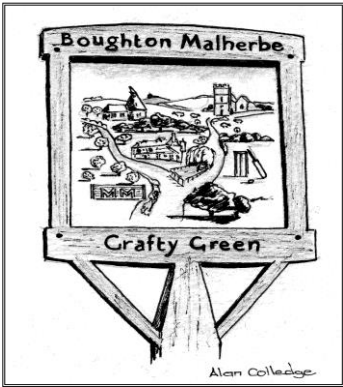


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Front Cover: Michael Smith, winner of the 'guess the weight of the Village Hall cake' competition as the hall celebrated its 100th anniversary at the fete on 20th August. Picture courtesy of **John Collins**

News from St. Nicholas Church

September 2022

No sign of the promised heavy rain! Have just about given up on the garden plants, now we have a hosepipe ban. The watering cans are sitting there glaring at me. But all I plan to do now is throw the washing-up water around, despite getting frequent wet feet! Not very good at pouring it into cans. Glad to see that the grain harvest is finished with no more local field fires. Extraordinary to see William hitting the national news as he drove his green tractor alongside the flames to create a firebreak on a neighbour's burning crop!. Without the fire service and quick thinking, the outcome could have been so much worse.

Reminders

The church porch is proving a welcome haven with the tea/coffee and biscuit facilities. We are pleased to see comments in the visitors book on the window sill. A number of Sylvia's jams have been purchased too. The porch is open at all times for everyone.

New notice board. I hope you are impressed with the 'bigger and better' noticeboard sited along the wall behind the bench. We have yet to make full use of its location and size, but hope our information and news will be more visible for visitors and those passing along the road.

The main church building is open for services only. At other times please contact the churchwardens for a key. Their details are elsewhere in the magazine and on the noticeboard in the porch.

The tower masonry. The scaffolding is a very obvious addition to the building for now. Hopefully this means the repairs are underway. Nothing much in evidence, but we can hope the stonemason will make progress soon. At least the tower area is no longer a danger.

Celtic Morning prayers will continue each Monday morning 9-9.30am in the side chapel. If you have any prayer requests please contact Rev. John Huggins, Rev. Charlotte Coles or the churchwardens, or leave a note in the basket in the porch and prayers will be said at Monday Morning Prayer time or in private if you wish.

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

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

Information

The Wotton Tomb continues to interest visitors from far and wide. The architect is helping to design the next stage of care. More information about the family is being brought to light from many sources. We have been sent a photograph of the tomb in Redgrave in Suffolk of Sir Edward's daughter, Philippa, (married to Sir Edmund Bacon). Her tomb covering is identical to the one of her father in St.Nicolas. The information given in Redgrave is that it was designed by her uncle Sir Henry Wotton, brother of Sir Edward, and constructed by Nicholas Stone, master mason in the Office of Works of Charles1, (the plans are in his notebook)!

Re-organisation of the pews continues. Peter is making the refectory table in his workshop from oak sourced locally.

Funeral of Mike Davidson took place at Charing Crematorium on Monday 22nd August. The chapel was packed and the family gave moving and affectionate memories of his life.

We shall miss his regular presence, generosity and humour at services in St.Nicolas.

Sadness as we were told of the death of Rev. David Wright, vicar of Lenham and Boughton Malherbe for a number years. He had been living at a retirement home in Spain for some time. Our prayers go out to his family here and in Spain.

Village Coffee Time. We are enjoying the longer time available to catch up with friends. The timing from 11am - 2.15pm on Tuesdays, gives the chance for everyone to talk, drink coffee/tea, sample the cakes and biscuits, shop for local vegetables, Sylvia's jams, try out the small samples of eco-products, (reminders that eco-church products will again be available in St.Nicolas when our re-organisation of the space is finished), and teas and coffees from Pluckley Teas. Come and see what is happening. Dogs are definitely welcome!

Another £100 has been given to aid for Ukraine and £100 to St.Nicolas from donations.

Centenary Fete. Such a friendly occasion last Saturday. Another beautiful warm and sunny afternoon in that unique setting under the hill. From our stall we could hear the laughter, and the shrieks of excited children reacting to the Punch and Judy Shows. Our stall made more than £200 for church funds. Thank you to the organisers for their hard work.

Also thank you so much for the support shown to our efforts to maintain and cherish your village heritage, this ancient church, as it has cared for this community over the centuries.

Finale

We would like to congratulate all those students who took their GCSEs, A levels and other state exams for the first time after a difficult few years. We are so proud of their resilience during this totally unexpected situation. Their teachers deserve our thanks and praise for their selfless dedication throughout.

May they all enjoy the rest of the holiday time.

