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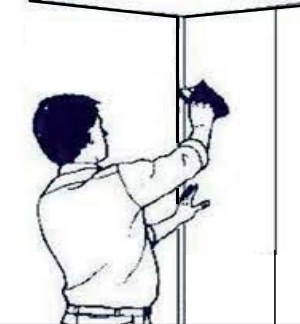
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From the Editor

Firstly, before I forget: a very happy birthday to my colleague Rod, who celebrates a “noughty” birthday this month. Suffice it to say that life should begin for him now! Seriously, Rod - have a great day.

Coincidentally, there is an article from Rod in Network this month, about an exciting new event which it is hoped will become an annual fixture on the village's calendar. Harrietsham's 1st Annual Beer and Cider Festival certainly deserves to be a success; you can read about it on p. 35.

Before that of course there is the Harrietsham Big Lunch, I do hope that lots of people will come on Sunday 2nd June. Fingers firmly crossed that the weather will be kind....

Local man Mathew Jane will be giving his all on 1st June in the Kent Road-runners marathon, for a cause close to his heart. Please take a look at his article on p. 32 and give him all the support you can. In my book anyone who tackles a marathon deserves all the support in the world, I could no more run a marathon than fly to the moon.

Talking of flying, my friend and neighbour Ian has recently got his wings and has kindly written something for Network (p. 29). He makes it sound very tempting (but also a lot easier than I suspect it is).

If, however, you prefer to stay nearer the ground, or rather the water, then you may be interested in the article about Lenham Swimming Club. Sadly they won't be able to operate this summer but are hopeful that the necessary volunteers will be forthcoming to make swimming in Lenham a reality again in 2014. It's such a great opportunity for the villages, it must be possible to find people willing and able to give up just one evening a week through the summer.

Martin Sherwood has written about how to avoid scams; at first glance it may appear that the offer of free insulation (p. 32) is too good to be true and therefore must be a scam but I assure you that is a genuine offer, though obviously there will be restrictions.

I must make a mention of a young man with a lot of fundraising to do: Louis is off to Ghana next year. If you ever go to a soft play area then you can snap up a bargain and help him at the same time - see p. 38.

Many thanks to everyone who's contributed to the magazine this month, please keep your copy coming in. And if you've not written for Network before perhaps, like Ian, Mathew and Louis, you'll be moved to share something with the village - I hope so!

Rosi Taylor

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Pins and Needles

There were five of us at the first meeting (a sixth would have joined us but had to wait in for a delivery) and the crafts represented included knitting, crochet and embroidery - nothing overly demanding of concentration, given the social nature of the afternoon. Some of us already knew each other, other were 'friends we hadn't previously met' and the conversation flowed, like the coffee - helped, no doubt, by the sharing of what Helen termed an 'experimental cake'; if only all experiments were so successful!

We are open to the idea of moving to a different Tuesday in the month to avoid a clash with a craft group which meets in Lenham but because of other commitments in June have agreed to stick with the first Tuesday of the month for now. So the next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th June, between 2pm and 5pm - come and go whenever you wish within those times. If you'd like to join us you will be most welcome, please give me a call so I know how many people to expect and can make sure you know where to come.

Rosi Taylor, tel. 851701

Harrietsham WI

On May 9th we had our Annual Meeting and Resolutions. The existing committee members were all voted to continue for the next year and thanks were given to Angela, our President, for all her hard work on our behalf. Activities and speakers of the past year were discussed and a programme for the next year, June 2013 - May 2014, will be available shortly. On June the 2nd we will be representing our WI at the Big Lunch on the Booth Field.

Details of the Len Valley District WI programme for 2013 are as follows;
Thursday 30th May, 7.30pm at Lenham Community Centre

District conference. The theme will be of Spring and each WI is invited to decorate a table with materials such as food or craft. Each WI to recite a short story, poem or prepare a quiz on the theme of Spring.

Thursdays 20th and 27th June

Outings to Halls Court Nursery, Pluckley Road, Bethersden.

The 20th will be in the afternoon, cost of £4 each to include drink and cake. The 27th will be in the evening and will include a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles, again at a cost of £4.

Monday 25th November, 7.30pm at Harrietsham Village Hall

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Harrietsham Wives Group

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The meeting on June 5th is a visit to Benenden Hospital. Any enquiries about this to Helen Hubble please (tel. 859692); any general enquiries to me on 853803.

Barbara Kelly

Harrietsham History Society

Following the AGM on Monday 15th April at Harrietsham School membership of the society stands at 31, which unfortunately is slightly down on our membership during our first year; we are hopeful we can increase this over the next few months as we have a very interesting programme of speakers for our meetings. These are usually held on the third Monday of each month in the Primary School Hall starting at 7.30pm. Membership of the Society is still only £12 per year with a small charge of £1 at each meeting attended to cover refreshments and to help pay for some of the more expensive speakers. If you are interested in joining please contact me on 01622 851075 or why not come along to our next meeting on the 17th June when Avice Harms will be giving a talk entitled "A20 Maidstone to Ashford".

Peter Brown, Chairman

Harrietsham Whist Club

The winners of the Whist Drive held on 3rd May were Janet Humphries and Bob Pocock. We had another very good evening with 30 people playing and two new visitors. Dennis Hollands took over as MC as Michael was unavailable - thank you Dennis. Once again the food was lovely, thank you Robin and Vi for the scones.

The next Whist Drive will be on Friday June 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be very pleased to see you there.

George Booth

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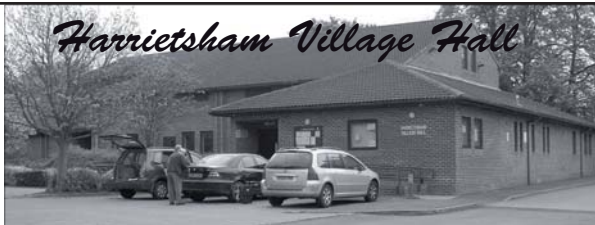
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Alan Reading



Tennis Club Activities

If you missed the free "Have a go" sessions during May, it is not too late to try out some tennis skills during the Harrietsham Big Lunch on Sunday 2nd June. Please come along. New members welcome. Any queries, please contact me on 859482.

Gwyneth Thurgood

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Rush rush rush. Sometimes it seems that I rush from one thing to the next; from services to visiting, to sermon preparation, to committee meeting, to school assembly, to choosing hymns, to emailing our children, to writing the Christian Message! I am sure that all our lives are often like this, rushing along with barely time to stop, take stock, think and reflect. And if you are a parent of school-age or younger children, it's at least twice as frantic!

In his well-loved poem, W. H. Davies reminds us that there is more to life than our rushing to and fro:

“What is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?
No time to see, in broad daylight, streams full of stars, like skies at night.”
W. H. Davies

Our lives – though so full – become diminished if we don't make the time to stop, look, think and reflect. We become so centred on fulfilling the needs of those around us, or accumulating money, status and stuff, that we forget the importance of quiet.

