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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

Our front cover this month celebrates the move towards a more normal lifestyle, which we all fervently hope will continue without further interruption.

The diary is back in place and we all look forward to seeing more entries during the coming months. We also look forward to seeing the return of the day-to-day page as regular weekly events are re-established. Please do let me know about your events, and club and society meetings and activities so that they can be included in the magazine which goes to every house in the village. Please also check that your entries in the directory pages are still correct and let me know if I need to change anything. My contact details are shown below.

This month we have some new adverts which I'm sure will interest everyone, especially those of us who have been looking forward to having a chance to eat out and go for a drink in the village (see page 39). Yes, I've been there and will be going again soon.

Speedwatch have given us some facts and figures, which might make those of us with a tendency to go a little faster, a sharp reminder that the limit on the A20 through the village is 30 miles per hour and tells us what happens if we get caught going too fast!

Carol McKeough has given us some interesting information (pages 24 and 25) about the role of Chairperson of the Patient Participation Group (PPG), who are currently looking for someone to recruit into this role. Could that be you?

Finally, have a good September and stay safe,

Jan - Editor

Please remember to email any photographs, articles of interest about Harrietsham, or recipes etc. that could be considered for inclusion to:

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Harrietsham Gardening Society



Like everyone else, we have been looking forward to the hall reopening so that we can recommence our monthly meetings. The hall is scheduled to reopen on 13 September, however, we have been asked to reschedule our meetings to a Monday evening in future. We have had our first committee meeting for nearly a year and it was decided to hold our first society meeting on Monday 27 September at 7.30pm. This will be held as a 'Relaunch Meeting'. Future meetings will be held on the third Monday in the month. We would like to welcome back all of our current members and would like to extend a warm welcome to all other residents of Harrietsham and the surrounding areas who have an interest in gardening, be it small, floral, vegetables or any other view. We are a friendly bunch who will happily impart any knowledge we have to help you get the most out of your plot, be it large or small, for a hobby or of avid interest.

The committee are pleased to confirm that we now have our own Facebook page to improve communication and disseminate items of interest to members on a regular basis. The website has been discontinued. Just Google Facebook and search for Harrietsham Gardening Society. Type in all three words or you'll find other Harrietsham pages crop up. Click on our page and don't forget to 'Like' the page if you want to be notified when a new post is live.

Hopefully we will now be able to move forward and begin to rebuild our society back into a gathering which will prove entertaining and instructional and which people will look forward to coming to again on a regular basis.

Mike Flawn - Treasurer

Harrietsham History Society



We are really pleased to let you know that with the re-opening of the village hall we have arranged to have a meeting in the Booth Hall on Monday 4 October 2pm – 4pm. As the purpose of this meeting is to update everyone on what has been happening with the society during the past 18 months and to discuss plans for 2022, we will not be having a speaker, but we hope all our current members will join us and we will of course welcome anyone else who is interested in finding out about our society and the history of our lovely village. We need to have a short AGM to enable us to present the Society accounts which we have unable to do in April this year, but I promise it will only be a very small part of the meeting so please do not be put off from coming along.

Peter Brown

1st Harrietsham Brownies



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Sadly, Tony Bell recently passed away. He had made and repaired many planters for us over recent years, but if anyone feels they could help us out, who has woodworking skills, we would be very grateful. Materials will be paid for by HIB. Please contact our Chairman for further details.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) 01622 859352

Audrey Joy

Harrietsham Craft Groups

We generally don't meet in August so we did the same this year and our meetings will recommence in September.



Craft and Chat

At our September meeting of Craft and Chat there will be a choice of making a vintage style lace and beaded bracelet or a more modern style beaded cuff. Members will be informed of dates and any supplies they need to bring along to the meeting nearer the time. Anyone who doesn't wish to take part in September's project is welcome to bring along their own crafting project to work on.

Knit Crochet and Natter

This group will also resume in September and details confirming dates will be emailed to members nearer the time.

Anyone who wishes to join us at either group, please feel free to contact me on 01622 851885 for more information.

