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From the Editorial Team

Hi everyone,

November has been a busy month with some very successful events including the Friends of St. John's Quiz Night (p.31) the Macmillan Coffee Morning (p.33/34) and the defibrillator training (p.37). December is set to be busy too with all the seasonal celebrations and news items and articles for 2020 are already lining up in the editor's inbox!

The Editorial Team would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Network in 2019 and look forward to working with you all in 2020.

*We wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and
Prosperous New Year.*

The Editorial Team

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Craft & Chat and Crafternoon

We will be working on Christmas projects at both Craft and Chat and Crafternoon in December. The December meeting of Craft and Chat will be held on Saturday 7 December between 1-4pm and Crafternoon on Thursday 19 December between 2-4pm both at Harrietsham Village Hall. There will be a choice of projects – Bottle Cap Christmas Tree Wall Hangings or Christmas Baubles...or feel welcome to bring your own projects to work on.

For the Bottle Cap Christmas Tree Wall Hangings, you will need the following:
30 milk bottle caps. Similar bottle caps can be found on some soft drinks.
Enough Christmas fabrics to make 30 Suffolk puffs each measuring 4½ inches in diameter. Round template 4½ inch in diameter cut from cereal box card.
Something with which to draw around your template onto your fabric.
Scissors, needles.
Beading or quilting thread to match the colours of your fabrics.
Ribbon for bow and for hanging.

Some mache baubles, Christmas decoupage papers and decoupage glue were very kindly donated to us by the Upcycled Trading Company in Lenham so the alternative project will be Christmas baubles. If you prefer a more vintage look to your bauble, there will be white base paint and white pearl paint to paint your bauble with before adding gems, lace, etc, or if you want to decoupage just an image or two on your pearlised bauble, I will have some Christmas paper napkins at hand with images on them that are small enough to use for this. To summarise, if you wish to make a straightforward mache bauble covered in Christmas decoupage papers, all you will need to bring is a brush to apply the glue with. If you want to make a vintage looking pearlised painted bauble with gems/pearls/lace, please bring a brush to paint with, a paper plate or small container to hold paint, beaded trims, gemstone trims or single gems and/or lace and ribbon and anything else you wish to embellish your bauble with as well as strong glue such as E6000. If you don't have the gems, look in stores such as The Range, B&M, Home Bargains, Tiger and the Pound Shop who sometimes have beaded trim and gemstone trim that can be cut up and used as single pieces to make patterns on your bauble. They also often have cheap stick on gems which you can secure with extra glue. If you would like to make the bauble with pearlised paint and small decoupage images from paper napkins, you will need a brush for painting, a brush for gluing and some clingfilm.

Knit, Crochet And Natter

At the time of writing, we are still looking forward to our first meeting on 28 November. There will be no meeting in December but we will be back again on Thursday 30 January between 2-4pm in Harrietsham Village Hall.

If you have any questions on any of the above crafting groups, please call me on 01622 851885

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club

Our Annual General Meeting was held recently at the Community Centre and Mr Phil Gooda, formerly chairman of LENARA, was unanimously elected to be the clubs new Chairman/Secretary by the members present. Phil has been a member of the club for some time and has taken part, successfully, in local bowls matches and other competitions. The club captain, David French, gave a report on the results of friendly matches against local clubs, with the club playing 17 games winning 13 and only losing 4. He stated that matches are booked into the coming new year and hopefully the club will do well again. We would welcome any new members into the club. We play on Monday afternoons 2pm until 4pm and Thursday evenings 7pm until 10pm. Just come along and see what the club has to offer, no experience is needed as tuition and help will be given.

David French - Club Captain

WI

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Vi Booth. Vi was a very active committee member and our Treasurer for many years. She will be greatly missed and our condolences go to her family.

The talk on “ Inn Signs” by Mr Andrew Clarke at our October meeting was very interesting. We were shown many photos of old Pubs some of which sadly no longer exist but which many of us remember well.

On 12 December we will have our Christmas meeting with refreshments, bring & buy and a raffle. At the meeting travel details will be confirmed for our Christmas lunch at the garden centre in Ashford on Tuesday December 17.

