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From the Editor

Welcome to the February 2019 issue of Network magazine.

As I'm writing this, it's dark, it's cold outside, there's ice on the car I'm not looking forward to scraping the windscreen. We do however, have daffodils on the way so at least we know Spring is not too far round the corner and that's why I put a picture of daffodils on the front cover. I'd better add that I didn't take this picture and although our daffodils are sprouting, they're not blooming quite like this just yet!

We're now getting into 2019, I hope all your celebrations went well. As January is all about making resolutions and making a new start so, perhaps you can help us. Harrietsham Network needs volunteers. All of us who work on it, try our best to give you the best magazine that we can, but we have limited time and resources and sometimes when someone has to drop out, for whatever reason, we have to make up for that loss. If there's anyone who can help with laying out the pages of Network, proof reading or delivering please get in touch with us.

I'd also draw your attention to this months Harrietsham in Bloom article. Volunteers are also required to look after some of the planters. HiB do a wonderful job in making the village look lovely particularly during the summer months so if you've got a bit of spare time and want to play a part in making the village look good, get in touch with HiB, see page 9.

Enjoy the issue.

Anthony Wiffen

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Countryways Quilters and Stitchers

Hello everyone. I hope you are all settling in to 2019 and the last of the cranberry sauce and brandy butter have been cleared out of the fridge.

We are going into February with the first big project in a while, a crib size quilt. The Seagull Quilt is in blues and white with seagulls flying over the ocean. Ideal for a child's room or a lap quilt. This project will continue over two months to accommodate those that can only come once a month.

We meet in the Osbourne room at the Lenham Community Centre on Tues. February 5th and Wed. the 20th, 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

Every Thursday 9:30 to 11:30

It's February and Valentine's Day is coming. You know there will be pretty hand-made Valentine's cards available. And in between our usual stalls of plants, produce, preserves, baked goods and crafts you will be finding pretty pink boxes for gift giving. Some to be filled with little gifts, some already filled with pink rose petals and lavender buds to decorate the special dinner for two table setting. Our bakers might have some special fare for that intimate meal, like a Valentine's cake or a tart or two. Come check it out.

I will be spinning on Feb. 10th and 24th along with my handspun yarn and textiles (and the rose petals). 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

Harrietsham in Bloom

Now that Christmas is over we shall be monitoring how many bulbs have been lost due to the recent footpath works. Thankfully, we should get a display in the untouched areas.

Our annual quiz will take place on Saturday 13th April. More details to follow in the March Network.

Our thanks to the Taste of Bengal for hosting our get-together for volunteers and sponsors on 28th January.

We are always pleased to welcome any new volunteers to our small team, even a small amount of your time would be appreciated. Just to look after one planter would be a great help.

Many thanks for your continued support, any enquiries to **Andrew Rogers (chair) 859352**.

Lastly, many thanks to the anonymous donation of £10 received from a LENARA member in December.

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We have a variety of volunteer roles available for example in our shops, with patients in the community or our Inpatient Unit, at our events or on our Living Well Sessions . If you have considered volunteering and can spare some time on a regular or occasional basis please do come and have a chat with us. All are



welcome but we are particularly interested in meeting volunteers with training in the arts, music, storytelling, exercise techniques such as Tai Chi and Yoga and complementary therapies.

The next open mornings are 9th February and 9th March from 10.00 am – 1 pm . Thereafter they will be on the second Saturday of each month up to and including November.

To find out more about us please call Volunteer Services on 01622 792200 , email volunteers@hokh.co.uk or just drop in at one of the sessions.

Kind regards,
Dorothy

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There have been a lot of members away in December and January including myself due to Christmas and being ill, hopefully everybody has recovered and we should be back in full swing this month. Despite members being away, we have still been busy with home and away matches, and we had 2 teams playing in Bobbing doubles competition last month. So if you fancy a game of bowls come and join us, no experience is required, we are in the Harrietsham Village Hall Monday afternoon and Thursday evening, come and have a go.



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We continue to work with the Parish council and Helen Whately our MP who all help on these matters. Helen's PA is Jenny Whittle our former county councillor and this is very helpful for her local knowledge and connections to the village.

