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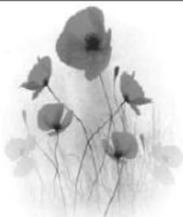
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Our thoughts are with the Royal Family as we join the world in mourning.

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DANGER!!

The Network magazine is still in **danger of not being able to continue. Unless we can get some help with the management of the advertising, we will be unable to afford the printing costs.**

Unfortunately, our advertising manager Kath has been forced to give up and we need someone to help deal with this to keep the magazine going.

Could you spare just a few hours a month to deal with new enquiries and chase up renewals, we supply a laptop and Kath will be happy to run through things with anyone interested in helping.

Please give Peter a call on 01622 851075 to find out more.

Harrietsham Gardening Society



October is here already, the true start of the gardening year. Fortunately there was very little, if any, of the dreaded blight on potatoes and tomatoes this year, due to the prolonged dry spell with very little humidity. The spores are spread and most infectious during what is known as a 'Beaumont Period', when for 48 hours the temperature doesn't fall below 50C and the relative humidity is in excess of 75%. We had hardly any occasions when that has occurred this year. Looking ahead to next year what can be done about it? Well, all of the fungicides available to gardeners to prevent or treat blight have been withdrawn although you can still make up your own Bordeaux mixture. This consists of 1 part copper sulphate, one part lime and 100 parts water and was first used at the end of the 19th century in the Bordeaux region of France to treat grape vines for downy and powdery mildew. As with many things its effectiveness was noticed by chance, grapes growing by the roadsides did not suffer from mildew in the same way as vines further into the fields – the vines near the road had been sprayed with copper sulphate and lime to stop passers-by from eating the grapes so someone put two and two together. It is the copper which affects an enzyme which means the blight spores don't germinate. It is preventative rather than a cure and has to be sprayed on when you expect a Beaumont period so keep checking the weather forecasts!

One other thing you can do is plant blight resistant varieties bred to not succumb to the disease. In the case of potatoes, Lady Balfour, Nicola, Cara, Setanta and the Sarpo group show resistance; in the case of tomatoes a couple are Crimson Crush and Solito. A word of warning though, does the flavour of the blight resistant potatoes or tomatoes meet your expectations?

Thirdly, good crop hygiene is really important such as disinfecting greenhouses, practising good rotation, burning old potato haulm and earthing-up well to prevent spores washing down onto the tubers. Once you've cleaned down your greenhouse have a go at sowing some lettuces to eat over the winter, such as Winter Density which will be well worth it and very little trouble.

Hopefully October will see you picking the last of your apples and pears which are certainly in abundant supply this year. Store these in trays without them touching each other and regularly look them over to check for any diseased fruit. This month is probably the most ideal if you want to move or replant any shrubs or young trees in the garden, you've probably lost a few in the earlier drought. The soil is still warm and roots will grow at a lower temperature than shoots so they should be on the way to becoming established in their new positions before next year. Cut back foliage to reduce stress and reduce, on young trees, any side branches by a third or so. In the meantime don't forget to plant your autumn onions, garlic, shallots, broad beans and sweet peas to overwinter.

Finally, be quick off the mark whilst things are still fresh in your mind and get any seeds ordered ready for next year.

Our meeting this month is 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 18 October in the Village Hall. Details will be available on our Facebook page and other social media.

Harrietsham in Bloom

This year H.I.B. entered the Maidstone in Bloom competition display of Jubilee Colours category. We submitted the 2 beds on the green planted as Union Jacks. The competition was judged by Coolings Nurseries and the plants supplied by Staplehurst Nurseries. We were delighted to learn that H.I.B. won 1st prize in that category receiving a certificate, trophy and Coolings voucher.



Credit has to go to Barbara and Barry Inledon who designed and planted the displays and kept them going, well done both.

It has again been a struggle to keep the plants going during the August drought and now we have had rain there are also more weeds to cope with.

At the end of September/October we shall be clearing the displays and replacing them with bulbs and polyanthus for winter/spring flowering. This entails a lot of hard work and we desperately need more volunteers please. Now we are a bigger village there must be someone who could spare us some time!

Please contact the Chairman, Andrew Rogers for further details on 01622 859352

Audrey Joy





Knit, Crochet and Natter

At our meeting on 15 August, two staff from Homes for Ukraine, Kent County Council, came along and were presented with the 37 trauma teddies we had made for Ukrainian refugee children. Martin Sherwood, our community warden, also attended. We were told that the plan was for the bears to be used in a teddy bears' picnic for the refugee children after which the children would take them home. Afterwards, we received a lovely acknowledgement letter from Homes for Ukraine informing us that, in the event, the weather had unfortunately precluded the picnic but that the bears had been very well received.. Some were shared at home visits and one girl, who was obviously quite traumatised, cried with joy when given one of the bears. The rest went to the Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees Centre where families attend when entering the country and we were assured that the bears were a very welcome gift at quite a stressful time.

