where a person has knocked on doors offering to fix fencing for a cost, on occasions saying that their neighbour wanted to get the fence fixed and wanted them to pay half the cost.

Can I give caution to you and your members on dealing with anyone that knocks at your door. If you do need your fence or anything else fixed, then please use someone that is recommended to you.

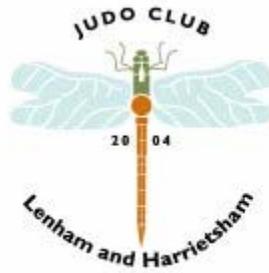
If you do have anyone knocking door to door offering to do work for you and you are not happy with them, please call the neighbourhood Watch Office and we will pass this information on the Trading Standards.

Message 2

Can I make you aware of book and antique buyers knocking on doors in your area. They are wanting to buy items from you in exchange for cash. They are not breaking the law as such, but are using very hard tactics to get you to sell. If you do have any person that you not happy with, knocking at your door, show them that you are in but do not answer it.

If you have any elderly or vulnerable people on your watch then please consider using the Nominated Neighbour Scheme. For any information on this scheme please contact Lorraine at the Neighbourhood watch office on 01622 604395.

Lenham and Harrietsham Judo Club



It's been a very busy start to the year for us. Late in 2005 the Kent Community Foundation and Local Network Fund awarded us a grant of almost £7000 to purchase new competition standard mats and other sports equipment. This grant is such a boost to us. Our old mats were OK but a bit worn and not really suitable to train our students to the standard required for us to begin making an entry on the wider Judo Scene.

We also have a new logo. After some creative discussion, and the help of the Curator of the Japanese collection at the V &A in London, we chose a dragonfly. The dragonfly is a cultural symbol in Japan. It was believed to be the spirit of the rice plant and harbinger of rich harvests. Dragonflies were a favourite symbol of strength amongst Japanese warriors. Traditionally known as katsumushi or 'invincible insect' the dragonfly was often seen adorning the armour of high-ranking warriors. We hope our dragonfly will bring our club success and good fortune too.

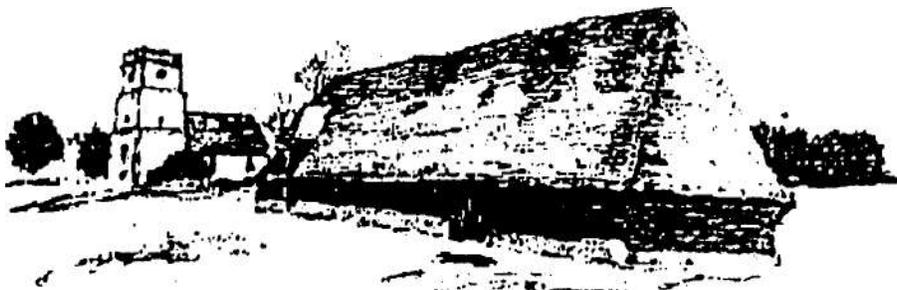
In fact our invincible insect seems to be working already! In January the club was awarded 1st place in the under 15 team award at the Maidstone Youth Sport Achievement Awards. The award was collected on behalf of the club by Nathan Tomkins (7) and many of you will have seen the picture and write-up in the Kent Messenger.

On the 4th of March the team competed in the annual Millennium Championships at Greenacres School in Walderslade. It was the first time the team had been invited to enter. There was a fantastic atmosphere at the competition. Both judoka and supporters had a great and very noisy time and we were overjoyed to be awarded the bronze medal.

Finally JHJC in conjunction with Maidstone Council are holding a Judo Taster session on the 14th of April we would love to see some of you there. Please look out for publicity at local schools libraries and parish notice boards. You can contact us on 07919466029, 01622859882 or winsect@aol.com If all else fails just turn up on club night (Friday 5.30pm at Lenham Community Centre)

PRESS RELEASE • SUMMER ART SHOW 2006

(Contact Bruce Argue 01622 851190)



**Pilgrims Way Artists
The Tithe Barn • Lenham • Kent
• The Art Show is on for 11 days.**

Friday 19th May to Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May 2006.

- This will be the 9th Annual Summer Art Show by the Pilgrims Way Artists in the magnificent 13th Century Tithe Barn in the village of Lenham in Kent.
- Lenham is on the A20, midway between Maidstone and Ashford.
- The barn is reputed to be the largest of its type still standing in England. The wagon pond has recently been restored and is a wildlife haven.
- The exhibition will be opened by Ken Wharfe MVO former bodyguard to Princess Diana and author of the book 'A Closely Guarded Secret'.
- 28 artists and sculptors will be showing their work in what is becoming the biggest and best art event in Kent.

