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Message From the Editor

Firstly, I have a message from our treasurer to remind you of Armistice Day on Saturday 11 November at 11am. It would be great to see as many people possible at the War Memorial by the church.

Thanks to Peter Seville, we have a new feature in this month's magazine. Check out page 17 for Round 1 of our new regular quiz! They stumped me so I hope you do better than me.

I hope you have all seen the gorgeous displays around the village thanks to Harrietsham in Bloom. There are some great pictures on page 8.

For anyone with a little one who is due to start school next year there is information about school tours on page 34.

My sincere thanks for all the content being sent in. It makes my job very easy.

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Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham In Bloom



Harrietsham in Bloom (HIB) comprises a group of volunteers who plant and maintain 27 raised planters and 3 flowerbeds in the village for the benefit of the people of Harrietsham and others. We have a committee of 8 people and a further band of around 10 regular volunteers. Fundraising is done mainly via sponsorship by local businesses and a very popular yearly quiz night which this year was attended by nearly 100 villagers, friends and relatives. Each January we hold a well attended social evening, so all in all the HIB scheme is a very community based project.

This year, to celebrate the coronation of our new King, as well as planting geraniums in all of our raised planters which have had good late summer displays due to the recent rains, we completed a coronation themed design in the two main flowerbeds on the village green. Firstly the beds were extended to make them both 7 feet square and then we made a basic computer design which was printed out. After doing some research into suitable plants we overlaid a grid system onto our design printout, and worked out how many of each plant would be required to construct the overall design. The specialized carpet bedding plants were then ordered, and supplied at the beginning of June by Kernock Park Plants in Cornwall, once the danger of frost had passed. The Geraniums in all our raised planters were supplied locally by Amethyst Nurseries in Lynsted.

When planting the two coronation flower beds we first made a string grid corresponding with that on our paper design, so that we could plant each square foot to replicate the design. Over 2,000 plug plants of 5 different varieties were planted and watered in by 4 HIB members and the string grid was then removed. A volunteer made an explanatory plaque for each flowerbed. One of our members regularly watered the beds from the nearby stream, and in periods of prolonged drought we arranged for a local farmer to water the raised beds and the coronation beds. Once established we used scissors to keep the lettering in shape. We entered the Community Project section of Maidstone In Bloom, run in collaboration with Coolings Nurseries, and were very pleased to win Second Place.

We had a lot of fun organizing this project and hope that it brought pleasure and a sense of belonging to everyone who saw it. Our thanks go to Barbara Leppard, Barbara and Barrie Incedon and Ray Bastone who designed, helped and planted the displays. Thanks also to Barbara Leppard and Ray Bastone who kept them tidy during the summer.

Why not join us and help out?

Any enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) on 01622 859352



Harrietsham History Society



I am sorry if you were unable to come to our meeting in September when our speaker Imogen Corrigan gave a talk on the very short but colourful life of Joan of Arc. I had always wondered how someone so young could have influenced the outcome of the Siege of Orleans and the Coronation of Charles VII of France during the 100 years war, my thanks to Imogen for providing the answers to these questions and also explaining how Joan subsequently was tried and found guilty of heresy and burnt at the stake on the 30 May 1431, aged about nineteen.

Our final meeting of this year is on Tuesday 14 November in the village hall, this is an afternoon meeting starting at 2pm. Our speaker is Steve Hookins, and his talk is on the 'Battle of Waterloo – what ABBA didn't tell you and how Napoleon lost the battle'. The battle of Waterloo took place on 18 June, 1815, and is known as the 2nd bloodiest battle of the Napoleonic Wars.

Advance notice, If you would like to find out more about the history of the village or joining our society, why not come along to our meeting on the 11 January next year when I will be giving a talk on the village.

Peter Brown

Harrietsham Ladies Group

At our October meeting we enjoyed an amusing 'Selection of Monologues' from Sue Spiel, acted and narrated brilliantly especially the finale 'The Battery Hen'.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 1 November we will welcome Sue Flipping to speak about her travels. If anyone would like to come along as a visitor, the fee would be just £2.00. The meeting begins at 7.30pm in the Scout Hut, Station Road.

Gill Whent - Secretary
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Coffee Morning

At the Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall on the 29 September, organised by Jenny Dabbs, £160.00 was raised in support of MacMillan Nurses. Thanks to the Ladies who worked hard on the day and to those who supported the event.

Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham Gardening Society



Autumn Show

This year we had our show two weeks later so we had such a different selection of entries especially among the floral displays. What a selection of vegetables from tiny tomatoes to giant squash.

