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Message From the Editor

Welcome to the November 2024 edition of the Harrietsham Network. This month, we bring you a wide range of updates, including local history, council news, and various community events as we approach the end of the year.

We would also like to remind readers that the Harrietsham Fish Scheme is actively seeking new committee members. This is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the community without a significant time commitment. If you're interested in helping to support the village, we encourage you to get in touch.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Peter Brown, our long-standing Chairman, for his years of dedicated service to the Harrietsham community. Peter's leadership and commitment have been invaluable in guiding local projects, supporting village initiatives, and ensuring the smooth running of many events. As he prepares to move away, we wish him all the best for the future and want to express our deepest gratitude for everything he has done. He will be greatly missed.

Thank you for your continued support of the Harrietsham Network. Your contributions and feedback are always appreciated. Please feel free to share your stories, photos, or ideas with us at editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org.

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Harrietsham In Bloom



Unfortunately, Summer is now a distant memory and preparations for the Spring displays have taken place. Our 26 planters and the 3 beds on the green have been emptied of the summer bedding and Spring bulbs have been put in each one. The bulbs taken out of the planters last May were dried, saved and have now been replanted in the verge edging the Glebe field opposite the church. We look forward to them all blooming again and heralding the start of a new season.

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on Friday 11 October. We are grateful for your support. All committee members have agreed to stand again for another year and will work with our dedicated team of volunteers to continue brightening up the village.

Our collections tins have been emptied yielding the sum of £143.43. We are grateful to the 4 businesses that agreed to display a collection tin for us. Breakdown of the total amount : Salon 62 - £6.75, Premier Convenience Store - £20.46, Post Office - £50.08 and the BP garage -£66.14. Many thanks to everyone who has donated via these tins your contributions are much appreciated.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping us please contact Andrew Rogers, Chairman on 01622 859352 or myself on 01622 853754.

Barbara Inledon - Secretary

Harrietsham Ladies Group

At our October meeting we had a very interesting talk by Sue Duckworth titled 'The Darling Buds of May'. We had a short history of H E Bates (the author) when he came to live in Kent and lovely pictures of all the Kentish buildings in the villages which were used in the original TV program. We were reminded of those who played the main characters and Sue interspersed this with short quotes from the books. Most of us had watched the series in the early 90's so it was a nostalgic evening again.

We don't have a speaker in November so it will just be a social catch up with refreshments.

Elizabeth Welchman - Chairman—01622 850735

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A coffee morning was held in Harrietsham Village Hall on Friday 27 September 2024 to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer charity. A total of £188.60 was raised by donations and a raffle was also held. A big **thank you** goes out to all those who attended and donated so generously.

Thanks must go to the family of the late Anne Irwin who donated the raffle prizes. Thankyou Tracy, Vanessa and Jacqui.

Harrietsham Parish Council

Open Spaces Maintenance Contracts

The above contracts are due for renewal from April 2025, so we are seeking suitably qualified contractors who might be interested in tendering for the work. Contract specifications are available now, and anybody who wishes to obtain a copy should contact the Amenity Manager, Mike Cuerden, by email at amenitymanager@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk, or write to Deans Hill Lodge, Deans Hill, Harrietsham, Maidstone, Kent ME17 1NS, giving your name, company name, address and email.

Copies of the specifications, together with instructions for completing the tender process, will then be available for posting or emailing until 1 December 2024.

Your 'Friends' Need YOU!!!

Hi Everybody!

We do indeed! We need more active members on our Management Committee of The Friends of St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham. I am writing this plea as I gave my notice at the last AGM in March, that I would be standing down as Chair with effect from the next AGM (March 2025). At the moment we are a small group of 7, two of the group are Treasurer and Secretary - and myself plus 4 committee members. I have been Chair for the past 5 years and a committee member for a lot longer. I am fully committed and want the committee to carry on the good work that the Friends do.

Without more active members willing to join our Management Committee, we probably will be unable to continue our regular activities in the future and may have to cease raising money for the church, separately from the Diocese. Our efforts from 2017 to 2020 raised more than £79,000 to help with funding for the new internal toilet and kitchen, a new organ, repairs to the weathervane, provision of disabled access, internal decoration and the installation of glass entrance doors.

For your information, the Friends is a secular organisation concerned with raising money to help maintain and improve the Grade 1 Listed church for the benefit of ALL the people of Harrietsham, now and in the future. Whilst it is true that the Friends work with the church authorities, we are independent of them being a registered charity formed in 2001 and concerned with the building itself.

