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From the Editor

Hello everyone,

The Network Team and Fish Committee wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope it will be a lot better than 2021, although, that said, there are always good things to look back on too, some of which are in Network.

For starters, there's Rod Martenstyn's Quiz of the Year 2021 on pages 24 and 25. Thank you Rod for being our Quizmaster! There's something in there for everyone and loads that will have you scratching your heads!

In case you weren't aware I will be stepping down as Editor on 31 March 2022, after 3 years in the role. We urgently need someone to come forward to takeover from me. Please have a look at the 'job' advert on page 17 and contact me direct if you think you might be able to help. I look forward to your call.

We have details of the holiday in Ireland on page 28. There are a few vacancies for that trip. And, there are a variety of other interesting articles, photos and adverts to inform and entertain you.

Today (3 December) is the designated day of Santa's sleigh ride through the village and I along with all the children am looking forward to it. He doesn't visit everyone in such style! I just hope it stops raining so that Santa and everyone else can enjoy the event without getting wet.

Stay safe everyone

Jan - Editor

Please remember to email any photographs, articles of interest about Harrietsham, or recipes etc. that could be considered for inclusion to:

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Harrietsham Gardening Society



Hurray, monthly meetings have now resumed. Our last meeting was on Tuesday 16 November. There were 26 attendees and we were entertained by Stephen Morris who gave an informative and humorous talk on "Plants with Seasonal Interest" and he brought along a large variety of specimens which were of great interest. Tea, coffee and biscuits were also available.

By the time this is published we will have had our Xmas Social. This is scheduled to be a presentation on "Beekeeping" followed by a quiz, a festive raffle, and some festive food provided. We try and provide an entertaining evening for all and would welcome any new members who have an interest in growing, either on a large scale or in a very small garden. Help and advice is always available.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. In the meantime, keep safe, and the committee wishes all members and also everyone in the neighbourhood a very Merry Xmas and a happy and better New Year.

Best wishes for 2022.

Mike Flawn - Treasurer

We are Beams



The charity We Are Beams held a quiz night at Percival's Rest recently and raised almost £300. The winning team was the Shooting Stars with an impressive 57 points, the other teams taking part were The Bees Knees, No Idea, West Street Warriors, Dead Ringers, Harrietsham Belles and the Harrietsham Hopefuls. A raffle was also held making sure that not everybody went home empty handed.

We Are Beams are based in Swanley and look after disabled children and their families with a respite centre, a short break activities and financial services. They look after over 450 families throughout Kent.



Pictured is Andy Ray who was the host and is also the community fundraiser for the charity.

Their next quiz night for We Are Beams will be on Thursday 20 January, please contact Percival's Rest to book a table.

Harrietsham Craft Groups



Craft and Chat

At our November meetings, members made rag rug wreaths and string art snowmen plaques and, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to our meeting on 8 December when the project will be book art candles or angels.



Book art candles

Our meetings have been getting booked up really quickly and we have welcomed quite a few new members including an eight year old accompanied by her grandmother. We are looking forward to exploring lots of new crafts and techniques in the new year and members are always welcome to bring along their own projects. We are hoping that Covid won't stop us from meeting again but we shall have to see!

Meetings are at Lenham Community Centre on the second Wednesday of the month in the Osborne Room and the last Saturday of the month in the James Hatch Suite between 1.30-5pm.



*String Art snowman Project
by Kim Frazer*

Knit, Crochet and Natter

We had our first evening meeting in November which was well attended and several people had help with knitting and crochet. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month between 7-9pm and the third Monday between 2-4pm at Harrietsham Village Hall. We are happy for people to bring along projects other than knitting and crochet if they wish.

If you are interested in joining us at any of our crafting meetings or have any questions, please contact me on 01622 851885

Hazel Roots

Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham Fish Scheme and Network Magazine

A Huge 'Thank You'

It seems strange to be wishing readers a Happy New Year when at the time of writing we haven't yet celebrated Christmas. However, it is that time of the year, when the weather is turning wintry, that I feel I must say a huge 'Thank You' to all our deliverers who brave the elements to make sure that the whole village receives the magazine.



