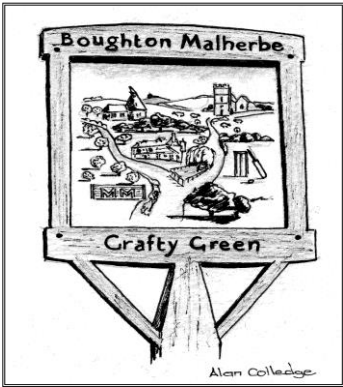


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Front Cover: The Gardening Club Team who constructed 'Mr In Capability Brown' who was despite his obvious inebriation was voted as the best scarecrow in the Village's Scarecrow Festival held on Sunday 16th October. Picture courtesy of **Jon Thompson**

News from St. Nicholas Church - November 2022

Apologies if information is missing from this month's news. I feel my brain is full of holes, in which some newsworthy items may have fallen through! If you feel that there is something needing to be in the magazine from the church point of view, please let me know and it will be added in next month. My excuse is that the dreaded covid has caught up with us. I am obviously not invincible as I assumed! Thankfully Kenneth, though testing positive for 2 weeks, has had no symptoms. Here's hoping that all is well with everyone else.

Reminders

The church porch remains open at all times and the refreshments are always available as usual. The flowers that were left as an expression of mourning for Her Majesty are not wasted and have now been added to a local resident's home compost. Thank you.

The main church building is open for services only. Please contact the churchwardens for a key if you wish to visit at other times, their details are on the church noticeboard and elsewhere in the magazine.

The church tower. The scaffolding is now a distant memory! You may also notice that the clock has had a face-lift. Just before the scaffolding was removed Kenneth took the opportunity to clamber up and spend a whole day scrubbing and repainting the face, keeping it looking good for many more years. He was persuaded to come down at lunchtime for fish and chips, sitting on the bench. At least I didn't have to climb the ladders to him.

Celtic Morning Prayers continue to be said in the side chapel each Monday 9-9.30am. If you have any prayer requests, please contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Charlotte Coles or the churchwardens at any time. A note may also be left in the basket in the porch. Any prayers will be said at morning prayer time or in private if you wish.

Donations to Ukraine can still be left at the back of St. Mary's church in Lenham. Directions are in place when you get there and the church is open daily from 9am-5pm.

Main items needed are: *nappies, baby wipes, baby food/milk (not glass), sanitary items, medical kit basics, painkillers, tinned meat and fish (with ring-pulls), blankets and warm socks.*

Information

Re-organisation of the pews is making great progress. The most beautiful oak refectory table is now in-situ and we look forward to showing it to everyone. Peter Goodwin has done an amazing job, a real work of art, providing a working and hospitality space for the local community.

Village Coffee time. This has become a useful time every Tuesday from 11.00am-2pm in the Village Hall to catch up with friends and on local news. Dogs are especially welcome. Serious feed-back is always required for the variety of home-made cakes and biscuits!

The pop-up Post Office is here from 12.45-2.15pm, with the local greengrocer from 11-1pm, Corinne has her local honey and Julie her pottery as well as 'Home things' eco-products (check them out on-line to know more) and locally produced cards, cosmetics and Pluckley tea and coffee. These are well worth supporting. Staying and buying 'local' has never been more important for our well-being and that of our planet!! We can only expand what is needed and what the village is trying to do if we all take part!

The Harvest Festival and Wedding. The celebrations started with the decorating of the church, both for harvest and specially as the backdrop to Katie and James' wedding on October 8th.

Many thanks to all who helped with that, for Vanessa's wonderful flower arrangements and to those who joined in the cleaning and weeding before the big day.

It was poignant that Katie's great-grandparents were married in St.Nicolas' church on the same date in 1933!!

The Harvest Festival Service was in the afternoon of the 9th October, still with the beautiful flowers and the harvest gifts, followed by a generous celebration tea. Celebrating not only the harvest season but also the life of Mike Davidson. A well-supported event, much enjoyed and a fitting appreciation of Mike's life in this community.

Many thanks to all those who provided the food and those who donated produce for the auction.