To start off 2020. In January Mr Rod Leeming will give us a talk on “Special Branch Protection”. In February our meeting will include, “How to Get an Honour” a talk by Mr David Summers.

Wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas.

Chris Bone

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Harrietsham in Bloom

Our AGM was held in October. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. The planters now have their new bulbs in, to hopefully give a nice display of tulips in Spring.

Our thanks to “Bellway” builders for their generous donation. H.I.B. will be assembling two planters at the entrance to “Bluebells” early in 2020.

The Chairman and committee wish to thank everyone who has supported us during 2019, in particular our local businesses, Harrietsham Parish Council, the wonderful volunteers, the venues that accommodate the collection boxes and all the villagers that have made contributions during the year.

We wish you Seasons Greetings and a safe and healthy New Year.

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Audrey Joy MBE

Harrietsham Gardening Society

Our meeting in October was attended by 38 members and was a little different from our usual gardening subjects. We were entertained by Nigel Wood who demonstrated how to make artificial flowers from a variety of different papers, tissues and card. From a single sheet of paper it was possible to produce some very realistic flowers. It was then the turn of members to try their hand at making a flower. The results varied considerably from ordinary to excellent. The winner was Elizabeth Welchman who received a prize.

Fortunately despite the horrible weather we still have a little colour about in the garden. However it is too wet to do any heavy digging. Hope to get some extended fine weather in the not too distant future.

Our next meeting will be the Xmas social on 3rd Dec. We have a speaker Jaqueline Aviolet who will be delivering a talk on a Christmas theme. As this is also a social event there will be nibbles etc. but can members, if they so wish, bring their own drinks.

Our final message is a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and the wider Village.

David Oversby

Harrietsham History Society

Our meeting in October about These Magnificent Women in their Flying Machines was a really interesting talk by Anna Astin from Tunbridge Wells. Although I was aware that their introduction to flying was in hot air balloons I didn't realise that scores of fearless females had been ballooning since 1784. One of the first women to fly in an untethered balloon was French and she was quickly followed by many others with the first Englishwoman taking to the air in 1785. Unfortunately there were a number of fatalities in the early days with one of the most spectacular occurring when a French widow ill-advisedly took fireworks up in her balloon in 1819, this ended very badly when the gas burner ignited the canopy and the balloon plunged to the ground killing her. Towards the end of the 1800's women began carrying out all sorts of stunts including hanging from the underside of the baskets and parachuting down to the ground. One of the most well-known women to fly an aeroplane was Amelia Earhart who was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic in June 1928. Now there are many female pilots with lots of women piloting large jet aircraft all over the world.

My apologies to everyone for the silly date error on the front cover of the November Network, I must have hit the wrong key when finishing the design and didn't spot my error. I am sure everyone knew that Remembrance Sunday is always on the nearest Sunday to 11 November and ignored the mistake I made. (The editorial team add their apologies for not noticing the error on proof-reading).

The Society do not have a meeting in December but instead will be having an early Christmas meal at the Dog & Bear in Lenham on Monday 2 December. The next meeting therefore is not until 20 January so please accept my sincere best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Peter Brown

Whist Club

The winners of the November Whist Drive were Linda Ward & Bob Pocock. The next Whist Drive will be held on Friday 6 December 2019 at the Village Hall with a 7.30pm start. Newcomers welcome.

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Happy Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our members.

Michael Gear

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All sites will now have to go through an assessment process to see which are suitable for development. The final list will not be available until Spring 2020. Residents can rest assured that the Parish Council will be vigorously objecting to any development that will cause additional pollution and congestion on the roads in Harrietsham.

