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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

This month sees the retirement of Doctor Graham Hagan, the very long-serving Senior Partner of Len Valley Practice, see pages 8 and 9.

We are remembering Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh with the official photograph on page 15.

Finally, after the long lockdowns, we are beginning to hope that we can make sustainable plans for the future. In 2022, the Queen will mark her Platinum Jubilee and our thoughts are turning to how we will celebrate this in Harrietsham. See pages 10, 11, 34 and 35.

If you have news of future events or regular events resuming, or plans to start up something new, please email the details to us for publication in Network. Emails should be sent to **editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org** . We would also be very happy to see your photos, stories, poems, riddles, quizzes and jokes. You never know, you might get to see them in print!

With any luck, the summer will be long and sunny and we will all be able to get out and about.

We wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Jan - *Editor*.

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Retirement Dr Hagan



Dr Graham Hagan
Senior Partner

It is 36 years since I first came to work at Lenham Surgery (as it was known then) as a trainee GP. I joined the partners at the time, Drs Martin Porter, Ian McMullen (my trainer), Kevin Hipkins and Gerri McKeever. We worked in the purpose built Tithe Yard surgery, off the Lenham village square and at Dr McMullen's house, containing our Branch surgery, in Harrietsham. A lot has changed since then; I've gone grey for a start! The community has grown and we outgrew both surgeries. The Glebe surgery at Harrietsham was built in 1991 and we left Tithe Yard, moving to our 'new' premises in Groom Way, Lenham, in 2004. Now we are pushed for room space again and we are looking to expand further.

It has been a privilege to be part of the local community for all of those years, to get to know you all and to have had the opportunity to develop the Len Valley Practice. It is the practice that endures.

As Doctors working at the surgery, we come and go. I hope that in my time at the surgery we will be seen to have built on the solid foundations laid by our predecessors and I have no doubt that the current partners will continue this work in the future. We are already working on plans to redevelop and modernise both Lenham and Harrietsham surgeries.

I think the current Pandemic, whilst devastating for so many, has also brought out the best in us all and we have come together to keep our sick and vulnerable safe and supported. I would like to thank our loyal staff at the practice and the dedicated local volunteers, for their hard work in such trying times. We are now busy vaccinating as quickly as we can and by the end of June this year, I hope that you will all have had a chance to be vaccinated, if you so wish. The end of June, therefore, seems the right time for me to bow out and retire.

As I have said to several of you already, I thank you for your company on life's journey. After thirty six years, so many of you feel like my extended family and I hope that our paths may cross again in the future. In the meantime I wish you all well and I know that I am leaving you in very capable hands.

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Farewell Event

On Friday 18 June from 2.00pm to 3.30pm the PPG from the Len Valley GP practice are holding an event for patients to say thank you and farewell to Dr Hagan who is retiring after 36 years with the practice.

As we will still be subject to covid restrictions we will only be able to accommodate 15 people self-distancing at a time in the Osbourne Room at Lenham Community Centre. In order to accommodate as many people as possible over the 90 minutes we are asking those who wish to attend to phone Marjorie Darby on 01622 850657 or email her Marjoriedarby5@gmail.com. We will be holding 3 x 30-minute sessions and Marjorie will allocate a session to you. Light refreshments will be available.

Due to the limited time available we will be putting together a memory book. We are inviting any patients who wish to contribute to the book of memories to send any written contributions to Marjorie Darby or to the Lenham Surgery for the attention of Practice Manager, Elaine Moles-Hawley (email emoles@nhs.net). You can of course bring your contribution with you on the day. We hope to see as many of you as possible during the afternoon, but we know you will understand that covid restrictions will apply and masks, hand gel and self-distancing will be necessary.

Len Valley Patient Participation Group (PPG)

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 29.

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Easy

Hard

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Beating the Bounds *Part Two*

Part One of this article, which took us up to 1983, appeared in the May Issue of Network. This is available at www.harrietshamfishscheme.org.



