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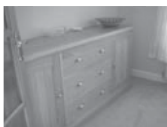
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## From the Editor

As I write this we seem firmly in the grip of winter but a lot of the articles in the magazine have a much more summery feel about them so let's hope the summer weather duly arrives! Meanwhile though, we have some lovely poems on the subject of 'Snow' from children at the school (p. 30).

Easter's not quite over so Rachel Morgan has provided us with an insight into the history behind some of our Easter customs (p. 28). And if you're inspired to start some Do It Yourself this spring you could do worse than remind yourself how to Do It Safely, see the article on p. 42.

Lately we've been busy 'sending Vicky to Malawi' (more of that on p. 31), now the Scouts are fundraising to send some of their number to the Kent International Jamboree and invite you to their Nearly New Sale (p. 21).

Like buses, AGMs often seem to come all at once and sure enough, there is the Village Hall AGM on 10th April and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 24th April. The Village Hall Trust is urgently looking for a Chairman and possibly other officers too so please consider whether you could be that person - the hall can't do without people to run it any more than the village can do without the hall. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is going to re-visit the Neighbourhood Plan so it is a really good opportunity for you to have a say in the future of Harrietsham.

In April a new Pilates class starts in the village hall (Fridays) and the yoga classes continue (Mondays). There is also something called a Gong Bath which apparently is a lot more relaxing than it sounds - it's explained on p. 31.

The summer events I mentioned start with the Bluebell Walk on 5th May, followed by Jackie Bevan's 'Ploughman's, Pimms, Pickles and Plant Sale' on 9th May and the School Summer Fayre on 12th May! Then you can have a little breather - and a Harrietsham Big Lunch - before two more charity walks in the area in June.

The Fish Scheme does a lot in Harrietsham but much of it is unseen, so the Organising Secretary has written a bit about the various initiatives, and also included an up-to-date list of the contact people for all parts of the village.

A regular feature is missing from Network this month - the recipe; this is because Vi Booth, who supplies the recipes, is recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to another tempting recipe before too long.

Finally, congratulations to the History Society on their first anniversary - you can see on p. 9 just how far they've come in a year!

*Rosi Taylor*

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It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since we held our first meeting in St. John's Church on 2nd April 2012 to see whether there was sufficient interest to start up a History Society; amazingly 46 people turned up on the evening and a committee was formed and the Society now has a paid-up membership of 44. What a busy year it has been with interesting talks, two walks in the village, visits to the dig which took place at Court Lodge Farm in August and a visit to the New Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone.

Members of the committee have been working very hard on sorting out photographs, postcards and lots of other items which have either been donated or lent to the Society; a workshop evening also took place on 28th January when 25 members spent the evening sorting through and discussing these. The committee will be continuing with this work over the next few months with The Friends of St. John's with a view to putting together a book of Harrietsham in Old Photographs; it is hoped this will be available to be purchased in the autumn. Any help which members are able to give with this project will be appreciated.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm at Harrietsham School when we hope to hold another workshop evening after the formal business is finished. Unfortunately the society is without a Treasurer and is also one committee member short; hopefully we will be able to fill both these positions at the AGM, please let me know if you are interested. Membership fees for the new year will be taken on the evening.

Work is still progressing with the setting up of our website which we anticipate will be up and running by the end of April.

If you are interested in joining the History Society why not come along to one of our meetings or contact me on 01622 851075 for further details.

*Peter Brown, Chairman*

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*Bill Hubble*

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## Harrietsham Wives Group

There was a good turnout for our March meeting to hear Martin Pring give us a brief introduction to the complexities of campanology. Some brave members 'volunteered' to demonstrate with handbells how changes are rung; these ultimately give the peals of bells that our own village bell-ringers produce in Harrietsham. Certainly we can now appreciate the skill needed to do this. It was a very enjoyable evening.

There is a change to the printed programme for the meeting on 3rd April. We hope that Audrey Joy will be able to talk to us on her time in the Prison Service.

Any enquiries to me, on 853803.

*Barbara Kelly*

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## Age UK Hub Club

We hope that everyone had fun making their Easter Bonnets and the egg painting. More on that next month.

In April we will be having a talk from a local artist. (Maybe we should have had the artist before we painted our eggs. Only joking.) This will be on 4th April, 2.00pm-4.00pm, at the Social Club. We look forward to seeing you all.

*The Age UK Team: Jenny, Tom, John, Martin and Nina*

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## Harrietsham Whist Club

The winners of the Whist Drive held at the village hall on Friday, 1st March were Pat Lionet and Ron from Kingswood. An enjoyable evening was had by all. A big thank you to Robin who always provides the delicious food and we also wish Vi Booth a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

The next Whist Drive will be held on Friday, 5th April, at 7.30pm in the Booth Hall. Any new players are most welcome.

*Michael Gear*

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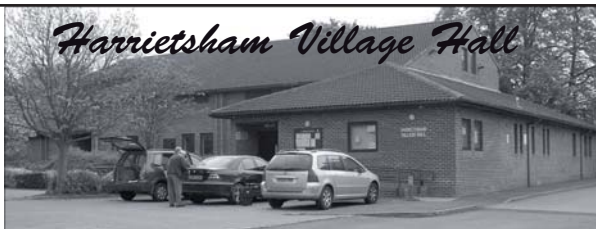
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**21st** and Lenham came to us. This time we played better and were winners by 66-38 points. And we did not win all the raffle prizes this time!!!

**March 4th** and Phoenix away. It certainly wasn't their day - games here are generally very close but for some reason they just couldn't stay with us and we won by 71-26 points.

**March 9th** and our annual trip to Swanley to play Joydens Wood - we always seem to lose by one point here. Would it be different this time ? After 9 games over 60 plus ends we LOST BY ONE POINT!! 52-53 - would you credit it!!!

Still to come **21st** and Chart Sutton come to us and then on **25th** for 5 days some 17 members go to Hayling Island for pairs, triples and singles competitions - against bowlers from London and the South East. Let us hope for some success here. We shall see - more next month.

*Rusty*

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## Pins and Needles

I'm wondering if there are people out there who would be interested in joining me one afternoon a month for crafts in my house? I'm thinking of knitting, crochet, embroidery – indeed any craft that's easily portable and can be carried on with sitting at/around my dining room table. Even mending – surely sewing a button back on is less of a chore in congenial company!

Hopefully in time we can share ideas, patterns, maybe tools, and certainly our successes, though I'm not suggesting I can teach anyone anything.