Finally Tom managed to fracture his wrist falling off a roof prior to Christmas(lucky that was all he broke!) and so has been slower than normal in responding to correspondence, he apologises for this and also for not being able to do any washing up during the entire Christmas and New Year period

Janetta and Tom Sams
Maidstone Borough Council

Women's Institute

In December we enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch of roast turkey and all the trimmings thanks to Sandra who did all the cooking. Well done. Our thanks go also to our president Angela, secretary Jeanne and committee who have kept the group going through a very busy 100th anniversary

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11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Communion)

Wednesday 6th February

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 10th February

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

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship

3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 17th February

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th February

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 24th February

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

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

3.30pm Heart of Kent Hospice: Service supported by Len Valley



**Saturday, 9th February.
Doors open 7 pm, film starts 7.30 pm**

Saturday, 9th February is the launch day for Lenham's new film club. It's a Saturday but future performances will usually be on Friday evenings. Don't panic though! Don't panic! We won't clash with Harrietsham's own excellent film club because ours will be on the second Friday of the month and will obviously be offering different films, along with refreshments.

Performances will be held in the main hall of our Community Centre in Groom Way where parking is available. The entrance fee for each film will be £5 payable by cash only at the door, and we plan to introduce a membership option later.

As for which film we are kicking off with... Well, what film could be more suited for our premiere performance than **Casablanca** (U)? Whether you've seen it once or twenty times or not at all, watching Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman in this Oscar-winning drama on our new big screen will be a breathtaking experience. And when you've recovered your breath from that, you can look forward to Friday, 8th March, when we'll be rolling out the red carpet for Queen. Yes, we're showing **Bohemian Rhapsody** (12A), nominated for two 2019 Golden Globe awards.

We look forward to seeing you there to enjoy evenings as much as our residents enjoy Harrietsham's.
Contact address: lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com

Harrietsham day by day

(T = term time only)

SUNDAY

Tennis Club (May-Sept) 2.00pm Booth Field

MONDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm 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
 History Society (3rd Mon) 7.30pm Village Hall

TUESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm 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 (3rd 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 9am - noon Primary School T
 Elevenses (2nd Wed) 10.30am - noon Booth Hall
 Mobile Library (fortnightly) 1.30pm - 2pm 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 (1st Wed) 8pm - 10pm See magazine entry
 Parish Council (last Wed) 7.30pm Booth Hall

THURSDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T
 Baby, Toddler & Parent Group 9.30am - 11.30am Ambrose Hall T
 Women's Institute (2nd Thurs) 2.00pm Booth Hall
 Tennis Club (May-Sept) 6.30pm Booth Field
 Explorers (Scouts) 7.15pm - 9.30pm Kingswood Scout HQ
 Short Mat Bowls 6.30 pm - 10pm Ambrose Hall
 Choir Practice 6.15pm Parish Church
 Lenham Youth Centre 7 - 9pm Swadelands 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

SATURDAY

Rainbows 10am - 11.30am Booth Hall T

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February Diary

Fri 1 Feb 12 noon Advertising deadline for March Network

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Fri 1	7.30pm	Whist Drive, Harrietsham Village Hall
Sat 2	1 - 4 pm	Craft & Chat, Harrietsham Village Hall
Tues 5	1.30 - 4:30pm	Countryways Quilters and Stitchers Osbourne Room, Lenham Community Centre
Wed 6	8-10	Wives Group, Booth Hall
Sat 9	12 - 2pm	Soup Saturday, St John the Baptist Church
Mon 18	7.30	Harrietsham History Society, Harrietsham Village Hall
Tues 19	7.30	Gardening Society, Ambrose Hall
Wed 20	1.30 - 4:30pm	Countryways Quilters and Stitchers Osborne Room, Lenham Community Centre
Thurs 21	2-4pm	Crafternoon, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thurs 21	2-4pm	Young at Heart 60+ Lenham Community Centre
Fri 22	1.45pm	Film Club, Harrietsham Village Hall

Village Events Diary - for Your use!

