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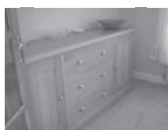
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From the Editor

Well, now you know how to stop me waffling - there is so much copy this month that I've had to give up part of 'my' page.

I'm delighted with this month's cover - not least because it sure means that summer is nearly here. Doesn't it? Details of the Tennis Club appear on p. 15. May also means an election (this time for our County Councillor) on the 2nd, the Bluebell Walk on the 5th, Jackie Bevan's PPPP Sale on the 10th and both the School Fayre and a very special sale (see p. 31) on the 12th. And of course the Pilgrims Way Artists' Show at Lenham from the 10th to the 19th.

The summer holidays may seem a long way away but they're not really, so time to be putting names down for the Summer Playscheme, or at least looking out your oddments of wool for an attempt on a world record (p. 40).

Rosi Taylor

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Due to the resignation of the present secretary

Meetings are held approximately every two months, in the daytime

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Maths Matters - Solution to April's puzzle

From the information we can conclude that the number is:

1. Odd
2. Divisible by 7
3. Between 1000 and 1400
4. 7 times the product of two prime numbers less than 14
5. Palindromic

Conclusion: Point 5 is the key; knowing that the number is palindromic, try dividing 1331, 1221, 1111 and 1001 by 7.

1001 is the only one that gives a whole number of 143.

Divide that by all the odd numbers between 7 and 11.

11 gives the answer 13, and as both are prime numbers, 1001 must be correct.

Sorry, no space for a puzzle this month - another one next month!

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Women's Institute

The illustrated talk "The Fall and Niagara" by Mr Gerry Harris at our February meeting was most interesting. We enjoyed the beautiful autumn colours of the New England area and the splendour of Niagara Falls. The March meeting saw another very good talk, this time by Mrs Melanie Gibson-Barton, on the subject of Bruges. A really informative and lively talk.

On March 21st some members attended the Annual Council Meeting at Tunbridge Wells. This was a full day with highlights being a lovely performance by a local school band and talks by our NFWI chair Ruth Bond and TV's Countryfile presenter and farmer Adam Henson. A really enjoyable day.

Our `95th Challenge Scrapbook` is progressing well. The 95 knitted squares have been made into two lovely blankets and the `95 Items in a Matchbox` is also complete. We still need some more recipes, childhood photos and crosswords for the album.

Our next meeting will be the AGM and Resolutions on 9th May.

Chris Bone

Harrietsham Whist Club

The winners of the Whist drive held on 5th April 2013 were Sue Clarke and George Booth. Again it was a very good evening with 30 people playing and really enjoying themselves. We welcome any new players, do come along and see if you like it.

The next Whist Drive will be on 3rd May 2013 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. See you all then.

George Booth

Harrietsham Wives Group

The Booth Hall was almost full to capacity to hear Audrey Joy tell of her very varied time in the Prison Service. Her talk was both entertaining and informative. We were given an insight into some of the problems officers encountered - not always the ones that might be expected! Audrey has received various awards for her dedication to her career and these were certainly well deserved.

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Fourth Prize	£10	Share No 31	Mrs P. Burch

Bill Hubble

Short Mat Bowls

March: our friendlies against Chart Sutton did not materialise - they couldn't raise a team to visit us and then their hall was being decorated. 25th and fifteen intrepid bowlers went to Hayling Island for a week-long bowling competition - how would we do?

Singles - Ann Curtis reached the semi's as did David French who went on to just lose in the FINAL.

Pairs - Norman and Sylvia Fowler, Ann and Brian Rust got through the qualifiers but lost out in the last 16's. Bob and Barbara Reeves reached the 1/4's and David and Barbara French carried on through to win the FINAL!

Triples - Sylvia and Norman Fowler and Brian Rust reached the quarters only to lose to Barbara and David French and Ann Curtis who went on to lose in a very tight FINAL which needed an extra end to decide.

Pam Lawrence and Coral Packham, Brian Hall and Lesley Feakes tried very hard in the pairs against stiff opposition and just fell short of the qualifiers as did Lesley, Brian Hall and Ann Rust in the Triples.

Overall a very pleasing result for our little club.

April: still to come - our own club triples competition on the 13th and a visit by Joydens Wood on the 25th. Let's hope we can avenge our defeat by one point there!

Rusty

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Michael Gear, Treasurer

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Our first meeting of Elevenses, organised by Brighter Futures and Fish, took place in April and will take place once monthly. We enjoyed refreshments, conversation and poetry, with some pieces long-remembered from youth. Martin Sherwood, our Community Warden, introduced us to ‘OY’ which was fun and the hour and a half just flew by. Other games like a Beetle Drive will follow, probably next month. If you think you would enjoy this experimental social time and enjoy meeting others in relaxed surroundings then please ring me to discuss.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the morning such a success.

Marjorie Darby, tel. 850657

Pins and Needles

I’ve had a gratifying response to my initial mention of a sewing and crafts afternoon at my house, so it doesn’t look as if I’ll be sitting here on my own!

So, on Tuesday 7th May, do drop in any time between 2pm and 5pm - come when you want, leave when you want. Please ring in advance so I have an idea of numbers to expect and so I can give you my address details, if you don’t already know them.

It’s been pointed out to me that there is a craft group which meets in Lenham also on the first Tuesday in the month so perhaps we’ll have to reconsider the date of the meeting here, but for now we will stick with what I first suggested.

