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## From the Editor

Hello everyone,

Once again Christmas is nearly here and we include some Christmas activities for you and your families to join in. 'Christmas Carols', which will be held in the church, is featured on the front cover and visits from Santa and his arrival in Harrietsham in his sleigh are featured on pages 14 and 15.

Sadly, Kevin Harlock, who has been writing Top Tips on behalf of Harrietsham Gardening Society for almost as long as I have been the Editor, has decided that it is time to stop. The Network team would like to thank him very much for all of his many contributions, all enhanced by his unfailing sense of humour, which has so often brought a smile to our faces and tears to our eyes. We will be re-running many of the articles in the New Year.

Everyone on the Network Team and Harrietsham Fish Committee wish you all a very

**Merry Christmas**

Stay safe everyone

Jan - Editor



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# Harrietsham Network

## Harrietsham Gardening Society



We had our second meeting on 19 October in the Village Hall. 24 members were in attendance. The speaker was Derek March who presented a talk on 'The Story of English Cheeses' which included a tasting and was enjoyed by all. Afterwards there were refreshments, a raffle and time to chat.

Unfortunately, we are a bit down on membership since the lockdown but hope that it will pick up in the months ahead. We would welcome any new members who may wish to join us. With the large increase in population of the village we hope this might be so. Our meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. There are, in addition 3 shows including the Annual Village Show during the year and at least one outing to a garden of note.

We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society which amongst other benefits allows us to visit one of their gardens free of charge on a yearly basis.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Social on 14 December at 7.30pm. Included in the festivities will be a talk on 'Bee Keeping' by Wendy Laffan.

**David Oversby** - Chairman

## Harrietsham in Bloom

Our AGM was held in October and our thanks to everyone who attended.

The planters have been cleared of summer bedding and re-planted with tulips and polyanthus. Our volunteers have been busy planting last year's bulbs in the grass verges and our thanks goes to them for all their hard work.



We are grateful to Mrs Glenda Dean for her generous donation to our funds as we are to everyone that sponsors us and to the many people who donate to the village collection boxes and to Harrietsham Parish Council. We could not survive without your generosity so thank you to all.

We wish you all Seasons Greetings and a safe and healthy New Year. Any enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) 01622 859352

**Audrey Joy**



## Harrietsham Craft Groups



### Craft and Chat

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday and the last Saturday of each month between 1.30-5pm at Lenham Community Centre. At the time of writing, we have had two meetings at Lenham Community Centre, both being very well attended. Throughout October we had a Halloween theme with home-baked pumpkin cake and Halloween black forest trifle being served at meetings. Some of the members also made beaded pumpkin earrings whilst others concentrated on finishing their bead embroidered cuffs or worked on their own projects.

At our meetings on 10 and 27 November and 8 December we will be working on Christmas projects. The projects are either a rag rug wreath or a string art snowman plaque but members are always welcome to bring along their own projects to work on if they wish.



*The wreaths at top left and top right were made by Pauline Harris and her Mum*

### Knit, Crochet and Natter

Apart from our meeting held on the third Monday of each month between 2-4pm at Harrietsham Village Hall, we now have an evening meeting held on the first Monday of the month between 7-9pm to accommodate those who can't make it during the day due to childcare or work commitments. Our first meeting in November went well and several people had help with their knitting or started to learn to crochet whilst others brought along projects they were working on. December's meetings will be held on 6 December in the evening and 20 December in the afternoon.

Compliments of the season to everyone from all of us at Craft and Chat and, if you have any queries on the above groups or would like to join us at our meetings, please contact 01622 851885

## Harrietsham History Society



Regrettably, I was forced to cancel our proposed meeting we had planned to hold on Monday 4 October at the very last minute due to being unwell and at present we have not been able to arrange a new date for a meeting to take place. It may be possible for us to fix a date before the end of the year, if we are able to do so the information will be on the home page of our website [www.harrietshamhistorysociety.org](http://www.harrietshamhistorysociety.org)

**Peter Brown**

## Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



Having not written an article for last month's Network (November) I wonder how many members actually missed my club musings, and sometimes belated information, which has been the difficult tale of an often non-productive Covid affected year as far as bowling has been concerned. We are at last back at Harrietsham Village Hall D for all our bowling activities, on Mondays (2.00pm to 4.00pm) and Thursdays (7.30pm to 9.30pm) and are renewing our acquaintance with each other and our mats.