One of the easiest ways to pray is just to stop, look at what's around and simply thank God for what you see.

Jesus said this:

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out ...? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message translation)

It's June. Perhaps the sun will shine. Whatever the weather, take a pause, look around you and thank God for everything. And then pray for the needs of the people and situations you're aware of. Get away with Jesus for at least a few minutes each day, “learning the unforced rhythms of grace” and see what a difference he makes.

Rev Dick Venn

Welcome...

..to Gwen and Colin Barker (No. 7) and Ron, Jackie and George Locke (No 47) who have moved into the Garden of England, and to Mrs Muriel Shade, 2 The Alms Houses, East Street, and Steve and Karen at Corner Cottage, East Street. We hope you will all be very happy in Harrietsham.

Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham Big Lunch

Village Hall / Booth Field
12 noon - 3pm; picnic at 12.30pm
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We hope lots of you will come along to make this a great village event! Everyone is invited, so if you can, please bring picnic chairs and rugs, and walk if possible.

The idea is just for people to mix and enjoy time with friends and neighbours but there will be a few activities happening alongside:

- It is likely that the Cricket Club will be playing a match on the field from 2pm (not definitely confirmed as we go to press) so we hope you will stay and watch that.
- We have managed to borrow a tug-of-war rope for a light-hearted competition.
- For the children there will be face-painting and craft activities.
- There will be a cake stall - see below - so please don't come with completely empty pockets!

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Amy George

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Rectory Lane, Off East Street,
Harrietsham
Parish Priest: Fr. Geoffrey Pointer
Deacon: Rev Cyril Durbin, 736100
Mass every Sunday at 8.45am and
Wednesday at 10.00am
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 7pm and Tuesday and
Friday 10am
Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Baptist Church Knightrider Street, Maidstone

Minister: *Vacancy*
763468
Sunday Services at 10.30am with
creche, and at 6.30pm

Messy Church

Saturday 15th June
Lenham Primary School
4 - 6pm

See you there!



Harrietsham Network

Anglican Services

2nd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
8am	Harrietsham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Family Worship
9.30am	Boughton Malherbe	Holy Communion
11am	Lenham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Ulcombe	Family Worship

9th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Lenham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Ulcombe	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Boughton Malherbe	Choral Evensong

16th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Morning Worship
9.30am	Boughton Malherbe	Holy Communion
11am	Lenham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Ulcombe	Morning Worship

23rd June – The Birth of St. John the Baptist

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Holy Communion
9.30am	Boughton Malherbe	Family Worship
11am	Lenham	Family Worship
11.15am	Ulcombe	Holy Communion

30th June – 5th Sunday after Trinity

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
10.00am	Boughton Malherbe	Benefice Praise Service with Holy Communion
6.30pm	Harrietsham	Informal Service

Michelle Saunders

Thanks for Easter Flowers

Very many thanks to all those who helped to decorate the Church for Easter. Also thanks for the gifts of flowers and greenery, and also donations. (Apologies for the late entry, it was my fault, not the Editor's).

Rita Long, 850863

June Informal service

Come along to our June informal service where we will be studying the next line of the Lord's Prayer. This month Cheryl Price will lead us in considering:

**Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us**

She will bring some friends to perform a dance and lead us in worship and there will be an informal communion.

The service will be at St John's Church, Harrietsham, on Sunday 30th June, at 6.30pm. Please bring your families and friends and join us for praise and worship. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you would like a lift to Church, please telephone 01622 859442.

If you would be interested in joining the planning group and contributing to the worship at future services, then please do let me know.

Pamela Cuerden

Friends of St. John the Baptist Church

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will take place in the church on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm. Following the formal business of the meeting, members and guests will be able to enjoy refreshments. The meeting is open to all and entry is free but only members are eligible to vote.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due. The individual subscription is £10 or, for couples and/or families, £15.

Paul Wallace, 859693

Short Mat Bowls

April 13th - not a Friday but Saturday and our Drawn Triples Competition. After a day's bowling it came down to the semi's. Alec Curtis, Peter Brown and Norman Fowler versus Ann Rust, Alan Roberts and Sylvia Fowler (a husband and wife battle here!) and it was Sylvia's team that won through. The second semi-final was between Brian Hall, Ed Dillon and Barbara French versus Brian Rust, Frank Griffiths and Karen Reeves - and the latter won through. After a slow start in the final it was the team skippered by Karen that won the title.

April 25th and it was Joydens Wood who visited us - could we avenge the one point loss when we went there? Well, we did manage a win by 68-46 points - a most pleasing end to a good evening.

May and Boughton Monchelsea Home on the 16th and Away on the 26th to come - results next month (let us hope they are in our favour).

Rusty

Harrietsham Network

Gardening Society

The Society's meeting on the 16th April was attended by 49 members and 2 visitors. David Oversby welcomed everyone commenting on the late spring and the problems still with very cold nights making it impossible to plant anything out with the continuing possibility of overnight frost. He then introduced Bob Ogley, the speaker, who gave his talk entitled "Weather in Kent."

Bob started by mentioning this winter had been the wettest and that March had in fact been the coldest for 100 years with the coldest Easter. Up until 1987 Bob was editor of the Sevenoaks Courier newspaper but the events of the night of the 15th October changed his life completely. He was woken at about 2am by the noise of trees crashing down, pulling down overhead power cables causing the sky to light up as they crashed to the ground. On investigation Bob found his car had been squashed under an oak tree, part of his roof had been stripped of tiles and a chimney pot had crashed through his glass conservatory roof. As soon as it was light he decided to make the 6 mile walk to his office in Sevenoaks, only to find on arriving there were no longer seven oaks on the Vine cricket ground, all but one of these was now lying on the ground. He managed to locate a radio phone, contacted a friend at Biggin Hill and hired a plane flying over the whole of the area taking more than 100 photos showing the devastation to the countryside. From these he compiled a book entitled "In the Wake of the Hurricane" which by Christmas sold 5,000 copies and subsequently over 21,000 copies, making number 7 on the best sellers list.

Following the success of this he decided to do a national edition; he left his job and set up his own company. The national edition sold 265,000 copies and since then Bob has researched and published many other books. He continued his talk quoting many other historic dates for unusual weather conditions of the past century:

1962/1963 being the coldest winter when it snowed on Boxing Day and stayed through to March;

1976 was the hottest summer;

1959 had 60 continuous days without rain;

and in 1998 Canterbury recorded the highest temperature of the century, 98°F; this was beaten in 2003 by Gravesend with a temperature of 100°F but 2 weeks later Brogdale, Faversham, recorded 101°F.

He concluded his talk by mentioning the worst ever floods were at the end of January 1953, mainly affecting Canvey Island, but the greatest killer due to adverse weather was in 1952 when over 4000 people died of the effects of smog in the Greater London area.