Rosi Taylor, 851701

Harrietsham Badminton Club

Harrietsham Badminton Club meets in the village hall on Wednesday evenings from 8pm – 11pm from September to the end of May. Anyone interested in joining, or who wants to know more, is welcome to come along on club nights during May to see us in action or even play for a special offer price of £2 a session.

Geoff Lord, Chairman

Please see over the page for an article by one of the Club’s newer members.



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From the first meeting that I attended, I instantly felt welcomed by the other members and continued to do so with every meeting thereafter. The club consists of a diverse range of people, of all ages, who are all friendly and approachable and share an enjoyment of badminton. An aspect of the club I particularly like is the skill and experience found among the members. It is not uncommon that members who are more knowledgeable of the sport will give friendly advice to those newer to the game, therefore it doesn't matter if you've been playing for years or have never picked up a racquet - the club gives friendly encouragement to those who want to play for fun as well as learn a new skill.

Every meeting is accompanied with chat and laughter and the atmosphere is very relaxed, creating a fun evening that can be looked forward to every week. The club offers the opportunity for a group from the community to meet for some friendly sporting competition and socialising, something I would recommend to any person of any age to become involved in.

Megan Fisher



Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club

The tennis season starts – weather permitting – on Sunday afternoon at 2pm on May 5th, assuming we have all recovered from the Bluebell Walk!

We are all hoping that last year's wet start to the season is replaced with warm sunshine this year to get us off to a good start. New members are very welcome – so why not come along and give grass court tennis a try? We have a special invite during May to come along and **play for free** on Sunday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5pm. Just turn up with your sports shoes + tennis racket if you have one (otherwise we have some spares) – refreshments provided. In addition to Sunday afternoons, the Tennis Club also play Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm.

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11.15am	Ulcombe	Family Worship

12th May – 7th Sunday of Easter

8am	Lenham	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Harrietsham	Holy Communion
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11.15am	Ulcombe	Holy Communion
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Give us this day our daily bread

and an informal communion. 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

Christian Message

I have recently been through a major event. It is almost 37 years since I last was as close to this particular process and almost 25 years since I had the trauma of moving house. It is one of those life experiences that are very common, almost inevitable some would say – but every time it happens it feels like it is the first time anyone has ever been through it. It is a roller coaster of triumphs and setbacks, of joy and trepidation and when it is over it leaves the participants richer and poorer....

My daughter has just been married!

I could write at length about the whole marriage industry, about how it seems that the cost is at times frighteningly exorbitant for the simplest of elements. I remember with a shiver the Wedding Fairs and the worry of ever finding a dress that would be 'the one'. There was a period leading up to the wedding when it felt as if we were trapped in a surreal dream where no matter how hard you try get back to reality the dream simply wouldn't end.

It did end though, and in the most wonderful way. The marriage ceremony seemed to make sense of all the build up. It distilled the essence of the huge step that two young and very much in love people were taking. All of the commercial aspects of the day melted in a gloriously joyous hour. The families and friends witnessed before their eyes a life changing transformation and I was filled with a sense of contentment that this was right and that the Service was the perfect way to unite my daughter and her chosen partner.

Why was it so right? There are facts that made it so. First, the weather was kind. The two days on either side were of torrential rain and freezing snow. My daughter worshipped at All Saints as a girl, she was confirmed from there and, in her own words, she only ever thought that this was, one day, the church in which she would be married. The church looked beautiful adorned with superb flower displays. The hymns and the readings meant something to us all. Finally, it just felt very comfortable being there amongst the people who mean most to us and to them.

There was so much more to it than that, though. The words of the service are profoundly moving and serious. They ask for a physical and a spiritual commitment from the couple – not just for now but for the rest of their lives. Marriage is a gift from God, a way of life given by Him – these sentences take us back to the central purpose. Vows and promises are made that demand total commitment – whatever lies ahead. In return for these solemn words the couple are assured by the blessing:

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Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts
and a crown upon their heads.
Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
awake and asleep,
in joy and in sorrow,
in life and in death.

I left the church uplifted. And just in case you feel like having a look at the words to refresh your memory or if you are soon to be married, here is the link to the Marriage Ceremony:

<http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/pastoral/marriage.aspx>

Ian Collins

Maidstone Christian Care

Bad Weather Brings Food to Hungry People in Maidstone

One of Kent's top civic events became a victim of snow – but not everyone suffered! Cold weather forced the cancellation of a VIP civic service in Maidstone but it brought a warm glow to the hungry.

More than 700 guests had been expected at the Lord Lieutenant's annual Civic service in All Saints' Church, Maidstone. Fearing that the heavy snowfall posed a serious risk to guests travelling from across the county, the organisers decided to call it off for the first time in nearly 10 years.

This meant that 750 specially ordered lunches prepared by Morrisons in Park Wood might have gone to waste. However, quick-thinking KCC secretary Lizzy Adam remembered that her boss, KCC Chairman Richard King, had recently attended a Food for Thought event at Maidstone Day Centre.

Within minutes of the decision to cancel the service 750 boxed meals were on their way to the Community Food Share Project for homeless and hungry people in the town. Viscount de L'isle, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, said, "I was disappointed that we had to cancel the service but delighted we were able to help so many people".

Alan Reading, a trustee of Food for Thought, commented: "This was working together at its best. Thank you everyone involved in making this happen. Sometimes even bad weather can make good things happen".

Joan Drury

Harrietsham in Bloom Volunteers

Eventually the rain, wind and snow flurries ceased and Spring appeared as well as the planter flowers and the daffodils and crocus in the grass verges, they gave a better show than we anticipated, thankfully.

