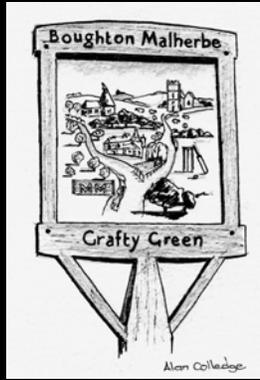


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News from St. Nicholas Church

Benefice Hog Roast

The Hog Roast will be held at Wellsley House, Runham Lane on Sunday 25th June, 12.00 for 12.30p.m. Tickets £8.00 Adults, Children £4.00 (includes a Glass of Wine, Dessert and Entertainment). Children under 5years eat free Contact Sue Wood 859638 or Sue Perkins 850235

Cottage Gardens of Grafty Green

Grafty Green welcomes you to visit our gardens on Sunday 18 June, from 2pm to 6pm. Teas will be available at two of the Gardens. We are hoping to have a Cake Stall and Plant Stall and the Children of the Sunday school will be selling small items in the Garden at the Old Rectory. Entrance will be £2.50 by Programme which will have a Map included. These will be available on the Village Green and at each Garden on the day. The Gardens will have signs to say they are open. The proceeds will go towards St. Nicholas Church Fabric Fund. Thank you very much to those who have agreed to open their gardens, it is very much appreciated. Now we must pray for a fine afternoon.

Barbecue at Godington Lake

On Sunday June 4th at Godington Lake, Harrietsham by kind permission of David and Andree Chantler, we are holding a Barbecue. The Tickets will be available from Mair Chantler on 859672, Joan Davidson on 850210 and the Village Shop, Adults £6.00 Children £2.00. The Barbecue will start 2.00p.m and end around 6.00p.m. There will be a Raffle, please bring your own Chair and Rug. Because of the new Licensing Laws please bring your own liquid refreshment.

Cream Teas – Boughton Malherbe Church

As last year Cream Teas will be served at Boughton Malherbe Church starting on Sunday 9th July until early September from 2pm to 5pm. Teas will be £2.50 with the proceeds going to Church Funds.

Joan Davidson

Grafty Garden Cuttings – June

We have now wound up to the busiest time of the year, with everything madly growing and hopefully, the danger of frosts well past.

The rabbits, pigeons and squirrels have won the battle and are in numbers, so I have to net, cover or surround many things with wire, nets or cloches. They seem to favour all my most precious plants: roses, clematis, epimediums, plus violas, cowslips and the vegetables, all of which have been damaged or nibbled copiously.

We have installed more water butts, which, thanks to a good rain recently, are already full, but ever optimistic as we gardeners are, we keep sowing and planting and hope that the summer will not be too hot and dry, for one water butt of water does not go far, especially on tomatoes or sweet corn, for example, which need thoroughly watering every day.

Jobs to do: all bedding, baskets and other young plants can be planted out. Mow lawns at least once a week and trim edges. Treat for moss and weeds. Continue to trim shrubs that have finished blooming and dead-head any camellias that do not throw down their own blooms. Also dead-head bedding, container and basket plants, for once these set seeds, they stop flowering well. Sow biennials in pots or a nursery bed, ready to plant out later in the year, for flowering next year, i.e.: wallflowers, foxgloves, Canterbury bells, honesty etc. Hedges can be trimmed, once any nesting birds have vacated or unless the hedge is yew (cut at the end of August) or beech which is best cut in July, when it should have finished putting out those lovely long new growths. Lleylandii needs constant vigilance!!

Birds are breeding well here again, with nests and young birds everywhere. Blackbirds seem to be the ones reproducing in prodigious numbers. The poor pheasant that nested under a bush by the path, was, judging by the feathers and flattened plants, taken by a fox. It or a hedgehog then returned to take the eggs.

Do come and join us in Grafty Green, for our open gardens on Sunday 18th June, 2 - 6pm

Rosemary Smith



Grafty Green Gardening Club – Summer Social

Our June meeting will be from 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th, in Rosemary and Michael Smith's beautiful garden, (Fermor Cottage, Headcorn Road). We will be providing light refreshments and nibbles but if you would like to bring your own wine please feel free to do so. We hope for a fine evening and an enjoyable wander around the garden.

Further details from Sue Burch 850381 or Rosemary on 850526

SUMMER NEWS LETTER 2006

As promised, we have finalized our plans for the summer events which are as follows:

6th June, 7.30pm a summer social at Fermor Cottage, Headcorn Road, - details above.