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham Village Hall

Just when you thought it was all over it all starts again! The NHS Covid team are doing Booster COVID vaccinations in the Booth Room every Tuesday and Wednesday starting September through to the end of the year so when you get called do go along and get your jab. I'm sure you all want to congratulate how wonderful they have been, giving many vaccinations, sometimes working 7 days a week! Well done the Covid team.

Bookings are very busy and with the Booth room being used for vaccinations, it's a lot juggling to get everyone booked in. If we had to move your club to a different day I'm sure you will agree that Covid vaccinations are very important to get the virus under control. Some of the clubs have moved to a different venue or cancelled their club due to the virus, but there are still many of your favourite clubs and some new ones as well, so keep an eye on Facebook for updates.

Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Steve Brown - Chairman



Parish Council Hedge Cutting Scheme

The annual hedge cutting scheme will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 1 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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Thursday 5th of August, at 7 pm, will see our club returning to bowls at Harrietsham Village Hall. As things slowly return to near normality within the new less restrictive guidelines set out by the English Short Mat Bowling Association we will hopefully see all our members returning to our club. Monday afternoon bowls sessions will still be held at Lenham Community Centre until the end of September as the Village Hall will not reopen in the afternoons until the 13th of that month.

When discussing the game with another bowler, I was reminded that the game of bowls, especially Short Mat, was a great leveller. Men and Women, Old and Young, can compete on equal terms against each other. So if you are out there and would like to join a friendly club and take part in a sociable activity come and join us at Harrietsham. We would welcome experienced players as well as beginners to show what might be a hidden talent on our mats. So "Roll Up" and see how you do.

Phil Gooda Chairman - 07484 878327

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I hope to see some of you joining us for our new season.

Jan - Editor

Yoga Classes

Sue Burch has decided to retire from running the weekly class at Harrietsham Village Hall. She has found a new British Wheel of Yoga teacher - Helen - who will be taking the class instead. Classes will be held on Mondays from 9.30am - 11.00am, commencing on 13 September. To enrol please contact Helen direct at helenpurpleyoga@gmail.com

Sue wishes to thank everyone who has supported her classes since 2012.

Borough Council Corner

We have been working with residents along with the County Councillor and highways officers regarding the problems and accidents in Fairbourne Lane, this has been added to the parish Improvement Plan. On the back of of this and working with the County Councillor, Shellina Prendergast in Harrietsham, we are investigating the KCC initiative Lorry Watch in regards to oversize vehicles on rural lanes to see whether this may be feasible across the area. We ask that residents where possible continue to use the KCC report a fault website for all highway issues. and it is hoped that a Lorry watch project can be set up.

Parking can be a difficulty and has been an issue for many. We would ask residents to be extra aware when parking, that drives and access for others are left free.

The full Borough council meeting to elect a new leader took place at Detling back in May where David Burton (Conservative) was elected leader.

We believe that there should be a lead from the council that encourages masks to be worn on public transport and in retail outlets and crowded areas. We will continue to do this and urge others to do likewise. We know a number of people who have been double vaccinated who unfortunately have contracted COVID, the vaccine has without a doubt lessened the symptoms but some people have still become quite ill. We all need to take a responsibility to reduce the transmission of the virus by continuing to protect others by being considerate in all situations.

We again would like to thank all COVID 19 volunteers, some of whom are continuing to support vulnerable residents. Our personal thanks must also go to Jeni Jelf and Greg Bower, who, in the early days of an unknown and deadly virus, where bold decision had to be made, used their foresight and leadership to creating a volunteer service that has supported so many.

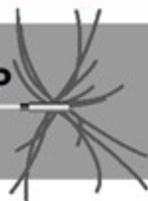
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Sunday 5 September

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

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11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 12 September

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

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

Sunday 19 September

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

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Chairing the patient participation group (PPG) for the Len Valley Practice (LVP)

Carol McKeough, current chair of the LVP PPG



What is the PPG? Since April 2015 it is a contractual requirement for all GP Practices in England to form a PPG and to make reasonable efforts for this to be representative of the practice population. This has always been a challenge and we continue to encourage younger adults and teens to join us.

The Len Valley PPG is a grass roots organisation which aims to respond to the needs of our own patient and practice community. We aspire to contribute to continuous long-term improvement in quality of patient care and improvement in the patient experience. This has been very challenging in the last 18 months since lockdown.