We have now started knitting and crocheting poppies (lots of them as we are aiming for 1,000!) to make a cascade which will be displayed on the Village Green with the kind permission of the Parish Council for a week leading up to Remembrance Sunday. We put out a request to residents who knit or crochet to help with these and have had quite a few promising to make some poppies to add to the cascade. Once they are all made, they will be stitched to netting to make the cascade and we hope that there will be other poppy displays as well as ours and that this turns out to be a real community event. One resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, very generously donated £100 towards the making of the cascade and we have already bought quite a bit of yarn and are looking at which type of netting will be the most suitable. There are lots of ways villagers can join in either with helping with making the poppies or helping to stitch the poppies onto the netting. We also have a Poppython planned where both adults and children can come along and help to make poppies for the displays. Please see page 17 for more details.

Depending on time constraints, we hope to also make a remembrance hanging or free standing display for inside the church showing names of people fallen in war important to residents. Residents would either sew or write the names on a piece of ribbon or non-fraying fabric measuring 3" x 1.5" (7cm x 4cm) and the idea is that they could be left in a container kept at the Post Office from where they would be collected and then stitched onto the display. The display would be able to be viewed at the church on a few weekends leading up to Remembrance Sunday. If the making of the cascade is so time-consuming that we don't have time to make the display for the church, we will aim to do this next year.

Our October Knit, Crochet and Natter meetings will take place on 3 October between 7-9pm and on 17 October between 2-4pm both meetings at Harrietsham Village Hall. Residents who have made poppies are welcome to drop them off at any of our meetings. We ask that you bring them along to be added to the ones we already have as you make them rather than holding onto them until the last minute as, this way, we have a better idea of how many we have and how many we still need to make! A huge thank you to everyone who is helping.

Harrietsham Craft Groups cont.



Craft and Chat

At the time of writing, we are planning to make needle felted poppies for indoor display at our September Craft and Chat meetings. Our October Craft and Chat meetings will be held on 12 October between 1.30-5pm and 29 October between 1.30-4.30pm at Lenham Community Centre. The project will be diamond painting. We have diamond painting beach scenes kits the cost of which will come from Craft and Chat monies for regular attendees. Anyone who wishes to join in but is not a regular attendee is still welcome to take part but will need to pay for their kit at cost which is £4.25. Members are also welcome to bring their own craft projects to work on.

Any queries, regarding either Knit, Crochet and Natter or Craft and Chat, please feel welcome to contact me on 01622 851885.

Hazel Roots



Harrietsham Gardening Society

The Garden Society held the 77th Annual Village Show on Saturday 3 September.

This was very successful and a full narrative with photographs will appear in the November Edition.



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Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



In the July issue of the Network, I reported that we had played our first competitive match since the covid lockdown at Harrietsham Village Hall against another club, that club being Boughton Monchelsea. We won that game and after many false starts, due to circumstances beyond our control, we played a return match at Boughton Monchelsea on Sunday 4 September. They certainly took their revenge because we were well beaten in a friendly but competitive game. However, it was good to be mixing again with friends that some of our team members had known for a number of years. Not only do we congratulate Boughton on their win but also on the excellent spread they had laid on for our halftime break.

Also in July, I mentioned that we had purchased a new (second-hand) mat which is in very good condition and liked by members as they get used to how it plays so this has improved the clubs playing equipment and enabled a greater variety of the game between the mats.

The photo is of the members who represented Harrietsham in the game against Boughton.



Back Row from left = Ken Leach, Brian Hall, Geoff Goulding, Lesley Dack, Ron Smith.

Front Row from left = Phil Gooda, Alan Ellis, David French, Barbara French.

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Please note that you will still need to add your name to the list, even if you have used the service in the past.

Amanda Broadhurst - Parish Clerk
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Borough Council Corner

By the time you read this the planning inspector through a local plan **Public Enquiry** will have listened to arguments regarding housing numbers in the area. We will await to see what the outcomes are and how they will affect our communities.

In last month's Network there was a detailed article re a consultation regarding **Operation Brock**. The Borough Council wants to hear residents thoughts and concerns. If you have not already done so, please make representation via the Borough's website or provide us with letters which we will send on. The deadline is 02/10 but we are sure additional responses after this date (within a reasonable time frame) will be acceptable.

Boundary Commission feedback. We and others put forward our views on the size and nature of the ward boundary. The preferred commission option was a ward of three councillors stretching from Liverton Hill and Lenham Heath to Stockbury along the North Downs to the A249. This was approximately 100 square km. We felt this was a stretch too far and suggested removal of Stockbury Parish as that parish had a closer affinity with Detling and Thurnham in the new Boxley Down Ward. Time will tell what Harrietsham, Lenham and North Downs ward will look like and what it will be called!