On the first Tuesday of each month, starting on 7th May, any time between 2pm and 5pm - come when you want, leave when you want. Please ring in advance so I have an idea of numbers to expect and so I can give you my address details, if you don't already know them. (If you're interested but can't manage an afternoon give me a call anyway and if there's enough interest we could maybe do an evening meeting as well).

*Rosi Taylor, 851701*

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*Jenny, Olive, Maureen, Nina and Wendy*

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## Harrietsham Gardening Society

The Society meeting on 19th February was well attended by 52 members (which included 4 new members) and 1 visitor. The Chairman, David Oversby, welcomed everyone and reminded them of the need to renew their memberships if they had not already done so. He commented on how changeable the weather had been which had varied from very cold and wet to almost spring-like over the past few weeks; he warned that people should avoid the temptation of buying and planting out the tender plants which were now flooding into the garden centres as undoubtedly we were still likely to experience some very cold frosty nights. The Chairman then introduced Mr Malcolm Withnall who gave a talk on "Growing Vegetables for the Table"; he started off by emphasising the chairman's comments on not planting things out at the present time as the ground was far too cold - this should be at a minimum temperature of 8° C. Amongst the many things Malcolm included were the importance of carrying out a soil test, improving the organic content and using the correct fertilisers depending on the types of vegetables you want to grow. He also mentioned the importance of buying good seeds (F1 Hybrid seeds produce the best results) and not keeping seeds from one year to the next unless they have been properly stored in a refrigerator at the correct temperature (5° C). He also suggested members consider the use of raised beds for their vegetable gardens as these are easy to look after as they take away the need to actually walk on the soil when digging them over. He mentioned crop rotation, planting in modules, the use of drip feed water systems and fleece for covering up and protecting vulnerable plants. Malcolm then answered a few questions from members before being thanked by Kevin Harlock for a most interesting talk.

The evening's competition for a Vegetable Animal was judged by the speaker, who awarded first place to Veronica Bastone for her Aubergine Penguin (12 points), second to John Welchman for his Pokémon (10 points)  
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# Harrietsham Network

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and third to Sheila Mann for her Cucumber Shark (8 points), other members who entered were awarded 4 points each. The evening concluded with Stephen Morris advising members of various new products on the market this year.

The next meeting of the Society is on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30 pm when Mr Bob Ogleby will be giving a talk entitled "Weather in Kent"; the competition for this evening is 3 Homemade Sweet Biscuits. The Society welcomes new members so if you are interested in joining us contact details can be found on our notice board in the village hall or on our website at [www.harrietshamgardeningociety.org](http://www.harrietshamgardeningociety.org)

There are still a few spaces available for the 5-day trip to France in June when we shall be visiting Monet's Gardens, the Palace of Versailles and the Bayeux Tapestry for anyone interested in joining this.

*Peter Brown*

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## Gardening Tips for April

At the time of writing this article we are just bracing ourselves for another helping of snow, but in April, with the improving weather, it will be all go in the garden. We have finished all the clearing up and are now busy planting all the new plants either grown from seed, or selected from the 1000s now in stock at the local garden centre. Don't rush to plant out those tender summer bedding or vegetable plants as the weather can still be unpredictable. Many plants will be forced along in time for the early Easter selling period.

Slugs will already be around, keep an eye out for emerging perennials as they like the nice new tender shoots. Protect with crushed shell or potting grit or use one of the chemical treatments, some child/wildlife friendly options are available including some made out of wool. Don't forget to stake perennials before they get too big.

Vegetable seeds and plants are still popular and space is no excuse. Many can be grown in containers, but don't get too ambitious. Just plant enough that you can cope with as there is nothing worse than throwing away vegetables that have gone over the top, "little and often" is the message.

You can start working on the lawns, by giving them a weed and feed, to get them going. Overseed any bare areas and give them a light roll before the surface dries out too much.

*Stephen Morris*



## Anglican Services

### 7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
8am	Harrietsham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Family Worship
9.30am	Boughton Malherbe	Holy Communion
11am	Lenham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Ulcombe	Family Worship

### 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Holy Communion
11am	Lenham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Ulcombe	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Boughton Malherbe	Choral Evensong

### 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Morning Worship
9.30am	Boughton Malherbe	Holy Communion
11am	Lenham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Ulcombe	Morning Worship

### 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Holy Communion
9.30am	Boughton Malherbe	Family Worship
11am	Lenham	Family Worship
11.15am	Ulcombe	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Harrietsham	Informal Service

*Michelle Saunders*

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## Village Hall Trust

### AGM

**7.30pm, Wednesday 10th April  
in the Booth Hall**

All welcome - do come and find out more about **your** hall.

# Harrietsham Network



REMIX FRIDAY FILM CLUB,  
HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL  
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2013  
NEW MEMBERSHIP £1.00 PER  
PERSON

Afternoon Matinee organised by Harrietsham Fish Scheme.  
**Doors open at 2pm for refreshments, prompt 2.15 start.**  
**Hope Springs (cert 12A).**

Starring Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones. After thirty years of marriage, a middle-aged couple attends an intense, week-long counselling session to work on their relationship. Admission £3 for members; U18 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Marjorie on 850657 if you require transport .



**5.30pm.**

**Labyrinth, cert U.** Classic Jim Henson film starring David Bowie. 15-year-old Sarah accidentally wishes her baby half-brother, Toby, away to the Goblin King Jareth who will keep Toby if Sarah does not complete his Labyrinth in 13 hours. Admission £2 for members. Parental consent forms must be completed.

**7.50pm for refreshments, prompt 8pm start.**

**The Woman in Black (cert 12).** In London, lawyer Arthur Kipps still grieves the death of his beloved wife Stella on the delivery of their son Joseph four years ago. He travels to a remote village where he discovers the vengeful ghost of a scorned woman is terrorizing the locals. Starring Daniel Radcliffe. Admission £3 for members; U18 need to be accompanied by an adult.



Contact Janetta Sams on 859412 or email [sams\\_uplands@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sams_uplands@yahoo.co.uk) See [www.harrietshamvillage.org.uk](http://www.harrietshamvillage.org.uk)

## Christian Message

### Imagine...

*A world* where the beauty of birdsong has been replaced by the ring of sirens

*A world* that's divided, by just a couple of letters in your postal code

*A world* where the colours you wear, define whose army you're on

*A world* where you carry a knife just to keep 'safe'

*A world* where one eye looks ahead and one eye looks over your shoulder

*A world* where flowers litter the sidewalk; attached a single tear-drenched note from a broken mother

*A world* without privacy, where you're constantly under the eye of countless CCTV cameras

*A world* where lives stack upon lives in coffins known as 'tower blocks'

*A world* where the poverty line is out of reach for so many

*A world* that is kept secret and hidden on the news

*A community* overflowing with different races and cultures

*A community* that needs community

*A church* planting seeds in its community

*A church* restoring the good in the good:evil

*A church* hanging out where Jesus would be.

