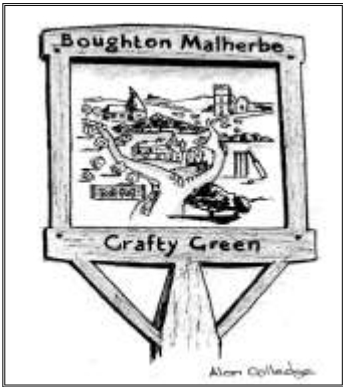


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**Front Cover:** Some of the members displaying their creations at the Gardening Club spring show and floral art event held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## News from St. Nicholas Church

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who put together flower arrangements to decorate the church for Easter. This includes the members of the Gardening Club who spent an evening putting them together. The church looked at it's best and, as the weather continued to stay cool, the flowers lasted for two further Sundays. Thank you all.

**Morning Prayers 9.30** continue, as usual, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at St Nicholas and on the alternate Tuesdays at All Saints, Ulcombe.

**Bible Study** will continue at Weirton Villa, Grafty Green. If you would like to join, or know more, please, contact Joan Dury on 01622 853766.

**Coffee Morning** will begin again in May on the second Tuesday with the return of Sally from New Zealand in the first week of May. There could be a lot of chatter to go with cheese scones!

On the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> April there was standing room only with family and friends at the funeral of Fred Mallett. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the Mallett family.

On a happier note the church hosted the marriage to Kelly Neaves and David Haynes on the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

On another sadder note we learnt of the death of Joan Davidson who has been one of the churchwardens at St Nicholas for the past 23 years. Our condolences and prayers go out to Mike and their family. She will be much missed.

Looking back over those 23 years I note that the following has been done to the church:

The flag pole was raised at the millennium.

Water was laid to the church.

The church was rewired and a sound system installed.

It was painted from top to bottom.

The tower was converted to a kitchen.

The old boiler room was converted into much needed toilet.

The front row of pews was removed to make access easier.

The middle row of pews was refurbished.

**Kenneth Alexander**

## **Yoga Classes In Grafty Green Village Hall**

The benefits of good posture and ease of movement is soon established and with the breathing and relaxation techniques the whole body and mind are balanced; enhance your well- being.

*Wednesday evenings 7 to 8.30*

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*There will be no class on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May due to the hall being used as a polling station. No classes on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May. New term starts 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June.*

*All classes are mixed ability. You can drop in where you can for £8 a session.*

Further information or one to one bookings call Sue Burch  
(British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381

## **Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club**

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

## **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

10th July, 4th September, 6th November, 15th January 2019, 19th March 2019.

**Please note:** The Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Annual General Meeting is on the **10<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.00pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

# Grafty Green Remembers

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

This year our village fete will recall events from 100 years ago:

- Peace Time after WWI
- Women – Votes and Women's Institute
- The formation of the RAF

## So far we have the following confirmed:

- Punch & Judy – back due to popular demand
- Donkey Rides – (booking tbc)
- Around the Garden Table
- Local Wood Turner – Rodney Chittenham
- Local Artist – Alan Colledge
- Messy Tent and Kids Games
- Tug of War – Pubs to be confirmed
- Refreshments to include the usual Tea Tent and Ice Cream with hot food available, menu to be confirmed.



## Still under discussion:

Expert in historic military, Brass Band, Shove Halfpenny, Slow Bicycle Race (we need some old bikes), Horse Shoe game, Bat and Trap, Marble Game, Vintage Machinery, Vintage Tools, Vintage Tractors, WI stall. The ideas are still coming in.

## Fete Opening Competition for Children

This year we thought it would be a good idea to invite Children of Grafty Green and surrounding villages to enter a competition to open the Fete. We would like to ask any Children up to the age of 18 to compose a poem or song in the theme of Events of 100 years ago. The **winner** will be invited to **open the Fete on the day** with their entry. Entries must be made by **30<sup>th</sup> June** and must contain the name, age, phone number and email address to be sent to: [carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:carolhulm@gmail.com)

## Get Involved:

We are still looking for crafters to help with the commemoration of a member of this parish who served in WW1. This can be fabric, knitted, crochet piece that can be hung.

