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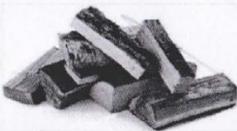
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DANGER!!

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 Network

Harrietsham Gardening Society



Phew! We chose the hottest day of the year for our Summer outing to Dobbies Garden Centre for plants and afternoon tea. We enjoyed our afternoon, lots of chatter and an excellent tea.

Our next big event is the Village Show on Saturday 3 September in the village hall.

We hope villagers will take part by coming along in the afternoon for tea and cake to see the best of what we offer and enjoy the displays of flowers and vegetables.

Happy gardening

Angela Gatland

Harrietsham History Society



Twenty members and visitors joined us for our meeting in the Scout Hut on Monday 18 July, one of the hottest days of this year when our speaker Melanie Gibson-Barton, gave a talk on Eve Braun, entitled Victim or Contriver? The story of the woman who devoted her life to Adolf Hitler.

Eva was born in Munich, Germany February 6, 1912, the daughter of a lower middle-class Bavarian family. In 1930 she was employed as a saleswoman in the shop of Heinrich Hoffman, Hitler's photographer, and in this way met Hitler. She became his mistress and lived in a house that he provided in Munich. In 1936 she went to live at his chalet in Berchtesgaden. Eva lived a relatively isolated life and had no observable influence or impact on Adolf Hitler's political life. Hitler never allowed her to be seen in public with him or accompany him to Berlin, few Germans even knew of her existence.

In April 1945 Eva joined Adolf Hitler in Berlin despite the impending Soviet invasion and in recognition of her loyalty, he agreed to marry her. They married during the night of April 28–29, 1945 and committed suicide in an underground bunker in Berlin on April 30, 1945, during the Soviet invasion of that city. It is widely believed that Eva Braun died after consuming a cyanide capsule and Hitler shot himself. According to Hitler's wishes, both bodies were burned and buried.

Please note our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 September, and not the 19 September as previously advertised, this is to enable us to hold our meeting in the village hall. Our speaker will be telling the story of The Wreck, SS Montgomery, information on this and details of our society can be found on our website www.harrietshamhistorysociety.org

Peter Brown

Harrietsham In Bloom

Like everyone else this summer, it has been difficult to keep everything growing due to the drought conditions. We had to arrange above average watering sessions at considerable cost and conscious of water restrictions we try to keep the watering minimal.



Unfortunately, one of the beds on the green which was planted as a Union Jack was vandalised early in July but luckily our volunteers managed to replant the bed, but it's a sad day when this type of incident happens.

Our collection boxes at the BP garage, Post Office and Convenience Store yielded £126.09p in total. We are very grateful to everyone who has donated.

We are still needing volunteers to help look after the displays. If anyone could spare the time please contact our Chairman for further details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Rogers - Chair - 01622 859352

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls

As a club, we are still finding it difficult to arrange friendly games against other bowls clubs, this has all been the result of the Covid Pandemic. Some clubs are no longer playing or cannot get enough members to raise a team. Another factor is the rising cost of hiring venues to play in and no doubt the sharp rise in the cost of petrol making how you use your car something to consider. Friendly games are all part of the social side of bowls that bring members together to improve your game through competition and can be used as a yardstick to see how you are progressing in the sport.



Looking ahead we do have an invitation to take part in a Competition arranged by Hawkinge SMBC. This is held in October and is of interest because there will be clubs taking part that we do not normally play as they are based in East Kent. We have at least one team entered at present (1/8/2022).

One of the benefits of clubs, unfortunately, closing down is that we are able to purchase the equipment they can no longer use and so today (1/8/2022) we are collecting a bowls mat to replace one of our old ones that has developed a mind of its own and often is a cause exasperation as the bowl does not run its true course. The "new" mat will take time for us to learn how it plays but I am sure we will master it in the end.