The thing is, there's absolutely no need for you to 'Imagine' this world, this community or even this church. This world is our world. This community is the Winstanley Estate. This church is St. Peter's. This is home. A million miles away and yet just a single hour away on the train. It's unthinkable, but think about that.

*Ed Wyeth*

*Ed is currently working as the youth pastor for One Church, Brighton, and wrote this poem in 2010 when he was on a placement on the Winstanley Estate in Battersea.*

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## Messy Church

*Saturday 20th April*

*St. Mary's Church,  
Lenham*

*4 - 6pm*

*See you there!*

## Local Churches

### **Parish Church of St John the Baptist**

Rector: Rev'd Dr Richard Venn  
The Vicarage, Old Ashford Road  
Lenham, ME17 2PX 858195.  
Curate: Rev'd Millie Hart, 15 Mercer  
Drive, Harrietsham, 859753.  
Not available Tues.  
Benefice office: Mon to Thurs  
between 9am and noon on 850604.  
Answerphone outside these times.  
For details of services see p. 17

### **United Reformed Church Congregational and Presbyterian**

Week Street, Maidstone  
Minister: t.b.a.  
Sunday Service at 10.30am with  
creche. No evening service

### **Bearsted and Thurnham Methodist Church, Bearsted (next to Station)**

Minister: Rev Clifford Newman  
45 St. Lukes Avenue,  
Maidstone. ME14 5AN  
Tel 752895  
Sunday Service at 10.30am

### **Church of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church**

Rectory Lane, Off East Street,  
Harrietsham  
Parish Priest: Fr. Geoffrey Pointer  
Deacon: Rev Cyril Durbin, 736100  
Mass every Sunday at 8.45am and  
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 7pm and Tuesday and  
Friday 10am  
Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

### **Baptist Church Knightrider Street, Maidstone**

Minister: *Vacancy*  
763468  
Sunday Services at 10.30am with  
creche, and at 6.30pm

## PTFA Summer Fayre

This will be held on Sunday 12th May between 12 noon and 3.30pm. If there are any organisations who wish to have a stall there please contact me for an application form; the cost of a stall will be £15.

There will be all the fun of the fair and hopefully the weather will be as kind as it was last year, so put the date in your diaries now! More details in next month's Network, and look out for posters around the village.

*Sam Oliver (Chairman)*  
*smollieuk@yahoo.co.uk*  
*07867 522434*

## Nearly-new Sale

Harrietsham and Lenham Scouts are taking ten Scouts to the Kent International Jamboree in July/August this year. To fundraise for this they are holding a nearly new sale. Please come along and support this as it's a once-in-a-lifetime camp for some of these Scouts.

**Nearly-new Sale**  
**Harrietsham and Lenham Scouts**  
**Scout Hut, Station Road, Harrietsham**  
**Saturday 6th April 2013**  
Doors open at 1.30pm - entrance 20p  
Teas, coffees on sale - all good gifts

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## Bluebell Walk

**Sunday 5th May 2013**

Join us for our 26th Bluebell Walk – an 8 ½ mile walk through the heart of Kent's beautiful countryside to enjoy the bluebells in full bloom.  
A perfect day for the family including 'man's best friend'

Starting from Harrietsham Village Hall - Registration begins at 9am  
£10.00 per adult £3.00 per child £25.00 per family of 5  
Includes ploughman's lunch at the end of the walk

For more information or to pre-book please call 01622 790195,  
visit [www.hokh.org](http://www.hokh.org) or email [fundraising@hokh.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@hokh.co.uk)

*Registered Charity 298164*

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## Lenham Valley Business Association

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April, 5.45pm for 6pm, at the Harrow Inn, Warren Street, Lenham when the speaker will be Alan Reading of Custom Marketing Resources on 'Marketing: 3 Pointers for your Business'.

To register for the meeting if you've not been before please ring 01622 820841 or visit the website [www.lenhambusiness.co.uk](http://www.lenhambusiness.co.uk)

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## Pilates Classes

Coming soon in Harrietsham Village Hall - see advert on p. 43.

# Harrietsham Network ---

## Harrietsham in Bloom Volunteers

Spring has finally arrived, with daffodils, snowdrops and crocus giving a good show having survived a wet and cold winter. In late March last year we had a heatwave followed by a hosepipe ban; hopefully there shouldn't be a ban this year...

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to dead head daffodils. Soon our maintenance team will start to repair and replace planters; we are grateful for the work they do.

£10.05 was collected from the donation box in the shop; thank you to everyone who contributed.

A date for your diaries: Sunday 29th September - a Plants Sale and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. More details later in the year.

Any enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair), please - 01622 859352.

*Audrey Joy*

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## **Ploughmans, Pimms, Pickles and Plant Sale**

**Thursday 9th May 12.00 – 15.00**

**at Faygate, Ashford Road, Lenham**

**In aid of the JPK Project**

The JPK Project aims to provide residential and daytime care for the learning disabled, along with meaningful training and activities.

Ticket/Donation at £9 each available from Jackie Bevan, tel. 859310

N.B. Excellent bedding plants and home-made pickles will be available at reasonable prices. The same nursery as last year will be supplying the plants to my house.

*Jackie Bevan*

***Please Support This Worthwhile Cause.***

# Harrietsham day by day

(T = termtime only)

## SUNDAY

Tennis Club (May-Sept) 2.30pm Booth Field

## MONDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T  
 Short Mat Bowls 2pm - 5pm Ambrose Hall  
 St. John Ambulance:  
     Badgers (6-10 yrs) 4.30pm - 6pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T  
     Brigade 7.15pm - 9.30pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T  
 Brownie Guides 5.45pm - 7.15pm Booth Hall T  
 Remix Project 7.30pm - 9pm Ambrose Hall

## TUESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T  
 Art Class (Adult Education) 2pm - 4.30pm Booth Hall T  
 Rainbows 5.45pm - 6.45pm Booth Hall T  
 Cub Scouts 6.30pm - 8pm Lenham Primary School T  
 Mini Remix 5.45pm - 6.45pm Ambrose Hall T  
 Tennis Club (May-Sept) 6.30pm Booth Field  
 Gardening Society (3rd Tues) 7.30pm Ambrose Hall  
 Guides 6.45pm - 8.30pm Booth Hall T  
 Lenham Youth Centre  
 (14+ group) 7pm - 9.30pm Swadelands School T  
 Bell Ringing Practice 7.30pm - 9pm Bell Tower

## WEDNESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - noon Primary School T  
 Mobile Library 10.35am P.O. West Street  
     11.05am Church Lane  
     11.25am Almshouses  
 Remix Project 5.45pm - 7pm Booth Hall  
 Karate Club 6pm - 7.30pm Ambrose Hall  
 St. J. A. Cadets (10-18 yrs) 6pm - 8pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T  
 Lenham Youth Centre 7pm - 9.30pm Swadelands School  
 Wives Group (1st Wed) 8pm - 10pm See magazine entry  
 Badminton Club (Sept-May) 8pm - 11pm Ambrose Hall  
 Parish Council (last Wed) 7.30pm Booth Hall

## THURSDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T  
 Mother & Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am Ambrose Hall T  
 Women's Institute (2nd Thurs) 2pm - 4pm Booth Hall  
 Tennis Club (May-Sept) 6.30pm Booth Field  
 Explorers (Scouts) 7pm - 9pm Scout HQ, Station Road  
 Remix Warhammer Club 7pm - 9pm Booth Hall  
 Short Mat Bowls 7.15pm - 10.15pm Ambrose Hall  
 Choir Practice 6.15pm Parish Church  
 Pub Quiz 8.30pm Roebuck

## FRIDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T  
 Coffee Morning 10am - noon Booth Hall  
 Beavers 4.30pm - 6pm Scout HQ, Station Road  
 Scouts 7.30pm - 9.30pm Scout HQ, Station Road  
 Lenham Youth Centre 7.30pm - 10pm Swadelands

## SATURDAY

Football coaching (U5s) 9.30 - 10.30am Harrietsham School Field T

# Local Directory

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## **Art Group**

Adult Education Mrs. S. McNally 0845 6065606

## **Badminton**

Secretary Luisa Wright 859448

## **Beaver Scouts**

Leader Mr. D. Keenan 07768 926654

## **Bell Ringers**

Ringing master Mr. J. Betts 859266

Steeple keeper Mr. K. Leach 851173

## **Bible Reading Fellowship**

Co-ordinator Mrs. J. Bevan 859310

## **Booth and Baldwin Charity**

Secretary email boothandbaldwin@hotmail.co.uk

## **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Organiser Mr. M. Bishop 850921

## **Brownie Guides**

Brown Owl Mrs. J. Burr 859494

## **Conservative Association**

Lenham office 850574

## **Cricket Club**

Chairman Mr. A. Hubble 859692

## **Cub Scouts**

Leader Mrs. A. Seales 859829

## **Disability Group**

Chairman Mrs. S. Crouch 859613

## **Explorer Scouts**

Leader Mr C. Doll 859829

## **Family History**

Enquiries Mr. F. Long 850863

## **Fish Scheme**

Organising secretary Ms. M. Darby 850657

## **Flower Guild**

Parish Church Mrs. R. Long 850863

## **Friends of Harrietsham School**

Chairman Mrs. S. Oliver 07867 522434

## **Friends of St. John The Baptist Church**

Chairman Mr. Alan Clements 859321

Secretary Mr. P. Wallace 859693

## **Gardening Society Secretary**

Secretary Mrs. D. Dynes 859489

## **Girl Guides**

Leader Mrs. S. Morris 850948

## **Golf - Bill's Round for Charity**

Secretary Mr. R. Bevan 859310

## **Harrietsham in Bloom**

Chairman Mr. A. Rogers 859352

## **Harrietsham Club**

Secretary Mr. J. Stone 850893

## **Harrietsham Harriers FC**

Chairman Mr. R. Dayes 850203

## **Harrietsham History Society**

Chairman Mr. P. Brown 851075

## **Harrietsham Pre-School**

Manager Sam Bragg 851819

Chairperson Mr. R. Wickenden 07809 434049

## **Helpers**

Chairman Mr.T. Sams 859412



## Karate Club

Organiser Mr P. Larsen 727318

## Kent Messenger roundabout pages

Village correspondent Miss R. Sams 859412

Lenham Youth Centre Ms. Nicki Folland-Smith 859171

## Liberal Democrat Association

Mr. S. Morris 850948

## Mother and Toddler Group

Mrs. A. Pilcher 859622

## Network Magazine

Editor Mrs. R. Taylor 851701

## Parish Council

Clerk Mrs. A. Broadhurst 850089

## Rainbows

Leader Ms. A. Thompson 850935

## Remix Project

Co-ordinator Mr.T. Sams 859412

## Rural Community Warden

Mr. M. Sherwood 07977 981993

## St John Ambulance

Mrs. D. Bond 205452

## Scouts

Group leader Mr. E. Seales 859829

Leader Mr. N. Still 859789

## Short Mat Bowls

Secretary Mr. B. Rust 859556

## Swadelands School

Head Mr. R. Baddeley 858267

## Tennis Club

Chairman Mr. A. Rogers 859352

## Village halls

Bookings Mrs. S. Carey 07500 548806

## Whist Club

Mr. G. Booth 859255

## Wives Group

Leader Mrs. B. Kelly 853803

## Women's Institute

Secretary Mrs. J. Tabrett 859224

## Medical directory

Doctors Glebe Medical Centre 859204 or 858341

Health Visitor

Glebe Medical Centre 859204

1st Tues. 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Dentist Lenham 858204

Dentaline Out of hours emergency treatment  
01634 8903000

Hospitals

Maidstone General and Ophthalmic  
729000

Ashford William Harvey General  
01233 633331

## Councils

Member of Parliament

Mr. H. Robertson 851616

Kent County Council

County Hall 08458 247247

Maidstone Borough Council

All addresses 602000

## Emergencies

Police Emergencies only 999

Maidstone HQ 690690

Maidstone Palace Ave 690055

Samaritans 48 Grecian Street

674444,

674445

or 0845 909090

Citizens Advice Bureau

2 Bower Terrace, Maidstone

752420

Age Concern 753618

N.S.P.C.C. 0808 800 5000

Social Services (Enquiries)