The aim of the PPG is to act as a long-term critical friend to the Practice and to contribute to continuous improvement in the quality of patient care and patients experiences. We aim to provide the patient perspective to the Practice, and we may support clinics, health promotion, surveys, and service development.

I have chaired the Len Valley PPG since 2016. The role of the chair has been evolving since the development of the Primary Care Networks (PCN). The Len Valley Practice is part of The Ridge PCN which includes GP practices in Bearsted, Headcorn, Sutton Valence and Langley. Our PCN had recruited staff to run additional clinics across the 5 surgeries when Covid 19 struck, and lockdown started. As soon as the vaccine was available in December 2020 the PCN set up the vaccine centre for the Ridge PCN at the Glebe surgery in Harrietsham. PPG members and community volunteers helped to steward the clinics, to ensure as many patients as possible received their vaccines. Len Valley also ran some vaccine clinics at the Lenham surgery.

My role is to liaise with the Practice, PPG members, the PCN and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and ensure that PPG members are made aware of changes in priorities as the West Kent CCG becomes part of the Kent and Medway CCG. Prior to lockdown the PPG met with the practice manager at Bi-monthly PPG meetings and occasionally a nominated GP would join us to answer any medical questions. During lockdown we held some Zoom PPG meetings and we ensured that the practice was made aware of issues affecting patients.

I prepare the agenda for the bi-monthly meetings, liaising with the Practice and PPG members to ensure all issues are included. I chair the PPG meetings and ensure that notes of the meetings are available to be put onto the Practice's website. I attend meetings (recently virtually) with the chairs of the 5 Ridge PCN GP practices. I currently attend virtual meetings between the West Kent PPG's and the CCG. The old West Kent CCG, will become an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). The chairs of all PPG's across Kent and Medway are invited to meetings with the senior representatives of the newly formed Kent and Medway CCG. I feed back the issues from these meetings to the Len Valley PPG and ensure any surveys from the CCG or NHS England are circulated to PPG members and to patients who may meet the criteria for the survey.

Len Valley PPG will be looking to recruit a new chair as I have indicated that I will step down at the AGM in November 2021.

Carol McKeough - 1 August 2021

Network Magazine October 2021 deadlines

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September Diary

Sat	4	2-5pm	Craft and Chat	Call Hazel 01622 851885
Mon	13	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	Harrietsham Village Hall
Sat	18	2-5pm	Craft and Chat	Call Hazel 01622 851885
Mon	20	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	Harrietsham Village Hall
Mon	20	2-4pm	Knitting and Crochet Group	Call Hazel 01622 851885
Sat	25	7.30-9.30pm	Invicta Concert Band	St John's Church
Mon	27	9.30-11am	Yoga Class (weekly)	Harrietsham Village Hall
Mon	27	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	Harrietsham Village Hall

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Top Tips

From Harrietsham Gardening Society

A chap was busy in his garden and a neighbour looked over the fence and said 'You've been out here all morning, what are you doing?' The chap looked up and replied 'I'm having a sort out and putting all my plants in alphabetical order'. The neighbour looked amazed and said 'Really, I don't know how you find the time'. The gardener looked up and replied 'That's easy, it's right next to the sage'...

There is, something to be said, however, for having a plan for September and doing things methodically. For example, seeds which are ripe and are to be saved for next year can be clearly labelled once dry and kept in an airtight container in the fridge. In the veg garden it's a good idea to select your best few broad beans, runner beans, French beans or peas and dry off the pods in a brown paper bag so you don't lose any. You can do very much the same thing with things like onions and leeks by leaving the best specimen in situ or replanting it in the spring when it will throw up a seed head the next year. Collecting seeds applies to the flower garden too, even some trees and shrubs to keep your own selection going.

There was an old man who loved his garden. As he grew older and older he started losing his hair, until one day, on his death bed, he was completely bald. His children gathered around him and he said, 'Look at my hair. It used to be so magnificent, but it's completely gone now. My hair can't be saved. But look outside at the garden. It's such a lovely garden with so many flowers, but sooner or later they'll all die down and this garden will look as bald as me.'

