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Welcome to the August 2024 edition of our Village Magazine, Network.

I would like to highlight the incredible work of our local volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making Harrietsham a better place from a wide range of groups and societies. From maintaining our beautiful flower beds to organising community events, their contributions are invaluable.

As we soak up the sunshine (fingers crossed) and enjoy the longer days, let's also take a moment to appreciate what we have on offer in Harrietsham. Our village offers perfect spots for picnics, walks, and outdoor adventures. If you have any favourite hidden gems or scenic routes, I would love to hear from you and share your recommendations with the community.

Thank you for your continued support of Network. Your contributions, feedback, and enthusiasm keep our magazine thriving.

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# Harrietsham Network

## Harrietsham Gardening Society



As mentioned in a previous edition of Network, a lunch was arranged for members at Stubbs restaurant in Kennington, Ashford. We opted for a fixed price lunch and both the food and service were excellent. A good time was had by all.

On Tuesday 18 June, the society held its Summer Show. Although the weather has not been great, there were still quite a few entries (see photos below).

Trophies were presented by our Chairman, David Oversby, to the following members:

- Deanna Dynes for Best Specimen Rose
- Angela Gatland for Best Exhibit in Show
- Judy Bacon for Most Points in Show.



On Thursday 1 August some members will be taking a trip to Brogdale Farm in Faversham for a walking tour of their National Fruit Collection. This will be followed by afternoon tea.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 20 August, will be our Annual Show. This will be for members only.

New members always welcome. Why not come along as a guest for just £2. If you would like to get involved in some of the social side of life please come along and see if we can offer some guidance and entertainment as well as meeting some of the village's more knowledgeable inhabitants.

**Pamela Flawn** – Secretary



## Harrietsham In Bloom



The planters are looking nice and colourful thanks to the volunteers who keep them tended.

We are grateful to everyone that has agreed to sponsor us again this year and to all those that contribute via the collection boxes or donations, we could not continue without your support. Our thanks also goes to an anonymous person who has also made a donation of £30.

Believe it or not despite the past rainfall we have had to pay a contractor to start watering the planters which is costly to do.

Compliments to private owners of planters that are putting on a good show.

The daffodils and tulips in the verges have now had a feed of Growmore to build them up for 2025 displays.

If you would like to become a volunteer we are grateful for any help. Enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chairman) on 01622 859352.

***Audrey Joy MBE***

## Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



Since the last edition of the Network, we have played a return match against Hamstreet and taken part in home and away games in the Hamstreet Triples League with good performances from our club members who represented our club.

The return game with Hamstreet turned out to be a tense match that we just managed to win by eight shots. Hamstreet arrived with a strong team that included some county players, but after several close ends we were eventual winners after a total sixty-three ends and time almost running out. It was a competitive game, and as the Hamstreet team included an umpire, it was played strictly to the rules, as was evident when a foot fault was called for the slightest infringement of that rule. This just highlights how important it is to check the position of your foot on the mat when you deliver the wood, as we often take it for granted that we are standing on the correct spot.

We have started off our entry into the Hamstreet Summer Triples League with good results, having played four matches and winning three. We are second in the Table, four shots behind the leaders, this is an extremely good start to our new venture into competitive bowls so well done to those who have represented our club so far. With several matches to play, let's hope we can keep up the momentum and help to promote HSMBC.

Stay well and keep on bowling,

**Phil G** - Chairman/Secretary

# Harrietsham Network

## Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club

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### 2024 Centenary Year - August Update



August is our Celebration Month - do come along and join us.

**Centenary Celebration Day - Saturday August 17 from 2-4pm.** This will be a **FREE** event with a **Bouncy Castle** plus fun & games for all the family. We have the use of the Village Hall so even if the weather misbehaves the special celebrations will continue!

If Wimbledon has inspired you to play some grass court tennis why not make use of our **Special Centenary Subscription rate for families** – only £5 for the whole season- do get in touch if you are interested.