Maidstone Area Office 691640

R.S.P.C.A. 24 hours 08705 555999

# April Diary

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Tue 2	5.45pm	LVBA Meeting, The Harrow Inn, Warren Street
Wed 3	8.00pm	Harrietsham Wives, Booth Hall (see p. 11)
Thur 4	2 - 4pm	Age UK Hub, Lenham Social Club
Fri 5	12 noon 7.30pm	Advertising deadline for May Network Whist Club, Village Hall
Sat 6	1.30pm	Nearly-new Sale, Scout Hut, Station Road
Wed 10	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM
Thur 11	2.00pm	Women's Institute, Village Hall
Fri 12	12 noon	Editorial deadline for May Network
Mon 15	7.30pm	History Society AGM, Primary School, West Street
Tue 16	7.30pm	Gardening Society, Village Hall
Wed 17	6.30pm	Auditions for Richard III, Hazlitt Theatre
Fri 19	11.30am 2.00pm 5.30pm 7.50pm	Pilates class starts, Village Hall Hope Springs} Labyrinth} Remix Film Club, Village Hall The Woman in Black}
Sat 20	9am prompt 4 - 6pm	Garden Soc. outing to Wisley leaves Village Hall Messy Church, St. Mary's, Lenham
Wed 24	8.00pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
Thur 25	2 - 4pm	60+ Young at Heart
Sun 28		Heart of Kent Hospice charity Cycle events
Mon 29 - Fri 3 May		Road Closure, Fairbourne Lane

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## Save the Date

May 5th	Bluebell Walk
May 9th	Ploughmans, Pimms, Pickles and Plant Sale
May 12th	School Summer Fayre
June 2nd	Harrietsham Big Lunch

## Annual Parish Council Meeting

at 8.00pm on Wednesday 24th April  
Harrietsham Village Hall

See Parish Council article on p.34 for more details.

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## Temporary Road Closure

**Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham - from 29th April for up to 5 days.**

The road will be closed outside "The Oast". The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, East Street, Sandway Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road. The closure is necessary to connect a water supply to the main to be carried out by South East Water.

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## Cancer Research UK North Downs Walk

**Date:** Sunday, June 30th 2013

**Venue:** Harrietsham Village Hall, Church Road, ME17 1AP

**Start from:** 7.30am

**Last registration:** 11am

**Website:** [www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk](http://www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk)

For further details phone the North Downs Walk-line on 01622 890650.

For 28 years the Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent has organised this event, which offers the option of a 3, 6 or 9 mile walk across the beautiful North Downs. On completion all walkers are given a free Ploughman's Lunch and strawberries and are entertained by a local Jazz Band.

Walkers may retain 50% of their sponsorship money for their own charity/ church/school etc. with the remainder going to CRUK. Alternatively, walkers may register at the Hall on the day for a minimum donation of £10 per person. See the website for Maps/Poster/Route Details/Registration forms etc., all of which may be downloaded.

To date this Walk has raised over £420,000 for local and national charities, with over £200,000 for CRUK alone.

# Harrietsham Network

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## Some Easter Customs

How much do you know about Easter? There are many ancient and religious connotations to the festival, uniting the theme of 'renewal', in different ways. What strikes me as important, is the fact that all our belief systems interlink with each other, uniting people across the ages.

Admittedly, my memories of Easter lie with eggs. Tiny foil-wrapped ones were hidden amongst the garden, more generous Cadbury's ones were displayed on our Easter lunch plates, not to forget the personalised caverns arrayed for eager young eyes to view, first thing on Easter morning. I hasten to add that it was always sunny, always bright and always hopeful. For many, Easter is MORE important than Christmas, if less widely celebrated. For, without Easter, there would be no Christian faith. Jesus Christ rose from the dead, commonly known as the 'Resurrection'. Thus, for Christians, Easter is a message of hope.

Easter week starts on Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter), where church goers often receive a small cross made of palms, symbolising Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. One very famous U.K. Easter tradition is the giving out of 'Maundy Money' by the Queen. Centuries ago it was tradition that the reigning King or Queen would wash the feet of a few poor people, the number of people being the same as the monarch's age. This was to remember that Jesus washed his disciples' feet before the Last Supper. Over the years the tradition has changed. Now the Queen, carrying a bouquet of sweet herbs, gives little purses of money to a few chosen men and women. The ceremony is held at Westminster Abbey, in London, every other year. In the years when it isn't held at Westminster Abbey, the Queen distributes the Maundy Money at different cathedrals in the country.

A lot of Churches hold special Good Friday services. Sometimes the congregation is led to the church by a person or group of people carrying a large wooden cross. This reminds them that Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday. Some believe that potatoes or parsley bring luck, if planted by a woman on Good Friday too ....

However, Pagan traditions reach far back into the chronicles of time. The goddess of spring, dawn and fertility was called 'Eostre'. People thought that the sun died in the winter and came back to life in the spring. Eggs, hares and rabbits have long been associated with fertility symbols. Eostra's consort was the Sun god; it is widely known that the first SUNDAY after the first full moon succeeding the vernal equinox was sacred to her. Since Easter also occurs in the early spring, people brought the beloved pagan symbols into the Christian celebration of Easter.

The first person in the UK to receive an official Easter Egg was Henry VIII. The Egg was sent by the Pope. Decorating Easter Eggs is a common tradition, particularly in the North of England, Scotland, the Isle of Man and Ireland. Decorated Eggs are sometimes called 'pace eggs' in these areas. The word 'pace' comes from the word 'pasche' meaning Passover. For Jews, it observes the story of the Exodus, in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. However, for Jews, and many other faiths, there is no Easter *per se*, as Jesus is not at the focus of their faith.

*Rachel Morgan*

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## April Informal service

Come along to our April informal service where we will continue to look at the Lord's Prayer. This month we are joined by the Archdeacon, the Venerable Stephen Taylor, who will be considering:

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**

The service will be at St John's Church, Harrietsham, on Sunday 28th April, at 6.30pm. Please do join us for praise and an informal communion.

If you would like a lift to Church, please telephone 01622 859442. Refreshments served afterwards. Everyone is welcome so please bring your families and friends.

If you would be interested in joining the planning group to have your say in future services, then please do join us.

*Pamela Cuerden*

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## Pink Ribbon walk

This year, for the very first time, the Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbon walk (in association with woman&home) comes to Leeds Castle; on Saturday 8th June you have the opportunity to take part in either a 10-mile or 20-mile walk through the glorious countryside around the Castle.

If you would like to take part, register at [www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk](http://www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk) or call 0870 145 0101 (quoting code CARE37 if you wish to be entered into a draw to win two tickets to their Carols by Candlelight Service in December 2013).

If you can't do the walk itself on the day perhaps you can volunteer to help instead with, for instance, registering participants, cheering them on or handing out medals at the finish. If you feel you could help, email [pinkribbonwalk@breastcancercare.org.uk](mailto:pinkribbonwalk@breastcancercare.org.uk) or ring 0870 145 0101.