My hope is that I will be able to hand over to someone at the AGM next year. So please have a think and come and have a chat if you think this is something you could do, it really is so rewarding! Thank you.

Audrey Joy, MBE

Knit, Crochet and Craft

We are now working on additions to our village remembrance displays. Most of our displays have featured red poppies so we wanted to include the animals in our remembrance this year a bit more and so have been making purple poppies and other relevant display pieces. If anyone would like to help with making these (either knitted or crocheted) please get in touch. We will be erecting our usual poppy cascade on the tree on the village green along with the 'poppy field' about a week before Remembrance Sunday with the kind help of Harrietsham in Bloom volunteers. The poppy trellises will also be erected again at the church and a new display added inside the church.

At our meetings we have continued to teach both adults and children to crochet. No-one lately has asked to learn how to knit. The latest beginners' project was a small crochet bag which uses the tops of dessert cups that are recycled for bag handles. Several members, including one child made the bag except for the shell edging which we will be doing at our next evening meeting. At the afternoon meeting, the project was poppies and both Anne and Jacky were very proud to have made their first poppy.

Occasionally, at Knit, Crochet and Craft, we do other craft projects and a macrame angel that can be added to a Christmas tree is planned soon.

Do come and join us if you enjoy knitting, crochet or other crafts or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet. We meet on the first Monday of the month between 7-9pm and the third Monday of the month between 2-4pm both meetings in Harrietsham Village Hall. Everyone is invited to bring along whatever craft they would like to work on. Cakes, coffee and tea plus fruit juice for the children if wanted is always served. Children should be aged seven and up and accompanied by an adult. If you have questions, please contact 01622 851885

Hazel Roots

Quiz Corner

Round 13

1. What type of meat is used in the preparation of 'Osso Bucco'?
2. 'The Treaty of Paris', in 1856 ended which war?
3. Which fruit is used in the making of Slivovitz?
4. Post boxes are red in the UK, what colour are they in France?
5. In what field did Worzel Gummidge live?
6. Who wrote the music for West Side Story?
7. What is the only English anagram of the word 'sectional'?
8. Which country was previously called Mesopotamia?
9. What do Ichthyologists study?
10. What is Hansen's disease more commonly known as?

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11 November 1918, Harrietsham joined the nation in celebrating the end of World War I. News of the armistice spread quickly, and villagers gathered at St John the Baptist Church to ring the bells—a long-silenced symbol of hope and relief. While joy filled the village, there was also grief, as many families had lost loved ones in the conflict.

Many young men from Harrietsham joined the East Kent Regiment, known as "The Buffs." They were involved in significant battles throughout the war, including Mons, Ypres, the Somme, and Passchendaele. The Battle of Mons in 1914 was their first major action, marking the beginning of a long struggle against German forces. The retreat from Mons, and later engagements at Ypres, were characterised by fierce fighting and heavy losses.

The Battle of the Somme in 1916 was especially brutal for The Buffs. They faced relentless artillery bombardment and machine-gun fire as they advanced across no man's land. The Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 further tested the resilience of The Buffs, with its appalling conditions and muddy trenches becoming a symbol of the horror of trench warfare.

Following the armistice, Harrietsham held a thanksgiving service in St John the Baptist Church. The Women's Institute organised a gathering at the village hall, where residents shared what little they had to celebrate the peace. Although rationing was still in place, the spirit of unity was strong as villagers helped each other move towards a brighter future.

The fallen are forever remembered and the War Memorial in the remembrance garden at St John the Baptist Church stands as a lasting tribute to their sacrifice. The history society supported by the local community completed the War Memorial Project in 2018 and on Remembrance Sunday, 14 November 2018 Revd. Millie Hart blessed the Roll of Honour. The Roll of Honour stands as a testament to the lives lost, reminding us of the personal stories behind each name.

We are proud of our growing archive, which documents the lives of those from Harrietsham who fought and lived through the Great War. We will continue to research and add names to the village memorial, ensuring that every sacrifice is remembered. If members of the community have photos, diaries, or documents they would like to add to the archive, please email us at info@harrietshamhistorysociety.org.

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cllr.griffiths@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

He is also contactable on the following number via text: 07793240529

Slots will be given in half hour sessions from 10 am until about 4pm, to reduce the number of people in one area at a time.

There is only a limited number of spaces in each half hour session, so please accept our apologies if you do not get your exact time request.

Tea and coffee refreshments will also be on sale and any donations will be gratefully received.

This event is free entry (with no fee to visit Santa) and toddlers/primary school aged children will receive a chocolate selection box. If you would like to give Santa or Naughty Elf a present to give your child, then please make sure you let the organisers know on the day.

