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Message From the Editor

Happy New Year from everyone at the Network Magazine.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and stayed cosy and warm through all the cold weather.

We are absolutely spoilt in this edition with another quiz! This month we see the return of Rod Martenstyn's Quiz Of The Year so make sure to check that out on page 14 and 15. Lots of topical questions with something for everyone.

There is also an offer for a gorgeous local image that can be purchased at a special price for Network readers on page 16!

Happy reading!

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Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



As in all sports, every now and again, things can turn around and produce unexpected and surprising results. We at Harrietsham SMBC had one of those now and again moments in November. Having drawn our friendly game with Burham on our mats in October we held our return encounter on their home ground in November. For the first time in several years of playing them on their own mats, and always losing, we won the game by 53 shots to 48. This was a triumph for us because it seemed that no matter how well we had played in the past we had always lost. We had been lucky to play the game because earlier in the week the hall had been flooded and the humidifiers were still in operation. Burham took the defeat well, after all, it was just a friendly game and they had laid on a usual high standard of halftime refreshments.

We have two teams entered in a competition at Boughton under Blean on 7 and 8 of January. Ron and Lesley have entered the pairs competition, in which they reached the Final last year and Ken, De and Bev are taking up the challenge of the triples competition. We wish them good luck with their bowls.

HSMBC welcome Tom, Sue and Sandy as new members to our club and hope they will continue to enjoy their bowling at Harrietsham.

All that remains is for the committee and me to wish you all a healthy and happy 2023 so that you can keep on bowling.

Phil Gooda - Chairman/Secretary

Harrietsham History Society



Despite the absence of a few of our members our afternoon meeting on Tuesday 29 November was still reasonably well attended as a few visitors turned up for the talk on the life of Captain John Quilliam, one of the most important men on HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The talk was presented by Andrew Bond, a previous resident of Harrietsham and past editor of the Network Magazine from 1989 – 1994. John Quilliam was born on the Isle of Man in 1771 and started his Royal Navy career as an Able Seaman at Portsmouth dockyard on a Frigate 'Fox' at the age of 13. He served on a number of ships over the next 29 years until retiring in August 1814 after his last voyage on a Lively-Class Frigate 'Crescent'.

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Our first meeting in 2023 will be on Tuesday 7 February at 2pm in the Village Hall, more information on this and our group can be found on our website at www.harrietshamhistorysociety.org

Harrietsham in Bloom

Since finishing the winter/spring planters throughout the village, our volunteers have had a break apart from weeding and tidying the planters.



We are still needing volunteers so please consider helping us. Please contact Andrew Rogers (Chair) for further information.

We shall be having our annual get together later in the month at the Taste of Bengal and it is a good opportunity to catch up with the rest of the team.

Thankyou everyone for your continued support and very best wishes for 2023.

Audrey Joy MBE

Harrietsham Gardening Society

We had our first afternoon meeting and were very pleased with the turnout, and so nice to go home in the daylight.



The afternoon was entitled DOWN MEMORY LANE. We spent some time recalling our first memories of gardening whether it began in the countryside or when some of us left towns and cities and escaped to the country.

Kevin brought a selection of flowering shrubs for us to identify and we did well as we pooled our knowledge remarking on the fact that there were shrubs in bloom which usually flower in the Summer, such is our changeable weather, from very dry to very wet. As I write this the rain is lashing down!

This being the season for apples we had a selection of older varieties for everyone to taste from Cox's Orange Pippin to Ashmead Kernel to Gloster Red (all delicious) to Bramley to Bess Pool to leather jackets (Russets) to Worcester Pearmain. Kent used to have many old orchards but most have gone and now grow modern varieties which are less susceptible to disease.

Our December meeting was our Christmas Social and our AGM is on the 17 January at 2.30pm in the village hall when Jane Scotchmer will be our speaker.

Happy New Year

Angela Gatland

Harrietsham Network

Borough Council Corner

We would like to wish residents a happy new year

Food Bank

Our wonderful volunteer group continue to take much needed supplies to the Food bank in Maidstone. Thanks go to the local Co-operative shops in Lenham and Harrietsham for providing food bank boxes and also to those who donate items. These are very much needed, and all items are very welcome, please continue to donate.

