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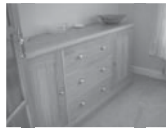
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From the Editor

Something a bit different this month - the centre pages are given over to a special edition of the 'Harrietsham Times'. Further editions will appear in future Networks but not in the centre like this, that's a rare privilege, maybe it's justified once in a century!

Of course, this feature is timed to coincide with the centenary of the start of World War I, as is the 'Lights Out' event in the church on Monday 4th August. I know a huge amount of work has gone into this event and I'm sure no-one who attends will be disappointed. More details on p. 38.

Please do look at the colour features on p. 35, they could do with some accompanying text but sadly there's no room. Cliff and a team from the Roebuck are embarking on a London - Brighton 75-mile off-road bike ride to raise money for two very good causes, the British Heart Foundation and Crossroads Care West Kent, and would welcome your sponsorship. More details next month.

New in September is a 'Vintage and Makers Fayre' at the Village Hall, if it's a success it could become a regular fixture on the village calendar. Again, more details next month.

As I write this it's almost the end of term and people will be looking forward to their summer holidays. Hopefully the weather will be appropriately sunny - we've just had visitors from Australia staying with us and they tell us the hot, muggy weather that preceded some impressive storms was just like Queensland weather and made them feel very at home!

Just a reminder: if you're driving in Maidstone this summer, remember Willington Street will be closed for the duration of the school holidays (see p. 38). Have a happy summer!

Rosi Taylor

Letter

On Fathers' Day I travelled from East Sussex with my family, hoping to get to my husband's tree; when I got there, no way could I get to his grave on the far side of the churchyard, except by "airlift", all I could do was stand by the gate. In all the years I lived at Harrietsham (65 years) I have never seen the

Churchyard so *neglected*. People were wandering about in knee-high grass looking for their loved ones' graves. Whatever has happened to the *maintenance*? At Lenham the Cemetery was freshly mowed, well-kept graves - what a contrast, it looked as if somebody cares.

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Gardening Society

The Society held its members-only Rose and Sweet Pea Show on the 17th June; this was attended by 42 members, 25 of these entered 109 exhibits of which 46 were in the Rose categories. Trophy winners were Jill Evans for the best specimen rose, Ken Leach best exhibit with a vase of 7 mixed annual sweet peas and Angela Gatland for most points in show. Further details of the show can be found on the society website. Mr Derek Morris carried out the very difficult job of judging; he was thanked by David Oversby and presented with a bottle of wine. David gave some advice on growing double begonias and members watched a DVD on the gardens at Buckingham Palace whilst the judging was taking place.

The Society does not meet in August but would like to remind everyone that the Annual Village Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th September. The show is open to all residents and schedules and entry forms can be found in the Post Office, Salon 62, the Roebuck, the Mace shop and the surgery; they can also be found and downloaded on our website (www.harrietshamgardeningociety.org) by clicking on the link on the programme page. Further Information on our society and future events can be found on our website and our notice board inside the village hall.

Peter Brown

Gardening Society Outings

RHS Wisley:

On a day when we had to dodge a few showers in June a full coach load visited Wisley. The roses had been knocked by the previous night's wind and rain but were full of colour and perfume, as were the shrubs. A new development this year was a first World War commemorative garden of poppies and close by a meadow full of wild flowers. Masses of tiny, tiny crabs delighted children and adults alike as they left the protection of foliage and crossed paths.

Great Dixter:

In September we will be visiting Great Dixter, the home of the late Christopher Lloyd, and visiting Rye in the afternoon. There may be seats left for non-members. Please contact me for more details.

Marjorie Darby, 850657

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Gardening Tips for August

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In the vegetable plot you will start to get some empty areas from crops that have been harvested. You could try sowing some winter radishes that can be harvested up until December. You can grate them into salads, steam them or add them to a stir fry. Apparently the black ones are traditionally eaten with beer. If you don't want to sow any more crops for this year, you can sow red clover which is green manure that can overwinter and then be dug in next year. It is also time to pot strawberry runners for next season plants.

August is a good time to take cuttings of half hardy perennials like penstemons so you can over winter small plants in the greenhouse for next year. Autumn flowering crocus bulbs will be ready in the centres soon for planting immediately and this will be followed by the full range of daffodil and tulip bulbs. We haven't even finished summer yet.

Stephen Morris

Harrietsham in Bloom Volunteers

The summer bedding has now been planted, and it is very grateful for the recent rains and to Stephen Morris for supplementary watering!

The collecting tin in the village shop yielded a very generous £32.47 since it was last emptied, thank you to everyone who's contributed.

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

Audrey Joy

PS Remember the HIB Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on September 28th.

