

Malherbe Monthly

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**The unveiling of the 'Map of Grafty Green' as it was in 1752.
The map was researched and created by local resident Tom La Dell**

Picture courtesy of John Collins

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Anything for the **October** edition should be left in Grafty Green Telephone Box, or contact Carol on 07990 574214 (carolhulm@gmail.com) by **20th September**

News from St. Nicholas Church – September 2024

Well, September is nearly upon us and some of the trees and shrubs here are showing signs of changing colour, probably saying more about the weather patterns over the last few months than the dates on the calendar. Hoping we will have wonderful splashes of colour to liven us up before winter. Definitely my favourite time of year and so good to have the opportunity to give thanks for the riches of food and beauty in our surroundings, with the Harvest Supper in the village hall and the Harvest Festival in St.Nicolas church in October.

Reminders

The church porch is open at all times, to take shelter, meet for a chat, make a hot drink, (cold water for the dog), dip into the bible and help yourself to any item in the mini food bank, if you need. There is a larger food bank at the back of St. Mary's church in Lenham, open from 10.00am-4.00pm daily.

The main church building is open for services, cleaning, meetings etc. Please contact the church wardens for a key if you wish to visit at other times.

Church service times are on the notice boards by the porch, the roadside and outside the Village Hall in Grafty Green.

Celtic Morning prayer is said each Monday morning, 9.00am-9.30am. This is an informal time with short bible readings and time for discussion and prayer, spoken or in silence. A time to acknowledge the needs of our friends, neighbours, world problems and ourselves. A gentle way to start the week.

The Village Coffee Morning takes place each Tuesday morning, from 11.30am - 2.00pm in the village hall in Grafty Green. The Post Office is open from 12.45-2.15pm at this time. There are usually Alan's free-range eggs and honey, Sue's handmade cards, Pluckley tea, homemade marmalade, amongst other items for sale. All donations for the coffee/teas and cakes are shared equally between St.Nicolas church and a charity chosen by popular demand. £200 were handed to the church treasurer last week and we are yet to choose the charity. Why not come along and have your say too?

Cream Teas have been a resounding success this year and were appreciated by so many of our friends. I hope some of you have seen the lovely photos that have been shared. The weather was very kind each week and we were relieved

the wasps kept their distance. So many thanks to the numbers of helpers who joined us, especially we send thanks to Saskia for her enthusiasm and her smile, as she helped Angela to take orders. Many thanks to our generous supporters, who made it all worthwhile. The church has benefitted greatly and next month we will be able to give more details.

Meditation this session will not take place on the first Saturday of September, but will start again at 2.00-2.30pm on the first Saturday in October.

Indoor Boot Fair. We look forward to taking a table at this event in the hall and meeting lots of visitors. We hope to see you there.

Finale

Safe travelling for those returning from holidays and those leaving for new adventures. Autumn is a season for new beginnings. For those who stay at home, our gardens and surroundings are in need of a new look and a rethink for their future too, as well as judging how this year's plans turned out. A lot to be thankful for as well as the excitement of a new future ahead.

Sally Alexander

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NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council at 7.30pm
Monday 2nd September 2024 to be held in the Village Hall.

Dated: 20th August 2024

Marie Norris, Parish Clerk

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to speak.

All background papers can be found at [Google Drive 2024.09.02](#)

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1.
 - (a) Apologies for absence received and confirmed by the Council.
 - (b) Declarations of changes to the Register of Interests.
 - (c) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or other interest as defined by the Kent Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 on any items on the agenda.
 - (d) Requests for Dispensations.
 - (e) Declarations of Lobbying
2. Co-option of Councillor to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council
3. Public Session: Chairman to invite members of the public to speak on any items on the agenda only. The duration of speaking time will be at the Chairman's discretion.
4. To resolve that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 July 2024 to be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. County Councillor/Borough Councillor Reports
6. Receive progress and update of resolutions from the last meeting (Information only)
7. **Planning**
 - (a) To consider any planning applications received for consideration up to the date of the meeting.
 - (b) To note planning decisions received from the Borough Council on recent applications.
8. **Finance**
 - (a) To note receipts of Income
 - (b) To authorise payments listed on the schedule
 - (c) To receive the bank reconciliation
9. Correspondence brought to the attention of the PC by the clerk
10. **Amesis Agreement**
 - (a) To facilitate an agreeable solution to both parties for the Amesis agreement.
 - (b) To agree a site for placement of the new bin
 - (c) To consider bench repairs to seating area and wood preservation (30 mins)

11. **Grafty Green Village Hall**
 - (a) To consider the offer of a historic map of the village
 - (b) To consider the hall hire fee of £100 per quarter for unlimited use when available
 - (c) To consider the grant application for financial assistance to the level of £5,000 for village hall rewiring and redecoration.
12. **KALC**
 - (a) To receive an update from the KALC representative from any meeting attended during the period.
13. Matters for Information, urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting only.
14. Part 2 Exclusion of Public and Press – In accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings Act 1960), the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

Malherbe Monthly

Following on from last month's announcement with regard to my moving away from Grafty Green I can confirm that from October the editor of Malherbe Monthly will be Carol Hulm.