Peter Brown thanked Bob for a very enjoyable and interesting talk and invited questions from the members.

Nine members entered this month's competition for 3 homemade sweet biscuits, this was won by Veronica Bastone (12pts); Deanna Dynes was second (10pts) and Ken Leach third (8pts).

The next meeting is on June 18th; this is the members' only Rose and Sweet Pea show, the schedule for this can be found on the website at www.harrietshamgardeningociety.org

Ten members made a visit to Cooling's Nursery at Rushmore Hill on Friday 26th April where they were given a guided tour of production side of the business which they found very impressive.

The schedule for the Annual Village Show is now available, copies can be found on the website or collected from the Glebe Surgery, the Post Office and the Hairdressers or obtained from any member of the committee. If you are interested in joining the society information can be found on our noticeboard in the Village Hall or on the website.

Peter Brown

Wisley Outing

We were so pleased that Saturday 20th April dawned fine and warm, following weeks of cold and wet weather. We had a full coach of enthusiastic gardeners, and were able to spend about six hours enjoying the delights of Wisley. Daffodils still abounded and camellias and magnolias were in bloom. We were too early for the rhododendrons but so many flowers charmed us. In the glasshouse the orchids put on an amazing display and at the demonstration hall the approach was filled with an amazing display of pansies and violas. An excellent day with brilliant weather.

Marjorie Darby

Harrietsham in Bloom Volunteers

It's a busy period for our volunteers with repairs and replacements of planters, we thank them for the work they do. Work has also started on planting the summer bedding, our thanks to Stephen Morris for supplying and planting the displays. Our thanks to Mrs. Coral Packham for her generous donation to HIB, and to the volunteers who deadheaded the daffodils after blooming.

Sadly not everyone values our displays as plants have been stolen from the boxes outside the old primary school and daffodils were vandalised in the Village Hall area.

A date for your diaries: on Sunday 29th September HIB will be holding a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the Village Hall. Any enquiries, please, to Andrew Rogers (Chair) on 01622 859352.

Audrey Joy

Harrietsham Network

Gardening Tips for June

Normally June would be the month for feeding all those bedding plants but most of us have only just put them in. With the polyanthus and the pansy looking so good it has been a dilemma whether to leave them or remove them to give the summer bedding a chance to flourish.

Vegetable plants are about 4 weeks behind with some very poor germination particularly with parsnips and carrots, but radish and lettuce will soon be ready; keep sowing some more for later crops. Put shading on the greenhouse to stop the plants from being scorched.

Finish dead heading daffodils, but don't be too hasty to remove the bulb foliage, they didn't flower until the end of March, so they will need longer to return the nutrients into the bulbs.

Apples will drop many small fruits this month – it's known as the June drop. Don't worry! It's nature's way of thinning out the crop. Gardeners can do even more thinning if a particularly heavy crop is being carried. This is easy on dwarf trees, but is not worth doing on large old standard trees.

June is the month for trimming box into those topiary shapes so whether it's a pyramid, a ball, or a peacock get cracking!

Stephen Morris

Lenham Swimming Club

It is with great regret that the swimming pool at Swadelands School will be unable to open to the public again this summer and this will be the third year in a row. The pool has served residents of Lenham and the surrounding villages for many years.

Health and Safety in Swimming Pools requirements now specify that open swimming sessions must be supervised by a fully qualified pool lifeguard.

In order to continue operating next year (2014), we would need a number of individuals to come forward and be willing and able to undertake the Royal Life Saving Society Emergency Response (Pool) qualification and commit to a voluntary session at the Lenham pool one evening or a Saturday/Sunday per week during June, July and August. The qualification is a two-day course. There may be the opportunity to undertake the full pool lifeguard qualification (5 day course). We also need helpers to be on the front desk to help take payments for swims and run the tuck shop.

We would like to thank those who previously expressed an interest in becoming involved. We still have your details and will making contact shortly (if you are able to update us with an e-mail address, we would be grateful). Unfortunately, the last appeal did not attract the minimum number of individuals needed to keep the club operating; hence our second attempt. At least ten lifeguards will be needed in addition to a similar number of helpers for the front desk.

Lenham Swimming Club opened every summer between 1977 and 2010 and will be a huge loss to the community if we are unable to continue operating. We have a very loyal but small team of volunteers who have given many hours of their time over the past 36 years. However, changes in health and safety legislation mean that formal qualifications are now also required.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to undertake the qualification but there is no upper age limit. This could potentially create an ideal career opportunity and would be fully funded.

This is a final attempt to engage some volunteers. Aiming to re-open in 2014 will allow us time to put any volunteers through the lifeguard training course and mean that there would be a range of training dates for individuals to choose from in an attempt to accommodate volunteers' availability.

If you would be interested in finding out more about the Royal Life Saving Society qualifications and how you may be able to help save the club, please contact me on 01622 859174 / 07981125593 or email me on chris@cjhtraining.freemove.co.uk for more information. Thank you.

Chris Hills, Chairman

Bluebell Walk - Press Release

Supporters, friends, volunteers and staff of the Heart of Kent Hospice pulled on their walking boots to take part in the 26th Bluebell Walk on a Sunday that was bathed in sunshine. Nearly 1200 walkers flocked to take part on this particularly attractive circular route across the North Downs and through the privately owned bluebell woods within the Torry Hill Estate.

As usual, the Hospice's Patron, Lady Monckton, attended to meet and encourage walkers as they returned from their challenging 6 mile walk. On the walkers' return they enjoyed a ploughman's lunch provided courtesy of Sainsbury's at Larkfield.

It is estimated The Bluebell Walk, organised to raise funds for the Hospice, which provides quality care and support locally to patients with life limiting conditions and their families will collectively raise more than £30,000, which has delighted organisers.

Harrietsham Network

Other Hospice Events

Local Interest Walks Guided By Local Historians

Sunday 2nd June, Teston

Join us on this 3 mile walk through historically rich Teston which was the home of Rev. James Ramsey

Sunday 21st July, Aylesford

A 5 mile walk visiting the ancient sites of Aylesford. After the Norman Conquest of 1066, the manor of Aylesford was owned by William the Conqueror.

Zumbathon: 7th June, Aylesford Village Community Centre

Zumba is an exhilarating , effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie burning dance fitness party. This Zumbathon will be a 2 hour non-stop Zumba party, but don't panic, you can do as much or as little as you like as long as you're having fun!

Parents and Prams: 23rd June 2013 - Mote Park, Maidstone

A fun fitness morning for parents with children in prams raising money for The Heart of Kent Hospice with Personal Trainer Emma Goodman. Bring your own picnic and relax afterwards while your children join in with music and fun provided by Musical Playtime.

A minimum donation of £10 is required for this event and you must register beforehand. This event is weather dependent.