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Harrietsham Wives Group

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Our meeting on August 6th is to be a BBQ, held at 'Faygate', Ashford Road, by kind invitation of Roger and Jackie Bevan. Please note the earlier start time of 7pm and remember cutlery, plate, glass and an item of food to be barbecued. Also please let me know by Sunday, August 3rd if you will be attending (Tel 853803).

Any general enquiries to me on 853803.

Barbara Kelly

Short Mat Bowls Club

June 9th, Phoenix away - good company, friendly opposition and a pleasing result with a win by 55-44 points.

The 19th and it was their turn to visit. However - World Cup Football with England playing that night proved too much and they couldn't send a team to us. Ah well, we will rearrange it for later.

28th and a trip to Joydens Wood. This time they got their revenge for our victory at home and beat us by 60 points to 34. Nevertheless we still enjoyed our visit especially some of our newer members.

July now and on the 7th we visited Hollingbourne who were much improved. In an up and down game we finished on the down with a loss by 55-50 points. We look forward to their return onto our fast mats on the 24th. This will be followed on the 25th with a visit to Marden.

More on these results next month.

Brian Rust, Hon. Sec.

Pins and Needles

We are continuing to meet throughout the summer but the August meeting, on Tuesday 5th, will use a different venue. Please ring 851701 for details. As usual, it will be a drop-in session between 2pm and 5pm and anyone is welcome to come and work on any craft that can be accommodated round a dining table!

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Len Valley Hub Club Age UK

We hope everyone enjoyed their day at Bexhill-on-Sea on Thursday 26th June. The weather was sunny but a bit breezy especially walking along the Prom. The fish and chips restaurant we found was fantastic!! Spent some money on new handbags and a double scoop ice cream, mmm yummy.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th August at the Social Club, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Hope everyone can make it. We have Sixpenny Piece coming to entertain us.

Our thanks to the staff at the Social Club.

Martin, Tom, John, Jenny and Nina

Young At Heart Club 60+

We hope everyone enjoyed the visit from Bon Marche in June. It was great trying some of the clothes and walking out in front of you all. Thank you so much for your support.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 21st August. This will be the Strawberry Tea. Unfortunately we cannot use the Tithe barn so it will be at the Community Centre. It may not be like other years so please bear with us. We will do our very best to make it as enjoyable as possible. There will be some entertainment but we will keep it as a surprise. The time is the same 2.00pm - 4.00pm; PLEASE can everyone wait until 2.00pm before coming into the hall as we have a lot of preparing to do. Thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing you all on the 21st.

Many thanks to all the backroom boys and girls.

If anyone requires a lift please call Jenny on 01622 859208.

Nina

Harrietsham Whist Club

The winners for the Whist drive held at the village Hall on 4th July 2014 were Jennifer Amor and Dennis Hollands. We had another very good evening with 2 more new players from Kingswood. Once again the refreshments were excellent (thank you Robin) and the atmosphere very friendly.

Please note there is no whist drive in August; we start again on the **12th** September 2014.

Hope you all have a great Summer and we hope to see you in September at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

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Following Bob's talk, Stephen Morris gave an update on the progress of the investigations being done on the names on the war memorial and the additional ones which had been found.

On Saturday 5th July Stephen and I visited the very impressive Charing and District's History Society's First World War Exhibitions which they had been working on since January 2013. They have produced a very professional display, but mind you, their group is much larger and whereas our war committee has only 5 members and has been formed for 4 months, their First World War and Census group comprised 22 people and 32 other individuals helped in some way or other.

Some of the work completed by our group will be on display at the Lights Out event, but there is so much research still needed to enable the works to the war memorial and a comprehensive Roll of Honour to be completed. We would really appreciate any help offered. You would not need to be a member of the History Society but you would of course be welcomed if you decided to join us, membership is just £12.00 per year and guests are always welcome at our meetings at £3.00 per person.

We do not have a meeting in August but please come along to our 'Lights Out' event on Monday 4th August in St. John's Church, see page 38 for further information.

Details of the Society and the rest of our programme can be found on our website at www.harrietshamhistorysociety.org

Peter Brown

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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

Church and children: can the two mix?

Some people think their young children would spoil the peace and quiet of a traditional church service. They can't cope with the potential embarrassment of a toddler having a tantrum or a small child not able to whisper or sit still! So they stay away. What a pity as spiritual development is so important for our children today.

Many parents want their children to get to know the stories from the Bible and to have a firm foundation for their lives. But they are not sure where to start.

