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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

Jan is having a well earned break from editing this month's magazine—so here I am again!

Covid-wise things seem to be returning to some sort of normality with booster jabs well on the way to some of you. The 'flu' jabs are being given out as well.

Remember this month is also Fireworks night and so most likely over the days prior to and after Friday 5 November, you will be having firework parties and enjoying yourselves, so please give a thought to your pets and try and keep them indoors over that period. I know it is difficult as I have a cat myself and he hates being indoors especially at night!!

The Friends of St. John's had their first major fund-raising event since lockdown, a concert by the Invicta Concert Band on 25 September. This was held in the church and a great time was had by all. I think people were pleased to get out of their houses without having to travel too far.

Well enjoy your month - it will soon be Christmas!!

Denise - Associate Editor

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Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham Gardening Society



We were able to have our first meeting, since lockdown, on 27 September. It was so good to see our members again face to face without Covid restrictions. Despite several apologies, the meeting was attended by 24 members who thoroughly enjoyed the get together. We were not able to have a speaker, but we were kept busy and engrossed with a competition arranged by Kevin Harlock. Members in four teams were challenged with identifying various plants and shrubs from a selection of leaves and twigs.

Members will be pleased to know that the heating system in the village hall has been upgraded as has the lighting, so it will be a warmer winter for all of us. Although our meeting was on a Monday, I am pleased to say once again that future monthly meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Ambrose Hall.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16 November in the village hall. The speaker will be Stephen Morris with a talk entitled 'Plants with a Seasonal Interest'.

David Oversby - Chairman

Harrietsham Craft Groups

Craft and Chat



In September, members made a start on their bead embroidered cuffs and hopefully most should have finished at the two October meetings.

As we have quite a few new members joining us in October, it was decided to leave the beaded monogram project until later and have a nice quick Halloween project of really cute beaded pumpkin earrings for those who had not started a cuff. Kits were made available containing everything needed except scissors at a cost of £2 per kit and home baked Halloween treats were also planned for the October meetings.

The project for November hasn't been decided upon yet but members who are on the emailing list will hear about it well before the meetings and it will also be publicised on the Facebook village group's pages.

November's meetings will take place on Wednesday 10 November and Saturday 27 November at Lenham Community Centre between 1.30-5pm. Fees are £3 per person and this covers the cost of hall hire, tea, coffee and cake. New members are always welcome!

We are also thinking about Christmas projects and possibly an evening Christmas Get Together where we all bring our own crafting projects to work on along with some food to share and we have games, quizzes and Christmas music in the background similar to what we did the year before last which was a great

success. This will, of course, depend on how Covid case numbers are looking when we get to that point.



Beaded pumpkin earrings

Knit, Crochet and Natter

We had our first hall meeting in September and it was great to see the variety of projects people were working on. Alison started to learn to crochet and several ways of adding beads to knitting were demonstrated following which Margaret T decided to knit a beaded bracelet. Liz was wearing a beautiful crocheted jacket that had been made for her by a friend who joined us for the first time at the September meeting. Two members brought projects other than knitting or crochet along – one was doing card-making and the other was working on a hexagon quilt.

The November meeting will be held on Monday 15 November between 2-4pm at Harrietsham Village Hall. Do come along and join us. Bring your knitting or crochet project. Learn to knit or crochet or get help with anything you are stuck on. If knitting or crochet doesn't float your boat, bring along one of your other crafting projects to work on and join in on the chat. Fees are £3 to cover costs of hall hire, tea, coffee and cake.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the above crafting groups, please contact me on 01622 851885

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham Wives Group

We are a women's group – it is not necessary to be a wife!

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month and pre-Covid we had a varied programme of speakers, visits out and demonstrations together with a Christmas meal, an annual Barbeque and an 'Auction Evening' which raises money for charity.