Calling All Knitters

The Heart of Kent Hospice will be starting a Knitting Group at the King Street Shop in Maidstone on the third Thursday of every month starting on 20th June from 3.00 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. It is for all abilities and the cost is just a £1.00 donation to the Hospice.

For more information on any of these events or to book a place go to www.hokh.org / email fundraising@hokh.co.uk / call 01622 790195

Registered Charity 298164

Save the Children

Thank you to all who contributed to the house-to-house collection during the recent Save the Children Week; £21.57 was collected and this has been forwarded to the charity via the Faversham branch.

Rosi Taylor

Harrietsham day by day

(T = termtime only)

SUNDAY

Tennis Club (May-Sept) 2.30pm Booth Field

MONDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T
 Short Mat Bowls 2pm - 5pm Ambrose Hall
 St. John Ambulance:
 Badgers (6-10 yrs) 4.30pm - 6pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T
 Brigade 7.15pm - 9.30pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T
 Brownie Guides 5.45pm - 7.15pm Booth Hall T
 Remix Project 7.30pm - 9pm Ambrose Hall

TUESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T
 Art Class (Adult Education) 2pm - 4.30pm Booth Hall T
 Rainbows 5.45pm - 6.45pm Booth Hall T
 Cub Scouts 6.30pm - 8pm Lenham Primary School T
 Mini Remix 5.45pm - 6.45pm Ambrose Hall T
 Tennis Club (May-Sept) 6.30pm Booth Field
 Gardening Society (3rd Tues) 7.30pm Ambrose Hall
 Guides 6.45pm - 8.30pm Booth Hall T
 Lenham Youth Centre (14+) 7pm - 9.30pm Swadelands School T
 Bell Ringing Practice 7.30pm - 9pm Bell Tower

WEDNESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - noon Primary School T
 Seated Exercise Class 10am - 11am Village Hall
 Mobile Library 10.35am P.O. West Street
 11.05am Church Lane
 11.25am Almshouses
 Karate Club 6pm - 7.30pm Ambrose Hall
 St. J. A. Cadets (10-18 yrs) 6pm - 8pm HQ, Ham Lane, Lenham T
 Lenham Youth Centre 7pm - 9.30pm Swadelands School
 Wives Group (1st Wed) 8pm - 10pm See magazine entry
 Badminton Club (Sept-May) 8pm - 11pm Ambrose Hall
 Parish Council (last Wed) 7.30pm Booth Hall

THURSDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T
 Mother & Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am Ambrose Hall T
 Women's Institute (2nd Thurs) 2pm - 4pm Booth Hall
 Tennis Club (May-Sept) 6.30pm Booth Field
 Explorers (Scouts) 7pm - 9pm Scout HQ, Station Road
 Remix Warhammer Club 7pm - 9pm Booth Hall
 Short Mat Bowls 7.15pm - 10.15pm Ambrose Hall
 Choir Practice 6.15pm Parish Church
 Pub Quiz 8.30pm Roebuck

FRIDAY

Pre School Group 9am - 2pm Primary School T
 Coffee Morning 10am - noon Booth Hall
 Beavers 4.30pm - 6pm Scout HQ, Station Road
 Scouts 7.30pm - 9.30pm Scout HQ, Station Road
 Lenham Youth Centre 7.30pm - 10pm Swadelands

SATURDAY

Football coaching (U5s) 9.30 - 10.30am Harrietsham School Field T

Local Directory

Art Group

Adult Education Mrs. S. McNally 0845 6065606

Badminton

Secretary Luisa Wright 859448

Beaver Scouts

Leader Mr. D. Keenan 07768 926654

Bell Ringers

Ringmaster Mr. J. Betts 859266

Steeple keeper Mr. K. Leach 851173

Bible Reading Fellowship

Co-ordinator Mrs. J. Bevan 859310

Booth and Baldwin Charity

Secretary email boothandbaldwin@hotmail.co.uk

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Organiser Mr. M. Bishop 850921

Brownie Guides

Brown Owl Mrs. J. Burr 859494

Conservative Association

Lenham office 851616

Cricket Club

Chairman Mr. A. Hubble 859692

Cub Scouts

Leader Mrs. A. Seales 859829

Disability Group

Chairman Mrs. S. Crouch 859613

Explorer Scouts

Leader Mr C. Doll 859829

Family History

Enquiries Mr. F. Long 850863

Fish Scheme

Organising secretary Ms. M. Darby 850657

Flower Guild

Parish Church Mrs. R. Long 850863

Friends of Harrietsham School

Chairman Mrs. S. Oliver 07867 522434

Friends of St. John The Baptist Church

Chairman Mr. Alan Clements 859321

Secretary Mr. P. Wallace 859693

Gardening Society Secretary

Secretary Mrs. D. Dynes 859489

Girl Guides

Leader Mrs. S. Morris 850948

Golf - Bill's Round for Charity

Secretary Mr. R. Bevan 859310

Harrietsham in Bloom

Chairman Mr. A. Rogers 859352

Harrietsham Club

Secretary Mr. J. Stone 850893

Harrietsham Harriers FC

Chairman Mr. R. Dayes 850203

Harrietsham History Society

Chairman Mr. P. Brown 851075

Harrietsham Pre-School

Manager Sam Bragg 851819

Chairperson Mr. R. Wickenden 07809 434049

Helpers

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Karate Club

Organiser Mr P. Larsen 727318

Kent Messenger roundabout pages

Village correspondent Miss R. Sams 859412

Lenham Youth Centre Ms. Nicki Folland-Smith 859171

Liberal Democrat Association

Mr. S. Morris 850948

Mother and Toddler Group

Mrs. A. Pilcher 859622

Network Magazine

Editor Mrs. R. Taylor 851701

Parish Council

Clerk Mrs. A. Broadhurst 850089

Rainbows

Leader Ms. A. Thompson 850935

Remix Project

Co-ordinator Mr.T. Sams 859412

Rural Community Warden

Mr. M. Sherwood 07977 981993

St John Ambulance

Mrs. D. Bond 205452

Scouts

Group leader Mr. E. Seales 859829

Leader Mr. N. Still 859789

Short Mat Bowls

Secretary Mr. B. Rust 859556

Swadlands School

Head Mr. R. Baddeley 858267

Tennis Club

Chairman Mr. A. Rogers 859352

Village halls

Bookings Mrs. S. Carey 07500 548806

Whist Club

Mr. G. Booth 859255

Wives Group

Leader Mrs. B. Kelly 853803

Women's Institute

Secretary Mrs. J. Tabrett 859224

Medical directory

Doctors

Glebe Medical Centre 859204 or 858341

Health Visitor

Glebe Medical Centre 859204

1st Tues.1.30pm - 3.30pm

Dentist Lenham 858204

Dentaline Out of hours emergency treatment
01634 890300

Hospitals

Maidstone General and Ophthalmic
729000

Ashford William Harvey General
01233 633331

Councils

Member of Parliament

Mr. H. Robertson 851616

Kent County Council

County Hall 08458 247247

Maidstone Borough Council

All addresses 602000

Emergencies

Police Emergencies only 999

Maidstone HQ 690690

Maidstone Palace Ave 690055

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674444,

674445

or 0845 909090

Citizens Advice Bureau

2 Bower Terrace, Maidstone

752420

Age Concern 753618

N.S.P.C.C. 0808 800 5000

Social Services (Enquiries)