Families are very welcome to come along and give grass court tennis a try anytime – just turn up, all equipment can be provided. Normal playing times for Members from 2pm on Sundays and with Club evenings on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5pm. Members can also play at any other time during the week.

For further details please ring Andrew on 079000 23399 or visit our website [harrietshamlawntennisclub.weebly.com](http://harrietshamlawntennisclub.weebly.com)

**Andrew Rogers** - Tennis Club Chairman

## Quiz Corner

Round 10

1. Lewis Hamilton was named after which other sportsman?
2. Who was the first British golfer to win 'The US Masters'?
3. In 'The Lion King' what type of animal is Timon?
4. What science deals with the motion of projectiles?
5. How did Van Gogh end his life?
6. What was comedy actor Oliver Hardy's real first name?
7. Who is considered to be the Patron Saint of children?
8. What item of clothing was named after its Scottish inventor?
9. What is Princess Aurora's better known name?
10. How many 'diamonds' are found on a standard pack of cards?

Answers on page 16

## Parish Council News

### Harrietsham's Parish Warden

Further to the article placed in the June edition of Network, I can now confirm the contact details for our Parish Warden. Martin Sherwood's new details are as follows:

Mobile telephone number: 07724 544409

Email address: [warden@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:warden@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Martin is part time and will usually be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you contact him outside of his usual working hours, he will respond during his next scheduled day in the village.

### 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 Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has 2 Parish Councillor vacancies. If you would be interested in being co-opted into the role, or would like further information on what is involved, do please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Amanda Broadhurst** - Parish Clerk

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In August and September we will be taking 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 will be doing slow stitching with assorted scraps of fabrics blended with pretty embroidery accents and embellishments of lace and beads or little treasures. All hand stitched. Using some of those embroidery stitches we practiced last month.

We meet this month on 6 and 20 August and 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 [moonbeams spinner@gmail.com](mailto:moonbeams spinner@gmail.com)

***Pamela Gillard***

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## Borough Council Corner

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The situation has improved for many, however, at the time of writing there are still areas and individuals that are experiencing missed and delayed collections. We hope that this has been resolved by the time of reading!!

We hope that the new administration will bring in changes to make reporting online easier for issues that concern residents. The phone number for MBC is 01622 602000

Many Harrietsham residents attended the Save our Heathlands public meeting which was a great success with Steve Heely giving a clear outline of where the situation currently lies. Those on the panel Helen Whately, Stuart Jeffrey, new leader of the council Shellina Prendergast, KCC Councillor and John Britt Chair of Lenham Parish Council gave their view, and the meeting was organised well to allow questions to them from the public. It was clear that those attending were upset with how the plan had been pushed through and also spoke of the very poor treatment that some of the landowners in Lenham Heath had received.

We continue to work alongside SOHL, Lenham and Harrietsham Parish Councils to fight this dreadful proposal in any way we can .

We were pleased to be invited to the recent Patient Participant Group PPG where some of the results were shared from the recent survey that took place at the Showcase day and the older peoples hub. More on this is included in the PPG article.

We continue to work alongside the Parish Council and our new Parish Warden Martin on a wide variety of issues.

If you need us, here's how to get in touch

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### Quiz Corner Answers

Round 10

1. Carl Lewis
2. Sandy Lyle
3. Meerkat
4. Ballistics
5. He shot himself
6. Norvell
7. Saint Nicholas
8. Mackintosh
9. Sleeping Beauty
10. 87



# Harrietsham Village Hall Trust

## Job Opportunities

Are you a dedicated and reliable individual with a knack for keeping spaces clean and well-maintained? The Village Hall Trust is looking to employ 2 new members of staff to join the team, working on a job share basis, to oversee the day to day running of Harrietsham Village Hall.

Whilst the role will primarily be to carry out regular cleaning and general maintenance, there will also be a requirement to oversee the day to day management of the hall. This will include meeting with contractors onsite, arranging various annual services within the premises and ordering supplies as required.