Here in the Len Valley Churches we want to be able to help by offering an alternative to our regular Sunday services. So in September we are starting

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Anglican Services

St. John the Baptist, Harrietsham
St. Mary's, Lenham
St. Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe
All Saints, Ulcombe

Sunday 3rd August: 7th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 10th August: 8th Sunday after Trinity

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Lenham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Ulcombe	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Boughton Malherbe	Choral Evensong

Sunday 17th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 24th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 31st August: 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am	Ulcombe	Benefice Praise with Holy Communion
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a much shorter, informal service, first thing on a Sunday morning, beginning with toast, tea and coffee where the children won't need to be shushed and can join in at their level.

Come and try us out when we start our new weekly service at 9.30 on Sundays in St Mary's, Lenham, in September.

Helen Venn

Harrietsham Network

Christian Message

The last week has been one of emotional farewell and motivational 'What's next?' speeches. I've attended a campus closure reception, a graduation ceremony, a leaving lunch and an ordination service. There have been tears, laughter, fond farewells and a few glasses of bubbly to boot: so many endings, and yet, so many new beginnings too. This is the time of year when a lot of people are looking at new careers whether in education, the arts, the Church or, as yet, unspecified.

There are certain words which amuse me as they always crop up. You can't listen to much about education without 'pedagogy' and 'league tables' raising their heads, let alone the favourites in an art environment such as 'creative', 'innovative' and 'cutting edge'. Whether looking back or forward, in every field, 'extraordinary' and 'achievement' are of relevance. In regard to what's next, the emphasis is on 'diligence' and 'focus', or conversely 'adaptability' in order to achieve one's goals.

All commendable and all relevant but quite daunting for the student or colleague who really doesn't know what's next and who, after hearing such speeches, could be forgiven for asking "Will I ever match up?" or "I really can't do all that, can I?"

In order to redress the 'high achievement' balance I'd add a few extra ingredients for encouragement. My essential words would be simpler:

'Faith': trust in God. He has an amazing plan for you and it is bound to be bigger than anything you, your tutors or your employers have already thought of. Philippians 4:13 says 'I can do all things through him who strengthens me'.

'Hope': fail, fail and fail again, but every time, brush off the bruised pride and 'fail a bit better'. Most of us take several attempts to get really good at the things that are important to us. Rarely are life's skills learned overnight. Joshua 10:25 tells us 'Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous..."'

'Charity': be generous with your time and talents, towards your colleagues and your employer, without counting the cost. 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us that 'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

Most important of all 'Love': Carry out every task with integrity and regard to how it affects those around you. In Romans 12:9 we hear that 'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good'.

During the ordination service I attended, each participant was asked several questions to which they replied "By the help of God, I will". Armed with a few words from the Bible even the meekest among us can prayerfully reassure ourselves that "God willing, I can do it".

Pamela Cuerden

Bible quotations from the New Revised Standard Version.

Homeless Care - Trustees wanted

Homeless Care (formerly Maidstone Christian Care) is looking for one or two new trustees.

HC runs a Day Centre for the Homeless in Knightrider Street. Its short term aim is to provide immediate help to those who are homeless; its long term objective is to help them back into Society. It also operates a 'Food for Thought' project which collects food from supermarkets and other sources and redistributes it to individuals and families in need.

We are looking for trustees who will play an active part in the charity and be willing to devote some time to it – which probably means that we are looking for someone who is busy already since they are usually the ones that get jobs done. Trustees are unpaid.

The Charity Commission encourages charities to recruit as trustees men and women with particular experience and skills. This is not intended to limit candidates but to ensure that those who become trustees can make a worthwhile contribution.

If you think that this is something you might like to undertake would you please ring or email either Mike Fitzgerald, Chairman of Homeless Care (01622 743270; mike@laxtondrive.co.uk) or David Bond, Treasurer (01622 202239; dwbond@blueyonder.co.uk) to arrange a meeting at which we can tell you more about Homeless Care and you can consider whether it is an activity of which you would like to be part.

Flower Festival 2014

Thank you to all those persons who provided and displayed the floral decorations, also thanks to the visitors who came to the Church on the two days to see the displays .

Thank you to all the people who helped to make the festival possible. We received donations of £211 which has been donated to Tear Fund and Connected Church - to help the Church in Zambia.

Rita Long, 850863

Local Directory

Art Group

Adult Education 0845 6065606

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Co-Leader Emily 07752 319594

Badminton

Secretary Luisa Wright 859448

Beaver Scouts

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Ringing master Mr. J. Betts 859266

Steeple keeper Mr. K. Leach 851173

Bible Reading Fellowship

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Organiser Mr. M. Bishop 850921

Brownie Guides

Brown Owl Mrs. J. Burr 859494

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Conservative Association

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Cricket Club

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Cub Scouts

Leader Mrs. A. Seales 859829

Disability Group

Chairman Mrs. S. Crouch 859613

Explorer Scouts

Leader Mark Horlock 07789 226516

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

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Friends of St. John The Baptist Church

