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From the Editorial Team

We hope you are enjoying your summer holidays. There are still special events to come. You will find the August events and activities here in Network.

We warmly welcome **J Daniel Benjamin** to the editorial team this month. You can see his contributions from page 11 - 13 and on page 33. Well done Dan.

Harrietsham Gardening Society will hold its 74th Annual Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show at Harrietsham Village Hall on Saturday 7 September 2019. Please check the Gardening Society's website <http://harrietshamgardeningssociety.org/AnnualShow.htm> for details and please make sure to get your entries in on time. Representatives of the Network editorial team will be there to take photographs and get details of the best entries of the day.

This month several of our clubs and societies are having a summer break and will be back in September. Details are on the club pages. They would all love to welcome new members and warmly invite new and old residents to come and join them.

The Editorial Team

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Well done! Your efforts are so very much
appreciated.



Teers Meadow

Harrietsham Parish Council is delighted to announce they have been awarded £40,900 by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to safeguard and manage Teers Meadow. The aim of the project is to encourage and educate local residents, and the wider area, of the benefits of caring for our unique landscape. Teers Meadow has many interesting species of plants such as the common spotted orchid, pyramidal orchid and twayblades. It is also home to protected reptiles including the slow-worm and viviparous lizard.

The project will begin in the autumn of 2019 by installing new post and rail fencing and access gates and by removing some of the bushes that are taking over the site. Once secure, grazing cattle will be moved in to clear the grassland so that rare chalk grassland plants can flourish.

Parish Council Chairman, Eddie Powell said “This is a very exciting project for Harrietsham. We are fortunate to live in a village on the edge of the Kent Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and this will encourage residents of all ages to look and appreciate the countryside in which we live. Volunteers wishing to take part should contact harrietshampc@aol.com”

The Parish Council wish to thank Harrietsham Primary School, Marjorie Darby (who is a Health Walk Leader) and our local Scouts Group in supporting our bid for National Lottery funding. We are particularly grateful to the Kent Field Club for their valuable input in assisting us in winning this grant. The Kent Field Club Secretary commented “The reintroduction of grazing and the thinning of the scrub will begin to return this site to favourable condition and will make a valuable contribution to restoring one of these precious remnants of chalk grassland”.

Craft & Chat and Crafternoon

We are having a break during August and will be back in September

NEW.....Pages for the Young and Young at Heart.....by J Daniel Benjamin

Hi Everyone,

I'm J Daniel Benjamin, and am the new member of the Editorial Team. Ann Brown, one of the former editors, is my mum. I used to help her out with the magazine and am looking forward to continuing to assist with the production of our village magazine, having now officially joined the team.

I will be responsible for our social media presence, as well as writing a review or two for the magazine, my main focuses being music (including local gigs) and film. I'll also be looking at TV shows, games and youth clubs and activities. I may also throw in the odd recipe - I love cooking up something new.

If you haven't done so already, please follow us on Facebook and give the 'Harrietsham Fish Scheme - Helping Hands' page a 'like'. We would really appreciate your support with this new venture.

As this is the first time you've heard from me, I'd like say that I would like to hear from you too. Please let me know if there's anything you would like me to follow or write about.

J Daniel Benjamin

NEW..... Youth Hub for the Local Area

It was announced at the end of June that there was a new youth group starting at Harrietsham Village Hall on Mondays from 6.30pm till 8.00pm for the young people of Harrietsham and Lenham. Harrietsham Fish Scheme and Network Magazine hope to help with volunteering in this new venture in the area by Kent County Council. If you would like more information on the club, please get in contact or check out our Facebook page which has the relevant links and information.

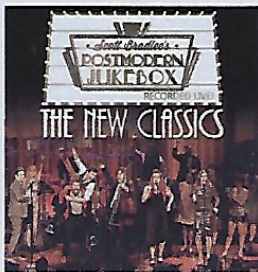
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Music *by J Daniel Benjamin*

When Jan, our new Network Editor, asked me to write about music, I thought to myself that it was fantastic... I then realised that even though I love music, I'd never actually written anything about it, so here goes.

Here are my picks of the month. I hope you enjoy them. This month I have gone with suggesting artists that I've recently found and enjoy.

