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From the Editorial Team

Hi everyone,

A very happy 2020 to you all. The much anticipated 2019 Quiz of the Year compiled by Rod Martenstyn is on pages 29 and 30. Many thanks for this Rod.

We start the New Year with plenty of activity and draw your attention to the need to book your tickets as soon as possible for the Barn Dance on 22 February (see page 9) and the Panto on 7 and 8 February (see pages 32 and 33) to avoid disappointment.

Network Magazine is urgently looking for a new advertising manager....could you help? Please see the article on page 8 or give Peter Brown a ring on 01622 851075 to find out more. We will greatly miss Kath Rushton who has been fulfilling this role for some time. We thank her for all her hard work on behalf of Network and wish her all the best for the future.

Do you have something to say or photos to share? Please contact the editor as detailed below.

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Would you be interested in helping us with the Village Magazine? At the end of January we will be losing our present Advertising Manager Kath Rushton, due to personal commitments she is unable to continue handling the advertising for us.

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Happy New Year to everyone. A lot has happened since my last report. The new lights have been installed in the Ambrose Hall and I'm sure you will all agree how different the hall looks. This is the start of our program to improve the hall for our users. During the course of the year we will be decorating and renewing the rest of the lights so hopefully you will see a real difference by December.

By January (Network's publication date) I hope you will all have been able to enjoy our free Christmas Film Show. Because of the licencing laws, we had to change our plans but we hope you will have enjoyed the films. Please watch out for news in the coming issues of the Network for more films.

The Barn Dance is on 22 February with professional callers John and Karen from Ashford. There will be a licenced bar and tea and coffee will be served from the kitchen. Tickets are available now but numbers are limited. Contact details for tickets are on the poster or check our Facebook page - look forward to seeing you!

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Harrietsham Gardening Society

Our last meeting in November was a joint one with the History Society and was attended by 30 members plus 5 from the History Society however, to be fair, many of the attendees are members of both societies. The speaker was Russell Bowes whose presentation was a talk with slides entitled the Devils Garden. The subject was about the significance and the myths relating to plants from biblical times right through the medieval and up to the relatively recent past. The apple tree seemed to have the most myths surrounding it. Unfortunately, there was a malfunction in the projection which rather spoiled the full enjoyment.

Our next meeting is the AGM on 21 January at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The speaker will be Terry Clare whose talk is entitled 'A life in the Year of a Beekeeper'. We hope all members will try to attend. We have at least one vacancy (Secretary) on the committee and would be pleased if anyone could put their name forward. We are always happy to have more volunteers come forward, so if you would like to do so, please let myself or any committee member know. The AGM gives members (including new members) the opportunity to have their say about what they think of the Society and to suggest any improvements which could be made.

We would like to welcome more new members particularly from the newer residents of the Village. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except for August when there is no meeting. We generally have a speaker and the subjects vary but are mainly garden orientated. There are trips out to visit gardens and we have two shows plus the Annual Village show. We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society which gives us access to their various facilities. Please come and join us. We like to think we are a friendly bunch.

David Oversby - Chairman

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club

Some members have been playing a number of friendly matches in open competitions with mixed results but considering the competition the club still held its own. Five members recently travelled to Potters Resort in Norfolk and took part in a bowls tournament. This time they were playing against some county bowlers from Somerset, Durham, West Midlands and all points south. There were no wins however Barbara French reached the singles quarter final but lost out by one shot to a bowler from Somerset. Locally it has been a different story with the club winning 2 games out of 3. There are 4 more local games to be played in the New Year. The club players are going from strength to strength and we are now a club to be reckoned with in competitions.

David French - Club Captain

Harrietsham Wives Group

We had a good attendance at our November meeting when Andrew Clarke came to talk to us about Maidstone Theatres. Many of us were unaware of quite what a cultural hub the town was in years gone by!

Our last meeting of the year is our Christmas meal at the Dog and Bear in Lenham. It is always a convivial occasion which gives us the opportunity of chatting to each other, something we don't always have time for at meetings.