Hopefully you will have seen the wonderful show of crocus and daffodils round 'Brother Percy the Pilgrim', thanks to Stephen Morris for donating the bulbs.

£8.37 was collected from the donation tin in the Spar shop and we thank you for your generosity. We also received a generous donation from a village resident who wishes to remain anonymous, and we are very grateful for this boost to our funds.

Barbara and Roger Kelly held a coffee morning at Colesdane, raising £200.69 for HIB funds, this included two very generous anonymous donations. We thank Barbara and Roger and any helpers for time and effort putting on this event and to all those who attended to support it, and those anonymous donors.

Soon the maintenance teams will start to repair or replace planters and we apologise in advance for any bags of rubbish and wood stored on the verges awaiting disposal.

Any enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) on 01622 859352, please.

Audrey Joy

Gardening Society

The Society held its members-only Spring Show on 19th March and despite the extended winter weather conditions 17 members managed to collect together a total of 61 entries in the 16 different classes. Most entries were in the Dwarf Daffodil class with only 10 daffodils entered in the other categories. The show was judged by Mr Derek Morris who after some careful deliberation decided the trophy for the best exhibit should be awarded to Ken Leach for his entry of 3 snowdrops in the Any Other Bulb category. The trophy for most points in the show was won by Mrs Ann Howland, one of the Society's new members, who won the Pot Plant and Evergreen Shrub categories. Whilst the judging was being carried out the 44 members and 1 visitor enjoyed watching a DVD on the history of the RHS gardens at Wisley, the venue for our first outing this year on 20th April. Peter Brown reminded everyone to take their cameras with them as one of the categories in the photographic Section of the Annual Show is a photo taken on a society outing. Seed potatoes were available for purchase for

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the Annual Show competition and there was an assortment of plants and seeds also for purchase.

The next meeting of the society on Tuesday 21st May is an evening visit to Farthing Common Plant centre at 7.00 pm, if anyone needs transport for this please contact a member of the committee. The competition for this evening is a photograph of a spring flower which must have been taken by the exhibitor and not have been entered in a previous competition, (max size 7" x 5"/ 180mm x 130mm); this can be mounted or un-mounted. I would remind everyone that the June meeting is the members-only Rose and Sweet Pea Show, copies of the schedule will be available on the evening in May but this can also be found on our website at www.harrietshamgardeningociety.org

The Society now has a membership of 67 but there is still room for new members if you would like to join us, information can be found on our noticeboard in the village hall or on the website.

Peter Brown

Gardening Tips for May

Spring has finally arrived, so it is now time to put all those jobs we had on hold into action. The soil is starting to warm up so we can get sowing our vegetable seeds and seed any bare areas in the lawn. The cold, drying winds from the East have dried out the surface of the ground so remember to water things in. Lots of plants are about a month behind so we will end up with some things all flowering together like Daffodils and Tulips.

Don't forget to stake summer perennials before they start to grow and give them a good feed of Growmore or other granular fertiliser to ensure plenty of summer colour. You can start planting up tubs and containers with summer bedding and basket plants. Add water-retaining gel to assist water retention through the hot (he says, hopefully) summer period. In containers use a 50/50 mix of multipurpose and John Innes No. 2 to add some weight to the compost, don't use this in the hanging baskets otherwise you will never lift them onto the brackets.

If there was not enough to do outside, spare a little time to re-pot house plants and give them a little feed. They will start to shoot away as it gets hotter on that window shelf.

Stephen Morris

May 2013



The Pilgrims Way Artists

www.pilgrimswayartists.org.uk

Invite you to their
16th Annual Summer Exhibition
in Lenham village 14c Tithe Barn,
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32 local artists, potters and sculptors exhibiting over 400 works
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ARTISTS' DEMONSTRATION EVENING

Wednesday 15th May

6:30pm to 9pm. Entrance £5 including refreshments

Come along and see the artists at their easels and discuss their work

Members' Craft Stalls in the adjoining barn

Friday & Saturday 17th & 18th May 10am to 4pm

Jewellery, Ceramics, Fabric, Glass, and Woodwork

Homemade refreshments available at all times

General enquiries: 01233 770425 or email: y.bonham@btinternet.com

Fish Scheme AGM

The 44th AGM of the Fish scheme was held on the 20th March at the Booth Hall. The Chair, Roger Kelly reported a positive year and mentioned the Summer Social held last June when about fifty helpers, contact persons and distributors, plus several of the original founders of FISH, attended a strawberry tea and were informed of the Committee's future plans to extend the scope of FISH activities.

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The transport scheme continues to function well and arrangements have been made to park free at the local hospitals. A revised and updated 'Welcome to Harrietsham' Booklet is planned.

The Treasurer, Michael Gear distributed copies of the accounts for the year and commented that the finances were secure.

The Organising Secretary, Marjorie Darby reported another successful year with Helping Hands receiving and managing a steady number of requests for help. Network has printed a full list of the Contact Persons who cover the Village for referral for help and they will have receive the updated list of Helpers.

Alms Houses: The twelve Alms Houses are owned and managed by Cutbush and Corral Charity based in Maidstone. Marjorie has been provided with Application Forms which can be given to anyone interested in a vacancy now or at some time in the future.

Afternoon Cinema has been arranged this year by Rosi Taylor and Peter Brown and takes place monthly in the afternoon. It is well publicised in each issue of Network.

The Advertising Manager, Peter Brown reported a reasonably good year for the advertising despite having to increase the rates for the first time since early 2007. Despite increases in the cost of printing Network, partly due to the introduction of colour pages, the advertising revenue almost covered the printing costs for the year.

