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Message From the Editor

As I write this we have had non stop rain for what feels like weeks which has definitely dampened my spirits. I hope that January was not 'blue' for you and remember that the nights are starting to get shorter now.

If you are able to help the Friends of St Johns (page 25) to allow the Ploughman's Platterday events, please let them know as it is a shame these have had to stop currently.

There is a follow up in this edition after last months article on The Beech Walk—please see page 10.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending me excellent content to include in our village magazine. Please keep it coming and I am very happy to include new articles or information of importance or interest.

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Harrietsham Ladies Group

We Ladies had a lovely Christmas Meal in Percival's Rest on what was to be the start of an extremely cold snap. Sadly the snow came a little early for a white Christmas and although a menace on the roads and paths when it turned icy the Village looked very pretty for a while and the children enjoyed it.

One of our Ladies, Audrey Joy, unfortunately slipped on the ice and broke her ankle. After being treated in hospital she is recovering at home and we wish her a speedy recovery.

New members are always welcome, we meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Scout Hut, Station Road, until February the meetings are being held in the afternoons from 2.30 – 4.30pm, from March 2023 onwards they will be in the evenings from 7.30pm. For further information phone 01622 859426.

Gill Whent - Secretary

Harrietsham History Society



Our first meeting of 2023 is on Tuesday 7 February at 2pm when we will welcome Mr John Harris, a volunteer with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to give us a presentation on their work.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is an intergovernmental organisation whose principal function is to mark, record and maintain the graves and places of commemoration of Commonwealth of Nations military service members who died in the two World Wars. The commission is also responsible for commemorating Commonwealth civilians who died as a result of enemy action during the Second World War. The commission was founded by Sir Fabian Ware and constituted through Royal Charter in 1917.

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Mr Harris's talk will include reference to the four Commission War graves in the churchyard at St John the Baptists, Harrietsham.

Hopefully the weather will be good in February and you will be able to come along, visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings for a small charge of £3.00.

Peter Brown

Harrietsham Gardening Society



Happy New Year to all our members.

By the time you read this Christmas and the New Year will be well in the past. Our Christmas meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We were entertained by Deanna Dynes who instructed us in the art of making a Christmas table decoration with seasonal greenery.

We started the afternoon with snacks and drinks, followed by a Secret Santa distribution and then the regular raffle draw. A large number of prizes were on offer.



We then commenced with the construction of our table decorations. This started slowly, but with Deanna's help, we all managed to produce quite good results and the afternoon was a great success and good fun.

Our January and February meetings are still at 2.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

New members are always welcome, and also follow us on Facebook.

Mike Flawn - Treasurer



The Beech Walk

Since writing the article for the January Network one of our members very kindly offered to count the trees on each side of Beech Walk, she has sent me the following details:-

There are a total of 274 trees. The Eastern side of Beech Walk currently has 219 trees standing, with only one of these close to Court Lodge Road which has split with half of it on the ground. On the Western side there are 55 trees standing, six of these are replants, and there are signs of two trees being missing.

Let us hope the trees continue to survive the changes in our weather and will still be there for everyone to enjoy for a long time.

My thanks to Marjorie and John for taking the time to carry out this survey for us.

Peter Brown



Len Valley Practice Update

Many of you are aware that we switched on EPS (Electronic Prescription Service) earlier this year. This allowed us to electronically send prescriptions to a patients nominated pharmacy electronically. This meant that prescriptions were issued to pharmacies within 2 working days and removed the need to physically collect the paper prescription and hand deliver.

Although this works for most patients, we have had experiences where a patient still wants to collect a paper prescription or has experienced issues with obtaining a new repeat prescription form from their chosen pharmacy.

The practice has decided from 1 January to send all non-dispensing patients prescription's electronically, via EPS thus reducing the queues and waiting times for those patients collecting medication from our dispensary.

Your chosen pharmacy can print off repeat order forms and this should be requested when medication is collected. If you continue to have issues obtaining a repeat prescription, then we recommend that you sign up for the NHS app which enables you to view your repeat medication.

