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Harvest Supper display – 12th October 2024

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News from St. Nicolas Church – November 2024

Harvest celebrations and the scarecrow festival! But no time to take a break, as we are already being given multiple reminders that Christmas is on the horizon! Let alone Craft Fair weekend, Cinderella Panto and other activities and events the village has in store for us through the winter.

Reminders

The church porch is open at all times to take shelter, meet for a chat, make a hot drink, dip into the bible on the windowsill 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 in the church 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 issues and ourselves. Any prayer requests left in the porch will be prayed for at this time. This is a gentle, thoughtful way to start the week.

The **Village Coffee Morning** takes place every Tuesday morning, 11.30am -2.00pm in the village hall in Grafty Green. Please keep in mind that this time may shortly change to 12 noon- 2pm. The Post Office is open from 12.45pm-2.15pm.

There are usually Alan's free-range eggs and honey, Sue's handmade cards, Pluckley tea, homemade marmalade, amongst other items for sale. Alan says his hens are slowing down their egg production at the moment, (feeling the cold). All donations for the coffee/teas and cakes are shared equally between St. Nicolas and a charity chosen by popular demand. The next £100 pounds will shortly be given to the aid charities working in the Middle East at this turbulent time.

The Harvest Supper in the Grafty Green village hall took place on 12th October was a very friendly occasion. We were sad that a few people were taken ill shortly before, and we send them our good wishes and hope they have made a speedy recovery. Many thanks to everyone who made the chicken casseroles and delicious apple crumbles. Thank you Janice and John for lots of apples from your garden! Thanks too, to the Craft Club, and others who spent the Friday morning before, designing and producing the amazing harvest flower, fruit and greenery decorations for the hall, with lots of encouragement and ideas from Sandra! See front cover. Approximately £550 were raised for St. Nicolas church funds.

Harvest Festival service was in the church on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm. The church looked lovely with all the flowers etc. from the hall, thanks to those who moved them, Kenneth and the Goodwin family. The perishable food gifts were auctioned by Kenneth and raised approximately £120 which has been given to Demelza House, the children's hospice. The non-perishable gifts have been delivered to the local food banks.

Platts Heath school held their harvest service in St. Nicolas on Friday 11th October. We appreciated the children's artwork and gifts. The drawings etc. have been left around the church for all to admire. The gifts of produce that the children brought have also been delivered to the food banks. Thank you everyone.

Farewell We send our condolences and prayers to Peter and the family, as they and their friends and neighbours said farewell to Doreen at Charing Crematorium on the 7th October.

Remembrance Sunday service is on the 10th of November at St.Nicolas at 10.15 am.

Finale

I hope everyone has admired the churchyard walls which have recently been repointed and are making the surrounds of our beautiful medieval building look well-cared for, as we would all wish. With thanks to Maidstone Borough Council.

Looking forward to the many events coming up!

Sally Alexander

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council News and Contact Details

Next meeting: 2nd November

Items likely to come up: Funding for the Hall's proposed rewire, initial budget plans for next year.

The councillors would like to take the opportunity to thank Mike for his hard work editing the magazine for nearly two decades. Amongst many other things the magazine has been invaluable in publicizing activities of the council.

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Village Hall – November Newsletter

Dear All,

I am pleased to advise you that we have been able to arrange a second regular weekly visit to the village hall from the Post Office with immediate effect, so in addition to their existing slot on Tuesday when we host the coffee morning, they will also be providing a Post Office service on Thursday between 11.15pm and 1.15pm. This new additional service is there for your benefit so please come along and use it.

The trustees would also like to consider hosting a community event alongside this new Post Office service so if you would like to consider running a regular event to benefit the community, it could be anything from a baby group to a pop-up lunch club, please let me know so that I can present your ideas to the trustees for their consideration.

Coming up shortly we have the following events at the hall:

Christmas Craft Fair Weekend of Saturday & Sunday 16th & 17th November 10 am to 2pm both days

Once again, we are pleased to announce that due to the high demand for stalls this year our Christmas Craft Fair will be held at the hall over two days on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 16th & 17th of November from 10 am to 2pm on both days. Lots of your favourite stalls and new stalls too! Including Artwork, skincare, T-shirt printing, Christmas wreaths, gems, cards, candles and wax melts, doggy products, ceramics, bags, jewellery, coasters, resin, face wipes, local meat, knitted and crochet goods, Christmas gifts plus of course Jack Skylark and his amazing carvings! Don't miss this fabulous event!