With sufficient support we plan to continue as before but we are always open to new ideas and certainly to welcome new members to the village as well as established residents.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Welchman on 01622 850735

Harrietsham History Society



Harrietsham War Memorial - Projects

How things started - During 2014, a member of the public who visited the War Memorial raised a query on the incorrect rank of a relative remembered on one of the memorial plaques. This sparked off the first of our projects over the centenary of the First World War. Following extensive research on all the names several other errors were found and the names of an additional 17 people who had served in the First World War and had lost their lives were found in village records. Once we were confident we had everything correct, a decision was made to raise the funds to have the War Memorial cleaned and repaired and to have new engraved stone plaques fitted in place of the old ones. Quotations were obtained and the committee set about raising the £6,274.00 required. This was achieved by May 2015 with the help of a generous grant from Kent County Council Member Jenny Whittle, money donated by individuals and community groups, fund raising events within the community and the Harrietsham Parish Council. In August 2015 work commenced on the cleaning and renovation, and the fitting of 7 new plaques which contained all 49 names of those who lost their lives during both World Wars. The re-dedication of the War Memorial and the new plaques was carried out by Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover On Saturday 7 November 2015. The Mayor of Maidstone was in attendance together with some living relatives, members of The Queens Own Royal West Kent Living History Group dressed in authentic First World War uniforms and the local Royal British Legion paraded with their standards.

Our second project began in 2016. This was to raise the money to improve the access paths in the War Memorial Gardens, removing the existing gravel and replacing this with brick paving incorporating a Roll of Honour for both World Wars in engraved bricks. With estimated cost in the region of £8,000.00 the society set about raising money with several fund-raising events and by selling the engraved bricks at £20.00 each. Donations were received from far and wide including America and Australia where some descendants of those remembered are living. During this time hundreds of records were checked and a final list of 366 names was arrived at for the engraved bricks. In 2018 with funds in place quotations were obtained and work commenced in August to ensure completion before Remembrance Day. Unfortunately, additional preparatory works were needed to be carried out to provide a firm base for the new brick paving which incurred additional costs but with the help of the Parish Council the additional money was provided, and the work was completed in time. The new paving and Roll of Honour were blessed by Revd. Millie Hart at a short service on Sunday 11 November 2018. The blessing and Remembrance Service were attended by relatives and many of the people who had donated money for the project.

Our third and final project was to provide an information board in the memorial gardens to enable visitors to learn about the history of the memorial and the events which have taken place over the past 100 years since its erection after the end of the First World War. During 2020 the designs were submitted to the Parish

Council and following their agreement an order was placed enabling the board to be delivered and installed in April 2021. Funding was provided by the Parish Council with the society providing the small balance in their war memorial project fund towards the installation works. As part of the on-going care of the War Memorial and the gardens the Parish Council recently commissioned and paid for the cleaning of the memorial stonework in preparation for the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 14 November.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped the society achieve all the projects during and following the centenary of the First World War.

During the Centenary of the First World War the society published two books, the first one entitled 'Lost Lives of Harrietsham 1914 – 1918' which tells the stories of the 31 people who lost their lives. The second titled 'Harrietsham Times 1914 - 1918' which contains a collection of village news articles throughout the First World War.

Peter Brown - Chairman



Bishop of Dover at the blessing of the new memorial November 2015.
Photo: Terry Thomas



Members of the Royal British Legion Lenham and District Branch.
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Wreath laid in honour of Sgt. Edward Thomas Mills—Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment—November 2015.
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In August and September, due to lack of volunteers, the Group carried out only six sessions. One of these was near Holm Mill Lane for westward traveling vehicles on the Ashford Road and where the speed limit is 40mph. Of the 401 vehicles which passed during this session, only 4 vehicles were speeding at over 45mph, and in fact almost all were travelling at under 40mph!

During the five sessions carried out in the 30mph area in the village:

- 1,382 vehicles were counted (note that vehicles in a convoy are ignored)
- 120 were driving over 35mph
- 9 were driving over 45mph
- 1 was driving over 50mph

And 13 letters were sent by the Police to those either spotted speeding more than once or those travelling at over 45mph.

As Community Speedwatch volunteers are highly visible and make use of a speed detection device, it is usually clear to vehicle drivers their speed is being monitored. This may be enough deterrent for many motorists to slow down. Some motorists may even mistake the volunteers for police officers!

Community Speedwatch will only reduce vehicle speeds when the volunteers are present at the road side, but there should be a significant effect on vehicle drivers who receive letters as a result of being spotted by Community Speedwatch exceeding the speed limit.