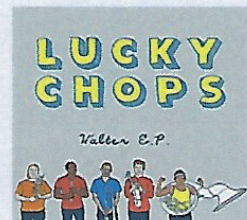
First up is Natalie Evans, a lovely lady who I have had the pleasure of working with, and whose music I have just recently properly discovered. Not only is she fantastic at inspiring young people, she is also an amazingly talented musician having mastered not only voice, but also guitar, harp and piano. One of my favourites by Natalie is 'Hard To Forget' from the 2018 Album 'Better at Night' on the Small Pond label. Natalie writes her own music.



Next up this month is Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox, a rolling collective founded in 2011 reworking popular modern music into different vintage genres, especially early 20th century forms such as swing and jazz. The most notable ones I've heard being Lady Gaga's 'Bad Romance' and Cyndi Lauper's 'Time After Time.'

This month's music is all very chilled, perfect for a lazy Sunday afternoon.

My third choice this month falls into the same category. Lucky Chops are a horn-based ensemble known for their 'infectious live busking performances' in New York. I came across them as a trumpeter and fell in love with their instrumental covers of well-known chart songs like Adele's 'Hello,' along with their compilations, the most notable being 'Danza 2016.'



Please check out our Facebook page for links to these artists or see next page for discography.

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3. Lucky Chops photo is the 2017 Walter – EP Album on the Lucky Chops label. Hello (Adele) 2015 and Danza 2016 are on YouTube and were both released as singles in 2016.

Harrietsham Gardening Society

The Annual Summer show was the focus of our June meeting with a magnificent display of roses, sweet peas, shrubs, perennials, fruit and vegetables. There were an excellent 92 separate entries from 18 members and judging was a very difficult matter. The outcome was that Barbara Incedon secured the trophy for most points in the show with 16 points, closely followed with a tie for second place, each with 12 points, for Angela Gatland and Ken Leach. The trophy for best specimen rose was won by George Evans who also did a stupendous job with the prize cards. The trophy for best exhibit in show was awarded to Ken Leach for his 3 annual sweet peas. Whilst the judging took place members were entertained to a short video of the trip to Hyde Hall last April.

There is no meeting in August but hopefully your preparations are all under way for the Annual Show on Saturday 7 September. Details are on our website and Schedules and entry forms are available around the village or ask a committee member.

Kevin Harlock

Harrietsham in Bloom

The planters continue to give a good colourful display despite the drought conditions. We are grateful to Direct Enviro from Tenterden who come with their bowser and give the plants a much needed drink.

The collection boxes in the village yielded £175.77 since last being emptied. Our thanks to the Co-op, Salon 62, Post Office, Roebuck and the village shop for displaying the boxes and to everyone who contributed to them.

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Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club

In June we had our club's summer carvery meal at the Weald of Kent Golf Club. The food was excellent with good service. It was a very nice afternoon talking to our friends away from the bowling. Our friendly games against other clubs have been going well with 7 wins and only 2 losses. Well done! If you fancy a game come along, we always welcome new members.

Steve Brown

Harrietsham History Society

On Wednesday 12 June a small group of members met at the new Biggin Hill Museum which opened its doors to visitors for the first time on 2 February 2019 following a 16-month construction project.

On arriving at the entrance we found it guarded by a full sized replica Supermarine Spitfire and Hawker Hurricane. Both types of WW2 fighter aircraft flew from Biggin Hill in wartime. The Museum is on the same site as the St Georges RAF Chapel of Remembrance built in 1951 to preserve the legacy of those who served and died at Biggin Hill during the Second World War.

On entering the Museum we were welcomed by volunteers who demonstrated how to use the free portable information guide, although most of us found it easier to walk through the Museum reading all of the information on the displays and collections which tell the story of Britain's most famous fighter station through the personal experiences of those who served there and the community that supported them.

The last RAF unit left Biggin Hill in October 1992 when the Selection Centre moved to RAF Cranwell. Today, the RAF's 75 year tenure at Biggin Hill and the 454 allied aircrew who were killed during WW2 while operating from the Biggin Hill Sector are commemorated in St George's Royal Air Force Chapel of Remembrance. The Chapel, which is still an active church, was built and dedicated in 1951. This replaced the first station church which was destroyed by fire in 1946. The present Chapel retains some of the internal appearance of the original church, and has exceptionally fine stained glass windows, designed by Hugh Easton, as well as a number of other interesting artefacts. Thousands of people visit the chapel each year, and in addition to regular weekly services, special commemorative services are held on Battle of Britain Sunday and Remembrance Sunday.