We begin 2020 in our usual way with our AGM which we will be holding on the second Wednesday (8 January). At past meetings we have had discussions about changing the name of the group as the term 'Wives' is very prescriptive. However, as yet no-one has come up with anything better! We are happy to welcome any women to the group regardless of their age or marital status and we hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall. The contact details are in the magazine

Katherin Daking

WI

At our November meeting Sue Boswell gave a talk and demonstration on the part essential oils can play in our health and well-being. This included free samples and was very interesting.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our December Christmas meeting and an outing for a Christmas lunch.

Some dates for events and meetings in 2020 are as follows: -

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| January 9 | 'Special Branch Protection', with Mr Rod Leeming. |
| February 13 | 'How to Get an Honour', a talk by Mr. David Summers. |
| March 5 | The WI 101st Annual Council meeting will be held at the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells. The speakers will be representatives from the Army, Navy and Airforce, the journalist and film maker Robert Hardman, plus entertainment from 'Opera-lele', a fusion of opera and ukulele. So, this should be a good day out. |
| March 12 | Mr Nick Willoughby will give a talk on 'A Life of Fish and Ships'. |
| April 9 | 'Medical Detection Dogs', will be a talk given by Mrs Sharon Lynn. |
| May 14th | The meeting will include our annual resolutions. |

Our meetings are in the Booth Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month except August from 2.00-4.00pm and include tea and biscuits. We are a small but very friendly group and new members are always welcome.

Wishing all our members a very Happy New Year.

Chris Bone

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Craft and Chat

By the time you read this, we will have had our December meetings of Craft and Chat and Crafternoon offering the opportunity to make Christmas baubles or Bottlecap Christmas Tree Wall Hangings or continue with unfinished projects, and also our Christmas Get Together which, in 2019, due to an increase in numbers will have been held at Harrietsham Village Hall rather than at my home. This is always a joyous time when we meet to celebrate our crafting friendships for another year, bring along a crafting project, get served savoury and sweet Christmas fayre as well as red or white wine, Bucks' Fizz, soft drinks, coffee or tea and sing along to Christmas music when we are not chatting!

January's Craft and Chat meeting will be held on Saturday 4 between 1-4pm in Harrietsham Village Hall and we will be continuing the crazy patchwork pincushions that were started at a previous meeting. We will be doing surface embroidery on the seams and silk ribbon embroidery in the centre as well as adding any lace motifs or other embellishments we wish to add including beads. For this stage, you will need to bring some perle/pearl cottons in size 8 (alternatively, you can use stranded cottons), usual sewing kit – needles, scissors, pins, etc – please remember to include some chenille needles as we will need these for the silk ribbon embroidery. You will also need some stuffing, a couple of old CDs (if you don't have these, please let me know), a piece of plain white cotton fabric and a piece of felt (both the size of a CD) and some trim to go around the pincushion. If you wish to add lace motifs, beads or other embellishments, please bring these along, too. Craft and Chat will be providing the silk ribbon for the silk ribbon embroidery and members have already been asked what colour they require as I wanted to order it before Christmas.

Crafternoon

January's Crafternoon meeting will be held on Thursday 16 between 2-4pm in Harrietsham Village Hall. The project hasn't been decided upon yet but possibly we might be experimenting with zipper brooches (brooches made with zips). Details will be notified by email to members nearer the time and, if you are not on our mailing list but would like more information on either Craft and Chat or Crafternoon, please contact me on 01622 851885. Happy New Year to each and every one of you from all of us at Craft and Chat and Crafternoon!

Knit, Crochet and Natter

I am writing this before we have even had our first meeting on 28 November but there has been a lot of interest generated already and we have had several donations of yarn and needles as well as, most recently, some crochet Amigurumi kits complete with patterns and lovely pastel coloured cottons from Liza's Mum, Julie! All of the donations have been given for charity knitting and crocheting or, in

the case of the three large bags of yarn, also for those who wish to learn to knit or crochet. A December meeting was not planned to take place as the last Thursday of the month was too near Christmas.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 30 January between 2-4pm in Harrietsham Village Hall and all future meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month, same place, same time so please put the dates in your diaries if you are interested in joining us. Cost is £3 per person and includes tea, coffee and cake. All welcome! Any queries please contact 01622 851885

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham History Society

Happy New Year everyone!! Our first meeting in 2020 on Monday 20 January is a good opportunity for anyone interested in finding out more about our historical village as we will be continuing to sort through the boxes of papers and photos for the digital archive. It is really interesting but very time-consuming sorting through, reading and recording everything so any help with this would be greatly appreciated. Although we are making good progress there is still a lot of work to be done transferring the information onto the software before we can make the Harrietsham History available on our website. Non-members are always welcome to join us at this workshop evening so why not come along to help us.