Accordingly I request that she is sent any articles and adverts that will be included in October and subsequent issues of the magazine.

Her contact details are:

Email: carolhulm@gmail.com

Phone: 07990 574214 (Mobile)

Mike Hitchins

Auction of Promises

Saturday September 14th at 7 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall

The Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe, are holding an Auction of Promises in aid of Ulcombe Church

To date, there are over 30 promises. More would be happily received by Molly Poulter on 01622 842988 or mollycpoulter@gmail.com

Village Hall – September Newsletter

On the 15th August Mike Hitchins editor of this magazine kindly unveiled the historic map of the village which Tom La Dell had generously researched, prepared and donated to the village. After the unveiling Tom explained what the map represented and what the village would have looked like in 1752. Many of you attended along with the Mayor John Perry and the Deputy Mayor Martin Round. The evening was both informative and enjoyable and it was great to have an opportunity for a catch up with friends and neighbours as well as learn a little more about the history of our lovely village. Thank you to Tom and Mike for contributing so much to our village community. For those of you who could not attend and would like to see the map it will be on permanent display in the hall so you can view it at public events like the coffee morning on Tuesday mornings.

Coming up shortly we have the following events:

Grafty Indoor Boot Fair at the Hall Sunday 8th September 10 am to 2pm

All the tables are now booked for our first internal boot fair at the village hall on Sunday 8th September between 10 am and 2pm. Entrance is free and it provides us all with a further opportunity for a village get together and buy something you never realised you needed! As usual we will be offering tea and cakes for sale so you will have a good opportunity to stay and have a natter and any donations of cake on the day will be gratefully appreciated.

Harvest Supper at the hall Saturday 12th October 7pm

St Nicholas Church are organising their annual harvest supper at the hall on Saturday 12th October 7pm. The supper will be a two-course meal and there will be a pay bar. Tickets are £10 per person available from Kenneth Alexander on 07768323367 or kalexander@fastmail.fm. All proceeds will be in aid of the church.

Jon Thompson Village Hall Committee Chairman
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Harvest Supper

Grafty Green Village Hall

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Saturday 12th October 2024

7pm for 7.30pm



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Indoor Boot Fair

Grafty Green Village Hall

ME17 2BA

Sunday 8th September 2024

10.00-2.00

Come along and bag yourself a bargain

Lots of stalls in the warm and dry

There will be tea, coffee and cake so come along and catch up with friends and find that special item you didn't know you

needed. Any queries please contact Jon Thompson on

07932112730 or jon@grafftygreenalpacas.co.uk



We would welcome donations of cake on the day.

All money raised will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall

Grafty Green Village Hall

Bookings 01622 850898

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Saturdays 9.30 – 10.30am

Post Office

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Coffee morning

Tuesdays 11.30 – 2.00pm

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Community Litter pick

We had a fantastic response from the Boughton Malherbe community on the morning of Sunday 11th August as some brave souls ignored the extreme heat to tackle some of the litter hot spots around our area. A litter picking army with fluorescent jackets and litter pickers hit the majority of roads in the Parish. The mission was clearing up and making the area better for wildlife by removing plastics and other materials such as crisp packets and drinks cans. The enthusiasm was infectious, some of us grew quite attached to our litter pickers (they are great as you don't have to bend down or handle litter). One volunteer commented: *"I often walk along this path, so it is great to have the right equipment and be able to clear up the long-term litter I see every day"*.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their morning to spring clean Boughton Malherbe. It's great to be part of a community with such a supportive, can-do mentality. Depending on feedback, we would look to try this approach twice a year, in the Spring and the late Autumn.

We employ a fabulous lengths man Ken who keeps the main road clear of rubbish among other tasks for the Parish. We hope this has supported his efforts!

We collected 12 bags of rubbish and various car parts left behind after accidents.



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Ulcombe (at All Saints)
Saturday 28th September

Lenham & Harrietsham
(at St John’s)
Saturday 5th October

Boughton Malherbe (Grafty Green Village Hall)
Saturday 12th October

Grafty Gourmet

Chicken and mushroom is a timeless flavour combination. On the table in 30 mins, this creamy chicken and mushroom pasta makes a simple, tasty dinner

Creamy Chicken and Mushroom Pasta

Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- 4 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 200g of mushrooms, sliced
- 400g of pasta shells
- 150ml of single cream
- Grated zest and juice of ½ lemon
- 150g of ricotta cheese
- 2-3 sage sprigs, (leaves picked, half shredded and half left whole)
- 30g grated parmesan cheese

