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Hi everyone,

We are pleased to bring you information on the events taking place in October, in particular, the Macmillan Coffee morning on 22 October (full details on page 13). We look forward to seeing you there.

This issue also contains reports and photographs of some of the events that have recently taken place.

Our front cover this month is a photograph taken by Michael Houghton. Thank you Michael. We look forward to seeing more photographic contributions from local residents. Just bear in mind that your beautiful bonfire night party photo will be saved for consideration for future November issues. It's a waiting game! All offers of cover photos should be in portrait and in .jpg file format. Please attach your files to an email. It would be lovely to see you all competing for the front page!

Have a good month.

The Editorial Team

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Parish Council News

Rural Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council will be arranging the hedge cutting service again this year, at the beginning of 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. Whilst the contractor will cut hedges for you, it is the resident's responsibility to clear the vegetation once the work has been completed.

Please note that you will still need to add your name to the list, even if you have used the service in the past.

The Reptiles of Teers Meadow

Teers Meadow is an area of wildlife friendly grassland behind the St John the Baptist Church in Marley Rd. It was bought by the Parish Council so that the area can be protected and enhanced for wildlife, for the whole village to enjoy. Visitors to the meadow may have noticed that some bits of roofing felt with numbers on them have appeared over the last couple of months. This is to help us understand a little more about the reptiles that we share Teers Meadow with.



Female Viviparous Lizard

In August, Mike Phillips of the Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group, led a group of local people around the meadow where they were able to see these amazing creatures at first hand. Slow-worms and viviparous or common lizards were found in large numbers at the meadow showing that it provides very good habitat for these legally protected animals.

Since the walk, a local resident has also found young grass snakes at the meadow as well. Mike Phillips stated, "It is wonderful to see these rather special animals thriving at Teers Meadow. They enjoy the grass and scrub that can be found here and are completely harmless to both walkers and their dogs."

The walk, organised by the Parish Council, is part of the Meadow in the Heart of Harrietsham project that is kindly supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project will be running lots more events for people to get involved with as well as repairing fencing, removing some of the scrub and reintroducing grazing to help make sure the meadow remains in good condition and doesn't become an overgrown, impassable scrubland. If you would like to keep up to date with all the events please contact the Parish Clerk, Amanda Broadhurst at harrietshampc@aol.com



Two Male Slow-worms

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in applying must be flexible to attend daytime meetings, as required. They also need to have lived in the Parish for one year before they can apply to be co-opted. If you would like to know more, or are interested in undertaking this role, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. If you wish to apply, please send a letter or email to the Clerk (details below) explaining why you would be interested in taking on the role.

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Photos - Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group

Craft and Chat and Crafternoon

At our October meetings of Craft and Chat and Crafternoon we will be going 'crazy' and having a go at some crazy quilting projects. So, come and join us on Saturday 5 October between 1-4pm and/or Thursday 17 October between 2-4pm in Harrietsham Village Hall. If crazy quilting doesn't appeal to you, please feel welcome to bring along your own projects to work on.

Members will be emailed nearer the time as to what to bring along if taking part in the crazy quilting. If you are not on our emailing list but wish to join in please contact me on 01622 851885 and I can advise as to what you will need. Look forward to seeing you for the four Cs – crafting, cake, coffee (or tea) and chat!

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham Gardening Society

Harrietsham Gardening Society had no meeting in August as members were busy with their final preparations for the Annual Show.

The Society holds regular monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the village hall. The committee would like to extend an invitation to all new residents to Harrietsham, whether your interest in gardening is extensive or small, to our evening meetings to see what we do and also to see if we can help you with your interests and give additional help and inspiration.

The cost of joining the Society is £12 per year or come for a trial evening for £1.

Mike Flawn – Treasurer

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club

The club is doing well in friendly match competitions against local bowls clubs. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our match against Hollingbourne in July due to a mis-understanding but it has now been re-arranged. The club had two wins recently one against the Phoenix Short Mat Bowls Club and the other against Boughton Monchelsea Short Mat Bowls Club. These two clubs are due to play return matches at Harrietsham soon. A few members have entered some Bowls Tournaments to be played in the coming months against a wide variety of clubs in Kent.

The club is always looking for additional new members. All are welcome.