Readers may be interested to know that the UK's biggest network of food banks, The Trussell Trust, has launched an emergency appeal as it is set to spend millions of pounds this winter on charity food parcels following a rise in families looking for help amid the cost of living crisis.

The Trust handed out 46% more food parcels in August and September than it did in 2021, and has forecast it will distribute 1.3m in the next six months, including half a million for children. But it warned demand is outstripping donations for the first time, meaning the food banks are having to purchase more food themselves.

Trussell Trust CEO Emma Revie said. *"We never wanted to run an appeal like this, we would rather there was no need for food banks at all. But right now they are on the frontline of this cost of living emergency, we have no other option."*

Local Plan

The Inspectors hearing of the MBC Local Plan took place over two weeks in November.

We attended along with others and were heartened by the well coordinated and unified response from the team. It was most apparent comparing it to the Borough Council presentation which was woeful in its entirety. We are sure the inspector listened to all points made by the Parish Council and their legal team and will update residents as soon as we hear back from the inspector.

Ward Boundary

The Local Government Boundary commission for England (LGBCE) final recommendations on our ward have now been published and we are very pleased that the boundary commission accepted our recommendation.

It is not an ideal position but it is a fair compromise as it will be hard for 3 councillors to cover an area which is over a fifth of the Borough in geographic size.

Borough Council Corner cont.

It keeps Lenham and Harrietsham intact and this was in spite of a blatant attempt by the controlling Conservative party on the council to annexe parts of the ward for political gain.

We hope it will give residents in Stockbury better representation by being with closely aligned villages along the A249.

Can we thank all those who took the time to write to the LGBCE. Voices have been heard with the fantastic result that the entirety of both Lenham and Harrietsham parishes remain in one ward

For the full report, maps and summary please go to our local website <https://www.enoughsenoughmbc.co.uk/>

Finally can we encourage walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders to wear reflective gear and lights. They make such a difference and even in the daytime it can be difficult to be seen without hi vis.

Tom & Janetta Sams

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With Thanks

The family of Margaret Campbell would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind support during Margaret's last few months in Harrietsham, and all the lovely messages received after her death.

Regards

Liz Ramm - Daughter

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In October and November, our group of ten volunteers carried out nine sessions on the Ashford Road. During these sessions:

- 1,879 vehicles were counted (vehicles closely following a vehicle in front are ignored)
- 123 were driving over 35mph (35mph is the speed when police will prosecute)
- 4 were driving over 45mph (150% of the speed limit)
- 1 was driving over 50mph (a stopping distance of FOUR bus lengths)

and 8 letters were sent by the Police to those either spotted speeding more than once or those travelling at over 45mph.

One wonders just at what speed drivers will go without Speedwatch!

Well now we know....

At certain times of the day, 3 out of every 20 drivers still travel on the Ashford Road in excess of 40mph.

You may have seen the traffic survey strips on the Ashford Road in November. All four sites showed that the majority of drivers still travel through our village at over 30mph – in fact, outside the rush hours, 15% of all vehicles are travelling at over 40mph.

If you have the odd hour-or so to spare and would like to help reduce speeding and improve road safety in Harrietsham, do come and join Speedwatch. For more information, either visit www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch, email chris-roots@outlook.com or ring 01622 851885

Quiz of the Year 2022

Answers found on page 33

- 1 In January, which US company became the first to be worth \$3 trillion in value, after tripling its price in under four years?
- 2 Also in January, which tennis star was deported by the Australian government on the eve of the Australian Open, on "health and good order" grounds?
- 3 In February, in which city did the Winter Olympics take place?
- 4 Who won Team GB's solitary gold medal in the Winter Olympics?
- 5 Who in March removed herself from the ballot for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame saying "I don't feel that I have earned that right?"
- 6 Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe returned to the UK in April after being detained for five years in which country?
- 7 Sam Waley-Cohen became famous for what in April?
- 8 Also in April, who was the author of "A Book of Rhymes" which was sold at auction in New York for \$1.25 million?
- 9 Which country's entrant won the Eurovision Song Contest in May?
- 10 Also in May, Berklee College of Music bestowed an honorary doctorate to which member of The Beatles?
- 11 In June, who became the first country in South-East Asia to legalise the growing and selling of cannabis (although recreational use is still banned)?
- 12 Also in June, which two countries agreed to split the arctic Hans Island, ending their 50-year "Whiskey War", where each country laid claim by buying whiskey on the island?