Happy Bowling

Phil Gooda - Chairman/Secretary

The Glebe Field

I wonder if you have been past the Church of St. John the Baptist in Marley Road recently and have noticed how dry parts of the Glebe Field opposite the Church have become during this exceptionally dry weather. In particular have you spotted what appears to be the line of a track from Marley Road heading in a South Westerly direction.

This in fact is the outline of a metalled road discovered by the Canterbury Archaeological Trust whilst carrying out archaeological investigations in 1997 on the housing site, now Harrison Drive.

The site was originally purchased, and outline planning permission granted in the late 1980's but the recession delayed the development until 1997. During processing the detailed planning application concerns were raised about the archaeological potential of the site and provision was made for a watching brief to be conducted during ground works. This began in April 1997 during the construction of a temporary access road leading to the site, which almost immediately exposed features and horizontal stratigraphy containing large quantities of Roman Pottery, brick, and tile.

With the developer waiting to commence construction on the site it was agreed to carryout some evaluation trenching in the area of the development. Fifteen trenches were cut, and these indicated a very high degree of strata of apparently Roman date mainly on the West side of the site. These included, a road, ditches, several cremation burials, the foundations of a large aisled structure, and a number of pits and post holes.

Subsequent dating of material derived from the watching brief indicated a small but significant quantity of fifth to seventh century Anglo Saxon pottery. In the north-west corner of the site, it was decided that the foundation methods of the new houses would be adjusted in order to cause the minimum disturbance to the well preserved strata.

The east side of the site showed no significant archaeological evidence. The evidence gathered during the watching brief suggests that occupation of the site began in the late Iron Age (1200BC – 600BC) and continued into the Roman probably lasting until the fourth century when it appears to have been abandoned or to have contracted with a soil accumulation over it. Cut into this were the foundations of seven buildings, with features located in the vicinity of the buildings dated to between the fifth and seventh century. Harrietsham village is evidently early as its medieval Church incorporates elements probably dating to the early part of the eleventh century. That Anglo-Saxon occupation predates this is suggested by incidental finds from the Churchyard.

Going back to the access road which extends from Church Lane, topsoil stripping was carried out by a tracked mechanical excavator using a 2.0metre wide ditching bucket. The road was approximately 6.0 metres wide and extended a distance of 112 metre. Topsoil was removed to a depth of approx. 300mm exposing chalk at the North end but as work extended southwards, a number of features were observed.

Scattered across the surface was a large quantity of Roman cultural material, including pottery, brick and tile, none of the features or deposits within the access road were excavated.

At the South end of the road was a soil layer into which had been cut a number of features consisting of, one small post hole, nine large post-pit and three linear features filled with flint which were interpreted as being foundations for large buildings as two of these lay parallel aligned east-west 13metres apart in the gap between were two pairs of post holes 2metres from either side.

The large posts holes would appear to have supported substantial structural timbers; the plan suggests a large aisled building. Altogether there were 29 post holes discovered, 4 large pits, 2 medium pits and 2 pit complexes, 3 ditches, 2 gullies, the road surface, one stone footing and 2 cremation pits.

In 1998 an Archaeogeophysical Survey of the rest of the Glebe field was carried out on behalf of The Clark Laboratory by a Geophysical Consultant to test for evidence of archaeological remains.

The two main techniques employed were magnetometer and resistivity surveying, the magnetometer survey produced results which strongly suggest the presence of archaeological features of past occupation of similar character to that seen in the previous excavations, mainly concentrated to the eastern half of the field. The resistivity survey results however were inconclusive probably due to the heavy ploughing carried out on the site over a number of years.

All of the above information has been put together by the History Society from the information published in the report on the housing site and the Glebe field survey report which we hope will be available on our website in the future.



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Harrietsham Ladies Group

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Our August meeting, at the home of Jackie Bevan, was our annual Barbeque. It was a very pleasant evening and the weather was superb, Roger kindly manned the barbeque, everything cooked to perfection as usual.