Acting Chairman & Secretary Mr. P. Wallace 859693

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Secretary Mrs. S. Mann 850041

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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 History Society

Chairman Mr. P. Brown 851075

Harrietsham Pre-School

Manager Sam Bragg 851819
Chairperson Nick Sinclair harrietshampreschool.chair@gmail.com

Health Walks

Organiser Ms. M. Darby 850657

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

Contact Toni Chincharo 07966 966090

Liberal Democrat Association

Mr. David Naghi 07970 626829

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

Unit Manager, Cadets Mrs. D. Bond 01622 205452

Unit Manager, Adults Mr R Powell 01622 858364 / richard.powell@sja.org.uk

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Group leader Mr. E. Seales 859829

Leader Mr. N. Still 859789

Short Mat Bowls

Secretary Mr. B. Rust 859556

Swadlands School

Head Mr. R. Baddeley 858267

Tennis Club

Chairman Mr. A. Rogers 859352

Secretary Mrs. G. Thurgood 859482

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Chairperson Helen Leat 07511 658728 / ulcombepreschool@live.co.uk

Village Hall

Chairman Mr. T. Taylor 851701 (Bookings: see p. 2)

Mr. G. Booth 859255

Whist Club

Wives Group

Leader Mrs. B. Kelly 853803

Women's Institute

Secretary Mrs. J. Tabrett 859224

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HARRIETSHAM TIMES

August 1914

Britain at War with Germany!

In London, the people's enthusiasm culminated outside Buckingham Palace when it became known that war had been declared. The news was received with tremendous cheering, which grew into a deafening roar when King George, Queen Mary and the Prince of Wales appeared.

Westminster, Charing Cross and the main thoroughfares round Westminster were thronged all last night with excited crowds. Union jacks were everywhere to be seen, and the air was filled with the sound of patriotic songs; Trafalgar Square was almost impassable. A hostile crowd assembled outside the German embassy and smashed the windows.

Boys Scouts move in to protect vital resource

A detachment of Boy Scouts from Hunton have encamped in Harrietsham to watch over the road and the telegraph line. Their wants are being looked after by the people of Harrietsham and the Scoutmaster desires to thank very much all the kind friends who are doing so much for them. Special Constables are being sought from the community in this time of anxiety.

School Closes for Hop Picking Vacation

To inform all residents the school will be closed from 14th August for six weeks. This

will allow many of the children the opportunity to take up employment strawberry picking. It has been a difficult term with almost half the children off school from the Whooping Cough epidemic.

Emergency Meeting

In this time of danger an emergency meeting for all residents has been called on 31st August 1914 in the school hall where Major-General Ferrier will be in attendance. A report will be given in the September edition of Harrietsham Times.

Important Notice

Anyone carrying a camera around Maidstone Streets is liable to be arrested, and, in sequence, if found to be taking photographs of the Territorials, is liable to be heavily fined.



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GOD SAVE THE KING.

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 - 4.30pm Ambrose Hall
 SJAB: Adults 7pm - 9.15pm 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
 Falls Prevention Class 10am - 11am Village Hall
 Art Class (Adult Education) 2pm - 4.30pm Booth Hall T
 Rainbows 5.45pm - 6.45pm Booth Hall T
 Beavers (age 6 - 8) 5.45pm - 7.15pm Scout HQ, Station Road
 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 7 - 9pm Swadlands T
 Bell Ringing Practice 7.30pm - 9pm Bell Tower

WEDNESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - noon Primary School T
 Elevenses (2nd Wed) 10.30am - noon Booth Hall
 Mobile Library 10.35am P.O. West Street
 11.05am Church Lane
 11.25am Almshouses
 Karate Club 6pm - 7.30pm Ambrose Hall
 St. J. A. Cadets (10-18 yrs) 6pm - 8pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T
 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
 Baby & 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) 7.15pm - 9.30pm Kingswood Scout HQ
 Remix Warhammer Club 7pm - 9pm Booth Hall
 Short Mat Bowls 7pm - 10pm Ambrose Hall
 Choir Practice 6.15pm Parish Church
 Lenham Youth Centre 7 - 9pm Swadlands T
 Pub Quiz 8.30pm Roebuck

FRIDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T
 Coffee Morning 10am - noon Booth Hall
 Scouts 7.30pm - 9.30pm Scout HQ, Station Road

August Diary

Fri 1	12 noon	Advertising deadline for September Network
Mon 4	8.30pm	'Lights Out' event, St. John's Church
Tue 5	2 - 5pm	Pins and Needles; <u>NB ring 851701 for venue</u>
Thu 7	2 - 4pm	Age UK Hub Club, Lenham Social Club
Fri 8	12 noon 3.00pm	Editorial deadline for September Network Tea to celebrate the life of Olive Woods, Village Hall
Fri 15	7pm	Concert by 'Lamidore', St. Mary's, Lenham
Thur 21	2 - 4pm	60+ Young at Heart, Lenham Community Centre
Sat 30	9.30-10.10 10.20-11.00	Freighter at Church Lane Freighter at the school, West Street