Sally Alexander

A "Support It Or Lose It" Message Follow Up

On reading the message follow up to 'Support it or Lose it' from Ron regarding milk deliveries we would like a shout out for Plurenden Manor Farm, High Halden. After being badly let down by Milk and More on a couple of occasions we switched to Plurenden and have had a very good milk delivery service from them since and they are local. They also deliver bread and all sorts of other provisions to your door.

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Village Hall News – September Newsletter

I am pleased to say that we were blessed with fine weather for the Village Hall's Centenary Event in the fete field and everyone appeared to enjoy the entertainment food, drink and the opportunity to meet their friends in the village. There was a lovely atmosphere so thank you all for supporting the event and making the day so special.

Christmas Craft Fair Sunday 20th November 2022 – Save the date!

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. 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Grafty Green Scarecrow Festival

Maidstone Borough Council will be hosting a scarecrow festival where scarecrows from around the borough will be displayed both in retail/High Street locations and at the Wellmeadow Centre in Maidstone on the week commencing 24th October.

I would like to invite you all to take part by making your own scarecrow and either displaying it prominently in your front garden or on the village green, (I have sought the permission of both the Pub and the Parish Council who are agreeable to us attaching scarecrows to the fence posts surrounding the green.

We have arranged with the event organiser at Maidstone for one of our scarecrows to be included in the Maidstone display so please let me know at bromley@ashleylaw.co.uk if you would like to take part so that I can arrange for rules and instructions to be provided to assist you in preparing your scarecrow.

The Village Hall will then be transformed into Scarecrow Central on Saturday 15th October between 10 am and 2pm so that you can obtain a map detailing the location of the scarecrows vote on your preferred scarecrow and obtain light refreshments to sustain you on your trip round the village.

The Outreach Post Office Service Every Tuesday 12.45 pm to 2.15 pm.

As many of you will have experienced recently we have had an intermittent service from the Post Office's outreach service with it being cancelled at short notice. This is frustrating as the Village Hall has no control over the service, (or lack of), provided. I have however had a frank exchange of views with the Postmaster in Headcorn and left him in no doubt as to the frustration and inconvenience this causes our village community particularly the elderly and vulnerable who might not be able to travel to

an alternative venue. I have also spoken to the Manager of Post Office Limited who is responsible for our area to try and find ways to ensure the service is more reliable going forward. Regrettably there are few if any realistic alternative options to the present arrangements. Finally I have agreed to meet with the Postmaster at Headcorn to review the situation towards the end of September. I will provide a further update after this meeting.

It's not all bad news, normal service has resumed for the last two weeks and I am hopeful that this will continue, we have also arranged for OG Plants, (who offer locally grown fruit and vegetables), to visit the hall on a Tuesday between 11 am and 1pm, Sally Alexander will from the start of this month make available some of the Church's Eco Shop products and Sue Burch has kindly arranged a supply of Pluckley Tea which is available to purchase along with homemade preserves.

If you know of anyone who would like to supply locally produced items for visitors to purchase at the coffee morning please let me know as we would like to offer these if it is feasible to do so.

Dance Fit Every Wednesday

Looking to get fit? Sharon Harris hosts a dance fit class every Wednesday morning. Dance Fit is an easy-to-follow cardio workout and beginners are welcome, it is suitable for anyone aged over 16. The cost is £5 per session and you should bring trainers and a bottle of water. Please contact Sharon on 01622 890170 if you would like to come along.

Jon Thompson Hall Committee Chairman

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Thursday morning 1st September 9.30 – 11

Monday morning 5th September 9.30 – 11

Wednesday evening 7th September 7 – 8.30

More information – contact Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga teacher) on
01622 850381 or email graftyoga@gmail.com

59 Bus News

With Ulcombe Hill now closed for water main work until January next year, and with no suitable diversion route available, the Monday to Saturday bus service to and from Sutton Road, Morrisons, is having to terminate at Kingswood.

HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ALL BAD NEWS!

Nu-Venture has amended the 59 timetable, and has managed to ensure that Grafty Green and Ulcombe will continue to be served.

Since 15th August, on **Mondays and Wednesdays only**, Nu-Venture is operating a service from Grafty Green directly **TO AND FROM MAIDSTONE TOWN CENTRE.**

The bus leaves Grafty Green at 10.00, arriving at Maidstone King Street at 10.53, and returns from the King Street bus stop L2 (close to Greggs) at 12.30, arriving at Grafty Green at 13.22.

It runs via Ulcombe, Chart Sutton, Boughton Monchelsea and Loose, and does not serve Kingswood on those two days.