David French - Club Captain

Harrietsham History Society

Over the summer months our Secretary Carole has been working really hard sorting our speakers for our meetings and has managed to book some very interesting talks for us right round to March 2021.....Well Done Carole!!.....and I have been finalising the details of a 7 day holiday to Northern Ireland jointly for our society and Harrietsham Gardening Society in June 2020. This holiday includes visits to the fantastic Titanic Experience in the famous Belfast Dockyards, the Giants Causeway on the beautiful County Antrim coast and the Bushmills Whiskey distillery. There will also be a visit to Mount Stewart House and Gardens and Strangford Lough. Mount Stewart gardens are reputed to be in the top ten gardens of the world and Strangford Lough is a unique and wonderful place of immense international importance for nature conservation. Details of our meetings have been added to the events page on our website harrietshamhistorysociety.org and information on the Ireland holiday can be obtained from me: telephone 01622 851075. The next meeting of the society is on Monday 21 October when our speaker Anna Astin will be giving her talk 'Those Magnificent Girls in their Flying Machines'. Visitors are also welcome to join us at our monthly meetings which are held on Monday evenings at Harrietsham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Peter Brown

Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club

The grass court season has now finished in Harrietsham but we have an invitation to join up with Charing Tennis Club for the winter season on their floodlit hard courts at a special winter rate. If you are interested we would be pleased for you to join us (usually we play at the weekend but as a member you can play at any other time to suit).

Our Annual Tournament took place on Sunday September 1 and congratulations go to Louise Baker and Andy Clark who were, respectively, the Ladies and Men's Champions for 2019.

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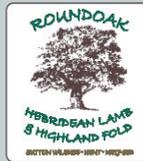
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We are holding our Annual General Meeting on October 21 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Booth Hall) and we welcome anyone to attend and support us. Refreshments will be provided by the HIB committee.

As always, we would welcome any volunteers to join our small team to help tend the planters. You do not have to be a gardener as help is always provided.

Any enquiries please contact Andrew Rogers (Chair) 859352

Audrey Joy MBE

Harrietsham Wives Group

We had our first meeting back after the summer and welcomed a good number of our members. This was a Members Evening and we had all been invited to bring in something which had special significance to either us personally or to our families. I think many of us empathised with the first item - a doll who was, I think it fair to say, not in the best of conditions! She had obviously been played with and much loved! We then heard from another member whose ancestor had been shipped to Australia as a convict. She had the special certificate which was given to all the survivors of this ordeal. Some of our members had brought in photographs of family who were particularly special to them. We also had a memento from a bombing raid in WW2, a story of an ancestor who was a Captain of one of the ships which crossed between England and France during WW1, a beautiful bracelet and lastly an extremely amusing poem written by the mother of one of our members about clearing drains on New Year's Day! A veritable mixed bag which went to making a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on 2 October when we will be having a speaker from the organisation Medical Detection Dogs. New members are always welcome.

Katherin Daking

Len Valley Guiding

By the time you read this our summer will be a distant memory, however at the time of writing this article we are still unpacking from “Wellies and Wristbands”. The sun shone all weekend, the New Forest was beautiful, and we certainly got the full festival experience!

We very much enjoyed the live bands, the pamper zone and hot tubs, huge inflatables, abseiling, kayaking, raft building, bush craft sessions, fairground rides and much, much, more!

What was even more lovely to observe was the fun, friendship and freedom the girls experienced. Their decision-making skills were sharpened as they could decide what they wanted to do and when, and it was great to see them making plans to avoid queues and make the most of the time available. It was a real privilege to encourage the girls to face their fears and witness their pride and sense of accomplishment when the activity they were convinced they couldn't do was done.

The Lenham and Harrietsham girls merged beautifully and new friendships were formed. We were truly a united group. The girls were well mannered and full of fun – their parents should be very proud of every one of them!

With the winter months approaching we need to pack away our camping equipment which has previously been stored in various locations. So, if anyone has a shed/garage/outbuilding with a dry and pest free space for a transit van full of equipment then could you please let Jo Homes know.

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Steve Brown - Chairman

Please clean up after your dogs!