Quiz of the Year 2022

Answers found on page 33

- 13 Who was assassinated in July, while giving a speech in Nara, Japan?
- 14 Elena Rybakina beat Ons Jabeur to win the women's Wimbledon title in July. Which nationality is Rybakina?
- 15 In August, which company launched a prototype of its first flying car, an automated, electric passenger vehicle nicknamed "Flying Tiger"?
- 16 Who returned to the top of the charts with her song "Break My Soul" in August?
- 17 Who was appointed Conservative Party leader on Sept 5th?
- 18 Also in September, for which cult tv series did Lee Jung-jae become the first person from a foreign-language show to win an Emmy for best actor in a drama?
- 19 Which female London-born legendary star of film, stage and television sadly passed away, aged 96, on October 11th?
- 20 Which Scottish comedian and BAFTA winning actor passed away on October 14th, aged 72? Some would say he was a bit of a cracker.
- 21 In November, which cryptocurrency firm founded by Sam Bankman-Fried filed for bankruptcy, amid accusations of financial mismanagement and criminal misconduct?
- 22 Who was named "Queen of the Jungle" in November?
- 23 Who was announced in December to be headlining the final day of the Glastonbury Festival 2023 on the Pyramid Stage?
- 24 Also in December, the men's England cricket team became the first team in history to do what in a test match?



The Beech Walk

At the end of November, I visited the Craft Fair in the Old Barn in Lenham and saw this lovely photo of Beech Walk displayed by Anthony West Photographer on their stand. This prompted me to delve into our files to find out when and why they were planted.

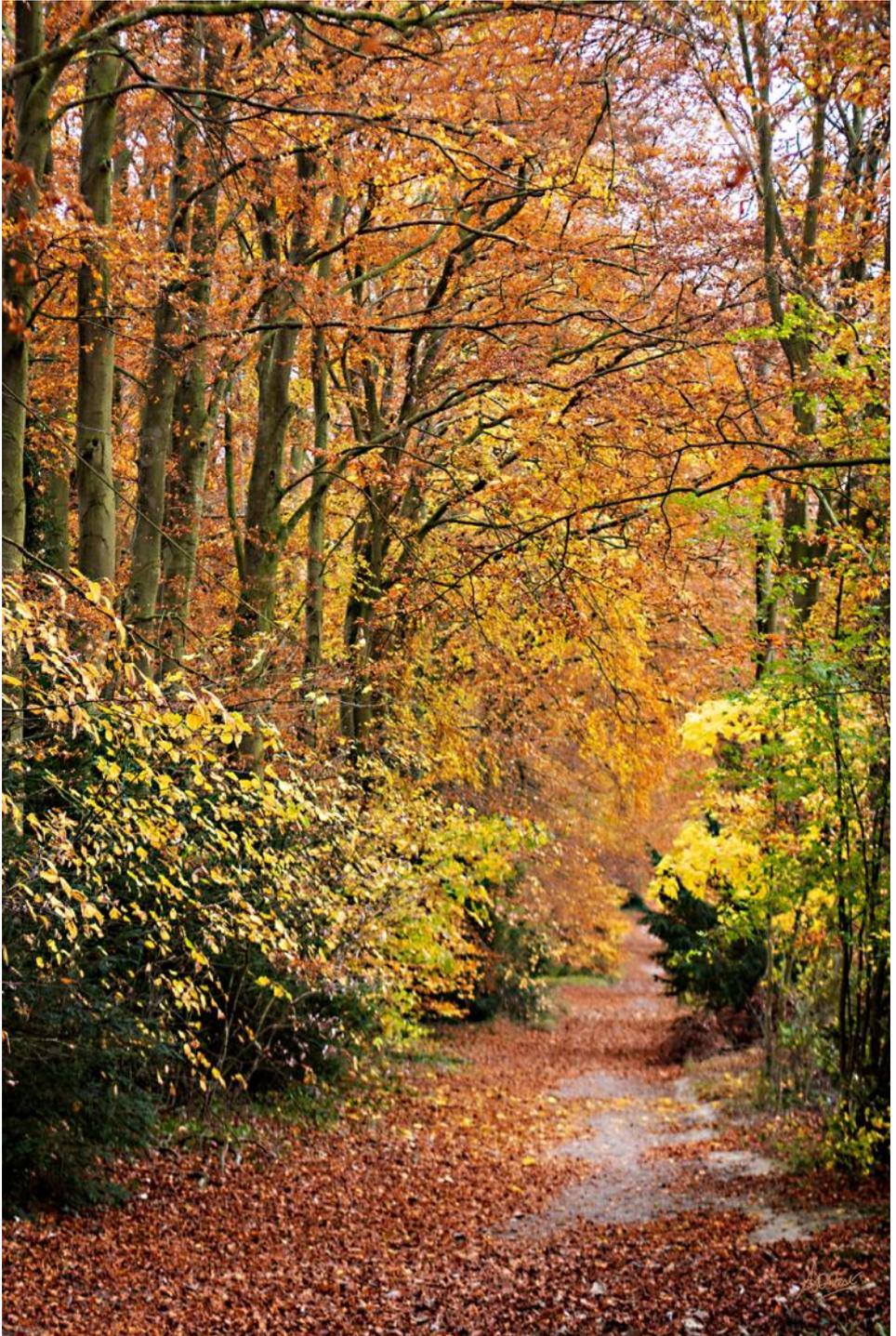
I remembered spotting a note in the W.I. scrap book which was loaned to us following the celebration of their 100th anniversary in 2021 which stated '*William Cutbush planted the trees on the Eastern side of Beech Walk*'. Unfortunately this was not dated and cannot be confirmed as there are no surviving members of the Cutbush family in the village.

