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From the Editor

Hi everyone,

We start with an enormous 'Well Done!' to Harrietsham Gardening Society for holding the first ever Virtual Annual Show. This is featured on pages 8,9 and 10. Perhaps other clubs and societies will come up with some innovative ideas and events too. If you do, please let me know all about it and if there are any photos... yes, please!

Also featured this month, Harrietsham Craft Groups on pages 14,15 and 16 with some photographs of Hazel's lovely art work on page 14.

Once again we are featuring on page 25 an excellent article about nature, this time from Carol Burton, called 'The Nature of Things'. It's been a dreadful year in so many ways, but we have enjoyed so much more wildlife around us and Carol celebrates this with us.

At the moment, we are very short of news, so Network is still a bit thin! If you have anything you would like to share, information, articles and photographs would be greatly appreciated.

Next month we have a very special treat in store for our history and remembrance issue.

Please don't forget that if Network doesn't appear at your address because of the virus, we will publish on the 1st day of each month at

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Jan - Network Editor

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Front cover: Amanda Ward

Garden Society Virtual Annual Show

The Winners Page



The largest Sunflower head



A Dahlia



A bowl of fruit



A hanging basket

Garden Society Virtual Annual Show

The Winners Page



An item you've grown of which you are proud



3 Rose stems



A Fuschia



Pot of Chillies/Peppers

A pair of mittens



Garden Society Virtual Annual Show

Sadly, the Annual Village Show due to be held on 5 September had to be cancelled for obvious reasons. Nevertheless the Garden Society decided to hold their first ever Virtual Annual Show which was an outstanding success and overwhelmingly supported by the members. The principle was that show categories which could be objectively judged by weighing or measuring were all included, with judging by the Committee of the other entries from photographs. Inevitably there was some subjectivity here, however, the Riot police and Mediation services were eventually stood down!

Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to the judges and all those who took part. Sadly there is insufficient space for all the splendid photos some of which are shown on pages 8 and 9:

Heaviest potato crop from a single potato grown in a container:

Audrey Joy with a weight of 9 pounds! (Well, she does live in Chippendale Drive).

Heaviest onion

Mike Flawn with a weight of 2 pounds 8 ounces (unless there is a trade deal by the end of the year, rumour has it Mike and Pam will be pedalling around the village in berets with strings of these for sale, so keep your eyes open).

Longest runner bean

Kevin Harlock with a length of 19.5 inches (the beanstalk it was grown on had to be cut down during lockdown due to concerns the Giant wouldn't observe social distancing – in any event, MBC should never have given him retrospective planning permission for that wretched castle).

Largest sunflower head

Barbara Incedon whose sunflower had a diameter of 16 inches without the petals. (The photo shows the very tall sunflower it came from and/or the very short husband).

Heaviest marrow

Kevin Harlock with a weight of 29 pounds (useless for anything but looking at).

3 Rose stems

Brenda Davis

A dahlia

Barbara Incedon

A fuschia

Mike Flawn

Pot of chillies/peppers

Shirl Wood

Bowl of fruit

Janice Brockwell

Hanging basket

Barbara Incedon

Pair of mittens

Joyce Jordan

An item you've grown of which you're proud

Joyce Jordan

Congratulations again to everyone and I hope we will see many more villagers joining the society and having fun once we're up and running again.

Kevin Harlock

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Harrietsham Craft Groups

Encaustic Art *Photos from Hazel Roots*



Harrietsham Craft Groups

It was lovely to see the Network back in print and delivered through our letterbox today – another step towards normality!

Harrietsham Craft and Chat, Crafternoon and Knit, Crochet and Natter have managed to stay in contact whilst we haven't been meeting and have continued with our regular crafting projects. Group projects have included paper cuts, learning how to needle tat with a complete set of tatting needles provided by Craft and Chat to all participants, necklaces crocheted in a very novel way around crystal cup chain and beeswax wraps, a prettier alternative to, and an environmentally friendly substitute for, clingfilm.

We would have had our fifth anniversary (to the very day) of Craft and Chat at our July meeting if it had been able to take place. We will have to celebrate big time next year to make up for it. In the five years we have been going we have done a myriad of crafting projects and explored many techniques and we are always learning something new.