Our next meeting on 7 September will be at our usual venue, the Scout Hut in Station Road. We will have a talk by Mr March entitled "Hawaiian Dream", just what we need to round off the Summer. The meetings begin at 7.30pm.

If anyone would like to come along to see what the Harrietsham Ladies are about you would be welcomed on the evening or phone 01622 859426 for further information.

Gill Whent - Secretary

Mobile Library

If anyone noticed the filming in West Street during the afternoon of Wednesday 13 July, this was being done for a promotional trade video on behalf of the company which built our newest Mobile Library.

This little excitement is an opportunity to advertise Kent County Council's Mobile Library Service which stops outside the Post Office for half an hour on alternate Wednesdays from 1.45pm

Please use it if you can, even if you are able to drive, to support the needs of those who cannot. I know from experience that the return trip by bus to the Lenham Library can take 2.5 hours!

Our librarian, Jo, is friendly, helpful and extremely knowledgeable. Books can be pre ordered and no fines are enforced for late return.

Helen Hubble

Elevenises

What on earth is that I hear you say! Well, it is a group who meet monthly (with a short break in the summer) in the Booth Hall. Some of us read a little poetry, and we enjoy a topical quiz organised by the Community Warden, Martin and generally socialize and eat, drink and make merry!

I don't normally mention it in Network as the numbers are limited but we do have a few spaces so if you would like to join us then please contact me. We are starting again in October. This is on the second Wednesday in the month so will be on the 12 October at 10.30am (not at eleven!) and continues monthly on the second Wednesday in the month. We can arrange transport if required and a wonderful group of volunteers will ensure you have a relaxed time!

Marjorie Darby - 01622 850657 or marjoriedarby5@gmail.com

Harrietsham Network

Young At Heart

In 2008, Angela Pullen, our then Community Warden thought that older people from Lenham should get together with older people from Harrietsham over a cup of tea, and the Young At Heart club was born.

Every month on the third Thursday older people from all over the villages got together in the Lenham Community Centre with many volunteers serving tea and cakes and chatting. After Angela left, Martin took over her legacy and helped out and the club went from strength to strength with visiting entertainment and games of Bingo and Oi.

Fred & Wendy Turnham along with Jenny Lloyd organised the session, lifts and activities, organising speakers, annual strawberry teas, fish and chip afternoon and music. Additionally many trips out were arranged which have been gratefully appreciated by all those attending.

Other volunteers then got involved, initially with Age Concern, to run another club at the Social Club Lenham, this became known as The Hub Club and was set up later in 2011, this runs every first Thursday of the month. Jenny and Fred stepped in to help run this club too and with the help of Nina and many others and our Community warden Martin this club has continued to thrive

During the pandemic when the clubs were not meeting, many of those who would have attended were supported by those volunteers ringing to give support and boost morale.

Over time the YAH has lost many members through a multitude of reasons and it has been decided that the club will not operate from September.

The Hub club will continue to operate once a month however, it would be great to ensure that additional supporting trips out continue which will go some way to replace the Young at Heart monthly meeting The Hub group would welcome assistance from anyone who could help organise these daytrips .

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Tom & Janetta Sams

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Harrietsham branch was used as a vaccination centre during the pandemic and now the surgery is currently holding some outreach clinics there. There has been an ongoing IT issue which has caused delays but they are being addressed and will be dealt with efficiently.

The surgery has been successful in their recruitment process and have recruited a number of both clinical and non-clinical staff to promote the services available to all patients and improve access to appointments available within the surgery and the PCN clinics. The process of seeing a doctor will continue using a telephone triage system. This allows more patients to be dealt with as not every patient needs a face to face. You will be signposted to the most appropriate clinician/service by trained receptionists. The practice is looking at more digital access to help improve services, depending on successful trials at other practices.

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The surgery operates a 'Zero Tolerance Policy'. We understand frustrations which more often than not are due to circumstances beyond control, however, it is never acceptable to abuse staff and they are there to help.