Bus passes are accepted, but if you do not have one (check the KCC website to see if you qualify to apply for one) the adult return fare is £4-90.

Even though it is only operating for the time being on two days a week, there is now no need to change buses to reach Maidstone Town Centre, and this provides a good opportunity to demonstrate that a direct service to Maidstone is what most people seem to want.

**PLEASE MAKE GOOD USE OF IT OR YOU REALLY WILL
LOSE IT**

John Collins

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone
Transport Group

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in the village hall at 7.00pm on Monday 15th August 2022

Present: Cllrs B Adams; N Eastwood; R Galton; G Kennaird (Chair); R Turner
Clerk: Mrs Vickie Ford
6 members of the public

Cllr Kennaird opened the meeting at 7 pm

1. **Declaration of anybody filming/recording this meeting – none**
2. **Apologies for Absence – None**
3. **Declarations:**
 - (i) **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – none**
 - (ii) **Declarations of Lobbying – none**
4. **Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 4th July 2022 – approved and signed as a true and accurate record**
5. **Planning Applications:**
 - (i) **Public Session** – The applicant addressed the Planning Committee with regard to the Hillside application. The previous application for the site had been supported by the Parish Council but opposed by Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) on the grounds of adverse visual impact. The applicant explained that the new proposed building was single storey and represented a complete redesign by an architect. Professional landscaping advice had been incorporated; the proposed new entrance would improve the visibility splay; during construction, large lorries would be asked to travel via Headcorn, not Liverton Hill.
(ii) APPLICATION REF: 22/503594/FULL
PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing stables and erection of a single storey building to form annex accommodation for elderly family members
ADDRESS: Pig And Whistle, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AS
RESOLVED: to support the application
(iii) APPLICATION REF: 22/503658/FULL
PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings, erection of replacement single storey dwelling and carport/storage structure, and relocation of driveway entrance with new electric gate
ADDRESS: Hillside, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AP
Cllr Galton asked the applicants how the internal floor area of the new proposed building compared to the previous design. The applicants stated that the overall floor area was slightly smaller but that the footprint was larger as the new proposed building was single storey. Cllr Galton also asked if the applicants had considered any ground problems and they confirmed they had commissioned a soil survey.
RESOLVED: to support the application

All members of the public left the meeting.

6. Practice Direction for Calling Planning Committee Meetings

The Chairman expressed his concern that step c) of the newly-agreed Practice Direction may not allow enough time for a meeting to be confirmed and thus there was potential for an application to be missed:

- a) Relevant planning applications to be publicised alongside provisional meeting date and summary of these arrangements*
- b) Meeting may be confirmed by methodology in standing orders*
- c) Upon the elapse of a week with no such requests the meeting is to be cancelled*
- d) Procedure may be abbreviated where requests received in advance of provisional publication*
- e) Consideration of an application may be added to the agenda for an existing planning meeting (or full council meeting) subject to Standing Orders*
- f) Provisional meetings to be held on first or third Mondays of month when convenient*

The Clerk explained that she did not rely only on receiving notification letters from MBC but checked the weekly lists for applications within the Parish. She also forwarded the weekly lists to the Planning Committee Chairman to check for applications within, or relevant to, the Parish.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to forward the weekly lists to Cllr Galton in addition to Cllr Kennaird.

The Meeting closed at 7.15 pm

September Guided Walk

Saturday 3rd September - I will be leading a three and a half mile walk from the village green – meeting from 9.30 for a 9.45 start. I aim to bring you back to the village green by about 11.30; there will be stiles and some inclines.

Sue Burch



An ariel view of the recent event held on the Fete field.

Photo courtesy of Mark Davis

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great barbecue recipe. Cooked on kebab skewers this chicken with a spicy, sweet sticky glaze are sure to go down well.

ORIENTAL BARBECUED CHICKEN

12 Chicken thighs, boneless and skinless
2 tablespoons of soy sauce
1 tablespoon of sesame oil
1 thumb-sized piece ginger, grated
4 Spring Onions, sliced

For the glaze

4 tablespoons of Korean chilli paste (gochujang)
2 tablespoons of clear honey
Juice of ½ lime
1 tablespoon of soy sauce
1 teaspoon of sesame oil
2 tablespoons of sesame seeds

1. Mix the chicken in the soy sauce, sesame oil and ginger. Thread each thigh on two long metal skewers, so that each skewer pierces one side of the thigh. Keep threading the chicken, making sure it's packed onto the skewers tightly. Chill until you're ready to cook. Mix the ingredients for the glaze.
 2. Heat the BBQ. Cook the kebab for 5-8 mins on each side (depending on the heat). Once nicely charred but not fully cooked through, start painting on the glaze. The honey will catch if cooked for too long – the key to nice sticky chicken is applying the glaze in layers, turning the kebab often.
 3. Once the glaze has been used up and the chicken is cooked through (about 20 mins in total), transfer to a plate and leave to cool for 5 mins before serving scattered with spring onions.
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Our October programme sees the first of our new season's splendid offerings, and what better than *Downton Abbey: A New Era* (PG 2022), in which all the familiar faces appear, including of course Phyllis Logan. And when you come to see *The Last Bus* you can pick up a programme to see what other 'must sees' await you during the autumn and winter months.

