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**April 2019** 

#### From the Editor

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the April, Easter edition of Network. We hope you enjoy the variety of activities coming up this month.

We would like to extend a big welcome to John and Donna Martin and their children Dylan, Summer and Patrick who have moved into 2 Quested Way. We hope you will be very happy here.

Our grateful thanks for our front page design go to 6 year old Orla Keene who is in Year 1 at Harrietsham Primary School. Well done Orla.

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#### **Parish Council News**

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 8.00pm in St John the Baptist Church. The speaker this year will be from the Alzheimer's Society, who is the UK's leading dementia charity. The Annual Parish Meeting will follow the usual monthly Parish Council meeting, which will be held at the earlier time of 6.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend both meetings.

# Message from the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association Guide Dogs My Guide service

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#### The Big Lunch - Sunday 2nd June 2019

The Annual Big Lunch Group is looking for help with organising this year's event. For anyone who is not familiar with this, The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually in June in a simple act of community, friend-ship and fun. Last year's lunch included music, a dog competition and, of course, no event would be complete without a tug of war competition! If you think you could spare a small amount of time to help make this the biggest event yet, you would be most welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerk, who can pass your details on to the group.

#### TrueCall38 - A Useful Way to Reduce Spam Telephone Calls

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#### **Conditions of Use for Open Spaces in Harrietsham**

The Parish Council has received several complaints relating to unsuitable vehicles and horses being on the Glebe Field in recent months. At the Parish Council meeting, at the end of January, Councillors agreed Conditions of Use for the Glebe Field and the other open spaces in the village. These will be reproduced on signs which will be erected in due course. The full details are listed below.

# Harrietsham Parish Council Glebe Field and Village Open Spaces Conditions of Use

The following are the main points which apply to Glebe Field, West Street Green and other open spaces owned or managed by Harrietsham Parish Council. In this notice "Green" comprises both the grass and adjacent trackways and "Council" to the Parish or Borough, as appropriate.

#### **Vehicles**

No wheeled vehicles (battery or otherwise) other than a pram, wheelchair, child's cycle, or mower shall be driven or ridden on the grass, without the council's express permission. No vehicle shall be parked overnight.

#### **Horses and Other Animals**

No horse, pony, mule or donkey shall be brought onto, or ridden, on the grass and no animals shall be put out to graze, without the council's express permission.

#### Camping, Fires, Barbeques and Fireworks

Neither camping nor the overnight parking of caravans is allowed. No fires shall be lit or fireworks discharged without the Council's prior agreement.

#### **Harrietsham Network**

#### Play Area and Games on the Green

Play areas are only for children under 14 years of age. No games shall be played on the Green which would give other people reasonable grounds for annoyance or prejudice their safety.

#### Noise

Noise which disturbs others, including shouting, singing or operating sound equipment or musical instruments is not allowed, except for at events previously approved by the council.

#### Outdoor Furniture, Performances, Exhibitions and Trading

No performance, exhibition or other public event shall be arranged, structures or furniture erected, nor any form of trading permitted; unless previously agreed by the council.

#### **Metal Detectors**

These are not allowed.

#### Litter

All users should take their litter home or use the bins provided.

#### Dogs

Dogs are not allowed within the fenced area surrounding the play equipment at any time. They must be kept under control at all times in all open spaces owned or managed by the Council. Dog mess must be picked up immediately and placed in bins provided.

The Parish Council accepts no liability for any injury or personal damage caused whatsoever.

#### **Village Information**

Don't forget that you can keep up with information relating to the village and Parish Council by visiting our Facebook page and website.

On Facebook, just search for 'Harrietsham Parish Council'. Our page gives information on future events, road closures, the latest scams and any current consultations.

The website address is: www.harrietshampc.org.uk and contains lots of information about the Parish Council, including agendas and minutes for the various meetings that take place during the year.

Amanda Broadhurst Parish Clerk – 01622 850089 16 Merivale Grove Walderslade Kent ME5 8HP harrietshampc@aol.com

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We will be visiting Hyde Hall at the end of the month, an RHS garden in Essex.

Angela Gatland



# Harrietsham History Society AGM

Monday 15th April 7.30pm Harrietsham Village Hall

Everyone says 'how quickly the time goes by' and how it appears to go by faster as you grow older. I must agree, as it seems impossible that it was 7yrs ago that we held our first meeting in St. John's Church to see whether there was sufficient interest in starting a History Society. At that first meeting 42 people joined and helped us start our society. Since then we have published three books and raised the funds to carry out the cleaning of the War Memorial providing new corrected stone memorial plaques and new brick paving to improve the access. This incorporates a Roll of Honour of those who served in the two World Wars. We have also been busy collecting historical material relating to the village in order to build an archive for everyone to access in the future. There is still a lot of work to be done before this is going to be ready and with the recent loss of one of our members leaving the village, we could really do with some help. Harrietsham has a vast history going back to the Saxon times and beyond, with many pre-historic finds having been made over recent years.