There were two competitions, the largest onion grown in a pot and the heaviest potato grown in the ground or a pot. The floral displays showed a lovely selection of Dahlias and Fuchsias in such wonderful colours.

Gold Awards went to.....

- Christine Bone for best vegetable entry3 perfect matching potatoes.
- Kevin Harlock for most entries
- Angela Gatland for the biggest onion grown in a pot

Well done to all who entered and look forward to next year. Next month will be our Christmas Social which will be held on 12 December from 1:45 - 4:30 pm..

Angela Gatland



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Since my family and I moved to Harrietsham in December 2021, I wanted to learn about the history of the village and play my part in preserving its rich heritage. For Christmas 2021 my wife bought me the three books (available for purchase hint hint) published by the Harrietsham History Society and paid for my first year of membership, since then I have tried to be an active member and have attended as many meetings and talks as possible. At the recent AGM I was elected as the new chairman and am looking forward to supporting the Society in its preservation effort of the village's history.

My appointment, however, means we must bid farewell to Peter Brown, the outgoing chairman. Peter formed the society in 2012, and we must take a moment to reflect on his unwavering dedication to the society since its inception. Peter's passion for local history and his exceptional leadership have played a vital role in the growth and success of the Society over the years. We extend our heartfelt thanks to him for his tireless contribution to maintaining the history and records of the village.

The society recognises the importance of fostering historical curiosity amongst all generations. To achieve this, the Society has initiated discussions with Harrietsham Primary School and The Lenham School to collaborate on various educational projects as well as donating a set of the published books to be kept in the school libraries.

By forming partnerships with each school, the Society aims to hold joint school and Society talks, organize historical walking tours of the village, and create engaging presentations for the students.

As we embark on this exciting new phase, the society expresses its gratitude to Peter Brown once more for his impact on the Society. With a renewed focus on community engagement and the nurturing of historical interest, we believe that the Society will continue to thrive and play an integral role in preserving Harrietsham's history for generations to come.

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Denise will be severely missed and a very hard act to follow. I, the committee and members of Friends wish to express our grateful thanks for all the work and support she has given especially as secretary.

Thank you, thank you, Denise.

Audrey Joy, MBE - Chair

Harrietsham Craft Groups



Over the last few months, the craft groups have been very busy. Craft and Chat have had several different craft sessions which have been well attended and which have included making projects such as silk flower hoops, macrame heart hangings, autumn themed projects such as leaf bowls and candles plus macrame leaves, cardmaking and most recently autumn or Christmas gnomes. At the time of writing our next project will probably be a Halloween themed beaded tealight holder featuring a witch, a haunted house, a pumpkin and a ghost set against a starry Halloween night sky.

Knit, Crochet and Craft have also been really busy working on several projects. Firstly, we did joint charity projects of making items as fundraisers for a local Hedgehog Rescue Centre and items for Premature Babies and Babies Born Sleeping at Pembury Hospital. The items for the babies born sleeping included tiny cribs using ice cream tubs as a base and some villagers kindly donated the empty tubs for these. Our most recent project was an Autumn Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) in which we hid lots of little treasures around the village such as worry worms and autumn related items – crocheted and knitted pumpkins, hedgehogs, leaves, mushrooms, etc. We thought the worry worms would be a good idea at this time of year when many children are starting or changing school/s or moving classes which can make them a bit apprehensive and, indeed, the worry worms proved to be very popular. The RAK went on for several weeks with lots of treasures being hidden on particular days culminating in a grande finale on Saturday 30 September when the greatest amount of items were hidden all over the village and lots of families were seen having fun hunting and chatting to each other. Everyone who found a RAK and posted a photo of what they found on Harrietshamites' Facebook page was entered into a prize draw to win a crocheted pumpkin pot full of sweets. The draw took place at Knit, Crochet and Craft on 2nd October. The winner was the son of Tiffany Crouch-Perry and I am told that the whole family were delighted and that the sweets would be shared and no doubt the pot would be refilled before Halloween! Now that the RAK is over we will be concentrating on adding to the village poppy displays that were created last year.

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Quiz Corner

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Round 1 - Some oddity questions!

1. What country has a regiment of bicycle-mounted soldiers?
2. What is unusual about the number 8549176320?
3. Where is the V.W. Beetle Reg. No.LMW 281F parked?
4. Since 1948 , which company has sold the most cars?
5. Where does the American flag fly 24/7 and is never taken down?
6. Who was the first character to speak in the Star Wars films?
7. Which timepiece has the most moving parts?
8. Cary Grant & Richard Burton BOTH rejected which famous film role?
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Answers can be found on page 19



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We are concerned about the lack of a station officer in Harrietsham and have written to South East Rail to ask what the future is for a village station. It has been brought to our attention that other local areas including Hollingbourne have no charge at their station car park, this has been looked into previously to no avail however we will raise it again with the relevant agencies

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How to Comment

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Borough Council Corner cont.