We must not forget, however, that we have a degree of responsibility and respect for each other, and that even though the Covid rules have been relaxed and it is now up to the individual to decide if they should wear a face-covering or not, it is advised that in congested areas masks should be worn. After all, we do not want to lose our "safe to play" certificate awarded by the ESMBA.

You may know of the sad news that both Ann Rust and Colin Lawrence have passed away. It is worth remembering that they were both loyal and long-serving members of HSMBC who helped to make the good reputation that this club has today. We also have to say a fond farewell to Pam Lawrence who has been forced to retire from bowling due to arthritis in both hands. Another long-serving member will be missed. Pam has kindly donated her bowling equipment to the club so that it can be sold and the proceeds added to the club funds, if you are interested in these items please contact De Beresford.

We have two new members to welcome to HSMBC, Bill Taylor and Barry Incedon. Bill has played before and has a lot of experience in the game, Barry is a newcomer to bowls but is keen to learn. We hope they enjoy playing at Harrietsham and make new friends who can, in Barry's case, help him discover a talent he did not know he had.

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# Harrietsham Network

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You are invited to book a slot and each booking will be given a chance to say hello to Santa and take a photograph on your phone if you wish.



To assist in getting as many families as possible a chance to meet him, Santa's Elves ask that you are ready with your camera and understand that Santa won't be able to chat for very long but you can remain in the main hall to speak with other villagers or purchase a drink if you wish. Santa has mentioned he would be grateful, that if you are able, you walk to the hall to save traffic congestion in the area.

Please also be aware of social distancing etc., and finally please be mindful and remember that everyone organising and helping at this event will be a volunteer so please spare a thought when visiting.

Due to the number of children in the village this will be for local Harrietsham children on this occasion.

## Santa is Visiting Harrietsham (cont'd)

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## Santa's Sleigh Ride

Santa's sleigh ride through Harrietsham (courtesy of the Harrietsham Primary School PTFA) will take place on Friday 3 December from 5.00pm onwards. Route details will be announced nearer to the time.

This event lifts everyone's spirits and gets us all in the mood for Christmas, so do go out and welcome him to Harrietsham. The PTFA would really appreciate everyone who sees him to donate via a text to the donate number **70085**. Donations between £1 and £20 can be sent. For a £2 donation send PTFASANTA 2, for £3 send PTFASANTA 3 and so on. Text costs your donation plus 1 standard rate message. All proceeds go towards the current goal of raising funds for additional school laptops.

Please don't forget to take some photos and send them to me for Network ([editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org](mailto:editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org)). Can I just remind everyone that if there are children in your photo I need their parents' permission to publish. Mobile phone photos are very welcome.

Santa's journey will be broadcast live on Harrietshamites, so you'll know where to find him.

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creche, and at 6.30pm  
[www.maidatonebaptist.net](http://www.maidatonebaptist.net)

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Bearsted (next to Station)  
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Sittingbourne  
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01795 422573  
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### Pathways Church, Maidstone

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McCabe [www.pathwayschurch.org.uk](http://www.pathwayschurch.org.uk)  
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For all church services please see  
information on page 23 or contact your  
own church for up to date information.

# Harrietsham Network

## Len Valley Benefice

### December 2021



## Everybody is welcome

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.  
*Isaiah 40:31*

### Wednesday 1 December

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### Sunday 5 December

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Church

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**9.30am** Ulcombe: Creative Service

**11.00am** Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

### Saturday 11 December

**3.00pm** Lenham: **Messy Church Christingle**

### Sunday 12 December

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong *with Baptism*

**3.30pm** Harrietsham: **Carol Service**

Lenham: Breakfast Church will be joining the market on this day.

### Sunday 19 December

**8.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Church

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion

**3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: **Carol Service**

**5.00pm** Lenham: **Carol Service**

### Tuesday 21 December

**7.00pm** Ulcombe: **Carol Service**

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# Len Valley Benefice December 2021



(continued)

## **Christmas Eve: Friday 24 December**

- 3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: **Crib Service**
- 3.30pm** Harrietsham: **Crib Service**
- 11.15pm** Lenham: **Midnight Holy Communion**

## **Christmas Day: Saturday 25 December**

- 10.30am** Boughton Malherbe: **Christmas Holy Communion**
- 10.30am** Harrietsham: **Christmas Holy Communion**
- 10.30am** Ulcombe: **Christmas Holy Communion**

## **Sunday 26 December - No Service – Boxing Day**



# Operation Sunshine

## What is Operation Sunshine?

Operation Sunshine is a Folkestone based charity, supported by churches all over Kent, Devon, France and Andorra. Helped by individuals and groups, it sends much needed clothing, food, medical equipment, tools, sewing machines, blankets, soap, toiletries and other necessities to Africa and elsewhere for those in need.