Weekend in Norfolk: For those of you who are coming to Norfolk on 14th July we would like you to pay your balance by 6th June and check with Carole that we have your booking details correct, i.e. single room, twin or double beds, special diets.

Saturday 1st July is our first Rose and Sweet Pea Show. Entry forms for this event will be available from 6th June at Rosemary's or after that from committee members/post office. The categories are very general so we hope that many of you will enter. There will also be a photographic category. The format of the

afternoon will be: 1 – 2 pm book in with the show secretary and set up your display; 2 – 3 judging will take place. We are endeavoring to acquire some vouchers/prizes from garden centers in the area to give out to the winners.

Saturday 5th August is the outing to Nymans. This is a National Trust property so free entry to members (don't forget your card) otherwise the fee is £5.95. We meet at 2 pm for 2.30 talk about the property.

5th 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

St Edmunds Centre Platts Heath

The AGM on 14th March 2006 was poorly attended considering we have reached a mile stone in our efforts.

The planning consent has now been granted, and the trustees have signed their copy of the lease. However we now have to wait for the Parochial Church Council to exchange, this is dependant on the Charity Commission approval, then we can get the work started.

In the meantime we continue with our fund raising events, the quiz night on 1st April was a great success and made a total of £378. The next event is a dance in July 60/70 disco.

We are organising a funday on Sunday June 11th at 12noon on the school field Platts Heath. In the form of a Bar-B-Que and rounders match, open to all the family at £1 per person. Just bring your own drinks.

With the uncertainty of the refurbishment start date, I have been unable to plan the coffee mornings this summer. We are still having line dancing every Thursday evenings at 8pm new members are very welcome.

Tricia Dibley Secretary

The Story of the Sad Criminal

Once upon a time, in a sleepy hamlet known as Grafty Green in the pretty parish of Boughton Malherbe there was an enthusiastic Gardening Club that wanted to make the village really pretty with flower tubs. So, one day in 2005 some tubs were bought and one was placed by the village sign and filled with flowers for all to admire.

One fine spring day it was noticed that the flower tub had been raided and all the pretty pansies and tulips had been stolen. It was decreed that this was a very sad thing to do as the pansies hadn't got long before they would be past their best and the tulips were fading fast.

But, just maybe, the Sad Criminal felt happy for a short time, just to admire the beauty of the flowers and smell the fragrance. Perhaps some seeds will set and the Sad Criminal will have some more flowers another year and remember the night that he/she felt the desire raid the village planters.

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

1. On which thoroughfare in London does the Cenotaph Memorial stand ?
2. What is the name of the New York Avenue associated with the advertising industry ?
3. Which Capital city provided the title of a 1981 hit record for Ultravox ?
4. What is the only American State that begins with the letter P ?
5. What is the National Flower of Scotland ?
6. On which river does the city of New Orleans stand ?
7. Which Scottish city gave its name to a type of cake ?
8. In France what mode of transport is the T.G.V. ?
9. Which Mediterranean Islands Flag includes an image of the George Cross ?
10. On which Caribbean island is the resort of Montego Bay ?

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*

Monday to Fridays

Service No.	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, Pudding Lane, Stop R2	1225	1400	1532	1612
Maidstone, King St, Colman House, Stop L2	1227	1402	1555	1615
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	1229	1404	1557	1617
Wheatshaf	1236	1411	1604	1624
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	1240	1415	1608	1608
Linton Corner	1244	1419	1612	1612
New Line Learning - Cornwalls	1505	---	---	---
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	1249	1424	1617	1617
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	1252	1427	1620	1620
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	1255	1430	1623	1623
Warmslake Corner	1258	1433	1626	1626
Kingswood, Village Hall	1438	---	---	---
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	1306	---	1623	1623
Ucombe, Post Office	1313	---	1630	1630
Grafty Green, King's Head	1320	---	1648	1648
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	---	1535	---	---
Headcorn, opp. Millbank Lay-by	---	1544	---	---