Useful links:

[Log in - NHS App Online - https://www.nhsapp.service.nhs.uk/login](https://www.nhsapp.service.nhs.uk/login)

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Some patients currently use Patient Access, this will continue to be available, however the NHS app is a more user friendly and accessible on all devices.

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If you currently collect a paper prescription or token, please nominate your chosen pharmacy so the system is straightforward for you in the new year. All prescriptions: acute or repeat will be sent direct to them for dispensing. You will need to contact your chosen pharmacy for specific collection times and discuss any delivery requirements. REMEMBER to ask for a repeat prescription print out when collecting your prescription if you need a paper copy.

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The 1871 census shows the site was occupied by John Bigg and by 1891 Frederick George Bigg his son. Frederick George Bigg continued on until 1928 when it passed to his son.



In 1930, Kelly's directory still shows the site being run by Frederick George Bigg (Junior). The first mention of Banks Bakery is the phone book of 1943. According to the national archives, Banks Bakery was acquired by Cranfields's Limited in 1936 and the last listed accounts being 1972.

Harrietsham Network

Borough Council Corner

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We have been told by the Council that the non collection of bins is minimal. Given we are regularly reporting missed bin collection in a weekly basis we would like to test this claim out. In February could residents please report all missed bins on [01622 602000](tel:01622602000) or go on the MBC website and report the missed bin. Could you let us know either by phone or email please with the reference number. Fly tipping can be reported in a similar way

Local Plan

Hopefully by now we will have received an update from the inspector regarding the Maidstone local plan, whether it is to go to stage 2 as a whole with Heathlands, Lenham Heath, in the mix or whether parts of the plan are to be taken out or indeed whether the whole plan is to be taken back to the drawing board.

Food Bank

We are pleased to report that our County Councillor Shellina Prendergast has given £1500 from her members budget to help fund the End of the Rainbow food station that is operating out of the church. Please continue to donate food items for this to St Mary's Church, Lenham.

Volunteers from the community are continuing to deliver the items donated in the local Co-ops to the Maidstone food bank at the homeless care centre.

Janetta & Tom Sams

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Lenham WI

Well Christmas has come and gone. We had a lovely time at Lenham Social Club for our Christmas meeting. We chatted, had a quiz, a drink and some food and finished the evening off with a lovely raffle. Some of our members went to All Saints Church in Maidstone for the Carols for Christmas event. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and got into the Christmas spirit. The West Kent Federation arranged a Christmas Flower Workshop and three of our members went on that and learned to make some attractive decorations enhanced with berries etc. They were all inspired to make more.



Now we are heading, hopefully, towards Spring.

This month we look forward to welcoming Joanna Von Bloomstein from The Bra Boss as our speaker. We will see what she has to say.

The Federation "Green Team" are asking us all to make as many green hearts as we can and send them to our local MP to endorse the fact that the WI want to see a greener, safer future for generations to come. They are also taking part in the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature in June this year so watch this space.

We try to support as many local events as possible but also get involved in the important national campaigns that the WI endorses. They give us food for thought and the opportunity to do something positive and make a difference to peoples' lives.

We meet at Lenham Community Centre on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along you would be very welcome to come as a visitor and join us if you wish. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 01622 858658 or email rgodden@btinternet.com,

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Gal 3:26 (NRSV)

Wednesday 1 February

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 5 February

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 12 February

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church followed by joining the market.

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 19 February

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship *with baptism*

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

Sunday 26 February

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Harrietsham

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For details of services see p.23

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Week Street, Maidstone

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Wednesday at 10.00am

Holydays Mass 7pm

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Confessions, Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

Saturday Evening Mass 6pm

Sunday Mass 10.30am

Weekday Mass generally

Monday and Tuesday 7pm and Friday
10am

Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Pathways Church, Maidstone

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at
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Wednesday and Thursday evenings in
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Church leaders: Johnny and Estelle
McCabe www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

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For all church services please see
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Harrietsham Village Hall
Church Road
Harrietsham
Kent
ME17 1AP

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The Trustees of the Culpepper Charity are known to the publishers of this magazine.