Editor's Report: Rosi Taylor said that new colour covers have been found each month and she would welcome photographs of Harrietsham that could make a good cover. She thanked those who sent copy and would welcome more contributors. Rosi is delighted that there is now frequent input from the school, including the regular Maths Matters slot from Mrs Stone. Rosi really values feedback and would like to know what readers would like to see and what they do not enjoy so much. Her aim is to have everyone look at something in Network before consigning it to the recycling bin!

Election of Officers and Committee: The result is that Roger Kelly was re-elected as Chairman, and the committee re-elected stands as Michael Gear, Jackie Bevan, Margot Lawlor, Ann Putland, Fiona Taylor, Margaret Nottage, Frances Sharp, and Pip Burch.

Ex-officio members stand as Marjorie Darby, Rosi Taylor, Peter Brown, Rod Martenstyn, Revd. Richard Venn, and Brian Hall.

The Chair thanked all the Committee, Helpers, Drivers and Contact People, and all those who attended.

Marjorie Darby, 850657

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+ group) 7pm - 9.30pm Swadelands School T
 Bell Ringing Practice 7.30pm - 9pm Bell Tower

WEDNESDAY

Pre School Group 9am - noon Primary School T
 Mobile Library 10.35am P.O. West Street
 11.05am Church Lane
 11.25am Almshouses
 Remix Project 5.45pm - 7pm Booth Hall
 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

Ringing master 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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Organiser Mr P. Larsen 727318

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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

Swadelands 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 8903000

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

Samaritans 48 Grecian Street

674444,

674445

or

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

May Diary

Wed 1	8.00pm	Harrietsham Wives, Booth Hall
Thur 2	7am - 10pm 2 - 4pm	KCC Elections, Village Hall Age UK Hub, Lenham Social Club:
Fri 3	12 noon 7.30pm	Advertising deadline for June Network Whist Club, Village Hall
Sun 5	From 9am	Bluebell Walk, start at Village Hall
Tue 7	2 - 5pm 5.45pm	'Pins and Needles', 3 Downlands LVBA meeting at The White Horse, Sandway
Thur 9	Noon - 3pm 2pm	PPPP Sale, Faygate, Ashford Road Women's Institute, AGM, Booth Hall
Fri 10	12 noon	Editorial deadline for June Network
Sun 12	12 - 3.30pm 9am - 1pm	May Fayre at the Primary School Sale in Dog and Bear Function Room (see p. 31)
Mon 15	7.30pm	History Society AGM, Primary School, West Street
Thur 16	2 - 4pm	60+ Young at Heart, Lenham Community Centre
Fri 17	2.00pm 5.30pm 7.50pm	Quartet} Remix Film Club, Village Hall Bartok the Magnificent} " " " Albert Nobbs} " " "
Sat 18	4 - 6pm 7.30pm	Messy Church, St. John's, Harrietsham Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Mote Hall
Mon 20	7.30pm	History Society, School hall, West Street
Tue 21	7pm	Gardening Soc: Farthing Common Plant Centre
Wed 29	5.45pm	LVBA: Joint Meeting at Weald of Kent Golf Club

Save the Date

June 2nd	Harrietsham Big Lunch
June 7th, 8th & 9th	Lenham Family Festival
July 9th	Blood donors, Village Hall car park
September 7th	HGS Annual Show
September 29th	HIB Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
October 5th	Harvest Quiz

Doddington Place Gardens

Swoop over to Doddington in May for a bird flying, archery and a musical treat!

Visitors to Doddington Place Gardens on 5th and 6th May will have the chance to put on a falconry glove and fly a bird of prey for themselves, and try their hands at archery. Throughout the day, there will be 'have a go' sessions for everyone to enjoy the experience of seeing a bird of prey land on their arm. With a variety of birds from Owls to Hawks and Vultures, this exciting experience is unforgettable – don't forget to take your camera! Under expert tuition, arrows will also be flying as visitors get the chance to learn the ancient art of archery.

On 12th May Mrs Oldfield will be giving a talk on Doddington Life, and there will also be a history quiz trail across the gardens for children to enjoy. We bring May to a close with the welcome and much requested return of our live jazz quartet, who will be playing in the gardens on 26th and 27th May. Come and enjoy Spring with us – it's been a long wait!

The spectacular woodland gardens at Doddington Place will be in full bloom, brimming with azaleas and rhododendrons in stunning colours, and a walk across the whole estate is a wonderfully peaceful treat at the end of a busy week.

In addition to the special events, birds of prey will also be flying at 3pm in a spectacular free-flying demonstration, with the chance to see more Hawks, Owls, and Falcons in action. The tea room offers delicious homemade light lunches, homemade cakes and afternoon teas – the perfect place to enjoy a great day out!

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

Bluebell Walk Sunday 5th May 2013

Join us for our 26th Bluebell Walk – an 8 ½ mile walk through the heart of Kent's beautiful countryside to enjoy the bluebells in full bloom. A perfect day for the family including 'man's best friend', starting from Harrietsham Village Hall. Registration begins at 9am. £10.00 per adult, £3.00 per child, £25.00 per family of 5 - includes ploughman's lunch at the end of the walk.

