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Message From the Editor

Welcome to the September 2024 edition of the Harrietsham Network. As we move from summer to autumn, we see our community's ongoing activities and events continue to thrive. The various local clubs and societies remain active, providing opportunities for engagement and connection.

In this issue, you will find a variety of articles and updates, including local history, and important council news. We hope these pieces will be both informative and engaging.

Thank you for your continued support of the Harrietsham Network. Your feedback and participation are vital to the success of our magazine.

Enjoy the read and have a productive September!

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Harrietsham Gardening Society



We did not have a meeting in the Hall but instead we arranged to visit a local garden. There were 10 of us and the venue was Eagleswood which is part of the National Gardens Scheme. It is on top of the Downs near Lenham. A two acre garden with a wide range of trees and shrubs, herbaceous materials and woodland plants.

The weather, although rather dull, was kind for us and we were able to see the garden without getting wet. We had tea and cakes and were able to chat to our excellent hosts Mike and Edith Darvill who had made us very welcome.

On the 1 August we had a trip out to The National Fruit collection at Brogdale. We had a guided tour of the orchards and were given by our excellent guide a very full description of the work being carried out and the importance of having such a collection. There are over 4000 varieties of apples, pears, cherries, plums and other fruiting trees. The site is now owned by The East Malling Research Station so its future is secured for the time being. The trees are used for research by many organisations. After our tour we enjoyed a cream tea.

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 17 September and features a talk by Dilogen de Alwis entitled 'In praise of weeds'.

We would like to expand our membership so why not come along to our next meeting to see what we are all about. You don't have to join immediately but do join us if you like what you see. Even if you don't have a garden there are other topics covered such as house plants and window boxes and hanging baskets.. We also like to arrange visits to gardens and other venues.

David Oversby

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



At the end of July, we played a friendly game at Boughton Monchelsea SMBC. Unfortunately, we lost this match by fourteen shots, but that did not detract from this being a good competitive evening. Boughton have been able to include a couple of new members in their team from when we last played them, making them stronger than our last encounter. We found it difficult to find our way on their mats, as with most clubs it is a challenge to play on different mats, but it is good experience and is a good learning curve. There is always a friendly atmosphere at Boughton which includes refreshments that are accompanied by lovely homemade party food. We are now looking forward to a return game with Boughton in the hope that we can revenge our defeat and have a good game with friendly rivalry.

Our venture into the summer triples league organised by Hamstreet has been a mixture of wins and losses that have helped our club gain some experience in the atmosphere of competition. Having played eight games, winning four and losing four we are encouraged with our first attempt at taking part in this type of competition and hope that by changing the members playing as much as possible we have all enjoyed our games and look forward to future matches.

Stay well and keep on bowling.

Phil G

Harrietsham History Society



After a short break for holidays, at our next meeting on Friday 20 September in the village hall, we will be resuming our World War 2 theme with a talk on “Doodlebugs and Rockets”. Doors will be open at 7.00pm with the meeting starting at 7.15. Towards the end of the war Germany launched a savage attack with thousands of Doodlebugs targeting London and South East England fortunately many of these were shot down well before they reached their intended targets. Our speaker Bob Ogle has been to us a couple of times in the past with his talks “In the Wake of the Hurricane” and “Kent at War” and is an excellent speaker.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings for a donation of £3.00 to help towards the costs

If you are considering joining the society and would like to find out more please contact me on info@harrietshamhistorysociety.org or our chairman Martyn at chairmanhhs@gmail.com

Peter Brown

Whilst I'm writing this we're experiencing a heat wave so it seems odd to report on the inclement weather of the past surrounded by fans and drinking ice cold water. As many readers will know the past Harrietsham economy was mainly built around agriculture. In days gone past September was seen as the harvest month the village which would have been awash with heavy labour and carts taking locally grown wheat, barley and hops to local market towns. Up until the early 20th century there was a bustling cottage economy in growing hops throughout the village much as the same throughout the whole of Kent. However in September 1816 things were a little bit different, inclement weather severely impacted the local hop harvest. Indeed history has noted 1816 as the “Year of No Summer” described as “biblical” freezing temperatures during the summer months. Several weeks of blustering winds, cold nights and “unkindly whether” had resulted in stunted growth and poor quality.

“The few that do appear [hops] a very mouldy, and vermin a very prevalent. In short there is every reason to believe that the growth will be the shortest known in the county for many years”.

The miserable weather of September 1816 reached it's high point on Wednesday the 11th of September. Harrietsham was hit by heavy ice storms including hail as big as “cobnuts”, Many houses were damaged, windows smashed and crops left wasted. The resulting harvest meant a shortage of locally brewed beer lets hope the same cannot be said in 2024!