Finally, we recognise that in coming months that residents will face increasing pressures based on the financial changing climate. We ask that we do our very best to support each other and understand the strain families will be under and where necessary seek help locally.

Tom & Janetta Sams - Borough Councillors for Harrietsham & Lenham
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Harrietsham Poppy Project



The craft groups have been inspired by knitted and crocheted poppy cascades similar to the one in Dickleburgh, Norfolk, (see photo) and decided they would like to make one for Harrietsham. The Parish Council have kindly given permission for this to be displayed on the Village Green and we hope to have it ready for display one week before Remembrance Sunday.



With this in mind, members of the craft groups as well as residents have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies with the aim of having around 1,000 poppies ready by 23 October. The poppies will then be sewn onto netting in three sessions. If you can help with either knitting or crocheting the poppies or sewing them onto the netting (see dates below) please contact Hazel Roots on 01622 851885.

On 2 October between 1pm – 3.30pm, there will be a Poppython at Harrietsham Village Hall. The craft groups will be joined by Louise Ayres and her team of Brownies and maybe others who will be working on poppies for their own displays. Both adults and children are welcome to come along and make a poppy. All materials for making poppies in various crafts will be supplied and the poppies will be used for either the cascade or other displays. We

hope to see lots of people coming along to make a poppy at this community event and we ask that children be accompanied by adults, please.

Schedule

- 2 October Poppython at Village Hall between 1pm – 3.30pm
- 23 October We are aiming for all knitted and crocheted poppies to be ready by this date but will accept late ones.
- 21 October Sewing poppies onto netting at Village Hall between 1-4pm. Please help if you can.
- 28 October As above
- 4 November As above
- 6 November Installation of cascade

Please help or join in any way you can! All welcome!



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Jeremiah 6:16

Sunday 2 October

- 9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 9.30am Ulcombe: Café Church
- 11.00am Harrietsham: **Harvest** Morning Worship
- 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 5 October

- 9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion Service

Sunday 9 October

- 9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church followed by joining the market.
- 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: **Harvest** Choral Evensong

Sunday 16 October

- 8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Harvest Holy Communion

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Church leaders: Johnny and Estelle
McCabe www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

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Christmas Cards

The Friends of St John the Baptist Church will again have Christmas cards printed this year for sale. The photo is of a beautiful display of Christmas blooms in the church taken by Hazel Roots and the floral display created by Jacqueline Johnson. All profits go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church. **All orders will be delivered to your door.**



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Ploughman's Platterday

Unfortunately, our Soup Chef is unable to make soup for us this month, so we are continuing with another Ploughman's lunch on the 8 October 2022 between 12noon and 2pm.

Hopefully Helen's health will improve and her ankle/leg problem gets better. We wish her a speedy recovery. We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully Soup will be back on the menu in the future

100 Club Draw Results

The results of the Seventieth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on 10 September 2022 by various diners at the Ploughman's Platter Saturday under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) are as follows:-.

There were 158 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £158

- First prize £79.00 - number 92 – Kevin Harlock
- Second prize £47.40 – number 131 – Glenda Dean
- Third prize £31.60 – number 150 – Barbara Beveridge

Denise Williams - Secretary

Obituary

Ella Doris Kite
1916 – 2022

Janet, Tracy, Carl and family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to all who came to Harrietsham Church to say farewell to Ella, our wonderful mum, nan, and great nan who is going to be greatly missed.

A big thanks also to those who generously donated to Chippendayle Lodge in her memory. It is greatly appreciated.



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The Making Of 'Jubilee Flags'



It was at this time last year that Harrietsham in Bloom committee got together to discuss and plan the summer planting for 2022. The Queen would be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee and so we agreed it would be lovely to do something 'special' to celebrate her amazing reign on the throne. I put forward the idea of planting two 'Union Flags' on the small green space along the A20 having seen a picture on Google and thinking to myself "that can't be too difficult to do. Can it?" Something like this would be really special, a 'one off', and it was decided that I look into making the idea become a reality. And so it began...

My husband, Barrie, and I managed to make a framework of the sections of the flag out of an old wooden venetian blind! (I told you it would come in handy! I can hear him say!). Having got all the stripes correct we laid the frame on the ground and to calculate the number of plants required placed 9cm flower pots within the coloured sections. It was looking good. At this point I got in touch with Andrew, our Chairman, for him to take a look and gladly he agreed to go ahead with sourcing the plants. I contacted Staplehurst Nursery and following a visit and a few emails flying backwards and forwards we placed an order for red and white begonias and blue lobelias to be delivered in May.