Monday to Fridays

Service No.	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Headcorn, Millbank Lay-by	---	---	0736	---
Grafty Green, Pig & Whistle	---	---	0745	---
Ucombe, Post Office	0723	---	0723	0915
Kingswood, Village Hall	0730	---	0750	0922
Kingswood, Ashford Drive	0735	---	0755	0927
Warmslake Corner	0738	---	0757	0929
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	0746	---	0744	0908
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	---	0739	0747	0909
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	---	0742	0750	0811
New Line Learning - Cornwalls	---	0745	0753	---
Linton Corner	---	---	0820	---
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	---	0750	0758	---
Wheatshaf	---	0756	0802	---
Maidstone, King Street	---	0758	0800	---
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	0808	---	0810	0814
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	0817	---	---	---
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	0826	---	---	---

Saturdays

Service No.	School Days Only		Not School Days	
	59	59	59	59
Maidstone, Pudding Lane, Stop R2	0836	---	---	---
Maidstone, King St, Colman House, Stop L2	0838	---	---	---
Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station, Stop J4	0840	---	---	---
Wheatshaf	0847	---	---	---
Loose, Loose Road, Old Loose Hill	0847	---	---	---
Linton Corner	0847	---	---	---
New Line Learning - Cornwalls	---	---	---	---
Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	---	---	---	---
Boughton Monchelsea, Cock Inn	---	---	---	---
Chart Sutton, Buffalo's Head	---	---	---	---
Warmslake Corner	---	---	---	---
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Boughton Monchelsea, Albion	---	---	---	---
New Line Learning - Cornwalls	---	---	---	---
Linton Corner	---	---	---	---
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Maidstone, Chequers Bus Station	---	---	---	---
London Road, Somerfield Hospital	---	---	---	---
Tonbridge Rd, Oakwood Park	---	---	---	---

Service 59: Maidstone, Pudding Lane, High Street, King Street, Chequers Bus Station, Romney Place, Lower Stone Street, Upper Stone Street, Loose Road, Mill Street, High Street, Hagle Road, College Road, Mill Street, High Street, King Street, Loose, Linton Road, Linton Cross Road, Linton Road, Chart Sutton, Boughton Monchelsea, Greer Lane, Heath Road, Fyfe Mills, Bishops Road, Amber Lane, Chart Sutton, Worncliffe Road, Worncliffe Cross Roads, Charney Street, Worncliffe Road, Kingswood, Ashford Drive, Charleford Avenue, Caysar Drive, Gravely Bottom Road, Lenham Road, Ucombe Hill, Ucombe, The Street, Pye Corner, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green.

Buses running via Langley run as normal from Maidstone to Loose Road, then Sutton Road, Langley, Sutton Road, Warslake Cross Roads, then as normal route to Grafty Green.

Buses terminating at Kingswood run as normal from Maidstone to Kingswood, Charney Street, then Gravelly Bottom Road (Village Hall), Caysar Drive, returning via the normal route.

Service 56: New Line Learning - Cornwalls, Heath Road, Four Wents, then same route as Bus 59 to Pye Corner, Lenham Road, King's Road, Headcorn.

Sundays and Public Holidays*

Service 59 does not run on Sundays or Public Holidays.

NOTE

1. The Saturday buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council by Nu-Venture (Tel: 01622 882288), NOT Arriva.

CODES

* - These buses are provided on behalf of Kent County Council. If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to Transport Integration, Kent County Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling, Kent ME19 4QG.

* - Special arrangements apply over the Christmas and New Year period and at Easter. Please watch for announcements.

R - Sets down only upon request by passengers boarding at or before Loose Road, Plains Avenue.

Grafty Green Village Hall

On 10th May 2006 the AGM of Grafty Green Village Hall was held. This was attended by committee members and a few members of the community. As many of you may know the Hall has undergone considerable refurbishment during the past two years and in excess of £20,000 has been spent to modernise the failing infrastructure and to improve facilities. Please find below the Chairman's report that was presented to the AGM. Should you wish to hire the Hall you can contact the booking secretary on 01622 850387.

Chairman's Report - 2006

Since the last AGM that was held in April 2005 the Village Hall committee has only had one ordinary meeting, that being in November. There have been ad-hoc consultations between committee members when the need has arisen, these mainly regarding matters of finance and the settlement of invoices. The need for more regular meetings is of some debate and this will be discussed in a latter agenda item.