Ryan Slaughter

Parish Council News

Rural Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council will be arranging the hedge cutting service again this year in November. If you wish to have your name added to the list, please contact the Clerk. There is a charge for this service and, if you are new to the scheme, the contractor will be able to give an idea of the cost before work commences.

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

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 September at 7.30pm in the Booth Hall.

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Quiz Corner

Round 11

1. Which heavyweight boxer has defended his World title the most?
2. Abyssinia is now known as what?
3. Who was the first actress to appear on a postage stamp?
4. What body of water does the Danube river flow into?
5. Which actor was "stung" in The Sting?
6. What is the nearest galaxy to our own Milky Way?
7. In what year was the "The Great Robbery"
8. What character did Michael Caine play in the 'The Ipress File'?
9. In which city is The Open University based?
10. What is the word for a number 1 followed by 100 zeros?

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Borough Council Corner

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We would like to state our admiration for the personal sacrifice made by the group and in particular Steve Heeley and Kate Hammond. We will continue to work with them in all other ways we can. The fight will continue.

At a Transportation board meeting in July, we continued to support the efforts of Kent County Councillor Shellina Prendergast to promote concerns we all have regarding speeding traffic and highway safety on the A20. Like her, we have urged a collaborative approach to limits from Charing through Lenham, Harrietsham and Hollingbourne through to Bearsted. By continuing to work with Parish Councils, all the input will, we hope, make the A20 safer.

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In August and September we have taken our meetings out into the garden. Actually our member's home gardens, if all goes well. Weather is a factor in some instances, too hot or too wet can cause a cancellation. So you need to be on my email list to get last minute details of location. Tea in the garden is a lovely summer pastime.

In August we were working on slow stitching with lots of embroidery. Now in September we will be moving on to Sashiko. An ancient oriental practice for repairing and embellishing used clothing to extend the life of the garment. But as we're in the garden for our meetings this month we will be making a Japanese rice bag decorated with Sashiko designs. Just the right size for earbuds when carrying in your handbag.

We meet this month on 3 and 17 September. I do hope you'll come join us and try your hand at something new or just enjoy the company, have a chat and a cup of tea. An enjoyable way to spend an afternoon.

We have our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month except December and would love to see you. We meet usually in the Osbourne room in the Lenham Community Centre from 1:30 to 4:30.

If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2024 Program please contact me, Pamela Gillard at 01233-877453 or e-mail moonbeamsspinner@gmail.com

Pamela Gillard



Harrietsham In Bloom

Thank you to everyone who donated via the collection tin in the Convenience Store which raised £69.42p and thank you to the store for displaying our tin.

The flowers are still looking good, weeds being kept under control by our few dedicated volunteers. Thank you all.

Date for your diary: FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024 7 pm – Village Hall, HIB AGM. If you can help us with the displays please contact Andrew Rogers (Chair) 01622 858352

Audrey Joy MBE

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4.	The Black Sea
5.	Robert Shaw
6.	Andromeda
7.	1963
8.	Harry Palmer
9.	Milton Keynes
10.	A Gogol
1.	Joe Louis
2.	Ethiopia
3.	Grace Kelly
Round 11	

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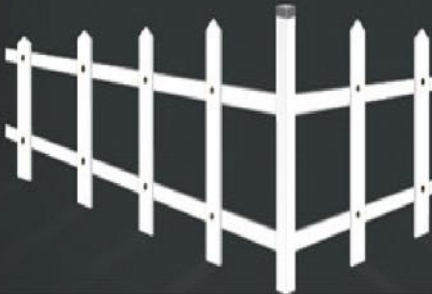
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Len Valley Benefice September 24



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'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

Matthew 13:31-32

Caring for Creation Series



Sunday 1 September - In the Cathedral of Outdoors

- 9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 9.30am Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship
- 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion *followed by laying-up of Royal British Legion Standards*

Wednesday 4 September

- 9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)
- 11.00am Harrietsham: Chippendayle

Sunday 8 September

- 9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion *with baptism*
- 6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 15 September

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

Sunday 22 September

- 11.00am **Benefice Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham**
'I am the vine'

Thursday 26 September

- 7.30pm **St Mary's, Lenham** Why should Christians care about the climate?

Please join us for this talk during which Revd. John will share the findings from his PhD research

Harrietsham Network

Len Valley Benefice September 24 continued

Everybody is welcome



Sunday 29 September

11.00am **Benefice Service at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham**
A Celebration of Colour in Creation

Harvest Supper Dates



Uicombe (at All Saints)
Saturday 28 September

Lenham & Harrietsham (at St John's)
Saturday 5 October

Boughton Malherbe (Grafty Green Village Hall)
Saturday 12 October

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Ploughman's Platterday

Our next Ploughman's Platterday will be on Saturday 14 September 2024. Hope you can make the date!