This event is run by the Parish Council and we would like to thank everyone involved who will help to make this event enjoyable and safe.

Parish Councillor Co-option

The Parish Council has co-opted two Parish Councillors in recent months, Cllrs Glenda Dean and Steve Donley. Cllr Dean had previously been a member of the Parish Council and has joined the Environmental and Finance Committees, as well as assisting with the Parish Council Facebook page. Cllr Donley has become a co-opted member on the Village Hall Trust, a role which is guaranteed to keep him busy!

Amanda Broadhurst - Parish Clerk

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Quiz Corner Answers

Round 13

1. Veal
2. The Crimean War
3. Damsion plums
4. Yellow
5. Ten Acre Field
6. Leonard Bernstein
7. Coastline
8. Iraq
9. Fish
10. Leprosy



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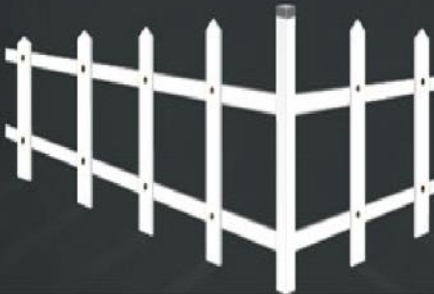
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We were really pleased to be able to take part in the Shaun the sheep trail in the town. We went searching a number of times with our grandchildren, the sculptures were amazing, each with an individual theme and beautifully decorated by many artists. The subsequent auction that took place raised over £265k for the Heart of Kent Hospice.

We have attended Patient Participant Group PPG meetings with representatives of the medical centre. These have been particularly helpful for all sides to see the pressures the surgery is under and for them to understand the views of the patients.

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

Lastly and importantly can we think of those residents who may have recently lost their jobs running up to Christmas.

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Countryways Quilters

Christmas is closing in, and as we do not meet in December we need to finish our Christmas projects. We have been working on our earth friendly, reusable Christmas wrappings with different decorations of raw edge applique, sashiko and reverse applique. Finishing on 5 November.

On 19 November we have our Christmas party. At that time we will be making decorative bow and spray pins to secure the wrappings. 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 2025 program please contact me, Pamela Gillard at 07914 809946 or e-mail moonbeamspinner@gmail.com

Harrietsham Network

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Matthew 13:31-32

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- 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 6 November

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

Sunday 10 November

- 10.15am** Boughton Malherbe: **Remembrance Service**
- 10.15am** Harrietsham: **Remembrance Service**
- 10.15am** Lenham: **Remembrance Service**
- 10.15am** Ulcombe: **Remembrance Service**

Sunday 17 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** Ulcombe: Holy Communion
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Ploughman's Platterday

At our Ploughman's Platterday in September, we asked our patrons to take a poll on Ploughman's versus Tinned Soup Saturday. I can tell you that the vote was in favour of Ploughman's by 17 votes to 9 votes for Soup. We will therefore carry on with Ploughman's through to December. Our Ploughman's Platterday this month will be on Saturday 9 November. Usual time – 12 noon to 2pm. It's just £5 for a delicious lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available. All profits go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church. The 100 Club lottery draw will also take place at 1pm. Look forward to seeing you.

100 Club Lottery Results

The results of the Ninety-Fourth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on Saturday 14 September 2024 by various diners at the Ploughmans Platter lunch under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots (Promoter) are:

First Prize £72.00 – number 53 – Andrew & Jackie Moore

Second Prize £43.20 – number 106 – Pamela Cuerden

Third Prize £28.80 – number 102 – Peter Underwood

There were 144 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £144.

Future Events

- We are trying to organise a singalong of Christmas songs and carols, provisional date - 6th December. Watch this space!!
- December Ploughman's on the 14th December – we have an additional item. Hazel Roots is setting up a Macrame 'workshop' for children to make an Angel. Just £2 per child, all materials supplied. Please come along, maybe have lunch while your little people make an Angel!
- I am pleased to report that we made a profit of £355 at our Invicta Band Concert. We hope that all those who came enjoyed the music. Thank you so much for supporting the event.

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

I am sorry to report that Audrey is standing down as our Chair at our AGM next year. She has been an excellent Chair, leading us always and setting an example. Please read her message in this month's Network. We desperately need someone to help us carry on the good work.