The minutes of our meetings with the surgery are published on the practice website, notice board and we send out details via social media. Please contact us if you would like further information, we are always looking for volunteers to support our group and the surgery.

Teresa New - Chair, Len Valley PPG.

Harrietsham Community Speedwatch



What is it? and How does it work?

Around 1 in 4 serious collisions have a speed related element and local Community Speedwatch groups are essentially an educational tool operated by volunteers from the local community and overseen by Kent Constabulary to draw drivers' attention to speed infringements without unnecessarily penalising them.

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How do you get involved?

Register your interest and complete a short on-line test. Once approved most training is done 'on the job'. Sessions are organised by a group co-ordinator and generally a four person team record data.

You can always get involved by simply keeping to the speed limit of course if you don't feel you are able to volunteer.

David Ibbott - HCSW volunteer

The story of two Speedwatch sessions earlier this year on the Ashford Road: The first was on a Thursday afternoon at the junction with Lenmead. Standing in hi-vis jackets, the volunteers counted 248 vehicles travelling towards Maidstone, excluding vehicles following so close to the vehicle in front of them that the speed indicator device couldn't differentiate between them. Of these, 8 were travelling at over 35mph, which is the speed where the police will prosecute, or 1 in 30 vehicles.

The second was on a Saturday afternoon at the junction with Downlands. Again standing in hi-vis jackets, 165 vehicles were counted travelling out of the village towards Lenham. Of these, 45 were travelling at over 35mph. In other words, at that time over 1 in 4 vehicles were leaving the village not only in excess of the speed limit, but fast enough to warrant prosecution. Those travelling at 50% over the speed limit were subsequently sent a letter by the police.

Overall since January, Speedwatch has recorded 486 speeders along the 30mph stretch of the A20 Ashford Road - **three at over 55mph** – including 56 who later received either a letter or a visit from the police.

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Sunday 4 September

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

Wednesday 7 September

- 9.30am Lenham: Morning Prayer Service.

Sunday 11 September

- 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: Choral Evensong

Sunday 18 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
- 11.00am Lenham: **Harvest** Morning Worship *with baptism*
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

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Saturday Evening Mass 6pm

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Pathways Church, Maidstone

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McCabe www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

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For all church services please see
information on page 23 or contact your
own church for up to date information.

Ploughmans and Pimms 2022

A record result for the JPK Project

Can you remember the month of May when we had rainfall and no sign of a drought?

On 19 May I was anxiously watching the early morning drizzle and wondering whether to place numerous chairs around every room in my house or whether all would be well as promised by the weather forecast.

At precisely 11 a.m. we spotted a gap in the clouds and by midday everybody started to arrive amid glorious sunshine. I felt truly blessed – and relieved!

My wonderful helpers- Helen, Mary, Alison, Audrey and Robert all played their part and I couldn't have achieved the end result without them. We raised an amazing £1,654 – a new record.

My sister Jill Parker and I are so grateful to all of you who have supported the event over the last 15 years. It is after much deliberation that I have decided to end on a high, and call it a day. The lovely plants won't be available and we are all getting a little bit older!!

I may think up some other fundraising idea, but meanwhile a huge thank you to you all.

Jackie Bevan

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Ploughman's Platterday

We hope to recommence Ploughman's Lunches on Saturday, 10 September 2022 at Harrietsham Church between 12 noon and 2pm and apologies for the late cancellation in August.

Come along and bring friends for a delicious cheese/pate Ploughman's lunch. All profits go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church. The 100 Club lottery draw will also take place at 1pm.

Invicta Concert Band

Back by popular demand is the Invicta Concert Band who will present their fantastic repertoire of music – classical, tunes from the shows and modern tunes – an eclectic mix of music.