## What does Operation Sunshine do?

Goods received are sorted, packed and stored at Cape-He-Ferne awaiting shipment. Similar work goes on in Tavistock, Devon. Other groups and individuals work at home, collecting, sewing, knitting and repairing items. Many help with fundraising and prayer makes a vital contribution to the work.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this charity during 2021.

Seasons Greetings to you all. Stay safe.

**Audrey Joy M.B.E.** Local contact 01622 860806

# Harrietsham Network

## Local Directory A-Ha

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### **Art Classes (Drawing/Painting Improvers)**

Tutor Kent Adult Education Details TBA

### **Beaver Scouts**

Leader Ann Seales 01622 859829

### **Bell Ringers**

Captain Ken Leach 01622 851173

Captain Graham Cuthbert 01795 886365

### **Bible Reading Fellowship**

Co-ordinator Mrs J Bevan 01622 859310

### **Booth and Baldwin Charity**

Secretary email boothandbaldwin@hotmail.co.uk

### **Brownie Guides**

Brown Owl Louise Ayres 07590 037693

### **Community Support**

PCSO John Boyd 101

### **Conservative Association**

Faversham Office 01622 758053

### **Countryways Quilters**

**And Stitchers** Pamela Gillard 01233 879507

### **Craft and Chat/Crafternoon/**

**Knit Crochet and Natter** Hazel Roots 01622 851885

### **Cricket Club**

Chairman Mr A Hubble 01622 859692

### **Cub Scouts**

Leader Mrs A Seales 01622 859829

### **Explorer Scouts**

Leader Mark Horlock 07789 226516

### **Family History**

Enquiries Mr F Long 01622 850863

### **Flower Guild**

Parish Church Mrs R Long 01622 850863

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

Chairperson Audrey Joy 01622 850806

### **Gardening Society**

Chairman Mr David Oversby 01622 859674

### **Girl Guides**

Leader Andrea French 07901 667018

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

Secretary Mr T Grimes 01622 850632

### **Harrietsham Academy of Ballet**

Organiser Deborah Nankivell 07775 716714

### **Harrietsham History Society**

Chairman Mr P Brown 01622 851075

### **Harrietsham in Bloom**

Chairman Mr A Rogers 01622 859352

**Harrietsham Preschool** Susan Snoad 07897 821399

### **Harrietsham Social Club**

Secretary Jed Stone 07759 8771198/whipacres2@g.mail.com

# Local Directory He-Z

## Health Walks

Organiser Ms M Darby 01622 850657

## Helpers

Chairman Mr T Sams 01622 859412

## Karate Club

Organiser Mr Lewin Tuckwell 07812 089304

**Kent Community Warden** Mr M Sherwood 07977 981993

## Kent Messenger

### “Your Local Pages”

Village correspondent Charlotte Lingard miss\_lingard@hotmail.com

## Lenham and Harrietsham Youth Hub

Contact Katie at KCC 01622 755044

**Liberal Democrat Assoc.** Mr David Naghi 07970 626829

## PTFA (Harrietsham School)

Chairman James Reed harrietshamptfa@gmail.com

## Rainbows

Leader Kate Davies 07971254029/beaukate@btinternet.com

## Royal British Legion

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**Secretary** Mrs K Daking 850652

## The Lenham School

Head of School Mr Chris Foreman 858267

## The Poppy Appeal

Organiser Richard Cast 07787476879/richardcast@btinternet.com

## Ulcombe Pre-school

Chairperson Helen Leat 07511657828/  
ulcombepreschool@live.co.uk

## Village Hall

Paul Chandler (Chair) 07572 049480/01622 439457

**Wives Group** Gill Whent 01622 859426

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*Network is currently produced using Microsoft Publisher software in a Windows environment, which is very similar to Microsoft Word. So, if you have used either Word or Publisher you wouldn't need very much training to get into the swing of things. If not, get in touch anyway, this could be your chance to learn something new. A laptop computer and software is provided.*

*You will need about 15-20 hours each month to start with, while you get the hang of things. As with all things, you will need less time as you become more experienced.*

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## Events and Regular activities in Harrietsham

Please will everyone who is organising or hosting events in Harrietsham or for Harrietsham residents help Network by sending us details of forthcoming events and reports and photos of recent events for the magazine. Keeping us all informed gets better attendance at your event and keeps our community spirit alive.