We ended our visit with refreshments in the small café and all agreed it had been a very worthwhile visit.

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Michael Gear

Harrietsham Wives Group

In July we had an outing to Kenward Trust in Yalding. Some of our members had asked to visit as this had been one of the charities that we supported in the previous year.

It was a lovely afternoon and the staff at the Trust made us extremely welcome. We started with a delicious tea, assorted sandwiches (with the crusts removed!) scones with cream and jam and a lovely array of cakes. We then had a talk about the work of the trust given by one of the staff. The Trust was started 50 years ago by Mr & Mrs Sinden when they realised the need for homeless people to have somewhere to stay so that they could try to turn their lives around. They can have a total of 19 residents (9 men and 10 women) at any one time and they usually come for an initial stay of 12 weeks. Since its beginning the trust has grown to include helping people with addictions such as drink and drugs. They have access to counselling services but they are also given the opportunity to learn life skills. They are encouraged to do things such as woodworking, craft making and gardening during their time at the house and there was evidence of their work in the shop, which is in the house. Some of the residents are self funding, some come through social services but the Trust also relies heavily on donations from groups such as ours and fund raising by various activities during the year.

Once the talk had finished we all had a look round the shop which was selling a wide variety of goods and then went on a woodland walk round the grounds. We met the alpacas who were looking very smart with their shorn coats, the goats, the chickens and the ducks. A veritable menagerie – all cared for by the residents. This was a good outing thoroughly enjoyed by all the members who went.

Our next meeting is in September which will be our 'Members Evening' when we will be exploring the many varied talents of our ladies. We are always happy to welcome new members to our meetings at the Booth Hall on the first Wednesday of the month.

Katherin Daking

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- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
- 6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 18th August

- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship
- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st August

- 11.00 am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 25th August

- 8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service
- 9.30 am Lenham: Big Breakfast Service
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

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News from Harrietsham School

The end of a term.....the end of the year.....the end of an era
These three phrases sum up the news from the school!

Once again it has been a busy term with all the classes involved in a wide variety of activities as well as their usual class lessons.

Year 6 completed their Bikeability week with many of them being seen riding round the village – it was good to see how their confidence grew as the week progressed. All of the year groups had a trip to Lenham library to have a look round and to encourage more of them to use the brilliant facilities that this offers. The older children also had a trip to Canterbury Cricket Ground to watch Kent and Somerset. Not only were they able to watch the players while warming up and during the game, but they also had the opportunity to participate in coaching sessions in batting, fielding & running and also to see who could bowl the ball fastest.

Some of the children competed in a football tournament at Lenham School and although they did not win, they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Then at the end of June it was time for Sports Day. Mrs Frost and her helpers had organised a variety of activities for KS1 to do in the playground and for KS2 in the field. The children had to try their hands at running, catching, pegging socks on a line, jumping & skipping amongst other things. Then in the afternoon there were the traditional races again on the field. From Reception to Year 6 the children took part in skipping, the egg & spoon race, balancing a quoit on their heads & running, having the opportunity to compete both as a team member and as an individual: against others and against themselves trying to beat their own score.

Once again the PTFA provided lollies for each child at the end of Sports Day. They also organised and ran a very successful May Fayre which raised much needed funds for the school. They also were successful in their bid to have a charity collection at the local Waitrose which raised more money during June.

Aside from all the sporting activities Mrs Holland once again organised the Big Sing and the children from KS1 & Early Years performed in a concert at the end of the day. All the parents who came to watch enjoyed an excellent and very lively performance.

In addition various educational visits have been undertaken to a number of different venues which include the Museum of Kent Life, Dover Museum, Wingham Wildlife Park and a hike to Hollingbourne complete with a pre-arranged ice cream van! Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to go bowling and enjoy lunch out in Maidstone to mark the end of their time at Harrietsham School.

Harrietsham Network

As well as all these extra activities the children from Year 6 took their SATS tests and the children from Year 1 did their Phonics tests. The teachers work very hard to make sure that all the children can participate in these to the best of their ability.

Then it came to the end of term service in the Church and the opportunity to say goodbye to all the children from Year 6 who will be moving onto their new schools in September. It was also time to say goodbye to Ms Oliver who is leaving the school after 4 years as the Headteacher. The whole school, including parents & friends, had attended a celebration picnic the previous day which was followed by a presentation to Ms Oliver where she was asked to cut some very special cakes! The whole school wished her well as she starts her retirement.