Also we would like to make a 21st century larger sewn piece that shows our parish in its various ways. **Please contact Sue Burch on 850381.**



Please contact [Carolhulm@gmail.com](mailto:Carolhulm@gmail.com) if you have any further ideas or would like to contribute in any way. Thank you.

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## Grafty Gourmet

This is a mouth watering curry from north of India. Serve with rice or crusty bread. Although it has a few ingredients, the cooking process, as with all my recipes, is very straight forward.

### Kashmiri Lamb

- 4 dried red chillies
- 3 fresh green chillies
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon Kashmiri garam masala
- 1 inch piece of root ginger, peeled and grated
- 5 cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 tablespoons desiccated coconut
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 6 tablespoons oil
- 2 large onions, sliced thinly
- 1kg (2 lb) lamb, washed, pat dry and cut into 1 1/2" pieces
- 1/2 pint plain yoghurt
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon saffron
- 20 blanched almonds
- A handful chopped coriander
- salt to taste

1. Grind the red chillies, green chillies, cumin seeds, garam masala, ginger, garlic, grated coconut and tomatoes together into a smooth paste.

2. Heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions until golden.

3. Add the spice paste and fry it until the oil separates from the mixture. Now add the lamb pieces and the salt and cook until it is almost done. Stirring frequently. Add the yoghurt, turmeric, saffron and the blanched almonds and mix well.

4. Cook over low heat until the meat is tender and the gravy is thick. Garnish with chopped coriander leaves and serve.

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## Grafty Green Gardening Club – 2018 Programme Of Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker/Event</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Jan 9	AGM and Phil Piddle	Hedge laying and hedging tools
Feb 6	Dr Sue Turner	How to Grow Potatoes
March 6	Helen Yemm	Late Summer Flowering Plants
March 27	Sandra Pilborough- and Spring Show	Spring flower arrangements – Practical session in time for Easter!
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Colin Moat</b>	<b>50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants)</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Plant Sale 10am on the village green</b>	
June 5	Outing - Little Mockbegger, Biddenden - entry £5, refreshments extra	
July 3	Outing – Parsonage Oast, Yalding – entry £4, refreshments extra	
July 26	Weekend away – North Yorkshire	
August 7	TBA	
Sept 4	Autumn Show	
Sept 9	Coach Outing to Kew	
Oct 2	Philip Johnson	How to grow sweet peas
Nov6		Hops
Dec 2	TBA	

On **Tuesday May 1st** we have invited Colin Moat to come and give us a talk called 50 Shades of Grey (shade loving plants), which will give us all an opportunity to learn more and improve the look of our own shady garden areas.

**May 5th** - we will be holding a **PLANT SALE** on the Village Green (in the Village Hall if wet)! So, come and buy your summer bedding and pot plants, flowers and vegetables and meet up with friends and neighbours for coffee/tea/cake.

**TIP OF THE MONTH** - Feed, weed, and mow lawns to encourage good growth. Prune spring flowering shrubs that have finished flowering and move tender shrubs in pots outside for summer. Harden off summer bedding plants and continue succession sowing of vegetables.

**Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green  
Gardening Club (01622) 757536**



## Village Hall News

[www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk)

On **Tuesday 15 May** at 7.30 we will be holding our **Village Hall Committee AGM** at the Hall. Do, please, come along and have your say on the way the Hall is run, the fees we charge, the things we spend our money on, the events we organise, and so on.

Better still, why not offer your services as a committee member? We'd love to have some new faces on the team, particularly younger folk and folk new to the village who could bring a new perspective to our deliberations. We have formal meetings only every 3 months and, in-between, groups of people take forward ideas for village events, investigate Hall improvements or undertake minor tasks to maintain the Hall, so the commitment is not huge.

Contact me if you'd like more info, or just turn up on the night – you can be assured of a warm, friendly welcome. Alternatively, if you have any ideas for future events or comments you'd like to make, do please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

Our next event is the biggie! It's the **annual fete**. Although it's 4 months away, planning is already well underway. The theme this year is 'centenary' and we will be commemorating the end of the Great War, the winning of women's suffrage, the formation of the R.A.F. and the founding of the Women's Institute (albeit the W.I. was actually conceived mid-World War I). Any ideas or offers of help would be welcomed.