The Bounds were not beaten again until the year of the Golden Jubilee, 2002. The following programme of events was published in Network in April 2002.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Plans for events to celebrate the Golden Jubilee weekend (June 1st, 2nd & 3rd) are progressing and at the moment the programme of events will be along the following lines:-

Saturday June 1st A Dance Workshop will take place in the village hall during the day, culminating in an evening performance (see below for more details).

Sunday June 2nd There will be an ecumenical Jubilee service in St. John the Baptist in the morning. In the afternoon a film of the Coronation will be shown in the church, during which cream teas will be available.

The Cricket Club are organising a Jubilee Cricket Match on the Booth Field - more details next month.

Monday June 3rd 10am. Start of Beating the Bounds. This will finish at the end of the day in the Glebe Field with a "Sausage Sizzle" when certificates will be presented to the walkers. See below for more details. Cricket Club are again organising a Jubilee Cricket Match on the Booth Field, this time for the Juniors. Details next month.

At this time it is hoped to present a "Pageant of Heroes", depicting heroes of the past 50 years. We shall also be presenting Golden Jubilee mugs to all children from birth to primary school age, and a small prize to the winner of the Best Decorated House.

In the evening (8.30 - 11pm) there will be a Disco in the Village Hall organised by The Monday Club.

Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us than it was on the actual day of the Coronation but I'm sure we'll all have a happy weekend to commemorate such an incredibly long reign.

Most of the programme would still be viable today, although I suspect that the sausage sizzle would see many of us heading for the vegetarian variety! Bearing in mind that next year is the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen's accession to the throne, maybe we should start planning now?

This is the article that appeared in Network in April 2002 to explain what Beating the Bounds was all about.

BEATING THE BOUNDS

It has been suggested that the Jubilee weekend might be an excellent time to "Beat the Bounds of the Parish" again. The last time we marked our territory was in 1983. To those of you who are new to the village, this is an ancient tradition and involves walking the Parish Boundary as marked on the map and marking it more tangibly marked on the ground. Letters are cut, or re-cut on tree trunks, marker stones re-discovered and new marker posts sometimes erected.

The ceremony of "Beating the Bounds" was usually carried out once in every generation. The young of the village would have their heads banged against the boundary markers, or at the appropriate spot they would be beaten with suitable sticks. This was to ensure that they would remember where their territory ended and the foreign lands of Lenham, Ulcombe or Hollingbourne began. However, head banging and child-beating has rather gone out of fashion. I suspect the very act of walking in this age of the car will be enough to ensure total recall of the areas walked!

The total distance around Harrietsham is about 15 miles – stretching from Horsall's Wood up on the North Downs to Kingswood on the opposite southern Ragstone Ridge. In following the boundary exactly walkers must, with permission of the landowners, cross streams, fences, gardens and even in one instance a lounge carpet - the boundary between Hollingbourne and Harrietsham runs through the middle of the house.

The 1983 "Beating" was done by two groups of villagers, young and old, walking either the northern half or the southern half of the bounds and took most of the day. It could even, if necessary, be done in three groups, cutting down the distance walked by each group even more.

The foregoing information has been supplied by Paul Passey who took part in the last "Beating" but who is rather too busy to act as organiser on this occasion. However, we have been very fortunate to get Martin Hebblethwaite to take on the task of organiser and Paul has promised to supply any further details he may require.

More details will be supplied in next month's 'Network' but in the meantime keep the date free - as a reward for your efforts you'll get a certificate to say you did it!

For those of you with an interest in Harrietsham's history, the 2002 official programme is reproduced on pages 34 and 35. *With grateful thanks to Peter Brown and Harrietsham History Society for the articles supplied from their archives.*

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We are grateful to the businesses who are supporting us in 2021 and to everyone who drops their loose change into the donation tins – thank you!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer (you don't have to be a gardener) we will guide you with any tasks. Please contact our chairman for further details.

Andrew Rogers (Chair) 01622 859352

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



Hi all, I hope you are all keeping safe and well, even if we cannot start bowling again at Harrietsham Village Hall until at least September, there are signs that this Covid Lockdown is easing for us all.