Maidstone Area Office 691640

R.S.P.C.A. 24 hours 08705 555999

June Diary

Sun 2	12 - 3pm	The Big Lunch, Booth Field and Village Hall
Tues 4	2 - 5pm	Pins and Needles, 3 Downlands
Wed 5	As notified	Outing to Benenden Hospital
Thurs 6	2 - 4pm	Age Concern Hub, Lenham Social Club
Fri 7	12 noon 7.30pm	Advertising deadline for June Network Whist Club, Village Hall
Sat 8	Various	Music at Lenham (see p. 34)
Sun 9	Various	Music at Lenham (see p. 34)
Fri 14	12 noon 2.00pm 5.30pm 7.50pm	Editorial deadline for June Network Remix Film Club, Village Hall: Life of Pi Remix Film Club, Village Hall: Over the Hedge Remix Film Club, Village Hall: Quartet
Sat 15	4 - 6pm 7.15pm	Messy Church at Lenham Primary School NB PTFA Music and Mayhem at Harrietsham Prim. Sch
Mon 17	7.30pm	History Society, Primary School, West Street
Tues 18	7.30pm	Gardening Society Show (Members only)
Thurs 20	2 - 4pm	60+ Young at Heart, Lenham Community Centre
Tues 25	7.30pm	Friends of St. John's AGM, Church
Sun 30	From 7.30am	Cancer Research UK Walk from Village Hall

Save the Date

July 9th	Blood donors, Village Hall car park
July 13th	Lenham School Summer Fayre
July 20th	Pre-school Fete
July 29th - August 9th	Summer Playscheme
August 3rd	Summer Garden party (Friends of St. John's)
September 7th	HGS Annual Show
September 21st	1st Annual Harrietsham Beer and Cider Fest
September 29th	HIB Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
October 5th	Harvest Quiz

Up, Up and Away

I always wanted to learn to fly... I'm one of those people who always looks at jets flying overhead at 35,000 ft and wonder which glamorous destination those lucky folks are on their way to. I blame Top Gun way back in the 80s for the most part, and kick myself for not having the drive to look into aviation as a career when I left school. It's always been something in the back of my mind and in 2011 my wife and I took a holiday to Barbados and stayed at a hotel close to final approach for the main airport on the island. For 2 weeks we watched large jets from around the globe come into land just a few hundred feet above the ocean. This finally flicked a switch in me and as soon as I got home I went up to Rochester airport and signed up for some training. 20 months, 7 written tests, one thorough medical, a cross-country solo flight and a skills test later and I'm now a qualified pilot.

For someone who finished university ever such a long time ago, it's quite an experience to cram for tests again, and there's an immense number of details you need to remember, but it's definitely worth it. I'm qualified to fly a single engine piston airplane – the small planes we often see flying over the village on bright sunny days just a few thousand feet up. So far I'm only qualified to fly during the day and when I can see the ground below (and can work out where I am), but have plans to continue my training to expand my horizons. It's quite an experience flying one of these small aircraft. Forget the reassuring strength of a modern car – these planes are all about lightness with thin panels, dated equipment and minimal creature comforts. Part of the pre-takeoff process includes checking the weight of the aircraft to make sure that your combination of friends, their bags and a full tank of fuel doesn't take you over the maximum permitted take off weight. Imagine hiring a car and being told you can carry friends or luggage, but not both.

From the skies it's a wonderful experience – getting away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, and a chance to take in the views of Kent. Most people are surprised to find out that looking out the window with a map in your hand is how you keep track of your location. But with clearly distinguishable landmarks such as the M2 bridge, the Ashford outlet centre and stunning Leeds Castle, visual navigation is a fun challenge. I'm continuing to fly from both Rochester and Headcorn and am so glad I didn't put off taking up this hobby any longer. Highly recommended for anyone else kicking themselves for leaving it too long and thinking it's too late. It really isn't. To the skies!



Ian Short

Harrietsham Network

Health Walks


Do you often feel that you would like to take a short walk but are not keen on walking alone? Well help is at hand! Residents who use the Len Valley Practice are invited to contact me as short walks (at least to start with) are commencing and anyone who would like to take part is welcomed. The walks will last up to an hour and will have a trained leader to guide and point out any slight difficulties on the route. The walks will be easy and suitable for all ages and abilities. Did you know that walking can help you to:

- Keep your heart, lungs, bones and muscles strong
- Keep to a healthy weight
- Feel more energetic
- Reduce stress and depression
- Feel better and sleep better

If you are interested and wish to find out more please ring me.

Additionally these walks will require walk leaders so if you are keen on walking and wish to help others to enjoy the benefits and are able to undergo a day's training, again please contact me to discuss.

Marjorie Darby, 01622 850657



Music & Mayhem Quiz

at Harrietsham Primary School

on Saturday 15th June from 7.15pm

Tables of 8. Tickets are £5 each

Email susannah@thejackfamily.com for details

Another £630 Raised by Bill's Round

31 golfers played at Tudor Park on Friday 26 April, the first time Bill's Round had been held there since June 2000. Teeing off from 8.30 everyone got very wet until 11.30 after which it brightened up sufficiently for players to drip dry before enjoying braised beef casserole and treacle tart.

Peter Webb, playing again after knee operations, won the tournament with 38 stableford points off a handicap of 24. He had won the Bill's Round Trophy previously in 2005. Peter, from Ashford Golf Club, chose the Pilgrims Hospice at Ashford to receive the £630 raised.

Andy Burcher was second with 37 points and Dominic Scotton third with 36.

There were four newcomers this time bringing to 167 the total number of men and women who have taken part since Bill's Round started in 1998.

Two nearest the pin prizes went to Tony Beedell, the official scorer, and Ash Gilbert, who lives in Brighton and works for the St. Barnabas House Hospice in Worthing.

A pink ball team competition was won by Ashford's Roy Coles, Alan Joynson, Dave Nickson and Peter Webb with 33 stableford points.

The 33rd Bill's Round charity golf event will take place at Sittingbourne Golf Club on Thursday, 24 October. If you haven't joined in before and would like to take part, please contact me for full details.

Roger Bevan
roger.bevan@btinternet.com

PPPP- May 9th

Following the wonderful news that the JPK Project has at last gained their full planning permission, there was an excellent turnout of 70 for this annual event. My family who travel up from Eastbourne to help and thank people, always comment on the happy atmosphere that abounds.