For more information or to pre-book please call 01622 790195, visit www.hokh.org or email fundraising@hokh.co.uk

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Harrietsham Network

Lenham Valley Business Association

Social networking presentations

Chloe Etherington and Emily Chapman from Loud Monkey covered Twitter at the Holiday Inn, Hothfield in March and will be presenting Facebook on 7 May at The White Horse, Sandway. LinkedIn coming soon. These presentations are ideal opportunities for new attendees and non members who would like to know more and experience a networking meeting for the first time. To avoid delay on entrance please register online on our website or call Alan Reading on 01622 820841. Sole traders pay only £65 per year to be a LVBA member, see the benefits page on the website too.

An important LVBA networking event

It's not every day that Christopher Garland, Leader of Maidstone Borough Council and two well thought of business associations get the chance to spend a couple of hours in the fantastic surroundings of The Weald of Kent Golf Club in Headcorn. But that's what's happening on Wednesday 29 May. South Maidstone Business Association will be welcoming members of the Lenham Valley Business Association for a double size networking meeting from 6pm until 8pm. Arrive at 5.45pm. If you've not been before please register in advance (see above). Come and see for yourself how it all works - for free; you just might enjoy it. **Please note: there will be no meeting in June.**

Make sure you stay in touch. Sole traders pay just £65 per year so the deal is what some call 'a no brainer'! See the website for all the benefits and online forms. Check us out on Facebook groups and our Facebook page (like us if you can!).

www.lenhambusiness.co.uk

Alan Reading, Chairman

Ploughmans, Pimms, Pickles & Plants

May 9th

At the time of writing this we still have snow and bitterly cold weather. I therefore have 3 wishes:

1. May 9th will be fine and warm.
2. I will have sold all 80 tickets for the Ploughmans Pimms Pickles and Plant Sale at my home on May 9th. N.B. If you haven't bought your ticket, please phone me and make sure I have your name on my list.
3. Most important of all - that the Planning Appeal for the J.P.K. Sussex Project will have been granted, and celebrations will definitely be the order of the day.

My heartfelt thanks to all our supporters.

Jackie Bevan (859310)

Jean Thomas (Randal)

I would like to thank all those who attended Jean's funeral on Wednesday 20th February. Almost 180 friends and family came along to St Mary's at Lenham and many of those also attended at Charing Crematorium afterwards. I'm sure Jean would have been quite overwhelmed by the support given by you all.

Jean was a great supporter of the Heart of Kent Hospice and worked there as a volunteer for almost 10 years.

Jean was also a keen crafter and took an interest in almost every type of craft. She loved sewing, knitting, and quilting. You may remember Jean for her wonderful cake decorating. She was also an excellent card maker and she and her friend Lesley sold their cards in aid of the Hospice for many years.

It was Jean's wish that her crafting equipment be sold and the monies raised given to the Hospice. With this in mind I have arranged a sale at the Dog and Bear (function room to the rear) on **Sunday 12th May** from 9.00am to 1.00pm. This is also the day of the Farmers' Market.

Thank you again.

Terry Thomas

If you need further information regarding the craft sale please contact Terry on 01622 851511 or Lesley on 01622 851645.

Harrietsham School May Fayre

Sunday 12th May, 12 noon - 3.30pm

Maypole, Zumba and Falconry displays during the afternoon
Vintage Fire Engine to explore
Barrel of Booze * Plants * Grand Raffle * School Choir * Tombolas
Plenty of games and stalls to entertain all the family!

Licensed bar and BBQ with
locally sourced 100% beef and pork and freshly baked rolls

If anyone is interested in having a stall please contact me via email at smollieuk@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible.

Sam Oliver, PTFA

Look out for details of Big Quiz coming in June!

Harrietsham Network

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Brian Wright will perform at the Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th May.

The programme consists of three works:

- Wagner : Overture, Die Meistersinger
- Korngold : Violin Concerto
- Tchaikovsky : Symphony No. 4

Our great friend Ulf Hoelscher is the doyen of German Violinists and on this visit he brings the luscious delights of Korngold's Violin Concerto. His recording is considered by many as the finest. Our season closes with the visceral excitement of Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony.

Concert tickets £10, £20 and £25, students with a Student card £5, available from:

- Membership Secretaries on 01622 735830, with cheque payment and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall
- or from Maidstone Leisure Centre Mote Hall Box office on 0845 1552277 when payment may be made by credit card (a booking fee applies).

Bookings can be taken on www.mso.org.uk using the booking form. Tickets for all Children up to and including 18 years of age are FREE.
Maidstone Orchestral Society Registered Charity No.287986

Saddle up for Air Ambulance bike ride

Sunday 23rd June

*Event sponsored by Howard Cundey Chartered
Surveyors and Estate Agents, Asda, Warburtons and
Wellbeing People.*

Kent Surrey Sussex



Air Ambulance
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 To register, go to www.kssairambulance.org.uk/FundRaising/Double100CycleChallenge

Pilates

Pilates was started by Joseph Pilates in the 1920's and 1930's. Originally it was used for rehabilitation for war amputees. It was taken on by dancers in New York, where Joseph Pilates set up his studio.

It became popular as fitness/group classes in the 1990's, but had been used by dancers as part of their training long before. Many of the original Pilates movements were very controversial, and far too advanced for the general public. Therefore they have been developed to be more 'user friendly' and SAFE!

Pilates targets the 'core' muscles, being deep abdominal, back and pelvic floor muscles. It is therefore hugely beneficial to those with back and postural problems. Pilates is suitable for any age or fitness level.

I teach Pilates classes as my full time job, and have done so for over 10 years now, but have been working in the fitness industry for nearly 20 years! I came to Pilates myself to help with back and neck injuries, it did wonders for my problems and now I help others. I am fully qualified to Level 3 standard and have my own insurance.