Save the Date

September 6th	Village Show
September 20th	Charity Bike Ride
September 21st	Vintage and Makers Fayre, Village Hall
September 27th	'Alive and Well': Conference at Smarden
September 28th	Air Ambulance Cycle Challenge
September 28th	HIB Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
October 4th	Harvest Supper
October 11th	Harrietsham Octoberfest
December 20th	Concert at St. John's Church

Lamidore

LAMIDORE is a choir which was founded in 1960 and has its roots in Torhout (Flanders, Belgium). The 4 part choir of 62 singers is led by Geert Steelant and supported by pianist Filip Jaques.

Every year Lamidore makes a 3-day trip. This year they have chosen to visit the beautiful region of Kent and East Sussex and will be in Lenham in August. On their trip Lamidore likes to enrich the community with their music and give a free concert.

We hope you will enjoy our music. Our concert will take place on Friday 15th August at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Lenham. Please come!

Harrietsham Network

Vacancy for PA / Administrator (P/T)

The Len Valley Group of Churches need a part-time permanent PA / administrator.

We are looking for someone to be the friendly voice of our churches – so you must be good on the phone and have empathy with the wide variety of people who contact us.

We are looking for someone to work with the four churches preparing notice sheets, orders of service, presentations etc – so you must be good with a computer, able to work with Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, documents and data in “the cloud,” etc, and be able to pick up errors quickly and work accurately and rapidly.

We are looking for someone to organise our two clergy and their workload, to help them with administration, filing, emails, etc – so you must be flexible and able to prioritise.

We are looking for someone who attends church, is familiar with the Bible and comfortable working with Christians. You will need to be enthusiastic, a self-starter able to work on your own and in teams.

You will work partly from the office in the Village Hall in Harrietsham and partly with the clergy. Hours (negotiable) 9.30 – 12.30, four or five days per week, pay £8 - £8.50 per hour.

If you are interested, please email lvbpic@gmail.com in the first instance for further information.

St. John The Baptist's Harvest Supper

**Harrietsham Village Hall on
Saturday 4th October 2014 at 7.30 pm**

This year the PCC have decided to hold a Harvest Supper with musical entertainment provided by local talent (details in next month's Network). A ploughman's supper will be provided that includes Sue's apple pie! Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

A raffle will be held and some fun games will take place. All profits will be split between our church in Harrietsham and Tearfund's connected church.

Entrance: Adult £7.50, Children £2.50 (Up to 12 years old)

Tickets are available from Barbara Verga on 01622 859240/07919 597665 or email barbaraverga@yahoo.co.uk

August 2014

Friends of St. John the Baptist Church

Following the AGM held on Wednesday 25th June, I am delighted to report that additional committee members have come forward to take on the running of the Friends association.

There is some confusion within the village as to the role of the Friends group which is to raise funds and assist the PPC and the Church Wardens in the maintenance of this Historic Building, and not the day-to-day running of the church.

Membership of the Friends is £10 per person or £15 for a couple per year and the money goes directly to projects to improve the fabric of the church. Membership is not limited to those who primarily use the church as this charity is more about maintaining this historic building, which is an important feature within our community. Some of us only use the church for weddings, christenings and funerals or just to walk by and admire, but this building has to be maintained and there is a financial cost to that. A new quinquennial maintenance inspection has just been completed and the group is bracing itself for the final report of issues that need addressing.

I would like to thank all the committee members that have so far volunteered and if anybody else would consider joining the Friends, either to assist or financially support, then contact me on 01622 850948 or email stephen.morris69@btinternet.com for further details.

Stephen Morris

Minutes Secretary Wanted

The Fish Scheme is looking for a Minutes Secretary for our meetings which are held approximately every two months, usually in the morning. If you are interested, please contact me on 01622 853803 for more details.

Roger Kelly (Chairman)

Welcome to Harrietsham

This month we extend a warm welcome to
Peter and Sylvia Hasler, 1 Butler Close
Carolyn and Sam Bates, 2 Butler Close
Rebecca and Joel Mitchell, 5 Butler Close
Lisa and James, Little Gables, West Street
and Sylvia and Mark Harman, 48 West Street.

We hope you will all settle quickly and happily in Harrietsham.