The artists exhibiting range from A-level students to age unknown, and their talents from the naive to the extraordinary. In the group there is a smattering of Fine Art Degrees; a dab of Fauves; a splash of exhibitionists including some who have dipped their brushes into the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition; a smudge of pastellists; a whiff of oil painters; a splash of water-colourists and a cluster of ingenious sculptors

**'Artists Critique' and Wine Evening.
Tickets £5 - Friday 26th May 2006. Starting at 7pm.**

- There is an outdoor area for large sculptures and in the barn, free demonstrations in watercolour, pastels, portraiture and jewellery.
- The artists will be on hand to discuss their work as well as artists in action.
- Portraits sketched by artists - £25
- Jane Ford our Featured Artist will be working with Egerton Primary School, who were the winners of the 2005 Schools Art Prize - Tate Modern, in creating a large mural.

- There is ample parking behind the barn and easy wheelchair access.
- Relax with a cup of tea or coffee and homemade cake.
- **Opening Times are from 10 am to 6 pm daily and ADMISSION IS FREE**

Pilgrims Way Artists

ART SHOW

**The Tithe Barn
(off village square - follow banners)
Lenham Village • Kent • A20**



**28 ARTISTS & SCULPTORS
Fri 19th May -
Mon Bank Holiday 29th May
Daily 10am to 6pm
FREE ENTRY & PARKING**

Grafty Green Heating Oil Club

Most of you are probably aware that Grafty Green has an Oil Club. We now have about 70 members all benefiting from cheaper domestic heating oil. I have extended the boundary to cover Lenham, Sandway, Platts Heath, Liverton Hill, Ulcombe, and East Sutton.

Having oil delivered in bulk benefits everyone including the environment, not so many heavy noisy tankers clogging up our roads and the countryside.

To make the club work we all need to at least top up with the minimum 500 Litres or more at the same time, giving us maximum discount. It's easy, theoretically the more oil I order the more money we save. At the beginning of January the supplier delivered nearly 50,000 Litres and that was only about 35 members participating, 40 or 50 needing oil would have pushed the price even further down. Generally we save around 3 to 4p per Litre. So if you think it's for you please email me at europa.13@btinternet.com or telephone 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 April

Grafty Green

Saturday 8th April: 13:30 – 15:15 -: Church Rd - Junction Headcorn Rd

Grafty Green Gardening Club

The club will be hosting a talk on Nymans by a representative from the National Trust on Tuesday 4th April, 7.30 pm in the village hall.

This talk is to pave the way to our visit to the gardens in August.

The March talk on fuchsias was entertaining, given by Mr. George Puddefoot who holds the national collection at Sutton at Hone. He is keen for us to include fuchsias in our show in July; at the moment we intend to just keep to roses and sweet peas – but watch this space!

More details about the club's activities from Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary Smith 850526

The Len Valley Benefice Walk of our Four Churches

Yes, you may not know yet, but it won't be long before summer is here and "The Four Church Walk" will be here again.

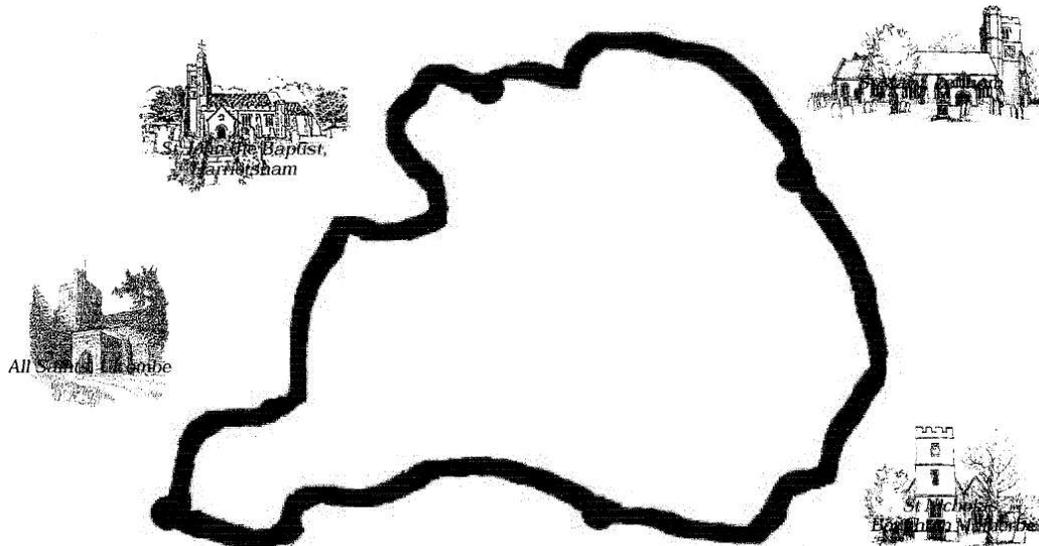
This year it is to take place on the **10th June** and all four churches will be open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, where, if you are lucky and generous, refreshments might be available. As last year, this is not an 'organized walk' but an invitation to walk in company around the four churches of the benefice – Lenham, Harrietsham, Ulcombe, and Boughton Malherbe.