I spoke to Enid Betts who had been a good friend of Norah Cutbush, she remembered Norah had told her that a member of her family had planted some of the trees and there had been an article in an edition of the Network about this. After some searching I found the following article written by Norah for the September 1989 magazine.

'The Eastern side of Beech Walk was planted by Miss Cutbush's uncle William Cutbush who was the tenant farmer at Court Lodge Farm about 100 years ago. The Western side was planted by Mr Halford of Deodora (now the Dutch House) about 1918'. The article states that 'the trees were planted to commemorate the Coronation of George V in June 1911 and that a tree was planted for every child living in the village at that time'.

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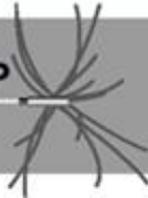
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Harrietsham Network

Len Valley Health Walks

Is your New Year's resolution to get fitter?

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Walking is good for both your physical and mental health. Walking is an easy, gentle way to getting active and staying active - and it's never too late to begin! And it's free!

We also have full day walks, including a picnic, usually on a Sunday, twice a year. And for some years now we have had an annual walking holiday. This year we are going to Dovedale in the Peak District.



Taking a rest during the walk from Grafty Green, September 2022



Some of our walkers on our Exmoor Walking Holiday, August 2022

For more information contact the group co-ordinator, Jan Enever on 01622 851623 or email jenever@btinternet.com

Jan Enever - Co-ordinator
Len Valley Health Walks

Harrietsham Primary School PTFA

Happy New Year from Harrietsham Primary School PTFA.

2022 was another great year for the PTFA with some great events that were made all the more successful by our wonderful community.

We were delighted to be able to hold the first Christmas Fair since lockdown. It was a wonderfully festive event enjoyed by many. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks to everyone that has made a difference by giving up their time and supporting our events and for your generous donations of raffle prizes.

We had so many wonderful prizes that we are not able to name everyone individually but we would like to say a special thank you to some of the local business who are always happy to support us:

- The Co-op for their tasty mince pies
- Clarendon House who donated a luxury hamper
- Percival's Rest for providing some delicious roast potatoes for the event as well as a meal for two

There has been some changes to the PTFA and we would also like to acknowledge the commitment and give thanks to James Reed for all his years as Chair, he has worked tirelessly with the committee and members over the years. To all the members who are moving on we thank you and we will keep you on speed dial.

Finally a massive thank you to the school and staff for welcoming so many of us newbies. We are really excited to be working with the school and planning more events this year.

With many thanks to you all and best wishes for 2023!

Look out for a PTFA event coming to you soon!

Harrietsham Primary School PTFA

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Gal 3:26 (NRSV)

Sunday 1 January

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Benefice Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4 January

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion Service

Sunday 8 January

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 15 January

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 22 January

10.30am **Benefice Holy Communion at Lenham**
'Identity: authenticity not image'

Sunday 29 January – Creative Sunday

Creative Services and events will take place in all four of our churches.
Times will vary.