Our club is insured with Sutton Winson and through this association, we have been able to apply for a sports grant that is specifically for Bowls Clubs. 12 grants are available, each of £250.00, and they have been made in support of Bowls Clubs as a goodwill gesture due to Covid 19, that has caused the loss of revenue and playing time. This may sound a bit like a lucky dip as I am sure that many bowls clubs will apply, but as the saying goes, "You have to be in it to win it". So fingers crossed let us hope we will be one of the lucky clubs.

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Phil Gooda Chairman/Secretary

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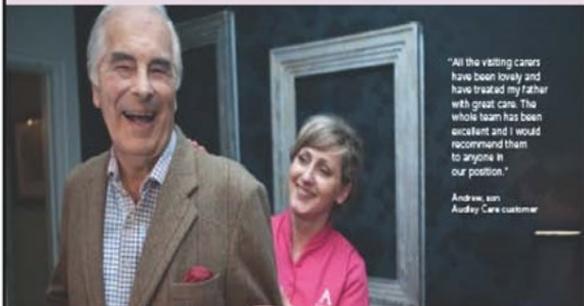
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Harrietsham Network

Covid Support Volunteers Team

We have all been so impressed with all the selfless acts from so many within our community. Shopping, medical deliveries, a listening ear, and also one-off tasks for residents that make so much difference to their lives.

It has been so amazing to see how much of a Community spirit and a willingness of people to give of their time for others. Many would have been lost without them.

Many of the volunteers have been involved in the wonderful vaccination process, from car parking, clearing snow from the car parks to administrative duties and booking appointments. With our fantastic NHS health workers putting in such hard work and so many extra hours, our community has been ahead of many other areas and the clinics have run so smoothly and speedily. We are truly thankful for their efforts. It has been an example of what we can achieve with collective will and determination.

Thanks also must go to the surgery team and to those at the Saxon Warrior working alongside the volunteer team to allow movement of scripts and medication to those in need. This has been balanced with all workers who have ensured our shops remained open, shelves full, and our children able to receive safe education and return to seeing their friends at school. The community spirit demonstrated by individuals supporting others, delivering our post, and by neighbours having conversations with the most isolated and vulnerable amongst us, has kept us all going and has been greatly appreciated.

A special thank you goes again to Martin Sherwood and his tireless efforts every day, to provide many residents with medication and a smile. Always willing to go back to the doctors or the Saxon Warrior for extra much needed medical supplies that become available during the day. On his rounds, he additionally picks up concerns and help required from residents, which he acts upon in any way he can. He is and continues to be a credit to his team, and this community has really appreciated his service to us all.

As the situation improves and the Government eases guidelines the plan is to cease the Covid support on June 22. The website will be wound down then too.

However, if infections rise and there is a need for more, additional or different support, we will of course review this in line with the Government guidelines and regulations. We know that the informal voluntary help carried out in the last year will continue to happen. We hope we might get back to a normal, a new normal, but something that we shall never take for granted again. Personally, wearing face masks and supporting the vaccination process will continue, for the safety of everyone, so we might return to meeting up and hugging each other once again!

Thank you all.

Tom and Janetta Sams on behalf of

www.harrietshamandlenhamcovid19support.co.uk and our facebook group [Harrietsham and Lenham Villages community support](#)

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Isaiah 40:31

Sunday 6 June

- 9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 10.00 am** Ulcombe: Informal Service

Sunday 13 June

- 9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 3.30pm** Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

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

Sunday 20 June

- 9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00am** Harrietsham: Morning Worship

Sunday 27 June

- 9.30am** Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am** Lenham: Morning Worship
- 11.00am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion
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Let's Talk About Poo!

Not the most genteel or edifying of subjects, I would be the first to agree, but it's the cause of endless mirth among children and adults alike! Until, that is, you step into some of the doggie variety! It's disgusting to clean up and the smell... well, printable words fail me!

Now we (nearly) all love dogs and the way I see it is that ownership is a privilege, a pleasure and a blessing. The latter is possibly mixed! With the joys of ownership come responsibilities. One of the biggest is not letting your dog become a nuisance to others. That includes not allowing dogs to roam free, not allowing them to attack people, not allowing their barking to become a noise nuisance and above all not leaving their poo laying about for others to step in and have to clear up!