Reducing vehicle speeds increases safety because:

- The vehicle travels less distance before the driver can react to a hazard
- Breaking distance is reduced, so the vehicle can stop more quickly
- A slower moving vehicle will exert less energy on occupants as the vehicle rapidly changes speed on impact (crashes)
- A slower moving vehicle will transfer less energy to a pedestrian in the event of a collision.

Many people are appreciative of what we are doing. At every session we receive a number of thumbs-up and waves from drivers who are obviously pleased to see us out and about.

If you have the odd hour-or so to spare occasionally to help reduce speeding and improve road safety in Harrietsham, do come and join Speedwatch. For more information, either visit www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch, email chris-roots@outlook.com or ring 01622 851885

Borough Council Corner

Covid 19

As we come into the winter season with the colder weather it is even more important for us all to look after ourselves and others. More of us will be meeting inside and social distancing is still important. We are so lucky that many will have an opportunity of a third vaccine booster to help give us increased protection and that our secondary school youngsters are being offered the vaccine. We would like to encourage residents to keep up to date with the Covid 19 situation and the guidelines and to take up the 3rd vaccine/booster when offered. Additionally when appropriate please continue to wear masks. They still remain a visible protection when in busy areas, shopping and on public transport.

MBC Local plan update

The Borough Council has continued to move speedily forward with its local plan consultation, The consultation (Regulation 19) period is due to run between 29 October - 12 December. Please make your views heard on the plans for the 2 developments being put forward for Harrietsham. It is vital that the Borough Council hear and listen to what is being said by the community that will be affected by developments. All points raised within this consultation will be documented by the Borough Council and a final document will go to a Government inspector next year. The inspector must remain neutral and will hold an inquiry, open to the public, to decide whether the plan is sound.

Heathlands

Borough council is still pursuing its own Heathlands proposal for 5000+ houses at Lenham Heath. This of course would have a massive impact upon the surrounding areas, most noticeably Harrietsham. Unfortunately to date the Council officers have been allowed to progress the plan with little or no intervention from us as Borough Councillors. Clearly it is little about sustainable development, the message "undeliverable, unsustainable, unviable" still remains the same position now as it did from the beginning. The 104 page masterplan document is a glossy futuristic picture which has little factual accuracy and evidence to support it. We hope you will read through all the documentation that comes forward, the information provided locally and that when the details of the new public consultation begins (anticipated for beginning 29/10 running until 12/12) we hope residents of Harrietsham will give a resounding NO in their responses to this ridiculous scheme.

Climate Change

We continue to ask questions at committee meetings and are pushing for more movement and communication on the Borough's Climate change policy. We have asked questions at the council meeting with regard to the council's position on engagement, involving young people in the process, as they will be the ones to pick up the pieces in the future. We are told that there will be events involving the public in November which of course we will publicise as soon as we are given the details.

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Len Valley Benefice November 2021



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Isaiah 40:31

Wednesday 3 November

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 7 November

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Ulcombe: Creative Service

11.00am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship *with Baptism*

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 14 November

10.15am Boughton Malherbe: **Remembrance Service**

10.15am Harrietsham: **Remembrance Service**

10.15am Lenham: **Remembrance Service**

10.15am Ulcombe: **Remembrance Service**

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

Sunday 21 November

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

Sunday 28 November

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Network is currently produced using Microsoft Publisher software in a Windows environment, which is very similar to Microsoft Word. So, if you have used either Word or Publisher you wouldn't need very much training to get into the swing of things. If not, get in touch anyway, this could be your chance to learn something new. A laptop computer and software is provided.

You will need about 15-20 hours each month to start with, while you get the hang of things. As with all things, you will need less time as you become more experienced.

There is also an opportunity to learn some Photoshop techniques to help you manipulate photographs and design our front covers.

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*Do **YOU** fancy having a go?*

If you are quick, you could be co-editing the December issue during the first two weeks of November and getting ready to fly solo early in 2022.