The society meets every month apart from August and endeavours to arrange for a variety of speakers covering lots of subjects. Membership is just £15.00 per year. Please come along to our meeting on the 15th April when our programme for the next 12 months will be available and there will be the opportunity to find out more about joining our group.

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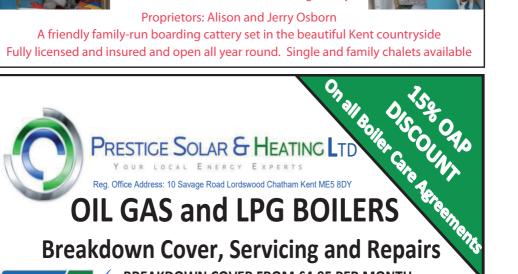


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#### Crafternoon

Roots on 01622 851885.

At Crafternoon on Thursday 18th April between 2-4pm in Harrietsham Village Hall, the project will be an Easter bonnet pincushion.

Anyone who would prefer to work on their own project at our meetings is always welcome to do so. Details of what to bring for group projects are emailed to members nearer the time of the meetings and can also be seen on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/harrietshamcraftandchat .

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please contact Hazel

#### **Harrietsham Parish Litter Pick**

This will take place on Saturday 6th April from 9am. The venue is the Village Green (opposite the Premier Shop).

The litter pick is supported by Maidstone Borough Council who provide bags, gloves, pickers and hi viz jackets.

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Wed 3	8.00pm	Harrietsham Wives Group, Booth Hall		
Friday 5	7.30pm	Whist Club, Harrietsham Village Hall		
Sat 6	9.00am	Parish Litter Pick, Village Green		
Sat 6	1 - 4 pm	(opposite Premier Foods) Craft & Chat, Harrietsham Village Hall		
Thurs 11 8-10pm		WI, Booth Hall		
Sat 13	12 - 2pm	Ploughman's Platter, St John the Baptist Church		
Sat 13	7.30pm	Quiz Night, Harrietsham Village Hall		
Mon 15	7.30pm	Harrietsham History Society and AGM, Harrietsham Village Hall		
Tues 16	7.30pm	Gardening Society, Ambrose Hall		
Wed 17	1.30 - 4:30pm	Countryways Quilters and Stitchers Osborne Room, Lenham Community Centre		
Thurs 18	8 2-4pm	Crafternoon, Harrietsham Village Hall		
Sat 20	8.30am	Church Decorations, St John the Baptist		
Wed 24	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, St John the Baptist		
Wed 24	8.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting, St. John's		
Fri 26	1.45pm	Harrietsham Film Club, Harrietsham Village Hall		

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- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service including informal Holy Communion 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Commun-

#### Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday with palm crosses for all

- 8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
- 6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

#### Monday 15th April

7.00pm Ulcombe: Talk, "Experiencing God through reflective prayer" (Neville Emslie) followed by compline

#### **Tuesday 16th April**

7.00pm Lenham: Talk, "Experiencing God by returning to our core mission" (Steve Coneys) followed by compline

#### Wednesday 17th April

- 11.00am Chippendayle Lodge
- 7.00pm Boughton Malherbe: Talk, "Experiencing God through healing" (Lor raine Apps-Huggins)

#### Thursday 18th April

7.00pm Harrietsham: Talk, "Experiencing God through loving others" (Millie Hart) followed by Maundy Thursday Service

#### Friday 19th April – Good Friday

- 10.30am Harrietsham: Messy Church
  - 1.00pm Harrietsham Green: Walk of Witness. Following a time of reflection and prayer we walk to the church.
  - 2.00pm Services in all four churches 'An hour at The Cross'

#### Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday

- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship
- 9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

#### Len Valley Benefice Service Times (cont'd)

#### Sunday 28th April

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

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service

9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

# Friends of St. John the Baptist's Church

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## Ploughman's Platterday

The first Ploughman's Lunch will hopefully take place on Saturday, 13th April 2019 at Harrietsham Church, subject to there being no internal works being carried out at the church. Come along and enjoy a cheese and pate ploughman's. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available. Watch out for posters around the village.