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- Are the names of the proposed wards right?

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28 September 2022**

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Music Notes for September 2022 – B Hardy

It's back to school, and back to rehearsals for our local amateur musicians. Not many have performances yet, so concert list this month is rather thin. However September is the month to sign up to participate in the "Voices for Hospices" festival concert on 22nd of October. This year the event is a semi-staged performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*. Anyone who can sing can join the chorus and help raise money for The Heart of Kent Hospice. Rehearsals take place in the first 3 weeks of October. Details and application form tel: 07752 923084. Otherwise I can offer:

Saturday, September 3rd, 13.00-17.00 in Brenchley Gardens, Maidstone, there will be a free Bandstand Concert. Bring your own picnic!

***Friday, September 23rd** at 19:30 at Rochester Cathedral there will be a special charity concert "Kent sings 2 end MND". This will be a musical event to raise awareness and funds for families living with Motor Neurone Disease in Kent, and to celebrate the lives of those lost to the disease. Featuring the Bexleyheath Rock Choir- not what it seems; this is a local community choir that has reached national standards of performance. Tickets: <https://www.rochestercathedral.org/new-events/2022/9/23/kent-sings-2-end-mnd>

***Wednesday, September 28th** at 19.30 at Rochester Cathedral, Timothy Parsons, Director of Music at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, performs in the final concert of the Rochester Cathedral Organ Festival series. He'll be playing Louis Vierne's First Organ Symphony. Tickets: www.rochestercathedral.org/organ-festival-booking-information

*And don't forget the BBC Proms continue through to the "Last Night" on September 10th.

The anniversary this month is 30th September – 170th anniversary of the birth of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. Born to a well-off and highly musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. He was instrumental in raising the status of the Cambridge University Musical Society, attracting international stars to perform with it.

While still an undergraduate, Stanford was appointed organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. Aged 29, he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. From 1887 he was also Professor of Music at Cambridge. As a teacher, his pupils included rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan

Williams. As a conductor, Stanford held posts with the Bach Choir and the Leeds triennial music festival.

Stanford composed a substantial number of concert works, including seven symphonies, but he is best-remembered for his choral works for church performance. He was a dedicated composer of opera, but none of his nine completed operas has endured in the general repertory. Some critics regarded Stanford, together with Hubert Parry and Alexander Mackenzie, as responsible for a renaissance in music from the British Isles



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2	_____ Davison, Who played Time Lord No 5
3	_____, Queen of pop whose first No 1 was 'Into the Groove'
4	Cilla ____, Late entertainer who hosted 'Blind Date'
5	_____ Mirren, Who starred in 'The Long Good Friday'
6	_____ Women, Daily Chat Show
7	Vanessa _____, A Radio 2 presenter
8	_____ Aherne, Comical late actress known as Mrs Merton
9	Annie _____, one half of 'The Eurythmics'
10	_____ Bennett, Played the "thinking man's layabout" Shelley

	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	Skin	Hug	Cub	Bear
2	Tooth	Fish	Tomato	
3	Legal	Loin	Bar	
4	Diary	Writing	Reception	
5	Heavy	Work	Lap	
6	Golden	Spread	Bald	
7	Paper	Bank	Foot	
8	Basket	Horse	Line	
9	Father	Ladder	Quick	
10	Yard	Open	Cell	
11	Mature	Nurse	Loan	
12	Shadow	Red	Lid	
13	Unpaid	Sick	On	
14	Timing	Pitch	Word	
15	Grocer	Olive	Fly	
16	Doctor	Top	Dry	

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	
6th September	Katherine Hook/ Autumn Show	Sloe Seduction
4 th October	Steve Edney	Think beyond the flower, plants with good seed heads.
1 st November	Tom La Dell	Brogdale and the National Fruit Collection
6 th December	Practical evening/Social	

6th September we shall be back in the Village Hall for our **Autumn Show**. Lesley Feakes has drawn up a schedule for this and copies can be obtained from Sue on (01622) 850381. Also during the evening Katherine Hook will deliver a seasonal talk called 'Sloe Seduction', and there are talks to look forward to in October and November, details later for those.