Projects of the knitters and crocheters during lockdown have included lots of baby items. One of our regulars became the grandmother of twins recently (a girl and a boy) and so lots of twin knitting and crochet was done! Lauren learned how to knit from scratch and has since made several baby cardis and other projects have included a MacMillan Fundraiser with the theme of rainbows where lots of crocheted and other handmade items were offered for donations and £807.50 was raised.

We are very much looking forward to recommencing our meetings in January in a Covid safe environment and there is lots of exciting news on the horizon! There will be some interesting offerings in the way of projects, three in mind at the moment of which are metal embossing, encaustic art (see photos on page 14), and foiling using a hot foiling/letterpress machine although, as always, anyone is welcome to bring along their own projects to work on if they prefer. As regards our knitting and crochet group, there are always people on hand who are willing to teach knitting and crochet or, if you are stuck with something, you can get help. We love to see what we are each working on and to share patterns and techniques so do come and join us if this sounds like something you would enjoy whether you are a complete beginner or a knitter/crocheter extraordinaire!

Craft and Chat will continue on the first Saturday of each month in the Ambrose Hall between 1-4pm and the first meeting of the year will be on 2 January (the project will be announced in a future issue of Network and on our Facebook page). Crafternoon will be held on each third Thursday of the month and Knit, Crochet and Natter on each last Thursday of the month both between 2-4pm. If circumstances are the same as they are now, there will be certain procedures to follow so that we stay Covid safe and, if this is the case, I will detail these to everyone before we meet again.

Harrietsham Network

It is not certain at the moment that the Booth Hall (where we normally meet for Crafternoon and Knit, Crochet and Natter) will be re-opened by January but, if not, we do have a very nice alternative venue that we can use until we are able to resume our meetings in the Booth Hall.

For any newcomers to the village and, indeed, anyone who hasn't been to one of our meetings before, please feel most welcome to come and join us but please contact me to let me know you will be attending beforehand. We are a very friendly bunch who like to share our love of crafting whilst chatting, drinking tea and coffee and eating cake! Fees will stay the same for the moment despite the Hall price increases and are £3 per person for Crafternoon and Knit, Crochet and Natter and £4 per person for Craft and Chat which is a longer meeting in the larger hall.

Any questions about any of the groups above or if you would just like to chat and find out more information, please contact 01622 851885

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham in Bloom



Our Annual General Meeting will be rather different this year as we plan do an on-line ZOOM Meeting!

The AGM will take place as scheduled on Monday October 12 commencing at 7:30pm with the Reports & Accounts circulated in advance of the meeting to those who register for the meeting. The duration of the Zoom meeting is not expected to last more than 30 minutes and will focus on feedback and questions. To register please e-mail your details to andrew.rogers3@btinternet.com.

We are very happy to provide paper copies of the Reports & Accounts if you are unable to join the on-line meeting.

We have placed our order for spring bulbs – mainly tulips for the planters and these will be planted up in October & November.

Thank you for your continued support - any enquiries please contact the Chairman on 859352.

Andrew Rogers

Whist Club

Just to let everyone know who is a member or interested in playing Whist, that Harrietsham Whist Club will not be starting up this year. Due to Government guidelines and restrictions it is not feasible to restart in the village hall at the present time. We will, however, keep everyone informed if things get back to normal.

Michael Gear

Parish Council News

Rural Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council will be arranging the hedge cutting service again this year and it is hoped that this will commence around the 2 November. If you wish to have your name added to the list, please contact the Clerk. Please note that you will still need to add your name to the list, even if you have used the service in the past.

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Sunday 11 October

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- 9.30 am** Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 11.00 am** Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 6.30 pm** Boughton Malherbe: Spoken Evensong

Sunday 18 October

- 9.30 am** Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am** Harrietsham: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am** Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 25 October

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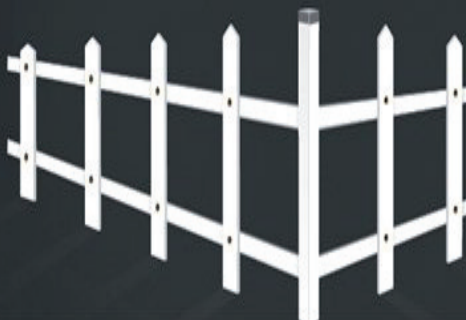
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The Legions Priorities are:

Ensure the safety of our volunteers, staff and public.