Harrietsham Network

Our Big Gig

Harrietsham's "Our Big Gig" event on 12th July, organised from Harrietsham Parish Council's Remix Project

Can we thank all those that helped make the day such a success. More than 100 people attended the event - such an enjoyable occasion. The participants included Fred Turnham on keyboard who opened the proceedings, MC'ed by Parish Councillor Tony Taylor who kept the proceedings going in between act changes. Jill Symes and her friends led the community singing, and we also had a local 'open mic' slot for the wider community. Dan Barton played harmonica playing a medley of songs, followed by his bro' Rob Barton on guitar singing "Mad World". Rosi Finch was accompanied by her bro' Kenny Finch on guitar to produce two lovely songs by Christina Perry and Adele. Charity group Sixpenny Piece also played a couple of sets.

In the evening we listened to local group Blackshot 21 who shared the stage with members of Renegade and also another open mic set. In all it was a great collaborative event. Everyone was helpful and it was good for villagers and performers to meet and share ideas. Our particular thanks go to Mark, Dan and Iwan who ensured the stage from sound and lighting was organised. Can we also thank Audrey and Carole who organised the kitchen during the day and Alison and Ann who who did the same in the evening.

We wrote last month about this project, born from the London Olympic Games, part of the "legacy" of the Games. All who took part felt we could be onto a winner and that the idea of promoting local talent is an idea worthy of doing again. So watch this space!!!!

And finally, the most important bit... .. on top of all this, a fantastic £200 was raised for our two chosen charities, Parkinson's UK and the Heart of Kent Hospice. Thanks go to all for their generous donations.

Tom and Janetta Sams, Project Co-ordinators

Parish Council News

Harrietsham Neighbourhood Plan 2031

As this article is written, the Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to Maidstone Borough Council. However, it will not be a confirmed submission until they have formally notified the Parish Council that no further documentation is required. Once this part of the process has been completed, and the Plan becomes a public document, the Borough Council will complete a further 6 week consultation process; although the time scale for this is currently unknown. During the Regulation 16 consultation, residents can send any comments on the Plan directly to the Borough Council.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy in the office of Councillor. Anyone interested in applying for the position must be able to be flexible to attend daytime meetings as required and the successful candidate will become a member of the Planning Committee which meets two Friday mornings a month.

If you would like to know more, or are interested in undertaking this role, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

Rural Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council will be arranging the hedge cutting service again this year in October. If you wish to have your name added to the list, please contact the Clerk. Please note that you will still need to add your name to the list, even if you have used the service in the past.

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council is currently working on the development of a new website and it is hoped that this will 'go live' imminently. Further information will be given, hopefully in the next Network, when residents are able to view the site.

*Amanda Broadhurst, Parish Clerk
01622 850089 / harrietshampc@aol.com*

Planning *(from the June agenda)*

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/13/1117 – Throwley House, 10 West Street

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two storey six bedroom dwelling with integral garage

*HPC Recommendation: **Refusal***

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MA/13/1823 – Mayfield Nursery, Ashford Road

An outline planning application for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 49 dwellings and associated car parking and landscaping, with the matter of access to be considered at the current time and all other matters reserved

*HPC Recommendation: **Refusal***

MA/14/0095 – Land at Church Road

Outline application for residential development with access considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration. Full application for a change of use and conversion of Oast house to a single dwelling with garaging

*HPC Recommendation: **Refusal***

MA/12/1783 – Oaklea, Forstal Lane

Change of use of land involving the stationing of a mobile home to create a separate residential use to provide care for the occupant of Oaklea

*HPC Recommendation: **Approval, Subject to Conditions***

MA/14/0208 – Tongs Meadow, West Street

Erection of 105 dwellings with area of public open space, associated landscaping, provision of new access from West Street and associated works

*HPC Recommendation: **Refusal***

MA/14/0309 – The Vine, Rectory Lane

Erection of new porch, removal of existing storage unit, and erection of new detached double garage with store.

*HPC Recommendation: **No Objection***

TA/0204/13 – 6 Friars Close, Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Tree Preservation Order application: TPO No.10 of 2003: an application for consent to remove secondary branch of 1 lower limb of 1No. Oak and to reduce 1 branch by one third of 1No. Oak where overhanging adjacent caravan, and to remove dead wood from both trees

*HPC Recommendation: **No objection***

TA/0219/13 – 5 Abbots Way, Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Tree Preservation Order application: TPO No.10 of 2003: an application for consent to cut back crown of 1No. Oak to give a clearance of 2m over the adjacent caravan

*HPC Recommendation: **No objection***

TA/0220/13 – 18 Knights Walk, Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Tree Preservation Order application: TPO No.10 of 2003: an application for consent to cut back 3 branches to a length of 1m and 1 branch to a length of 2m of 1No. Beech

*HPC Recommendation: **No objection***

TA/0221/13 – 6 Miller Close, Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Tree Preservation Order application: TPO No.10 of 2003: an application for consent to cut back branches of 1No. Oak to clear adjacent caravan by 1.5m