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Ploughman's Platterday

Please be aware that there will be NO Ploughman's Lunch at the church this month. Unfortunately we do not have enough helpers to continue with this fundraising event at the moment. The 100 Club Draw will still take place and the winners will be notified.

100 Club Lottery Draw

The results of the Seventy fourth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on 07 January 2023 by Peter Brown under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots are as follows:-

There were 158 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £158

First prize £79.00 - number 120 – George and Jill Evans

Second prize £47.40 – number 2– Ray Tong

Third prize £31.60 – number 164 – Anne and John Shaul

As there was no Ploughman's Lunch in January 2023, the draw took place a week earlier than usual at Little Hatch.

Denise Williams

Thankyou message from Audrey Joy

I would like to say a big **Thank You** to everyone who has been so supportive and considerate to me since I broke my ankle in December and have been housebound ever since. I have been totally overwhelmed by your concern and help.

Hopefully I will be back on two feet soon.

Thank you again for your friendship.

Audrey Joy MBE

The Railway Children Return

Friday 10 February 2023

Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

Running time 1hr 35 mins

Whatever your age, don't miss the return of Jennie Agutter (this time with the wonderful Sheridan Smith and Tom Courtney) in **The Railway Children Return** (2022), the brilliant follow-up to the 1970s Railway Children film. Jennie Agutter again plays Roberta, now a grandmother, who takes in a group of children evacuated to Yorkshire during WWII. When during a game of hide and seek the children find a wounded American soldier on a train whom they believe is a spy on a secret mission, the scene is set for another first-class enjoyable story. So, take an evening return to see Jennie and the children in action again in this unmissable film. Directed by Morgan Matthews, certificate PG.

Following that on 10 March is **Phantom of the Open**, a heart-warming British comedy telling the remarkable true story of Maurice Flitcroft, a novice golfer who manages to gain entry to the 1976 British Open Golf Championship qualification.

Please get in touch for more information, to join our mailing list or to become a member.

Admission: members £4, non-members £5 **Annual membership:** £6 (over 16's only)

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February Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Wed 1	2.30pm	Harrietsham Ladies Group	Scout Hut
Thurs 2	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 6	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 6	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 6	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Tue 7	2pm	Harrietsham History Society	HVH
Thurs 9	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs 9	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Fri 10	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon 13	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 13	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed 15	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs 16	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 20	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 20	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 20	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Tue 21	2.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs 23	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat 25	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC



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Christian Message

Love is in the air!

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day and many will prepare elaborate displays of love for those nearest and dearest to them! Perhaps you'll be writing a card, buying a gift or presenting some flowers to someone special in your life? Valentine's Day can also serve as a welcome reminder that even our most sincere expressions displays of love cannot come close to the love that we have received from God.

In the Gospel of Luke (15:11-32) Jesus shares the parable of 'The Prodigal Son'. It tells of a son who asks his father for his share of the inheritance whilst his father is still living. Despite how hurtful this would have been, the father agrees and gives his son the money. The son soon moves away and squanders the inheritance on wild living. He runs out of money, hits rock bottom and eventually decides to return home and ask his dad to live as one of his servants. The incredible twist comes in the father's response to his son and it is designed to show us the love of our Heavenly Father towards us. Rather than reject or berate his son, the father ran to meet him and embraced him in a huge bear hug. He bestowed gifts upon him and laid on an extravagant feast to celebrate that his son had returned home.

Beyond displaying God's love through parables, Jesus demonstrated it through his life and ultimately through his death. The theologian Thomas Goodwin put it this way; "Christ is love covered in flesh". Jesus showed that there is no length that our Father God won't go to in order to lavish love upon us. All we need to do is begin the walk home and receive the embrace of the Father who runs to meet us.

I'll give the final word to the author Dane Ortlund who beautifully states; "Even the most intense human love is but the faintest echo of heaven's cascading abundance. His heartfelt thoughts for you outstrip what you can conceive."



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