Please see notice boards for further details nearer the time.

Local Churches

Parish Church of St John the Baptist

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01622 850280 vicar@lvb.org.uk

(Day off: Wednesday)

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For details of services see p.23

United Reformed Church

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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 and Tuesday 7pm and Friday
10am

Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Pathways Church, Maidstone

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at
10.30am in Lenham Community Centre.
Wednesday and Thursday evenings in
homes in Lenham and Harrietsham.

Church leaders: Johnny and Estelle
McCabe www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

Pathways Church is supported by
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For all church services please see
information on page 23 or contact your
own church for up to date information.

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Harrietsham Parish Council - Parish Clerk	01622 850089

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Non emergencies	101

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However, the Charity has limited funds available to provide monetary assistance to those people of Harrietsham who are worried about how they will pay all their bills. The Trustees believe that in the current financial crisis the Charity needs to be back in the limelight to help the people of Harrietsham.

If you are claiming benefits of any kind, or even if you are not, and want further help with your family finances, do write to or email us explaining how you are in need and requesting a Grant claim form be sent to you.

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Harrietsham Village Hall
Church Road
Harrietsham
Kent
ME17 1AP

We cannot guarantee to provide every applicant with money, but we do hope to help those with most need.

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



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

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Ploughman's Platterday

We hope to recommence Ploughman's Lunches on Saturday, 14 January 2023 at Harrietsham Church between 12 noon and 2pm. Come along and bring friends for a delicious cheese/pate Ploughman's lunch, only £4.50 and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. This will, of course, depend on whether we can get our regular helpers/ volunteers.

All profits go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church. The 100 Club lottery draw will also take place at 1pm.

100 Club Lottery Draw

The results of the Seventy-third Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on 10 December 2022 by Denise Williams under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots are as follows:-

There were 157 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £157

- First prize £78.50 - number 91 – Christine Wood
- Second prize £47.10 – number 84 – Valerie and Stephen Brown
- Third prize £31.40 – number 50 – Robert Stythe

ELVIS

Friday 13 January 2023

Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

Running time 2hr 39 mins + 15 minute interval

Are you lonesome tonight? No need to be. Just put on your 'Blue Suede Shoes' and come along to the Community Centre on Friday the 13 where Elvis will be enchanting us all again with his inimitable songs. **Elvis** (2022) is the story of the amazing life of the King of Rock n' Roll, who changed the music of the world. Austin Butler gives a brilliant performance in the title role and the film explores the two most important influences on his life: his complicated relationship with Colonel Tom Parker who masterminded his career (played by none other than Tom Hanks); and his long-term relationship with his wife Priscilla (played by Olivia DeJonge). Elvis's life ended tragically, but the director of this dazzlingly memorable film, Baz Luhrmann, establishes him as one of the true icons of the music world. Come along and be dazzled! Certificate 12.

And please don't miss our February performance: it's the irresistible *The Railway Children Return*, the follow-up to the 1970s original with a first class enjoyable story.

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

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Lenham WI

Well it's the start of another year and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We had a very good year last year and we are looking forward to some interesting speakers for 2023 including The Bra Boss, Living and Nursing in India, Rattling my Family Bones and for this month we have James Lee giving us a talk about a Tour in Afghanistan.

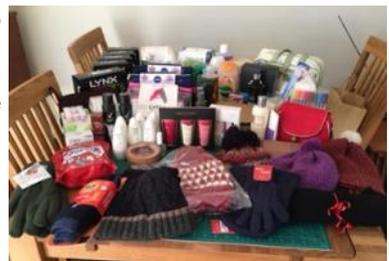
In November we were treated to some delicious recipes from Julia Davies. We had Pea, Tarragon and Cream Cheese Pithivier, Chocolate "almost truffles", Rudolph Shortbreads and Christmas Pudding Parfait. It is amazing what you can cook up in an hour and we had a lovely time sampling everything. Did you know that a tin of custard in 2020 contained 600ml, in 2021 was 500ml and now is only 400ml for the same price? Everything is either going up in price or down in content.



Our display of Remembrance Day poppies was really special and our thanks goes to everyone who helped with it. Andrea Tinkler organised everything for us and installed it by the post box in the Square. We also managed to put a post box top in Honeywood Road. Well done Andrea.