*HPC Recommendation: **No objection***

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MA/14/0686 – 39 Chippendayle Drive

Conversion of integral garage to living accommodation

*HPC Recommendation: **Approval***

MA/14/0696 – Goddington, Goddington Lane

Listed buildings consent for the removal of outbuilding and porch to facilitate erection of single storey side extension with porch, alterations to fenestration and to remove outer brick skin and replace it with Kentish ragstone and brick to match existing walls

*HPC Recommendation: **No objection***

MA/14/0697 – Goddington, Goddington Lane

Removal of outbuilding and porch to facilitate erection of single storey side extension with porch

*HPC Recommendation: **No objection***

Planning Decisions – Granted by MBC

MA/14/0495 – Ringstead, Marley Road

Extension and alteration of existing outbuilding and conversion to annexe

Borough Councillor's Report

Over the last month I have been pleased to work with a number of residents on many issues such as filling in benefit forms, planning issues, reporting highways problems.

I am working with the Parish Council on various issues. I have met with one of our highways officers to discuss the lining and signage and remedial work around the school area and further along West Street which seems to be moving in a positive way.

I have attended Lenham Parish Council meeting and many community events within Lenham, Platts Heath and Harrietsham which have helped me to touch base with many residents and their concerns.

It was great to see so many people at the Big Gig and be involved with many who share their love of music, we hope to put on another event in the future. Thanks to the Parish Council for its support.

It has been lovely to meet and speak to many of our new residents who have so much positive to say about their new community and are keen to become involved.

*Janetta Sams, Borough Councillor
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Olive Wood

5th June 1927 - 7th July 2014

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3 pm, Friday 8th August 2014
Harrietsham Village Hall

Olive Wood lived in Midgate Lodge at the top of Stede Hill in Harrietsham for more than 50 years, for most of that time alone after the death of her husband and, whilst she prided herself on her independence, she came to rely on local people to help her with errands and hospital visits as she grew older and more frail.

Due to an accident in her childhood, when she was hit by a car, Olive lost her right lung and her heart ended up under her right arm. This led her to leave her body for scientific research and as a result there is no funeral, so we are having a get-together over a cup of tea and a piece of cake on 8th August.

You are welcome to come for tea to talk about Olive and share our different memories of her. She has also left us some fascinating memorabilia to look at and to remember her by, so please come and browse her photographs, books and mementoes of a remarkable woman and a unique era.

For further information please contact Fiona Endersby on 07813 095924.

Saturday Freighter Service

The free freighter service is for items of rubbish that cannot be put in your bins. For example bikes, broken washing lines, fitness equipment, carpet and underlay, home furnishings and bric-a-brac, broken tiles, plumbing, radiators, small items of furniture and plastic items such as garden chairs and toys.

You can bring wood and metal to the freighter but it would be better to take these to Tovil Recycling Centre where they will be recycled.

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Between 10 – 11pm 4th August 2014

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“The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our life-time”

Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary in August 1914

Harrietsham “Lights Out” Event

In Harrietsham, the History Society is inviting all members of the community to come to St. John the Baptist Church on Monday 4th August.

The church will be open from 8.30pm where there will be a chance to see a themed display whilst enjoying a cup of tea and wartime food from the NAAFI canteen. This will be followed by a short presentation commencing at 9.00pm on how the war affected our village.

The guest list has expanded with “Mr Matthews” and “Major General Ferrier” also attending, so join the rest of the community as we step back to 1914 and find out what happened in our village 100 years ago.

Following the presentation the church will remain open until 11.00pm for those who wish to participate in personal reflection.

*World War 1 Committee (Mike Bishop,
Jill Bishop, Marjorie Darby, Peter Brown and Stephen Morris)*

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Doddington Place Gardens

August Event - Meet The Beasts!

Swoop over to Doddington for a Bank Holiday bow-twanging, creepy, bird flying treat!

Visitors to Doddington Place Gardens on 24th and 25th August will have the chance to meet a variety of furred, scaled and feathered beasts, as well as have a go with archery experts on hand to teach how to shoot an arrow at a target.

Throughout the day, there will also be 'have a go' sessions for everyone to enjoy the experience of having a bird of prey land on their gloved hand. And 'Meet the Creepy Crawly' sessions will also be taking place, with the chance to meet snakes, spiders, hedgehogs, lizards and cockroaches – maybe it's time to face that fear?! With a variety of birds flying from Owls to Hawks and Vultures, these exciting experiences are unforgettable – don't forget to take your camera!

The spectacular gardens at Doddington Place are in full bloom, brimming with flowers in stunning colours and arrangements, and a walk across the whole estate is a wonderfully peaceful treat at the end of a busy week.

