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Message From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who has submitted content this month. It feels like summer may be here at last. The white wisteria in my garden finally bloomed in June, so I thought it would be a good front cover image this month.

I am very pleased that the Ploughman's Platterday is returning, so well done to everyone who has organised and volunteered to help make this happen.

There is also a special teaser for next month's film at Lenham Film Club and it is one not to be missed so make sure you have a look at page 27.

Harrietsham History Society is in need of a new Chairman, so if you think you can help, please get in contact with Peter, and his details are on page 9.

Cover photo by the editor: White Japanese Wisteria

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Harrietsham Gardening Society



On Thursday 11 May the Society had a lunchtime social at Papas Barn, Aylesford. 14 members attended and we all had a good time and excellent food.

On Saturday 13 May a Plant sale and coffee morning was held at Little Hatch, Ashford Road on behalf of the Society. Plants were provided by Stephen Morris of Farthing Common Plant Centre. This was open to all villagers and we had a superb amount of interest from members and the public alike. The coffee and cakes sold well and the raffle prizes were well received. The Society benefitted to the tune of £450 net which will enable us to plan for future events for our members.

On Tuesday 16 May we had our regular monthly evening meeting. Our speaker was Christine Bartlett who entertained us with a talk on Happy House plants, healthy homes. This was informative and interesting and I am sure some of our members will be making journeys to the local garden centres to see what they can acquire. This was followed by our regular tea and coffee break and raffle.

If you are new to the village and would like to get involved in some of the social side of life please come along and see if we can offer some guidance and entertainment as well as meeting some of the villages more knowledgeable inhabitants.

Harrietsham in Bloom



The flowers throughout the village are now giving a good show. Our thanks go to the volunteers who cleared the spring plants and re-planted for summer and to Barbara and Barry Incedon and Barbara Leppard who designed and planted the village green beds as a tribute to King Charles III Coronation year.

Unfortunately, our contractor for the watering of all the plants is unable to assist us this year, so we have a huge task of watering the displays ourselves until we can find a replacement watering contractor. We would be grateful if anyone who lives or works near a display would help keep them watered please.

Roger Bevan has been busy repairing broken planters and we are very grateful for the excellent work he has done.

We are still in need of volunteers please.

Enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) 859352

Audrey Joy

Harrietsham History Society



Just over eleven years ago I decided to hold a meeting to see if there was sufficient interest in the village to start a History Group and on the 2 April 2012 almost 50 people turned up to the meeting in St. John's Church and Harrietsham History Society was born.

Six villagers volunteered to help me run the group and a total of 44 people became members in our first year. Up until 2020 the membership has remained fairly steady with between 30 – 35 members each year but like most clubs we have recently been affected by the Covid Epidemic and people either leaving the village or unfortunately no longer being with us.

The time has now come for me to leave the village, but It would be very disappointing if this results in the group not continuing as there is so much village history still to be researched and conserved for future generations.

I shall still be around for a few months, and we still have a treasurer and one person on the committee who is dealing with booking our meetings, but they will need some help if the society is to survive.

We will be holding our AGM on Monday 10 July at 7.15pm in the Booth Hall when I hope we can encourage a few people to help to keep the society going.

If you would like any information on what is involved, please do not hesitate to email info@harrietshamhistorysociety.org or give me a call on 01622 851075.

Peter Brown

**The Annual General Meeting of the
History Society will be held on
Monday 10th July 2023
in the Village Hall starting at 7.15pm**

All Welcome

Borough Council Corner

Maidstone Borough Council is now officially a hung council, though in practical terms the former controlling conservative group remains in control with the assistance of 6 independents. The committee chairs and vice chairs have thus been allocated accordingly between them. The Cabinet is run by the conservative group and Cllr Burton remains leader.

For those not aware we have joined a Green Independent Alliance GIA. We are now completely separate from the Independent Group. This was primarily done as we have greater common ground and that they, we know, will support our continued opposition to MBC's proposal for Heathlands and 5000 homes in Lenham Heath. This alliance includes Cllr Vanessa Jones (independent) from Boxley ward who is campaigning against 2000 houses in Lidsing

Stage 2 hearings took place with the planning inspector. On Heathlands, can we publicly thank both Harrietsham & Lenham Parish Council, their councillors and legal representatives, SOHL (Save Our Heathlands) who have given so much time in particular Steve Heeley and Kate Hammond, and local resident Alison Davis who gave so much outstanding information regarding water quality and water treatment. The timeframe at the time of writing is not detailed and we will update you further on what this will be, when known.