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Quiz Corner Answers

Round One - Oddities

1. Switzerland
2. Numbers are in alphabetical order
3. 'Abbey Road', album cover
4. Matchbox
5. On the Moon
6. C3PO
7. An egg timer!
8. James Bond
9. Yellow Balls
10. In the shade!

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11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 12 November

10.15am Boughton Malherbe: **Remembrance Service**

10.15am Harrietsham: **Remembrance Service**

10.15am Lenham: **Remembrance Service**

10.15am Ulcombe: **Remembrance Service**

Sunday 19 November

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

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The committee would like to thank our helpers who volunteered on the night to set up and serve food – Rita Manser, Paul Hicks, Mary Nourse, Bob Wood, Michael Gear and Linda who was a partner of one of the band members. They all did a sterling job and the concert could not have gone ahead without their help.

Also thanks must go to the generosity of our local businesses and villagers for donating fantastic raffle prizes – The Taste of Bengal restaurant, Percival's Rest Gastro Pub, Parkwood Trout Farm, Marks and Spencer/BP garage, Angela Benjamin, Irene Westbrook, Chris and Hazel Roots.

We would also wish band leader/music director Jim Harrison a long and happy retirement. This was his last concert and many of his followers turned up to wish him well for the future.

Ploughman's Platterday

We would like to welcome everyone to partake in our next Ploughman's lunch in the church on Saturday, 11 November 2023. Do come along and bring friends for a cheese/pate ploughman's. Only £5 + 50p for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Carol Singing in the Church

Once again the Salvation Army are coming to Harrietsham Church on the evening of 8 December to accompany carol singing in the church. Everyone is welcome and this is a free event to start off the festive season. Please look out in the December edition of Network for more details and posters round the village.

Local Churches

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For details of services see p.23

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Wednesday evenings in homes in Lenham and Harrietsham.

Church leaders: Ben and Kaat Doggett

info@pathwayschurch.org.uk

www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

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

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November 2023 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Wed	1	7.30 pm	Harrietsham Ladies Group	Scout Hut
Thurs	2	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	3	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	6	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	6	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	6	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Wed	8	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	9	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Thurs	9	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	10	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	10	7.30pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon	13	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	13	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Tues	14	2pm	Harrietsham History Society	HVH
Thurs	16	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	17	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	20	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	20	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	20	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	23	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	24	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	25	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Mon	27	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	27	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	30	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH

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In September, Mim, our speaker from Porchlight asked us what we would put into a black plastic bag if we were about to be evicted. It was food for thought. Across Kent, in 2022 Porchlight took over 27,000 calls, they housed over 560 people and supported over 8500 people. They work closely with other organisations through their Porchlight Open Door strategy to give people a fully supported service to get them back to living a normal life with opportunities for work etc. Lenham WI have a close relationship with this charity and will be collecting gifts for Christmas again this year.

Over 30 years ago, Tom Gifford, newly discharged from prison, was homeless. In a London hostel he met probation officer Anton Wallich-Clifford, founder of the Simon Community for the homeless and quickly became his right-hand man. The homeless faced a bleak choice in those days; night shelters or huge, institutional lodging houses.

In 1970, Tom and his wife Brigid founded the National Cyrenians, a fresh interpretation of the Simon Community ideal. The Cyrenian aim was community living for homeless single people. The houses that Tom helped open were based on that principle, with residents and staff living and working closely together. Tom and Brigid campaigned nationwide for the Cyrenians. The office quickly outgrew the Gifford home, so the organisation was moved to Canterbury, where the Simon Community was based, in 1972 and Tom founded a local Cyrenians branch there by persuading the mayor to provide a "temporary" council-owned house. It still thrives.

In 1980, Brigid committed suicide and Tom's life fell apart. He sold their cottage and toured from Brighton to Aberdeen visiting all the projects for homeless people with which he had been involved - and not as a visiting dignitary, but as a client. At Oxford's Simon House, night workers told the manager of the stay of an "old boy who had claimed to have founded the Cyrenians". By the time they realised he was telling the truth, Tom was back on the road.

At the end of 1981, tour completed, he returned on Christmas Eve to the Whitstable Road house he had set up in Canterbury. He wanted, he told the startled workers, to be taken in as a resident. He stayed there for six years. It was not always a comfortable experience for the staff and it ended when he was asked to leave for breaking the "no drinking rule". He could hardly complain because it was a national rule on which he had insisted.