Local Churches

Parish Church of St John the Baptist

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

Assisting priests:

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

Readers:

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pamela@lvb.org.uk

Benefice Office:

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

United Reformed Church

Week Street, Maidstone

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

maidstoneurcoffice@talktalk.net

Baptist Church

Knightrider Street, Maidstone

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

Bearsted and Thurnham Methodist Church

Bearsted (next to Station)

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117 Crossways
Sittingbourne
ME10 4RN
01795 422573
Sunday Service 10.30am

Church of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church

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St Peter's Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass 10.30am
Weekday Mass generally
Monday and Tuesday 7pm and Friday
10am
Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Pathways Church, Maidstone

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

Church leaders: Ben and Kaat Doggett
info@pathwayschurch.org.uk
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For all church services please see information on page 21/22 or contact your own church for up to date information.

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Accessible Well-being - Knowing yourself

On my road to well-being, I discovered the importance of knowing myself. This was one of the starting points in my journey. Surprisingly, It isn't an easy task. Even though it may seem like an irrelevant endeavour, "Of course, I know myself! This is me, isn't it?", however knowing yourself is one of the hardest things we can achieve.

Man... knows only when he is satisfied and when he suffers, and only his sufferings and his satisfactions instruct him concerning himself, teach him what to seek and what to avoid. For the rest, man is a confused creature; he knows not whence he comes or whither he goes, he knows little of the world, and above all, he knows little of himself.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Why is it difficult? Because, from birth to our last breath, we are living under constant influence, and it is hard to see who we are under all the pressure and expectations that are applied to us. But it is vitally important to understand yourself. Why? Because we cannot love anything or anyone whom we don't know properly, even when that "anyone" is ourselves.

This was about "why?" to know yourself. Now let's talk about "how?"

Think about your life. Write down distinct periods, like Early childhood, Primary school, the Beginning of independence... etc. You can separate those main periods into smaller subdivisions if you want. Then recall as many significant moments from those periods as you can and write them down. It could be a single event or something that continued over longer periods (Best present ever or relationship with grandparents, or bullying). How to understand if the event was significant? If, after many years you still remember it well, it was significant.

Now, describe the event as well as you could. What exactly happened, who was involved, how did you feel about it then, and how do you feel about it now. When writing it down try to write non-stop. Do not stop to think, write as you think. This is a method known as "free-writing" and it produces an effect similar to brain-storm. It can also be helpful if you will set a time for this exercise, let's say three to five minutes, during which you'll be writing.

Next, analyse each event. Write down how the experience affected your life, how it contributed to the building of your character, who you are today and how it influenced your view of yourself, other people and the world. (Do it using free-writing).

It is, obviously, a very extensive work. It can take several months to analyse your life this way, but the result will be significant. You will learn a lot about yourself, will understand how your character was formed and will learn to see your positive and negative traits, which will help you in your life.

November 2024 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Fri	1	10.00am	Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	4	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	4	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	4	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Craft	HVH
Thurs	7	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	8	10.00am	Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	8	7.30pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Sat	9	12pm	Ploughman's Platterday	St John
Mon	11	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	11	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	13	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	14	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	14	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Fri	15	10.00am	Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	18	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	18	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	18	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Craft	HVH
Tues	19	7pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	21	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	22	10.00am	Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	23	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Mon	25	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	25	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	28	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	29	10.00am	Group Coffee Morning	HVH

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Anxious about having to stop working for a while?

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Directed by Greg Berlanti.

And where are we flying to in December? We're meeting Judy Garland of course. **Meet Me in St Louis** (U 1944) is our Christmas rendezvous with her on Friday 13 December, when Judy will be at her magnificent best. Aren't we lucky?

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Some Gave All, All Gave Some

When we gather at our village War Memorial this Remembrance Sunday, we will bow our heads for two minutes in respect and remember, as the 49 names of our local fallen from World War One and World War Two are read out. And rightly so. For they gave all.

But if we look down at the very bricks beneath our feet, we will see many more names. All of them have a connection to Harrietsham in that they were either born here, grew up here, lived here or married someone from the village. And they all served in one or both World Wars.

They were lucky enough to be the ones who came home, but many of them were wounded and damaged, in body, mind or spirit. All of them will have witnessed things they could never have imagined before their military service and many of them will have lost friends or family in the Wars.

We might particularly remember four young friends, two of them brothers who all joined up on the same day in the First World War and went off to fight. The two brothers were both sent to the same unit and one, Fredrick, had to bury his brother George when he was killed in action. During the War the two other friends also died, so Fredrick came home after the War, alone, to a Harrietsham which for him would have been full of memories of his mates and the things they had done together.