'What I want you to do...' the man continued. 'is, collect some seed and every time flowers die down sow some seeds in my memory. Tell your descendants to do the same. It shall be our family's duty to keep this garden beautiful.'

And so they did.

Each time the flowers died down, the next spring the children sowed the seeds they'd collected and so did their children, and their children after them.

And for years and years, the garden remained as pretty as it once was, all because of one man and his re-seeding heir-line.

In the meantime, it's time to lift and store root crops to keep you going through the winter. Potatoes stored in a dry frost-free place will keep round until next April, carrots, swedes and onions until about Christmas and squashes until November, all depending upon how many you consume. That makes a bit of a mockery of the supermarket 'use by' dates. What other jobs could we be doing in the veg garden? Well, planting onion sets or sowing Japanese onion seeds to overwinter for early crops next season, (it's a bit early to sow broad beans or plant shallots), and cabbages to overwinter and heart up in spring. All brassicas to overwinter such as cauliflowers, Brussel sprouts, white and purple sprouting will benefit from a bit of netting. Make sure this is an impeccable job to keep the pigeons away!

It's best too, not to start winter digging until late November/December to avoid seeds germinating and having to recultivate next spring but don't take it too easy as you could be earthing up the leeks to ensure long blanched stems.

In the flower garden many plants can be propagated from cuttings. For instance, pelargoniums/geraniums can have side shoots removed for cuttings without spoiling the overall show. The cuttings should be 4 to 5 inches long, cut just below a leaf joint leaving 2 or 3 leaves, but no buds. Four or five of these should be inserted in a four inch pot of fifty/fifty soil and sand, or soil/vermiculite. They will benefit from a clear upturned polythene bag over the pot until rooted. Penstemons, rosemary and lavender can be treated the same way and finally Sweet Williams planted out. Gladioli which have finished flowering should be lifted and the corms allowed to dry prior to storage. Time too to select and plant out new daffodil and narcissi bulbs, better to plant deeper than too shallow.

If you planted yourself on a sofa at the beginning of the pandemic and have grown significantly since there is plenty of calorie burning work to be done on lawn areas, raking out moss, aerating with a fork, dressing with sand/topsoil/seed any worn areas and don't forget to trim those beech, hornbeam, laurel and yew hedges if you didn't get them done last month.

Happy gardening

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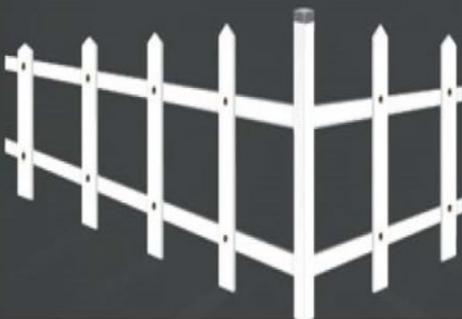
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Christian Message

My mother's cousin has just died. Not before reaching 'a good old age' or leading a fulfilling life, but even so, or maybe because of this, the out-pouring of affectionate messages about her, has been very moving. People remember her for her wit, her many achievements, or even her rather forthright character, but everyone has a story to tell. She made quite an impression on us all.

Every life is important. God doesn't discriminate or have favourites.

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (Luke 12:6-7)

This week we are also on holiday in Scotland. I have met my cousin in Oban, my sister in law in Arran, and last night enjoyed supper with her husband, daughters and their partners. In both places everyone chatted excitedly about the government, Brexit, climate change and COVID, and brought us up to date with their latest jobs, hobbies and news about their health: new jobs for the youngsters, serious health scares for the older folk, life-changing decisions and new interests to add a bit of colour to life. Whatever our thoughts, aspirations or worries, God knows them first, and with his guidance we can steer through the challenges we face now or in the future.

Reading the messages about my second cousin, and listening to how relatives are getting on in life, I am struck, firstly, by what an interesting variety of characters there are in any family or group of friends, but secondly, how similar our concerns are really, and how God works through every situation and is always there to comfort and guide, if we turn to him .

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matthew 6:26)

Take heart in the fact that whatever you are going through, you are so valuable and so loved by God.