The proceeds of the auction, £200, have been donated to Cancer Research UK in Mike's memory and the non-perishable goods have been delivered to Maidstone Homeless Charity.

Scarecrow Festival

So sorry to miss this, had planned a Bishop St.Nicolas shepherd with a crook to go with John and Janice's sheep. It was not to be, covid intervened. Hope there are plans for another similar event?

Remembrance Service will be at 10.15 on Sunday 13th November

As usual this will be a time for reflection and to remember those who have died or been damaged, on all sides, as a result of conflict. Sadly we continue to witness the ravages of war and violence, not only in Ukraine but in so many other countries. Our prayers for peace worldwide are needed now, as much as ever.

We will again be displaying the beautiful pennants designed and made by local residents, remembering the young lives of the men from this village who lost their lives in the Great War. These pennants are works of art in their own right and I hope they can be displayed in the Village Hall beforehand.

Craft Fair 20th November and Pantomime on the 26th November

Definitely looking forward to these upcoming events. Slightly more daunted by the Craft Fair, so much yet to do!

Finale

The table in front of me is crammed with sewing/knitting projects yet to be completed. In moments of enforced days in bed recently had too much time to trawl through the internet finding patterns and irresistible Shetland wools. May have overestimated!

With longer evenings ahead I hope everyone will have the relaxing times to do what you enjoy, knitting/sewing may not be for all, but treasure these times of peace, to do what refreshes, after the busyness of hectic daytime lives.

Sally Alexander



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Village Hall News – November Newsletter

Firstly I would like to thank you all for working so hard to make the Grafty Green Scarecrow Festival which we held on Sunday 16th October such a success. We had over 20 original and quite brilliant scarecrows displayed around the village, the children at Platts Heath Primary School made a scarecrow and held an art competition and their work was displayed in the hall. Lots of people came to the hall, had a chat with friends, ate cake, drank tea, went on the scarecrow safari and voted for their favourite scarecrow.

The winning scarecrow was Mr In Capability Brown which the gardening club submitted and which was delivered to Maidstone Town Centre along with “Chris”, the school’s scarecrow for the town centre scarecrow festival.

It’s a busy time at the hall and we have a number of events coming up at the hall as follows:-

Christmas Craft Fair Sunday 20th November 10am to 2pm

Our Christmas Craft Fair will be held at the hall on Sunday 20th of November from 10 am to 2pm where you can browse handmade jewellery, cards, wooden planters, resin gifts, wax melts, other craft items and Batch Made in Heaven Bakery cakes. Have a chat with friends and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake. Providing you with gift ideas for some unique and individual Christmas presents produced by local craftspeople. For the first time the choir from Platts Heath Primary School will be singing at the event so the event will have a lovely festive feel to get us all ready for Christmas. We will as usual be offering tea and cakes and any donations of cake will be gratefully received on the morning of the event.

Panto Robin Hood – Saturday 26th November 5.30 pm

I am pleased to say that we have once again been able to book Gerry Graham’s Touring Panto. This years Panto is Robin Hood and the performance will be at 5.30 pm on Saturday the 26th November. Those of you who have seen their performances in previous years will know that they are of an excellent standard and are great fun. We have been able to secure a last-minute booking at a rate comparable with last year so I am also pleased to advise you that we will keep the ticket prices the same as last year – £25 for a family ticket of two adults and two children, £10 for an adult and £5 for a child - Good news in these times tightened budgets. There will be a pay bar and light refreshments available. To book tickets, please contact myself on either 07932 112730 or bromley@ashleylaw.co.uk

Christmas Quiz – Saturday 3rd December 7pm for 7.30pm start

I am pleased to say that Richard ably assisted by his elves will be hosting his very popular annual Christmas Quiz which will be held on Saturday 3rd December 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 per person and the format will be the usual teams of eight, a pay bar, supper, lots of unwarranted heckling and insubordination usually caused by inebriation. Please save the date, dust off those Christmas jumpers and organise your teams. For those of you like me who don't have any friends don't worry we can find you a team on the night! Please contact Richard on 01622 844648 to secure your booking.