Buy some unique handmade Christmas presents and stop for tea, coffee and cake on Saturday or a bacon sandwich on Sunday. Donations of cake on the Saturday would be very welcome.

Christmas Event on the Green Friday 6th December 4 pm for 4.30pm

The Parish Council have once again very kindly agreed to sponsor a Christmas Event on the village green. We are just finalising the arrangements but please put a note in your diaries the probable date will be Friday 6th December 4 for 4.30pm on the green when the lights on the Christmas tree will be turned on, carols will be sung, the children can visit Santa and his elves in his grotto, there will be a snow machine and festive refreshments to give us all a warm glow to welcome in the season of good cheer.

Christmas Quiz – Friday 13th December at 7 for 7.30 pm

I am pleased to say that our quizmasters ably assisted by their naughty elves will be hosting our very popular annual Christmas Quiz which will be held on Friday 13th December 7.00 for 7.30 start. Tickets are £15 per person and the format will be the usual teams of eight, supper, lots of unwarranted heckling and insubordination usually caused by inebriation. Please save the date, dust off those Christmas jumpers, (we will have a competition for the best Christmas Jumper this year!) 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 me on 07932 112730 or jon@grafygreenalpacas.co.uk to book your tickets for what is sure to be a fun event.

Panto Cinderella – Saturday 14th December 3pm

I am pleased to say that panto is back again this year! Oh no it's not. Oh yes it is..... This year's Panto is Cinderella provided by Shooting Star Entertainments and the performance will start at 3pm on Saturday the 14th December. Ticket prices are a very competitive £15 for adults which will entitle you to bring one child under the age of 12 free, (children's tickets must be ordered at the time of booking), additional children will be charged at £5 each - Good news in these times tightened budgets. There will be light refreshments available. To book tickets, please contact myself on either 07932 112730 or jon@graftygreenalpacas.co.uk

Kind Regards

Jon Thompson Village Hall Committee Chairman

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The winner of the Scarecrow competition is Tom Baker from the Grafty Gardening Club



Christmas Craft Fair Weekend

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November

10.00-2.00

Grafty Green Village Hall (ME17 2BA)

Lots of your favourite stalls and new stalls too!

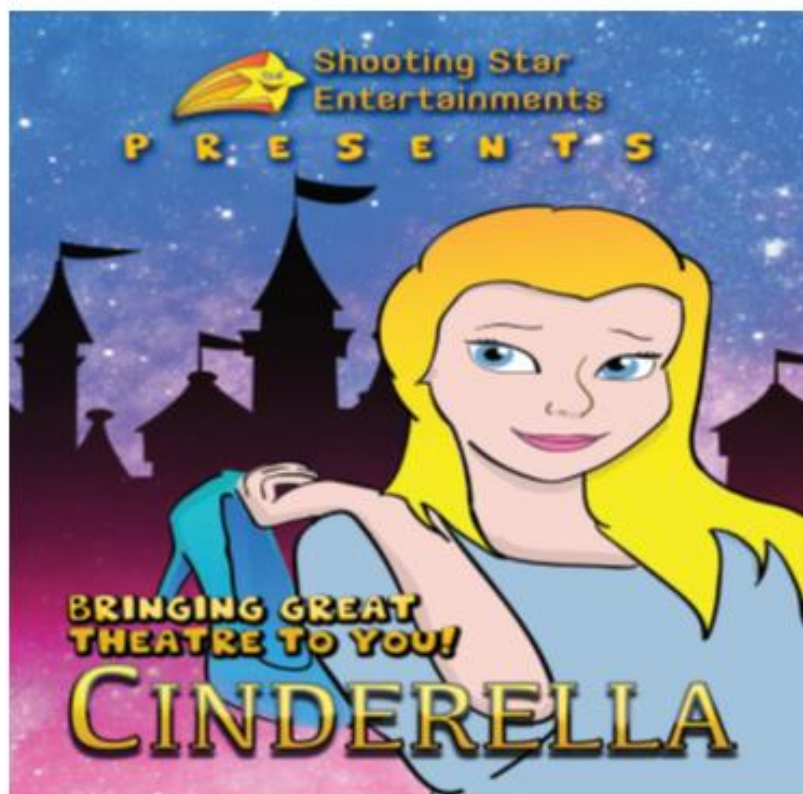
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All profits made go to help maintain the hall for the community.