Tickets are £10 per person which includes cheese and wine. See poster in this edition of Network and various locations round the village. For tickets please contact one of the following persons - Denise Williams on 01622 859410 or email secretary@friendsofstjohn.org. Please note that this is the correct email address and not the one printed in August edition of Network (my mistake!). - Audrey Joy – 850806, Chris Roots 851885.

Denise Williams - Secretary

100 Club Draw Results

The results of the August Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club are as follows:-

First Prize £78.50 – number 105 – Janet & Brian Hall
Second Prize £47.10 – number 47 – Valerie and Stephen Brown
Third Prize £31.40 – number 20 – Angela Gatland

There were 157 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £157.

As there was no Ploughman's Lunch at the church in August, the draw took place at Little Hatch in the presence of Chris Roots, Michael Gear and Denise Williams.

Denise Williams - Secretary

Borough Council Corner

It has been a busy month with various issues.

The Local Plan review examination; The inspector has asked the Maidstone Borough Council to provide additional information ahead of the examination starting on the 6 September which will run until 21 September. Many residents will be attending to give their concerns around the proposed developments including the Heathlands Garden Community suggestion at Lenham Heath.

The Boundary commission consultation is still under way and will end on September 28. The ward suggested is very large numerically and geographically is the largest in the Borough.

Many residents have experienced difficulties claiming the energy rebate from the Borough Council and we have flagged up the discrimination those not able or wanting to use the internet to communicate with the Borough. We feel that letters should be offering a website link and a phone number for residents to use, not just on this matter but all Borough Council responsibilities. To suggest residents should ask friends of family to help them access the website is unacceptable and makes people feel vulnerable and second-class citizens.

Highway issues are still very prevalent with potholes, damaged signage and not least, the impact for our villages from Operation Brock. Not only on the A20 but many of the smaller lanes being used by motorists to find their way through to Dover.

Can we advise residents that this can only be resolved on a Government level and we all can play our part by writing to Helen Whately, our MP, at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or on her email address helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk and copy in our County Councillor Shellina Prendergast at c/o Members Desk County Hall Sessions House Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ or email on Shellina.Prendergast@kent.gov.uk

We hope that many residents have been able to have some time over the summer to spend with friends and family and attend some of the many wonderful events in and around the community.

Janetta & Tom Sams

Independent Borough Councillors for Harrietsham & Lenham Ward

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**Saturday, 10 September 2022 between
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Enjoy a cheese/pate Ploughman's at St. John the Baptist church, Harrietsham. Meet people and enjoy lunch without any preparation or washing up! Proceeds go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church.



Tea, Coffee and biscuits also available

How does Operation Brock impact you?

Maidstone Borough Council want to hear from you about the impacts that you experience when Op Brock is in place – for your personal lives and working lives – so that they can build a picture of environmental, social and economic impacts to build a case for change.

You can input your feedback via <https://letstalkmaidstone.uk/engagementhq.com/the-m20-operation-brock>



Cllr David Burton, Leader of Maidstone Borough Council:

"The implementation of Operation Brock causes significant disruption to residents and businesses of Maidstone. We know that it is needed as part of the current plan to manage the volume of both freight and tourist traffic using the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel when queues build up. This can occur for a variety of reasons. The number of occasions when Op Brock is in place and the impact for our community, businesses and people travelling to and around the borough are unacceptable. This situation cannot be allowed to continue.

Operation Brock is not a long term or permanent solution for the border control issues. We cannot tolerate this becoming the "new normal".

So we also need to look at alternative solutions. We would also like to hear your views on this.

My personal view is that there needs to be sufficient off road lorry parking in the vicinity of the ports and this would help manage some occasions with high freight and tourist traffic queues. I know that others suggest a scheme to hold vehicles further up country and I will not rule this out although there would be operational challenges to how this would work and be enforced. Technology has enabled us to work productively throughout the pandemic in many walks of life – technology could also offers solutions to these challenges.