## 100 Club Lottery Draw

Result of the Twenty-seventh draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club Drawn on 9 February 2019 at the Soup Saturday lunch event under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator)

105 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £105

First prize £52.50 - number 55 - Andrew & Jackie Moore

Second prize £31.50 – number 57 – Marjorie Darby

Third prize £21.00 - number 26 - Stephen Morris

For further information and details of how to become a member of this growing Club - contact the Administrator, Chris Roots on 01622 851 885

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Booth Hall

# Harrietsham day by day

(T = term time only) SUNDAY	ii day by d	ay	
Tennis Club (May-Sept)	2.00pm	Booth Field	
MONDAY Pre School Group Yoga Classes Short Mat Bowls Brownie Guides History Society (3rd Mon)	8.30am - 3.30pm 9.30am - 11am 1.45pm - 4.30pm 5.45pm - 7.15pm 7.30pm	Primary School Ambrose Hall Ambrose Hall Booth Hall Village Hall	T T
TUESDAY Pre School Group Art Classes (Improvers) Beavers (age 6 - 8) Cub Scouts Tennis Club (May-Sept) Gardening Society (3rd Tues) Guides Lenham Youth Centre Bell Ringing Practice	8.30am - 3.30pm 2.00pm - 4.30pm 5.45pm - 7.15pm 6.30pm - 8pm 6.30pm 7.30pm 7.00pm - 8.45pm 7 - 9pm 7.30pm - 9pm	Primary School Booth Hall Scout HQ, Station Lenham Primary S Booth Field Ambrose Hall Booth Hall Swadelands Bell Tower	
WEDNESDAY Pre School Group Elevenses (2nd Wed) Mobile Library (fortnightly) Tai Chi class Ballet Academy Karate Club Wives Group (1st Wed) Parish Council (last Wed)	8.30am - 3.30pm 10.30am - noon 1.40pm - 2.10pm 2.00pm - 3.00pm 4.00 - 4.40pm 6pm - 7.30pm 8pm - 10pm 7.30pm	Primary School Booth Hall P.O.West Street Ambrose Hall Village Hall Ambrose Hall See magazine enti Booth Hall	T T Ty
THURSDAY Pre School Group Baby, Toddler & Parent Group Women's Institute (2nd Thurs) Tennis Club (May-Sept) Explorers (Scouts) Short Mat Bowls Choir Practice Lenham Youth Centre Pub Quiz		Primary School Ambrose Hall Booth Hall Booth Field Kingswood Scout I Ambrose Hall Parish Church Swadelands Roebuck	T T HQ T
FRIDAY Pre School Group Coffee Morning Scouts	8.30am - 3.30pm 10am - noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm	Primary School Booth Hall Scout HQ,Station I	T Road
SATURDAY			

10am - 11.30am

Rainbows

#### **Harrietsham Network**

#### **Local Directory**

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# Christian Message Calling all creative people!

As a scientist I have twice won industry awards for innovation. Sadly though, I am not massively creative. However, I do love to see the impact of those who are. Seeing God as creative is central to the Christian Easter Story and I long for our church buildings to be places where creativity is on show. The drama of Easter involves both the suffering of Jesus Christ, unreasonably accused, horribly tortured and killed (for us!) followed by his returning to life, so utterly unexpected by his followers despite all that he had told them.

The drama has inspired artists down the centuries. I have a picture by Salvador Dali in my office. It depicts Christ on the cross looking down on the sea of Galilee. (It's not an original).

So, if you are creative, please talk to me and others about how we can make our church buildings beautiful and vibrant creative spaces.

Now there's an elephant trap here which I want to avoid. It goes something like, "Oh Mrs Brown made that 72 years ago and we must keep it stretched across that door that we'd like to open because all the Brown clan might be offended if we ever move it." (Apologies to any Browns!)

Just to be clear I'm not so much looking for creative heirlooms or objects as evidence of the ongoing creative spirit that I know is in local artists, musicians, school children, poets, cooks and simple odd bods like me who know that creativiy sometimes breaks out but we're frankly far too shy to admit it. So here's an example of how bad my creativity is:

There was a man from Len Valley
Who was known to be excessively pally
But paint he could not
E'en when he gave it a shot
So help be creative – don't dally!

Now be honest – anybody could do better than that. So if you are creative please talk to me and others about how we can make our church buildings beautiful and vibrant creative spaces. In these conversations we might just catch God at work in our midst!

John P Huggins (01622 850280)

#### **Church Decoration for Easter**

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday 20th April 2019, from 8-30a.m. onwards. Any gifts of Flowers, greenery etc. should be brought to the Church as early as possible please. Any donations should be given to Rita Long. I hope to see all our Guild members there and any other person who would like to come along to help. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available

Happy Easter

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For all of you out there that missed our Open House last year and think maybe this year you are ready to come join us to see what we do, watch for details in next month's issue.