The children then left to start their summer holidays and they will return in September with a new Acting Headteacher, Mrs Waller-Davies.

Katherin Daking

WI

Saturday 8th June we had an outing to the Peony Farm at Thurnham. The farm is in a lovely spot way up on top of the downs and we managed to dodge the showers to look round the rows of glorious flowers. Many of the beautiful varieties were on sale as large potted plants. A very nice tea and cake was laid on in the barn. An enjoyable afternoon.

The speaker for our June meeting unfortunately was unable to come but we still enjoyed the afternoon with lots of tea, biscuits and chat. There is no meeting in August and the September 12 meeting will include a talk about the Air Ambulance, which should be very interesting.

Chris Bone

Young At Heart 60+

Our next meeting is Thursday 16 August 2019 at Lenham Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. We will be having our strawberry tea. Please make sure Jenny has your name for a place that day otherwise we won't be able to seat you.

Len Valley Community Hub Club

Our next meeting is Thursday 1 August 2019 2.00-4.00pm at the Social Club. We hope that Sixpenny Piece will be with us and maybe we will have a singalong.

Many thanks to all our helpers. If you need to contact us for Young at Heart 60+ or Hub Club please call Jenny 01622 859208 or Nina 01622 851970.

Nina

Harrietsham Day by Day

(T = term time only)

SUNDAY

Tennis Club (May-Sept)	2.30pm	Booth Field	
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MONDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Yoga Classes	9.30am - 11am	Ambrose Hall	T
Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm - 4.30pm	Ambrose Hall	
Brownie Guides	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Booth Hall	T
Youth Hub	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Village Hall	
History Society (3 rd Mon)	7.30pm	Village Hall	

TUESDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Art Classes (Improvers)	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Booth Hall	T
Beavers (age 6-8)	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Scout HQ Station Road	
Cub Scouts	6.30pm - 8pm	Lenham Primary School	T
Tennis Club (May-Sept)	6.30pm	Booth Field	
Gardening Society (3 rd Tues)	7.30pm	Ambrose Hall	
Guides	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Booth Hall	T
Lenham Youth Centre	7 - 9pm	Swadelands	T
Bell Ringing Practice	7.30pm - 9pm	Bell Tower	

WEDNESDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Elevenes (2 nd Wed)	10.30am - noon	Booth Hall	
Mobile Library (fortnightly)	1.40pm - 2.10pm	P.O. West Street	
Tai Chi Class	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Ambrose Hall	
Ballet Academy	4.00 - 4.40pm	Village Hall	T
Karate Club	6pm - 7.30pm	Ambrose Hall	
Wives Group (1 st Wed)	8pm - 10pm	See magazine entry	
Parish Council (last Wed)	7.30pm	Booth Hall	

THURSDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Baby, Toddler and Parent Group	9.30am - 11.30am	Ambrose Hall	T
Women's Institute (2 nd Thurs)	2.00pm	Booth Hall	
Rainbows (alt weeks)	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Booth Hall	T
Tennis Club (May-Sept)	6.30pm	Booth Field	
Explorers (Scouts)	7.15pm - 9.30pm	Kingswood Scout HQ	
Short Mat Bowls	6.30pm - 10pm	Ambrose Hall	
Choir Practice	6.15pm	Parish Church	
Pub Quiz	8.30pm	Roebuck	

FRIDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Coffee Morning	10am - noon	Booth Hall	
Scouts	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Scout HQ Station Road	

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August Diary

Thurs 1 Aug 12 noon Advertising deadline for August Network

Fri 9 Aug 12 noon Copy deadline for August Network

Sat 10 12.00 - 2.00pm Ploughman's Platterday. St John the Baptist Church

Fri 16 1.45pm Harrietsham Film Club, Harrietsham Village Hall

Sun 18 3.00 - 5.00pm Cream Tea at Parkwood Trout Farm

Village Events Diary - for Your use!

Did you know? A diary is available in the Post Office for groups or individuals to enter event dates and information that would be helpful to other villagers.

Harrietsham Village Hall Trust



Steve Brown was elected Chairman on 13 June 2019, with a full and completely new committee supporting him. He has indicated that, in co-operation with the Parish Council, Harrietsham Village Hall will be managed in an open and transparent way for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Harrietsham.