Who am I to say anything, I hear you say! I'm the hapless person who is nursing a very painful sprained ankle, having side-stepped at the last minute to avoid a not previously seen pile of dog poo that a very inconsiderate owner left in the middle of the Glebe Field on Sunday 2 May. I'm also the photographer who is sick of seeing little black plastic bags of the stuff in all the beauty spots around the area. If you can be bothered to put it in a bag, please be bothered to take it the few steps to the dog litter bin and put it in! The bins are the red ones that are placed at intervals around the area. If you are taking them out to decorate the village, *please STOP!*

Riddle-me-ree. Can you solve me?

1. What do you break immediately you say its name?
2. Which word in the Oxford dictionary is always spelt incorrectly?
3. Name three consecutive days of the week without using Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday or Tuesday.
4. What question can you never say yes to?
5. A man dies of old age on his 25th birthday. How can this be?
6. Divide 50 by a half and add 20. What's the result?
7. How many times can you take 10 from 100?
8. What was our Prime Minister's name in the year 2000?
9. What colour is a pea pod?
10. A man rode out of Harrietsham on Sunday, spent the whole day in Canterbury and rode back the next day on Sunday. How?
11. Imagine you are in a rowing boat in the middle of the Pacific ocean surrounded by sharks and the boat is sinking. What's the best way to resolve the situation?
12. If you were running in a race and you passed the person in second place what position would you be in?
13. A foreign lorry driver turns left down a 'No Entry' road, goes past a red light and then goes the wrong way down a one-way street. A policeman is following him and takes no action. Why?
14. Thirty days hath September etc., how many months have 28 days?
15. Is it more correct to say the yolk of the eggs is white, or the yolk of the eggs are white?

Answers on page 38

Around the Village - West Street

From the Editor's Photo Album





Harrietsham Community Speedwatch Group

We're back ...

and what a long time it has been!

We had our first session at the end of October but were immediately closed down as the country as a whole went into the second Covid19 lockdown.

Only in April were we allowed by Kent Police to stand again by the A20 Ashford Road checking for speeding vehicles and to educate drivers to respect the speed limits, thereby making the main road safer for pedestrians and other users.

A survey earlier this year by the Parish Council showed that the average speed on the Ashford Road (outside the rush-hours) is still over 35 mph - the level at which drivers would be prosecuted for speeding.

Speed can be such an emotive issue – so many of the loudest voices seem to have an opinion on it. However, the simple truth is that the faster you drive, the more difficult it is to avoid a serious collision. Driving faster means less time available to slow down or stop. A study has demonstrated that a 5% increase in average speed typically leads to a 10% increase in the number of crashes that cause injury and, worse still, to a 20% increase in the number of fatal crashes.

If you agree that speeding in our village needs to be reduced, then come and join us – we are always looking for volunteers as the more there are, the greater the impact we can have. Can you spare a few hours occasionally to help reduce speeding and improve road safety? If so, do come and join the team!

For more information, either visit www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch, contact chris-roots@outlook.com or ring 01622 851885.

Watch Out There's a Scammer About!

It used to be 'Watch Out there's a Humphrey About!' It was a warning to everyone to take their milk in as soon as it was delivered because there was a thief around who was taking milk from the doorsteps!

These days it's the scammers we need to watch out for! Len Valley Practice just posted this one on Facebook... 'We have been notified by a patient of a potential scam from NHS 111, they go on to say that your account is overdue by £1000 and ask you to pay to avoid a fine. THIS IS A SCAM, NHS 111 is a free service and they WILL NOT ask for money'.

Numerous recent scams have been reported including some purporting to be HM Inland Revenue and Hermes.

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100 Club Lottery Draw

The result of the Fifty-fourth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club made on 8 May 2021 at Little Hatch and drawn by Peter Brown in the presence of Michael Gear is as follows:-

First prize £66.00 – number - 36 - Jon & Judy Bacon
 Second prize £39.60 – number 28 – Janice Brockwell
 Third prize £26.00 – number 95 – Pauline Harris

A record 132 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £132.