*Richard Pilborough*, Hall Committee Chairman

Tel: 844648 email: [Pilborough@grafty.plus.com](mailto:Pilborough@grafty.plus.com)

### **Betamax Video Player/Recorder**

Does anybody have a Betamax Video player I can borrow? I have some family tapes recorded in the 80s that I want to transfer to DVD but discovered my player does not work any more.

If you can help, please ring me on 01622 858937.

**Mandy Hitchins**

**GRAFTY GREEN VILLAGE HALL**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2018 AGM will take place at the Village Hall  
on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

*You are all invited!*

**AGENDA:**

- Receive the minutes of the last AGM  
and deal with matters arising;
- Receive the Chairman's report on the  
work of the committee last year;
- Receive the annual accounts and the  
Treasurer's report;
- Open discussion of the committee's work;
- Elect a committee for the coming year;
- Consider ideas for the future;
- Review Hall hire fee;
- Any other business

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cast your vote and have your say.*



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# Grafty Geeks

## Clearing Browser History

Clearing browser history is common advice given when people ask how to speed up their PCs. The reality is that clearing the cache does not speed up the computer at all. The opposite may be true, because cache files mean that commonly used information does not have to be downloaded or generated repeatedly.

Cache is a hardware or software component that stores data so future requests for that data can be served faster; the data stored in a cache might be the result of an earlier computation, or the duplicate of data stored elsewhere. A cache hit occurs when the requested data can be found in a cache, while a cache miss occurs when it cannot. Cache hits are served by reading data from the cache, which is faster than recomputing a result or reading from a slower data store; thus, the more requests can be served from the cache, the faster the system performs.

What matters when it comes to browsing speed is the time lapse between initiating a process and receiving the results. Most people have noticed that the first time they visit a site it takes longer to open than subsequent visits, and that is thanks to the cached information saved in the browser history. If the history is deleted, the computer must do all that initializing again the next time.

There are, however, times when the browser's history requires deletion. Examples of this include when a computer doesn't have enough drive space and there are too many temporary files, when cache corruption is present, and when the user is concerned about privacy issues.

### To clear your browser history:

- Open your browser
- Locate the Setting options (use search or help)
- Find Clear browsing history/data
- Select what you would like to clear

This example is for Google Chrome, found in advance settings/privacy



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## **Ulcombe and Boughton Malherbe Conservative Association**

The Ulcombe & Boughton Malherbe joint branch of the Faversham & Mid Kent Conservative Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at 3pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May in Grafty Green Village Hall.

For more information please call 01622 843655

## **Maidstone Business Networking news**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** 6.15pm until 8.30pm Cobham Manor Golf Club Speaker: Kevin Collier, Wrinkly Network. Talking about "what do businesses understand about the difficulties of getting old?" and its challenges that vulnerability provides businesses, charities and community groups. He will also be demonstrating the work that "The Wrinkly Roadshow team" have been doing since his last years visit. Reserve your seat now 01622 820841 or email [doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk](mailto:doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk) Please arrive by 6:15pm.

Please note networking starts immediately, presentation at 6.30 for around 20 to 30 minutes, the rest of the time is all about networking. Visitors are always welcome and the event is free (if you are a paid up member or a first time visitor), but as we have a sign in and badge system, you must reserve your seat. Open to everyone. Reserve your seat now 01622 820841 or email [doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk](mailto:doitall@maidstonebusinessnetworking.co.uk)

## **Notice of Forthcoming Planning Appeals**

At a meeting of the Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Planning Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, attended by 43 Parish residents, the Council undertook to inform residents of forthcoming appeal hearings. These are as follows:

### **The Meadows**

An Appeal Hearing concerning the four Appeals submitted under the common reference U2235, plus a total of 35 linked cases at the end of June last year against the refusal by Maidstone Borough Council to grant permission for Gypsy and Traveller sites on plots 1-5 and 6-10 at The Meadows, Lenham Road TN27 9LG has been lodged, and is due to be heard on the **15<sup>th</sup> May 2018** as a Public Inquiry, starting at 10.00 AM at Maidstone Town Hall.