My new class is running in Harrietsham Village Hall on Fridays at 11.30am.

Victoria Saker, tel. 07543 543373

Coming soon this summer...

..Harrietsham's 1st Annual Summer Kent Beer Festival

Local Kent Breweries and Vineyards * Real Ale, Cider and Wine

If you would like further information and/or would like to get involved, please contact me on 07958 956938 or rmartenstyn@aol.com

Rod Martenstyn

Home Safety Event

The Home Safety Event held at the Village Hall was well attended in spite of the blizzard conditions! A lot of information was available to the public with the Neighbourhood Watch, Age Concern and an alarm company displaying an extensive range of security products being the stalls most attended. For those who missed the event I plan to hold a similar event in Lenham in the coming months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful people who helped me and Martin get this event off the ground - you know who you are - Thank you.

PCSO Dave Rowley (Mobile 07772 226097)

Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham History Society

The society held its first AGM on Monday 15th April at Harrietsham School, this was attended by twenty six members and one visitor. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everybody, including two new members, Mr and Mrs Sillars, who had come along for the first time; Mrs Sillars was Tessa Harrison before marriage and had lived with her parents in Court Lodge as a child. A number of our members were very pleased to see Tessa again having known her and her parents in the past.

The chairman gave a brief resume of the events of the Society's activities during the past year and thanked the members of the committee for the enthusiastic support and their assistance with the organising and running of the group's activities, in particular Carole Bell who had joined in July and taken over as Secretary following the resignation of Beth Mercer due to work commitments. He also thanked Annette Whiley for her short time as Treasurer which unfortunately she had not been able to continue with due to health problems. The Chairman presented a statement of the accounts and answered a few minor questions in connection with these. Carole then gave a brief report on her work and the difficulties she had encountered in obtaining speakers for meetings at a reasonable cost; she presented a list of the meeting dates for the coming year giving a brief explanation of the talks arranged.

The existing committee comprising Chairman – Peter Brown, Secretary – Carole Bell, and committee members – Tony Taylor, Malcolm Burch, Bob Lurcock and Sue Heslop all confirmed they were prepared to be re-elected for a further year; this was formally proposed and confirmed by the meeting. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone who would like to join the committee as Treasurer, and was pleased when Vanya Sharp volunteered and was duly elected.

It was formally agreed that membership fees should remain at £12.00 for this year with a nominal charge for members at each meeting of £1.00 to help cover the costs of speakers. The charge for visitors attending a meeting would remain at £3.00; these additional charges include refreshments.

The chairman finished the meeting outlining the various projects which the society were working on and the proposals for the future.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm at Harrietsham School, our speaker for this evening is Victoria Wallace who will be giving a talk on the History of Leeds Castle. If you are interested in joining the history society why not come along to one of our meetings or contact me on 01622 851075 for further details.

Henge discovered in Kent

Investigation by the Kent Archaeological Field School of the tract of land called the Holmsdale which runs along the west slope of the North Downs in Kent has discovered an enclosure with the attributes of a henge.

There are few, if any, henges discovered in the south-east of England, and they seem to be a feature of Wessex Downs and not the South or North Downs. The enclosure is astride the Greenway, a path thought to date from the Neolithic and close to another prehistoric path, the Pilgrims Way. The outer rectangular enclosure, dated to the Bronze Age, faces the Greenway path and the site itself is situated on top of a hill surrounded on three sides by water and on its fourth by the Greenway.

The site was identified by the uneven growth of crops, and field-walking by the school earlier in the year retrieved prehistoric and Saxon pottery from the area.

The inner enclosure, a ring ditch, has two entrances opposite each other, the one on the east side wider than the west. At 49m across this 3m wide ring ditch is about the same size as Stonehenge 1 in Wiltshire. Stonehenge, although called a henge, is thought by purists not to be a henge because the enclosing bank is inside of the ditch but this layout may be the norm in a particular type of henge as yet unrecognised.

A small section was excavated in the ring ditch and it was found to slope down steeply to a narrow base about 80cm down; early Bronze Age pottery and worked flint was retrieved from the fill.

Excavation of two of the terminals exposed masses of Bronze Age pottery mixed with charcoal and burnt bone fragments, and it seems that Bronze Age cremations were dumped in the ring ditch close to both entrances. A 3m strip of the central area failed to reveal any burials but did expose a large number of postholes and Neolithic worked flint.

The investigation by the field school is part of a ten year study of the North Downs and already this year fieldwork has identified numerous Bronze Age barrows and a Bronze Age cemetery. Features of the landscape are the numerous drove roads leading across the North Downs and down to fresh water springs, some of which can be dated by the Bronze Age barrows clustered round them.

Paul Wilkinson, director of the Kent Archaeological Field School who conducted the dig, said work will continue on this intriguing site next year with geophysical survey, more field-walking of other discovered sites, and landscape studies of the Holmsdale. For details of courses on this particular area in 2013 see www.kafs.co.uk

PTO for photos

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Meticulous work at the henge, August 2012



Harrietsham Big Lunch

Sunday 2nd June, 12 noon - 3pm
Lunch at 12.30pm - 'Bring a picnic and a bit to share'

Everyone is invited to the Harrietsham Big Lunch, in and around the village hall. Come with your neighbours, your friends, your family - or come on your own and meet your neighbours and make new friends!

Fliers and posters will be appearing shortly, if you can help with getting these to all parts of the village please give one of us a ring.