# Snow Poems

The snow touched my feet.  
It pushed me down the hill.  
The snow whispered "come and play."  
The snow tried to bite my nose.

*By Crystal and Theo*

The pure white snow scattered  
frosty icicles on a fence.  
It painted the road with pearly snow.  
It grabbed a lot of gleaming snow flakes and  
sprinkled them over the brown tiled rooftop.  
The snow looked like a big cuddle blanket.  
It called "come and play with me".  
It nibbled at my long painted nails.  
The snow chewed at my short blue sleigh.  
It danced and twirled through the blue fresh air.

*By Alisha and Callum*

The white glittery snow pushed  
under a wooden bench.  
It scattered pearly snowflakes every where  
It grabbed my beautiful sledge.  
It sprinkled snow dust on my snowman.  
The snow called to the children "ssh."  
It said "go inside and play quietly."  
It shouted "come out side and play."  
It nibbled my freezing toes.

*By Jay and Ethan*

The snow sprinkled sparkly snowflakes everywhere.  
It scattered frosty ice across places and houses.  
It smoothed icy snow around the building.  
It painted a white blanket of sparkly snow on houses.  
The snow said "come and play" there is plenty of  
glittery snow for you.

*Elliott and Amy*

Thank you to the children in Year 2 and their teacher Mrs. Ali Waller-Davies  
for these lovely poems - sorry we couldn't fit more in!



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## “Send Vicki to Malawi”

*girls in the lead*

I would like to say a big thank you to all that attended my barn dance on Saturday 2nd March, we raised £280. I hope that everyone enjoyed the night as much as we all did.

Today I sent off the ‘bag2school’ bags, I should be able to let you know the total in next month’s Network.

Also I would like to say a huge thank you to those people that couldn’t make the events but have still donated. It is very much appreciated.

*Vicky Morris*

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## Yoga classes for April and May

Classes will be held in the village hall on Monday mornings 9.30 – 11 from 8th April through to 20th May; including the May Day holiday on 6th May (this date may give you an opportunity to come to this class if you are usually at work on a Monday).

Also within this period I am organising a ‘Gong Bath’ (no water or undressing required) on Sunday 28th April from 10 am. The cost for this is £7 and booking is essential. The Gongs bathe the human body in sound. It is like a very deep and lasting massage with sound. Due to the complexity and delicate nature of the tones, overtones and harmonics of the Gong’s sound your superficial thoughts are quietened, and you easily reach a much deeper consciousness. The usual result of a Gong Bath is that the person being ‘gonged’ feels very calm, relaxed and de-stressed, and often goes into a state of meditation automatically, where healing can more readily occur. Some physical aches and pains might have disappeared, or may lessen or vanish subsequently as the sounds of the Gong continue to do their work long after the Gong Bath has finished. This form of healing works on many levels: physical, mental, energetic, emotional and spiritual. Negativity and chaos are suspended, irregularity and resistance are cleared, and the whole being is reset to a state of harmony. The Gong is a very, very powerful instrument for healing.

For more information please call me on 850381.

*Susan Burch*

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## Fish Scheme

**Alms Houses:** Some newcomers to the Village may not be aware that there are twelve Alms Houses in East Street. These are now owned by the Cutbush and Corral Charity which also manages many in Maidstone Borough. From time to time vacancies occur and the Charity is aware that it may be difficult for that information to become known to villagers quickly and efficiently. To that end they have provided me with Application Forms which I can pass on to anyone interested in a vacancy either immediately or at some time in the future. If you think this may be of interest to you do please contact me to obtain a Form, and if it is appropriate to place your name on the waiting list. This will not commit you in any way. I am very keen that villagers have the opportunity of considering staying in the Village if this is their wish.

**Helpers:** The Helper List has been updated and will be circulated to the Contact Persons, either by e-mail or hand delivered. Again for those who are not aware the Fish Scheme provides transport to surgeries and similar essential appointments and local hospitals.

**Contact Persons:** These cover a specific area of the Village, either one or two roads and are responsible for welcoming new residents, giving them the Welcome to Harrietsham Booklet (soon to be updated) and offering a welcome entry in Network. If you think you may benefit from any service we are offering, again do please get in touch with your Contact or ring me to discuss. We thank Peggy Simmons for holding the role in Forge Meadow for many years and are seeking another resident to take this on. For the time being Helen Hubble will add this to her list!

So that you are all aware of your Contact Person the list covering the Village is printed this month.

**Social Activities:** As well as providing transport and support for essential tasks we put on social activities which change from time to time. The Luncheon Group which runs through the winter months is ending for the summer and we are introducing a new social activity. We plan for this to take place **monthly** on the **second Wednesday** and it will be called Elevenses. Martin Sherwood, the Community Support Officer, will be our Games Guru for seated games and will manage that side of it. We will start this month on 10th April. This will be in the Booth Hall and transport can be provided for you, if required. Do let me know if you think this would be of interest to you, or you may wish to volunteer your services of support. That would be great!



**Seated Exercise Class:** Brighter Futures are running a class in the Booth Hall every Wednesday morning and there are vacancies if you would like to find out more about it. This increases mobility in a gentle way. Again just ring me for more information and I will contact Amanda Duddle at Brighter Futures for you.

*Marjorie Darby*  
*Organising Secretary 850657 or mldd@talktalk.net*

## List of Contact Persons

1	Garden of England/Forstal Lane/Greenwood Forstal	Frank & Rita Long	850863
2	Goddington/Holm Mill	Brenda Davis	859399
3	Baldwin's Place	Rita Norris	859515
4	West Street South	Suzanne Beale	859750
5	Wheelwrights	Christine McNamarra	859322
6	West Street North /Station Road /Cutbush Close	Pat King	851843
7	West Street, Nos. 24-86	Helen Hubble	859692
8	Willow Close	Coral Packham	851383
9	Forge Meadow	Helen Hubble	859692
10	Quested Way	Chantal Miette	859597
11	Ivens Way	Janet Hall	859487
12	Cricketers Close	Kathy Campbell	858064
13	Hook Lane/Ashford Road West & The Hampshires	Jill Bishop	850921
14	Polhill	Suzanne Walsh	859346
15	Fairbourne Lane	Margot Lawlor	859477
16	Ashford Rd.mid/Taylor Close/Church Lane 1-10	Michael Gear & Denise Williams	859410
17	Bailies Court/The Old Bailey/ Marsham Close	Roger Martin	850616
18	Church Lane, part & Northdowns View	Brenda Martin	850427
19	Church Crescent/Old Lain	Michelle Saunders	858376
20	Ashford Road South/Dickley Hill	Jackie Bevan	859310
21	Downlands	Elaine Bell	859165
22	St. Welcumes Way	Sandra Jane	850006
23	Chippendayle Drive	Yvonne Keeling	851362
25	East Street/Rectory Lane	Frances Sharp	859798
26	Sandway/Stubble Hill/Runham Lane	Vi Booth	859255
27	Lakelands	Margaret Campbell	859262
28	Pilgrims Lakes	Melanie Turner	859953
29	Harrison Drive	Susan Allchorne	851601
30	Church Road/Court Lodge Road	Gio Clements	859321