It is envisaged that the hall will have a member of staff in attendance across 6 days (Monday – Saturday), as part of a job share, with the workload being evenly distributed. Sunday will need to be covered as and when required. Each staff member will be employed for a minimum of 11 hours a week and the two successful candidates must be able to commit to covering each other's annual leave to ensure continued cover.

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If you think you have the skills required and wish to take on an important role within the community, then please do email the Parish Clerk:  
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## North Downs Walk A great day and a great result



The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent held its annual North Downs Walk on Sunday 9 June. We enjoyed ideal walking weather, the best turnout and one of the best results in recent years.

The event is a sponsored walk in support of Cancer Research UK and of the walkers' own choice of good causes. With a variety of routes from 1 mile (fully paved, therefore suitable for wheelchairs or baby buggies) to 9 miles including a climb up the North Downs, we attracted a full range of ages and abilities of walkers, including Guides, Air Cadets, keen hikers and some family teams. Almost 400 walkers had pre-registered and downloaded sponsor forms via the Weald Rotary website and many more entered on the day, making a donation to CRUK. There were over 450 walkers in total.

Early indications, based on the pledges on walkers' sponsorship forms are that the Walk will have raised about £24,500 once Gift Aid is included, of which about two-thirds will go to CRUK and the rest to causes nominated by the walkers.

Geoff Haffenden, president of the Weald Rotary Club, said, "This is a fantastic result and a real community effort involving the walkers, volunteers, local farmers and of course our sponsor. Well done everyone who made the walk happen."

Chas Bedford, chairman of the organising committee paid tribute to the small army of volunteers who acted as route marshals, greeted walkers at checkpoints, registered walkers and sponsor forms, and staffed the kitchen – producing 500 ploughman's lunches, strawberries and cream, and hot and cold drinks. "A lot of walkers have praised how friendly and professional our helpers were. I want to thank all of them. I also want to thank Family Funeral Service, our event sponsor, who have underwritten all our expenses, meaning that every penny raised in sponsorship has gone to the charities and not to overheads."

Rotary is committed to protecting the environment; all of the disposable lunchboxes, cups and cutlery were Vegware compostables, and were accepted by KCC for composting. Other waste was separated into categories for recycling, leaving almost no 'general waste' going to landfill.

Weald of Kent Rotary have been running the North Downs Walk since 1985, missing only 2020 due to lockdowns, and plan to continue running it as long as there are walkers. Next year will be both the 40th Walk and the 50th anniversary of the club. The provisional date is Sunday 8 June 2025.



# Harrietsham Network

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## Local Directory A-Ha

### **Art Classes (Drawing/Painting Improvers)**

Tutor - Amanda Thesiger      Kent Adult Education      amanda.thesiger@cls.education