You may start at any church and walk in either direction, but if you wish to walk in company, come to Lenham at 10.00 am. Walkers will be invited to make a donation to the church of their choice or, if they wish, arrange their own sponsorship. More information may be obtained from Kenneth Alexander on 01622 858348.

The Four Churches Walk

*Walk around the four churches of
The Len Valley Benefice
Total distance approximately 11.5 miles*

June 10th 2006 10.00am - 5.00pm



*Start at any of the four churches and
visit as few or as many churches as you are able
or walk in company starting from Lenham at 10.00am*

Refreshments and toilet facilities at some churches.

*For more information contact
Kenneth Alexander 01622 858348*

Egerton Telecottage



Your local Computer Centre

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.

*After the success of the last Time warp
The PTFA of Platts Heath School presents a fundraising event!
Another night of non-stop boogie for the grown ups!*

TIME WARP **Again** **80's style**

Let us Zoom back in time to a place where girls just wanna have fun, boys are so macho, love is tainted, people are living in a ghost town, some on the ceiling or in a house of fun, Monday's are manic, red balloons fill the sky unless it's raining men, if that's not enough to turn you Japanese then maybe it's a miracle but seriously, all we wanna do is dance with somebody and I might be dancing with tears in my eyes as I hear the sound of the crowd down at the Time Warp Eighties Night.
This may mean nothing to you.....oh Vienna

Lenham Community Centre
Saturday 22nd April 2006
7.30 til 11.30
Tickets £5.00

Available from Lurcocks of Lenham & Goldsmiths Gallery

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

Prize for the best in fancy dress

Use it or loose it – Article from Jenny Gibson Maidstone
Borough Councillor for the Headcorn Ward

Living and working in the Headcorn area for many years and being one of your Maidstone Borough Councillors for the Headcorn Ward I have seen many changes in our rural villages, some good some not so good. Responding to the modern world has not always been easy process and there will always be winners and losers. But communities have ways of staying alive and you all have a part to play.

Shops, Post Offices, Schools, Pubs, Churches and local Bus Services are always being threatened and for people who depend on them for their day to day convenience or occasional use need to realise that they will only continue to exist if they are used.

One recent threat was to the local 59 Bus Service. I was part of the group called together by Hugh Robertson M.P that included local M.B.C. and K.C.C. Councillors. Arriva faced us with passenger numbers that could not be argued with but at the moment with money from Councillor devolved Budgets and goodwill on all sides it is still running but the message is ‘Use it or Lose it’.

Post Offices are an important life line for many people particularly the elderly and together with the small shop and pub need your support if they are to continue to provide a service to the community.

Schools are often under threat. They need pupils and if they are to survive local parents must consider carefully the merits of using their local school.

There are many opportunities in your village to get involved and by supporting your Church, your Schools, your play groups, your Sports Clubs you will become part of a community that will thrive. Your Parish Council can act as a channel for your comments and feelings so go to the meetings, use your shop, your bus service, your local pubs, your church and use the many other opportunities that are out there. Keep our communities alive.

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<http://www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk/customersurvey/>

Lenham Arts & Crafts Society

We are having an exhibition & sale of Crafts and Paintings in St Mary's Church Lenham on Sat 8th April from 10.00am to noon. Coffee and Cakes are a regular feature in the church on Saturday mornings, so do come and combine the two events. Hope to see you all there.

Lenham Players

The Lenham Players will be performing

“The Blue Remembered Hills”

by Denis Potter

in

Lenham Community Centre

at

7.45pm

on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April.

Tickets are available from Lurcocks of Lenham and Goldsmiths Fine Art

Coffee Morning

Pat and David Abson are having a coffee morning at their home, 15 High Street Lenham, on Thursday 6th April from 10.00am to noon. Proceeds to Demelza House and to financing the trip to the Son-Rise centre for Autism in America, for their grandson Bailey. He and his parents are going to America at the end of May 2006.

There will be Tea/Coffee, home made scones, bring and buy and a raffle. There will be paintings for sale by local artists. Hope to see you on the 6th

Pat Abson

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From the Registers

Wednesday 8th February, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, funeral of the late Jack Beaney.