Our Society meets on the third Monday of most months and endeavour to have interesting speakers at our meetings. We have two more of these before our AGM in April. The first on Monday 17 February with a talk entitled 'High Kicks and Frilly Knickers' and then on March 16 something completely different when our speaker's talk is 'Under Billowing Sails, The Romance of Tall Ships.' Information regarding our society and details of our programme for the rest of this year can be found on our website harrietshamhistorysociety.org.

Peter Brown

Harrietsham in Bloom

Our annual get together will be in January at The Taste of Bengal restaurant. Our volunteers and sponsors will be contacted with details.

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I was wondering if there is any way you could publish our story to raise its profile and assist our fundraising.



Kind Regards - James Harwood-Lucas

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- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 12th January

- 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
- 3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Wednesday 15th January

- 11.00 am Chippendayle Lodge: Holy Communion

Sunday 19th January

- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship
- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 26th January

- 8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Lenham: Big Breakfast Service
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Tennis Club (May-Sept) 2.30pm Booth Field

MONDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Yoga Classes	9.30am - 11am	Ambrose Hall	T
Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm - 4.30pm	Ambrose Hall	
Brownie Guides	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Booth Hall	T
Youth Hub	6.30pm - 8.00pm	Village Hall	
History Society (3 rd Mon)	7.30pm	Village Hall	

TUESDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Art Classes (Improvers)	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Booth Hall	T
Beavers (age 6-8)	5.45pm - 7.15pm	Scout HQ Station Road	
Cub Scouts	6.30pm - 8pm	Lenham Primary School	T
Tennis Club (May-Sept)	6.30pm	Booth Field	
Gardening Society (3 rd Tues)	7.30pm	Ambrose Hall	
Guides	7.00pm - 8.45pm	Booth Hall	T
Lenham Youth Centre	7 - 9pm	Swadelands	T
Bell Ringing Practice	7.30pm - 9pm	Bell Tower	

WEDNESDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Elevens (2 nd Wed)	10.30am - noon	Booth Hall	
Mobile Library (fortnightly)	1.40pm - 2.10pm	P.O. West Street	
Tai Chi Class	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Ambrose Hall	
Ballet Academy	4.00 - 4.40pm	Village Hall	T
Karate Club	6pm - 7.30pm	Ambrose Hall	
Wives Group (1 st Wed)	8pm - 10pm	See magazine entry	
Parish Council (last Wed)	7.30pm	Booth Hall	

THURSDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Baby, Toddler and Parent Group	9.30am - 11.30am	Ambrose Hall	T
Women's Institute (2 nd Thurs)	2.00pm	Booth Hall	
Crafternoon (3 rd Thurs)	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Village Hall	
Knit, Crochet and Natter (last)	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Village Hall	
Rainbows (alt weeks)	4.30pm - 5.30pm	Booth Hall	T
Tennis Club (May-Sept)	6.30pm	Booth Field	
Explorers (Scouts)	7.15pm - 9.30pm	Kingswood Scout HQ	
Short Mat Bowls	6.30pm - 10pm	Ambrose Hall	
Choir Practice	6.15pm	Parish Church	
Pub Quiz	8.30pm	Roebuck	

FRIDAY

Pre School Group	8.30am - 3.30pm	Primary School	T
Coffee Morning	10am - noon	Booth Hall	
Scouts	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Scout HQ Station Road	

SATURDAYCraft & Chat (1st Sat) 1.00pm - 4.00pm Village Hall

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News from Harrietsham C of E Primary School

The children returned to school in September along with a new Headteacher, 2 new teachers, 2 new LSA's and 36 new children! Some other staff had moved into different year groups so there was a lovely 'buzz' to the beginning of the school year.