In our September gardens : - Damage from pests and diseases will be becoming less at this time of year but we can still be on the look out for pests over wintering and being a problem next year.

Aquatic plants can smother out a pond so these will need thinning out. Leave the thinning by the side of the pond for a few days to allow any wildlife to get back into the pond. Netting over the pond now will prevent leaves from dropping into the pond. Rotting leaves can be harmful to wildlife.

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Christian Message September 2022

The title of this article always makes me smile – Christian Message.

I wonder if often the word Christian is misunderstood or misrepresented in our culture today. I think most of us hope for good, plan to be of use, and seek to be kind.

I think most of us internally 'pray' for those we love the most, our family and close friends. We carry them in our hearts and wish them well, and that is prayer. And I think most of us are disturbed when we see or hear of injustice...famine or war.

If as a human being you have some consideration for your neighbour, some interest in the wellbeing of your locality already you are being 'Good News'.

The characters in the Bible and those we might even deem Saints were and are just ordinary folk. Ordinary folk who want to make a difference to the way 'life lived' is experienced.

The ones who sing a happy tune or whistle as they go along the road, who smile and have time for an exchange of greetings. The ones whose concern is not purely themselves. These are the people who make a difference and can be the beginning of our Good News on any given day.

Without a doubt we all need these people from time to time and we know that we oscillate between being the person who can offer some help and encouragement and the person who needs it.

Once a Vicar told this story: A new family had moved into town and had commented on how friendly everybody was and how lovely the location and the atmosphere was. They enjoyed being there, felt welcomed and subsequently wanted to be involved in the community.

Another family had moved into the same town and felt isolated, unwelcome, unsure of their choice and ill at ease in the surroundings. They described the place as soulless and grim.

It was the same place.

I know my mood changes and I know how it affects how I experience life – but I also know that to be Good News or shall I call it God News I only have to look up a while, be renewed and inspired.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from You maker of heaven, creator of the earth... Psalm 121

I suppose I am saying you may be more akin to being a Christian, being Good News, than you realise...essentially Jesus said love God, and love your neighbour, as you love yourself.

Every summertime blessing,

Rev. Lorraine Apps – Huggins

Chaplain to The Living Well - Canterbury Diocese Centre for Healing & Wholeness.



Len Valley Benefice September 2022

Sunday 4th September

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church

9.30am Ulcombe: Café Church

11.00am Harrietsham: Morning
Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

Wednesday 7th September

9.30am Lenham: Morning
Prayer Service.

Sunday 11th September

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church followed by joining the
market.

11.00am Lenham: Holy
Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe:
Choral Evensong

Sunday 18th September

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

9.30am Boughton Malherbe:
Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy
Communion

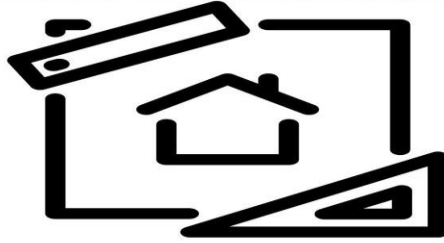
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast
Church

11.00am Lenham: **Harvest**
Morning Worship *with baptism*

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy
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Answers to the Quiz and Missing Word Puzzle

Answer	Word 3	Word 2	Word 1
1	Bear	Hug	Skin
2	Paste	Fish	Tooth
3	Tender	Loin	Legal
4	Desk	Reception	Diary
5	Top	Lap	Heavy
6	Eagle	Bald	Golden
7	Note	Foot	Paper
8	Clothes	Line	Basket
9	Step	Quick	Father
10	Prison	Cell	Yard
11	Student	Loan	Mature
12	Eye	Lid	Shadow
13	Leave	On	Unpaid
14	Perfect	Word	Timing
15	Green	Fly	Grocer
16	Spin	Dry	Doctor

Find the missing word?	
1	Simon Le Bon , Lead singer of New Wave group Duran Duran
2	Peter Davison, Who played Time Lord No 5
3	Madonna , Queen of pop whose first No 1 was 'Into the Groove'
4	Cilla Black , Late entertainer who hosted 'Blind Date'
5	Helen Mirren, Who starred in 'The Long Good Friday'
6	Loose Women, Daily Chat Show
7	Vanessa Feltz , A Radio 2 presenter
8	Caroline Aherne, Comical late actress known as Mrs Merton
9	Annie Lennox , one half of 'The Eurythmics'
10	Hywell Bennett, Played the "thinking man's layabout" Shelley

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