Before the pandemic, we had a day-to-day events list for regular events and a diary for everything else. Since the pandemic things have been a little bit sparse, so if you know something's going to happen, please share it with us so that we can share it with everyone else in our village. Please help us to get things back to normal.

Now's the time to grab a camera and go out and photograph some winter scenes in our beautiful countryside and around the village. How about sending some in to Network... **[editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org](mailto:editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org)** and we'll publish the best ones and the names of the photographers who took them. Perhaps some of our younger residents would like to take part.... Good quality mobile phone photos work very well in the magazine.

Please send them all other contributions to **[editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org](mailto:editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org)**

Thank you all.

**Jan - Editor**

# Harrietsham Network

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## Borough Council Corner

### MBC Consultation

By the time you read this you will have until December 12 to submit your comments to the Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review (LPR). The review is part of the process that will ultimately see an independent inspector decide on what exactly our community will look like in the future.

We look at the community being the Parishes of Harrietsham and Lenham including the wider hamlets because all that occurs invariably affects us all. Whether its approximately 100 houses proposed East of Harrietsham or 5000 homes (MBC's own Heathlands proposal) at Lenham Heath all have an effect. When we need a school, a doctor, to flush the toilet, get into our cars or use public transport, to enjoy our countryside, breath in unpolluted air and think of what type of world we might leave our children, all are affected.

In basic terms if you feel that trying to cross the A20 or drive along it now is difficult then if the plan is approved as it stands this will become increasingly problematic and traffic jams are something that will become the norm!

Please take the opportunity to respond. This can be done via the MBC website. For further information on Heathlands please visit the Lenham Parish Council and SOHL (Save Our Heathlands) website. For those who are unable to access the internet (not everyone is able or wants to) the document may be found in Lenham Library and hard copies available for view can be obtained from us if you contact us.

On the back of this we will have had the COP 26 conference in Glasgow. Whatever comes from it, and we may already be able to forecast that, it is important we do our best to respond to the climate emergency. We have requested that MBC communicate with residents on what they are offering to achieve on our behalf. Additionally, to work in particular with young people and to listen to their increasingly frustrated and worried comments. Whilst we watch and listen to David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg it is clear that what people want from their governments is for them to make immediate decisions that make a difference. Whether it's our energy usage or thinking how we might promote wildlife perhaps over the next few months we might all make some small changes in our own lives to think differently, and to act on these so that future generations can enjoy what we take for granted now.

***Tom and Janetta Sams***

Borough Councillors for Harrietsham & Lenham ward 01622 859412 & 07891901831

***Please continue to be responsible and wear masks when needed to protect us all***

# Network Magazine January 2022 deadlines

**Wed 1 December 2021 12 noon** advertising deadline for January Network

**Dec 1 December 2021 12 noon** copy deadline for January Network

## December Diary

**Abbreviations:**

*HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall*

*LCC = Lenham Community Centre*

Wed	1		Wives Group Xmas Dinner	Percival's Rest
Thurs	2	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	3	from 5pm	Santa Sleigh Ride	See page 15
Mon	6	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	6	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Wed	8	1.30 - 5pm	Craft and Chat	LCC Osborne Room
Thurs	9	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	11	12-2pm	Soup Saturday	St John's Church
Mon	13	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Tues	14	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	16	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	17	7.30-8.30pm	Christmas Carols	St.John's Church
Sun	19	10.00-3.00pm	Santa's Visit to Harrietsham	See page 14/15
Mon	20	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	20	2.00-4pm	Knit, Crochet & Natter	HVH
Thurs	30	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH





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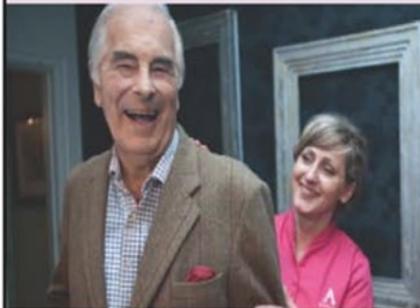
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Harrietsham and Lenham  
Villages Community Support

Dear Friends

Harvest 2021

Well, Harvest Festival time has come around once again, and despite the turmoil within the food industry: weather, transport, staff etc., you have all, once again, "stepped up to the plate".

As always, your generous donations go a long way towards helping people, less fortunate, who turn to us for help.