As one who regularly walks around the West Street/Ashford Road/Chippendale Drive area two things are becoming increasingly evident. Firstly, there is a growing number of dog owners walking their pets, and, secondly, some are not bothering to clear up the naturally occurring droppings that result. This is not only unsightly and unpleasant but also poses an infection risk to children and disregards those volunteers who give up their time to pick up litter.

To those who do clear up thank you and to those who don't please spare some thought for everyone else.

Edward Egan

Tudor Period Costumes

I would like to send a big "Thank you" to all the people who have donated fabric to us for the Tudor Festival next year. I have beautiful brocades, velvets and silks. It's a feast for the eyes. Not just for costumes but for dressing the tents as well. But no more please. My house is overloaded now until our costume making group starts in a few weeks,

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9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship

11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning Worship

11.00 am Lenham: **Harvest** Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October

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

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service (with informal Holy Communion)

9.30 am Harrietsham: **Harvest** Holy Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: **Harvest** Service

11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship

6.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: **Harvest** Choral Evensong

Wednesday 16th October

11.00 am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 20th October

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service

9.30 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

11.00 am Ulcombe: Morning

11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

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

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30 am Lenham: Big Breakfast Service

11.00 am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

5.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: **Taize Service**

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Our hosted meetings in August were lots of fun, but with all the cakes, cookies, tea and chatter, I don't think we got much work done. September was back to business to work on our quilts and other projects so that we are ready for October, when we start our Christmas themed projects. That's three meetings that will carry over into November, before we finish up for the year. We are making a beaded bell tree ornament, and an unusual angel!

We will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 on Tuesday October 1 and Wednesday October 16. If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2019 programme please contact me, Pamela Gillard on 01233 879507 or e-mail moonbeamspinner@gmail.com

Charing Farmers Market

The Market meets every Thursday 9:00 am to 11:30 am, with our usual stalls of plants, produce and preserves, (the three p's). Also, our Butcher stall and Baked goods stall for your weekly staples. To keep it interesting we have alternating craft stalls filled with knitted things, textile crafts, paper crafts and hand spun yarn for knitting your own scarves and pom-pom hats with patterns and needles included. There are even knitting bags and baskets to keep it all in when you are on the go or sitting with your feet up.

Come check us out. There are always refreshments available.

I will be there spinning on October 3, 17 and 31 along with my handspun yarn.

We are all in the Church Barn.

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

See you soon?

Pamela Gillard

Harrietsham Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From 26 October to 10 November 2019 we will be holding the Poppy Appeal in Harrietsham. We shall have our Official Collectors calling to your homes to allow you the opportunity to donate to the appeal and to collect a Poppy. Collection points will also be within the retail shops.

Last year in Harrietsham the appeal raised £2400. Combined with contributions from the whole county this enabled £2 million to be forwarded to the National Appeal which totalled a massive £50 million.

The Royal British Legion, the Charity that administers the Funds of the Poppy Appeal, is there all year round to support our veterans. It nurtures and keeps that comradeship and support, not only for the veterans of past Wars like WW1 and WW2, but for all our service men and women. This includes Reservists, who fought in more recent conflicts, such as the Falklands, Gulf War and Afghanistan, and those still on active service and their spouses and dependants.

The role of Poppy appeal Organiser for Harrietsham was passed to me, Sammie Cast, this year, after Michael Bishop retired from the role which he filled for a number of years. To introduce myself, I'm the current Branch Chairman for the Invicta Branch of the Legion. This is an on-line branch which communicates with its members by Social Media. As a 44 year old civilian, Accountant, Slimming World Consultant and Am Dram Actor, I'm not the person most people would presume to be an RBL Member. The thing is you don't need to have served in our armed forces to be a member. Only our beneficiaries have to have served. Membership is open to all people, from all walks of life and we even have youth affiliations too. I live in the village at Dial House in East Street.

I do have a small team of helpers who have collected for the appeal door to door for a number of years and we are extremely grateful to them for their service and support. However, we would love to welcome anyone who would like to support by collecting, door to door or manning a stand outside one of the shops for a few hours.