Other names on the bricks beneath our feet we know very little about in terms of their lives and experiences, and we can only guess what they might have gone through, but it is only right that while we remember our War dead we also respect and give thanks for those who gave some, whatever that some might have been.

Michael Bishop



Harrietsham Community Speedwatch



As we all know, the average speed cameras have gone.

Well, they were only supposed to be with us for a six-month trial period - but they definitely worked! Over 64 days earlier this year they caught over 800 vehicles speeding through the village - not including the days when the new 5G mast was being erected or the M20 was closed – and each would have been served an enforcement notice by Kent Police.

Shellina Prendergast, our KCC Member for our area, has proposed to KCC Highways that the average speed cameras be alternated between us and Brasted where they were before coming to us.

However, Kent Police are saying that these cameras do not follow the criteria for safety/speed cameras issued by the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership. This simply states that cameras should only be installed where “at least one person has been killed or seriously injured in a speed-related crash in the three years prior to installation”. It is over 16 years since we had a death on the Ashford Road!

However, I hope that you agree that Shellina’s proposal must be adopted so that we can have our cameras, if not all the time, at least some of the time. I am sure that we are all very concerned that without speed reduction measures the A20 Ashford Road will be subject to serious road traffic accidents, the human cost of which could be incalculable. I believe we would rather not have a speed-related death on the road before the return of the cameras.

However, the camera signs stay! But will they restrain the speeders? Many people are saying that the vehicles travelling on the Ashford Road have increased their average speed recently.

Speedwatch has started up again. Unfortunately, the almost continuous wet weather meant that no sessions were possible in September - we are only allowed to Speedwatch when it is dry for technical reasons.

**Remember that before the cameras were installed,
3 out of every 20 drivers were in excess of 40mph
on the Ashford Road outside the rush hour. ***

If you have the odd hour-or so to spare and would like to help reduce speeding and improve road safety in Harrietsham, do come and join Speedwatch. For more information, either visit www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch, email hawkeylodge@outlook.com or ring 01622 851885

*www.harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/harrietsham-parish-council-13454/traffic-surveys-feb-2021/

Lenham WI

Well we are all back after our Summer break and in September we made paper angels out of one old paperback book and a few odd bits and pieces. Rita, our President, showed us how to make them and we all had a fun time.



Our next event was a Watercolour Painting Workshop with Matthew Palmer, the TV Artist. You don't have to be good at drawing and painting as he shows you exactly how to do it from the blank white sheet of paper to producing a lovely watercolour painting.

We also went to the Annual Village Barn Dance which took place in the beautiful setting of the Tithe Barn with dancing to 'Whirling Skirmish' and instructions from their excellent caller. The dance was great fun for all ages with a magnificent raffle during a break in the dancing, with a huge selection of prizes donated by local businesses and we had a great time trying to keep to all the moves.

In October we had a really interesting talk from Helen Bonser-Wilton from Leeds Castle. Some of us had worked there in the past so we have seen places that the general public never see. I'm sure we could all tell some tales.....



This month we have "The Life and Times of a Stunt Woman" with Lucy Allen. Honestly there's never a dull moment in the WI.

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

Chris Godden

Christian Message

Autumn is a time of great changes, as the weather becomes colder and wetter towards winter. From our windows we can see the houses across the railway line; all summer they have been hidden by the trees, but now as the leaves fall, we can see them clearly. We wear different clothes for warmth and protection from wind and rain. The seasons change every year and we expect it, but the way that change happens is changing, Spring comes a couple of weeks earlier, summers are hotter, storms are more violent.

During November we have the sombreness of Remembrance Day, however, as the evenings draw in and the temperature falls, we also seem to need celebrations. These too can change over the years. Once upon a time All Saints Day, 1 November, was one of the biggest celebrations for the Church, but it has lost its importance now. More recently Guy Fawkes, 5 November, has been the great autumn event for many, but this now seems to be eclipsed by Halloween, 31 October. Halloween is the old name for the Eve of All Hallows, or All Saints. Whichever celebration you choose the Christian church throughout the world will remember All Saints Day and celebrate all the good people who have gone before us.

We live in a time when nothing seems constant, change is all around us, some of it good, some not so good, some we can effect, much of it is out of our control. I find it helpful to remember the one thing that remains constant, our loving creator God. When Moses gave the Law to the people of God it was summarised as "love God with all your being and love your neighbour as yourself". Jesus repeated this as essential for a full life. God wishes to have a relationship with each and every one of us, based on love. If we can live our lives based on love, we can make a big step towards achieving that relationship and finding a constant on which to ground ourselves.

Rev. Richard Birch

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