As the Harrietsham Poppy Appeal Organisers Samantha and I would like to thank all our collectors who carry out door to door collections, also all the Shops and Businesses, who yearly give of their time to support the appeal. However, we must look to ensure your safety from any possible effects of the Covid pandemic.

Enable the public to donate and wear a poppy in Remembrance.

This year you will not see face to face table top poppy collectors in the Supermarkets and shopping Malls. Supermarkets, Banks and Online retailers have pledged to support by distributing poppies directly to the public where you will be able to make a donation.

Enable the public to donate and lay a wreath in Remembrance.

As your Appeal Organisers we are still able to order wreaths and crosses for laying on Remembrance Sunday at the Local Memorial in Harrietsham. It is important that as a matter of urgency you contact us and place your personal order for a wreath or cross. We will however, be ordering the wreaths for those groups that normally lay each year, but the payment methods will be different so do contact us to arrange collection and to follow the payment procedure.

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Should you wish to make a donation directly to the appeal by Bank Transfer you can do so to: The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Lloyds Bank Sort Code 30-00-00 Account 00253111. please enter SDG04 3832021 as the reference. This code links the donation to the Harrietsham Appeal Collection

Poppy Shop

The Poppy Shop will and is currently operating for its selection of pins and other goods and can be ordered via: www.poppysshop.org.uk.

Finally, we apologise for the changes this year and hope that we shall return to a full appeal next year which is also 100th year of the Royal British Legion. Sammie and I hope to see you all at the Remembrance Service at the Harrietsham War Memorial on Sunday 8 November 2020. All are welcome.

Richard Cast

Harrietsham Network

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The Nature of Things

As I write, this glorious summer filled with warm days of endless sunshine is drawing to its close. I took photographs of bluebells and horse chestnut candles, the bloom of hawthorn and elderflower on my morning walks. The swifts arrived, as they always do, dead on time in the first week of May to greet us with their whooping and screeching. I could almost weep when I think of the journey they've made to come back to us; the tiny things bring such hope and joy. The thrill of the dawn chorus and the blackbird's song! Everything seems to have been so much louder this year. All are gone. The acorns and damsons, brambles and conkers are appearing and the evenings are drawing in.

One of my greatest delights has been the pair of hedgehogs who have visited my garden each evening, scuttling round the yard, grunting and circling each other in the arena they trampled behind one of the clematis.

It will all happen again next year, despite what happens in the human world. The creatures of Nature are oblivious to our problems, they live their lives, birth to death without fear of what may be.

'The Peace of Wild Things', a poem by Wendell Berry, has proved a great solace to me during these past few months. You can find it in that wonderful cloud that is the internet; I hope it speaks to you too.

Carole Burton

Young At Heart 60+ & Len Valley Community Hub Club

To all our friends at Young at Heart and Hub Club we are sorry that we have had to close both clubs, but it is for everyone's safety! There will be NO meetings until further notice. When we can open again Jenny Lloyd will phone you. If you have any queries, please phone

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Speed Cameras – they cost at least £20,000 to install and we would want at least two, one in each direction but they wouldn't cover the whole village.

Speed Indicator Devices (like the ones we used to have) – eventually become “invisible” and drivers just ignore them.

Police speed checks – they don't have the manpower to be in the village often enough to make a difference.

Harrietsham Community Speedwatch

You, the local residents, would be helping the community as a whole by helping to reduce speed and improve road safety in our village. More volunteers are needed – can you spare a few hours occasionally to help reduce speeding and improve road safety? If so, come and join us.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where, in partnership with the police, members of communities use detection devices to monitor local vehicle speeds. The volunteers report drivers exceeding the speed limit to the police with the aim of educating drivers to slow down. If the data proves a driver is ignoring repeated warnings police can prosecute them.

The aim is to:

- reduce death and injury on the roads
- improve the quality of life for local communities
- reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

If you would like to join the group and help – go to **www.communityspeedwatch.org**

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100 Club Lottery Draw

Result of the Forty-fifth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club

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125 numbers were included in the draw giving a prize fund of £125

First prize £60.50 – number 84 – Valerie & Stephen Brown

Second prize £36.30 – number 49 – Hazel Roots

Third prize £24.20 – number 69 – Paul Wallace

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

Help Needed

The Friends of our local church, St John the Baptist, which is a registered charity formed to help maintain the fabric of our lovely Grade 1 Listed church, is a secular organisation working closely with the PCC and Vicar for the good of the building itself.