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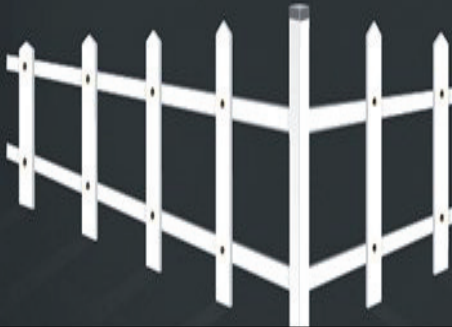
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Countryways Quilters and Stitchers

We've had a disjointed few months with members away or sick and everyone started making their strip quilted bags at different times. I really hope everyone has had time to finish them off by now, because ready or not it's August. In August we start on our last quilt of the year. This one is a variation on a log cabin, and is called "Under the Stars". A quilt for a child's bed.

On Tuesday August 6 we will start putting the blocks together. You should all have completed your cutting out at home so that we can get straight into learning the construction method. You should all have had your supplies list and cutting instructions long before now. If you haven't, contact me.

We meet again on Wednesday 21 to continue. Hopefully your blocks are finished and you can lay them all out to get them in order for making up rows and then joining the rows together. Next month we will be embroidering the child's prayer on the border and getting the quilt all put together. We are in the Appleton room at the Lenham Community Centre from 1:30 to 4:30.

If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2019 Program please contact me, Pamela Gillard at 01233 879507 or e-mail moonbeamspinner@gmail.com

Charing Farmers Market

The Market meets every Thursday 9:30 to 11:30, with our usual stalls of plants, produce, and preserves, (the three p's). And of course our Butcher stall and Baked goods stall for your weekly staples. And to keep it interesting we have alternating craft stalls filled with knitted things, textile crafts, paper crafts like cards and tags, and hand spun yarn for knitting your own scarves and pom-pom hats with patterns and needles included. There is even knitting bags and baskets to keep it all in when you are on the go, or sitting with your feet up.

Come check us out. There are always refreshments available. I will be there spinning on Aug 8 and 22 along with my handspun yarn, quilts, cushions and bags.

We are all in the Church Barn. To find us come park by the church in Market Square, then take the footpath along the left to the barn.

See you soon?

Pamela Gillard

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Church Fete

The Friends of St. John's committee would like to say a big thank you to all the helpers and volunteers who helped out at the church fete on the 22 June. Photos on page 36. Particular thanks to those who made and donated homemade cakes for sale, the Wives Group who manned the refreshments and cake stall, the Village Hall Trust for the loan of the tables, Angela and Clive for the BBQ, Rodney Bridges for the music and there are so many more – you know who you are!

We would also like to thank the businesses in the village, The Taste of Bengal, Lee Davey, The Co-op and Parkwood Trout Farm for their generous donations of raffle prizes and everyone else who donated gifts and prizes.

The weather was kind and a good time was had by all. The amount raised on the day was £890.73 which will go towards the upkeep of our beautiful village church.

N.B. A lady named Sharon from Pilgrims Retreat won a prize in the raffle. Unfortunately she did not leave a contact number on her tickets. If she, or anyone who knows her, would care to get in touch then arrangements could be made for its collection. Also, many thanks to her for coming and helping set up in the morning.

100 Club Draw

Result of the Thirty-first draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on 8 June 2019 at the Ploughman's Platter lunch event under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator).

110 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £110

First prize £55.00 – number 80 – Chris Harbord

Second prize £33.00– number 70 – David Lowry

Third prize £21.60 – number 95 – Pauline Harris

For further information and details of how to become a member of this growing club - contact the Administrator, Chris Roots on 01622 851885

Ploughman's Platterday

Don't forget to come along to the next Ploughman's lunch which will be held in the church on Saturday 10 August between 12 noon and 2pm. Cheese and pate with crusty bread. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available. Everyone welcome!

Cream Tea at Parkwood Trout Farm

Come and join us for a Cream Tea (scones, jam and cream), plus tea and coffee at Parkwood Trout Farm on Sunday, 18 August, 3pm – 5pm. Ticket only entry - £5. Numbers are limited. Please contact Denise 01622 859410 or Helen 01622 859692 for more details.

Len Valley Guiding

It may be the summer holidays, but GirlGuiding doesn't stop! Whether it be days out, camps, sorting out equipment or planning future trips and meetings, the organisation keeps moving even if the weekly meetings have paused.

