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Message From the Editor

Another jam packed edition of the Network magazine for you for April 2023.

Please make sure you read page 14 - Borough Council Corner - as there is important information about the ID required to vote in the upcoming elections, as well as deadline to register to vote.

The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance is in need of more volunteers. If you are able to help out or would like more information please take a look at page 27.

On page 15 we also had a poster for the North Downs Walk for Cancer Research UK which will be taking place in June starting and finishing at the Village Hall.

If you have any dates to add to the diary each month, even if you don't have an article, please do send them in. On that note I must apologise to the members of the History Society who turned up to the Village Hall in March when there was not a meeting.

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Harrietsham In Bloom

The village displays are looking good, thanks to the work of our volunteers.



There will be a lot of deadheading and weeding to do over the next few months and we are still desperate for volunteers to join us. Looking after one planter would be a help if you only have a little spare time. Please consider offering any help you can to keep our village looking colourful with beautiful displays of flowers. Details from our Chair – Andrew Rogers 01622 859352

Our thanks to Pam and Mike Flawn who have recently joined our team of volunteers/helpers.

On Saturday, 22 April we are holding our **Annual Quiz** in the village hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of up to 8 persons and these need to be booked. Bring your own food and drink. There will also be a raffle. We look forward to seeing you. Please support this event. See posters and advert for further details.

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Audrey Joy

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club

You may have recognised that February turned out to be a good month for Harrietsham SMBC in as much as we played friendly games against Lenham Bowls club at home and away and we won them both. We played at Lenham first and it was good to meet old friends we had played so many games against in the past before we were interrupted by Covid. During this period of not playing, Lenham had recruited one or two new players to their team so not only did we reunite with old friends we made new ones. By the end of the evening, we had won the match which set up our return game for Lenham to get their revenge.



Playing at home gave us a slight edge and once again we won the game, but at times it was not as easy as the final score indicated. It was good to play these games again, keeping in touch with a cup of tea and friendly banter, and win or lose we still remain friends, because there is always the next game.

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Harrietsham Gardening Society



Two additional members joined at our February meeting, Audrey Ellis and Alison Davis, to whom we extend a very warm welcome. This was the last of our winter afternoon meetings which we tried as an experiment this year and which appears to have been successful.

Carolyn Millen and her daughter Julie gave an excellent informative and humorous talk on Snowdrops, which can be seen in abundance in their garden at Platts Garden, which opens under the National Gardens scheme so you have to visit as per the Scheme. They started collecting and propagating snowdrops in 2003 and now have over 400 varieties. Many are produced by 'chipping' which involves slicing a bulb vertically into orange-like segments, when as many as 15 or so bulbs can be flowering after 3 years rather than 2 or 3 by splitting clumps. The golden rule when doing this is to ensure everything is absolutely sterile, they use methylated spirits, and to have a great deal of patience. A prize of a named snowdrop was provided to Marjorie Derby who guessed (or paid particular attention and knew) the number of times the word Snowdrop was uttered during the talk.

The monthly raffle, as ever, was well supported. No-one seemed interested in the Invisible gardening outfit (see photo) which we (a) couldn't find and (b) were concerned at disposing of via Ebay or similar as there are enough problems with mis-deliveries as it is.



Our annual plant sale takes place on 13 May at Little Hatch (opposite Lee Davey caravans) by kind agreement of Michael and Denise so put that date in your phone, nearly said diary but must move with the times.

We are hoping to arrange an outing to Wisley on Thursday 11 May, depending upon numbers. Entry to one RHS garden is free to HGS members each year so that's another reason to join our group.

Our next meeting is 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 18 April when Derek March will be talking about '@The Hawaiian Dream'. New members are always very welcome.

Kevin Harlock

Harrietsham History Society



Despite the cold and damp weather 14 members and 6 visitors attended our first meeting of 2023 on Tuesday 7 February at 2pm when our speaker Mr John Harris, a volunteer with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, gave us a presentation on their work.

Mr Harris's talk included reference to the five Commission War graves in the churchyard at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham. Three of the graves have the remains of men who died as a result of injuries received during the First World War, George Seal who died on the 22 October 1918, Harold Tupper who died on 22 July 1918 as a result of injuries received in August 1916 and Daniel Young who died on the 15 August 1917. The other two graves have the remains of two men who served in the Second World War, Maurice Curtis who died on 4 November 1947 and Stewart Walker who died on the 11 January 1944.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11 April in the village hall starting at 7.30pm when we will have a talk by James Dickinson on King John and the Magna Carta. We should be into better weather and lighter evenings following the clocks going forward by one hour on Sunday 26 March so I hope you will be able to come along, visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings for a small charge of £3.00.