### **Beaver Scouts**

Leader      Ann Seales      01622 859829

### **Bell Ringers**

Captain      Ken Leach      01622 851173

Captain      Graham Cuthbert      01795 886365

### **Bible Reading Fellowship**

Co-ordinator      Mrs J Bevan      01622 859310

### **Booth and Baldwin Charity**

Secretary      boothandbaldwin@hotmail.co.uk

### **Brownie Guides**

Brown Owl      Louise Ayres      07590 037693

### **Community Support**

PCSO      John Boyd      101

### **Conservative Association**

Faversham Office      01622 758053

### **Countryways Quilters**

And Stitchers      Pamela Gillard      01233 877453

### **Craft and Chat/Crafternoon/**

**Knit Crochet and Natter**      Hazel Roots      01622 851885

### **Cricket Club**

Chairman      Mr A Hubble      01622 859692

### **Cub Scouts**

Leader      Mrs A Seales      01622 859829

### **Explorer Scouts**

Leader      Mark Horlock      07789 226516

### **Friends of St. John the Baptist Church**

Chairperson      Audrey Joy      01622 850806

### **Gardening Society**

Chairman      Mr David Oversby      01622 859674

### **Girl Guides**

Leader      Andrea French      07901 667018

### **Golf – Bill's Round for Charity**

Secretary      Mr T Grimes      01622 850632

### **Harrietsham Academy of Ballet**

Organiser      Deborah Nankivell      07775 716714

### **Harrietsham History Society**

Chairman      Mr M Avis      chairmanhhs@gmail.com

### **Harrietsham in Bloom**

Chairman      Mr A Rogers      01622 859352

**Harrietsham Preschool**      Mrs Florence Sealy      07458 915213

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# Local Directory Ha-Z

## Harrietsham Social Club

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## Harrietsham Ladies Group

(formerly Wives Group) Gill Whent 01622 859426

## Health Walks

Organiser Ms M Darby 01622 850657

## Helpers

Chairman Mr T Sams 01622 859412

## Karate Club

Organiser Mr Lewin Tuckwell 07812 089304

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### “Your Local Pages”

Village correspondent Charlotte Lingard miss\_lingard@hotmail.com

## Lenham and Harrietsham Youth Hub

Contact Katie at KCC 01622 755044

## Liberal Democrat Assoc.

Mr David Naghi 07970 626829

## Parish Warden

Mr M Sherwood warden@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

## PTFA (Harrietsham School)

Chairman Vikki Beck harrietshamptfa@gmail.com

## Rainbows

Leader Kate Davies 07971254029/beaukate@btinternet.com

## Scouts

Group leader Mr E Seales 859829

## Short Mat Bowls

Chairman Phil Gooda 01622851217/p.gooda@btinternet.com

## Tai Chi Class

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## Tennis Club

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## The Lenham School

Head of School Mr Chris Foreman 858267

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## Village Hall

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*Matthew 13:31-32*

### Sunday 4 August

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

### Wednesday 7 August

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

### Sunday 11 August

- 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 18 August

- 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 25 August

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# Wicked Little Letters

Friday 9 August

Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

*Running time 1 hr 40 mins*

Our film for August is **Wicked Little Letters** (15, 2023) which is based on a true story from the 1920s. The seaside town of Littlehampton is hit by a plague of anonymous letters filled with such profanities that the town is in uproar. The conservative Edith (played by the one and only Olivia Colman) accuses Rose, her foul-mouthed neighbour, of being the culprit. But is Rose being wrongly accused? Led by policewoman Gladys, the town's womenfolk set out to discover the truth in the mayhem that has become a national fascination; as they investigate, they realise that something seems to be amiss. With the cast including Jessie Buckley, Eileen Atkins and Timothy Spall as well as Olivia Colman, watching **Wicked Little Letters** is a wonderful way to spend an August evening. Director: Thea Sharrock

Please be aware this film contains very strong language which will appear on screen, as we will show subtitles as usual.

Our September film, on Friday 13, **Green Book** is set in 1962 in the deep south of America and won a Best Film Oscar. A classical pianist teams up with a toughie from the Bronx. Save the date as this is unmissable!

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

**Admission:** members £4, non-members £5, under 16 £2, under 5 free.

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## Ploughman's Platterday

We are sorry but we have to cancel our Ploughman's for August as we do not have enough helpers available. Hopefully we will see you all again in September.

Also, we were very sorry to have to cancel the Dr Jazz evening in July due to low sale of tickets. Thank you to all those who bought tickets to support the event. Your ticket money will of course be refunded.

## 100 Club Lottery Results

The results of the Ninety First Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on Saturday 8 June 2024 by various diners at our Ploughman's Platterday under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots (Promoter) are:

First Prize £80.50 – number 38 – Hazel Roots  
Second Prize £48.30 – number 2 – Ray Tong  
Third Prize £32.20 – number 145 – Pamela Flawn

There were 161 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £161.  
The 100 Club Draw will take place in August as normal.

## Future Events

The Invicta Concert Band will be coming to play for us on Saturday 21 September, tickets will be available very soon, and our Bingo Night will be on 26 October. We hope many of you will be able to join us for these two popular events.

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](mailto:friendsofstjohn@outlook.com) or phone 851 885.