Did you know? A voluntary system of 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 History Society

Our meeting on the 18th February this year is a workshop evening as we now have a lot more things to sort through ready for adding to our digital archive. We really could do with some additional help with this so if you have a free evening come along and give us a hand. It is simply a case of sorting through the boxes and giving each item a number and writing a brief description of what it is. There will also be an opportunity of chatting to members of our committee and finding out more about our society and the history of the village. Copies of our souvenir book containing the Harrietsham Times Newsletter sheets which we published every month throughout the Centenary Anniversary years in the Network Magazine will be available to purchase on the evening for just £5.00 a copy, with all proceeds going to help us with our archiving costs. With the loss of Stephen Morris from our committee we will struggle to progress with the entering of information on our archive software, if you think you could assist us with this please let me know.

Peter Brown

Gardening Society

Our last meeting in December was our Christmas Social which was attended by 36 members and 1 guest. Alas there was no pantomime this year, which may have disappointed some, but instead we had a competition to make an animal or animals from a variety of vegetables and artificial decorations. There were no boundaries and it could be anything from real to fictitious. There were some very good examples alongside the bizarre. Great fun was had by all. The winners, by popular vote, were a group calling themselves 'Dynasties'. There was also a quiz compiled by Kevin Harlock.

The Chairman announced that Stephen Morris, the Treasurer and Vice Chairman would be leaving the Society after the AGM and also the village. He thanked Stephen for all his contributions to the Society which have been monumental. He was one of the founding members in 2003. He will be very much missed not only by the committee but by the members as well. 'A hard act to follow'.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 19th February

Christian Message

February 2019 by Pamela Cuerden

When my children were little I took them on holiday to the Lake District with my mother. They had so much fun without a care in the world until one evening when I thought it would be a treat to phone their Daddy so they could tell him all about their holiday. This totally back-fired and before I knew it my mother and I had three wailing, homesick children on our hands because they ‘wanted their Daddy!’

Nearly 30 years later the roles were reversed. My son and his fiancée went away on an extended holiday just as my mother became ill so my attention was diverted and I was preoccupied with visits to her in hospital – until after a few days my son sent home an email to reassure us about what a lovely time they were having. It just reminded me how far away they were, what a long time a month is and how concerned I was for their safety. Parting is such sweet sorrow! God tells us quite directly not to worry. I am not very good at heeding this but here it is in black and white:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6: 25-27).

My son and his girlfriend arrived home safely a month later, full of beans and keen to share all the photographs and news from their trip. I praise God for this. Philippians 4:6-7 reassures us: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

With the continuing cuts in the public sector and the uncertainty of Brexit here in Britain, and war, famine, and the balance of nature being upset through waste products and global warming throughout the world, never was it more important to pray and trust in our Lord.



Christmas Flowers in Church

Very many thanks to all members of The Flower Guild for decorating the Church for Christmas. Many people said how lovely they were. Thank you for the many donations towards the flowers.

Rita Long

Christmas Memorial Table

The following persons were remembered this year

David Burton, Dick Benstead, Bill Campbell, Ellen and Maurice Castle, Gay Chaplin, William and Joyce Chaponnell, Emma Louise Coumbe, Patricia Essex, Doreen and Cedric Furmidge, May and Albert Harris, John Hollinson, Kathy Hicks, Ronald Hill, Dennis Arthur Johnson, Colin Kite, Hugh Lawlor, James Mayes, Peggy Mayes, Ellen Minter, Rose and Leonard Pragnell, Dennis Tabrett, Tony Thistlethwaite, Sylvia Westley (Gran), Kate and Jim Woodham, Patricia Woodham, Ted Woodham

Heart of Kent Hospice



Maidstone Road Run, Sunday 10th March
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5K – This beautiful road run takes you through the rural village of Boughton Monchelsea - £8.00 adults, £3.00 under 18s £20.00 family (2 adults and 2 children)

1k Run – Bring the whole family for a 1K fun run on the playing fields of the Academy. Dress in Fancy Dress if you wish – best fancy dress wins a prize – £3.00 adults, £1.00 under 18s, under 3s free

No minimum sponsorship required. For further information including starting times and prices applying after 28th February please visit www.hokh.org

HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

FISH SCHEME AFTERNOON FILM

FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY DOORS OPEN 1.45PM FILM AT 2.15PM

Black Swan (15)



Nina is a ballerina in a New York City ballet company whose life, like all those in her profession, is completely consumed with dance. She lives with her obsessive former ballerina mother Erica who exerts a suffocating control over her. When the artistic director decides to replace prima ballerina Beth MacIntyre for the opening production of their new season, *Swan Lake*, Nina is his first choice. But Nina has competition: a new dancer, Lily who impresses Leroy as well. *Swan Lake* requires a dancer who can play both the White Swan with innocence and grace, and the Black Swan, who represents guile and sensuality. Nina fits the White Swan role perfectly but Lily is the personification of the Black Swan. As the two young dancers expand their rivalry into a twisted friendship, Nina begins to get more in touch with her dark side - recklessness that threatens to destroy her.

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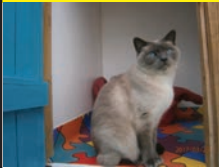
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Craft & Chat and Crafternoon

Following our Christmas Craft and Chat meeting at the Village Hall, we met again at Hawkley Lodge on 18th December for our usual Christmas Get Together. This is where we celebrate our crafting friendships each year with crafting, eating, drinking and generally making merry whilst listening to Christmas music in the background. A good time was had by all and it was nice to see some new faces around the table as well as more familiar ones this year.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our January meeting of Craft and Chat when we will be making vases out of paperback books which we will fill with flowers also made from book pages.

February's meeting of Craft and Chat will take place on Saturday 2nd February between 1-4pm at Harrietsham Village Hall. Anna will be showing us how to make a special type of necklace using a selection of beads that are knotted together at intervals. Details will be emailed to members nearer the time and are also published on our Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/harrietshamcraftandchat>

The Crafternoon meeting in February will be held on Thursday 21st February between 2-4pm at Harrietsham Village Hall. This meeting will be a catch up meeting where members can bring along any unfinished projects and get help with finishing them or simply continue with them. Molly will also, possibly, be bringing along her lace pillow to give us a demonstration of lace making and anyone who wishes to try it can have a go following the demonstration.

As usual, anyone who wishes to work on their own project rather than join in with the monthly project is always welcome to do so. If you have been thinking of coming along but have not yet done so, please give us a try. We are a very friendly group! Any questions, please contact 01622 851885.

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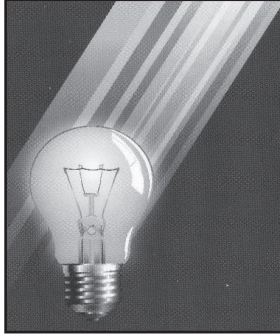
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Soup Saturday

The next Soup Saturday will be held in the church on Saturday, 9th February 12 noon – 2pm. Everyone welcome to come along and enjoy a bowl of Helen's Hearty Homemade Soup with crusty bread. Tea/coffee and biscuits also available.



Christmas Cards

Thanks must also go to all those who purchased our Christmas Cards this year.

100 Club Lottery Draw

Result of the Twenty-fifth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club Drawn on 8 December 2018 at the Soup Saturday lunch event under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator)
102 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £102

First prize £51.00 – number 80 – Chris Harbord

Second prize £30.60 – number 11 – Pat King

Third prize £20.40 – number 51 – Jill Bishop

For further information and details of how to become a member - contact the Administrator, Chris Roots on 01622 851 885

A Special THANK YOU to all those who have helped us raise over £2,000 in the past two years.



HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL TRUST AGM

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World Day of Prayer

A women led, global, Ecumenical movement

Friday, March 1st 2019, St. Mary's, Lenham 10.30am

All Saints Church, Ulcombe 7pm

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation of the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally at St Mary's, Lenham at 10.30am and at All Saints, Ulcombe at 7pm on Friday, March 1st 2019 people will join together to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Slovenia.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

Please make a date in your diaries now and come along and join us on March 1st. Refreshments follow the service.

Whist drive

The winners of the January whist drive were Linda Ward & Reg Fullager. The next whist drive is on Friday 1st February 2019 at the Village Hall with a 7.30pm start.