Pamela Cuerden





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Community Speedwatch is an educational alternative to enforcement, with warning letters sent to registered owners of vehicles caught exceeding the limit.

In June and July the Group carried out only eight one-and-a-half hour sessions. More would have been carried out but the Group are currently short of volunteers. The small number of operators are helping to reduce speed and improve road safety but need your support. If you have the odd hour-and-a-half to spare occasionally to help reduce speeding and improve road safety in Harrietsham, do come and join Speedwatch.

During those sessions in June and July, the Group counted **2,581** vehicles (note that vehicles in a convoy are ignored)

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 - **12** were driving over 45mph
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Many people are appreciative of what we are doing. At every session we receive a number of thumbs-up and waves from drivers who encourage our endeavours.

For more information, either visit www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch, email chris-roots@outlook.com or ring 01622 851885

Friends of St. John the Baptist's Church

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Friends of St. John's took place on Friday 30 July 2021 in Harrietsham Church and the committee would like to thank all those who attended. Special thanks go to Helen Hubble who stood down from the committee after many years of sterling work. She was presented with Trout Farm vouchers and Garden Centre vouchers and an orchid. The committee will miss her input into raising much needed funds for the upkeep of the church, although hopefully she will continue to do catering for Soup Saturdays and Ploughman's Platterdays when they can restart.

Invicta Band Concert

Hopefully the Invicta Concert Band concert will still go ahead on Saturday 25 September. The band have started rehearsing again after many months in lockdown due to Covid. If anyone is interested in coming along to a very fine performance at the church, please get in touch with either Audrey Joy, 850806, Chris Roots 851885 or me, Denise Williams 859410 for tickets. Your name will go on the list and payment can be made at a later date, just in case the concert is cancelled. It is only £10 per person and includes cheese and wine. Look out for posters round the village.

100 Club Lottery Draw

The result of the Fifty-seventh draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club made on Saturday 7 August 2021 at Little Hatch and drawn by Denise Williams in the presence of Michael Gear and Chris Roots is as follows:-

130 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £130

First prize £65.00 – number 10 Pat King

Second prize £39.00 – number 110 – Susan Hemsted

Third prize £26.00 – number 118 – Peter Underwood

For further information and details of how to become a member of the 100 Club to help with the upkeep of our church – contact the Administrator, Chris Roots at 100Club@FriendsofStJohn.org

Denise Williams Secretary

Advice on the use of E-Scooters

Electric scooter owners in Maidstone are reminded to comply with the law and be considerate of other road users. The warning is issued after police community support officers seized an e-scooter from a child after he was seen riding it in a dangerous manner in Plains Avenue, on Wednesday 2 December 2020. The boy had been advised by the same officers regarding a similar incident a few days earlier. His parent was asked to attend the police station to retrieve it and they received guidance regarding their son's conduct.

Inspector Stephen Kent of Maidstone's Community Safety Unit said: 'In the town centre and surrounding housing estates we have been receiving reports of the antisocial and dangerous use of e-scooters. Owners should be aware that these currently fall under the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles. This means for use on a public road the user requires insurance, vehicle tax, a driving licence and registration.'

Illegal use

The use of e-scooters on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas is illegal and, in general, they should only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Inspector Kent continued: 'Our officers will be stopping and giving words of advice to e-scooter users and will seize the equipment where offences have been committed. Where appropriate, persistent offenders or dangerous riders can be issued with a fixed penalty notice or receive a traffic offence report.'

The above information came from the Kent Police Website and was supplied to us by Martin Sherwood, our Kent Community Warden, who expressed concern at the increased use of E-Scooters in both Harrietsham and Lenham. He also advised us that further advice is available on the government website, gov.uk from which the following information has been extracted:-

"Powered transporters" is a term used to cover a variety of novel and emerging personal transport devices which are powered by a motor, **including e-scooters.** This information sheet aims to provide guidance to users and purchasers of these vehicles, as well as to help retailers, manufacturers, hirers, and importers to understand the law about their use. Given how powered transporters are motorised and designed, they fall within the legal definition of a "motor vehicle". Therefore the laws that apply to motor vehicles apply to powered transporters.