### **Acers Place**

An Appeal Ref APP/U2235/C/17/3189217 against an enforcement notice regarding unauthorised change of use of land to a gypsy/traveller site at Acers Place, Lenham Road Headcorn for two caravans, hard standing and gates which is contrary to both national guidance and the local development policies has been lodged, and is due to be heard on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10.00 AM at the Hazlitt Theatre, 36 Earl ST, Maidstone, ME14 1PP.

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The public are free to attend these hearings in the public gallery.

If you attend and ask to speak to give your views, the Inspector may allow you to do so at his discretion. Or, you may wish to inform your elected Maidstone Borough Councillor of your views, preferably by Email.

**Clerk to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

## May Music notes

An odd mix this month, but the key local event is the visit of the Russian group Lyra to Leeds and Ulcombe churches. This quartet of professional singers is concluding their English tour with our two village churches before flying to Ireland to perform there. An opportunity not to be missed. I have also included the dates of lunchtime concerts this month at Canterbury Cathedral – well worth dropping in if you are in Canterbury. Each concert is by a different choir from abroad.

Here then is the total list – as usual you may eventually find other local events which have not reached the publicity stage by the time the magazine goes to print.

**Friday 4th May**, in the Quire at Canterbury Cathedral - 12.00 noon lunchtime concert. Concert is free but there is the normal entry charge for the cathedral unless you have a pass.

**Friday 11th May**, 7.30 pm at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds, ME17 1RJ – the first Lyra concert of Russian Church music, popular classics and Russian folk songs by this highly regarded group. Tickets £12.50 include interval refreshments. Tel 01622 842915.

**Saturday 12th May**, 2.30pm at All Saints' church, Ulcombe, MDE17 1DN – the second local performance by Lyra (see above). Tickets £12.50 include cream tea. Tickets 01622 842988.

**Tuesday 15th May**, in the quire at Canterbury Cathedral – 12.00 noon lunchtime concert. Concert is free but there is the normal entry charge for the cathedral unless you have a pass.

**Saturday 19th May**, 7.30 pm at the Maidstone Leisure Centre ME15 7RN, the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No.3, featuring soloist Martin James Bartlett, and Shostakovitch's 1st Symphony. Tickets 0333 6664466 also via MSO web site. Free pre-concert talk at 6.40pm.

**Also 21st May**, 7.30pm, but at Holy Trinity church, Eltham SE9 2SD The Kent Chamber Choir present "Festive Songs" in support of Christian Aid Week. Quality singing. Tickets 07715 399320

**Tuesday 29th May**, 12.00 noon at Canterbury Cathedral, another lunchtime concert – details as above.

Item from the musicians' dictionary:

**Organ:** A mythical instrument, part man and part beast, known to inhabit churches – especially ones that are cold, damp, drafty and impoverished. Can also be an effective means of suppressing sermons.

**Brian Hardy**



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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Sole	Curd	Grass	<b>Lemon</b>
2	Baking	Bread	Cream	
3	Cricket	Fever	Perfect	
4	Thunder	Brain	Snow	
5	Building	Debating	Secret	
6	Company	Hands	Small	
7	Television	Desk	Wedding	
8	Global	Heart	House	
9	Wool	Candy	Picker	
10	Brown	Icing	Cube	
11	Scenic	Direct	March	
12	Training	Breaker	Short	
13	Drawing	Skate	Walk	
14	Answering	Fruit	Gun	
15	Frequency	Local	Wave	
16	Made	Money	Oven	

<b>Find the missing word?</b>	
1	____ Blyton, Writer of children's books aka Mary Pollock
2	King ____, Father of Regan, Cordelia & Goneril
3	_____ Duffy, A Poet Laureate
4	'First Among _____', A 1994 Jeffery Archer best seller
5	'_____ in Love', A sequel by D H Lawrence adapted for a TV Film in 2011
6	'The ____ Duckling', Penned by Hans Christian Anderson
7	'The ____ Gang', A 1970's spin off from school based 'Please Sir'
8	'Dr Finlay's _____', A TV favourite set in a Scottish town
9	'_____ to Watch Girls by', A big hit for the late Andy Williams
10	'____ Once in my Life', An early Stevie Wonder hit

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## **Good Friday**

There were some unusual characters hanging around Lenham Square on Good Friday this year: a Roman centurion, an angel, a dodgy geezer claiming to be Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene and a very cool looking Jesus.