On the day we obviously hope the sun will shine on us! Tables and chairs will be set up both in the hall and outside it, and there will be face-painting, craft, games etc for the young and the young-at-heart to enjoy, and gentle music to help the day go with a swing. Also sport to watch or take part in: cricket or rounders (not both!) and tennis; feel free to bring swing-ball and other garden games, and generally have a great time. See you there!

Do call us for more information.

Liz Holland, 858081
Rosi Taylor, 851701





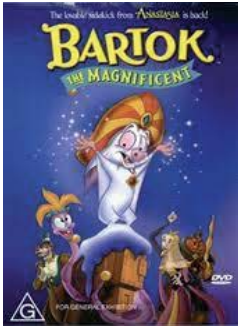
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5.30pm Bartok the Magnificent, cert U.

Russia is being terrorized by an evil witch known as Baba Yaga; the only one who is not afraid of her is Bartok the Magnificent. Bartok, an albino bat, has just arrived in Moscow and is impressing everyone with his performances. Admission £2 for members. Parental consent forms must be completed

7.50pm for refreshments, prompt 8pm start.

Albert Nobbs, cert 15. Albert struggles to survive in late 19th century Ireland. Posing as a man, so she can work as a butler in Dublin's most posh hotel, Albert meets a handsome painter and looks to escape the lie she has been living. Starring Glenn Close. 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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Len Valley Practice / Len Valley Patients Forum

'YOUR HEALTH' EVENT: Saturday 16th March 2013

The Patient Forum was established some years ago. Its main purpose is to consult with and between the practice and its patients. Every year, the group agrees with the practice priorities for the coming year. This is usually done by way of a patient survey. For the year 2012-13 we agreed to focus on healthy living and chronic disease prevention/self-management and decided that we would hold one major event initially, on a Saturday morning, and include a range of topics that would focus mainly on chronic disease areas.

A small, joint working party was formed between the practice and the group and the hard work began! Over several months we contacted a wide range of organisations, professionals and volunteers, and put together what we felt was a comprehensive event which met our objectives.

The event was held at the practice and was attended by the Partners, Drs Hagan, Taylor and Reed, who were available to answer general medical queries, together with many of the practice staff and members of the Patient Forum. As well as talks, the reception area hosted a number of stands, including:

Carers' Support	Advice on Alcohol Abuse
Citizens' Advice Bureau	Community Warden
Spiritual Health	Brighter Futures
Admiral Nurses	Nordic Walking
LIFT/FISH transport schemes	
Weight for It (including a Smoothie Bike!!)	

If anyone would like contact details for any of the above, please contact me on 01622 858341.

Talks on various topics were held including:

- Diabetes Awareness
- Breast Awareness
- Ovarian Cancer
- Prostate Cancer – 'How to Crack It'
- Asthma / COPD – 'All You Need to Know About Recognising Signs and Symptoms'
- 'Why our Backs Hurt'
- Fitness for the Less Able
- Street First Aid

We didn't leave out our younger patients; we held an art competition at our local infant and junior schools, on the subjects of 'Healthy Fruit' (Infants) and 'Healthy Living' (Juniors).

The winners were:

- (I) Samuel Horwood, Platts Heath Primary School
- (J) Sophie Horlock, Lenham Primary School

Highly Commended:

- Emily Kershaw, Lenham Primary School
- Toby Harper, Harrietsham Primary School
- Alisha Dayes, Harrietsham Primary School
- Natasha Elvy, Lenham Primary School

Feedback

The feedback from attendees was mostly very positive, with comments like 'well-organised' and 'helpful' repeated. People valued the information given and the opportunity to access necessary contact numbers.

Suggestions for topics at future events included:

- Info on dementia
- Future talks and info on bowel cancer / mental health services and support / neurosurgical disorders eg MS, MND etc.
- Stress management
- Allergies / Intolerances
- Heart disease
- Talk on blood pressure
- Diet advice
- Heart problems
- DVT
- Cellulitis
- Parkinson's disease

What next?

We will be discussing how to build on the success of this event at the next Patient Forum meeting. From the feedback we received we believe that people would be interested in participating in other similar themed events. The Practice and the Patient Forum will look at how best they could be planned for and delivered in the future.

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Harrietsham Summer Playscheme

Did you come to playscheme last year, because this year we are going to make a huge pom-pom and we are going to beat the world record! Also we will have sport, we will do football, hockey, cricket and dodgeball and pool. We will have the arts and craft. At the end of two weeks we can go on a trip. Last year we made little pom-poms. Then we went into the field to explore bugs and the flowers.

And the tuck is delicious, we have crisps, chocolate and also apple and orange juice. It will be fantastic with even more children.

Master Daniel Barton



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To help things go with a swing we would be grateful for any donations of wool to make our world record attempt for the biggest pom-pom.

Also if there are any adults who would like to show/share their talents with the youngsters we would be very grateful. Thank you,

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Village Hall Trust

Upgrade to the Video System in the Ambrose Hall

We are delighted to announce the installation of a new audio visual system in the Ambrose Hall. This provides vastly improved facilities for the showing of films and computer presentations. It includes a 4 metre wide screen and new video projector and sound system. By the time this edition of Network is published the system will have been used at the April Remix film club and the Annual Parish Meeting, so many of you will have seen what is possible with the new system. If you enjoyed it please pass the message on to your friends and neighbours. The system is easy to use and available at no extra cost to anyone who books the Ambrose Hall.

The new system was provided thanks to a generous donation from the Network Rail Social Fund, together with some funding from the Parish Council. We would also like to thank the technical experts from the local company MPR-IT who installed the system for us.

