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## Message From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who has submitted content this month. I was so pleased to read about the celebrations over the Coronation weekend and I hope you will enjoy reading about it too, as well as looking at the pictures from Hazel of the incredible work by the Craft Groups.

You will see that on page 17 there is an article from the outgoing Chairman of the Fish Scheme, Peter Brown. I would like to express my thanks to Peter for all the help he provided me when I started editing the magazine, as well as everything else he has done with the scheme over the years.

Do have a look at page 15 for an update from the Primary School. I hope to see many of you at the Harrietsham School Summer Fair on Saturday 17 June.

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# Harrietsham Network

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## Harrietsham Gardening Society



On a cool April evening we were transported to "A Hawaiian Dream" by Derek March.

Derek talked about how he had visited as a young boy and had continued visiting until recently. His description of the journey and the sights and smells of the island came alive. Wild donkeys, chickens, rats, fire ants, toads and bees were in abundance.

Many of the flowers we know are abundant Proteas, Stephanotis, Kohima Ginger, Hibiscus, Gloriosa Lily, and the wonderful Bird of Paradise. A very enjoyable evening.

Our meeting on 18 July will be in the afternoon when an outing has been arranged to visit a local NGS garden.

Happy gardening

**Angela Gatland**

## Harrietsham Short Mat Bowling Club



Hi fellow bowlers. As our last update was in the April issue of the Network the weeks seem to have flown by and now we are in June already. May included a lot of Bank Holiday Mondays when we did not meet for the usual Monday roll-ups so I imagine those who normally attend are suffering withdrawal symptoms and keenly looking forward to June so normality can be resumed.

If you cast your mind back to April you will remember that we played a friendly match at Harrietsham against Headcorn which we won by 65 shots to 47. The team from Headcorn played very well considering it was the first time they had visited our Village Hall. And after the halfway point they came back at us with a mini-revival and even beat us on one of our mats. The game was played in a good and friendly yet competitive spirit, which made for an enjoyable evening. We have a return game in October when I do not doubt Headcorn will be looking for revenge as we meet them on their mats for the first time. Let us hope we can make these games a more permanent fixture on the calendar.

Safe Bowling and all the Best

**Phil G** - Chairman/Secretary



## Harrietsham In Bloom

Having had a wonderful display throughout the village in Spring, the bulbs etc in the planters have now been removed for summer bedding to be installed. Extra special displays are on the village green in honour of King Charles III Coronation year.



We would like to thank all the villagers who have assisted with deadheading the daffodils.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all at our Annual Quiz held in April. We made a net profit of £635.71p which included two donations of £54.38p and £10. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and to our quizmaster and his team.

We are grateful to all our sponsors that have renewed their support for 2023 and to everyone who donated via the collection tins in the BP garage, Post Office, Salon 62 and Premier shop.

Any enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) 859352 or Barbara Incledon 853754.

**Audrey Joy**

## Harrietsham History Society

Despite very heavy rain both during the day and early evening 10 members and 4 visitors attended our meeting on Tuesday 11 April and enjoyed the talk given by James Dickinson on King John and the Magna Carta.



We do not have a meeting in June but instead have provisionally booked for a visit and tour of the Kent Mining Museum at Betteshanger Country Park on Tuesday 13 June at 12 noon. Whilst this is mainly for our members there may be a few places available for anyone else who would like to join us for this visit. Please let me know if you would like any information regarding this.

**Peter Brown**

## Harrietsham Ladies Group

Twenty of us met in the scout hut for our May meeting. We split into teams and commenced with two quite taxing but enjoyable quizzes. After much needed refreshments, dice rolling and shouting we managed to complete three beetle games which were all won by a committee member!!

On June 7 we have arranged an outing on the Kentish Lady, a boat trip, with lunch, along the River Medway. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we can appreciate parts of Maidstone that we don't usually get to see. I think many of us are so busy negotiating the one way system and congested traffic that we fail to notice our lovely river.

**Elizabeth Welchman** - Chairman - 01622850735

# Harrietsham Network

## Harrietsham Craft Groups

We have worked really hard over the last few months to try to make our village centre look as festive as possible for the Coronation. We asked all the residents of West Street if they would like us to make bunting for them to hang on their houses and lots came back giving us details of the measurements they needed. Not sure how many metres of bunting we made altogether but it was a lot! We also made replica crowns to display in Percival's Rest, Salon 62 and the church plus several hand beaded tealight holders to surround the crown on the font in the church and two ornamental Maypoles – one on the village green and one in a West Street resident's front garden. Our display was added to in the church by Carole from Lenmead's wonderful Coronation floral arrangement.