Michael Gear

Lenham Family Festival 2019

Don't forget that the Lenham Family Festival takes place from Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June this year bringing you a weekend of music, dance and entertainment for all to enjoy.

In recent years we have divided the profits from the Festival between three good causes chosen by the committee and last month we announced that profits from the 2019 Festival will go towards supporting the Lenham Meadows Trust and Carers Relief Service.

This month we can announce that the third deserving cause we will be supporting in 2019 is Platts Heath Primary School. We look forward to hearing how the school plans to use their share of funds raised and we are thrilled to be investing in the next generation again this year.

The Festival will follow the usual popular format with the following events taking place: Thursday 6 June - entertainment for the Hub Club members and friends at their monthly meeting

Friday 7 June- entertainment at Lenham Social Club

Saturday 8 June - the main event – a fun-filled day for all the family



at Lenham Community Centre with music, dance, food, drink, raffle, tombola and local crafts and produce

Sunday 9 June - Six Penny Piece playing in The Square at the monthly market in Lenham Square

Further details on all these events to follow later as our plans progress.

Don't forget that we are looking for local musicians and bands to play at the Family Day on Saturday 8 June. Please contact Dave at dandj@needhamd.plus.com if you are interested.

If you would like to book a stall at the Family Day please contact Jill on 07856 204648 for more information.

We're always keen to welcome new members to our friendly committee. We meet on the first Monday of each month at Lenham Community Centre at 7.15pm. If you would like to join us you can contact Tom and Janetta on 01622 859412.

More news to follow in next month's article.

Gail Robinson on behalf of the Lenham Family Festival Committee



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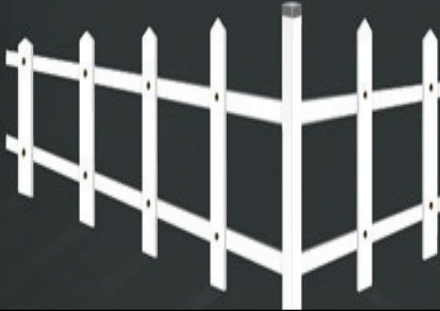
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RHUBARB AND GINGER CRUMBLE CAKE

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Grease a suitable cake tin or baking dish.

*This also makes great muffins - line a muffin tin with paper muffin cases.

3-4 sticks rhubarb, chopped

125gr/ 4 1/4 oz softened butter

300gr/11 oz caster sugar

250gr/9 oz plain flour

1 egg

250ml/8 fl oz buttermilk

(other milks can be used or add a few tsp of lemon juice to whole milk and leave a few minutes to sour)

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

1/4 tsp salt

1tsp vanilla extract

2 tsp ground ginger

CRUMBLE TOPPING

50gr/2 oz butter

200gr/8oz light or dark brown sugar

4 Tbsp flour

1 tsp ginger or cinnamon

Cream the butter in a bowl. Combine flour and sugar together and beat spoonfuls of the mixture gradually into the butter. Mix in the soda, salt and ginger, then the vanilla. Add the buttermilk or substitute milk.

Sprinkle a tablespoon or two of extra flour over the chopped rhubarb and combine fruit gently into the cake batter. (The flour helps the rhubarb stay suspended better in the mix during cooking rather than sink to the bottom of the pan).

You may add some chopped preserved stem ginger here if you have it, for extra oomph.

* OR you can cheat and follow instructions on a packet of prepared cake mix, like lemon drizzle (leave out the packet of drizzle), Madeira, or similar compatible sponge or light cake.

Turn batter into prepared pan(s). Fill muffin tins about half full.

Make the crumble topping by using a fork or rubbing together with your fingers the still hard butter with the flour, whichever spice you prefer, and the sugar, until you get a crumble-like texture.

Spoon the mix over the batter.

Bake cake @ 45 mins, muffins @ 25 mins.

Can be served warm, in squares from the pan. Yum!

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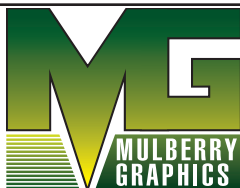
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