The Lenham and Harrietsham Guides will be attending the "Wellies and Wristbands" Camp in Hampshire later this month. It is Girl Guiding's annual event for Guides, Rangers and the Senior Section aiming to give both girls and volunteers the full festival experience! That means live bands, a pamper zone, hot tubs, cinema screenings, huge inflatables, zip-lining and much much more!

Just like Glastonbury, Wellies and Wristbands doesn't just have a great line-up – it also offers girls an array of festival activities to get stuck into. Girls will be able to:

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- Try their hand at climbing, abseiling and other adventurous activities
- Challenge their unit to a game of mini 5-a-side football or netball
- Take to the stage to compete in a talent competition
- Settle down to watch a film in the cinema
- Relax and unwind with braiding and nail art in the pamper zone

With numbers increasing our Units are filling fast! We desperately need more adult helpers at all our Units to be able to offer the GirlGuiding experience to the increasing number of girls living in our area. SO if you can spare some time and come and help a Unit either weekly, fortnightly or monthly – or you can offer a "one off activity /experience" that the girls would enjoy, then please contact **Jo Homes** on 07887 877814 for more information.



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NEW..... To Watch..... by *J Daniel Benjamin*

In this section I'll look at films and TV series new and old that have been recommended or have caught my eye.

First is a series from Amazon Prime Originals, Tom Clancy's **Jack Ryan** (PG 15) starring: John Krasinski, Wendell Pierce and Abbie Cornish.



When CIA analyst Jack Ryan stumbles upon a suspicious series of bank transfers his search for answers pulls him from the safety of his desk job and catapults him into a deadly game of cat and mouse throughout Europe and the Middle East, with a rising terrorist figurehead preparing for a massive attack against the US and her allies. (Description from Amazon)

I enjoyed the pilot of this 2018 series and feel that it is much truer to Tom Clancy's book character than some of the other renditions. I am looking forward to watching more, and seeing the characters develop.

Next is a Marvel Studios Film

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG 12A)

Starring: Tom Holland, Zendaya and Jacob Batalon.

Peter Parker balances his life as an ordinary high school student in Queens with his superhero alter-ego Spider-Man and finds himself on the trail of a new menace prowling the skies of New York City. (Description from IMDB)

I know that this film, directed by John Watts, has been out for a while (2017), but I have only just managed to sit down and watch it. I found it a really refreshing take on the character, following him through his school journey with references that all teenagers and young adults will be able to relate to. Now to look at seeing **Spider-Man: Far from Home** (PG 12A).

If you see anything that you'd like to suggest for review in the magazine do let me know. You can email me at editor.harrietshamfishscheme.org or drop me a message on Facebook @harrietshamfishscheme.

J Daniel Benjamin

Top Tips - Gardening for August

August can be a funny old time in the garden with many people on holiday who then come back to marrows instead of courgettes, stringy runner beans, bullet peas and woody beetroot in the veg. patch and a mass of dead heads and seed pods in the shrub and flower borders. The thing is, of course, to remove all vestigial courgettes, beans and peas before you go and also although it may seem a crying shame cut off any blooms that are starting to fade so you return to fresh green growth. If not already done in July divide Iris rhizomes as they will root at this time of year and if you are feeling energetic traditionally yew, beech and hornbeam hedges should be clipped in August. This process means beech hedges, for example, will retain their leaves through the winter to help screen and provide shelter. Also any pruning of plums and cherries can be undertaken at this time of year. If treated like other top fruit and pruned in winter, diseases such as silver leaf can set in.

Onions and shallots can all be lifted now and left on the ground or put in the greenhouse if there's room to allow the sun to dry the skins thoroughly which will help them to keep. It's also time to sow a few cabbages to pick next spring. A good variety is Duncan which will stand well all winter and be ready when there is little else around. Once the tops have died down and dried on maincrop potatoes they should be lifted too, more towards the end of the month depending on the season. If you want to try obtaining a few new potatoes for December plant a few 'Charlotte' in tubs at the end of the month and stand these in a greenhouse later – success depends a lot upon the weather in Autumn.