If you are interested in taking on the role of a collector or in joining the Invicta Branch of the Legion, please contact me:

Sammie Cast, Dial House, East Street, Harrietsham ME17 1HJ

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Harrietsham Day by Day

(T = term time only)

SUNDAY

Tennis Club (May-Sept)	2.30pm	Booth Field
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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
Elevenes (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	
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	

SATURDAY

Craft & Chat (1 st Sat)	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Village Hall
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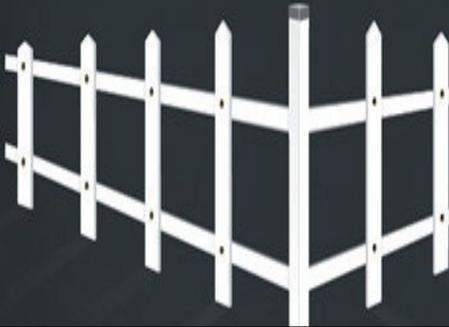
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October Diary

Tues 1 Oct 12 noon Advertising deadline for November Network

Fri 4 Oct 12 noon Copy deadline for November Network

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Fri 4	7.30pm	Whist Club, Harrietsham Village Hall
Sat 5	1.00pm - 4pm	Craft and Chat, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thu 10	2.00pm	WI, Harrietsham Village Hall
Sat 12	12noon - 2pm	Soup Saturday, St. John the Baptist Church
Tue 15	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thu 17	2.00pm - 4pm	Crafternoon, Harrietsham Village Hall
Fri 18	1.45pm	Harrietsham Film Club, Harrietsham Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Quiz Evening, Friends of St. John's, Harrietsham Village Hall
Mon 21	7.30pm	Harrietsham History Society, Harrietsham Village Hall
Mon 21	7.30pm	Harrietsham in Bloom AGM Harrietsham Village Hall
Tue 22	10.00am - 12noon	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Harrietsham Village Hall

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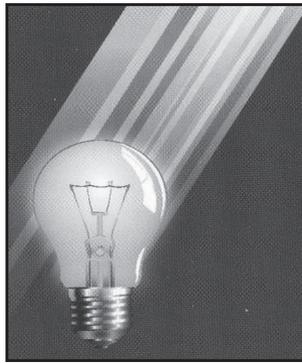
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Council Corner

We hope everyone can still recall memories of summer. We receive calls from residents about a whole host of differing problems. Some have no bearing at all on the Borough, but we still want to assist where we can on those small matters that cause concern. Recently whilst in West Street we witnessed the willow tree near the pub falling down. By the time it had completed its full drop, residents had been contacted to move cars, etc, etc. It was reported to KCC and was very soon removed.

In the Town Hall, there will be a discussion about additional housing for the Borough and we need to give great consideration on our community's ability to manage all the infrastructural challenges that arise. The A20, now improved to drive along, can only manage so much capacity. Driving certain areas in Maidstone bears witness to this daily problem.

Finally, can we say what a brilliant afternoon we had with 8 local residents at the Mayor's afternoon party at the Town Hall. We know that everyone enjoyed themselves, and it showed what we have in common: friendships, stories, and the ability to laugh and enjoy the company. We conveyed our thanks on behalf of all our group to the Mayor for the consideration.

Janetta and Tom Sams

Borough Councillors

www.ourclimatechangecommunity.co.uk

Following on from the community events in June we have started a website which we hope will promote local issues where we can affect small changes to start with to reduce our impact on our planet. Our group welcomes new volunteers to come on board and assist. Our goals are to reduce, reuse, recycle and perhaps most importantly re-educate ourselves about how we need to change our habits. What we do has an effect...an impact...on another. We hope to build people's confidence to challenge themselves, and others, to make that leap to do something to make a difference.

We hope to have a community event for November.

Any additional information can be found through the website

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100 Club Draw

Result of the Thirty-third draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on 10 August 2019 at the Ploughman's Platter lunch event under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator).