In these difficult times, it is heart-warming to know that there are people, such as yourself and your community, on whom we can rely to keep our services operational.

We look forward to our continued relationship.

Thank you

On behalf of the team

Trustees, Staff and Volunteers.

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### ***A Message from Tom and Janetta Sams***

*We hope that you are able to have some sort of normality and be able to see and visit friends and family. As you are all aware there are many families who have unfortunately lost jobs during the pandemic and the food bank donations have been vital to them. The Harrietsham & Lenham covid support team volunteers continue to deliver items once a fortnight to the food bank in Knightrider Street Maidstone. Please see the most recent communication we have from the Trustees, staff and volunteers of Homeless Care who run the food bank.*

*Can we ask, if you are able to, please continue to support this vital service by donating food in the local Lenham or Harrietsham Coop or alternatively directly to the food bank. If you have a larger amount you wish to donate please call us (01622 859412) and we will arrange pick up from your home.*

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## Christian Message

### Dare we hope again this Christmas-time?

For many of us, our hopes rise at Christmas. It may just be the twinkling lights, the carol-kit churches, the trees and thought of Christmas pud and seeing family and friends. Or it may be the excitement of celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ, born all those years ago, in such strange and impoverished circumstances. Even those who like to shout, 'Humbug' find the Christmas spirit affects them (either the atmosphere or the gin!)

We need hope this year like we've needed it never before. Whether it's Covid, climate change, absurd petrol shortages, rising prices or, or, or.... it has been a year when for most of us, hope has been stretched to the limit.

Of course, not everybody finds Christmas an easy time. Those who live on their own (I have been there...), or who are estranged or distant from family, or down on their luck may struggle at Christmas.

But the real Christmas story has hope at its heart: hope illustrated by a bright star in the sky; hope in the words of Mary exclaiming that God has lifted up the humble, and filled the hungry with good things; hope that this baby Jesus will survive the wicked ways of Herod; hope that this baby would grow to the God-man Jesus, who will rescue us all from the madness that is part of who we are as humans.

So, this Christmastime, let's dare to hope. Let's dare to believe that God is good, that he sent his Son to show us that God is Love. And let's respond by loving those around us for whom Christmas isn't the easiest time of the year.

God bless you all and may hope spring up in all our hearts this Christmas!

**Revd. John P. Huggins** (01622 850280)





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

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### Soup Saturday

Soup Saturday will take place in the church on Saturday 11 December 2021 between 12 noon and 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a delicious bowl of Helen's Hearty Homemade Soup with crusty bread. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available. All profits made go to the upkeep of our beautiful Village Church. The 100 Club lottery draw will also take place during lunch.

### Christmas Carols

The Salvation Army has had a longstanding relationship with Harrietsham and are coming to accompany us in the church on Friday 17 December 2021 at 7.30pm. Why not start off the festive season and sing along to your favourite carols. !!Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the church afterwards. Free admission, but any donations to the charity will be gratefully accepted.

### Christmas Cards



The Friends of St. John's Christmas card this year features a photograph of the church taken by Susie Parr following the snow that fell earlier this year. Inside the greeting reads "Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year"

They are for sale in packs of 5 at £3 per pack and can be delivered to your door if you wish.

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*Read about the 100 Club and this month's draw winners on page 35*

## Harrietsham Wives Group



Due to Katherin's imminent move and consequent resignation, the AGM was brought forward to our November meeting and a new committee elected.

It was lovely to see so many members and to welcome Anne as a new member hopefully a sign we are beginning to return to normal.

Our December meeting is replaced with a Christmas meal on the 1 December 2021, this year to be held at Percival's Rest. It is good to have a lovely venue back in the village.

The January meeting will be a social occasion with a quiz and an opportunity to catch up following the Christmas Holiday.

Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to come along on 5 January 2022 in the Scout Hut in Station Road at 7.30pm

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

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### **100Club Draw**

The results of the Sixtieth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on 13 November 2021 by various diners at the Soup Saturday in the presence of Chris Roots and under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator). 135 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £135.

First prize £67.50 – number 105 – Janet & Brian Hall

Second prize £40.50 – number 35 – Janice Brockwell

Third prize £27.00 – number 51 – June Allen-Westbrook

### **100 Club now in its sixth year**

#### **The Friends of St John 100 Club is the biggest club in Harrietsham \***

The 100 Club is now in its sixth year and, since its inception in 2016, has paid out £6,200 in prizes and raised a similar amount to help keep our church being an asset to the village as a whole.