Thursday 9th February, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late Eileen Killick of Grafty Green.

Friday 10th February, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late Eileen Lister of Lenham.

Monday 13th February, at Lenham, St Mary, funeral of the late Maureen Aylesbury.

Sunday 19th February, at Lenham, St Mary, baptism of Megan Hope.

Sunday 26th February, at Lenham, St Mary, baptism of Emma Howard.

Thursday 2nd March, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late Betty Ashton of Harrietsham.

Friday 3rd March, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, funeral of the late Margaret Tong.

Sunday 5th March, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, baptism of Caitlyn White.

Answers to the Quiz and Link Word Puzzle

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Bits 'n Pieces

Tuesday 4th April 2006 - Ploughman's lunch with Guest Speaker. The Revd Lee Townend, Vicar of All Saints, Loose, will talk on "*Jesus - the only Saviour*" starting at noon in '*Shalom*' in Maidstone Community Support Centre, Marsham Street. Suggested contribution £3.00, to include refreshments; no booking required. Enquiries: 01622 683878 (day) 738508 (evenings).

Annual Parochial Church Meetings. These annual meetings will be held for each of the churches in the benefice as follows: Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in Ulcombe Church, Wednesday 5th April at 7.30 in Grafty Green Village Hall, Thursday 6th April at 7.30pm in Lenham Church and Saturday 8th April at 9.30am in Harrietsham Hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services. On the evening of Palm Sunday there will be a special choral service "*The Cross of Christ*" in Harrietsham church at 6.30pm. Each evening through Holy Week (Monday to Thursday) there will be a quiet meditative service in one of the churches of our benefice or our neighbours in Leeds & Hollingbourne. On Good Friday each of the four churches in our benefice will have a quiet hour's vigil '*At the Foot of the Cross*', starting at 2.00pm. On Easter Eve there will be a Service of Light in Harrietsham church, starting at 7.00pm

Easter Day and after Easter. Each parish church in the benefice will have an Easter Day celebratory service at the usual time. The Bishop of Maidstone will be the Guest Speaker and will Preside at the Eucharist at the services in Harrietsham (9.30am) and Ulcombe (11.15am). There will be no Evensong at Boughton Malherbe on Easter Day. On the Sunday after Easter (23rd April, St George's Day) we combine with our neighbours and have a single service in Hollingbourne at 11.00am.

Tailpiece

A nuclear blast reduced the earth to a mass of rubble. Finally a man emerged, rubbing his eyes and looking around. A few days later he saw a woman walk by. "Say, do you have anything to eat?" asked the man. The woman say, "Oh, sure!" and handed him an apple. The man took one look at it and said, "Oh, no!" "You're not going to start that all over again!"

If 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



You and your
friends!

are warmly invited to
a free Evening Meal and a short Talk
on

**“Christianity:
Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant ?”**
on Thursday 4th May 2006 at 7.00pm,
in Lenham Community Centre

*There is **no charge** for the evening
and no commitment thereafter*

*RSVP to Maidstone 850604
or just come along anyway*

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

Date	Time/Location	Service
Sun 02 Apr 06	08.00 L 08.00 H 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U 14.30 U 18.30 Bearsted	BCP HC BCP HC CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc Wedding Taize
5 th of Lent		
Sun 09 Apr 06	08.00 L 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U 18.30 H	BCP HC Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1 The Cross of Christ
Palm Sunday		
Mon 10 Apr 06 Monday of Holy Week	19.30 U	Meditation & Night Office
Tue 11 Apr 06 Tuesday of Holy Week	19.30 Broomfield	Meditation & Night Office
Wed 12 Apr 06 Wednesday of Holy Week	19.30 BM	Meditation & Night Office
Thu 13 Apr 06 Maundy Thursday	19.30 Leeds	Meditation & Communion
Fri 14 Apr 06 Good Friday	14.00 all churches in the Len Valley Benefice	Easter Vigil at the Foot of the Cross
Sat 15 Apr 06 Easter Eve	19.00 H	Service of Light
Sun 16 Apr 06	08.00 L 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U	BCP HC CW 1 CW 1 CW 1 CW 1
Easter Day		
Sun 23 Apr 06	11.00 Hollingbourne - Combined service with Len Valley Benefice	CW 1
2 nd of Easter		
Sun 30 Apr 06	08.00 L 10.30 L 18.30 H	BCP HC CW 1 Informal
3 rd of Easter		

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)
CW 1 = Common Worship (Order One) Holy Communion
Informal = Evening worship in an informal style

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