107 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £107

First prize £53.50 – number 64 – Jenny Dabbs

Second prize £32.10 – number 42 – Kim Frazer

Third prize £21.40 – number 55 – Andrew and Jackie Moore

For further information and details of how to become a member of the 100 Club - contact the Administrator, Chris Roots on 01622 851885

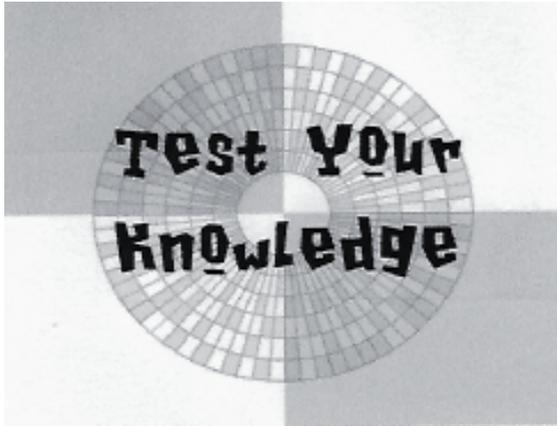
Soup Saturday

The days are getting shorter and colder, so why not come along to Harrietsham Church on Saturday 12 October between 12 noon and 2pm and enjoy a bowl of Helen's Hearty Homemade Soup with crusty bread. Tea, coffee and biscuits also provided.

Quiz

The Friends of St. John's are holding a quiz evening on Saturday 19 October in the village hall at 7.30pm. If you belong to one of the village clubs or organisations or have friends or family, why not make up a team.

See poster on page 31 for further details.



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Harrietsham Gardening Society's Annual Show 2019



Photos - Editor

Top Tips by *Harrietsham Gardening Society*

September and October, unlike Spring, are the real start of the gardening year, so make the most of this month to enjoy the rewards during next Spring and Summer. What could we be doing in October then? Well on the vegetable patch it's time later this month to put in some broad beans to overwinter and give an early crop next May or June when there aren't many other crops quite ready. Sow the beans about two inches deep and six inches apart in a double row also with six inches between the rows and forget them until the spring, come frost or snow. They'll be up in two or three weeks and it's better to see them than bare soil all winter. Similarly, for some really early bulb onions next spring plant some over-wintering onion sets now. A good variety is Shakespeare and if you like red onions try Red Cross. Over-wintered onions are generally milder than spring sown or planted and are well worth growing. If you want a crop of strawberries next July plant some runners now. The purists will say pull all the flowers off the first year, what a waste, you won't get as many as in their second or third year but they'll be much larger fruit and half a crop of strawberries has to be better than none.

Although many plants, trees and shrubs are supplied container-grown these days, October/November is the best time for planting all bare rooted new fruit canes, trees or ornamental shrubs. This is because the ground is still relatively warm and the roots will grow and establish after planting, ready to absorb the moisture and send it to the leaves when the buds burst in the spring. Something else to have a go at is propagating your own blackcurrant or Buddleia bushes. I mention those as they are so easy to root. Just take cuttings twelve inches long, remove any remaining leaves from the bottom ten inches and just insert them in the ground, anywhere, (as long as it's yours!) leaving just the top two inches sticking out of the ground. Next Spring they should burst into life, roots will form and you can move them to their required positions the next Autumn. Again the old adage was if you're on heavy clay soil to make a slit and fill it with sand before you drop the cuttings in to give a bit of drainage – it's not that effective though as water still has to escape somewhere.

Now what about making a real splash with some sweet peas next year. Even the smallest garden can accommodate a few of these, up against a fence or in a substantial pot with a few canes to create a wigwam if there's no space in the traditional sense. Obtain your seeds and sow them now. Contrary to popular belief, there's no need to soak the seeds overnight as it might even cause premature rotting, or to chip a fragment out of the seed coat either. What sweet peas do like is to be able to put down long roots so choose deep pots rather than shallow ones, sow four or five seeds a couple of centimetres deep in a 5 inch pot, or at a pinch singly in toilet roll centres, water well and leave in a cool place, ideally a cold greenhouse, a cold frame, a porch or even under a sheet of glass held up with bricks – not where someone's likely to hurt themselves on it though. As long as they're kept frost free-ish over winter leave them like that until next March when we'll write about the next stage, if we remember, if not and the bug has gripped you there's always the internet!



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*Wildlife in
Harrietsham -
Reptiles and
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Female
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Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club 2019

Left: Ladies Champion 2019

Right: Men's Champion 2019

Above: The competitors.

Photos by Liz Connor



Wildlife in Harrietsham – Reptiles and Bats

Never did I imagine, when I moved to Harrietsham last October, that I would be walking around a meadow in the daylight looking for reptiles or at dusk looking for bats! I grew up in London, far away from wildlife and even though my family moved to Maidstone when I was 11, my world revolved around academic studies and later was split between work and bringing up my son. As a result, in my late 60s, I was a complete nature study novice!