We want Maidstone to be a Borough that works for everyone, with residents and local businesses at the heart of our decision making and would really like to hear from you about how this disruption has impacted on your lives and ideas for alternative ways forward, so that I can take this evidence to Government to demand action to prevent this from going on forever."

Information is being gathered until Sunday 2 October 2022, however the timeframe may be extended based on the response or to gather further information and feedback.

The Road Safety section of Kent County Council say:

Speed significantly increases the chance of being injured in a collision. Research has shown that the risk of death for pedestrians struck by cars increases at higher impact speeds, although the exact risk levels varied between the studies.



Pedestrians

1. Look for safer places to cross the road – pedestrian crossings, zebra crossings, pedestrian islands, footbridges and toucan crossings are safer places to cross.
2. Children learn from their parents/carers and if you have children walking independently, make sure you have taught them the Road Safety Code:
 - STOP before the kerb
 - LOOK for cars and other traffic
 - LISTEN for cars and other traffic
 - THINK at all times
 - HOLD HANDS Younger children should hold hands with their adult (if the adult is pushing a buggy, the child can hold on to the buggy).
3. Avoid distractions. Common distractions can include mobile phones, headphones, balls, food/ drink and talking to friends.

Motorists

1. Leave plenty of time for your journeys: if you're not in a hurry, you're less likely to feel under pressure to rush. Give yourself time – there's no need to speed.
2. Assume that streetlights mean you are driving in a 30mph area.
3. You must drive at an appropriate speed for the road conditions: 30mph might still be too fast in some areas, especially near schools during pick-up and drop-off times. Be prepared for pedestrians, cyclists and vulnerable road users crossing the road and at junctions.
4. It's a fact that you lose half your speed in the last 5 metres of braking to a stop. So, if you are travelling at 30mph and a child steps into your path 23 metres away you should be able to stop with two metres to spare. However, if you are travelling at 35mph, and brake at exactly the same time as at 30mph, you will still be travelling in the order of 15mph when you collide with the child.
5. Reduce your speed, reduce your risk of a crash: this provides you more space and time to be able to react and avoid collisions.
6. Check your speedometer regularly, especially when leaving high speed roads.
7. Focus on the road: distracted drivers speed so you need to minimise any potential distractions and allow yourself enough time to get to your destination so you are not in a rush.

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Monday 21st November

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Friday 4th November

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Monday 12th December

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September Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall

LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	5	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	5	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	5	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Wed	7	7.30pm	Harrietsham Ladies Group	Scout Hut
Thurs	8	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	9	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Sat	10	12-2pm	Ploughman's Platterday	St John's Church
Mon	12	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	12	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	14	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	15	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	19	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	19	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	19	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	22	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	24	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Mon	26	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	26	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	29	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH

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P.S. We are extremely grateful to Irene Stonehouse and Clare Roper who are new to our team but we need more new faces. Thank you to my other offers of help. You know who you are- but you already do a great job delivering and I don't wish to overburden you.

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Lenham W I

I am writing this report in the very high temperatures that have been forecast. Hopefully by the time you read this it will have cooled a little.

In July Martha King came to talk to us again about Body Movement. It was very interesting and we learnt a lot about how to breathe, eat, sleep and think properly. A positive attitude is really important. She showed us how to measure our acidity and alkaline levels. We need to have a higher alkaline level and this will promote a calmer and healthier life. We were given a saliva test kit to see what our levels are. When acidity builds up in the body the saliva tests can detect some conditions even before we go to see our GP for blood tests etc. We then did some breathing exercises. By breathing deeply and slowly right down through to the lower abdomen we will become better able to cope with the stresses of life. Finally she told us to be compassionate and do things with love. This will have a positive effect on both ourselves and others around us. All good habits which we should try to establish.