We hope you are enjoying the summer which was such a long time coming and have managed to relax and enjoy some sunshine! 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](mailto:vicar@lvb.org.uk)  
(Day off: Wednesday)

**Assisting priests:**

Revd. Millie Hart 07766 555415  
[millie.hart@uwclub.net](mailto:millie.hart@uwclub.net)

**Readers:**

Pamela Cuerden 01622 859442  
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**Benefice Office:**

Sarah Hills 01622 850604  
[churchOffice@lvb.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:maidstoneurcoffice@talktalk.net)

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[www.maidstonebaptist.net](http://www.maidstonebaptist.net)

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Sittingbourne  
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01795 422573  
Sunday Service 10.30am

### Church of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church

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### Pathways Church, Maidstone

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**Church leaders:** Ben and Kaat Doggett  
[info@pathwayschurch.org.uk](mailto:info@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.

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## Harrietsham History Society



We were planning to write about how things went with our stall at the Big Lunch event on the Glebe field which should have taken place on Saturday the 15 June but unfortunately this was cancelled due to the state of the field and the forecast of bad weather on the day. This was a real shame as we had lots of information relating to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-DAY landings to show everyone and lots of things organised to help the children understand the events of that memorable day, hopefully the event will be reorganised for a later date.

We do not have a meeting in August but hope you will make a note of our next one which is on Friday 20 September at 7.00pm in the village hall when our speaker, Bob Ogle will be giving a talk on "Doodlebugs & Rockets which were used in great numbers by Germany in World War 2.

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# August 2024 Diary

*Abbreviations:*

*HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre*

Thurs 1	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri 2	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
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	Lenham WI	LCC
Thurs 8	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri 9	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri 9	7.30pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
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
Fri 16	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon 19	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon 19	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon 19	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Tues 20	7pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs 22	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri 23	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat 24	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs 29	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri 30	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH

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We are at either:

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Maidstone Camera club meets on \*Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 10.00 p.m. from September round to May at the Civil Service Social Club, Recreation Close, Maidstone, ME14 5AZ and new members are always welcome. Please visit our website for more information and check out our Programme. \*Please note that we are on Zoom only on the third Tuesday of each month.

Maidstone Camera Club also has a very well-known and very active Natural History Group (affectionately known as the 'wildlife' group) which meets monthly on a Thursday evening. Membership of this group is open to all club members. For the first time this year there will be a separate display of wildlife images for the public to enjoy.



  
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## Lenham WI

In June a couple of us attended the WI Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall. The theme of the meeting was violence and abuse against women.

Nazir Afzal OBE, was Chief Crown Prosecutor for NW England and formerly Director in London. Most recently, he was Chief Executive of the country's Police & Crime Commissioners. During a 24 year career, he has prosecuted some of the most high profile cases in the country, advised on many others and led nationally on several legal topics including Violence against Women & Girls, child sexual abuse, and honour based violence. He had responsibility for more than 100,000 other prosecutions each year. His prosecutions of the so called Rochdale grooming gang, BBC presenter Stuart Hall and hundreds of others were groundbreaking and drove the work that has changed the landscape of child protection. He is the Chair of Hopwood Hall. He was appointed to the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). He is also National Adviser on Gender Based Violence to the Welsh Government. Most recently he joined the advisory board of Google's Innovation Fund for counter-extremism. He gave a really passionate talk about his work.

The vote was then taken for this year's resolution: Dental Health Matters. The chair of the Dentist Association, Eddie Crouch, spoke for the resolution. Eddie was elected as Chair of the board in September 2020. Before that, he served as Deputy Chair between 2014 and 2020. He was Secretary and Chair of Birmingham Local Dental Committee. He qualified in 1984 from Kings and now provides Orthodontic care for patients in South Birmingham in two locations, having previously been a Clinical Assistant in Orthodontics.

He said - Dental Health is not a luxury it is a necessity. Tooth decay is the number one reason why children are admitted to hospital and there is very little dentistry for the elderly in care homes. Urgent reform was requested in 2023 so the politicians are aware. A paediatric dentist from the floor also spoke for the resolution as did a lady who told of the members of the Armed Forces who are very often moved around before they have the chance to register for a dentist.