Thank you David Nottage and Brian Rust

The Hall Committee would like to thank Brian Rust who has resigned as Trustee and David Nottage who has stepped down as Chairman of the Trust though remaining as a Trustee; both have given many years of service. Thanks are also due to Christine Abshire for her excellent work as secretary, sadly she has had to resign due to a house move.

What can you do for the Village Hall Trust

The Village Hall Trust is a registered charity set up to manage the operation of the Village Hall on behalf of the Village. This is a very exciting time for the Village Hall as we try to adapt and develop to meet the changing needs of the Village. The Neighbourhood Plan puts the Village Hall at the centre of community life and is a great opportunity to develop the facility further. If you believe, like us, that this is something worth doing, then please come forward to join us. This is a real opportunity to make a difference and protect something of lasting benefit to the village.

If you would like to know more please contact me on 01622 851701 or by email at tony.taylor54@gmail.com

Tony Taylor

Parish Council News

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy in the office of Councillor. If you would like to know more, or are interested in undertaking this role, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.

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Rural Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council will be arranging the hedge cutting service again this year in 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 March 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 of 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*

MA/13/0062 – 7 Rectory Lane

First floor side extension

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*

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

Meet your Parish Councillor (5)

Hello, my name is David Oversby and I have been a Parish Councillor since 2003 and age-wise 'Father of the House'.

I am not a native of Harrietsham, as many will have gathered, but have lived here on and off for the last 37 years. I was born in Kendal, Westmorland (not Cumbria!), in 1941, educated at Kendal Grammar School. I joined the Head Office staff of Provincial Insurance Company in 1957 and trained as an underwriter specialising in liability, property and non-motor personal insurances.

In 1969 I moved to Birmingham then in 1973 to Maidstone and lived in the Medway Towns. I came to Harrietsham in the very hot summer of 1976 really by accident rather than choice and came to like it so much that despite being transferred again, I commuted to Croydon and later to East Grinstead for the next 8 years.

I met my wife Janet, a native of Harrietsham, during this time and in 1984 we were married at St John the Baptist. As I had been transferred to and was already working in Bolton we moved to Lancashire. I later worked in Manchester. I retired in 1995 while still in Lancashire and moved back to Harrietsham in 1997 when the opportunity arose. We have one son, Oliver, who graduated from Greenwich University as a civil engineer and is currently working on the 'Cross Rail' system.

I was a keen sportsman playing cricket, football, golf, badminton and latterly umpiring, I have always taken part in Village activities. *Cont. on p. 48*

Tom SAMS

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I am currently chairman of Harrietsham Gardening Society, a member of the Village Hall Trust, Harrietsham Club, the History Society and a life member of Kent County Cricket Club. Also when I was in Brum I became a supporter of West Bromwich Albion, someone has to be!

I seem to be considerably busier now than when I was working but being a Parish Councillor does have its rewards in a sense of achievement of a job well done (some may disagree). We have a challenging time ahead dealing with budget cuts and more particularly the Neighbourhood Plan.

Speaking of which, I would urge everyone to become involved as this is the most significant event in the village's history.

Crest Nicholson Press Release

This month sees award-winning house builder Crest Nicholson unveiling its new development in Harrietsham, Kent: The Hollies. The exclusive collection of just 60 homes has been designed to be in keeping with the local vernacular and provides a range of house types of varying shape, size and design. The site will also be home to an abundance of open space and a children's play area.

Located on Hook Lane, Harrietsham, Crest Nicholson has catered for all types of purchasers, including first-time buyers, professionals, families and downsizers with a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes designed in 11 different layouts. Internally, buyers can choose either open-plan or more traditional layouts arranged over two floors.

Making the most of the outdoor space and bringing the 'outside in' is a key element at the Hollies. Large windows maximise the opportunity for natural light throughout the homes and living rooms feature French doors that open onto the good sized gardens. Some of the larger homes even feature delightful garden rooms.

Throughout the planning process, Crest Nicholson worked closely with the local community to ensure that the homes it built met local needs. As Annette Cole, Sales and Marketing Director for Crest Nicholson Eastern, explains: "Crest Nicholson builds homes for the local community and so we always go to great lengths to ensure our properties are well-received by the local residents. We had a great response to our plans during our public consultations and we're very excited that we are now launching The Hollies. We've certainly provided a lot of choice for house hunters so we're looking forward to helping many local buyers onto and up the property ladder.

"We believe The Hollies will raise the bar of new-build property in Harrietsham as we are committed to building new communities. We feel here we have truly achieved a stunning collection of high-quality homes to suit a wide range of purchasers."

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Open Flat Fruit Pie

4ozs short crust pastry
2 large fresh peaches
2 tablespoons jam (red or yellow)

Topping

4ozs (100grms) flour
2 tablespoons ground almonds
2 tablespoons caster sugar
1¹/₂ozs (40grms) margarine or butter

Method

Light the oven: 200°C / 400°F / gas mark 6.
Roll out the pastry into a circle about 8 inches in diameter and place on parchment paper on a baking tray. Spread the jam over the pastry leaving 1 inch at the edges.
Slice the peaches into 8 pieces and lay on top of the jam.
For the topping, rub the fat into the flour, almonds and sugar until like breadcrumbs. Sprinkle the topping over the fruit .
Fold up the inch edging to form a rim to stop the filling overflowing.
Cook for 25-30 minutes until golden brown and the fruit soft. Serve hot or cold with cream or custard.

Vi Booth

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