We meet in the Osborne room at the Lenham Community Centre on Tues. April 2nd and Wed. the 17th, from 1:30 to 4:30.

If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2019 Program please contact me, Pamela Gillard at 01233-879507 or e-mail moon-beamspinner@gmail.com.

## **Charing Farmer's Market**

The Market meets every Thursday 9:30 to 11:30, with our usual stalls of plants, produce, and preserves, (the three p's). And, of course, our butcher stall and baked goods stall for your weekly staples. And to keep it interesting we have alternating craft stalls filled with knitted things, textile crafts, paper crafts like cards and tags, and hand spun yarn for knitting your own scarves and pom-pom hats with patterns and needles included. There are even knitting bags and baskets to keep it all in when you are on the go or sitting with your feet up. Come check it out. I will be spinning on April 4th and 18th along with my handspun yarn and textiles.

We are all in the Church Barn. To find us, come park by the church in Market Square, then take the footpath along the left to the barn.

See you soon?

Pamela Gillard

# HARRIETSHAM IN BLOOM

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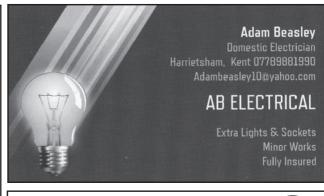
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#### **Hams Productions**

Thank you once again to everyone who came along to watch our pantomime of Dick Whittington, it was a massive success. We played to 579 people over the 3 performances and we have received great feedback from people who attended the show.

We are holding our AGM on the 7th of April, so if you would like to find out more about HAMS or to join our committee, please visit our facebook page (HAMS) or website (www.hamsproductions.org) for more information.

We are hoping to hold a workshop focusing on acting, singing and dancing in the summer. If you are an interested adult or a child (of Secondary school age or older) check out our website or facebook pages in the near future for more details.

David Penny - Chair

#### Harrietsham WI

Our meeting in February included a talk on "Old Maidstone Firms", by Andrew Clark. A very interesting talk about some very familiar old firms in our area. In April we will have a talk by Gerry Harris on "A Norwegian Journey". In May we will have our annual meeting and resolutions. We are hoping to arrange an outing in the summer to "Blooming Green".

Our committee have voted for 7 candidates for the NFWI National Executive Board of Trustees 2019-2021. These include Mary Clarke who is a very active local member and Annette Smith who again is a very committed member and visited us on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary Celebrations.

Chris Bone

#### **Whist Club**

Spring has arrived, the weather turned cooler but 26 people turned up for the March whist drive. Winners were Marian Mellish & Reg Fullager.

The next whist drive will be on Friday 5th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Michael Gear

# Heart of Kent Hospice Concert of Favourite Music

Saturday 27th April at Invicta Grammar School for Girls, Maidstone ME14 5DS

Doors open 5.30 pm for concert starting at 6.00 pm and finishing at 8.00 pm

Tickets £15.00 for adults £10.00 for children 20% discount for groups of 10 or more booked by 1st April

Enjoy an evening of Favourite Music at our annual concert featuring the Heart of Kent Orchestra conducted by Adrian Goss with pianists Simon Proctor and Oliver Poole.

The concert will feature favourites such as Star Wars, Ride of the Valkyries, Morning, In the Hall of the Mountain King, Rhapsody in Blue and Moonlight Sonata. In addition Simon will also be performing his new Piano Concerto based on the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

To book your tickets visit www.hokh.org, call fundraising on 01622 790195 or email fundraising@hokh.co.uk

#### Ploughmans, Pimms, Pickles and Plant Sale

# Thursday 16th May 12.00 noon – 15.00 at Faygate, Ashford Road, Lenham In aid of the JPK Sussex Project

The JPK Project aims to provide residential and daytime care for the learning disabled, along with meaningful training and activities. With your help the Project has raised more than £1.5m, purchased the ideal site, and built and opened the Community Centre part of the Project. We now need further large sums for the Residential accommodation.

Many thanks to all my friends who support me and the Project at this event.

Ticket/Donation at £10 each available from: Jackie Bevan (01622-859310)

N.B. Excellent bedding plants and home-made pickles and preserves will be available at reasonable prices. The same nursery as last year will be supplying the plants to my house.

Tickets are limited so please reserve them now to avoid disappointment.

## The Lenham Community Gym

Since December last year the Lenham Community Gym has been welcoming new members. We now have in excess of 30 and are well on our way to our first target figure of 40 members.