We organised to show the TV coverage in the church on Coronation Day and provided a buffet for the event along with crochet crowns for the children to wear and materials and prizes for a colouring competition. The Pre-School helped tremendously with setting out the children's activities tables, creating a fantastic role play area and helping the children with the colouring competition which was judged by Millie and Beverley. Annie won first prize which was a Coronation Stickers book and Mia and Kaia won second and third prizes of Coronation chocolates. This event was very well attended with all ages being present and was a huge success. It was a free event but donations were accepted and these, which totalled £71.45, were given to the church.

Pictures speak louder than words so here are some photos.





Thanks go to our craft group members particularly Margaret T, Helen, Margaret C, Sammie, Kim, Sandie and also Pat for their hard work in contributing towards creating the displays; to Ron for his woodworking skills; to Chris who did a huge amount of work in helping with the general organisation and sourcing of materials for the Maypoles, to Harrietsham Parish Council for allowing us to erect one of the Maypoles on the village green, to Harrietsham in Bloom members for assisting with the erection of the Maypoles, to all those who donated towards materials, to the church for opening its doors for us and for allowing us to use their equipment to show the TV coverage; to the Pre-School for all their help and especially to Miranda and Kelly on the day and to all those who helped at the church event – Helen, Chris, Paul and Beverley, Miranda, Kelly and Pauline. Last but not least thanks to all the residents who gave us such positive feedback which makes our efforts so worthwhile.

### ***Hazel Roots***

Harrietsham Craft Groups

## Parish Council News

### Kent Association of Local Council Awards

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April, a well-known resident received an award from the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Eddie Powell.

The award, from the Kent Association of Local Councils, supported by Kent County Council and the Mayor of Medway, is given out people in recognition of their significant contribution to their local communities, and was presented to a surprised Audrey Joy MBE. Handing Audrey the award, Cllr Powell said "Audrey has for many years been the first to volunteer in the village and is the Parish Council's greatest supporter. She is involved in numerous groups in Harrietsham working together to support residents and to improve the quality of life in our rural community".

As well as being Chair of the Friends of St. Johns, Audrey is a long-standing member of the Harrietsham Fish Scheme, taking elderly residents who are without transport to hospital & doctor's appointment and to the weekly Friday coffee morning in the Village Hall, where residents can have a chat and catch up.

Audrey is a current member, and past leader, of the Harrietsham Ladies Group and also has a team of dedicated litter pickers who work to keep the village litter free. Not content with that, Audrey is a keen allotment holder and is a member of Harrietsham in Bloom, where she helps care for the fabulous flower displays through the village.



***Well done Audrey, and thank you!***

### Change of Email Address for the Parish Council

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# Harrietsham CofE Primary School

By the time you read this, we will be about to start our final term of the school year! As ever, the school has been very busy.

We said a fond farewell to our Headteacher, Mrs Waller-Davies, who retired just before the Easter holidays and extended a warm welcome to our Interim Headteacher, Mrs Deevoy.

In May, the children from Years 3 and 4 also visited the Living Land to learn about farming and food production through entertaining demonstrations and hands-on activities, guided by experts. Activities included learning about machinery, seeing and touching live farm animals, watching milking demonstrations, trying local produce and much more!

Year 2 were excited to see a theatre production of The Great Fire of London as part of their topic for last term. The children are now all very knowledgeable about this part of our history and will happily tell you all about it if you ask!

I was delighted to see the school demonstrating once again its values and caring nature by donating a large amount of food for the End of the Rainbow Food Bank which is currently being run from St John's Church in Harrietsham. A huge thank you and well done to parents, carers and children alike for their generosity in helping such a good cause as well as a massive thank you to Liz Holland for organising.



The children also had a chance to come together as a whole school on the playground to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. There was a rousing sing-along, lots of flag waving and cake to enjoy.

Looking forward, we have the Harrietsham School Summer Fair, run by our wonderful PTFA, on Saturday 17 June. It's a popular event and everyone is welcome, whether part of the school or not. We will also be hoping for good weather for our annual Sports Day – watch this space for more adults taking part than ever before (I'm already practising carrying an egg on a spoon) – and more opportunities for the children to fully embrace outdoor learning in our nature area, on the playing field and just having fun on our specialist play equipment. Whatever you're doing, I hope the sun shines on you.

**Jo Greasley** - Chair of Governors

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## Harrietsham Fish Scheme

On Wednesday 12 April the Fish Scheme held it's AGM and unfortunately it was one of those very wet April evenings which I think kept most people from attending. My sincere thanks to those who did make it and to the existing members of the committee who agreed to continue running the scheme for another year.

At present the organisation does not have a chairperson as I have resigned due to my plans to leave the village during this year. I have really enjoyed being part of the Fish Scheme since I moved to the village in 2004 first of all as the advertising manager and then as chairman.