Over 150 people took part in an exciting manhunt and were then welcomed into the church for crafts and a cafe.

The whole event was memorable and a vivid reminder of the Easter story. Every child went away with an Easter egg but also a challenge: having been presented with the facts about the death of Jesus Christ, what does that mean for us today?

Easter can offer a great deal more than just chocolate and a few days off work. Christians in the church put on this event because we have found forgiveness, hope, peace, help during life's difficulties and the assurance of life after death. We wanted to share this with you.

Jesus' death and resurrection was for a reason. We can choose to ignore this historical fact or we can choose to do something about it.

For more information on this and other events please call the Len Valley Benefice church office on 01622 850604.

**The Messy Team**

### **Ulcombe History Society 2018 Visit to Amiens**

An outing is planned to Amiens for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This will include visits within Amiens to a variety of attractions such as a guided walk of old Amiens, the celebrated Son et Lumiere of the cathedral front showing the original brightly painted Early Gothic figures (recently shown on the BBC programme Civilisation), the Les Hortillonnages (gardens in the middle of the Somme), Le Jardin des Plantes, Jules Verne's House (where he wrote Around the World in Eighty Days), and an audio tour of the largest Gothic Cathedral in France. The trip will also include a guided visit to the fortified town of Montreuil and Monet's House and Garden at Giverny. The costs are projected to be around £226 per person (if sharing a room) and £318 for a single depending on the numbers.

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## Concert at Ulcombe Church

The Lyra singers from Russia are making another return visit to Ulcombe Church on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 2.30. They will also be singing the previous evening at 7.30 pm in Leeds Church.

Tickets for both events will be £12.50 and will include a glass of wine and nibbles on the Friday and a cream tea on the Saturday. They may be obtained from Molly Poulter (01622 842988) or Brian Hardy (01622 842915).

The group are touring England from the 17<sup>th</sup> of April till the 13<sup>th</sup> of May when they go over to Ireland for a few days before returning to Russia on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

The four singers are from St Petersburg. Their leader is Andrei Sysoev, the choirmaster of St Peter's Cathedral in Petersburg. He is well known for his work with choir music of the Renaissance but also is involved in composing, teaching, and music for the cinema.

The singers are all well known in Russia. **Zlata Gogol**, contralto, has a wide repertoire singing music by Russian and European composers, and has taken the leading role in many operas such as Eugene Onegin and Euridice.

**Aleksei Goloviznin**, base, started singing at the age of five. He has worked in various choirs and vocal groups in St Petersburg, and toured the USA, Japan, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Sweden Norway, , Finland, and Poland. He has made many recordings and is currently very involved with jazz music.

Marina Busse, soprano, was a solo singer from 2005 to 2010 in the State Conservatoire of St. Petersburg. She has won various international awards and for the last two years has been a laureate of Chopin's International Competition and Rachmaninov's International Competition in St. Petersburg.

Eugenii Tsvetkov, tenor, is a soloist of St Petersburg Chamber Choir. He has been on tour with several famous male voice choirs. He specialises in church music. He is also interested in jazz music and plays the jazz guitar.

## Christian Message May 2018

A night alone in a hotel – surely the perfect time to search one's soul and write a Christian message? I sat and prayed and asked God to show me what to write – nothing, or so it seemed. I checked my text messages and emails as far as I could on my mobile phone – nothing much going on there. I popped to the dining room for supper where an elderly man befriended me and told me all about his life – no, nothing to write about there.

I returned to my room, switched on the television and watched the news (and an Inspector Linley mystery) – nothing. I decided to turn to those fountains of all knowledge - Facebook and Google – still nothing. “Ah well, since there is nothing to write about, I may as well turn in and read my Bible instead”, I mused. “Shame though, it would have been a useful job done whilst alone for the evening.” With a full tummy and having enjoyed a lovely bath, I climbed into bed. And there it was, staring me in the face. **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”** (Matthew 4:4)

If we want to understand God and know him, let alone write about him, we need to study his word. Observing life and people from our own point of view can only teach us so much. Google is great for homework and Facebook is good for seeing how our friends are, but they can't beat Biblical study.