Many different activities have taken place over the last few months including the annual Year 6 activity week at Swattenden (where all the children took part in a variety of outdoor activities with great enthusiasm), a Year 4 trip to Leeds Castle and Year 6 children visiting Canterbury for the Cathedral Schools Day. The children always receive many compliments on their behaviour and attitude on these away days which is very pleasing. Children from different age groups have taken part in the Kent Junior Schools Cross Country Championships and they were presented with their well earned certificates during Celebration Worship.

During the week of Harvest Festival Year 1 made pizzas and told the rest of the school about these during Harvest Worship. As usual the children had brought in lots of contributions and these were taken to Maidstone Day Centre. The children also held a sponsored 'Non Uniform Day' for Children in Need as well as raising money for their charity of the year, the Sunshine School in Kigoma, Tanzania.

Year 5 have been participating in a Playleaders Course which will enable them to be responsible for leading lunchtime games for the younger children. The children in Year 4 have had an Egyptian Day which they enjoyed immensely. All the classes have had a 'Fabulous Finish' afternoon when their parents were encouraged to come in and celebrate their children's learning

A Prayer for Schools Day was held in November when all the children, the staff and the parents were encouraged to use a Prayer Space which the school prayer group had set up. During their time of reflection in this space, the children read bible passages, enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere or spent time writing prayers which have been hung as leaves on a prayer tree in the corridor. Two children participated in the annual Remembrance Day service in Harrietsham Church and they laid a wreath.

After school clubs are run regularly each week and they include football, netball and gymnastics with outside people coming in to run drama and chess; musical tuition is also on offer. There is usually a waiting list for all of these clubs as they are very popular.

The PTFA work very hard to raise money for the children so that they can enjoy a range of activities. This term's efforts have concentrated on their very successful Christmas Fayre.

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January Diary

Wed 1 Jan 12 noon Advertising deadline for February Network

Fri 3 Jan 12 noon Copy deadline for February Network

Sat 4	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Craft and Chat, Harrietsham Village Hall
Wed 8	8.00pm	Harrietsham Wives AGM, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thu 9	2.00pm	WI, Harrietsham Village Hal
Sat 11	12noon -2.00pm	Soup Saturday, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thu 16	2.00 - 4.00pm	Crafternoon, Harrietsham Village Hall
Mon 11	7.30pm	Harrietsham History Society, Harrietsham Village Hall
Tue 21	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thu 30	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Knit, Crochet & Natter, Harrietsham Village Hall

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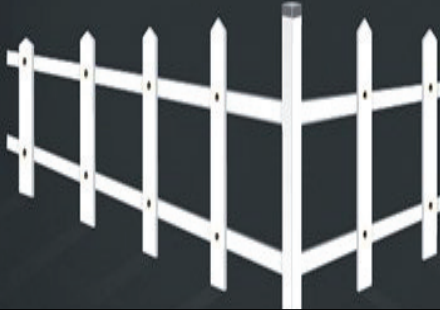
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The term ended with the Christingle Service in the church. Although this is a lovely occasion it involves the staff in a lot of planning, making the Christingles, the walk to church, the service and possible fire fighting duties! So thanks are due to all of them.

Many of you will have noticed that the new build has started! The first stage is to construct a new car park at one side and some of the children were very excited to be able to visit the site. Unfortunately, these excavations were halted temporarily as archaeological remains were found – the school is now awaiting the results of surveys so that the building work can re-start.

Katherin Daking

2019 Quiz of the Year

1. Originally sung by the 1980s pop group Starship, British YouTuber Mark Hoyle (aka Ladbaby) was number one in the official UK charts on 1 Jan 2019 with which song?
2. Chinese probe Chang'e 4 became the first human-made object to do what in January?
3. Which film won the Academy Award Oscar for Best Picture in February?
4. Also in the Oscars, which British actress won the award for Best Actress for her portrayal of Queen Anne in the film *The Favourite*?
5. In March, Keith Flint passed away aged 49. Which British music group was he a founding member of?
6. Also in March, 21st Century Fox was acquired by which company?
7. Which horse won the Grand National in April?
8. Also in April, what was announced as the title of episode nine in the Star Wars saga?
9. The coronation of King Vajiralongkorn took place in May. Of which country is he king?