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31	Marley Road/Dickley Lane	Andrew Rogers	859352
32	Mercer Drive	David Essex	858636
33	Pilgrims Way	Sue McGinty	859719
34	Stede Hill/Dean Hill	Sue Wood	859638
35	Colesdane	Barbara Kelly	853803
36	Hogbarn Lane	Dot Sams	859412

*Updated March 2013*

*Marjorie Darby, Organising Secretary  
Tel. 01622 850657, mldd@talktalk.net*

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## Parish Council News

### Annual Parish Council Meeting

It is proposed to hold this year's Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 24th April 2013, so please note this date in your diary. The event will be held at 8pm in the Village Hall and will once again focus on Harrietsham's Neighbourhood Plan (Harrietsham 2022). It is our intention for Richard Eastham from FERIA Urbanism to present the planning policies which will form the plan, and the Parish Council will be looking for feedback to ensure that everyone is happy with the policies.



It is vital that residents are involved in this process and the Parish Council hope that you will come along to see how the plan has progressed.

### Planning Matters (from February's meeting)

#### **Planning Decisions – Outstanding with MBC**

MA/09/0450 – Mill House, Fairbourne Lane

Listed buildings consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension to provide a conservatory and lobby area and relocation of existing internal staircase to original position.

#### **HPC Recommendation: Approval**

MA/11/1393 – Station Yard, Station Road

An application for discharge of conditions relating to MA/08/0497 (Change of use of existing tram shed to light industrial (B1) with first floor extension and new roof and erection of two light industrial (B1) units) being details of condition 3 – boundary treatments and condition 4 - landscaping

#### **HPC Recommendation: Refusal**

MA/11/2154 – A20 Northside, Ashford Road

Application for the erection of 10 houses with access road and parking facilities (revision to the design of approved application MA/06/2057)

#### **HPC Recommendation: Currently with Planning Committee**

## MA/12/1518 – The Mellows, Marley Road

Application for the removal of conditions 1 and 2 of permission MA/09/1510 (Retrospective planning permission for change of use of land for residence by a gypsy family including stationing of one mobile home, one touring caravan, use of former stable building as ancillary to mobile home and associated works including fencing and hard standing) to allow a permanent permission

**HPC Recommendation: *Refusal***

## MA/12/1699 – Broomfields, Hogbarn Lane

Extension and conversion of stables to form two holiday lets

**HPC Recommendation: *Refusal***

## MA/12/1784 – 9 St Welcomes Way

Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey attached replacement garage and front porch extension

**HPC Recommendation: *Refusal***

## MA/12/1910 – Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Advertisement consent to display one externally illuminated pole-mounted sign

**HPC Recommendation: *Refusal***

## MA/13/0062 – 7 Rectory Lane

First floor side extension

**HPC Recommendation: *Refusal***

## TA/0008/13 – Hawthorn House, Ashford Road

TPO No 7 of 1999: an application for consent to crown reduce one Field Maple and three Sycamores by 50%

**HPC Recommendation: *Approval***

## MA/12/2140 - School House, Ashford Road

Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission MA/08/1767 (Residential development of Harrietsham old school site, including the refurbishment of the existing main building into 2 No. two bedroom units with additional garage. Refurbishment of existing kitchen house into 1 No. two bedroom unit with integral garage. The erection of 3 No. three bedroom dwellings with garages and 3 No. two bedroom dwellings with garages) to extend the time limit for implementation

**HPC Recommendation: *Approval***

## TA/0007/13 – The Church of The Good Shepherd, 5 Rectory Lane

Conservation area notification: East Street, Harrietsham. Notification of intention to remove a cherry tree and crown thin by 15% one lime tree

**HPC Recommendation: *Currently with Planning Committee***

## **Planning Decisions – Granted by MBC**

### MA/12/0378 – Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Erection of shop and office building

### MA/12/2281 – 17 Baldwin's Place

Erection of a rear conservatory

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## Found

A silver necklace, which was found in the Village Hall car park, has been handed in to the Parish Office. If you believe this could be yours, please contact Amanda in the Parish Office on 850089.

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## Meet your Parish Councillor (4)

### Dennis Clifton

I have always lived in rural areas in Derbyshire, Cheshire and, latterly, South Wales from which I moved to Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham with my wife Sue and daughter Emma in 1998.

Sue is an Operations Manager for a Charity and Emma is a Talent Resourcing Manager for News International.

I am a mechanical engineer by profession and training and now run my own consultancy business mainly for the food manufacturing industry.

In the belief that Councillors represent the community, I became a Parish Councillor in 1999 and am currently the joint longest serving member. During this time, I accepted the role of Chairman for some 9 or more years, finally handing over the reins some 4 years ago.

I have tried to be an active member in all aspects of the Parish Council and some of my favourite projects have been the purchase of the Glebe Field, acquiring a new school, creating a Parish Plan, supporting the Remix project, and provision of a new recreation ground.

I find the role of Councillor interesting, frustrating and rewarding and approach it by being fair yet task focused, recognising that some decisions will not always please everyone in the community.

I look forward to continuing my work as part of the Parish Council team and the local community in progressing the newest challenge, The Neighbourhood Plan, and all other initiatives that will enhance the quality of life in our community, whilst maintaining our unique rural aspect.

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## Council corner

In last month's magazine I wrote about an issue in Lenham around the doctors' surgery, Community Centre and parking. I felt that the matter would impact on Harrietsham residents who inevitably visit the surgery or Community Centre. On Friday 1st March I had to take my son to the doctors. KCC had hired the Community Centre and parking was horrendous. 113 vehicles parked wherever they could, excluding those spaces designated to staff associated with the surgery. Cars parked on grass and along Groom Way and onto the Old Ashford road junction. Vehicles trying to enter Groom Way were met by vehicles trying to exit; cars reversing back onto Old Ashford Road were met by cars travelling along Old Ashford Road; cars exiting Groom Way experienced difficulties because the sight lines were compromised due to cars parking either side of this junction. In all it was a chaotic and dangerous situation. I am afraid we cannot change permissions granted, but there needs to be a look at alleviating this problem which I am afraid will only worsen as the development comes to fruition. I am concerned for the elderly and those with mobility issues in particular.