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November General Knowledge Quiz



1. Who was the first British Monarch to officially live at Buckingham Palace?
2. *The Caretaker, the Homecoming, Old Times* and *Betrayal* are among works written by which Nobel Prize-winning playwright?
3. Duncan Jones directed the movies *Moon, Source Code* and *Warcraft*. He is the son of which famous rock star?
4. What ingredient is wrapped in bacon when making devils on horseback?
5. How many candidates did Donald Trump defeat to win the Republican Party's nomination for the President of the United States in 2016?
6. What was the name of the shipping company that made the *Titanic*?
7. *Bend Sinister, Hex Enduction Hour, Live at the Witch Trials* and *The Frenz Experiment* are four of this cult band's 32 studio – who are they?
8. In 2018 Anya Shrubsole became the first female cricketer to do what?
9. What is the name of the voice-over artist who has narrated *Big Brother* since the show's premiere in 2000?
10. In what country was Osama bin Laden born?
11. Which famous museum, depicting what life was once like in the north east can be found a few miles south of Newcastle?
12. Who became Mayor of London in May 2000?
13. Which Scottish city is famed for its three 'J's – jam, jute and journalism?
14. Officially how many bank holidays are there in England and Wales?
15. What is the name of the Welsh Nationalist Party?

Answers on page 27

Network Magazine December 2021 deadlines

Mon 1 November 2021 12 noon advertising deadline for December Network

Mon 1 November 2021 12 noon copy deadline for December Network

November Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall
LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	1	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	HVH
Mon	1	2.00-4pm	Harrietsham History Society	HVH, Booth Hall
Mon	1	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	3	7.30pm	Wives Group	Scout Hut, Station Rd
Thurs	4	7pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	13	12-2pm	Soup Saturday	St John's Church
Mon	8	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	HVH
Mon	8	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	10	1.30 - 5pm	Craft and Chat	LCC Osborne Room
Thurs	11	7pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	15	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	HVH
Mon	15	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	15	2.00-4pm	Knit, Crochet & Natter	HVH
Tues	16	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	18	7pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	22	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	HVH
Mon	22	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	24	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	St. John's Church
Thurs	25	7pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	27	1.30-5pm	Craft and Chat	LCC James Hatch Suite

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Answers to quiz
(on page 24)

1. Queen Victoria
2. Harold Pinter
3. David Bowie
4. Prunes
5. 16
6. The White Star Line
7. The Fall
8. Appear on the cover of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanac
9. Marcus Bentley
10. Saudi Arabia
11. Beamish Open Air Museum
12. Ken Livingstone
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Top Tips

From Harrietsham Gardening Society



There's still plenty to do in the garden in November. Starting with the flower garden first, dig up dahlia tubers and gladioli corms to avoid them being damaged by frost. Wash off as much soil as possible then leave a few days until dry (in a frost free garage or shed), before sprinkling and shaking up in a bag with some flowers of sulphur dust which will act as a fungicide. Don't breathe too much in or you might be visiting the loo more frequently than usual for the next few days; alternatively time it so you do exactly that if you feel a bit jaded!! Roses and buddleias should be cut back by about a third to prevent windrock over the winter, before hard pruning next March and you can still plant daffodils and tulip bulbs making sure they are planted at least four or five inches deep to prevent them blowing over when flowering. This will also ensure they get a long cold treatment in the soil to encourage flowering. Delphiniums, verbascums, foxgloves, lupins and other perennials can be sown now in a cold frame or greenhouse as can sweet peas. Don't bother to break the seed coat on sweet peas or to have them too warm, sow them in compost in toilet roll cardboard inners after you've dusted the dahlias as in the second sentence above and keep them in a cool but mice and frost free place over winter; don't overwater.

If you haven't done so already now's the time to give the greenhouse a good clean out and wash down with disinfectant. Garden play equipment can be dismantled and covered with a tarpaulin to preserve its life too – **here's a story for the children...**

A barman tells three regulars that he has just installed a magic slide in his pub garden to help to keep the kids amused. They think he has had one too many celebrating re-opening and demand to see it for themselves. When they get into the garden they see the slide is significantly taller than they were expecting, towering almost 100 feet into the air.

"How did we not see this from the road outside?" asked one of the regulars. "Doh, I told you it's a magic slide," replied the barman.

"So it's just really big? That doesn't seem that magical," said another of the regulars.

"I got it from an Irishman," replied the barman. "He said it's home to a leprechaun who will grant you a wish as you go down it. All you need to do is to shout what you wish for when you are halfway down the slide, and then at the end of the slide you'll get whatever you wished for."