Tom collaborated with Jeremy Sandford, author of *Cathy Come Home* and *of Edna, The Inebriate Woman*; and he was the first Chair of what later became the National Homeless Alliance. His legacy to homeless people is considerable; he gave them new homes in which to live and new ways of living at home.

This month we are going to learn how to make an origami Christmas Tree! Our meeting is on Thursday 9 November at 7.30pm at Lenham Community Centre. If you would like to come along you will be very welcome.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 01622 858658 or email rrgodden@btinternet.com.

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Come learn more about our stitching group and spend some quiet time stitching. Learn new skills and share old ones.

We have our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month except December and would love to see you. In November we meet on the 7th and 21st. We meet usually in the Appleton 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 when it's ready please contact me, Pamela Gillard at 01233 877453 or email moonbeamspinner@gmail.com

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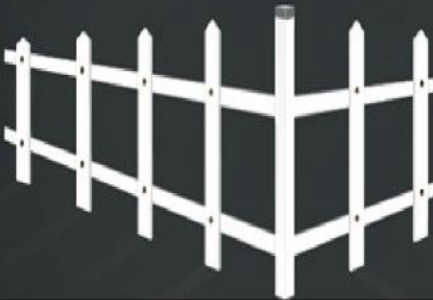
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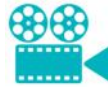
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Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Friday 10 November

Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

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We have a change to our previously announced schedule, which now sees Mrs Harris on her way to Paris a whole lot earlier than we at Lenham Film Club had planned. Come along and spend a happy evening with Mrs Harris and share her dream. Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG, 2022) is based on a book by Paul Gallico and follows the widowed Mrs Harris as she scrapes together every penny that she can muster from her cleaning job in Battersea, so that she can fulfil her great dream. And, you've guessed it: her dream is to go to Paris where she has set her heart on buying a very special Dior dress. And what happens there changes everything and not only for the determined Mrs Harris. Set in the 1950s, this charming comedy-drama which stars the wonderful Lesley Manville as Mrs Harris, is one to cheer the bleakest November day.

Director: Anthony Fabian

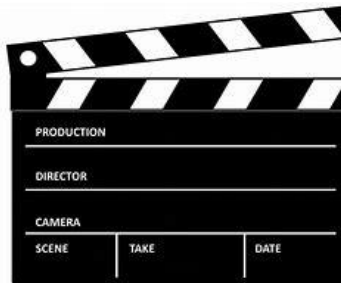
Come along and join us as we get into the Christmas spirit on Friday 8 December when we're showing romantic comedy The Family Stone, in which Everett takes his high-flying girlfriend Meredith home for Christmas. What better way to celebrate the holiday period! We'll be showing Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny on Friday 12 January.

Please get in touch for more information, to join our mailing list or to become a member. Admission: members £4, non-members £5 Annual membership: £6 (over 16's only).

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Christian Message

Showing Mercy

The story of 'The Good Samaritan' (Luke 10:25-37) is one of the best known of all of Jesus' parables. The impact of the parable can be seen in our vocabulary as you may hear someone described as 'a good Samaritan'. Or you may be familiar with the charity 'Samaritans' which provides such excellent support to those who need a listening ear.

In the parable, a man is on a journey when he is attacked, robbed and left for dead. Two different men walk past whom we would expect to help him but they do not. Instead, he is bandaged and cared for by a Samaritan. This would have been a great shock and very provocative to Jesus' listeners who had a long-standing dislike and distrust of those who came from Samaria.

At the beginning of the passage, Jesus affirms that we are to love our neighbour. This parable, then, stems from Jesus being asked about who we are to consider our neighbour. As Jesus concludes the parable, He then poses a question of his own:

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

*The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

So, in talking about loving our neighbour, Jesus challenges us not just with **who** we ought to love but also **how** we show that love. We are told to show mercy.

We live in a time in which, particularly on social media, it is quick and easy to pass judgement. All of us struggle with the temptation to criticise others and write them off when they fall short of our expectations.

The beauty of the Christian message is that God never wrote us off. Despite our failures and shortcomings, the Bible declares in Lamentations 3:22-23:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

What wonderful news that every day we can receive afresh the mercy of God! The exhortation of Jesus is that, as people who have received great mercy, we would express that to 'our neighbour'. Perhaps someone immediately springs to mind that you know you can show mercy to? Inspired by the mercy we can receive from God, let us be those who love our neighbour by showing mercy to those around us.

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