I sincerely hope someone will offer to help the group to continue in the future. I shall still be around for a few months and will continue to support the committee whilst I am able and I shall be happy to speak to anyone who would like further information on joining the committee and helping them to continue providing assistance for people in need and publishing the village magazine.

My thanks to Andrew and Felicity Rogers who continue to do an excellent job in organising lifts for villagers despite having a very small number of volunteer drivers. They would appreciate some help in continuing to provide this service for those without transport so please contact them if you have transport and could occasionally spare a few hours to assist.

***Peter Brown***

## Coronation Maypole and Flags

We were very pleased to host one of the Coronation Maypoles and bask in the reflected glory of Hazel's hard work and imagination.

Our own contribution of the St George's flag and the very old Union Jack was very tame by comparison.

The Union Jack has a history of it's own in that my grandparents bought it to celebrate the end of World War I and it has been used for many occasions, royal and otherwise, since then.

It is now too flimsy to withstand weather and therefore has to hang indoors.

***Helen and Alex Hubble***

# Harrietsham Network

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Harrietsham Preschool      Charlee Guy      07897 821399

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*Gal 3:26 (NRSV)*

### Sunday 4 June

**9.30am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)

**9.30am** Lenham: Breakfast Church

**11.00am** Ulcombe: Morning Worship

**11.00am** Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship

**11.00am** Lenham: Holy Communion

### Wednesday 7 June

**9.30am** Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

### Sunday 11 June

**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 18 June

**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 25 June

**10.30am** Benefice Holy Communion at Boughton Malherbe

**'Identity: "I am fully capable"'**

## King's Coronation Big Lunch 2023

### Harrietsham Celebrates the Coronation of King Charles III



Harrietsham went all out celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III! The Coronation on Saturday 6 May started the long weekend and Harrietsham Parish Council hosted the Coronation Big Lunch on the Glebe Field on Sunday 7 May.

There was music, cakes were donated for sale with many baked by Harrietsham residents, and the very popular raffle stall manned by Harrietsham Parish Council Chairman, Eddie Powell ably assisted by Loraine and Alison. Well done Eddie and the ladies – brilliant job and your sales techniques raised £375.00 for Dogs Trust Canterbury plus the proceeds of the Silent Auction for a lovely painting by local resident Loraine Kay.

Regular attendees to our previous Big Lunch event will know that proceeds from the raffle and cake stall go to The Dogs Trust. Karen of Leading Tails did the judging again this year and we had a tremendous turnout.

Face painting by Whizzbang Face & Body Art was a great success – even the Parish Council Chairman was a customer! Sack races and the three legged race were hilarious and the tug of war crown went to the men this year.

Once again we had Cllr. Tim Griffiths, Harrietsham's answer to Channel 4 racing, as commentator. And, once again, it was better than any commentary on TV – you certainly have missed your vocation Tim?? .

Finally a sincere thank you to all those local businesses that generously donated to the raffle and to all the cake makers in the village who did such a wonderful job.

**Thank you to everyone who took part and made it a very special day.**

Finally, the Big Lunch Committee would like to thank:

Harrietsham Primary School for the use of tables & chairs  
Dogs Trust for Winners Rosettes  
Percival's Rest  
Go Ape  
Karen—First Aid—thankfully a quiet afternoon  
Harrietsham In Bloom  
Music by Sixpenny Piece and Tim Griffiths  
Freedom Dancers  
The Co=op Food Store  
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Residents of Harrison Drive for the use of their electricity on Thursday evening and Sunday 7 May.



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

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### Ploughman's Platterday

Once again there will be no Ploughman's lunch at the church on Saturday 10 June 2023.

### 100 Club Lottery Draw

The results of the Seventy eighth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on Saturday, 13 May 2023 by Denise Williams under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots are as follows:-

There were 159 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £159

First prize £79.50 – number 13 – Denise Williams

Second prize £47.70 – number 153 – Sandra and Gordon Jane

Third prize £31.80 – number 1 – Ray Tong

As there was no Ploughman's Lunch in May 2023, the draw took place at Little Hatch.

***Denise Williams***

## Local Churches

### Parish Church of St John the Baptist

**Vicar:** Revd. John Huggins  
01622 850280 [vicar@lvb.org.uk](mailto:vicar@lvb.org.uk)

(Day off: Wednesday)

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07805092823 [curate@lvb.org.uk](mailto:curate@lvb.org.uk)

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**Benefice Office:**

Sarah Hills 01622 850604

**ChurchOffice@lvb.org.uk**

For details of services see p.23

### United Reformed Church

Week Street, Maidstone

**Minister:** Rev Andrew Royal  
Sunday Service at 10.30am with  
creche. No evening service.

01622 686053

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1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at  
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Our April meeting found us having a fun and games evening which was enjoyed by everyone. Sometimes it is nice just to have a laugh and a chat to catch up with everything that is going on.