As for lawns keep the mower blades high this month, 40mm or so and don't worry if we enter a dry spell and the grass appears to die off, it hasn't, it's only dormant and will grow again once it rains. Any grass areas you've left in the current mode for meadow or wild flowers should be cut down in August and all the vegetation completely removed which will remove competition from those lovely flowers such as cowslips and orchids which may appear of their own volition next year! Finally, have a look around the garden and decide where you'd like to see some more bulbs next Spring as it will be time to think about buying and planting these next month.

Harrietsham Gardening Society

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Pat King



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Walking the Way 2019



Dave Cape with his cross and bowl



Johnny from Pathways exploring the route with Dave

We are involved in an exciting initiative along the Pilgrims Way this summer. Dave Cape, an evangelist, who has washed the feet of the powerful and the poor in more than 30 countries, is coming to Kent as part of a 280km walk along The Pilgrims Way.

A few years ago some of us from Pathways Church drew Dave's attention to the chalk cross at Lenham, and encouraged him to consider carrying his Cross and Bowl along the ancient pathway. Having carried his Cross and Bowl throughout Africa and around the world for over 30 years, Dave will be arriving in Ramsgate on August 23rd and walking St Augustine's Way to Canterbury. From there he will proceed along the Pilgrims Way, washing the feet of passers-by and stopping at towns and villages over a five week period until he arrives in Westminster on September 21.

Please do look out for Dave at the end of August, and encourage him if you see him, as he passes along the Pilgrims Way with his Cross and Bowl.

If you would like to be involved or have any further questions in relation to this event please email info@pathwayschurch.org.uk. Follow the journey on Facebook www.facebook.com/WalkingTheWay2019

Jenny Needham
Pathways Church Lenham

Christian Message

I read recently about the oldest bungee jumper, who, according to the Guinness World Records, is Mohr Keet. On 10 April 2010 he completed this jump aged 96! Wow!

At the time of writing I have been sent a photo of one of my granddaughters, who at 6, has just been on the London Eye. As someone who doesn't do heights, even that is impressive as far as I am concerned!

I was also told recently of someone, about my age, who had accompanied his niece on a roller coaster at the fairground. My observation is that as we get older most of us seem less inclined to seek out frightening experiences. My feeling is that enough of them arrive just in the normal course of a day without opting to actually pay for extra ones at the fairground. However, this man's niece had suddenly discovered the thrills of adrenalin. He described her as a little bundle of joy who had, only a year before, cried at the thought of getting on to something fast and furious. But now she was pleading with her uncle to join her on the roller coaster and so he did! He looked around anxiously at the snarling twists and turns that lay before him as he took his place next to her on the front seat. He was petrified and closed his eyes. He said that, in the words of St Paul he 'prayed without ceasing' as they soared up and down several times in the space of a few minutes. As others screamed and cheered with excitement he just prayed that it would all be over as quickly as possible. And then, just as they glided to a stop at the end of the track he heard those terrible words so familiar to parents when their children are having fun: 'Let's do it again! 'We have to do it again!' How could he refuse? They did it again and again FOUR times, but he said that the strange thing was that each time they set out it all seemed less frightening, certainly more bearable, and even he admitted to it being a little fun!

None of us knows what we are going to face today or tomorrow. I can't imagine that there won't be at least a few unexpected twists and turns. Most of us will be facing lives that occasionally feel like a roller coaster. Now as I face retirement in the next few weeks I will not be actively seeking out those experiences that I find frightening but I do look forward to whatever the future may bring. It won't include the London Eye or a bungee jump, but I know there will be exciting experiences, even roller coaster ones, that will bring purpose and meaning to my life, things that I will be called to as a retired priest.

Thank you for all the experiences, including thrilling adrenalin ones, that you have given me over the years. I look forward to many more knowing that 'I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

Please join me at St John the Baptist church, Harrietsham for a Thanksgiving service on Sunday September 1st at 10.30am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lord, as we face whatever comes to us today; grant us the ability to face it with courage. May one of the benefits of getting older be that we become wiser and less afraid of the twists and turns of life. Give us calm amid the storms and peace in all things. Amen.

Rev Millie Hart

HAMS

We have set the date for our summer workshop as Sunday 29 September at the Lenham community centre 10am-4pm. The workshop which is free of charge is for all those who might have thought "I wonder what it is like to be an actor, singer or dancer". These are open to anyone of secondary school age or older, the day will be split into 3 sessions and you can choose, acting, singing and dancing. The choice is yours. Oh, did I mention it is FREE. It will be on a first come, first served basis, so booking early is advisable on the email below. Anyone attending the workshop will have the chance to perform in our 2020 pantomime.