I have always been terrified of snakes, scorpions, insects, birds, etc, etc. When I retired, I took up photography as a hobby and recently joined Maidstone Camera Club, where there is a very active and knowledgeable Natural History Group. Since which, I have been on a perpendicular learning curve! So, when The Parish Council promoted the 'Reptiles of Teers Meadow' and the 'Bats of Teers Meadow' walks with knowledgeable group leaders, one part of my brain thought it was time to overcome my fears and another thought...scary! Knowledge can overcome fears, so I with some trepidation I went along and joined in. I'm very glad I did! On the reptile walk, hosted by Mike Phillips, we met slow worms and common lizards, many of whom, should you venture into Teers Meadow, take up residence under the numbered squares that you will find around the site. They attract reptiles due to the warmth they conserve and they are used by volunteers to survey the reptile population. I was intrigued to meet some of the slow worms at fairly close quarters (I'm not yet brave enough to handle them). They were mostly gravid (pregnant) females and I took a few photographs to share with you. I only caught fleeting glimpses of the common or viviparous lizards, which are only a few inches long and move like grease lightening! I was surprised to learn that 'viviparous' means that they give birth to their young, rather than laying eggs as do many reptiles.

Shirley Thompson of the Kent Bat Group led us on a 'bat walk' around Teers Meadow and St John the Baptist Church, in search of bats. She kindly provided us with bat meters which pick up and magnify the high-pitched echolocation frequencies they emit to make them audible to human ears, making us aware of their presence, although very few of us actually saw them. They were literally gone before we could turn around. Different bats emit different frequencies and the higher 55 kHz frequencies that we heard most often belong to Soprano Pipistrelle bats.

Both walks were interesting, informative and fun! They were attended by groups of 10-15 friendly residents. The Parish Council will be promoting more such events over the next two years to promote our heritage at Teers Meadow and to keep us informed about it.

Watch out for details of future events in Network and on the Facebook pages of Harrietsham Parish Council, Harrietsham Fish Scheme – Helping Hands and Harrietshamites.

See you there? Jan - Editor

Christian Message

The summer holidays provide opportunity to explore our creative and social nature; to play sports, to travel, to read, to engage in hobbies, to relax and to have fun! I hope you have had plenty.

I often jovially say, 'if it's not fun I'm going home...' I get bored easily with the mundane and I am yet learning '*to be content in all circumstances...*'

The word 'holidays' stems from 'holy days'. Holy meaning 'set apart' or 'other.' At one time the only releases from your labour were the holy days or feast days of the local church – no wonder they were valued and seen as such a gift. You would be odd not to value a day off from work occasionally that came because of the local religion. The word 'religion' comes from Latin *re-ligio* meaning to re-connect. *Ligio* meaning connection and from which we also find the word ligament. We know ligaments hold our joints in place. Therefore to be 'religious' is to be re-connected' in a good way to God, so that our lives hold together. To do that on a regular basis (because we have a tendency to wander off) is what seekers do on 'holy days.' Weekly on a Sunday or any 'day of rest' (Sabbath) our generous God calls us to a day off work to share with Him, to get reconnected to our Original Source, and those of us who may be described 'religious' simply seek to connect with God regularly. That's pretty awesome and not mundane!

Life with Jesus is an adventure. The first disciples left their livelihoods, followed Jesus, experienced miracles and healings; had rollercoaster moments that were distressing (eg the Cross) and thrilling and engaging (eg the resurrection). Life is meant to be interesting. Life in all its fullness, empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit is not dull! '*Godliness with contentment is great gain*' writes St Paul whose life adventure began once the scales fell off his eyes, he recognised Jesus and got connected.

Every blessing of an engaging life be yours.

Lorraine Apps-Huggins

Chaplain to the Living Well – the Canterbury Diocesan Retreat Centre for Healing & Wholeness



Len Valley Community Hub Club

Our next meeting is Thursday 3 October at the Social Club 2.00-4.00pm. We are having a film show hope you can all make it.