Our finances, which have been of concern during the year, are now in reasonable shape and this will be given further clarity in the Financial Report. We have received additional funding from the Parish Council, which will go towards the continued refurbishing of the Hall and to replenishing crockery and other items that need replacing in the kitchen. Additionally some of this funding from the Parish Council will, in the near future will be spent on new curtains that are sorely needed. Income from rentals still does not cover our expenditure and in this respect a review of the rental terms and rates has been undertaken and as a result these will be increased modestly when the new curtains and other kitchen purchases are completed. A letter explaining this increase will be sent to all regular users of the Hall, which will be the first increase for many years. Our rental rates are low when compared to other halls of a similar size.

Refurbishment has continued this year –:

1. **The Gravel path at side of hall** has been installed and was commented upon as excellent by the Fire Brigade when they undertook their annual

Fire Safety inspection – it has made a significant improvement to the escape route from the rear of the hall and much enhances the safety the hall offers to its users.

2. **Three new double glazed** windows have been installed to the rear of the hall that complete the replacement of all the hall windows. These new windows are of a high standard and are constructed of low maintenance materials and should last for many years.
3. **The Fire door at the side of hall** has been refurbished so that it now opens and closes in a secure manner and a rain deflector has been constructed to ensure that rainwater ingress is now repelled.
4. **Replacement batteries and light tubes** have been installed for the emergency lighting system as they were found to be inadequate during this year's electrical survey.

Fundraising events have been held during the year – The Tombola at the party on the Green raised approx £250 and a Dance was held which was both profitable and enjoyable.

The Hall is still being rented by several local organisations. These include the Gardening Club, Yoga classes and the Headcorn Morris dancers. As mentioned before we need to get more rental income to overcome our dependence on grants from the Parish and Local Borough Councils.

I would like to record a vote of thanks to all the Committee members for their work during the last year and I look forward to working with them during this year when we hope to improve our financial position and the facilities for the use of the local and wider community.

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	Brick	Lock	Space	Air
2	Canister	Mask	Natural	
3	Football	Long	Manager	
4	Barbary	Man	Naked	
5	Inspector	Private	Work	
6	Case	Sales	Stress	
7	Shore	Side	Weed	
8	Cosy	Custard	Duck	
9	Eater	Powder	Soldier	
10	Alter	Maniac	Trip	
11	Bronze	Iron	Stone	
12	Apple	Caramel	Pudding	
13	Chart	Mince	Mud	
14	Chamber	Flower	Guest	
15	Down	Holiday	Loose	

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



There have been many scare stories in the media about householders being burgled or ripped off by Bogus Callers (also known as Distraction Burglary). Some people are now afraid to even open their door to anyone. The good news is that the vast majority of callers to your door will be genuine people from reputable companies.

This leaflet is a guide to ensure that you are doing all you can to protect yourself from those people who are **not** genuine.

What is a Bogus caller?

Bogus Callers will pretend to be a variety of authentic callers, such as:

- An official from the local council
- Service companies (Water board, Gas, Electric)
- Health Authority
- Even the Police
- They may also pretend to be a genuine dealer or salesperson (e.g. buyers of antiques and books)
- They may impersonate workmen and say that they need to check something or do an urgent repair
- They may ask to come in and use your phone because they have broken down, for a drink of water or to leave a message for a neighbour.
- They may be, men, women or children, all of whom can be very persuasive and convincing.

Their main aim is to steal from you or trick you into over paying for repairs or underpaying you for your valuable property. **It is very important that you make sure your caller is genuine.**

How can you check that callers are genuine?

STOP – Think before you open the door. Are you expecting anyone? Do they have an appointment?

CHAIN- Secure your door by using a door chain. The Neighbourhood Watch Office can help you get a door chain installed if you do you have one.

CHECK - Use your door viewer. (The Neighbourhood Watch Office can help you get a door viewer installed if you do you have one) and ask the caller for proof of identity. Check it, but keep your chain on.

If the caller does not have an appointment, then ask them to wait while you check their identity, if you do need to have a closer look at it, do not be afraid to close the door and make them wait. Checking identity can sometimes be difficult and confusing to do. If so, ask them to come back at another time when you can have someone with you. If the caller is genuine they will understand and not mind returning.

Neighbourhood Watch operates a scheme called Nominated Neighbour, which asks the caller to go to a neighbour who will return with them, so you do not have to deal with this alone. If you wish to learn any more about this contact the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01622 604395.

You could ask them to contact you by telephone or letter; if they know you then they should have these details. Never give any personal details to a stranger. **Remember it is your home and you should not be afraid to ask them to leave.**

Unwanted callers do not only come through your front door, keep your back door locked at all times. If you are out in the garden for a long period of time lock the door behind you and take care not to leave any front, ground floor windows open.