A number of our members attended the West Kent Federation Annual General Meeting in Tunbridge Wells in March. We had a coach to take us all there and picked up members of other WIs on route. After the usual business of the Annual General Meeting the Federation Archivists gave us an interesting insight into some of the items they have in the collection. They tell the stories and the histories of WIs that have now closed and some of the craft projects that have been done by past members. Each WI had their own table cloth and banner which were made and embroidered with the names of all the members and past members. Some of this work is exquisite.

After lunch our speaker was Rev Kate Bottley. Well she walked onto the stage in her cassock and fuchsia pink boots with three inch heels. That was a sign of how her talk was going to go. I have never laughed so much. She was just like a stand-up comic and some of the jokes were a bit near the knuckle but it was all taken in good heart. She showed us a video of a marriage ceremony that she did and at the end of it the bride, groom and her did a rap dance routine which was so funny. It went viral on social media. It was so good to have a real laugh. We should all try to do that more often.



The meeting in May was our AGM and this month we are doing a bit of Zumba Gold. Shani, who takes the Zumba sessions on a Wednesday morning in the Community Centre is going to tell us a bit about the history of Zumba and we will be able to have a go at some of the exercise routines.

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](mailto:rgodden@btinternet.com)

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## June 2023 Diary

### Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Thurs	1	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	2	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	5	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Mon	5	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Tue	6	7.30pm	Harrietsham History Society	HVH
Wed	7	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	8	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Thurs	8	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	9	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	9	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon	12	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	12	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Tue	13	12pm	Harrietsham History Society Visit to Kent Mining Museum	
Tue	13	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	15	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	16	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	17		Harrietsham School Summer Fair	
Mon	19	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Mon	19	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	19	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	22	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	23	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	24	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Mon	26	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	26	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	29	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	30	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH

## Thank You Message from Audrey Joy

No-one was more surprised than me when I was presented with the Community Award from our Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 26 April. The framed certificate and lovely flowers left me almost speechless! Credit must be given to everyone involved as I had no clue it was to happen. I understand that everyone was sworn to secrecy under pain of death!

Obviously there was a lot of organising involved and I want to thank everyone that helped, all the villagers that attended and the nice messages I have received via phone, plus the delicious food that followed.

If you were involved all credit to you wonderful people. Thank you again.

**Audrey Joy M.B.E.**

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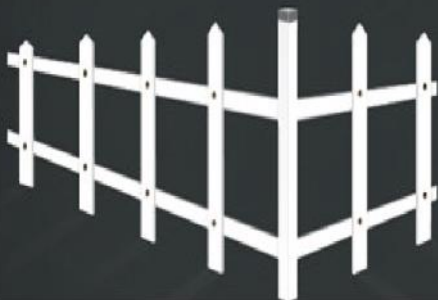
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## Sunday 11th June 2023

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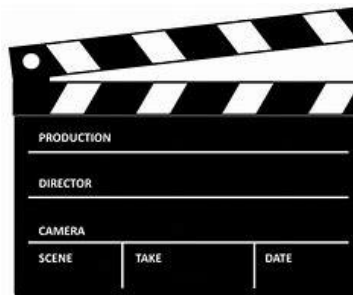
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Our film on 14 July is **A Man Called Otto** starring Tom Hanks. He's another grumpy man – just as compelling and irresistible but oh so different from Jack Nicholson. Mark this down as a 'must' too.

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## Christian Message

### Endings and beginnings

This year has been a time of endings and beginnings. You only grow by coming to the end of something and by beginning something else. We have experienced the ending of the shortest term of office for a Prime Minister and the appointment of a new one: the end of the longest reigning monarch and the beginning of the reign of our new King. We saw the lifting of nearly all covid-19 restrictions, and we welcomed the reopening of international borders.

Not all endings are positive, however. We have also seen the end of low inflation resulting in the higher cost of living; the end of peace for some countries and the beginning of war.

Over Easter, Christians commemorate an ending and a beginning. Jesus' closest friends, his disciples, thought that Jesus' dying on the cross to save us from sin, from all of the messed-up parts of our life was the end; however, death was not the end as Christians believe that he rose again from the dead to new life, on Easter morning. This gives us all the promise of a new beginning, full of hope and anticipation.

I finish my time in the Len Valley Benefice mid July and will begin a new era in a parish nearer to where I live. Sometimes endings bring sweet sorrow as although we are sad to leave, it is really farewell rather than goodbye, and an embracing of what is to come.

Thank you for making my time here such a rich one, full of love and support. I pray that for whatever you may be experiencing in life at the moment,

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