Peter Brown

Harrietsham Ladies Group

Our February auction was very successful and we raised £81 which will go to a charity of our choice later in the year.

Our March meeting returned to the usual evening time of 7.30pm and we welcomed Helen Tobias who gave us a fascinating talk about pearls. It seems that any mollusc can produce a pearl although they usually come from the sea. Helen explained about the various types of natural pearls and how they have been used as status symbols in the past as early as the Romans and ancient Egyptians. Pearls have always been loved by the Royals who would have them sewn into their garments - the more pearls they had the more powerful they were. Our present royal family and indeed Hollywood stars are often seen wearing them. These days some of them are 'cultured pearls' which makes them a little more accessible. If you have any pearls at home, the best thing you can do is wear them - it doesn't do them any good to be kept in a dark box at the bottom of a drawer. So if you see some ladies in the Co-op wearing pearl necklaces, you know why!

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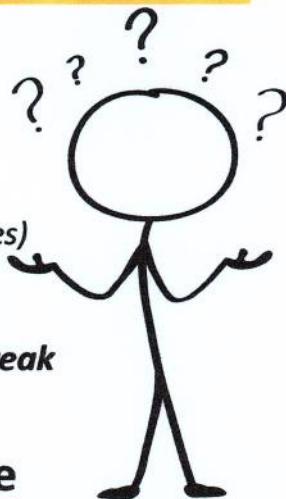
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March 2023



Everybody is welcome

"In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith"

Gal 3:26 (NRSV)

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

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

Wednesday 5th April

- 9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion Service (BCP)

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th April

Series of Holy Week evening talks followed by Night Prayer

We are all... being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory (2 Cor 3:18)

Monday 7.30pm at St Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe
Transforming our individual lives – Cathrine Ngangira

Tuesday 7.30pm at St Mary's, Lenham
Transforming our community life – Charlotte Coles

Wednesday 7.30pm at All Saints, Ulcombe
Transforming our planet – Teresa Redfern

Thursday 7.30pm at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham
Transforming our egos – John Huggins followed by **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion** with washing of feet.

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Harrietsham Network

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Friday 7th April – Good Friday

2.00pm Services in all four churches '**An hour at The Cross**'

Saturday 8th April

3.00pm Lenham: **Messy Church – Messy Easter Cross Country to The Cross**

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday

6.00am Boughton Malherbe: **Daybreak Easter Celebration** around the fire, followed by breakfast

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Easter Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Easter Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Easter Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Easter Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Easter Holy Communion

Sunday 16th April

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship *with baptism*

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 23rd April

10.30am **Benefice Holy Communion at Lenham**
"I am extremely valuable"



The Friends of the Church of St John the Baptist, Harrietsham

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Ploughman's Platterday

Please be aware that there will be **NO** Ploughman's Lunch at the church this month. Unfortunately we do not have enough helpers to continue with this fundraising event at the moment. We are also not sure at this present time whether we can buy the food in bulk to make this fundraising event possible anyway. The 100 Club Draw will still take place and the winners will be notified.

100 Club Lottery Draw

The results of the seventy sixth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn 11 March 2023 by Denise Williams under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots are as follows:-

There were 160 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £160:-

First prize £80.00 – number 80 – Michael Flawn
Second prize £48.00 – number 10 – Pat King
Third prize £32.00 – number 27 – Hazel Roots

Denise Williams

Local Churches

Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Vicar: Revd. John Huggins
01622 850280 vicar@lvb.org.uk

(Day off: Wednesday)

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revmilliehart@lvb.org.uk

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For details of services see p.23

United Reformed Church

Week Street, Maidstone

Minister: Rev Andrew Royal
Sunday Service at 10.30am with
creche. No evening service.

01622 686053

maidstoneurcoffice@talktalk.net

Baptist Church

Knightrider Street, Maidstone

Minister: Bill Miller

Office: 01622 686013

Sunday Services at 10.30am with
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www.maidatonebaptist.net

Bearsted and Thurnham Methodist Church

Bearsted (next to Station)

Minister: Revd. Robert Zachar

117 Crossways

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01795 422573

Sunday Service 10.30am

Church of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church

Rectory Lane, off East Street,
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Wednesday at 10.00am

Holydays Mass 7pm

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church

Button Lane, Bearsted 736100

Confessions, Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

Saturday Evening Mass 6pm

Sunday Mass 10.30am

Weekday Mass generally

Monday and Tuesday 7pm and Friday
10am

Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Pathways Church, Maidstone

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at
10.30am in Lenham Community Centre.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings in
homes in Lenham and Harrietsham.

Church leaders: Johnny and Estelle
McCabe www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

Pathways Church is supported by

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For all church services please see
information on page 23 or contact your
own church for up to date information.