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Parish Council Meeting

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parishioners a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Family-friendly Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Informal Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th December

- 9.30 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 8th December

- 8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service (with informal Holy Communion)
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
- 3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Friday 13th December

- 6.00 pm Harrietsham: Salvation Army Carol Service

Saturday 14th December

- 3.00 pm Lenham: Messy Christingle

Sunday 15th December

- 9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
- 9.30 am Harrietsham: Morning Worship (starting with coffee & cake)
- 9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
- 11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
- 7.00 pm Harrietsham: Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December

- 11.00 am Chippendayle Lodge: Christmas Holy Communion

Thursday 19th December

- 7.00 pm Ulcombe: Carol Service

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Len Valley Benefice Service Times (cont'd)

Sunday 22nd December

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

9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30 am Lenham: Big Breakfast Christmas Service

11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

3.00 pm Boughton Malherbe: Carol Service

5.30 pm Lenham: Carol Service

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December

3.00 pm Harrietsham: Family Crib Service

3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Family Crib Service

4.00 pm Ulcombe: Family Crib Service

4.00 pm Lenham: Family Crib Service

11.15 pm Harrietsham: Midnight Communion

11.15 pm Lenham: Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December

10.00 am Boughton Malherbe: Family Christmas Communion

10.00 am Ulcombe: Family Christmas Communion

11.00 am Lenham: Shared with Harrietsham, Family Christmas Communion

Sunday 29th December

10.00 am Boughton Malherbe: Joint Len Valley Churches Service: Holy Communion

Crib Service

Calling all children and their mums, dads, grannies, granddads, aunts and uncles! Would you like to take part in the village Crib Service this year? If so, please contact the number below and say whether you would like to dress up, be in a sketch, do a reading, write and read your own poem or prayer, or sing!

The service is at 3pm on Christmas Eve (24th December!) at St John's Church, Harrietsham.

Everyone is welcome: the young, the old and the in-betweenies!

If you don't want a role on the day you can still dress up if you would like to and arrive a little early to put a costume on. So come along and bring your friends and relatives to celebrate this special time together.

Pamela Cuerden (01622 859442)

Len Valley Guiding

Well where did that year go?

As 2019 draws to a close, we can reflect on the events of the past year, however Guiding activities continue and the month of December is no exception!

The month is filled with Christmas crafts, activities, meals, parties, fun and games for all our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides! Also as a District we will again be hosting a Christmas roller disco and inviting the cubs and scouts to join us.

So, as we sign off for 2019, may we thank everyone in our local communities who have supported our Units. Also thank you to our parents and to the girls themselves – it has been fun! However a HUGE thank you must go to all the adult helpers who week in, week out, provide quality activities for the girls of Lenham, Harrietsham and Hollingbourne to enjoy. Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and every best wish for 2020 and all that it brings!

And as ever, with numbers increasing, our Units are filling fast! We desperately need more adult helpers at all our Units to be able to offer the GirlGuiding experience to the increasing number of girls living in our area.

SO if you can spare some time and come and help a Unit either weekly, fortnightly or monthly – or you can offer a “one off activity/experience” that the girls would enjoy, then please contact Jo Homes on 07887 877814 for more information.

OR if anyone has a shed/garage/outbuilding with a dry and pest free space for a transit van full of camping equipment then could you please let me know.

Jo Homes

Changes to speed limits and road markings

Following the expression of concerns by some Harrietsham residents, some ‘25’ mph signs and ‘no through road’ signs will soon be attached to the existing lamp posts in the area around the Co-op. In addition, there will be ‘give way’ road markings at the end of Southfields Way to give priority to traffic in Buckingham Drive. Please exercise caution when driving in the area.

Michael Scott – a director of Saxon Homes Residents Association

Urgent Appeal for an Adult Leader for Harrietsham Brownies

Due to ill health our Brown Owl is no longer able to run Harrietsham Brownies full time and unless we can find someone to help we will have to close the unit.

At the moment Brownies on a Monday evening from 6.15pm to 7.45pm in the Booth Hall during term time (but the day could be changed if that's not convenient) needs a new leader. If you think you can help and save our Brownie unit we would love to hear from you. We would like someone who has guiding experience or better still a qualified leader, but if you are not and think you would be interested, full training and support can be offered as long as you are willing to learn.

Brownies are part of the Girlguiding family and are girls aged 7 to 10 who enjoy a huge range of activities and adventures. Our Harrietsham Unit is over forty years old and it would be desperately sad if we have to close.

Please help if you can. To offer your help, or for more information, please email Kate at beaukate@btinternet.com

Kate Davies

ourclimatechangecommunity.co.uk

The website has slowly expanded and has included ideas for early Christmas presents with a difference. We have found Unicef and Oxfam present ideas plus an organisation (a charity called 'World Land Trust') sponsored and supported by David Attenborough amongst others. This organisation offers a variety of ideas including buying tropical rainforest in Central America, protection, reforestation and reserve management.