Cathy Hill's Art Class at the Hall – 1 pm to 3.30 pm Alternate Wednesdays

Our resident professional artist Cathy hosts a regular fortnightly art class on a Wednesday afternoon at the hall between 1pm and 3.30pm and if you would like to attend or for further information please contact Cathy on either 07927 054708 or cathyonthehill@hotmail.com.

New Clubs and Societies at the Village Hall

The Village Hall is a small local charity and the trustees are always looking for new ways that we can host events, clubs and societies at the hall for the enjoyment, well being and benefit of our small local community so if you would like to host a club, society or activity at the hall please let me know on 07932 112730 it would be great to hear from you.

Kind regards,

Jon Thompson Hall Committee Chairman

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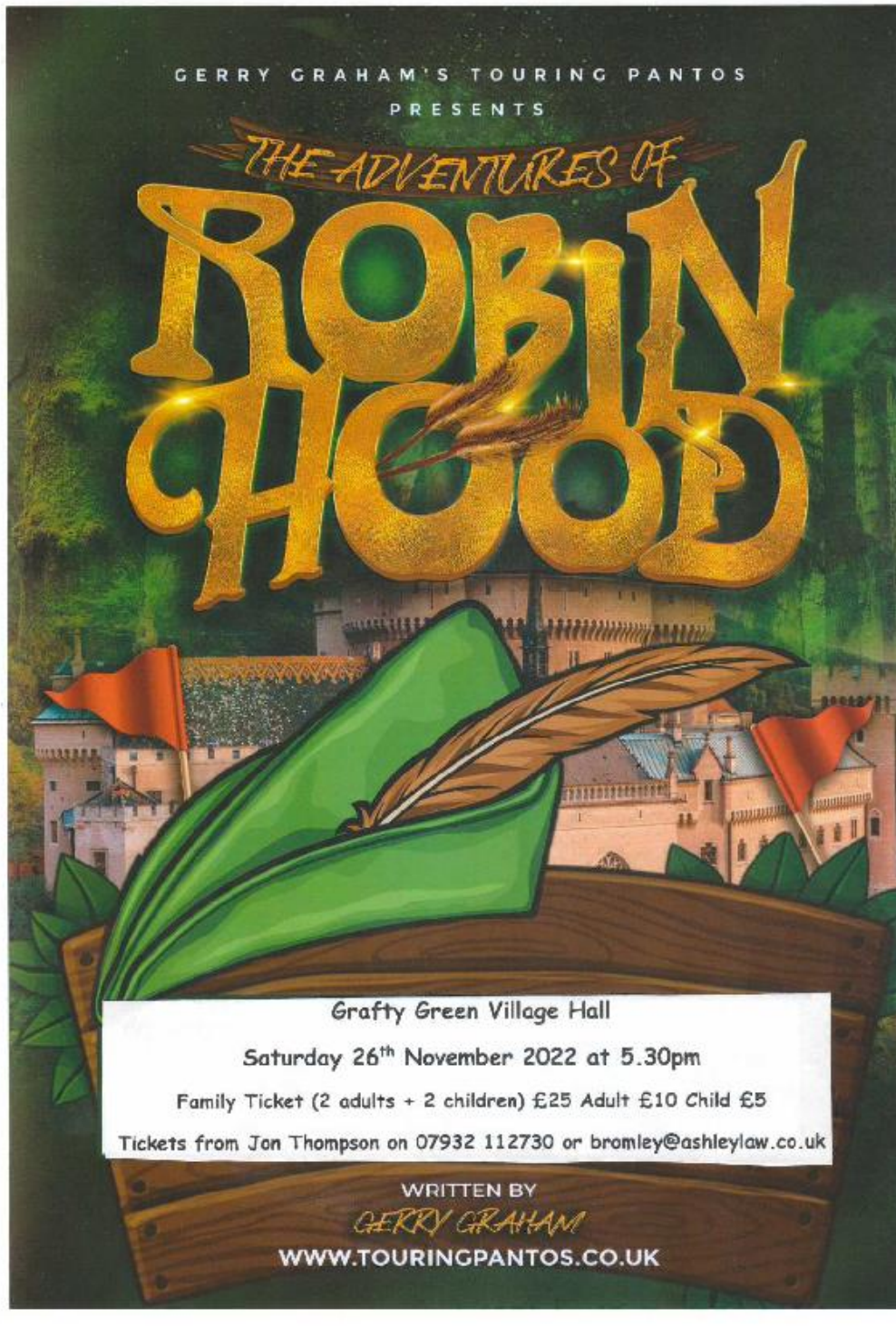