Harrietsham Network

10. British teenager Isabelle Holdaway made world news in May for what?
11. In June, which British primatologist and anthropologist was awarded the 2019 Luxembourg Prize for Outstanding Environmental Peace?
12. Which British music group headlined the last day of Glastonbury 2019 on 30 June?
13. In July, England won the Cricket World Cup for the first time by beating NZ. How many runs did each team score in the final “super over”?
14. Which country won the women’s Football World Cup in July?
15. In August, a “funeral” was held in memory of Okjokull glacier, which had completely melted after having once covered six square miles (15.5 km sq). In which country was this glacier once situated?
16. Also in August, which archipelago of islands approximately 100km west of Morocco were hit by wild fires, causing the loss of large areas of forests and the evacuation of thousands of villagers?
17. Which European country announced that it promised to plant 440 million trees over the next 20 years to combat climate change?
18. Which UK company went into administration in September, leaving hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers stranded abroad?
19. Which British athlete won gold in the women’s 200m at the World Championship in October?
20. Which world famous sacred rock was climbed for the final time by tourists in October?
21. In November, which European city and popular tourist destination declared a state of emergency after severe flooding of up to 1.8m high in certain areas?
22. Also in November, the deadliest earthquake of 2019 happened in which country, with a total of 51 killed and thousands injured?
23. Going into the UK General Election, who was Harrietsham’s local MP?
24. Which Christmas film showing in the cinema in December links Daenerys Targaryen with Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou?

(Answers on page 37)

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Soup Saturday

The next Soup Saturday will be held on Saturday 11 January 2020 from 12 noon to 2pm, at Harrietsham village hall (Booth Hall). Everyone is welcome to join us for a bowl of Helen's hearty homemade soup with crusty bread. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available.

100 Club Draw

Result of the Thirty-sixth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on 9 November 2019 by Chris Roots at the Soup Saturday lunch event under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator)

113 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £113

First prize £56.50 – number 40 – Christine Butler
Second prize £33.90 – number 92 – Kevin Harlock
Third prize £22.60 – number 58 – Audrey Joy

For further information and details of how to become a member of the 100 Club and raise money for the upkeep of our own church - contact the Administrator, Chris Roots on 01622 851885

The 100 Club has been going now for 3 years and over that time has raised over £3,100 for the Church and paid out the same amount in prizes.

Save the Date

On Saturday 21 March 2020 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm, the Invicta Concert Band will once again be playing for us in Harrietsham Church. Don't miss out on this wonderful concert – £10 per person including cheese and wine. Get your tickets early from any committee member and watch out for posters around the village.

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Hello from HAMS Productions

We are busy in our last rehearsals for Sleeping Beauty. We have a fantastic show for you this year and an amazing and very committed cast and team, so why not book your tickets and come and boo the baddies and cheer the heroes. There are plenty of highjinks in this year's panto with lots of "Oh yes it is" and "Oh no it isn't", so why not bring the kids for a great time? The story will be well known to many and this Pantomime is based on the original story. Written by a new writer to HAMS Productions this is a fantastically written pantomime and the cast are really looking forward to presenting you with the show.

Our charity this year is the Heart of Kent Hospice and we are very proud to be able to support this very worthwhile charity.

We have 3 performances the first at 7.30pm on Friday 7 February 2020 and 2 performances at 2.00pm and 7.30pm on 8 February 2020. Tickets are available by emailing tickets@hamsproductions.org, by texting or calling 07731 455677 or in person, from Lenham Community Centre on Wednesday and Sunday evenings 7.30 - 9.00pm (excluding Christmas Holidays).

For general enquiries about HAMS Productions please contact our chair David on the email chair@hamsproductions.org.