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In addition to the have a go events, birds of prey will also be flying at 3pm in a spectacular free-flying demonstration, with the chance to see more Hawks, Owls, and Falcons in action. The tea room offers delicious home-made light lunches, homemade cakes and afternoon teas – the perfect place to enjoy a great day out!

Doddington Place Gardens is open from 11am to 5pm every Sunday, Wednesday and Bank Holiday, and tickets are £6 per adult and £2 per child. For more information call 01795 886101 or visit www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk

Remix Re-Boot Youth Club

Can we welcome 3 of our newest members, Les, Nelly and Dot, combined ages of 268, who have attended our club for the last 6 weeks. As a pilot project they have come along and taken part in youth club activities. They have sung along with the other young people and listened patiently to the club members singing and playing their musical instruments. It has been an absolute pleasure being involved with their friendly enthusiasm with the young members. The youth club members have made them feel very welcome and have learnt much about older people and it has been a very positive experience all round.

If anyone young or older wants to join and become involved please contact me. We meet in the village hall each Monday in term-time, 7.30 - 9pm. A lift may be able to be arranged.

Tom Sams, Remix Co-ordinator, 859412

Save the Date

Forthcoming Event at St John's Church

A Christmas Concert by the Kent Police Male Voice Choir
on Saturday 20th December 2014 at 7.30pm.

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Frank Long, 01622 850863

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Youngsters remember their prayers too

Every year on the 6th June we as a family remember it was on this day that my Dad sadly passed away in 2004. If you remember it was the 60th anniversary of the [D-Day] landings. It was during the 2004 televised tributes that we said our farewells.

In commemoration to my Dad and knowing just how much he loved doughnuts we promised ourselves we would eat a doughnut for Dad and call the day D Day for Doughnut Day and every year since we send text messages to one another to say "Happy Doughnut Day".

Sophie was explaining this to her best friends at Swadelands during their dinner hour and mentioned that although she doesn't really remember her Granddad as she was only 3 when he died and that he was also a WW2 veteran; she keeps his memory alive by eating a doughnut on the 6th June every year for him, and remembers him in her prayers every night.

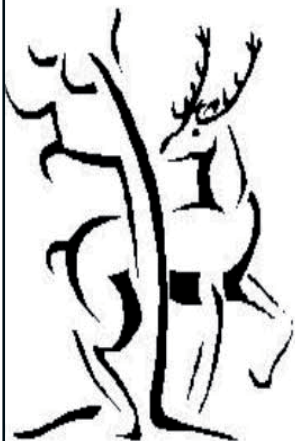
Without any provocation her friends each wrote a prayer (on a scrappy piece of paper from the canteen which I shall treasure forever) for their friend's granddad; bearing in mind they never met my Dad this surely makes the prayers even more heart-felt. As they are so beautiful I thought I would share them with you all and hopefully you will see them as a reminder that we do have caring thoughtful youngsters around us in our neighbourhood.

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- Dear Sophie's granddad, hope you are happy and safe in Heaven. *(From Y, aged 13yrs)*
- Sophie granddad, I hope you're safe in Heaven chilling with God and Sophie's dad's cat. *(From A, aged 13yrs)*
- Sophie's granddad, I hope you are happy and are peaceful in Heaven. *(From L, aged 13yrs)*
- Sophie's granddad I hope you enjoy your life full of peace and where suffering doesn't exist. *(From S, aged 13yrs)*
- Sophie's granddad, as the soldiers lie up in the sky their cries no longer fill the air, row on row still they grow the poppies in respect for those who died and those who fought. Bravely now they live in Heaven. *(From M, aged 13yrs)*

Now you know why I just had to share these messages.

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1 lb dried fruit	1 level teaspoon bicarb of soda
6ozs brown sugar	14 ozs S.R. flour
$\frac{3}{4}$ pint cold water	1 heaped teaspoon mixed spice
2 ozs margarine	1 large egg

Light the oven: 160°C / 375°F / gas 5. Line an 8 inch cake tin.

Place the dried fruit, sugar, water and margarine in a saucepan and bring to the boil. When the margarine has melted, boil for a few minutes and then add the bicarb, stir well and leave to cool.

Sift the flour and spice in a mixing bowl then add the egg. Add the cooled fruit and mix well.

Put into the prepared tin and bake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour.

Reduce the heat to 140°C / 290°F / gas 1, and cook for a further 45 - 60 minutes. Test with a clean skewer, it should come out clean if cooked.

Cool for 10 minutes, then put on to a cooling tray.

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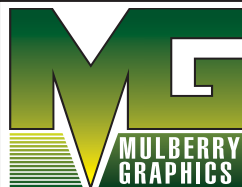
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