Donations of cake on the Saturday would be very welcome.



Grafty Green Village Hall, ME17 2BA. Saturday
14th December @ 3pm

Tickets are £15 for an adult which entitles you to bring a child under 12 free, (children's ticket to be ordered at the time of booking), additional children charged at £5.

Contact Jon Thompson on 07932 112730 or
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Grafty Green Village Hall

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Regular Weekly Events

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Pilates Cheryl Stubbs 07852 602639	Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.30 am
Post Office	Tuesdays 12.45 – 2.15pm Thursdays 11.15 – 1.15pm
Coffee morning	Tuesdays 11.30 – 2.00pm
Short Mat Bowls Joan Marriott 01622 858100	Tuesdays 2.30 – 5.30pm
Dance Fit Sharon Harris 01622 890170	Wednesdays 11am – 12.30pm
Tai Chi Rhonda Bailey 07985 001782	Thursdays 2.00 – 3.00pm
Craft Group Janis Carter 01622 850898	Fridays 10am -12.00pm
Art Class Cathy Hill 07927054708	Alternate Wednesdays 1 – 3.30pm Alternate Thursdays 7-9pm

Regular Monthly Events

Gardening Club Doreen 01622 850287 Sue 01622 850381	First Tuesday 7.30 - 9pm
Digital Kent	Fourth Tuesday 11.30-1.30



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CARROT & PARSNIP SOUP

Ingredients

1 tablespoon of olive oil
1 onion, roughly chopped
sea salt, to season
¼–½ teaspoons of dried chilli flakes
250g/9oz of carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
250g/9oz of parsnips, peeled and roughly chopped
1.2 litres/2 pints of vegetable stock
freshly ground black pepper
¼–½ teaspoons of apple cider vinegar (optional)

Method

1. Heat the oil in a large, lidded saucepan over a medium-high heat. Gently fry the onion with a pinch of salt until soft and lightly golden (this should take 8–10 minutes). Add the chilli flakes and fry for a further minute.
2. Add the carrots, parsnips, stock and a generous grinding of black pepper. Bring the pan to the boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook with the lid on for 20–25 minutes until the parsnips and carrots are tender.
3. Blend the soup using a stick blender. Season to taste with more salt and pepper and add a little apple cider vinegar if the soup is lacking brightness and vibrancy.

The Grafty Gourmet

Grafty Green Gardening Club

Gardening tips for November

1. Rake up leaves from the lawn, shred them for the compost or leaf mould bins, otherwise the garden bin.
2. Plant bulbs for spring colour – daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, crocus etc.
3. Prune roses by a third to an outward facing bud to prevent root rock by winter winds. Further pruning to shape plants takes place in the spring.
4. Wash empty pots and trays ready for spring sowing.
5. Sow sweet pea seeds indoors to get a head start
6. Look out seed catalogues and plan for next year's planting / sowing – a nice dry job to do indoors with a hot cuppa and a biscuit!

Grafty Green Gardening Club – programme for 2024

Date	Speaker/Event	Topic
January 9	Joe Archer	From Kew to Kent
February 6	Steve Harmer	Arts and Crafts movement and their gardens.
March 5	Steve Kirk	Wild life reintroductions in Kent
April 2	Spring show plus Maureen 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 Sally Channon, Thanet Earth	
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

Comma butterfly

To identify this butterfly the wings are orange and scalloped with a little white comma at the bottom edge.

They like to feed on buddlia, thistles, brambles, blackthorn, knapweed privet and ivy as well as rotting fruit. Their caterpillars like nettles, hops, elm, gooseberry, and willow, preferably in a sunny sheltered spot. Cutting back nettles to produce fresh growth for egg laying.

You may see the caterpillars from April through to September as there can be two broods a year. They overwinter in woodpiles, hollow trees etc.