If you are very concerned about a caller, phone the police on **999**. If you can, make a note of any vehicle registration numbers and a description of the callers. **Never put yourself in any danger, your safety comes first.**

Neighbourhood Watch

Are you part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

If not, then consider starting one up. Being part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme encourages community spirit and is a good tool to help protect the more vulnerable people. All Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators receive up-to-date messages from the police and Trading Standards of any unwanted callers in your area.

Your local Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, Lorraine Hemphrey, is happy to answer any of your questions.

You can contact Lorraine Hemphrey on 01622 604395.



Neighbourhood Watch Messages

The surrounding area has had a recent increase in theft from sheds and outbuildings. Try to ensure that all your buildings are secure and alarmed. If possible consider putting in movement activated lighting or alarms. Do not leave keys in your vehicles. Property taken includes, building equipment and tools, gardening tools, and of course vehicles.

If you see anything suspicious and are able to take index numbers and descriptions, or anything you consider to be useful to the Police, please inform the Police as soon as possible on 01622 690690.

Keith Anderson

Family History Group

Our last meeting before the summer break is on Monday 26th June 2006
at 7-30pm at Harrietsham School, Ashford Road.

Cost £1, there is no joining fee. Car parking available.
Come along and see how to find out about your ancestors, it is a challenging
subject.

The younger you start researching the more you can find out from older
relatives, the hobby is not restricted by age etc.
There will not be any meetings in July or August.

This June meeting will be out last at the old school, it closes in July.

The September meeting will be on Monday 25th, at 7-30pm in the New School
in West Street Harrietsham.

More details in later magazines. Further info from Frank Long 850863

Lenham Library Reading Group

Love reading? Come and join an informal reading group at Lenham Library. The
next meeting is at 6pm in the library on Thursday 1st June. Meetings are
generally held on the first Thursday of the month.

The book for June is "The Lighthouse" by P.D. James and for the following
month "The Bookseller of Kabul" by Asne Seierstad.

Copies of each month's book are available from the library and can also be
obtained in spoken word or large print format if required.

Also...

A Story/Rhyme time is held in the library on the first Wednesday of every month
for babies and toddlers. This is great fun. Do come along and join in.



All Saints, Ulcombe

THE RENAISSANCE SINGERS

present a programme of
unaccompanied Renaissance music with
texts from the Song of Solomon

on

Saturday 10 June

7. 30 pm

All Saints Church, Ulcombe

This will be a return visit to Ulcombe. Two years ago the Renaissance Singers made a recording in Ulcombe Church which has wonderful acoustics. This return visit is a thank you gift or using Ulcombe Church.

Tickets £7. 50 to include refreshments
from Molly Poulter (01622 842988) or
The Church Office (01622 850604)

St Peters Church,
Boughton Monchelsea

FLOWER FESTIVAL
THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Church open for Flowers, Music
and Refreshments on:

Friday 23rd June 6.30pm-8.30pm

Saturday 24th June 12.30pm-5.30pm

Sunday 25th June 11.30am-6.00pm

Saturday 24th June -
7.30pm Festival Concert

Sunday 25th June -
6.30pm Rose Service

followed by Refreshments and Sale of Flowers

For further details contact
Chris Attwood on 01622 745919

St Peters Church, Boughton Monchelsea

FLOWER FESTIVAL
Programme

Friday 23rd June 6.30pm-8.30pm

6.30pm Primary School Choir

7.45pm Thursday Singers

Saturday 24th June 12.30pm-5.30pm

7.30pm FESTIVAL CONCERT - tickets £7.50*
"Fading, Wilting and Drooping"
with Alan, Brian and Janel

Sunday 25th June 11.30am-6.00pm

10.45am Holy Communion with
Guest Soloist: Iorwerth Pritchard
from the London Welsh Male Voice Choir

6.30pm Rose Service with the Primary
School Choir, Church Choir and
Guest Soloist: Iorwerth Pritchard
and Guest Speaker:
Revd John Richardson,
Chaplain of Imperial College

Refreshments throughout all three days

*available from Chris on 01622 745919 or
The Church Office (01622 743321)

HOLLINGBOURNE



Sunday 2nd July 2006

You are warmly invited to visit Hollingbourne when many village gardens will be opening their gates to visitors as part of the biennial Garden Safari - from large gardens with spectacular views in Broad Street to the varied, intimate gardens of Eythorne Street. Teas in the Village Hall, Plant Sales and a Summer Exhibition & Sale of Local Crafts. Ample parking provided. Tickets with maps available on the day (Adults £4/Children 50p). All profits benefit the Heart of Kent Hospice so do make sure the date is in your diary. Phone 01622 880349 for further details.