After lunch we heard from Mel B – Scary Spice - who was interviewed by Victoria Derbyshire. This was another impassioned talk from Mel B who had suffered physical and mental abuse for 10 years with her previous husband. She is now getting her life back on track but said that the memories will always be with her. She finally realised that she was being abused and needed to do something about it when someone said to her that they believed in her.

The final speakers were Timothy Watson who played Rob Titchener in the Archers and Teresa Parker, Head of Media, for Women's Aid who worked closely with the BBC on this programme. Rob was also an abuser and was portrayed by Timothy Watson over a number of years. This storyline on the Archers was very effective in bringing awareness of abuse and coercive control. Domestic abuse doesn't just affect relationships – it affects you in all areas of your life. £316m is lost to UK businesses each year because of domestic abuse. We need to dispel myths about domestic abuse and challenge sexism and misogyny. Take action and learn what to say to someone experiencing abuse. One of the most important things is to listen.

This event is one of the best that I have attended and it reinforced the power of the WI to improve the lives of women and children everywhere.

At our June meeting we heard from Louis, the son of one of our members, who recently visited the Gambia and met the Gambian Minister for Youth and Sport. The group they worked with have now been recognised as part of the International Scouting Association. They raised over £2000 and spent one year to organise this scouting project. They shipped tents and equipment to the Gambia by container and Louis, his mum and a scout leader travelled in February this year to set up a free scout camp.

On the journey Louis was allowed on to the flight deck of the aeroplane which was quite an experience. After spending 5 days on the coast they then travelled inland. The project was set up in a local Primary School. Children go to school for only half a day as there is no running water for them and the temperature was over 40 degrees. They put up the tents and then met with the school staff to learn about the problems the children face. They spent about £400 repairing a pump for a well, the water storage container and installing a solar panel. Louis paid for the panel out of his own savings. There was no electricity and they cooked their meals on an open fire which is quite a challenge in that heat.



The focus of the camp was “Unity” and children from other tribes and regions were invited to join in the cultural evenings. Louis taught the children to play cricket, his favourite sport and he was presented with a Cobra Weave woggle and a Gambian Scout uniform which was made to measure for him while he was there. Then, finally, after an evening of African dancing round the camp fire they got ready to leave for home. The two week stay was quite an experience and they learned a great deal about living without running water and no power. The Gambians work hard to produce things to sell in order to survive. There are no rubbish collections which we here in England take for granted and animals wander everywhere. He is hoping to organise a return visit for the Gambian Scouts to visit England in the future.

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 [rrgodden@btinternet.com](mailto:rrgodden@btinternet.com)

**Chris Godden**

## Simple Well-being - Mindfulness part 3

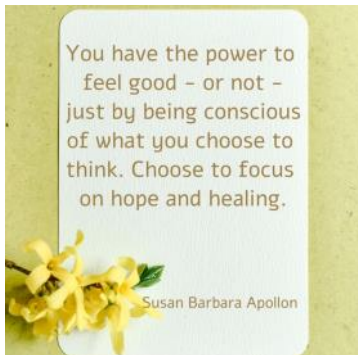
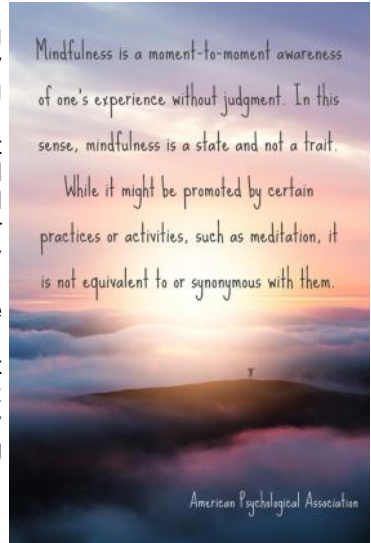
We continue to discuss Mindfulness. Practising mindfulness might seem an overwhelmingly difficult task. It is often associated with long meditation sessions sitting in a specific pose, breathing in a specific way... You may feel, "I don't have neither the time nor environment for it", and you may be right. But the thing is, you don't need either. It is great if you have time and space for meditation. It does help. I personally, every day set aside about half an hour for meditation. I plug my ears with the earbuds, and with some meditation music on loud, I create an environment. But my main mindfulness practice does not happen in that half an hour. It happens throughout the day when I take short pauses and quiet my thoughts or stop and notice what is happening around and within me.