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Christmas Craft Fair



Sunday 20th November 10.00-2.00

Grafty Green Village Hall

Christmas Wreaths

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Platts Heath Primary School PTA

Handmade cards

OG Plants and Produce

Avon

Local honey

Ickle Bit of Love Crafts

Alan Colledge local artist

Children's aprons and dog bandanas

Julie Elizabeth Ceramics

Handmade crafts from St Nicholas Church

As usual our wonderful tea, coffee and cake stall will be open so that you can come along and meet up with friends.

**Plus, for the first time ever we have Platts Heath Primary School
Choir singing for us!**

We look forward to seeing you all and would welcome cake donations for the tea and coffee stall on the day

It's that time again!

*Time for the famous
Grafty Green*

Christmas Quiz !

*Sat. 3rd December
at the Village Hall*

Doors open 7.00pm ~ Quiz starts 7.30

*Tickets **£10** (includes Ploughman's Supper)*

*from Richard on **01622 844648***

~~~ Teams of up to 8 ~~~

~~ Pay bar ~~ ~~ Free nibbles ~~

Grafty Gourmet

Bacon-wrapped sausages cooked in a sherry-laced, onion-rich sauce make this French onion sausage casserole a quick and easy dinner to warm you up on these cold nights.

FRENCH ONION & SAUSAGE CASSEROLE

6 rashers of streaky bacon
375g pack of pork chipolatas
Vegetable oil for frying
25g of butter
500g of onions, sliced
2 garlic cloves, sliced
1 tablespoon of plain flour
100ml of medium dry or dry sherry, plus an extra splash
1 beef stock pot
3-4 bushy fresh thyme sprigs, plus extra leaves to garnish
8 large thin slices of fresh baguette or similar crusty bread
4 teaspoons of wholegrain mustard
125g of strong cheddar cheese, grated
Splash sherry vinegar

1. Cut the bacon rashers in half, stretch each piece by running the back of a kitchen knife blade along it, then wrap one around each chipolata. Heat the oil in a medium hob-safe casserole dish, add the pigs in blankets and brown over a medium-high heat for 4-5 minutes. Set aside.
2. Add a splash more oil if needed, along with the butter, then add the onions and a plenty of salt and black pepper. Fry gently for 5-6 minutes until starting to soften. Stir in the garlic, then cover and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring once or twice, until the onions have softened and turned deep brown. Stir the flour into the onions, then cook for 1-2 minutes. Add the sherry, stock pot and 500ml hot water from a just-boiled kettle. Stir to combine, then add the browned pigs in blankets and the thyme.
3. Simmer on a low-medium heat for 20 minutes until it thickens. Meanwhile, heat the grill to high. Toast the baguette slices on each side. Spread with the mustard, then scatter with the grated cheese. Cook under the hot grill until the cheese has melted and is bubbling and golden. Stir a splash more sherry and the sherry vinegar into the casserole, season to taste, then serve with the cheese toasts, and extra thyme leaves, if you like.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the village hall at 7.00pm on Monday 24th October 2022

Present: Cllrs B Adams; N Eastwood; R Galton (Chair); R Turner
Clerk: Mrs Vickie Ford

Cllr Galton opened the meeting at 7:12 pm

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: in the absence of Cllr Kennaird, to elect Cllr Galton as Chair for the meeting

2. Voluntary declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – none

3. Apologies for Absence – Cllr G Kennaird

4. Declarations:

(i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – none

(ii) Declarations of Lobbying – none

5. Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 5th September 2022 – approved and signed as a true and accurate record

6. Planning Applications:

(i) Public Session – none

(ii) APPLICATION REF: 22/504385/FULL

PROPOSAL: Erection of a single storey rear extension, with a new pitched roof to front porch Resubmission 22/501981/FULL)

ADDRESS: Sunnybank, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN