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Harrietsham Parish Council - Parish Clerk	01622 850089

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KCC Children's Social Services	03000 411111
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Living

Friday 14th April - Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00.

We begin our Spring/Summer 2023 programme with *Living* (2022). It's a beautiful drama with an Oscar-nominated performance by the fabulous Bill Nighy who plays Mr Williams, a strait-laced civil servant in 1950's London. He is one man in a sea of pinstripe suits and bowler hats, who has devoted his life to the routine of his bureaucratic job. However, everything is about to change; not long into 'Living', Mr. Williams learns that he does not have long to live. Then at the eleventh hour, he makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful and grasp every opportunity that he can. Come and watch a great performance and find out more about Mr Williams in this poignant tale. Directed by Oliver Hermanus, certificate 12, running time 1 hr 42 minutes.

Admission members £4, non-members £5 **Annual membership** £6 (16+ only)

Treasure Island

A HAMS Production on 27 Jan, and two showings on the 28 Jan 2023.

What an amazing performance! I have been to many Pantomimes over the years and I can honestly say this was by far the most enjoyable. The acting was first class with only the occasional prompt being required. The costumes were highly imaginative especially so for Mrs Hawkins who had numerous costume changes.

It would be invidious to name some actors as all in their different ways did a great job of bringing the story to life and it was so good to see the young actors entering into the spirit of the story and giving really energetic performances.

I have been told that rehearsals commenced in September so this will tell you the time, energy and commitment that the players gave to produce this truly memorable performance. So many people were involved in the production and I have counted from the Programme the numbers involved in different ways. The Production Crew together with all the additional roles needed to produce this amazing show added up to thirty six with some having more than one role and that is not counting the Hams Committee and members.

Well done to all those involved in this very special Pantomime and I can't wait until winter time next year. It will be a hard act to follow!!

Marjorie Darby

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) Needs More Volunteers

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) needs your support! Having just announced that 2022 was the busiest year in its 33-year history – the life-saving charity responded to 3,224 incidents last year, with 1,353 call outs in Kent - KSS is urgently seeking to recruit more volunteers in order to help with more events and activities in the coming year.

The charity, which provides world-leading pre-hospital emergency care 24/7, currently has over 150 volunteers who help with a wide range of activities including managing collection boxes, marshalling at events, speaking at community events, office tasks and more. Volunteers offer a few hours on an occasional basis or regular hours each month.

Bridget Pepper, from the KSS Volunteer Development Team said, “Our volunteers are highly valued members of Team KSS, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who donates their time to support us. Over the last year, KSS has benefited from over 4,000 hours of support from volunteers and our volunteers were involved with raising or collecting over £250,000 on our behalf.”

“This year, with demand for our service at an all-time high and the need to raise even more funds due to the increased costs of operating our service, we need to recruit more volunteers and we have lots of opportunities available to suit people of all ages and abilities.”

“Alongside providing our charity with critical support, volunteers enjoy many benefits from working with us, including meeting new people, attending events and feeling a sense of pride in supporting an incredible charity in their local community.”

“We hope people from across the communities we serve will get in touch with us and find out more about how they can get involved. We really appreciate all the support we receive.”

KSS is an independent charity. It costs £16.6M a year or £45K per day to operate its world leading, life-saving service. This is a significant increase from the £15.2M required in 2022. 87% of KSS's total income is raised through the incredible generosity of its supporters and 10% through NHS commissioning funds.

If you are interested in finding out more about being a KSS volunteer, please contact volunteering@aakss.org.uk or visit www.aakss.org.uk

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April 2023 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	3	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	3	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	3	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	6	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	7	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH *
Mon	10	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH *
Mon	13	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH *
Tue	11	7.30pm	Harrietsham History Society	HVH
Wed	12	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Wed	12	7pm	Fish Scheme AGM	HVH
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	14	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	14	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon	17	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Tue	18	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	20	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	21	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	22	7pm	HIB Annual Quiz	HVH
Mon	24	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	24	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	27	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	28	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	29	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC

* Please check with organisers for Easter weekend activities

Fish Scheme AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Fish Scheme will be held on
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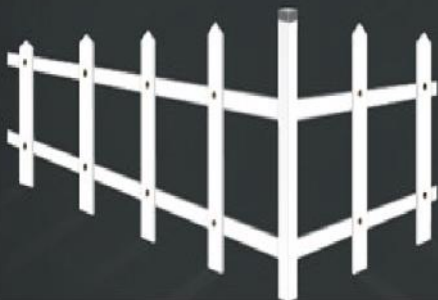
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Lenham WI

It is so nice to have longer days and lots of spring flowers. It lifts the spirits. Recently at WI we have had a speaker telling us how to Dress for our Body Shape and in February, Joanna Van Blommestein from The Bra Boss explained the importance of a well-fitting bra. So we should be some of the best turned-out ladies in the village!