100 Club lottery Results

The results of the Ninety Second Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on Saturday 13 July 2024 by various diners at our Ploughman's Platterday under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots (Promoter) are:

- First Prize £73.00 – number 69 – Paul Wallace
- Second Prize £43.80 – number 37 – Hazel Roots
- Third Prize £29.20 – number 106 – Pamela Cuerden

There were 146 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £146. The 100 Club Draw took place in August as normal and we will notify the results in the October Network.

Future Events

The Invicta Concert Band will be coming to play for us on **Saturday 28 September**, in St Johns, tickets will be available very soon – please note the changed date. Our Bingo Night is planned for Saturday 26 October and will be in the Village Hall and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

If you would like further information or an application form to join either the 100 Club or as a Friend, please write to Chris Roots at friendsofstjohn@outlook.com or phone 851 885.

Enjoy the good days! We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Valerie Brown - Secretary

Local Churches

Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Vicar: Revd. John Huggins
01622 850280 vicar@lvb.org.uk
(Day off: Wednesday)

Assisting priests:

Revd. Millie Hart 07766 555415
millie.hart@uwclub.net

Readers:

Pamela Cuerden 01622 859442
pamela@lvb.org.uk

Benefice Office:

Sarah Hills 01622 850604
churchOffice@lvb.org.uk
For details of services see p.23

United Reformed Church

Week Street, Maidstone

Minister: Rev Andrew Royal
Sunday Service at 10.30am with creche. No evening service.
01622 686053

maidstoneurcoffice@talktalk.net

Baptist Church

Knightrider Street, Maidstone

Minister: Bill Miller
Office: 01622 686013
Sunday Services at 10.30am with creche, and at 6.30pm
www.maidstonebaptist.net

Bearsted and Thurnham Methodist Church

Bearsted (next to Station)

Minister: Revd. Robert Zachar
117 Crossways
Sittingbourne
ME10 4RN
01795 422573
Sunday Service 10.30am

Church of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church

Rectory Lane, off East Street,
Harrietsham

Parish Priest: Fr Geoffrey Pointer
Deacon: Rev Cyril Durbin 736100
Mass every Sunday at 8.45am and
Wednesday at 10.00am
Holydays Mass 7pm

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church

Button Lane, Bearsted 736100
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Saturday Evening Mass 6pm
Sunday Mass 10.30am
Weekday Mass generally
Monday and Tuesday 7pm and Friday
10am
Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Pathways Church, Maidstone

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at
10.30am in Lenham Community Centre.
Wednesday evenings in homes in Lenham and Harrietsham.

Church leaders: Ben and Kaat Doggett
info@pathwayschurch.org.uk
www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

For all church services please see information on page 21/22 or contact your own church for up to date information.

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The Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury, TN2 4QJ	01892 823535
William Harvey Hospital, Ashford	01233 633331

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Maidstone Borough Council - all departments	01622 602000
Harrietsham Parish Council - Parish Clerk	01622 850089

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September 2024 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon 2 9.45am Purple Yoga HVH
 Mon 2 2pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Mon 2 7pm Knit, Crochet and Natter HVH
 Wed 4 7.30pm Harrietsham Ladies Group Scout Hut
 Thurs 5 7.30pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Fri 6 10.00am Group Coffee Morning HVH

Mon 9 9.45am Purple Yoga HVH
 Mon 9 2pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Wed 11 1.30pm Craft and Chat LCC
 Thurs 12 7.30pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Thurs 12 7.30pm Lenham WI LCC
 Fri 13 10.00am Group Coffee Morning HVH
 Fri 13 7.30pm Lenham Film Club LCC
 Sat 14 12pm Ploughman's Platterday St John

Mon 16 9.45am Purple Yoga HVH
 Mon 16 2pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Mon 16 2pm Knit, Crochet and Natter HVH
 Tues 17 7pm Harrietsham Gardening Society HVH
 Thurs 19 7.30pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Fri 20 10.00am Group Coffee Morning HVH
 Fri 20 7.15 pm Harrietsham History Society HVH

Mon 23 9.45am Purple Yoga HVH
 Mon 23 2pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Thurs 26 7.30pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH
 Fri 27 10.00am Group Coffee Morning HVH
 Sat 28 1.30pm Craft and Chat LCC

Mon 30 9.45am Purple Yoga HVH
 Mon 30 2pm Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls HVH

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We are at either:

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Green Book

Friday 13 September

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Our September performance is the superb **Green Book** (12, 2018) starring Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali. Set in 1962, Green Book is based on the true story of the friendship between a classical pianist and his driver, set against the backdrop of segregation and racism in the deep south of the United States. The duo of snobbish classical pianist Dr Don Shirley and the tough practical Tony Lip from the Bronx certainly make an unusual pair, but an unlikely friendship is forged when Don hires Tony as his driver for his upcoming tour of the southern USA. Don't miss this fabulous and moving film, which won three Oscars - Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor for Mahershala Ali. Directed by Peter Farrelly.