Ironically, a Harrietsham resident wrote to me as she saw me counting cars. She said "I found there were an enormous number of cars parked on one side all the way along the road leading up to the doctors which made it impossible to see if there was a car coming the other way, and if there had been, making it near impossible to pull over anywhere in order to pass each other. This number of parked cars is dangerous and made it very difficult to navigate along that road, and when I eventually reached the car park I found nowhere to park. Cars were doubled in some spaces and there was a white van parked in one of the disabled spaces (no obvious blue badge). My worry is that if the new development has to use the same road access or has insufficient parking spaces planned, the residents will have no option but to park in the doctors' car park or along the road leading to it making access to the doctors very difficult, in particular for those with small children, the elderly or disabled."

I hope that these matters can be resolved soon.

*Tom Sams, Borough Councillor  
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## Summer Playscheme - save the dates

The Playscheme this summer will run for two weeks, from Monday 29th July until Friday 9th August - more details in next month's Network.

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The date of the auditions is 17th April at the Hazlitt Theatre. It's an open workshop audition and you should turn up for registration at 6.30pm and be picked up at 8.30pm.

So what happens at the audition?

We will play lots of games, work with some script and in the end you will all be auditioned and two of you will be chosen to come along and take part in this exciting show, working with professional actors on stage in front of lots of people. After you have been chosen you will be asked to come to a rehearsal in June with the actors and then along to the performance, early in the afternoon to rehearse.

Mums and Dads have a part to play in this too. One of them will have to come along to the show and be backstage with you during the performance as chaperones, so it will be an insight to the workings of a professional touring Shakespeare for them too!

The dates of the shows you will be needed for are :

5th-7th July/ 9 – 11th August Boughton Monchelsea Place (8 performances)

9th July Mote Park– 7.30pm

21st July Dandelion Time East Farleigh – 7.30pm

27th July Oast House Loose – 7.30pm

3rd August Hillside Loose .7.30pm

7th August Tithe Barn Lenham 7.30pm



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As Spring approaches, many people start turning their thoughts towards home improvements and those little jobs that have been put off over the winter, but fire crews are urging residents to take sufficient safety steps to prevent their 'Do-it-Yourself' (DIY) efforts leading to disaster.

Some DIY activities can increase the risk of fire and injury in the home. These range from fires ignited by blow torches being used to strip paint, to fires caused by faulty electrical equipment which may have been stored in a damp garage or shed over the winter period.

Community Safety Manager, Stuart Skilton, said: "Whether it's improving the kitchen, fixing up the spare room, or simply cutting the grass, accidents can happen when safety advice is ignored. The message from Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is therefore; if you are going to do it yourself – do it safely.

"People often make mistakes when they are either tired or trying to get jobs finished quickly. Always ensure that the task is within your capabilities and that you take professional advice when required."

He added: "If you are carrying out DIY, this is an ideal time to fit a smoke alarm in your property. Just three breaths of fire smoke can prove fatal, making a smoke alarm an essential safety feature in your home. If you already have a smoke alarm, ensure it is clear from dust and that the batteries are working."

To help avoid a DIY disaster always:

- Check you have the correct tools for the job
- Keep children and pets safe and remove any obstructions from your workplace
- When checking or repairing electrical tools always turn them off at the mains
- Flammable liquids should be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- Before attempting to drill holes, check for electrical wiring running behind walls
- Fit smoke alarms on each level of your home and test them weekly

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## Maths Matters

### Tom's Number

"Guess my number," said Tom, "I'll only answer yes or no."

"OK. Is it less than 1000?" "No."

"Is it less than 2000?" "Yes."

"Is it even?" "No."

"So it's an odd number between 1000 and 2000?"

"Yes, but you knew that already. It's a wasted question!"

"Is it divisible by 3?" "No."

"Is it divisible by 5?" "No."

"Is it divisible by 7?" "Yes."

"If I divide it by 7 do I get a number that is less than 100?"

"No."

"Do I get a number that is less than 200?" "Yes."

"Ah!  $100 \times 7 = 700$  and  $200 \times 7 = 1400$ . So your number is less than 1400?"

"Yes, but that's another wasted question."

"Ha! 14 squared is 196. So your number is 7 times the product of two prime numbers less than 14?"

"Yes."

"I am sure I know your number and this question is just checking. Is your number palindromic? Does it read the same in both directions?"

"Yes."

What was Tom's number?

*Answer next month.*

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*Answers to last month's puzzles:*

Would You Rather...

1. Have 10% of £5 or 75% of 80p?

10% of £5 is 50p; 75% of 80p is 60p. I'd rather have the latter.

2. Have 60% of 2 pizzas or 26% of 5 pizzas?

60% of 2 is 1.2 and 26% of 5 is 1.3. Again, I'd rather have the latter.

3. Get bitten by 15% of 120 mosquitoes or by 8% of 250 mosquitoes?

15% of 120 is 18 and 8% of 250 is 20. I'd prefer the first.

4. Skip with a rope 54% of 105cm long or with one 88% of 2.75m long?

54% of 105cm is 56.7cm, and 88% of 2.75m is 2.42m = 242cm.

I'd prefer using the longer rope.

5. Get stuck in a traffic jam lasting 33% of 2 hours or 44% of 1 hr 40 mins?

33% of 120 minutes is 40 minutes, and 44% of 100 minutes is 44 minutes. I'd prefer neither!

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# Harrietsham Network

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## Harrietsham Big Lunch

**Save the date: Sunday 2nd June, 12 noon - 3pm**  
**Lunch at 12.30pm**

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

The Harrietsham Big Lunch will be held in and around the village hall and we hope as many people as possible will take part. In the spirit of simplicity that is central to the idea we invite everyone who comes to bring 'a picnic plus a bit to share' and that way we hope that we can include everyone, even those who just turn up out of curiosity on the day!

There will be games, there will be activities for the youngsters, but chiefly it's about having the chance to meet your neighbours and fellow-villagers and get to know them a bit better.

More information in next month's Network.

*Liz Holland, 858081*  
*Rosi Taylor, 851701*

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*The Editor*

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