Joanna's shop is in Faversham in a beautiful converted summer house and she will help with a one-to-one appointment which ensures a quiet and relaxed experience. She has worked in the industry for over 12 years and has vast experience in product knowledge including maternity wear, sports-wear and post-operative needs. She has appeared on the BBC and Meridian TV and her shop has won the Kent Women in Business – Best Shop. She told us that 80% of women are wearing the wrong size bra and described the right and wrong way of how to wear it. She brought along some lovely examples of her products and everyone learnt something and enjoyed the evening.

Now for something completely different. Every year each WI member has the chance to have their say on what the WI campaigns on. They have the opportunity to vote for a Resolution to be put forward at the next Annual General Meeting. Out of 38 Resolutions submitted last year 4 were picked for this year. These were:

- Save our Water-Every Drop Matters; Women to Women
- Turning over a new leaf in the lives of Women Tea Workers
- Online Gambling Harm
- Time for Action and Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in May in Cardiff and the successful Resolution will be taken on board by the WI who will campaign nationally to change Government Policies and make improvements. Last year's resolution was to help raise awareness of autistic and ADHD in women and girls and the "Thinking Differently" campaign has now been launched.

How many people noticed our Green Hearts in the Square in February? This was part of our national "Show the Love" project where we were asked to send a green heart to our MP to bring to their attention the importance and urgency of dealing with climate change and the environment. All the hearts were sent off to Helen Whately and hopefully she will have noted our concerns and will bring them forward in Parliament.

At our meeting this month we are welcoming Shani who runs the Lenara Zumba Gold sessions at the Community Centre on Wednesday mornings. She will be telling us about the origins of the Zumba exercise routines and we will be able to join in with some of the exercises. Looking forward to that!

The WI meets at Lenham Community Centre on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along you would be very welcome to come as a visitor and join us if you wish. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Chris Godden

Email: rrgodden@btinternet.com or Tel: 01622 858658



If you own a dog

YOU are responsible for it

There is no Dog Poo Fairy to clear up after YOUR dog

- RESPECT your village and your neighbours
- RESPECT your surroundings
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Christian Message

A living, healthy spirituality...

How in these days of worry, anxiety, high expectation and often poor support shall we manage our lives so that we can bring something of a happy healthy outlook to both ourselves and those we live amongst? It is not for us to pretend that all is well when it is not. The call is definitely not for us to be superheroes, for this breeds unpleasant competition in some as they vie for stardom and an overwhelming sense of uselessness in others as they struggle with feelings of inadequacy.

No, no, that is not the most helpful way.

The legendary King Arthur and his knights I understand sat around the Round Table to demonstrate that they were all one. King Arthur's vision was that they were equal, and each had gifts, ideas and talents to bring to the conversation, to the table. Each knight was valued and belonged. Each had purpose and were meaningful members of community.



Can we note that we are in this thing called 'life' together? As we share in our localities, our workplaces, our communities, our families we rub up against each other - against each other's real needs, against each other's real differences and against each other's real sorrows and joys. As we do this we can ignore our neighbour or we can learn from our neighbour; we can care for our neighbour or we can be so busy with ourselves that we miss the joy of being found in one another. Often our relationships help us to discover who we really are. No man, woman, adult or child is designed to be an island. *You shall truly find yourself when you lose yourself in the service of others* spoke Gandhi.

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Harrietsham Network

Christian Message Cont.

Jesus very simple words to us are 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'.
(Matthew 22:39)

Love – the word is so misunderstood and maltreated, so lacking and so needed. Love is indeed that answer, but so elusive at times. If the word love is difficult for you (I find it difficult to interpret), use another more meaningful word. Like your neighbour, care for your neighbour, receive your neighbour, be kind to your neighbour, acknowledge your neighbour, support your neighbour- as you do yourself.

Do not neglect that last bit – as you do yourself. For this is where the goodness is birthed and springs up, from within. God will supply the love (like, care, kindness, support etc); the goodness of God never runs out and is daily being reborn. God will give to you generously so that you are helped, and then in turn you will feel able to offer that same generous love, that same help to others and hey presto, what goes around comes around....even makes the world go round...
King Arthur may have known a thing or two with his offer of sit at my table and be equally valued.

Every blessing as the Spring and Summer progress; may your spirit soar with the larks, with the warmth of the sun and the flourishing hedgerows...may you have peace in Christ.

Lorraine Apps – Huggins

Chaplain of The Living Well, Canterbury Diocesan Centre for Healing & Wholeness, Nonington.





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