So, if you can, meditate as regularly as you can.

But don't be discouraged if you cannot. Being mindful means being mindfully aware. It means noticing, without judging or labelling, your surroundings, noticing, whether it is cold or hot, without thinking about what that means for you, noticing people around you, without attaching any labels.

Make pauses throughout the day, when you are not thinking of anything. You can always find thirty seconds for that. Sure, your thoughts may tell you that you have no thirty seconds, but that won't be true. Just promise your thoughts that you will come back to them and take a break. Or if your thoughts are very persistent and do not give you any break, stop to notice them. "Hmm... I believe this thought is rolling in my head for a rather long time. I wonder does it lead anywhere?" or "Oh, this is something new. I sure may enjoy "pondering" it for... a few days?". This also will be a mindfulness practice that will raise your awareness.

Just remember, mindfulness can't be forced nor can you train yourself to be mindful. Forcing or training aims to the future, while you can be mindful only in this moment, here and now. You can practice techniques that can help you be mindful or aware, such as breathing exercises, body awareness or cold exposure, but it always will be about being present in this moment. The secret is, just surrender to this moment, notice what is here and now and enjoy it. And I promise you that amount of joy and happiness will grow in your life. Because the more mindful you'll become the more you'll notice that problems in your life begin to disappear.



We will talk more about that in the next article...

## 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, 8<sup>th</sup> of September at 6 PM, Lenham Community Centre, and will be followed by auditions.

More auditions will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 7 PM.

First rehearsal: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of September!

Auditions are open for ages –

Secondary school to 100+ young.

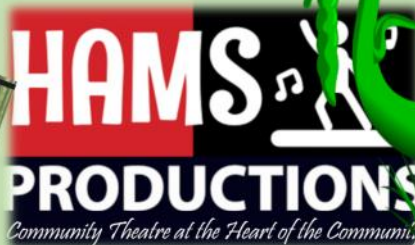
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## Christian Message

### Being present to others in a world of interruptions

As a father to 3 young children, I can testify to what people throughout history have discovered – that raising children is joyful, rewarding and a privilege. However, it also brings a whole new world of unpredictability! Having whatever I'm doing interrupted, by an amazingly broad range of requests, has become a standard part of life!

However, being interrupted is not unique to those who parent young children. Many of us are regularly interrupted by the next work demand, the ping of a phone notification or just by our own wondering attentions! There are ways that we can carefully cultivate interruption free times, but in most of life, interruption is par for the course.

It's in those moments that we sometimes see the worst of ourselves come out! How many of us have experienced a rush of impatience, frustration or even apathy when someone interrupts us with a need?

This is a universal challenge but in Jesus we see an amazing demonstration of being present and loving to others, even in the midst of interruption. Jesus had much to say and do, yet we still read numerous stories of him responding incredibly graciously to interruptions.

In Luke 8:40-48 Jesus has come to town (probably with a specific intention in mind) and a man named Jairus interrupts Him with a plea to come and heal his daughter. Jesus responds with compassion, changes course and goes with him. Then, a woman desperate for healing, interrupts the interruption! There is no hint of Jesus being frazzled, frustrated or annoyed, but the lady is healed and told to "Go in peace". Later, He also raises Jairus' daughter from the dead!

Jesus was present to the people around him. He truly saw them and responded to interruptions in love. What might be restricting your ability to love others? Jesus demonstrates and even helps us to become the kind of people who are really are present to others. People who respond with love, care and patience even in moments of interruption!

**Ben Doggett** - Pathways Church



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