Sunday 2nd July 2.00-6.30pm Tickets £4



The Heart of Kent Hospice is situated in the centre of the County of Kent serving the Maidstone community and its surrounding area. The Hospice is a specialist palliative care centre whose purpose is to provide expert care and support for patients with advanced cancer, motor neurone disease or other life threatening illnesses where curative treatment is no longer possible. Registered Charity 288164 Tel: 01622 790195

Art Exhibition

Pat Abson is holding an exhibition of paintings in the gallery of Goldsmith's Fine Art. The gallery is in Lenham High Street and the opening hours are Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm. The exhibition will run from Saturday 1st July until 15th July. I do hope you can come.

Pat Abson

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.

Keith Anderson

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.

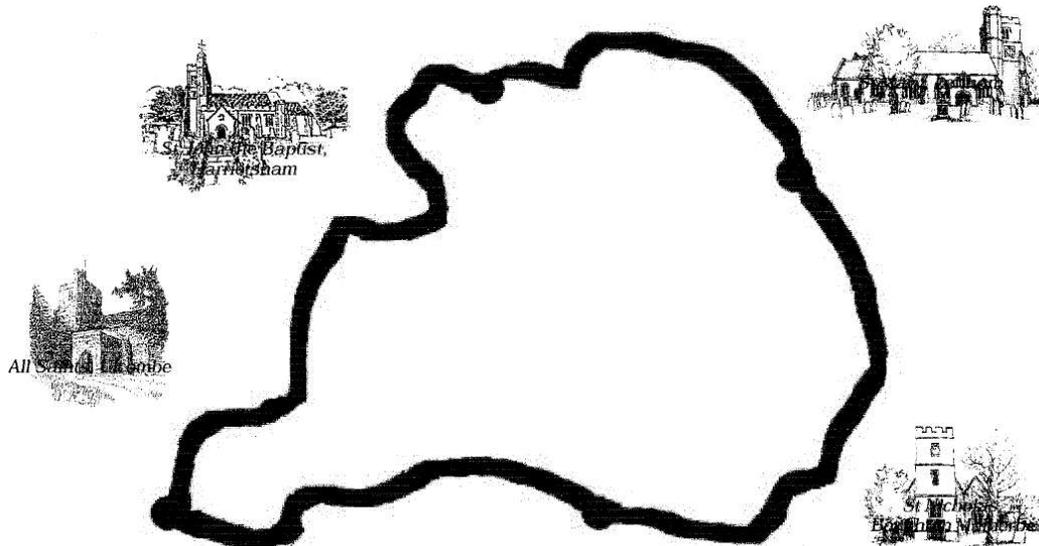
This year it is to take place on the **10th June** and all four churches will be open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, where, if you are lucky and generous, refreshments might be available. As last year, this is not an 'organized walk' but an invitation to walk in company around the four churches of the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

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.

Bulky Refuse Collections (Weekend Freighter Service)

Please find below the dates of when the weekend freighter service stops near your home during June and July.

Grafty Green

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

Platts Heath

Sunday 25th June: 14:15 – 15:45 -: Platts Heath – Green Lane

Ulcombe

Sunday 2nd July: 11:15 – 12:15 -: Ulcombe Lodge Gardens

From the Registers

Tuesday 4th April, at Lenham, St Mary, funeral of the late Don Parker.

Thursday 13th April, at Harrietsham, St John the Baptist, funeral of the late Toni Weller.

Sunday 16th April, at Lenham, St Mary, baptism of Olivia & Hannah Finch.

Wednesday 19th April, at Charing Crematorium, funeral of the late James Fairclough of Sandway.

Thursday 20th April, at Vinters Park Crematorium, funeral of the late Patricia Killick of Grafty Green.

Thursday 27th April, at Lenham, St Mary, funeral of the late Peter Twyman.

Monday 8th May, in Lenham Cemetery, interment of cremated remains of the late Don Parker.