It was a very windy day, but that kept the rain away and the majority of guests braved the elements in the garden. There was great generosity and goodwill everywhere.

I don't have final results at time of going to press - but my mum was delighted to take £115 on the pickles, jam and scones table. I think there may be a new record on the cards!

My great thanks must go to:

- Helen and William Hubble who prepared 70 delicious lunches with usual calm and efficiency.
- Rita and Bernard Norris who help me with the beautiful plants.
- My wheelbarrow ladies - Audrey Joy and Ann Grey do a marvellous job and we mustn't forget the car park attendant and Pimms provider - Roger!

Finally we couldn't do all we do without so many kind and generous friends who support us every year. A very big thank you to you all. I will print the result next month.

Jackie Bevan

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The final profit for the P.P.P.P. Sale was a magnificent £1,160. Thank you all so much.

Harrietsham Network

Please can you Sponsor Me?

Approximately a year ago I was diagnosed with severe depression and anxiety, and after several weeks of counselling I was admitted to Priority House in Maidstone. I ended up spending over 4 weeks in Priority House, and after a lot of hard work from the staff and doctors I was discharged. I ended up spending a further 9 months off work and as you can imagine my family not only supported me through this but made sure everything else was OK and for that I am truly grateful and will never be able to make that up.

I really feel that I need to give something back and on the 1st June I will be running for the Mental Health Foundation in the Kent Roadrunners full marathon (26 miles) cry cry lol. I have been trying to gain sponsorship through my work and I know the present climate isn't good with work etc but IF possible would the kind people of Harrietsham please donate £1. I would really appreciate it. 1 in 4 of us will suffer from some form of mental illness in our life.

Please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com and type in Mathew Jane, or alternatively please call me on 01622 858910 to let me know you are willing to sponsor me and I will come to you.

I am also enquiring to see if there are any businesses who would be willing to sponsor me. In September I am going to be running in the Great North Run which is televised and I would be willing to wear an item of clothing with the business's name on it for publicity.

Thank you again. God bless you,

Mathew Jane

Are you Eligible?

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The whole process is simple, all you have to do is give British Gas a call and if you are eligible, they will book in a survey at a time convenient to you. Their survey is completely free and is just to make sure that your home can benefit from any additional insulation. They will then arrange a time to undertake the work, which will be completed in half a day with little fuss or mess.

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So what are you waiting for? We're expecting demand to be high so give them a call right now free on 0800 980 9037. If you need any help contacting British Gas or require further information please contact Action with Communities in Rural Kent on 01303 813790.

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Doddington Place Gardens

Celebrate the summer at Doddington Place Gardens

Summer will be in full swing at Doddington Place Gardens this June with a variety of events, beginning with a glimpse at behind the scenes life at the gardens, when Mrs Oldfield gives a talk on 'Doddington Life' on 9th June.

On 16th June we will be having a very special "late dawn opening" event, in support of the National Gardens Scheme. Come along and enjoy the gardens in the peace of the early morning, when we will be open from 6am, with breakfast pastries available!

With the month rounded off by a special "Crafts for Children" day on 30th June, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The tea room offers delicious homemade light lunches, homemade cakes and afternoon teas using Kentish produce – the perfect place to enjoy a cream tea and spend a perfect day out.

Doddington Place Gardens are open from 11am to 5pm every Sunday, Wednesday and Bank Holiday Monday, and tickets are £5.50 per adult and £2 per child. For more information call 01795 886101 or visit www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk

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Music at Lenham

You may have read that this year's Lenham Festival is not going ahead; however, some events have been saved and will be happening:

Saturday 8th June from 11am

Dick Venn will play acoustic folk style music on his 12-string guitar in St Mary's Church, Lenham

Saturday 8th June at 7pm

The 2012 Lenham Family Festival's popular classical music singers 'Andrea and Friends from the Maidstone Operatic' will be back again this summer to sing well-loved songs from the West End and Broadway shows in St Mary's Church, Lenham. The singers are performing for a donation on the day and all funds are going to Cancer Research UK, Demelza House and Alzheimer's Society.

Saturday 8th June at 9pm

Teenage rock band 'For The Kicks' will perform their first gig in the Lenham Social Club. They are raising money for Cancer Research UK, Demelza House and Alzheimer's Society.

Sunday 9th June

At the market at Lenham Square there will be live music performed by the local fundraising group with a rocky, folky heart... ..Sixpenny Piece, who previously played at the Harrietsham torchbearers event last year. The group will be playing music throughout the market and will be asking those listening to donate money for Motor Neurone Disease. Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive disease that attacks the motor neurones, or nerves, in the brain and spinal cord. This means messages gradually stop reaching muscles, which leads to weakness and wasting. MND can affect how you walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. However, not all symptoms necessarily happen to everyone and it is unlikely they will all develop at the same time, or in any specific order.

There is currently no cure for MND.

The group are hoping to raise a large amount for this worthy cause and with this in mind they invite guitarists who can play the chords A, E and D to join in a collective 12 bar blues jam at 11am at a minimum donation of £2 per person.

Contact Janetta for any further details on 01622 859412

Sunday 9th June at 4pm

The 'Coffeehouse Quartet' will perform light music in St Mary's Church, Lenham followed by tea and scones at 4.30pm and Songs of Praise at 5pm.

Coming soon...!

**Harrietsham's 1st Annual
Summer Beer and Cider Festival
Saturday 21st September 2013
Harrietsham Club, West Street
12 noon till late
Free entrance**

Are you getting bored with drinking the standard beer and cider available at the pubs you frequent? Want to try some local real ale and cider? Did you know that there are around 25 microbreweries in Kent who provide quality real ale, as well as local cider producers? Fancy some BBQ food to go with your beverage? Want a local day out with your friends and/or your club/society?

If your answer is yes to any of the above questions, then please come along to Harrietsham's 1st Summer Beer and Cider Festival, which we hope will become a regular annual fixture in Harrietsham's calendar for years to come.

The event will take place at the (recently renovated) Harrietsham Club on West Street (above the Post Office). We will be offering a wide selection of locally produced ale from Kent's microbreweries as well as local cider. All at very competitive prices. We will also be having a BBQ during the afternoon.

Entrance is free for the day, so please drop on by and savour what Kent has to offer in terms of real ale and cider, as well as meeting many different people in the village, in what should be a fantastic social event day in Harrietsham.

For those of you who are not ale or cider drinkers, the Club has a good selection of spirits, wine and soft drinks (as well as Fosters on tap for you lager-only drinkers), so all who attend the event can enjoy their own tittle.

If you would like to attend, and/or want further information, please contact me on 07958 956938 or rmartenstyn@aol.com I look forward to seeing many of you Harrietsham folk on September 21st!