RESOLVED: to give a neutral response to the application, with no additional comment.

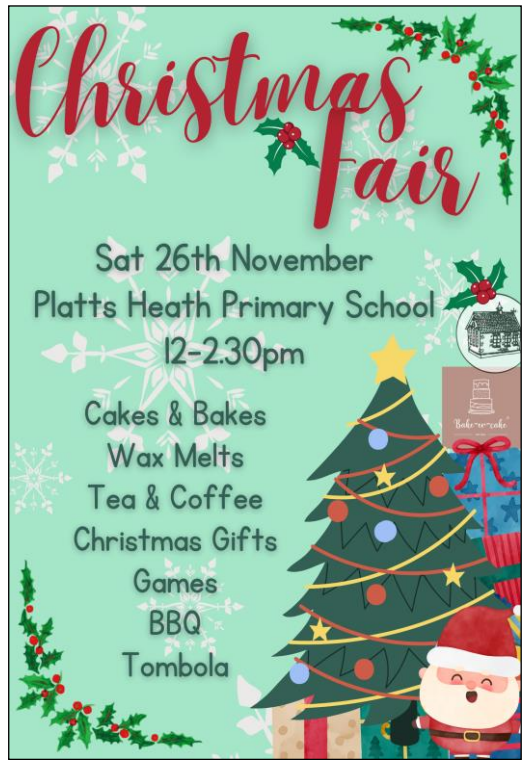
The Meeting closed at 7.17 pm

Volunteer Taxi Service

Ulcombe is poorly served by public transport and there are many people in Ulcombe who, for one reason and another, don't or can't drive.

Local villages like Harrietsham and Sutton Valence have organised a volunteer taxi service to take people to the doctors, the dentist, the hospital or the shops. I think it would be good to organise a volunteer service here in Ulcombe.

If there is sufficient interest in



volunteering to help occasionally, please let me know and I will get details from other villages as to how it works.

Not only would it need drivers, it would also need two or three people to organise it as people go away and are not always available to take calls.

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Looking ahead, the 9th December will bring action-drama *Top Gun Maverick*, with Tom Cruise sent to train a detachment for a very special mission. And after that, who else but *Elvis* to greet the new year.

Please get in touch for more information, to join our mailing list or to become a member. **Admission:** members £4, non-members £5 **Annual membership:** £6 (over 16's only)



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Sue Greenwood reports on the 400th anniversary of the Honywood and Douglas Almshouse Charity

In 1622 the Honywood Trust was created to provide homes for local people in Lenham and was united with the Douglas Charity in 1996, to provide homes for residents from Boughton Malherbe.

On Thursday 6th October 2022 there was a celebration in Lenham. You will have seen the building work at 23 High Street over the past year. The property was bought by the Honywood and Douglas Charity in 2021 to convert into three new Almshouses, making a total of 29 owned by the Charity in Lenham. Each of the new homes has been allocated to new residents, who should be moving in soon. They have an open-plan kitchen/living room and a single bedroom/wet-room.

The Town Crier announced the arrival of Mr. Julian Marczak of the Almshouse Association, who came to officially 'open' the first two dwellings, Honywood Cottage and Douglas Cottage. The third is Flint Cottage, which is nearly finished. As with all the Charity's properties the new ones are for residents who are over 60 and who

have lived in Lenham or Boughton Malherbe for at least two years.



Following the official opening the Charity Trustees and colleagues, together with 100 residents and special guests, held a tea-party at the Lenham Community Centre to celebrate our 400th Anniversary.

While enjoying a delicious afternoon tea, the party was entertained with music from a Lenham Primary School choir, and also pieces played by our Lenham harpist, Claire Houston. Guests could enjoy an historic exhibition of some of the Charity's archives and records, and old deeds and maps of the original estate and land owned by the Charity. An enormous amount of research by dedicated historians went into the production of this remarkable display.

This very special occasion was marked by the publication of the new '400 years' leaflet outlining the background and achievements of the Charity and its hopes for the future. Copies are widely available.

The Chairman and Trustees and officers of the Honeywood and Douglas Charity gave their sincere thanks to the many volunteers who had helped to make this a great occasion of celebration.

The new almshouses are a feature of our High Street and with the construction work completed existing residents and businesses can now welcome new neighbours and enjoy a return to normality.



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Music Notes for November 2022 – B Hardy

St. Cecelia is the patron saint of music and her feast day is 22nd November. She has inspired a very good selection of concerts this month, but sadly three of them on the same night! When will our local musicians co-ordinate their activities? The fight for dates over the limited Christmas period is perhaps understandable, but to compete for audience in November is just silly.