How quickly the time came around for us to clear the flower beds of the spring displays and prepare them for the new planting. Where had the past 6 months gone! A few days before delivery day Barrie and I toddled along the A20, with frame under arm, to the green. We transferred the design using string to mark out the outline of all the stripes and then it was ready for the big plant up. 'D day' arrived. Oh my goodness what a lot of plants!! Each flag took 350+ plants and we had ordered some extras to make a display on the circular bed on the green as well. Any plants left over were to be planted in the numerous planters throughout the village.

So the planting began and slowly the design was coming alive. Thankfully by the end of the day it was raining and so the plants got a good watering in. The job was done! Within a couple of weeks the flowers were blooming well and really colourful just in time for the Jubilee Celebrations. What a relief! The hard work from start to finish had paid off.



But that wasn't the end of it. Maidstone Borough Council in conjunction with Coolings Nursery were inviting entries to their Maidstone in Bloom Competition held in July. I was persuaded to enter the 'Jubilee Flags' in the 'Best display of Jubilee colours' category and to my amazement was awarded First Prize! We had put Harrietsham on the map. I am so pleased that the displays turned out well and have been admired and enjoyed by so many. Thank you for your lovely comments. There have been challenges along the way with some vandalism and of course the very hot weather. It really is amazing how well the flowers have survived. We have had several waterings carried out by a contractor at considerable cost but I'm sure you would agree it has been worth it. It will be a shame when the time comes for us to remove the plants but we must make way for another year and who knows what that will bring!

If you think you would like to become involved in keeping Harrietsham looking colourful Harrietsham in Bloom are looking for more volunteers to help our small committee. Please contact me on 01622 853754 or Andrew Rogers on 01622 859352 if you are interested.

Barbara Incedon Secretary of Harrietsham in Bloom



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Looking ahead, our November performance is our member selection choice. On Armistice Day, Friday 11 November, we will be showing **Operation Mincemeat** (PG 13 2021), starring Colin Firth and based on a true episode in World War II, when British intelligence tried to fool the Nazis about where the Allies were planning to make their next move.

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Welcome to Harrietsham

We extend a warm welcome to Stuart Leahy who has just moved into Fairmeadow, Ashford Road, Harrietsham. We hope he will be very happy here and also good luck to Gill and Terry Whent who have moved from Fairmeadow a few doors up to Bellevue, Ashford Road.

Denise Williams

October Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall
LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	3	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	3	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	3	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Wed	5	7.30pm	Harrietsham Ladies Group	Scout Hut
Thurs	6	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	8	12-2pm	Ploughman's Platterday	St John's Church
Mon	10	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	10	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	12	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	14	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon	17	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	20	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	24	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	24	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	27	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	29	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Mon	31	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	31	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH

Thank You

I would like to thank all you public-spirited people who have kindly offered to help with the delivery of our village magazine. From the comments I have received, the vast majority of us who actually read the magazine are delighted to have it back. Well done, our new editor Nicola!

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Everyone welcome

Christian Message

Fifteen years ago I moved from South London to Grafty Green. Moving away from friends and familiar places is difficult but this day has stayed in my memory as especially happy. Dominic Goodwin had organized the removal of furniture and it all arrived without a hitch. Before long it was installed in Weirton Villa and, to my surprise, we were sitting down to lunch in my new home. As well as Dominic and Vanessa, Gerda was with us, Sally Alexander and Tony Old. A happy day as I began to enjoy life in Grafty Green.

Saying 'goodbye' and adjusting to new surroundings can be traumatic but it is the way of life for Christians. We are called to be on the move. I've been checking this out in the Bible. After the resurrection of Jesus some of the disciples were scattered – Philip to Samaria, Paul travelled about the country and went to Lydda (Acts 9) where he met the paralysed man, named Aeneas, whom he healed. On the same journey Peter met Tabitha who also turned to Jesus. As the early disciples turned to Jesus, every journey was an opportunity to share the Christian faith.

I remember a song with the words "Travel far and wide, Tell them why I died." Moving house can become an opportunity to talk. You don't have to be a paid up member of a Mission Society to talk about Jesus. It is hard to move from the familiar but again and again Jesus said "Go and tell". This is what we must do. It's not easy.

Let me admit that I knew God's call to start a Bible study group when I came to Grafty Green BUT I was nervous – timid – hesitant. Jesus needed to give me a push. I gave in! The first book we studied was Ruth. There followed many years of exciting discussions on the Bible and the joy of getting to know other believers better. I praise God that he gave me the push I needed.

We need to look around for opportunities to share.

Joan Drury

Joan Drury was a Reader in the Len Valley Benefice for 15 years and moved to a care home in Whitstable over this summer. We said a formal goodbye to her in church on 28 August. We will miss her lots!



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