In the WI Life magazine there was an interesting report about the Annual Meeting which took place in June in Liverpool. The speakers included Sarah Clarke, the first female Black Rod in Parliament's 650 year history and Kate Garbers who is a vigorous campaigner against trafficking and modern slavery of women and girls. Delegates voted in a new campaign for women and girls with Autism and ADHD. This resolution was presented to the WI by a member of our own West Kent Federation. Other campaigns that are being supported by the WI are Action on Violence against Women, a Ten Year Cancer Plan which would radically improve the outcomes for cancer patients and an End to Plastic Soup.

Also in the magazine was an article about Sandringham WI. Her Majesty the Queen has been a member of this WI since 1943, in fact she is the President and regularly attends meetings at the Village Hall. HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was President until her death in 2002 and her mother-in-law, Queen Mary established Sandringham WI in 1919.

We don't usually have a meeting in August but the committee met to decide on our speakers for next year and hopefully we have found some really interesting ones. I'll let you know more later!

This month we will be welcoming a representative from Porchlight, the charity who work tirelessly for homeless people in Kent.

If you would like to find out more about the WI please come along to a meeting. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at Lenham Community Centre at 7.30pm. You will be made very welcome.

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Christian Message

The title of this article always makes me smile – Christian Message. I wonder if often the word Christian is misunderstood or misrepresented in our culture today. I think most of us hope for good, plan to be of use, and seek to be kind.

I think most of us internally ‘pray’ for those we love the most, our family and close friends. We carry them in our hearts and wish them well, and that is prayer. And I think most of us are disturbed when we see or hear of injustice...famine or war.

If as a human being you have some consideration for your neighbour, some interest in the wellbeing of your locality already you are being ‘Good News’.

The characters in the Bible and those we might even deem Saints were and are just ordinary folk. Ordinary folk who want to make a difference to the way ‘life lived’ is experienced.

The ones who sing a happy tune or whistle as they go along the road, who smile and have time for an exchange of greetings. The ones whose concern is not purely themselves. These are the people who make a difference and can be the beginning of our Good News on any given day.

Without a doubt we all need these people from time to time and we know that we oscillate between being the person who can offer some help and encouragement and the person who needs it.

Once a Vicar told this story: A new family had moved into town and had commented on how friendly everybody was and how lovely the location and the atmosphere was. They enjoyed being there, felt welcomed and subsequently wanted to be involved in the community.

Another family had moved into the same town and felt isolated, unwelcome, unsure of their choice and ill at ease in the surroundings. They described the place as soulless and grim.

It was the same place.

I know my mood changes and I know how it affects how I experience life – but I also know that to be Good News or shall I call it God News I only have to look up a while, be renewed and inspired.

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from You maker of heaven, creator of the earth... Psalm 121

I suppose I am saying you may be more akin to being a Christian, being Good News, than you realise...essentially Jesus said love God, and love your neighbour, as you love yourself.

Every summertime blessing,

Rev. Lorraine Apps – Huggins - Chaplain to The Living Well - Canterbury Diocese Centre for Healing & Wholeness

Percival's Rest Set Menu

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY
12PM-6PM

STARTER

BACON, LEEK & CHEDDAR QUICHE
CHORIZO MAC & CHEESE BITES
CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT
PRAWN COCKTAIL
CARROT BATONS
GARLIC BREAD WITH MOZZARELLA

MAIN

LOCALLY CURED HAM, EGG, CHIPS & PEAS
FISH PIE
VEGETABLE LASAGNE
SAUSAGE, MASH, PEAS & GRAVY
GRILLED HALLOUMI SALAD
SPAGHETTI CARBONARA
TOASTIE, CHIPS & SALAD
BRIE, BACON & CHUTNEY,
TOMATO, MOZZARELLA & PESTO
TUNA MELT
STEAK & BEARNAISE
SANDWICH, CHIPS & SALAD
CHEESE & TOMATO
TUNA MAYO
CORONATION CHICKEN
PRAWN MAYO
BEEF BURGER (+£5)
CHICKEN BURGER (+£5)
HALLOUMI BURGER (+£5)

DESSERT

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