If you feel able to travel further, it may not be too late to book tickets to the Festival of St. Cecelia service at Westminster Abbey on 23rd November at 11.00am. The service will be led by the combined choirs of Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral. Try helpmusicians.org.uk/festival2022.

Here is the local list:

***Sat Nov 12th, 7.30pm** in Holy Cross Church, Bearsted ME14 4EE, Bearsted Choral Society's first concert of the season celebrates the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams (see last month's music notes!) and is entitled "Vaughan Williams and Friends" . Tickets 0333 7773366 and at the door.

***Sat Nov. 19th, 7.30pm** at St. Dunstan's Church, Stone Street, Cranbrook, TN17 3HA, Cranbrook Choral Society and Cranbrook Sinfonia perform Dvorak's *Stabat Mater*. Tickets 01580 714828 or at the door.

***Sat Nov 26th, 7.30pm** at St. Nicholas Church, Poplar Grove, Allington, ME16 0DE , Maidstone Choral Union's concert "In Praise of Music" consists of music to celebrate St. Cecelia, including works by Purcell, Parry, Howells and Vaughan Williams. Tickets 01732 885749 or at the door.

***Also on 26th November, 7.30pm** but at Mote Hall, Maidstone ME15 7RN, Maidstone Symphony orchestra's second concert of the season includes Shostakovitch's *Symphony No.9* and also features pianist Ariel Lanyi playing Brahms *Piano Concerto No1*. Tickets Phone 0333 666 3366 or at the door.

***And again on 26th**, but at 7.00pm at Bates Hall, Sutton Valence Prep School, Chart Road, Chart Sutton, ME17 3RF, Sutton Valence Choral Society sing Haydn's *St Nicholas Mass* and Britten's *Saint Nicolas*. Tickets 01622 891313.

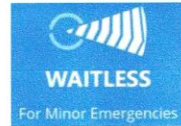
To watch out for on Tv: Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, a 2021 production with the Hallé orchestra specially for camera, it will feature on BBC4 in November, time to be declared.

Selected on radio: BBC radio 3, 22nd Nov. 7.30pm, The Freiburg Baroque Orchestra broadcast a St. Cecilia Day Concert. The programme includes Purcell, *Ode & Chacony to St. Cecelia*, and Handel's *Trio Sonata in G*.

Saint Cecilia was a Roman virgin martyr and is venerated in Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and some Lutheran churches, such as the Church of Sweden. She became the patroness of music and musicians, it being written that, as the musicians played at her wedding, Cecilia "sang in her heart to the Lord". There are various and conflicting tales as to the details and date of her martyrdom. Musical compositions are dedicated to her, and her feast is the occasion of concerts and musical festivals.

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1	Lady _____, Pop Star
2	_____ Take, Unwanted clip
3	_____ Hall, Famous London concert venue
4	_____ Zuckerberg, Facebook inventor
5	Quintin _____, Film director
6	_____ Beef, Traditional Sunday fare
7	Royal _____, Berkshire race course
8	_____ Titchmarch, TV gardener
9	Bob _____, US Singer/Songwriter
10	_____ Goya, Spanish painter

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Treasure	Tea	Nut	Chest
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Grafty Green Gardening Club Program of Events 2022 Our 25th Year

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
11 th January	AGM and Alison Marsden	More garden impact for less effort
1 st February	Dr Mick Lynn	Potions, Parasites and Pests
1 st March	Simon Ginnaw/Spring Show	Birds beyond the boughs
5 th April	Fergus Garrett	Succession planting for a long season
3 rd May	6pm Outing to Bilting House, Godmersham, TN25 4HA	
7 th May	10am. Plant Sale, Village green (if wet in the Village Hall)	
20 – 22 May	Weekend away to West Sussex and Hampshire	
7 th June	6pm Arnold Yoke, Back Street, Leeds.	
5 th July	6pm Garden party in the village	
2 nd August	6pm Outing to Hurst House, Hastingleigh, TN25 5 JD	
6 th September	Katherine Hook/ Autumn Show	Sloe Seduction