We have had correspondence regarding Operation Brock and we are endeavouring to encourage as many residents as possible to write to our MP Helen Whately to express our collective concerns at this continued problem. Every community along the A20 has its own particular concern regarding its impact as each village is certainly affected by traffic chaos.

Finally can we say a thank you to the volunteers who contribute to ensure the community is supported from the very young to our older residents. We are indebted to the work that is done to ensure clubs run and offer so many opportunities for us all.

Tom & Janetta

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Sudoku Corner

The object is to use the numbers 1-9 once each in every row and column and also in every quadrant of 9 squares (heavily outlined). Enjoy! Answers on page 17.

	9	6		4			3	
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Easy

7		1			9		3	
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		8			1		9	6
	9		3		8		4	
1	3		9			7		
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3	1				6		7	
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4	7	2	3	9	8	6	1	5
9	6	4	2	8	3	7	5	1
8	1	5	4	7	9	2	6	3
7	2	3	6	5	1	9	8	4

Easy

7	5	1	6	2	9	8	3	4
8	2	4	7	1	3	9	6	5
9	6	3	8	4	5	1	2	7
5	4	8	2	7	1	3	9	6
2	9	7	3	6	8	5	4	1
1	3	6	9	5	4	7	8	2
4	7	9	1	8	2	6	5	3
3	1	5	4	9	6	2	7	8
6	8	2	5	3	7	4	1	9

Hard

We were delighted to have supported Katie Lawlee at the Big Lunch. As our visiting lead singer she showed great confidence and ability. She sang different styles from country to rock, her vocal strength shone through.

She was studying hard on her GCSEs but found time to fit in sessions with the group. If we have the opportunity to support her again the band would be only too pleased.

We know, whatever Katie chooses to do musically, she will go along way and We wish her well in the future

Jim, James, Janetta & Tom aka Sixpenny Piece

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9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 9 July

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 16 July

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

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

Sunday 23 July

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Each year, the charity must raise £16.6M – equivalent to £45K per day - to operate its life-saving service, with 87% of its total income raised through the generosity of its supporters. Throughout the year, KSS organises a number of different fundraising events and, this summer, there are lots of opportunities to take part and help the life-saving charity raise vital funds.

Cuppa for your Crew

This summer, why not host a Cuppa for your Crew by bringing together friends and family for a cuppa and slice of something nice? Whether you host a coffee morning or bake sale stall - at home, work or as part of a community group – each sweet treat sold and cuppa consumed will help KSS to keep flying and save lives.

100 miles in July

Can you cover 100 miles in a month and raise money for your local air ambulance charity? You have the whole of July to complete the miles in any way you want, from roller skating to running, swimming to skipping, paddle-boarding to power walking - it's up to you! Team up with family or friends and split the miles between you or complete your miles solo.

KSS Ride

Returning for its third year on Sunday 20 August, KSS Ride offers horse riders the opportunity to enjoy an eight-mile hack through the beautiful woodland and farmland of the Bilsington Priory Estate in Kent whilst raising funds. Pre-booking is required: aakss.org/kssride

Lauren Simmons, Head of Events at KSS, said: "Every pound raised by taking part in our fundraising events makes a real difference, helping us to ensure we can be there for the most critically ill patients in their hour of need. On behalf of KSS, a very big thank you to everyone who supports us. We could not do what we do without you." For further information: aakss.org.uk





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Ploughman's Platterday

It is hoped that we can re-commence our Ploughman's Platterday on Saturday 8 July 2023 at the church between 12noon and 2pm. This is subject to getting the volunteers/helpers that we need and several villagers have already come forward to offer their help. This has been a very popular event in the past and we hope to get the support we have had in the past.

Unfortunately due to the rising cost of living and the price of food nowadays, it may be necessary for the price to go up, but this will have been confirmed at our committee meeting held in June. We hope our regulars and newcomers will be able to support this fundraising event. All welcome.

Audrey Joy - Chair

100 Club Lottery Draw

The results of the June and July 100 Club Lottery Draw will appear in the August edition of Network. Winners will be notified when the draws take place.

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10am

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Church leaders: Ben and Kaat Doggett

info@pathwayschurch.org.uk

www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

For all church services please see
information on page 23 or contact your
own church for up to date information.