Rod Martenstyn

Harrietsham Network

World record wool

Have you any spare wool you could donate for the Summer Playscheme's attempt on a world record beating pom pom? Any type or colour would be most welcome. Please bring it into the Parish Office which is open every morning or if you are at the school you can give to Toni Finch, Jan Sams or Tracey Keggans.

We would be grateful if any group within the community would like to come along and show the youngsters what their organisation does, please contact me.

There will be lots to do and join in at the Scheme from sports, dance, drama, arts and crafts so if you haven't registered yet now's the time to do so. The Playscheme takes place in the village hall from Monday 29th July until August 9th, and registration forms are available from the school or by contacting me.

Jan Sams, Playscheme Manager 01622 859412



Saddle up for Air Ambulance bike ride

Sunday 23rd June

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A Charity That Saves Lives

Life-saving charity Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance is appealing for cyclists to join its new-look Double 100 bike ride this summer. The 100-mile or 100km ride will this year start and finish at the Surrey and Sussex helicopter base at Redhill Aerodrome. Both new routes take in all counties covered by the two helicopters and the 100-mile route will pass through Marden in Kent – the home of Kent Air Ambulance.

For more information call Julie Clare on 01622 833833 or email juliec@kssairambulance.org.uk

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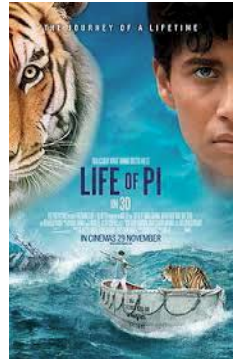
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5.30pm Over the Hedge cert U. A scheming raccoon fools a mismatched family of forest creatures into helping him repay a debt of food, by invading the new suburban sprawl that popped up while they were hibernating... ..and learns a lesson about family himself. Admission £2 for members. Parental consent forms must be completed.

7.50pm for refreshments, prompt **8pm start. Quartet** cert 12A. At a home for retired musicians, the annual concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday is disrupted by the arrival of Jean, an eternal diva and the former wife of one of the residents. Starring Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly. Admission £3 for members; U18 need to be accompanied by an adult.



Contact Janetta Sams on 859412 or email sams_uplands@yahoo.co.uk See www.harrietshamvillage.org.uk

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All Change at The Roebuck

Goodbye...

Tom and I would like to say a fond farewell to all in Harrietsham. Thank you so much for the support you have given us over the last two years, we will miss you. Please give your continued support to Cliff and Lou who took over from us on 1st May - we know we are leaving The Roebuck in safe hands.

Lots of love,

Jacqui and Tom

Hello...

After taking over from such good hands we are pleased to have been given such a warm welcome. We hope you continue to support The Roebuck.

Cliff and Lou

Afternoon Tea in the Garden

Saturday 3rd August

The Friends of St. John the Baptist's Church will once again be holding a traditional garden party in order to raise funds to help with the upkeep of the building. This has been a very popular event in the past and we are very grateful to Gio and Alan Clements for allowing us to use the garden at Lake House, Church Road, Harrietsham, starting at 3pm. As before, attractions will include refreshments, a garden quiz and some music.

Paul Wallace, Secretary 859693

Ghana 2014

Hello, my name is Louis and I am a pupil at Oakwood Park. I have been given the opportunity to go on an expedition to Ghana with my school next Easter. I will be helping to design and build a playground for the local children. As part of my experience I have to fundraise to pay for my trip.

To do this, I am selling tickets for the Fun Drum Indoor Play Area in Gillingham (www.fundrum.co.uk): half price at £2.50 per ticket. I can deliver tickets to the local area so please email or call me and tell friends and family, as this will be an ongoing fundraiser until my trip.

Thank you.

Louis Costello-Wright
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A word of warning

I have recently visited a resident who has subscribed to a 'Lifeline'-like product. While it appears to work you would be expected to sign up for TEN YEARS. You also have to pay up front. If we assume that the monthly charge is £20 that equals a lot of money.

In most cases, if the cost is over £35 you must be given written notice that you have 7 days to cancel. If you are not, the seller could commit an offence.

If you are approached by traders do not sign anything or agree to purchase anything without discussing it with someone first. This could be family, friends or neighbours. You are welcome to ring me too. If you do need to call the police do so at the time. Obviously you should not put yourself at risk, but a description of the people and vehicle would be a great help.

If you need to contact traders please use the 'Buy with Confidence Scheme.' Details can be accessed online or through Citizens Advice Consumer Service.

For advice call Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 040506.

If you have been targeted by a scam, or know someone who has, then call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

The national non-emergency for the police number is 101. If you are in Kent you will be put through to Kent Police.

Thank you.

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Please see p. 40 for details of how to protect yourself from scams. Information provided by Citizens Advice.

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Spot Scams, Stop Scams!

Scams are schemes to con you out of money. You may get a scam from a phone call, letter, email, text or through a knock at the door that comes out of the blue. May 2013 was Scams Awareness month. Citizens Advice and the Trading Standards service teamed up to raise awareness of this menace, help consumers to protect themselves and fight back against the scammers.

How can I spot a scam?

It's likely to be a scam if:

- the call, letter, email or text has come out of the blue
- you've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about
- you didn't buy a ticket – so you can't win it!
- they are asking you to send money in advance
- they are saying you have to respond quickly, so you don't get time to think about it or ask family and friends before you decide
- they are telling you to keep it a secret
- they seem to be offering you something for nothing.

If it seems too good to be true – it probably is!

How can I protect myself better?

These are some things you can do:

- never give out contact details like your name, phone number or address to strangers or to people who should have this information already
- never give financial information or details of your identity, bank accounts or credit card to strangers or to the businesses that should already hold your details
- shred anything with your personal or bank details on – don't just throw it away
- if in doubt, don't reply - bin it, delete it or hang up
- say 'no thank you' politely and put the phone down if they persist
- take your time – resist pressure to make a decision straight away
- never send money to someone you don't know
- walk away from job adverts that ask for money in advance
- ask friends, neighbours or family if an offer is likely to be a scam.

Fight back – take action to stop scams

Three things you can do to help tackle scams:

Report it If you have been scammed or think someone has tried to scam you, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-us. If you paid by debit or credit card, online banking or check, contact your bank or credit card company first.

Get advice Phone the Citizens Advice Consumer Service 08454 04 05 06. You can get advice and they can pass details of rogue traders to Trading Standards.

Tell someone Tip off a friend, neighbour or relative about any scams you become aware of.



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Parish Council News

Rural Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council has arranged this year's hedge cutting service for the week commencing the 14th October. If you wish to have your name added to the list, please contact the Clerk. Please note that you will still need to add your name to the list, even if you have used the service in the past.

Planning (from the April meeting)

Planning Decisions – Outstanding with MBC

MA/09/0450 – Mill House, Fairbourne Lane

Listed buildings consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension to provide a conservatory and lobby area and relocation of existing internal staircase to original position.