Answers to the Quiz and Link Word Puzzle

Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
Brick	Lock	Space	Air
Cannister	Mask	Natural	Gas
Football	Long	Manager	Player
Barbery	Man	Naked	Ape
Inspector	Private	Work	Detective
Case	Sales	Stress	Executive
Shore	Side	Weed	Sea
Cosy	Custard	Duck	Egg
Eater	Powder	Soldier	Ant
Alter	Maniac	Trip	Ego
Bronze	Iron	Stone	Age
Apple	Caramel	Pudding	Toffee
Chart	Mince	Mud	Pie
Chamber	Flower	Guest	Bed
Down	Holiday	Loose	Let

Question	Answer
1	On which thoroughfare in London does the Cenotaph Memorial stand ? Whitehall
2	What is the name of the New York Avenue associated with the advertising industry ? Madison Avenue
3	Which Capital city provided the title of a 1981 hit record for Ultravox ? Vienna
4	What is the only American State that begins with the letter P ? Pennsylvania
5	What is the National Flower of Scotland ? Thistle
6	On which river does the city of New Orleans stand ? Mississippi
7	Which Scottish city gave its name to a type of cake ? Dundee
8	In France what mode of transport is the T.G.V. ? High Speed Train
9	Which Mediterranean Islands Flag includes an image of the George Cross ? Malta
10	On which Caribbean island is the resort of Montego Bay ? Jamaica

Bits 'n Pieces

Saturday 3rd June - An 'AwayDay' at Harbledown, near Canterbury

The theme of this 'AwayDay' is "*The Holy Spirit*"; it is part of the *Alpha* course which started in May but you don't have to be attending the course to join in this quiet day. For more details contact the Revd Don Irvine (01622-859466) or Michelle Saunders at the Benefice Office (01622-850604).

Visit to Taize in France

The Taize group at Holy Cross, Bearsted, near Maidstone, plan to take a group of young people to visit the Taize Community from 13th–20th August 2006. Anyone aged 16 – 30 is welcome to join us. There are also facilities for families with children. We hope to travel by train, and camp in tents. Dormitory accommodation is available for those who prefer it. The estimated cost will be £150 approx. and will depend on train fares nearer the time. Taize offers an opportunity to meet with thousands of young people from all over the world, make new friends, reflect on the important things in life, and contribute to community routine. The unique style of prayer and worship, three times a day is inspirational. It's a simple, but challenging week. Do you want to try it? For more information, please contact Jenny Manners on 01622-880363. Closing date Tuesday 6th June.

Saturday 10th June - Four Churches Walk

It's only a dozen or so miles around the four churches of the Len Valley Benefice! Come for a gentle stroll on Saturday 10th June and visit as few or as many of the four churches as you feel like! See elsewhere in the magazine for more details.

Sunday 25th June - Benefice Hog Roast

This high-spot of the benefice calendar is always a sell-out: to avoid disappointment, book early! Full details elsewhere in the magazine or ring Michelle at the Office (see above).

Tailpiece

*Humour ... "A keen sense of humour helps us to overlook the unbecoming,
understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant,
overcome the unexpected and outlast the unbearable!"*

Billy Graham

*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

ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE



JOB VACANCY

With effect from September, the pre-school has a vacancy for a **Pre-School Leader/ Deputy Leader**. The successful applicant will need to hold an NVQ Level 3 qualification in Childcare / Early Years and will be responsible for the day to day running/ deputising of running of the pre-school. An ability to carry out curriculum planning is essential, along with processing of Early Years Funding. We are a small, friendly group, located in the middle of Lenham village, offering a high quality of care and education as recognised by OFSTED for 2½ - 5 year olds. Lenham Acorns Pre-School is an Equal Opportunities employer.

Further information and an application form can be obtained from Melissa Alexander Tel: 01622 858558

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

Date	Time/Location	Service
Sun 04 Jun 06 Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	08.00 L 08.00 H 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U 15.00 H 19.00 Bearsted	BCP HC BCP HC CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc Baptism Taize
Sun 11 Jun 06 Trinity Sunday	08.00 L 09.15 BM 09.30 H 10.45 L 11.15 U	BCP HC Fam Svc CW 1 Fam Svc CW 1
Sun 18 Jun 06 1 st after Trinity	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 1 BCP EP
Sun 25 Jun 06 St John the Baptist 7 th of Easter	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 - led by United Reformed Church, Lenham

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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