The regulars are incredulous, but they decide to call the barman's bluff and try it for themselves.

It's a long climb to the top of the slide, and the three of them arrive sweating and gasping for breath. Being British, they form an orderly queue and the first one sits

down and sets off down the slide. Within seconds he's travelling at a tremendous speed and thoroughly enjoying himself. When he judges himself to be roughly halfway down the slide he yells out "Money" and when he reaches the bottom he lands in a big container filled with £50 notes. Triumphant, he raises his arms and waves up at the two regulars still at the top of the slide.

The second sits down and sets off down the slide, gathering speed and waving his arms above his head with exhilaration like he used to at Thorpe Park years ago. As he gets halfway down the slide he shouts out "Gold" and when he reaches the bottom he lands in a big container filled with gold coins, miraculously managing to not break his legs.

The third sits down and sets off down the slide. He's seen the other two have so much fun that by the time he gets started he's jumping up and down with excitement about going down this massive slide and has totally forgotten about making a wish. As he gets halfway down the slide he joyously exclaims "WEEEEEEEEEEEE" and when he reaches the bottom

If you'd like to have a go at soft fruit now's the time to plant out strawberry plants, the key here is not too deeply and to leave the growing point or crown just above the soil. Raspberry canes, blackcurrants, red and white currants and gooseberries can all be planted now as can rhubarb and asparagus crowns. Don't forget to keep checking apples which have been stored for signs of rot too, and give the greenhouse a good clean out and washdown with disinfectant.

Digging the veg patch can commence in earnest this month as can planting autumn onion sets, broad beans, shallots and garlic. Parsnips should soon be ready once we've had a frost or two to improve the flavour by turning the starches to sugars, not sure how that's achieved by varieties found all the year round in supermarkets, and the same goes for brussel sprouts. Enough for this month.

Happy gardening!

Parish Council Hedge Cutting Scheme

The annual hedge cutting scheme will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 2 November 2021. If residents would like to be included, could they please email the Parish Clerk (harrietshampc@aol.com).

Please note that, even if you are a regular user of the scheme, you do still need to confirm you wish to be included this year.

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Christian Message

Ancient church buildings abound in Kentish villages. Almost all of them are dedicated to one saint or another. Here in the Len Valley we are reminded of Mary in Lenham, John the Baptist at Harrietsham and Nicholas at Boughton Malherbe.

As a child I was confirmed in Graveney church which is dedicated to All Saints as is Ulcombe in the Len Valley. On November 1st the great hymn, 'For all the saints', will be sung in many churches.

What is a saint? According to the Oxford English Dictionary it is a word which is, among other things, used to describe a holy person; someone who is very virtuous; a member of the company of heaven. The saints are usually thought of as especially outstanding Christians; those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ.

I have no idea where the idea of calling a church building St John's or St Peter's came from or when the tradition began. If you do know PLEASE tell me! In his letters of teaching about faith the apostle Paul described Church members as SAINTS. Here are 2 examples. In Romans chapter 1 verse 7 and in his first letter to the Corinthian church he described them as 'God's holy people.' Similar words are used to open his letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul's letter to the Philippian believers begins, 'To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi.

Words change their meaning over the years and modern translations of the Bible tend to begin: 'to the church at

Words may change but the original meaning of them does not vary much. Those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ are essentially the same as those to whom the apostle wrote many years ago. Many of our joys and sorrows are similar; our heartaches are the same and there is in all of us, I believe, the same desire to be faithful to the one who died for us and to obey his teaching .

So here, in the Len Valley churches WE are the Saints, all of us, God's holy people.