It is illegal to use a powered transporter on a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, which potential users will find very difficult, or, in spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes. Any person who uses a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space in breach of the law is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted. It is legal to use a powered transporter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

Please specifically note the following;

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“If the user of a powered transporter could meet these requirements, it might in principle be lawful for them to use public roads. However, it is likely that they will find it very difficult to comply with all of these requirements, meaning that it would be a criminal offence to use them on the road.”

The term “powered transporters” does not include [electrically-assisted pedal cycles \(EAPCs\)](#), which have their own regulatory framework.

Thanks, Martin, for keeping us all up to speed on this subject... Ed.

Handmade Mid-Winter Market 2021

Friday 10 September (5pm - 7.30pm)
Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 (10am - 4pm)
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The Mid Winter Market is slightly earlier this year!! We intend to open the barn doors and spill out onto the lawns of the Tithe Barn, giving exhibitors and visitors far more space to enjoy the market. We are trying our absolute best to provide a ‘covid safe’ event. The number of exhibitors in the barns will be limited, with a great deal situated outside. There will be a one way system in place. We would like to celebrate being back together as safely as possible.

Previous visitors to the markets will know that this is an amazing opportunity for independent artists and producers from across the region to sell their work directly to the public. In return the public are able to meet and support the local crafters, all in the stunning setting of the privately owned Tithe Barn – the largest of its kind in the country and rarely open to the public.

The market line up features an exciting and diverse selection of handmade and locally designed specialities, ranging from contemporary arts and crafts to mouth watering delicacies. There are over 65 exhibitors this year including 20 new ones. Why not be organised and buy presents early, gifts that you will not find on the high street. On 12 September you will be able to visit the local Farmer’s market in Lenham square too! (9am – 1pm)

Be inspired by the very best of Kent’s artisans and, when it’s time for a break, enjoy refreshments at our Orchids Café and find a space and picnic on the lawn.

There will be parking behind the barn and the entrance fee is £2 for adults.

If you are a local maker or producer and would like a pitch at this year’s market please contact Sharon Prior via sharon@orchidsoccasions.co.uk

Harrietsham Network

Learning to live with Covid

For the past 18 months our lives have been determined by Covid.

It has cancelled plans, pushed businesses to the brink, and taken loved ones from us. While the pandemic is far from over, our phenomenal vaccine rollout has put us in a position where we can begin to learn to live with the virus.

Thank you to everyone continuing to work or volunteer in our local vaccination centres who've helped make this moment possible. Over 2.2 million vaccinations have been given out across Kent, with two thirds of adults in the county having received both jabs.

I know just how important easing restrictions has been for local businesses – especially our pubs and the hospitality sector, and in making life worth living again for so many people.

In the months ahead I'll continue supporting people and businesses affected by Covid and do everything I can to help our local NHS and councils through these crucial next few months.

More than at any point in the pandemic, people need to use their judgement to help keep the virus under control. Everyone can play their part by taking up the offer of being [vaccinated](#) and getting [tested](#) regularly.

It's up to all of us to think about how our actions and decisions can keep ourselves and others safe. If we're on a crowded train or busy shop, then wearing a face mask is the sensible thing to do. Check the latest [guidance](#) to see what you can do to help.

We have our freedoms back, let's use them carefully.

Supporting our NHS

In the NHS's history, no year has been as tough as the last.

To mark the NHS's birthday, the Queen awarded the George Cross to the National Health Services of the United Kingdom in recognition of their service over the past 73 years.

We now have over 45,300 more staff in the NHS compared to a year ago, including nearly 9,000 more nurses and over 4,000 more doctors. Thank you to each and every one for their extraordinary efforts over the past year.

Extract from our MP **Helen Whateley's** Newsletter of Monday 2 August 2021

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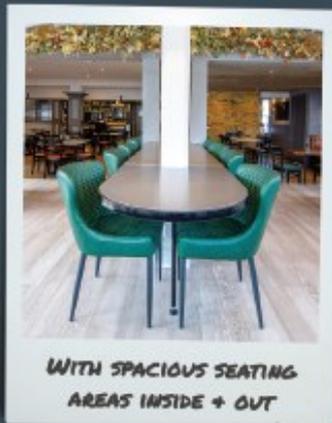
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