There is a piece from America on their policy, 'Trumps Policy', to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. The Paris agreement brought together 195 nations in the battle to combat climate change. The 'pull-out' will take effect a year later - the day after the 2020 US presidential election – if Trump is re-elected.

The idea of the website is to encourage participation in doing what we can to change our habits. The only way to climb a hill is with the first step. Have a look and send us an email!

Tom and Janetta

Harrietsham Day by Day

(T = term time only)

SUNDAY

Tennis Club (May-Sept) 2.30pm Booth Field

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Harrietsham Network

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Scouts		
Group leader	Mr E Seales	859829
Leader	Mr N Still	859789
Short Mat Bowls		
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December Diary

Sun 1 Dec 12 noon Advertising deadline for January Network

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Tue 3	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society, Harrietsham Village Hall
Fri 6	7.30pm	Whist Club, Harrietsham Village Hall
Sat 7	1.00pm - 4pm	Craft and Chat, Harrietsham Village Hall
Thu 12	2.00pm	WI, Harrietsham Village Hall
Fri 13	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Christmas Carols, Harrietsham Church
Sat 14	8.30am - 11.30am	Christmas Decoration, Harrietsham Church
Sat 14	12noon - 2.00pm	Soup Saturday, Village Hall
Thu 19	2.00 - 4.00pm	Crafternoon, Harrietsham Village Hall
Tue 24	3.00pm	Crib Service, Harrietsham Church

Village Events Diary - for Your use!

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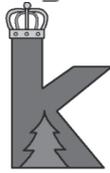
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100 Club Lottery Draw

Result of the Thirty-fifth draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on 12 October 2019 by Michael Gear at the Soup Saturday lunch event under the supervision of Terry Whent (Independent Adjudicator)

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

First prize £56.50 – number 99 – Alex Hubble

Second prize £33.90 – number 32 – Robert Rusbridge

Third prize £22.60 – number 42 – Kim Frazer

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

Soup Saturday

The next Soup Saturday will be held on Saturday 14 December between 12 noon and 2pm. The progress of the building work within the church is going exceedingly slowly so this event will take place in Harrietsham Village Hall (Booth Hall). Please look out for posters around the village. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a bowl of Helen's Hearty Homemade Soup with crusty bread. Tea, coffee and biscuits also available.

Carol Singing with the Salvation Army

Everyone is welcome to come along to sing Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree accompanied by the Salvation Army between 7pm and 8pm at Harrietsham Church on Friday 13 December. Refreshments will be served in the church afterwards, mulled wine and mince pies. Entry is free. If the weather is not too kind to us, the carol singing will be held inside the church.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are available from any committee member. Price £3.00 for a pack of five.

Quiz evening

Our thanks go to all who supported the quiz on the 19 October 2019. 70 people attended on 12 tables. On the night we raised £514 which gave a profit of £391. All profits go to the upkeep of our beautiful village church. Our thanks must also go to our Quiz Master, Peter Bowler, and his son. Also, thanks to all who donated money and raffle prizes on the night.

Christmas Decoration

Decoration of the Church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 14 December 2019 from 8.30am to 11.30am

Any gifts of flowers, greenery, etc should be brought to the Church as early as possible on that day. Any donations should be given to Rita Long (01622 850863).

I hope to see all members of the Flower Guild there. Any person who is not a member of the Guild is more than welcome to come along and assist.

Any queries please give me a call on the number above, or email me on ***rit.long@homecall.co***.

Rita Long

Harrietsham Village Hall Trust

The hall is very busy in the week with all the local clubs, and some new bookings have come in. There are still some weekends free so if you fancy a party give Jeanine a call to book.

Facebook **@HarrietshamVillageHall** is up and running, please check for latest events. The Website is taking a bit longer to set up but should be running soon.

Please support your local clubs and events at your village hall - if anyone has any queries they can email me and I will deal with them.

Steve Brown - Chairman
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The Macmillan Coffee Morning 2019



Macmillan Coffee Morning

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There were games for the children, fun quizzes for the adults, treats for the dogs.