The 100 Club was launched in December 2016 with just 56 numbers with the first prize in the initial draw was £28 won by Colin Lawrence. Since then, the Club has slowly grown with new members joining (and some leaving) and now has 56 members with 144 Numbers in the Draw meaning that the first prize this month (December 2021) will be £72.

The Friends of the Church of St John the Baptist, Harrietsham, is a secular charity which raises valuable funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Grade 1 listed church building and its surroundings to ensure that its contribution to the landscape of Harrietsham continues. The 100 Club is a private lottery where half of the money raised is returned to the club members in prizes and the rest is used to help preserve the church for future generations. Each month, the prize fund will be divided between 3 lucky winners. If you are interested in participating in this lottery club please either email [100club@friendsofstjohn.org](mailto:100club@friendsofstjohn.org) or telephone Chris on 01622 851885 and an invitation to join will be sent to you.

*\* unless you know something we don't.*

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# Aladdin



Friday 28th January 2022, 7.30pm  
Saturday 29th January 2022, 2pm & 7.30pm  
Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone, ME17 2QT

Tickets go on general sale on Sunday 14th November.  
Tickets are available to buy from Lenham Farmers Market (Nov, Dec, Jan); from 6-7pm on Sunday evenings at Lenham Community Centre (excluding Christmas Holidays); by emailing [tickets@hamsproductions.org](mailto:tickets@hamsproductions.org) or by calling 07731 455 677. Ticket prices: Adults £6, Children £4, Under 2s free if sitting on an adult's lap.

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## Aladdin fun for all generations



By the time you are reading this we will have released our tickets for this year's pantomime "Aladdin" on the 28th and 29th of January 2022. We are having a great time rehearsing this fantastic show. We can't wait to perform it for you. There will be all the normal high jinks and mayhem on stage and all the groan worthy jokes that we all love so much, after all this is pantomime. Why not join Aladdin as he meets and falls in love with the Princess only to be whisked away by a dubious uncle. Will Aladdin and the Princess have a happy ending? And will Dame Widow Twanky stick to the script? Why not come along and find out.

Tickets are available by contacting [tickets@hamsproductions.org](mailto:tickets@hamsproductions.org) or by contacting the ticket helpline on 07731 455 677, alternatively you may wish to visit us at the Lenham country market in December and January to meet some of the cast in costume, or drop in to the community centre on a Sunday between 6 and 7 pm (not including the Christmas break). The number of seats available have been reduced slightly in line with our Covid policy of protecting the audience, front of house and cast, so get in quick and buy your tickets to avoid disappointment.

If you fancy taking part and treading the boards, there may still be opportunities to join us in the chorus or by volunteering to work backstage or front of house. If you need any further assistance, please feel free to contact our chairman David on the number above or by emailing [chair@hamsproductions.org](mailto:chair@hamsproductions.org). We look forward to welcoming you to our pantomime joining Aladdin on his grand adventure.

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### Councils:

MP – Helen Whately	01622 758053
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Harrietsham Parish Council – Parish Clerk	01622 850089

<b>Police:</b> Emergencies only	999
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Samaritans, 48, Grecian Street, Maidstone	01622 674444
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Childline	0800 11 11
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## WHITE CHRISTMAS

Friday December 10th

Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Make it come true in the best way of all – come and join us at Lenham Community Centre on 10 December to watch the incomparable Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and the lovely Vera-Ellen in **White Christmas** (U, 1954) singing and dancing their way through Irving Berlin's unforgettable songs. Back in the US after the war's end, song and dance team Bob and Phil discover at Christmastime that their former army commander is having a tough time running his hotel in Vermont. With the help of two talented sisters Betty and Judy, they set out to put this right. And the quest is a sheer delight to watch.

*Director:* Michael Curtiz. *Running time:* 2 hours.

We have some great films coming up for 2022. On 14 January, we're showing *Red Joan* in which the incomparable Judi Dench excels as the KGB's longest serving British spy. And, guess what, on 11 February it's *No Time to Die*, Daniel Craig's final appearance as James Bond. On March 11, come and see *Hidden Figures*, about the brilliant African American women at NASA who played a pivotal role in early US space travel.

For more information please check out our website ([www.lenhamfilmclub.org](http://www.lenhamfilmclub.org)), follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub) or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at [lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com). Perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

*Admission: members £4, non-members £5*

*Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.*

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We look forward to bringing even more of you together next year!



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