4 th October	Steve Edney	Think beyond the flower, plants with good seed heads.
1st November	Tom La Dell	Brogdale and the National Fruit Collection
6 th December	Practical evening/Social	

On **November 1st** we are looking forward to welcoming our neighbour Tom La Dell along to talk to us about the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale. I expect the orchards are looking beautiful at the moment with all the Autumn tints on display.

The Committee members have been very busy putting together a varied and interesting programme for 2023 to include events, outings and talks. There will be more opportunities for outings some of which we had to cancel during lockdown, transport will be laid on where appropriate to make the most of the club's affiliated membership to the RHS. These are popular events and you are welcome to bring along friends or neighbours to them.

In our gardens:- we should remove and clean pumps and lights from ponds before storage and if necessary install pond heaters. Debris should be removed from the water too. Bird boxes will also need a clean to ready them for Spring and garden tools can be cleaned and dried then wiped with an oily cloth to stop them rusting. It is time to plant bare rooted plants such as, roses, hedges and trees if you have them, also to prune existing ones. Bulbs and Spring bedding can also go in.

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The God of Hope

We will all face the merciful judgment of God: we can all share the Queen's hope which in life and death inspired her servant leadership. Service in life, hope in death. All who follow the Queen's example, and inspiration of trust and faith in God, can with her say: "We will meet again."

These are the words with which Archbishop Justin Welby ended the sermon he gave at the Queen's funeral. In his excellent message, he emphasised the place of hope in the life of the Queen.

In life, we all have hope in various things. Some things that are grounding, some that are fleeting and others that are perhaps closer to wishful thinking, for example, the hope of winning the lottery!

In the Bible, the theme of hope is prominent. In the New Testament, the word hope features in almost every book! One of the most famous examples is found in 1 Corinthians 13:13 which we often hear at weddings.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love."

The author of 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul, clearly sees hope as much more significant than a simple 'hope for the best'. What is it that makes him hold the importance of hope in such high regard? Of all of his letters, the one in which Paul writes about hope the most is Romans. In chapter 15 verse 3 we read the following.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul shows that firstly, hope is part of the character of God himself! He is a God of hope! Paul goes on to say that as we trust God, he himself fills us with joy and peace so that as a result, we overflow with hope! Our life circumstances will at times prove difficult and hard moments come to us all, but there is an overflow of hope that comes as we trust in God.

Many have commented on the joy and peace that the Queen displayed and she certainly did overflow with hope. What a joy it is to us that we can choose to put our trust in the same God of hope that she served and also share in the hope that she had.

Len Valley Benefice November 2022

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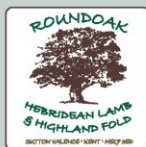
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	Find the missing word?
1	Lady Gaga , Pop Star
2	Out Take, Unwanted clip
3	Albert Hall, Famous London concert venue
4	Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook inventor
5	Quintin Tarantino , Film director
6	Roast Beef, Traditional Sunday fare
7	Royal Ascot , Berkshire race course
8	Alan Titchmarsh, TV gardener
9	Bob Dylan , US Singer/Songwriter
10	Francisco Goya, Spanish painter

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