For further information and details of how to become a member of the 100 Club to help with the upkeep of our church, contract the Administrator, Chris Roots at 100Club@FriendsofStJohn.org

Hopefully by the time this goes to print the Committee of the Friends of St. John's will have held a committee meeting to discuss the way forward for fundraising. We still have not had an Annual General Meeting and that is something else we will have to address.

If all goes to plan with the Road Map Step 4 on the 21 June, and we can finally get together, besides our monthly Soup Saturday and Ploughman's lunches held in the church, we also hope to hold the Invicta Concert Band concert in September and also a quiz sometime. All subject to Covid restrictions being lifted, of course

Sudoku Answers

Easy

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

Hard

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
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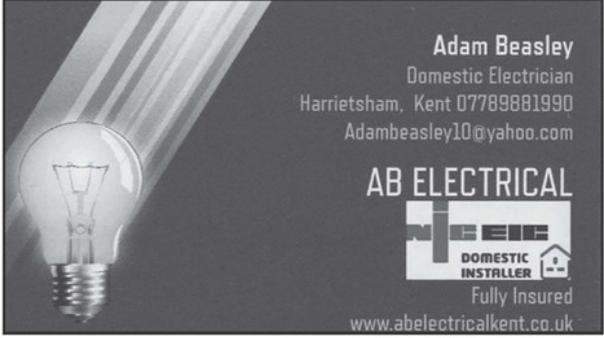
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Christian Message

Years ago, during my first few weeks at secondary school I made friends with 4 girls. The 5 of us became close friends. We have written to each other regularly over the years until one died last year. *Long term friendship.*

I have another long term friend – Jesus. Some think that the way to becoming a Christian means regular attendance at Church services, signing the electoral roll of a local church or helping to raise money to preserve ancient buildings. Becoming a Christian may lead to some of these things but primarily it is a response to Jesus invitation to follow him.

Jesus calls us to be his friends. In verses 14-17 of chapter 15 of St John's Gospel we read his words, "you are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants.....instead I have called you friends for everything I have learned from my Father I have made known to you." Why not check this out by reading the whole of chapter 15?

And what a friend Jesus is! The lockdown has prevented us visiting each other's homes but St John passes on a special invitation from this friend. "My Father's house has plenty of room. I go to prepare a place for you." This invitation has not been cancelled by the lockdown!

What sort of a friend is Jesus? Well, he is flexible. He willingly changed his plans when he heard that the young daughter of a local leader was very ill. He went to the house and healed her. When he met someone who was an outcast because he had leprosy he healed him and restored him to society. He forgave and forgives the sins of many. He washed the dirty feet of his disciples and commanded them to wash each other's feet.

I am still in touch with my school friends and I value their friend ship but Jesus is the best friend of all. There is an old song, "*What a friend we have in Jesus.*" It encourages us to pray and assures us that Jesus is faithful. "*Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?*"

Could there be a better friend? Why not find out more about him? Talk to a Christian and ask questions and don't be afraid. Jesus said: "*I will never turn away anyone who comes to me.*" (John 6:37).

Joan Drury (01622 853766)



West Street 2020



Then and now.... Spot the difference?

West Street 2021



Beating the Bounds in 2002 (as published in Network in April 2002)



MONDAY JUNE 3rd.



At noon we will meet in East Street to start **“BEATING THE BOUNDS”**. To those of you who are new to the village, this is an ancient tradition and involves walking the Parish Boundary as marked on the map and marking it more tangibly marked on the ground. The ceremony of “Beating the Bounds” was usually carried out once in every generation.