David Penny Chair - Hams Productions

Local Charities Supported at Bill's Safari Supper

Attendees at the most recent Bill's Safari Supper on 23 November agreed to split equally the sum raised for charity or local good causes between Harrietsham in Bloom and The Friends of St. John the Baptist's Church. If you are involved with a local charity or good cause which you would like considered for any future sums raised by our safari suppers, please get in touch with me (roger.bevan@btinternet.com or 07860 821306). Similarly, if you would like to know more about our very sociable twice a year suppers with a view to maybe taking part.

Our finale this time, after everyone had enjoyed starters, main courses and desserts in groups of six at various participants' houses, was hosted by Carole and David Verga. David squeezed an extra £1 out of each of us to play for a bottle of wine in a heads 'n tails game, won by Judy Bacon.

We know that with all the housing developments going on locally we have many new faces in the village. We are very lucky to have so many activities taking place throughout the year and hope that if you are a newcomer you are being attracted by some of these. If you are keen to meet new people and enjoy a friendly evening mixing with others, our safari suppers could be just the thing for you!

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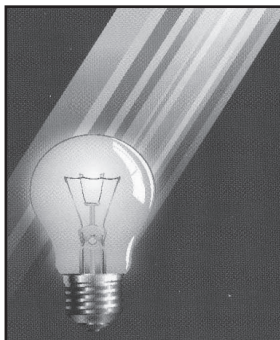
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There are a lot of exciting things to look forward to in 2020 for all our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides across Len Valley – the diaries are filling already! - from VE Day celebrations, to District gatherings, pantomimes and outdoor cooking. The district Guides are heading off to Wellies and Wristbands again this year – having had soooo much fun last year – we have to go back!!

Then there is yoga, football training, a visit to a unit in Headcorn to help their leader gain her leadership qualification, first aid, hiking, climbing and an around the world in 90 minutes meeting.

So, if you have a daughter who is at a loose end, or spending far too much time on her phone and her New Year's resolution is to get active or to try something new - then please give Guiding a try – it is definitely a case of the more the merrier! Happy New Year!!

Jo Homes

Len Valley Community Hub Club

Please remember there is **no meeting** in January. Our first meeting for 2020 is Thursday 6 February 2.00-4.00pm at the Social Club. Sixpenny Piece will be coming to play for us.

Young At Heart 60+

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We wish you all a Happy New Year

Nina Kent

Christian Message

Worth the Wait!

When you read this, the excitement of the Christmas holiday will be dying down, the decorations starting to look tired and the Christmas cards beginning to gather dust. As you look back on the last few days or so, I wonder what your favourite present will have been?

The presents that still mean a lot to me are the ones I've had to wait for. To celebrate being married 20 years, my husband and I bought our dining room chairs. The first ones had been purchased from the Church fete 19 years earlier, being the cast offs of our then choir master. They needed gluing but were perfectly serviceable. I can, as if it were yesterday however, remember the joy of going to a furniture shop and choosing our own brand-new chairs on our wedding anniversary.

After 25 years we were able to replace a small ramshackle flat-roofed bathroom and box room with a lovely bathroom and proper bedroom for our son. He had put up with a tiny space with only enough room for a cabin bed but he ended up with the nicest room in the house.

The theme of waiting and gifts runs through the whole Advent, Christmas and Epiphany story. Mary had to wait months from the Angel Gabriel's visit until her child was born. The shepherds, and later the wise men, anticipated great things as they travelled to meet the new-born King. Jesus received gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh when the wise men finally arrived.

Far more importantly, God sent his Son as the greatest gift of all for each and every one of us. It is one present for which we don't need to wait another moment, let alone for a special birthday or next Christmas. God's love is unconditional. He will wait in loving anticipation, and yet, if we ask Jesus into our lives and to forgive us our sins, he will be there in a flash, faster than the fastest Amazon courier or pizza delivery firm (just in case you are feeling fed up with turkey and cake – although I never tire of either!)

We can start our new year by praying right now and sit back in anticipation of an amazing journey, with the Lord by our side, throughout 2020 and beyond. If we turn to Him we are promised, not just a life-time guarantee, but eternal life itself. That's a part of this gift it has to be worth waiting for!