Young At Heart 60+

Our next meeting is Thursday 17 October at the Community Centre 2.00-4.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all.

If you wish to contact us, please phone Jenny 01622 859208 or Nina 01622 851970

Lenham Film Club

Friday 11 October

Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm

at *Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way*

Based on a Stephen King short story, our October film, **Stand By Me** (15, 1987 UK release), is the chosen winner selected by our membership in our first ever members' vote. Kicking their heels for something to do, four boys hear about a dead body in the woods, so out of pure curiosity off they go to have a look at it. Set in stunning scenery and beautifully photographed, it proves to be a journey to adulthood and a learning curve of the values of comradeship. Directed by Rob Reiner, it's a film not to miss.

On 8 November we have another winner: **Rocketman** (15, 2019), the memorable story of Elton John's early years and accompanied by his music throughout. A brilliant film! In addition to our normal monthly performance we have planned several matinees over the winter months. For more information 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, follow us on **Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub)**, perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

Stand by Me: Running time 1hr 29 minutes. Rocketman: Running time 2hrs 1 minute.

Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

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UK Paper Band Concert

The UK Paper Band is making a return visit to All Saints, Ulcombe to give us another of their wonderful concerts on Saturday 5 October 2019 at 2.30pm. There will be a cream tea in the interval. Come and support this Friends of All Saints, Ulcombe event and help us raise funds for the church fabric. To assist with catering numbers please pre-book your tickets (£10 each) by contacting John Kenward on 01622 891889 or Molly Poulter on 01622 842988, or email Bridget Samuelson on **bridget.sam@me.com**.

There will be a wide range of well-known pieces to suit all tastes - herewith the expected programme:

Spirit of brass	<i>(Somerset)</i>
Sweet Caroline	<i>(Diamond)</i>
The acrobat	<i>(Greenwood)</i>
It must be love	<i>(Siffre arr. Joy)</i>
Yesterday	<i>(Lennon/McCartney)</i>
Make you feel my love	<i>(Dylan arr. Somerset)</i>
Grease	<i>(Gibb/Jacobs/Farrer arr. Bernaerts)</i>
INTERVAL	
Knightsbridge march	<i>(Coates arr. Denham)</i>
The lonely mill	<i>(Lancaster)</i>
Someone like you	<i>(Adkins/Wilson arr Bernaerts)</i>
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho	<i>(Trad arr. Smith-Masters)</i>
I vow to thee my country	<i>(Holst arr. Harvey)</i>
Stal himmel	<i>(Fernie)</i>
Viennese nights	<i>(Strauss arr. Greenwood)</i>

Molly Poulter

Heart of Kent Hospice Events

Please come and join us at our Musical-Thon on Saturday 5 October from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm at Grove Green Community Centre Maidstone ME14 5BT. You will enjoy a full day of music from choirs, pianists, violinists, guitarists, groups, soloists and bands. Food and drink are available on the day along with a raffle, tombola, guess the name of the teddy, cakes to buy and much more. For more information contact Janice on 07932 645507, e-mail **musicalthon15@gmail.com** or contact Heart of Kent Hospice on 01622 790195. Entry by donation.

On the same day there will also be a Magic and Music Night at Grove Green Community Centre starring Robert Orange Magician starting at 7.30 pm. In addition to stage and table magic you will also enjoy vocals from No Direction, DJ and dancing until 11.30 pm. Doors open 7.00 pm – over 18s only .

There will be a bar serving wine, beer and soft drinks – please bring your own nibbles. For tickets at £15.00 each please visit **www.hokh.org**, call us on 01622 790195 or email **fundraising@hokh.co.uk**

All profits from tickets and the bar will go to Heart of Kent Hospice.

Party Night

Saturday 30 November 7.30 pm – midnight

Ditton Community Centre, Kiln Barn Road, Aylesford ME20 6AH

We are really pleased to announce that Junction 5 will be helping us to kick off the festive season with a bang at our Party Night. Also back by popular demand are casino tables provided by Fun Casino South East.

You must be over 18 and tickets at £15.00 must be pre-booked by visiting **hokh.charitycheckout.co.uk**, by contacting Fundraising on 01622 790195 or e-mail **fundraising@hokh.co.uk**

Bring your own food and enjoy the fully licensed bar that will be available.

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