The total distance around Harrietsham is about 15 miles – stretching from Horsall’s Wood up on the North Downs to Kingswood on the opposite southern Ragstone Ridge. As in 1983 “Beating” will be done by two groups, walking either the northern half or the southern half of the bounds. We would suggest that you wear sensible footwear (you may have to cross a stream) and take a packed lunch or some refreshment. Having got to the end of your section (they are both about the same length, i.e. 7½ miles) you can then make your way to the Glebe Field (opposite the Church) and join in with the children’s **FUN & GAMES**, watch the **HEROE’S PARADE** (a fancy dress parade of heroes of the last 50 years), have one of **MAGGIE’S ICES**, or simply wait until 5pm. for the **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**, cooked by the Guides and Brownies, and the **HOG ROAST** cooked by Bob Woods, during which you will be able to collect your ‘Bound’s’ certificate. Dick Putland (859625) and Martin Hebblethwaite (859352) will be leading the groups - please let them know if you are doing the walk so that we can prepare your certificates. Tickets for the Hog Roast are available from Pam Hounsom (859200) or Michelle Saunders in the Church office (850604)

During the Hog Roast we will also be presenting a commemorative Golden Jubilee plate to the winner of the villages **‘BEST DRESSED HOUSE’**, which will have been judged during Sunday 2nd. If you are entering this competition please let Pam Hounsom (859200) know, so that we can include you on the judging list.

At 8pm. teenagers (12 - 16’s) will be able to go to the golden Jubilee **DISCO** which is being run by the Monday Club (tickets price £3 or £2.50 for club members) are available from Marian Bond (858231) or Maria Monks (859598).

Although none of these events are for fund raising, any profits, offerings or contributions will be donated to the Queen’s Jubilee Charities.

We hope that you will join in with all the Village celebrations and have a Happy and Enjoyable Golden Jubilee weekend.

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SATURDAY JUNE 1st.

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SUNDAY JUNE 2nd.

At 9.30am in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist there will be an **ECUMENICAL SERVICE** to commemorate fifty years of the reign of Elizabeth II, so no matter what your belief you can come along and give thanks with us.

In the afternoon at 2.30pm there will be a large screen showing of "A QUEEN IS CROWNED" the only full length Technicolor record of the 1953 Coronation, captured by some of Britain's greatest artistes and technicians, with a commentary by (then) Sir Laurence Olivier and music played by the London Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. During the film *real* Cream Teas will be available for only 50p per person.

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Top Tips

from Harrietsham Gardening Society

June has arrived and as the garden should be growing away well I thought it might be worth taking a different slant on gardening tips this month. Hopefully early (new) potatoes will be ready and some new carrots and peas. You may not be aware but potatoes were once valued as an aphrodisiac, at one time when first introduced to this country fetching around £300 per pound for that purpose. There's clearly an added advantage for digging a few and celebrating the lockdown relaxations. Carrying a potato in your pocket was also widely held as a cure for rheumatism and rubbing one on warts was believed to lead to their demise. As for carrots these have a reputation for improving eyesight and relieving asthma. Spring onions and lettuce should be ready too. Onions have alternative uses, an early cure for toothache was apparently to wrap your big toe in a dried onion skin, whilst rubbing a sliced onion on your head was allegedly a cure for baldness. An onion held against your ear could allegedly cure earache and carrying a cut onion with you also kept witches away (and probably everyone else!)

In ancient Egypt, lettuce was believed to be sacred to the fertility god Min and considered to be a powerful aphrodisiac. Mummy!! In Irish folklore, cabbages are supposed to reveal a lot about future spouses. Blindfolded girls were sent out in pairs to pull the first cabbage they could find. If there was a lot of earth attached to the root, they would marry into plenty of money but if there was only a little earth, they would be poor. The taste of the heart of the cabbage would reveal a lot about the future spouse's disposition - sweet or sour!

Moving on, broad beans will need an eye kept on them to avoid blackfly. Pinching the tips out removes the succulent young growth which they feed upon. If you can, try and avoid a build-up of ants which 'farm' aphids by moving them from bean to bean so they can drink their milky honeydew. Don't discard the bean pods because steeped in wine and vinegar they were alleged to be an excellent beauty treatment. Another money-saving tip. Don't tell the Avon lady!

Beetroot, or red beet as they are commonly known should be ready for pulling, cooking and using in salads this month. Aphrodite, the Greek Goddess of Love, was exquisitely beautiful and she attributed her romantic powers to eating beetroot. In fact, beetroot has many connections to affairs of the heart. In some parts of the country the belief persists to this day that if a man and a woman eat from the same beetroot, they will fall in love. (With each other, presumably). That's something many of you can take advantage of, and I wish you every happiness as two hearts beet as one (read on, it can't get any worse). In addition, women used to use beetroot as lipstick and rouge. Boiling eggs in water in which beetroot have been cooked produces bright red boiled eggs if you fancy a different colour at breakfast, or to limit consumption at a buffet.