HPC Recommendation: *Approval*

MA/11/1393 – Station Yard, Station Road

An application for discharge of conditions relating to MA/08/0497 (Change if use of existing tram shed to light industrial (B1) with first floor extension and new roof and erection of two light industrial (B1) units) being details of condition 3 – boundary treatments and condition 4 - landscaping

HPC Recommendation: *Refusal*

MA/11/2154 – A20 Northside, Ashford Road

Application for the erection of 10 houses with access road and parking facilities (revision to the design of approved application MA/06/2057)

HPC Recommendation: *Currently with Planning Committee*

MA/12/1518 – The Mellows, Marley Road

Application for the removal of conditions 1 and 2 of permission MA/09/1510 (Retrospective planning permission for change of use of land for residence by a gypsy family including stationing of one mobile home, one touring caravan, use of former stable building as ancillary to mobile home and associated works including fencing and hard standing) to allow a permanent permission

HPC Recommendation: *Refusal*

MA/12/1699 – Broomfields, Hogbarn Lane

Extension and conversion of stables to form two holiday lets

HPC Recommendation: *Refusal*

MA/12/1784 – 9 St Welcomes Way

Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey attached replacement garage and front porch extension

HPC Recommendation: *Refusal*

MA/12/1910 – Pilgrims Retreat, Hogbarn Lane

Advertisement consent to display one externally illuminated pole-mounted sign

HPC Recommendation: *Refusal*

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TA/0008/13 – Hawthorn House, Ashford Road

TPO No 7 of 1999: an application for consent to crown reduce one Field Maple and three Sycamores by 50%

HPC Recommendation: *Approval*

TA/0007/13 – The Church of The Good Shepherd, 5 Rectory Lane

Conservation area notification: East Street, Harrietsham. Notification of intention to remove a cherry tree and crown thin by 15% one lime tree

HPC Recommendation: *Approval*

MA/13/0407 – Railway Station, Station Road

An application for the prior approval of the local planning authority for the erection of a replacement footbridge at Harrietsham station

HPC Recommendation: *Approval*

TA/0017/13 – 1 The Hampshires

TPO No 16 of 2002: An application for consent to reduce height of 3 (no.) Ash trees by 30% and remove lower branches to give 4m clearance from the ground, height of 1 (no.) Ash by 20% and 1 (no.) Scots Pine by 1/4

HPC Recommendation: *Refusal (subject to submission of further details)*

Planning Decisions – Granted by MBC

MA/13/0062 – 7 Rectory Lane

First floor side extension

Reserved for future consideration

*Amanda Broadhurst, Clerk to the Council
01622 850089 / harrietshampc@aol.com*

Council corner

Can I congratulate Jenny Whittle on being re-elected as County Councillor for our area in the recent KCC County elections. She had a large majority and was, I'm sure, elected for what she does within the community. I have worked with her and have found her to be professional and considerate in all the issues she has had dealings with. I look forward to continue working with her.

One of the biggest headaches we have in the Parish is potholes, and I am really pleased to have recruited a young person, Rob, to take pictures and report the holes, and overgrown signs. He will be kept very busy! I have also been contacted by Chris Wheel from Grafty Green who is responsible for locating the fire hydrants within the Parishes and I will include Chris's article in next month's magazine. He needs our help!

*Tom Sams
Borough Councillor, Harrietsham & Lenham Ward
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Meet your Parish Councillor (6)

Hi, my name is Janet Attwater and I have just completed my first year as a Parish Councillor.

I became a Councillor because of that old cliché 'I thought it was time I gave something back', but after my first meeting I quickly questioned whether I was up to the task, particularly as we delved deeper and deeper into the enormous challenges of agreeing on a Neighbourhood Plan.

I was born and bred in Sittingbourne, worked my way towards London over the next few moves before moving to Harrietsham in 2005, so I'm a relative newcomer to the village. What surprised my husband and I the most when we first moved here was how quickly we made some very good friends and enjoyed a busy social life (much more than when we lived in a town).

By choice we have no children but we do have our four legged daughter (dog), Jade, who was found wandering the country lanes some 5 years ago, starving and very near to death.

I originally trained as a Residential Social Worker, after many career changes over the years I eventually became a Corporate Event Organiser, which I did for some 20 years before retiring last year.

Janet Attwater

Letters

A Job Well Done

A word of praise for a company that has gone the extra mile: when my (oil-fired) boiler needed servicing, not only did Sprint Fuel (01634 865000) come out promptly and do a very good job, their prices were very reasonable too!

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Merry Opera

A big thank you to William and Helen Hubble for alerting us to the fact that the Merry Opera Company was performing "The Messiah" at Smarden; it was a truly amazing performance, completely different from any we'd seen before, with just 12 singers - but what singers!

If you get the chance to see them we do thoroughly recommend them. Their website is www.merryopera.com

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Harrietsham Network

An update on the blanket project

I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the blanket project, from the people who have knitted the squares, donated wool, sewn or crocheted them together to those who have offered storage space for them.

The 'Winterwarm' scheme will run again later this year. I am hoping to run an event in the autumn so that those in need can be offered assistance in good time. I now need to arrange the collection and storage of completed blankets in readiness for this.

If you have loose squares it would be a great help if they could be sewn or crocheted together as there is a very large backlog. Each square should measure 6 inches by 6 inches. If you are not able to do this can you arrange to get the loose squares to me or one of my colleagues by the end of June.

I also need to collect any completed blankets by the end of August. Each blanket is made up of 36 6" squares and should therefore measure 3 feet by 3 feet.

A number of 'Winterwarm' events will be arranged to determine where the blankets need to go. If you know of someone who would appreciate one or who needs help or advice let us know and we will do our best to help.

There are Kent Community Wardens for Bearsted, Boughton Monchelsea, Chart Sutton, Coxheath, Harrietsham, Headcorn, Lenham, Loose, Marden and Staplehurst. In addition, apart from a supervisor, there is a warden available to attend communities in the Maidstone area who do not currently have a warden of their own.

For further information call me on 07 977 981 993 or email me at martin.sherwood@kent.gov.uk

For more information about the Warden Service see www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens

Martin Sherwood
Kent Community Warden for Lenham and Harrietsham

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1 tablespoon vegetable oil
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Line an 8" flan tin with the pastry, prick the base with a fork and line with greaseproof paper; put some baking beans into the paper and cook for 8 minutes.
Remove the paper and return the pastry case to the oven to dry out.
Reduce the oven to 180°C/375°F/gas mark 5.

Fry the onions in the oil to soften; cool and spread over the pastry case. Sprinkle over the cheese. Beat the eggs and the milk and pour over the Stilton. Bake for about 30 minutes until golden and set. Serve warm.

Vi Booth

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