We had an excellent raffle as well as an auction of a 30 minute private flight around Kent. Chris Roots made an excellent Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer.

There was an amazing array of cakes, biscuits and sausage rolls all baked locally by Harrietsham residents.

Thanks go to those ladies who helped on the day selling raffle tickets, serving teas and coffees and of course the endless washing up. We are grateful to the following local businesses for their support:

Philip Jarvis Estate Agents
Parkwood Trout Farm
Stable Oak Cottages
The Taste of Bengal
Marks and Spencer at the Petrol Station
Co-op at Saxon Place
Harrietsham Parish Council

Last, but not least, all those who made and donated the splendid cakes.
Well done Harrietsham!

If you were unable to come along and wish to make a donation you can text TEA CPE9 to 70550 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus the standard network charge and MacMillan receives 100% of every £1 donated.

Harrietsham Macmillan Coffee Morning Team

Christmas and New Year Refuse Collection Dates

Recycle & Food was Thursday 26 December now Saturday 28 December - no Garden waste service.

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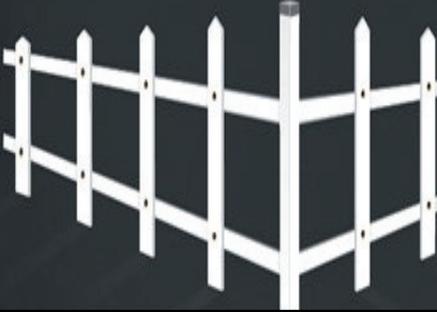
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Vi Booth

Eileen Violet Booth (Vi), 86, of East Street, Harrietsham passed away quietly at home on Monday 14 October 2019. Born in Worcester Park, Surrey in 1933, she attended St.Osyth's Teacher Training College in Clacton-on-Sea, and taught at St Clement Danes Centre for Domestic Science just off Trafalgar Square.

On polling day of the 1955 General Election, Vi met George, and they married the following August. They lived in Sutton for 5 years, moved to Dallas, Texas to work for NASA for 12 years, returning with three children.

In the 80's Vi taught Home Economics, Needlework, Maths and Rural Science at Astor of Hever School, and could often be seen at the County Show with the school's sheep and other animals – re-homing 6 sheep & 20 rabbits when the school farm closed.

In 1986 they moved to Harrietsham, where both Vi & George immersed themselves in village life, being part of the Gardening Society, Whist Club, WI, Village Hall Committee, writing the Network Magazine Recipe page as well as teaching at Harrietsham Primary School.

Vi would always be busy doing things – usually for other people: Knitting and Sewing – baby layettes, clothes for the premature baby unit, Harrietsham church choir robes, door curtains & kneelers; baking and cooking – wedding cakes, birthday cakes, Christmas cakes & puddings. Making hundreds of mince pies or sausage rolls for family, WI and Friends of St. John's was not unusual. Gardening and preserving – you name it Vi & George grew it! They were self-sufficient in flowers, fruit & vegetables for 25 years, freezing and preserving their seasonal produce.

Vi was well looked after by the NHS: breast cancer, quad heart-bypass and spinal surgery didn't slow her down. Although a stroke in 2014 damaged her memory, she was still cheerful and happy in herself, and in 2016 Vi & George celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in the garden at home with friends, family and congratulations from the Queen. It was a joyous occasion with her 3 children, their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren relaxing in glorious sunshine.

Steve Booth

Defibrillator Training

Would you know what to do??? In an emergency would you be willing to help??? Harrietsham is the proud owner of a defibrillator provided by the Parish Council. It lives in a box on the outside wall of the Post Office in West Street. If someone collapses and stops breathing prompt assistance could save their life. The defibrillator can be taken from the box to the patient. Take your mobile with you and dial 999 or 112 for emergency services to get the code to unlock the box and vitally summon an ambulance. The defibrillator is easy to use. Take it to the patient and follow the instructions.