Yoga classes in Grafty Green Village Hall

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Friday November 8th

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Directed by Greg Berlanti.

And where are we flying to in December? We're meeting Judy Garland of course. **Meet Me in St Louis** (U 1944) is our Christmas rendezvous with her on Friday 13th December, when Judy will be at her magnificent best. Aren't we lucky?

Please get in touch for more information or to join our mailing list.

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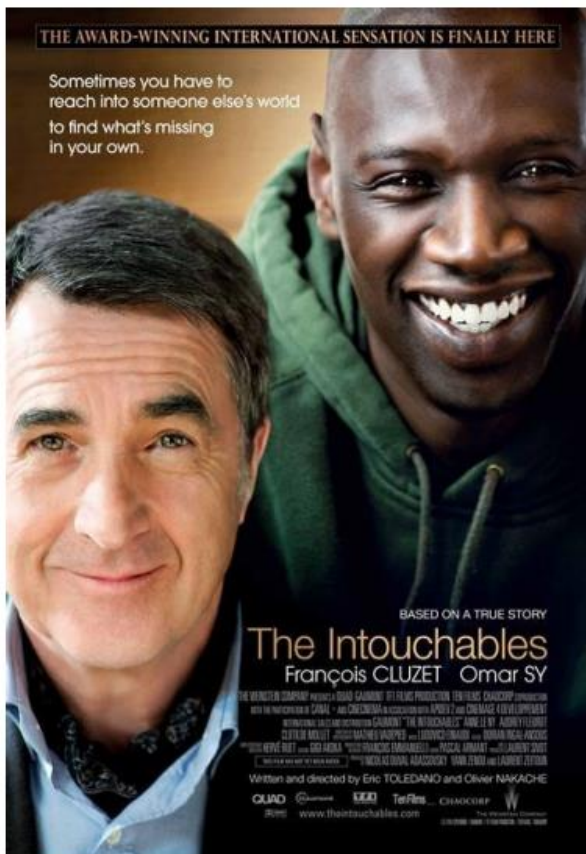


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Christian Message

November

From Rev. Richard Birch

Autumn is a time of great changes, as the weather becomes colder and wetter towards winter. From our windows we can see the houses across the railway line; all summer they have been hidden by the trees, but now as the leaves fall, we can see them clearly. We wear different clothes for warmth and protection from wind and rain. The seasons change every year and we expect it, but the way that change happens is changing, Spring comes a couple of weeks earlier, summers are hotter, storms are more violent.

During November we have the sombreness of Remembrance Day, however, as the evenings draw in and the temperature falls, we also seem to need celebrations. These too can change over the years. Once upon a time All Saints Day, 1st November, was one of the biggest celebrations for the Church, but it has lost its importance now. More recently Guy Fawkes, 5th November, has been the great autumn event for many, but this now seems to be eclipsed by Halloween, 31st October. Halloween is the old name for the Eve of All Hallows, or All Saints. Whichever celebration you choose the Christian church throughout the world will remember All Saints Day and celebrate all the good people who have gone before us.

We live in a time when nothing seems constant, change is all around us, some of it good, some not so good, some we can effect, much of it is out of our control. I find it helpful to remember the one thing that remains constant, our loving creator God. When Moses gave the Law to the people of God it was summarised as “love God with all your being and love your neighbour as yourself”. Jesus repeated this as essential for a full life. God wishes to have a relationship with each and every one of us, based on love. If we can live our lives based on love, we can make a big step towards achieving that relationship and finding a constant on which to ground ourselves.



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*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Remembrance Service

**Sunday 10th November
10.15am**

St Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe



Len Valley Benefice

November 2024

Everybody is welcome



'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 3rd November

- 9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 9.30am Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship
- 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th November

- 9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 11.00am Harrietsham: Chippendayle

Sunday 10th November

- 10.15am Boughton Malherbe: **Remembrance Service**
- 10.15am Harrietsham: **Remembrance Service**
- 10.15am Lenham: **Remembrance Service**
- 10.15am Ulcombe: **Remembrance Service**

Sunday 17th November

- 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 24th November

- 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's, Lenham

'A God who promises flourishing'

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