Wonderful religious experiences are very special but, fortunately for those of us who are more familiar with the M25 than the road to Damascus, what sustains us day in and day out is the word of God where we can learn and enjoy so much:

*Tales of battles against the odds and adventures at sea (complete with whales!);  
Amazing stories about the most unlikely people with attitude problems or physical difficulties, doing wonderful things with God's help;  
Jesus teaching his disciples and the crowds who gathered and followed him, simple rules for life through picture stories or parables.*

We can learn that whatever we've done in the past, and can guide us to an exciting and new freedom in the future.

So it may be a bit late for New Year's resolutions or Lenten promises but, if you don't already dip into your Bible regularly, then why not start today? You could also join a homegroup and enjoy discussion, friendship and tea, while unravelling the mysteries and meanings of harder passages.

**Pamela Cuerden**

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2018

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The Society meets in  
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This year there will be eight talks,  
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day trip to Greenwich and  
a weekend away.

## PROGRAMME 2018

Membership is open to all who have an interest in local and national history.  
The annual membership fee is £10. Visitors are always welcome.  
Refreshments will be served

### **Tuesday 16 January**

**John Moore**

*Education in India: challenge and opportunity*

### **Tuesday 20 March**

AGM 7.30pm followed by

**Mrs Mary Smith**

*A Schoolgirl's War*

### **Tuesday 17 April**

**Steve Hookins**

*Woolwich Women at War*

### **Tuesday 15 May**

**Dr Marc Morris**

*Bad King John*

### **Saturday 16 June**

**Trip to Greenwich**

### **Tuesday 10 July**

**Evening outing to Elham**

### **Tuesday 18 September**

**Simon Elliott**

*From Ragstone to Riches*

### **Fri 14 – Sunday 16 September**

**Weekend trip**

### **Tues 16 October**

**Patsy Erskine-Hill**

*The fire that took hold - printing, literacy  
and bookselling in early Renaissance Venice,  
the book capital of the world for 100 years*

### **Tuesday 20 November**

**Melanie Gibson-Barton**

*Wandering in Flanders Fields*

### **Tuesday 18 December**

**Imogen Corrigan**

*Powers behind the throne – the women  
of the first millennium.*

***The Len Valley Benefice***  
***Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe***  
**Sunday/Main Services – May 2018**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service with informal Holy Communion

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship

3.00 pm Harrietsham: Rose Service

6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

10.30am Chippendaley Lodge

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

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## Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Sole	Curd	Crass	Lemon
2	Baking	Bread	Cream	Soda
3	Cricket	Fever	Perfect	Pitch
4	Thunder	Brain	Snow	Storm
5	Building	Debating	Secret	Society
6	Company	Hands	Small	Holding
7	Television	Desk	Wedding	Reception
8	Global	Heart	House	Warning
9	Wool	Candy	Picker	Cotton
10	Brown	Icing	Cube	Sugar
11	Scenic	Direct	March	Route
12	Training	Breaker	Short	Circuit
13	Drawing	Skate	Walk	Board
14	Answering	Fruit	Gun	Machine
15	Frequency	Local	Wave	Radio
16	Made	Money	Oven	Ready

Find the missing word?	
1	<b>Enid Blyton</b> , Writer of children's books aka Mary Pollock
2	<b>King Lear</b> , Father of Regan, Cordelia & Goneril
3	<b>Carol Ann Duffy</b> , A Poet Laureate
4	' <b>First Among Equals</b> ', A 1994 Jeffrey Archer best seller
5	' <b>Women in Love</b> ', A sequel by D H Lawrence adapted for a TV Film in 2011
6	' <b>The Ugly Duckling</b> ', Penned by Hans Christian Anderson
7	' <b>The Fen Street Gang</b> ', A 1970's spin off from school based Please Sir'
8	' <b>Dr Finlay's Casebook</b> ', A TV favourite set in a Scottish town
9	' <b>Music to Watch Girls by</b> ', A big hit for the late Andy Williams
10	' <b>For Once in my Life</b> ', An early Stevie Wonder hit

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