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Lenham WI

Well didn't the Coronation go off well!! It was history in the making and not many of us could say we have lived through two coronations. Did you spot the post box toppers in the village made by our members?



In May we held our Annual General Meeting. We are keeping the same officers on the committee so the meeting went very smoothly. It is nice to have some new committee members though – new ideas are always welcome.

We are hoping to have an outing to Penshurst Place soon and three of us went off to do an Acrylic Painting for Beginners Course.

There has been a Machine Embroidery day as well which was over-subscribed so another date this month has been organised.

These courses are organised by the West Kent Federation and are always very popular. Some of our members have been to another Water-sports Day at Mote Park where they had a go at paddle-boarding.



In September we have another Watercolour Painting Day and our Annual Lifestyle Day is in October at Ditton Community Centre. There are so many different things we can do through the WI.

In June we all had a go at Zumba Gold. Shani, who is the instructor for the Zumba classes on a Wednesday morning at the Community Centre came along to talk to us about the history of Zumba and she took us through some of the dance routines.

This month we have Julia Davies coming to do a talk called "Rattling my Family Bones". That sounds like fun!

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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Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	3	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	3	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Mon	3	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	5	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	6	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	7	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	8	12pm	Ploughman's Platterday	St John's
Mon	10	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	10	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	10	7.15pm	Harrietsham History Society AGM	HVH
Tue	11	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Fri	14	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	14	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon	17	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	20	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	21	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	24	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	24	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	27	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	30	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	29	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Mon	31	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
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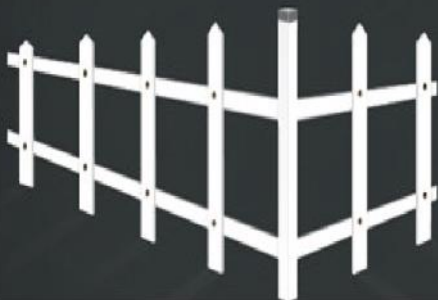
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(Running time, 2hrs 6 mins)

Tom Hanks playing a grumpy cynical old man? Hard to believe? Come along on 14 July to comedy-drama **A Man Called Otto** (15, 2022) and you'll rapidly change your mind. Otto's beloved wife Sonya died six months previously, life seems over and he is ready to call it a day. But despite all his attempts, suicide isn't the answer. Even grumpier, he takes it out on his new neighbours, a young couple with two children. However, he hasn't reckoned with the lively, quick-witted Marisol, who challenges him to see life differently, leading to an unlikely friendship that turns his world around. A Tom Hanks film is always a special, and directed by Marc Forster, **A Man Called Otto** is a must.

And for something very special, save the date - Friday 11 August – for **Matilda the Musical**, a new 2022 adaptation of the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical. Doors will open at the earlier time of 15.30, the film will begin at 16.30 and there will be plenty of chocolate cakes on sale, as well as our usual refreshments. We'll be holding a great raffle too. All proceeds from the afternoon will be donated to the Lenham Nursery School Big Build Project, in memory of the late Jim Myers. Matilda, here we all come!

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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Christian Message

I know of lots of people. I know of King Charles III and very much enjoyed recently watching his coronation. I know of David Attenborough and always feel strangely tranquil when I hear him describing the magnificent beauty of nature! I know of the footballers who play for Chelsea, the football team I follow, which has been a rather grim experience this year!

I also know of God. The question for us to ponder is whether we are content to 'know of Him' or rather to truly know Him?

I know my wife. Once upon a time I only knew of her, but then I somehow convinced her to spend more time with me and ultimately say yes to marrying me. Over the past 10 years of sharing life together, she's got to know the good and the bad of the real me. She's also given me the opportunity to get to know her in a deep way too.

And so, I think again about my relationship with God. I'm convinced now more than ever that He's worth getting to know. He brings meaning to my life, comfort in my distress, purpose to my steps and fulfilment to my deepest needs.

Matthew 1:23 is a verse that is typically read at Christmas time:

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means 'God is with us.'"

This is incredible news, not just to celebrate at Christmas, but at all times! He is the God who is with us. He has come close. He has come to know and be known. Through prayer, we have the immeasurable privilege of drawing close to this God and knowing Him deeper day by day.

I pray that whether you have known of God for decades or whether you still only 'know of' Him, that you'd come to Him today and seek to further know the God who is with us!

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