On Tuesday evening eight local residents (including me) attended a defibrillator training evening with Parish Councillor Tim Griffiths. Tim is an experienced and dynamic lecturer on this very subject and presented an informative and at times amusing hands on session aimed at making sure we all know how a defibrillator works, when we should use it and what preparations should be made to ensure its safe use. What happens if you can't use it, I hear you all cry, or indeed if there is no time to get the defibrillator and no-one else to send? The answer is dial 999 to get help and do CPR until help comes. This is one more good reason why everyone should volunteer to do this training. It covers how to administer CPR, how to prepare a patient for the defibrillator, how it works and what to do in an emergency.

We all know that knowledge is power. In this case it could be the power to keep someone alive, so please volunteer to be trained. The more people who know what to do the safer people in Harrietsham will be.

Contact the Parish Clerk, Amanda Broadhurst, on 01622 850089 or email her on harrietshampc@aol.com and ask to be put on a defibrillator training course.

Editor



Christian Message

I made the mistake of looking back to last year's Christmas Christian message as I wrote this and found that, way back then, "a recent survey showed that more people just wanted Brexit over with than cared what the actual outcome was". And here we are a year later!

Well Brexit has not yet come, but what has come for you in the past year, I wonder? There have probably been changes – have they been good, bad or mixed?

Way back in the first Christmas, I wonder what Mary thought of it all? She must have been so relieved when that baby Jesus was born in safety and so amazed at all the events and visitors in those early days.

What do we make of it all? Regardless of election results and Brexit outcomes, Christmas provides all of us with such an opportunity. An opportunity to stop and wonder at it all. What does this extraordinary message of God being born into our world mean to us? Will we be one of the excited and faithful ones who come to midnight communion or to a Messy Christmas service? Will we use Christmas and its services as special moments to try to glimpse the face of Jesus: I don't mean as a baby, but his face towards each one of us now.

The Bible makes the extraordinary claim that God is Love. Is it just possible that Jesus' face towards each one of us reflects that? If we've had a good year is he celebrating with us, and if not, is his face shedding a tear? Because Emmanuel means 'God with us.' Is it possible that the God who is love, born as Jesus, is really with us here in our villages, and present at our Christmas dinners? That HE is the biggest present we can unwrap this Christmas?

John P Huggins 01622 850280

Countryways Quilters and Stitchers

There are no meetings for December as we break for the holidays. We will begin again in January 2020. We will start out the year with hand stitching. In fact, there will be lots of embroidery coming up during the year, and we will also see quite a few more hosted meetings.

We meet in January on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 22 and as both are hosted the addresses will be emailed to members.

If you would like more information or would like a copy of our 2020 Program, please contact me on 01233 877453 or e-mail moonbeamspinner@gmail.com

Pam Gillard

Charing Farmers Market

The Market meets every Thursday 9:00 to 11:30, with our usual stalls of plants, produce and preserves (the three p's) 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 will be lots of Christmas gift giving ideas and pretty things to make your house sparkle for the holidays.

Orders for mince pies and Christmas cakes started in November, so if you haven't ordered yours yet you must do it on 5 December at the latest.

The last market of 2019 will be December 19. We start again in 2020 on January 9.

Come check us out. There are always refreshments available and possibly a mince pie or two.

I will be there spinning on December 12, along with my handspun yarn and Christmas surprises.

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

Borough Council News

We have spent a lot of time reporting the usual potholes, streetlights and usually re-reporting some poor substandard repairs on our roads and footpaths. The weather usually plays a role in this and has been relatively kind at least to date (Oct 31). We have also reported signs and name plates, that have simply disappeared, been knocked down, or maybe weren't there in the first place. If you have any issues in relation to these matters, please either contact us directly or contact 'KCC report a fault' on the web.

And finally, we wish everyone a happy Christmas. Maybe there will be time to watch again 'Love Actually' and catch up on the full series of 'Derek' (Ricky Gervais) cert 15 on Netflix, with your older loved ones!