As well as showing a great film on 13 September, we'll also be revealing the fabulous line up of films that we'll be showing as part of our Autumn and Winter 2024/2025 programme. There'll be more about future films in the October issue of Focus.

Please get in touch for more information or to join our mailing list.

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Lenham WI

What a lovely time we had participating in a Drawing Flowers Workshop at Frittenden Hall. We all had a go at sketching and then using coloured pencils to produce some lovely pictures. We were all keen to go home and practice some more.



This month we have the Art and Craft Annual Day at Ditton. The speakers include Elaine Gill, Artist and illustrator; Becky Cole, All Access Sewing and Dave Brooker; Landscape and Travel Photographer.

In July we welcomed Kim White who gave a really interesting and amusing talk about her career as a "Woman in Policing". Born and brought up in Chatham she decided to join the police force in 1976 after being bullied at school. She applied after attending a Careers evening and was offered a place in either the Met or the Kent force. She chose the Kent force. The initial interview was arranged for the same day as she was playing an important netball game for the England Schools team. Anyway she started a day late and went to Wales for training and then spent 12 weeks residential training in Ashford. She became a fully-fledged police officer in 1977. Her next ambition was to join the CID. She married in 1982 after gaining permission to do so from the police! In 1984 she resigned to have her family. When the Equality Act came in she applied to return as a part-time officer. Kent Police were the first force in England to introduce Intelligence Led Policing and she was tasked with recruiting informers. She worked with the Gypsy Traveller Liaison Team and learned a lot about gypsy culture. She spent 30 years in the service and ended up with an OBE for her work. What a fantastic career! We now have a link with Bethersden WI and five members came along to spend the evening with us and we are hoping to visit them sometime in the future.

We didn't have a meeting in August so some of us took part in a Heritage Walk around Lenham with Henny Shotter which was really interesting.

This month we have Rita, our President, showing us how to make paper angels amongst other things. Thinking ahead for Christmas! We are also having a Watercolour Workshop in Frittenden with Matthew Palmer – another outlet for our arty aspirations. Watch this space!

If you want to join us we meet at Lenham Community Centre on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Please come along and see what we get up to. If you want to find out more please contact me on rgodden@btinternet.com

Chris Godden

Attention, Attention!

HAMS Productions is happy to announce the dates for the read-through and auditions for the next pantomime –

Jack and the Beanstalk!!!

The read-through will take place on Sunday, 8th of September at 6 PM, Lenham Community Centre, and will be followed by auditions.

More auditions will take place on Thursday 12th of September at 7 PM.

First rehearsal: Sunday 15th of September!

Auditions are open for ages –

Secondary school to 100+ young.

We invite you to join us on this exciting adventure!

We also looking for stagehands, front-of-house and tech assistants. If you would like to become a part of a theatrical mayhem, come along and we will find a place for you.

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Christian Message

Many of us will recall the 1968 film production of *Oliver*, with its memorable songs and fantastic portrayals of the Dickensian characters. Ron Moody as Fagin made an everlasting impression if you are of a certain era.

'Where, is love?' sang orphan Oliver from the dark musty cellar of the undertakers, where proprietor Mr Sowerberry had placed him, punished for getting into a scrap with apprentice undertaker Noah Claypole. The scene as Oliver looks towards the little stream of light coming from the cellars shuttered and locked window makes me shudder now and as the little lad makes his lament, singing angelically and innocently he brings many a weary soul to tears. We all wonder sometimes 'where is love?'

Oliver has been swept up by the philanthropic Mr Brownlow, nursed back to health, and given a fresh chance in life. He experiences undeserved kindness, exceptional hospitality and generous care. It's a great rescue story.

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The glorious truth in the *Oliver* story is the love always wins, good triumphs, evil never gets the last say.

Now all we have to do is live like we believe that.

God has poured out the most excellent gift of love upon us, into our hearts.

It is our choice to keep love locked and shuttered away in the dark recesses of our own cellared and imprisoned life.....or...to let it fly with the morning sunrise and the open windows across the daybreak of life in all its fullness....

The latter option requires us to be vulnerable, lays us open to being hurt or taken for granted; but this is the way of love- to challenge the status quo, to put itself at risk to save another, to pursue even the toughest of dreams, to prove to itself and to those it comes into contact with that Love Wins! Always.

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1 Corinthians 13:13

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