The Gym is a small friendly gym open every weekday morning from 7.00am to 8.30am and every weekday evening from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. The gym is manned during these hours by our team of volunteers and one Level Two Gym Instructor but in order for us to continue our success we really need more help. Please contact us if you can spare a couple of hours a week helping staff the gym desk.

Our latest advertising campaign has brought in more new members and our membership fees are very competitive. Most of our members find the location of the gym is an advantage. No travelling into Maidstone or Ashford.

We are committed to keeping this valuable resource open for the local community. We are also thinking about possibly extending the hours and opening on a Saturday but unless we get more help this cannot happen.

If you are interested in supporting us we would be happy to have a chat. Please call in to the gym or ring 01622 853750 during our opening hours. You can also find us on Facebook or email us — Lencgym@outlook.co.uk.

Please support us if you can.

#### Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club

At our last committee meeting it was agreed that we should have a First Aider at our games and De will shortly be going on a course to fulfil this role. The singles in-house competition is going to be played on Saturday 4th May, make sure you give your name to David before the 25th April so that the teams can be made up. Coming up next month Sunday Carvery at the Golf Club.

Steve.

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#### Harrietsham in Bloom

The spell of warm weather in February certainly brought an early display of colour from the bulb displays around the village and we are now (early March) in the process of planting out polyanthus to add to the colour. The plants this year have been provided by the Potted Garden plant nursery, so we look forward to a good display.

Our main fundraising event takes place this month – Quiz Night – on Saturday April 13th with a 7:30pm start. We are delighted that Peter Bowler has kindly agreed to be our Quiz Master again this year. The cost is £7 per person (tables of 8) and this year the food arrangements are different - we will provide soft drinks and nibbles but please bring your own food plus beer/wine to enjoy during the break. We hope to see you at this event which is always a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you for your continued support. Any enquiries please contact the Chairman on 859352.

#### **Andrew Rogers**

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# Heart of Kent Hospice Bluebell Walk 2019 Sunday 5th May

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You can begin your walk anytime between 8.30 am and 10am. Make sure you grab a hot drink and check out the breathtaking views from our picnic pit stop three quarters of the way round the route. Help us to create a beautiful Field of Memories on top of the North Downs by purchasing a pair of colourful wind spinners and attaching a message to your loved ones. Place one in the Field of Memories and take the other one home to place in your own garden.

At the end of the walk there will be hot food available and time to purchase a sweet treat from the ever popular cake stall at the village hall. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads.

Early Bird Entry prices of £10.00 per adult, £3.00 per child or £25.00 per family 2 dults and 2 children are available until 9.00 am on Monday 8th April.

Thereafter the prices will rise to £12.00 per adult, £4.00 per child or £30.00 per family.

For full details and to book your place please visit www.hokh.org or pick up an entry form from one of shops or Hospice reception or contact fundraising on 01622 790195.



# Lenham Family Festival 2019 Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June 2019 Family Day Saturday 8 June 2019

Our stalls organiser has been very busy signing up stalls for the Family Day on Saturday 8 June.

There will be no need to eat before you come because there will be lots of food on offer at the Festival with stalls selling delicious food outside of the Community Centre, and teas, coffees and scrumptious cakes provided by the WI inside the Community Centre. Lenham Social Club will also be providing the bar again this year.

Some of our stallholders return year after year but we also have some new stalls this year. One of these is The Upcycled Trading Company which has a shop in Lenham selling upcycled, recycled and handmade interior design items and gifts with a difference. Another stall new to us this year is Rustic Country Creations selling handcrafted wooden items.

Lenham Nursery School will be having a stall, the Guides will be running a hoopla stall and Liz from Whizzbang Face Painting will also be returning this year and will be doing hair braiding and temporary tattoos. Days Amusements will also be back with more fun for the children, and upholsterer Steve will also be there, so if you need some upholstery work done be sure to pay his stall a visit. Pathways Church will be running a fun photo booth and don't forget to visit the raffle stall to buy your raffle tickets for the chance to win some lovely prizes. As you can see, there will be lots to do and see in addition to enjoying the acts performing on the day but more stalls are always welcome so please contact Jill on 07856 204648 for more information if you are interested.

We'll soon be letting you know some of the musicians and other acts that will be performing on the day, but in the meantime, if you enjoyed HAMS Productions' performance of Dick Whittington in January, then make sure you don't miss seeing them perform at the Family Day.

Don't forget, if you are a local musician or band and would like to play at the festival, you can contact Dave at dandj@needhamd.plus.com.



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