If you just want to find out more about HAMS or join our friendly team working backstage or front of house why not just pop along and have a coffee/tea and cake (for a small donation to Demelza, our chosen charity of the year) where our friendly members will be happy to talk to you about HAMS and what we do.

We also have some exciting news about the 2020 pantomime. We will be performing Sleeping Beauty on 7 and 8 February 2020 at the Lenham Community Centre. There will be 3 performances, Friday evening, Saturday matinee and Saturday evening. The read through will take place at the Lenham Community Centre on 8 September and auditions will be on 15 September.

We look forward to seeing you at our events.

David Penny - Chair@hamsproductions.org 07909 846 885

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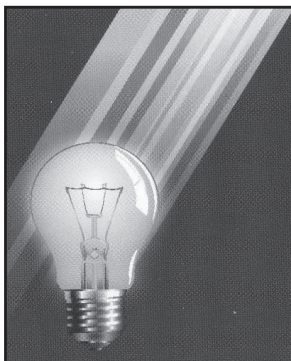
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Lenham Film Club

Friday August 9 at 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm
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Our August comedy-thriller film, Hitchcock's **North by North West** (A,1959), features the blonde Eva Marie Saint, starring Archibald Alexander Leach. Who? He quickly changed his birth name to Cary Grant! In *North by North West*, cited as one of the greatest films of all times, he is at his charming best. Join us on Friday, 9 August, for a fun evening.

AND on Monday 19 August

A Special Holiday Treat: Matinee performance at 2.30 pm, doors open 2 pm
Yes, it's the newly updated and much acclaimed **DUMBO** (PG 2019), directed by Tim Burton and starring Colin Farrell, Danny De Vito and Eva Green.

For more information or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com. Keep an eye open for our posters, follow us on Facebook [@LenhamFilmClub](https://www.facebook.com/LenhamFilmClub), perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

North by Northwest (A) Running time 136 minutes. Dumbo (PG) 112 minutes. Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. For matinee performances, £2 for children under 16. annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

Heart of Kent Hospice Cyclo Sportive

Sunday 22 September 2019

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Take advantage of our early bird prices of £32.00 for 104km, £27.00 for 65km and £22.00 for 36km by booking before 15th August.

For further information, registration times and route maps, or to book, please visit www.hokh.org

Dorothy Gorman

Tudor Celebration

The Tudors are coming to Charing in 2020, Have you heard.....?
Plans are underway for a wonderful two day Tudor celebration in June 2020 to mark the 500 year anniversary of King Henry VIII's overnight stay in Charing in 1520, on his way to "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" in France. He was accompanied by his queen, Catherine of Aragon and their combined entourage of 5,000.

Can you imagine that many people mingling in our little village??? And where did they all sleep? We'd love to recreate that in some way. It would be awesome if we could get all the village and visitors to come dressed in Tudor costume, every man, woman and child. A tall order I know but I have a plan!!!!!!! For all those that would like to put costumes together for their family or just themselves, to attend this rare event, I will be getting a group together for Tudor period costume making, meeting once a month, starting in September 2019.

It will be for all skill levels, Noble costumes or peasants, adult's and children's costumes. From petticoats to doublets, learn how to take measurements, make patterns, choose fabrics and where to find them and even making French Hoods. Bring your sewing machines or be authentic and sew by hand.

Our first meeting in September will be exchanging of information. We will be discussing how Tudors dressed, how to build a costume, and where to source what you will need in the cheapest way, while you will be telling us, who and how many you are dressing, how you wish to dress, (prince or pauper) and what level of skills you have. This will help us determine how to structure our classes to give you each the assistance you need.

There's lots to do before next June, the Tudors wore many layers, so contact me soon if you are interested in joining us and also if you are an experienced seamstress and would like to help me teaching those that are novices at sewing. You can reach me, Pamela Gillard, at moonbeamspinner@gmail.com or call 01233 879507

I don't know where we will be meeting yet, it all depends on how big our group gets. Do please join us. It is going to be so much fun. Contact me soon.

Pamela Gillard

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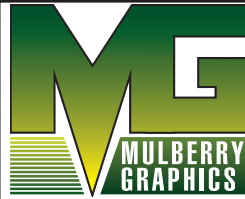
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