The Friends are seeking a suitable person to become our Secretary. The vacancy, which is a voluntary role, has arisen due to the resignation of the current incumbent, Val Brown. Whilst the Committee would like to thank Val for her service and the work she has done in the position and wish her all the very best for the future, it is essential that we find a replacement.

In addition, the Committee are also seeking volunteers to join us on the Committee as our numbers are becoming very low. If anyone can volunteer and support us to help raise funds for the upkeep of our local church, then please do get in touch.

Further details can be obtained from Audrey Joy (Chairperson) 07754 039798 or Denise Williams 01622 859410.

Volunteers wanted



Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?

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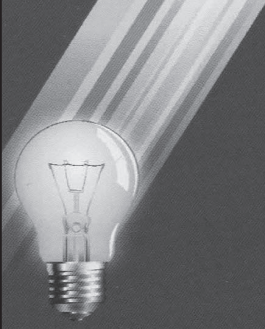
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The hall opened on the 7 September and we have had a lot interest - it has been difficult to get everyone fitted in as only the Ambrose Hall is open due to social distancing. We hope to open the Booth Hall as soon as we can but we will have to wait until Government guidelines allow changes to social distancing. We have some new clubs coming along so keep a look out for these.

The new heating system is now commissioned with a new boiler. New radiator valves have been fitted throughout and the heaters in the Ambrose Hall have been repaired and cleaned. The whole system has been flushed through with a chemical cleaner so we should all be warm and cosy this winter.

We are looking for a Secretary whose main job will be to take the minutes of our monthly meetings. If anybody is interested please contact me at chair@harrietshamvillagehall.org.uk

Steve Brown

Countryways Quilters and Stitchers

Well August turned out to be just a bit too wet for us to have our garden gatherings. Nature's way of keeping us safe I guess. At the time of writing (end of August) we all hope for things to go well for the start of indoor meetings during September. Barring any more hiccups our meetings for October will be Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 21. We will be choosing what Christmas projects we would like to work on, table runner or potted Christmas tree.

Due to Covid-19 restriction we will not be taking in any new members this year as we have to allow for social distancing. Hopefully things will be different next year.

We meet in the Osbourne room in Lenham Community Centre. If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2021 Program when it comes out, please contact me, Pamela Gillard on 01233 877453 or e-mail moonbeamspinner@gmail.com

Pamela Gillard

Christian Message

Hello,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Charlotte Coles and I'm the new curate in The Len Valley Benefice. You may have met me already in one of the churches or in one of your local shops. I began my curacy here at the beginning of July and felt at home immediately; everyone is so friendly. I live in Ashford, but I am usually in one of the parishes from Monday to Wednesday. You'll probably find me in a café somewhere drinking coffee.

I am married to Phil and we have three adult children and a grandson. Before I trained for the priesthood, I taught music both in school and at home which I was passionate about. I also ran an adult choir called 'The Ashford Singers' for nearly twenty years, which some of you may have heard perform at some time. I studied at St. Augustine's College of Theology in West Malling, which is in the beautiful setting of St. Mary's Abbey and is the home of some Benedictine nuns and home to the Pilsdon community.

Harvest message

By the time you read this it will be harvest time which seems to have come early this year. It is a time of reaping, yes, but it is also a time of thanksgiving for all that God has provided for us. I am thinking particularly of how we would normally offer to God fruits of the harvest in a service of thanksgiving. I'm not sure how that will look this year, but we can keep the intention and give back to God in other ways. I am encouraged by how much the communities around Ashford, and I expect around the Len Benefice also, have pulled together during the lockdown for the coronavirus, and have helped their neighbours in different ways, such as carrying their weekly shopping for them and collecting medicines from the pharmacy.

I pray that God will continue to inspire our generosity in different ways during the approaching winter months. What could you offer to do for someone else?

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' (Galatians 6:9).

Charlotte Coles (07805 092823)



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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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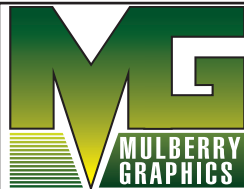
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