1. Heat the oven to 180°C fan. Put the chicken on a baking tray, drizzle with 2 tablespoons of olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast for 15-20 minutes until cooked through. Set aside to cool slightly, then roughly shred the meat.
2. Heat the remaining olive oil in a large pan. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute, then add the mushrooms and fry, stirring occasionally, for 6-8 minutes until tender and taking on colour. Stir in the chicken and a pinch of salt to season. Set aside.
3. Cook the pasta according to the pack instructions. Drain, reserving about 50ml of the pasta water, then toss with a splash of oil to keep the shells separate.
4. Pour the cream in a large/wide pan and simmer for 1 minute, then add the lemon zest and juice, ricotta cheese and shredded sage (do not add the whole sage leaves). Stir in the chicken and mushroom mix. Toss the pasta shells with the hot mixture, adding enough reserved pasta water to create a creamy sauce that coats the pasta.
5. In a pan. heat a large glug of olive oil over a high heat. Add the whole sage leaves and sizzle for about 45 seconds. Remove and drain on kitchen paper. Sprinkle the leaves over the pasta with the lemon zest and parmesan and plenty of black pepper to serve.

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As well as showing a great film on September 13th, we'll also be revealing the fabulous line up of films that we'll be showing as part of our Autumn and Winter 2024/2025 programme. There'll be more about future films in the October issue of Focus. Please get in touch for more information or to join our mailing list.

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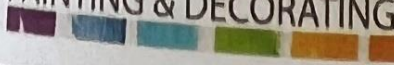
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Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 9	Joe Archer	From Kew to Kent
February 6	Sally Channon	Thanet Earth
March 5	Steve Kirk	Wild life reintroductions in Kent
April 2	Spring show plus Maureen, Christine and Sue	Encouraging wildlife visitors to your garden
Saturday April 27	Plant fair	
May 7	Vicky Golding – Outing to Marden Meadow	
June 4	Social in Bridget Samuelson's Garden, Crumps Lane	
July 2	Outing to Hawkhurst – Hands of Hope garden	
July 30	Outing – Old Rectory Otterden	
September 3	Autumn Show and Steven Harmer	Arts and Crafts movement and their gardens
September 13 - 15	Weekend away to north Devon	
October 1	Kevin Tooher	Choice trees for small spaces
November 5	Davina	The story of the Dower House garden at Chilston Park
December 3	Practical session – table decoration with guidance from Sandra Pilborough	

Sue's nature notes

Painted lady butterfly

This butterfly migrates from Africa and has been tracked flying at over 500 metres and can clock up 30 mph; they also migrate south again in the autumn so not overwintering in the UK and they travel in groups!

The plants sought for nectar are thistle, bramble, buddleia, fleabane, marjoram and ragwort, whilst the caterpillars, which can be seen between May to mid-October, feed on vipers bugloss, burdock and thistle.

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Christian Message September 2024

Many of us will recall the 1968 film production of *Oliver*, with its memorable songs and fantastic portrayals of the Dickensian characters. Ron Moody as Fagin made an everlasting impression if you are of a certain era.

‘Where, is love?’ sang orphan Oliver from the dark musty cellar of the undertakers, where proprietor Mr Sowerberry had placed him, punished for getting into a scrap with apprentice undertaker Noah Claypole. The scene as Oliver looks towards the little stream of light coming from the cellars shuttered and locked window makes me shudder now and as the little lad makes his lament, singing angelically and innocently he brings many a weary soul to tears. We all wonder sometimes ‘where is love?’

Oliver has been swept up by the philanthropic Mr Brownlow, nursed back to health, and given a fresh chance in life. He experiences undeserved kindness, exceptional hospitality and generous care. It’s a great rescue story.

One fine morning as he rediscovers his own sense of purpose and thankfulness for being alive he throws open the windows of the bedroom where he has recuperated in Mr Brownlow’s fine London residence and seeing below him a young woman with a basket of roses sings alongside the street seller....’who will buy this beautiful morning, I’m so high I think I could fly.....’

The glorious truth in the *Oliver* story is the love always wins, good triumphs, evil never gets the last say.

Now all we have to do is live like we believe that

God has poured out the most excellent gift of love upon us, into our hearts.

It is our choice to keep love locked and shuttered away in the dark recesses of our own cellared and imprisoned life.....or...to let it fly with the morning sunrise and the open windows across the daybreak of life in all its fullness....

The latter option requires us to be vulnerable, lays us open to being hurt or taken for granted; but this is the way of love- to challenge the status quo, to put itself at risk to save another, to pursue even the toughest of dreams, to prove to itself and to those it comes into contact with that Love Wins! Always.

So, now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Go gently, love always

Rev. Canon Lorraine Apps- Huggins



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‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.’

Matthew 13:31-32

Sunday 1st September - In the Cathedral of Outdoors

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

9.30am Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion *followed by laying-up of Royal British Legion Standards*

Wednesday 4th September

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Harrietsham: Chippendayle

Sunday 8th September

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion *with baptism*

6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th September

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

Sunday 22nd September

11.00am **Benefice Holy**

Communion at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham ‘I am the vine’

Thursday 26th September

7.30pm **St Mary’s, Lenham**

Why should Christians care about the climate? Please join us for this talk during which Revd. John will share

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Sunday 29th September

11.00am **Benefice Service at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham**

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