Your strawberries should be ready in abundance this month and as well as being delicious to eat they have other uses. The Romans used strawberries to lift the spirits and relieve bad breath as well as to treat a variety of digestive complaints.

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Strawberries also show up in European myths as a fertility-inducing and love-producing fruit beloved of goddesses such as Venus and once again, Aphrodite. It was said the fruit of strawberry, when shared with another, would produce everlasting love.

Moving on to flowers, sweet peas should be at their most colourful this month. Their fragrance is said to inspire loyalty and affection and giving someone a bunch means goodbye and thank you, in the nicest possible way. Lilies are spectacular plants, the Romans used to fill their pillows with them to get a good night's sleep, so if you want to avoid a trip to Dunelm you now know what to do.

Periwinkle is also known as Sorcerer's violet and Cut finger from its use in treating wounds. Sir Francis Bacon believed binding its leaves around the leg would guard against cramp. It was also used as a remedy for boils, toothache, and nosebleeds in Oxfordshire, but too much can cause extremely low blood pressure.

June is the month for roses. Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, (she keeps cropping up doesn't she? No wonder there have to be so many gooseberry bushes planted to explain away her influence) was seen as the creator of the rose. Apparently, Adonis, her lover, was mortally wounded when hunting by a wild boar. She hastened to his side and from the mixture of his blood and her tears grew a superb, fragrant, blood-red rose. As with all the opportunities and remedies described above, don't try this at home even if you want a rose named after you, the NHS is still under pressure as it is.

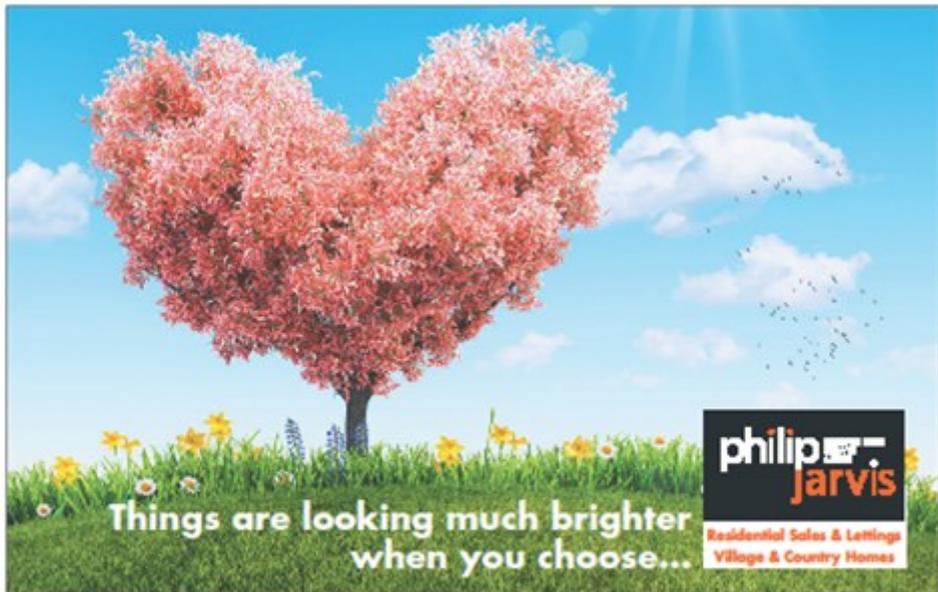
Happy gardening

Riddle-me-ree. Answers

1. Silence,
2. Incorrectly,
3. Yesterday, today and tomorrow,
4. Are you dead?
5. His birthday is 29 Feb,
6. 120,
7. Once, then taking from 90,
8. Boris Johnson,
9. Green,
10. His horse was called Sunday,
11. Stop imagining it,
12. 2nd,
13. He's on foot,
14. All of them, some have more,
15. Yolk is yellow

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