So here is a suggestion. Let's on November 1st pray in our homes for our fellow worshippers in the Benefice and for the growth of the Church in our nation. Paul's words from 2 Thessalonians 3:16 are relevant: *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you.*

Joan Drury





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Invicta Concert Band

What a wonderful concert performed by The Invicta Concert Band on the 25 September. The church was full and everyone enjoyed themselves. The music played was a mixture of classical, popular, Gershwin, two soloists performed – one with a trombone and the other a tuba -- Happy Hippo. Something for all tastes. During the interval a presentation was made to Lesley Dack, one of our villagers, who has played clarinet in the band for many years and has now retired. A raffle was held and the committee would like to thank all those who donated raffle prizes, to name but a few – our local businesses, The Taste of Bengal, Parkwood Trout Farm etc. Also thanks must go to all those who helped out with the setting up in the church and the serving of refreshments, John Hart, Clive Benjamin, Paul Hicks, Richard Daking. Also Bob Wood and Ken Leach who served the drinks and Mary Nourse and Rita Manser who helped serve the refreshments. All the committee helped out. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

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Soup Saturday

A date for your diary – Saturday, 13 November will be our second Soup luncheon in the church - 12 noon to 2pm. Why not come along and enjoy a bowl of Helen's Hearty Homemade soup with crusty bread. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available. This is open to everyone and all profits made on the day go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church.

Christmas Cards

Our annual Christmas Cards will be on sale at £3 for a pack of 5 cards. The picture on the front will be of the church in the snow from a photo taken by Susie Parr last February. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos, they were all excellent and may be used in the future.

100 Club Draw

The result of the fifty-ninth draw on Saturday 9 October drawn by various diners at the Soup Saturday in the presence of Chris Roots were:

First prize - number 127 - £67.50 Sue Brooker

Second prize - number 14 - £40.50 Michael Gear

Third prize - number 12 - £27.00 Denise Williams

Harrietsham Network

September's Invicta Concert Band Event



**Invicta Concert Band
with their music
director and compere
for the evening Jim
Harrison**



**Lesley Dack being presented with
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of the band—Chris Spillett**



**“The Happy Hippo” a solo being
played on the tuba by Bob Merritt**

HELP!! Calling all residents of Bluebell Walk Estate

The Harrietsham Fish Scheme produce, print, distribute and deliver 1600 magazines each month. We are extremely grateful to all our deliverers who ensure that every household receives a magazine by the 1st of each month.

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It doesn't have to be a resident of Bluebell Walk, but it would obviously be preferable.

Thanking you in anticipation of receiving lots of offers of help!! Please phone me for more details.

Jackie Bevan 859310

P.S. I am a member of Bearsted Choral Society and we are looking to welcome new singers. Please phone me for more details or visit our website.

Events and Regular activities in Harrietsham

Please will everyone who is organising or hosting events in Harrietsham or for Harrietsham residents help Network by sending us details of forthcoming events and reports and photos of recent events for the magazine. Keeping us all informed gets better attendance at your event and keeps our community spirit alive.

Before the pandemic, we had a day-to-day events list for regular events and a diary for everything else. Since the pandemic things have been a little bit sparse, so if you know something's going to happen, please share it with us so that we can share it with everyone else in our village. Please help us to get things back to normal.

Now's the time to grab a camera and go out and photograph some autumn colours in our beautiful countryside. How about sending some in to Network... **editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org** and we'll publish the best ones and the names of the photographers who took them. Perhaps some of our younger residents would like to take part.... Good quality mobile phone photos work very well in the magazine.

I can't believe that we are soon to prepare the December and Christmas issue, how about some Christmas recipes for all to enjoy? Please send them and all other contributions to **editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org**

Thank you all.

Jan - Editor

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We're Back!



Well after what seems like forever, we are finally in rehearsal for our next pantomime production at the Lenham Community Centre on the 28 and 29 of January 2022. There will be our normal performance on the Friday night at 7:30 pm and 2 performances on the Saturday the first at 2:00 pm and another at 7:30 pm.

The production is “**Aladdin**” and tickets will be available at Lenham Country Market from 14 November at 09:00. You can request tickets by emailing the box office at tickets@hamsproductions.org the ticket price will be £6.00 for adults, and £4.00 for children (under 16).

We have already had interest in purchasing the tickets, I have even been stopped in the CO-OP. We are working with our plan for seating due to the crisis, which will unfortunately reduce the tickets available. Demand is going to be high, but we will be issuing based on a first come, first served basis, so get in quick on 14 November to ensure you get your tickets.

There will be some familiar faces in the cast, as well as some new, and we are very excited about the outstanding cast and crew we have for this production. So why not come with us and join our plucky hero as he goes on an adventure that will change his life forever.

David Penny - Chair

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Director Danny Boyle. Running time 1hr 56 minutes.

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