Pamela Cuerden

Lenham Film Club

at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way

Friday January 10 (evening)

Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm
and

Wednesday January 15 (matinee)

Performance begins 2.30 pm, doors open 2 pm

Fancy a breath of sea air in the nice warm Lenham Community Centre? Come along to either the evening or matinee performance of Fisherman's Friends (12A 2019), based on the true story of the now famous shanty-singers from Port Isaac in Cornwall. Amongst the cast are the original singers themselves and their story lends itself to a feel-good film full of warmth and humour. You'll go home with the sound of those shanties ringing in your ears.

For more information please check out our website (www.lenhamfilmclub.org) or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com. Keep an eye open for our posters (it's possible we might slip in an extra performance during the month), follow us on Facebook (@[LenhamFilmClub](https://www.facebook.com/LenhamFilmClub)), perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

Running time: 1hr 52mins. There's no need to book, just come along. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

2019 Quiz of the Year

Answers:

1. We built this city (on rock n roll); 2. To land on the far side of the moon; 3. Green Book; 4. Olivia Colman; 5. The Prodigy; 6. Disney; 7. Tiger Roll; 8. The Rise of Skywalker; 9. Thailand; 10. She became the first reported patient in the world to be given a genetically engineered virus to treat a drug-resistant infection; 11. Dame Jane Goodall; 12. The Cure; 13. 15; 14. USA; 15. Iceland; 16. Canary Islands; 17. Ireland; 18. Thomas Cook; 19. Dina Asher Smith; 20. Uluru (Ayers Rock); 21. Venice; 22. Albania; 23. Helen Whately; 24. Last Christmas.

Top Tips by Harrietsham Gardening Society

Gardening in January – of course you can! There's always a job you can find to do. A quick whip round the indoor plants, removing any dead or dying leaves and if they're too big for potting on, removing a few cms of compost from the top of the pot and replacing with fresh can give them a whole new lease of life. It's important to watch the watering of course, ideally not too much in the winter months but after all the heat and excitement of Christmas they can easily be forgotten too. If you're really stuck for a job and someone in the family needs a haircut you can always pretend you're doing a bit of topiary, most easy to fulfill your ambitions in that direction if they're asleep at the time of course!

If you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, a good wash of the inside and outside can be very beneficial and eliminate a lot of otherwise overwintering pests and diseases, as well as ensuring as much light transmission as possible takes place to avoid those new seedlings becoming soft and leggy as they struggle up to the light. A long-handled soft broom can be very useful with a bucketful of household detergent and/or disinfectant completing the kit. Do remember to put some rubber bands around your wrists when doing the underside of the roof as a cold solution of Jeyes fluid trickling down to your armpits isn't the most pleasant experience for you or anyone else. While you're at it soaking your garden canes, seed trays and plant pots in a solution of disinfectant is also a good idea. You will be really enjoying yourself by now and the dog will have run a mile!

January is, of course, also a good time to start the year as you mean to go on. Cleaning, sharpening and oiling all the garden tools; bags of compost or this and that in the shed or spare bedroom will make things a lot easier once the season starts. It's also a good idea to sort through all those half-empty packets of seeds which ideally should be thrown away. Unless they've been kept in an airtight container under constant cool temperatures such as in a fridge their viability will be very much diminished and even if they do germinate the seedlings may well struggle to survive.

In order to head off that SAD syndrome in January when it's a lovely bright day and you need a warm up this is the ideal month for doing some really hard pruning. Apples, in particular, but not plums, can benefit from some removal of overcrowding branches which should result in much larger fruit next summer/autumn. Do cut back to a main trunk or branch though otherwise the trees will end up looking like a lot of clothes hangers in a hall. Certain other shrubs and hedges can also benefit from a hard winter prune, best to make sure you know which though or you could cut off the flowering wood and end up with a load of foliage and nothing else next spring/summer. That's a good point to end on; why not join the Society this year and hear our expert speakers or join our visits?

We wish you all a happy and successful new gardening year.

This winter, we are pulling our fingers out again...

Just for you!



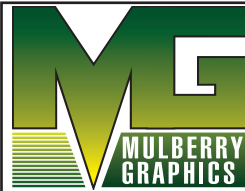
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