I would also like to thank all those who contributed to the collection of goodies for the homeless in Canterbury. I delivered everything to Porchlight, the Homeless Charity, before Christmas and they were so grateful.



So we all look forward to another year with the WI. New National Campaigns, new speakers, new days out and lots more. If you would like to find out more about the WI we meet on the second Thursday of each month at Lenham Community Centre at 7.30pm. For further information please get in touch.

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January Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Wed 4	2.30pm	Harrietsham Ladies Group	Scout Hut
Thurs 5	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 9	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 9	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 9	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs 12	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs 12	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Fri 13	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon 16	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 16	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Tue 17	2.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Wed 18	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs 19	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 23	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 23	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 23	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs 26	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat 28	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC

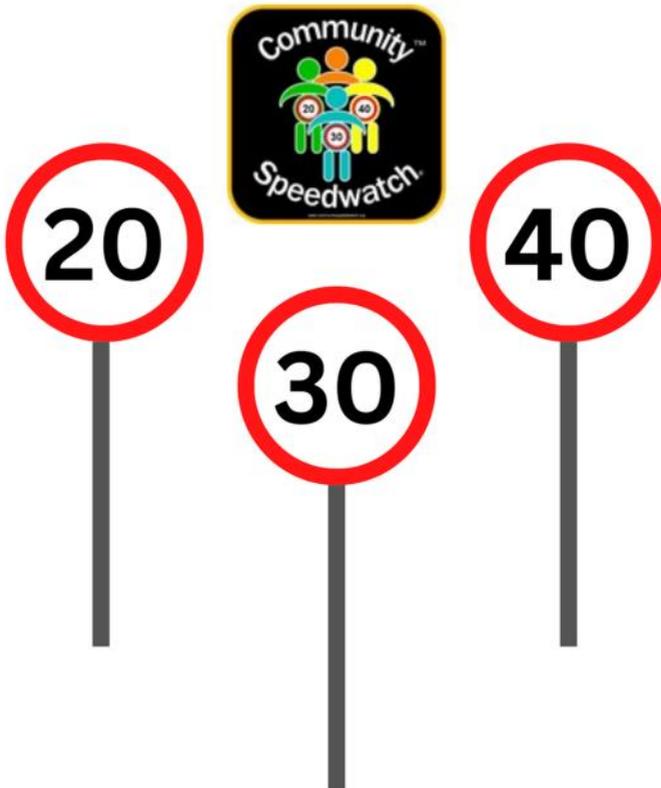
13. Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan
- 14 Kazakhstan
15. Volkswagen
16. Beyonce
17. Liz Truss
18. Squid Game
19. Dame Angela Lansbury
20. Robbie Coltrane
21. FTX
22. Jill Scott
23. Elton John
24. First team to score over 500 runs on the first day of a test match.
1. Apple
2. Novak Djokovic
3. Beijing, China
4. Women's curling, captained by Eve Muirhead
5. Dolly Parton
6. Iran
7. He was the winning jockey in the Grand National
8. Charlotte Bronte
9. Ukraine
10. Ringo Starr
11. Thailand
12. Denmark and Canada

Quiz of the Year 2022 Answers

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Christian Message

Happy New Year!

The Church's New Year began with Advent Sunday in preparation for the coming of God's Son, Jesus, on Christmas Day. It is a time for reflecting on and preparing for a new beginning.

After the celebrations of Christmas and the New Year, we seem to go back to 'normality' and the mundane order of life, fairly quickly, and sometimes the wonder and renewed sense of togetherness which Christmas brings can get lost. Families and friends who might only come together over Christmas disperse again and we hold on to the precious memories which have been made.

New beginnings can bring the promise of hope. In the Bible, it says:

'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21.1-5).

Has there been a moment in your life when you've thought 'This is new'? I don't mean material things but rather life experiences, in which we think to ourselves, 'Everything is going to be different now. This is quite new. This is a whole new world opening -up'.

In this age of uncertainty, with Covid still lingering, the changes in government leadership and policies, and the increasing costs of living, the bible passage above can give us a renewed hope which enables us to carry on and share that hope with others. The friendships and fellowship we have encountered over Christmas can help sustain us as we navigate the new things which 2023 will bring.

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