Tom and Janetta Sams
Borough Councillors

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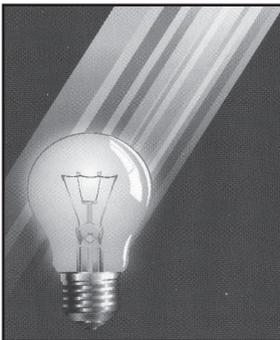
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Top Tips by Harrietsham Gardening Society

December already but that doesn't mean gardening has to stop. Now is a really good time to get out on the veg. patch or allotment (if you haven't lost the plot!) and finish off that winter digging. There is a lot of controversy about whether to dig or not and certainly there's little point in putting all that effort in if you have a relatively clean area from which you've recently lifted potatoes, carrots, parsnips or other deep rooted crops as you will already have broken up the soil. Such areas do have to be kept weed-free of course, by a bit of hoeing in the Spring, but then you can just plant directly into the soil things such as courgettes, marrows and squash whose leaves soon provide ground cover. A lot less work! That doesn't work for everything, for example, preparing a trench for runner beans or anywhere else where you want to incorporate organic matter and the more of that the better. Organic matter such as farmyard manure or compost doesn't really contain a lot of nutrients but its major benefit is to help to break up the soil to enable roots to grow and the soil itself to release nutrients and to hold moisture. It really is best to avoid using horse manure unless it's been rotted down for a year or the plants you grow may end up with yellow leaves. What you're doing is presenting the soil bacteria with a lot of organic matter but they rob the soil of nitrogen too at the same time as they need this as part of the process. An analogy is they like a bit of salt with their chips and can't eat them without.

Leaf sweeping – oh dear, oh dear – another load of hard work but it has to be done to avoid grass being smothered and moss coming in, or if left on borders slugs and snails will appreciate a winter home as well as diseases such as rose blackspot being harboured. One excellent thing to do with them though is, if you grow raspberries, to heap as many leaves around the stools as you can. They are naturally a woodland plant and the leaves will provide nutrients as they break down and help to build up a thick water-holding bed around the roots.

Now what should you be doing on Christmas day? Well, sowing your exhibition onions such as Ailsa Craig and Kelsae seed in a heated propagator which will give them a good kick off for the season. You could even try a few tomatoes as their fruiting is affected by the age of the plant as much as light and temperature. If you're lucky Father Christmas will have brought you a propagator lamp to put above your seedlings to prevent them being drawn up and to provide the right light colour spectrum. With the arrival of LED's these have really come down in price and running costs are very low so have a look on the internet as soon as you've read this and drop a few hints. Of course you'll also be getting ready to plant your shallots (and there's room for a handful of them in any size garden) on the shortest day so you can as per tradition lift them on the longest.

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Finally, do take care of those precious plants you have outside in pots. Even if they are deemed hardy severe frost can still badly damage the leaves or even freeze the roots for too long a period. You've seen on the wildlife programmes how penguins huddle together for protection from the cold, well stand all your pots close together which will indeed help and you also have the opportunity, unlike the penguins, of throwing a bit of fleece or bubble wrap over and around when severe frosts are expected. If you have plants overwintering in the greenhouse do try and keep some air circulating on milder days to avoid too much humidity and potential disease build-up.

There is no open Garden Society meeting in December but why not make one of your New year resolutions to come along to our January meeting.

Lenham Film Club

at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way

Friday December 13th

Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without James Stewart to begin it with *It's a Wonderful Life* (U, 1946). It doesn't matter how often you've seen director Frank Capra's masterpiece, you'll still be mesmerised by the hour and a half you spend in Bedford Falls. The unforgettable story of George Bailey and Clarence the angel will guarantee you an evening of Christmas cheer. Running time: 1 hr 30 mins.

Saturday December 14th is matinee day

Performance begins 2.30 pm, doors open 2 pm

Another Christmas must! Come and laugh with Woody and Buzz Lightyear in *Toy Story 4* (U, 2019), the funny and moving final Toy Story instalment. Woody and Buzz embark on an adventurous trip with old friends and some new pals. The trip leads to an unexpected reunion when Woody meets his long-lost friend Bo Peep. Running time: 1hr 40mins.

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 (it's possible we might slip in an extra performance during the month). Follow us on Facebook [@LenhamFilmClub](https://www.facebook.com/LenhamFilmClub). Perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

There's no need to book just come along. Entrance fee (cash at the door) £5 for non-members; members £4. For Toy Story 4 matinee, £2 for children, adults as above. Refreshments available at reasonable cost. Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

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