I have a kind volunteer to deliver to Bluebell Walk, but I cannot believe that there isn't someone who lives within the estate who could take on this monthly task. Some areas share the job with a friend or neighbour.

It is with this in mind, that The Fish Scheme says a special Thank You to Sally and Ray Tong who have finally had to step down from delivering magazines in their area. They have been involved with the Fish Scheme for over 50 years, during which time Ray has also served as a committee member and Chairman. We wish Sally a speedy recovery.

Thank you all once again and best wishes,

Jackie Bevan 859310

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls

Hi All,

I hope that you all had a very Happy Christmas and enjoyed spending time with your families and also any outings or parties you had planned for the Christmas break.



It has been good to get back to Harrietsham Village Hall for our bowls sessions and pleasing to see members' attendance going up on Monday afternoons. It is hoped that once Christmas activities and the New Year have passed we will be able to organize friendly games with other clubs. You may have seen our advert in the Network, let us hope it achieves its aim to encourage new members to the club.

It was encouraging to see that our club was well represented at the Funerals of both Colin Lawrence and Ann Rust as it showed the esteem in which they were held.

It just remains for me, and the committee, to wish you all the very best of Health, Wealth, and Happiness for 2022.

Phil Gooda - Chairman/Secretary

Harrietsham History Society



I am pleased to confirm we were at long last able to hold a meeting with members on Monday 15 November and I am very happy to advise you that although our membership is down in numbers there were 13 members and 2 visitors at the meeting. A short AGM took place which included the presentation of the accounts, the re-election of the existing officers and the election of a new committee member Mike Bishop. The future of the society was discussed, and it was agreed to keep the £15.00 yearly membership fee and to proceed with organising some bi-monthly meetings with speakers for 2022. Most of the members present were in favour of holding these meetings in the afternoon with perhaps one evening meeting in the summer. The society secretary Carole presented information on some very interesting subjects which include: - The SS Montgomery – The ship which lies sunken 200 yards off the Northern Coast of the Isle of Sheppey, Smuggling on the South Coast, Eva Braun – Victim or Conriver and HMS Victory & the Battle of Trafalgar. Everyone agreed Carole should proceed with contacting some of these speakers to ascertain their availability as soon as possible. Details of the meeting dates and subjects will hopefully be available on our website early in the new year www.harrietshamhistorysociety.org

We anticipate our first meeting will be a workshop afternoon on 21 February when we will continue to sort through more of the items which we have collected for the village archive but we will confirm the details regarding this in the February Network and on our website.

I shall look forward to seeing everyone again and meantime wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Peter Brown

The Beech Walk



I was told by aged neighbours many years ago that the beech trees were planted at the end of the First World War to represent the number of people living in the Village. I was not told of the number but we could always count the trees to get a reasonably accurate figure!

Marjorie Darby

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Borough Council Corner

By the time you read this the MBC local plan review regulation 19 consultation will have concluded. It is a very long description on what is a very (some think deliberately so) complicated process that has the council putting forward its views for comment to residents. Based on the consultation, a final proposal will be made for an independent inspector to view and comment upon. The Parish Councils, Save Our Heath Lands (SOHL) and residents have made their views known. Ultimately this document will be the blueprint that will shape housing numbers, for the future, have potential impact on highway networks, schools, the environment, wildlife, green spaces, jobs, ability to get doctors appointments, and water and sewage considerations, and of course its overall impact upon climate change. It is a very important process and affects us all. The main document is nearly 300 pages long and additional information nearly 500 pages. The six week consultation process, compares to other MBC consultations including Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Orders (2018) – 8 weeks 2 days.

Draft Housing Strategy (currently live) – 7 weeks and future use of Archbishop's Palace (2021) – 7 weeks 3 days. At the time of writing we have requested an extension to 4 January, as we feel the depth of the subject warrants this. It is sadly ironic that dog control gets an additional 16 days consultation. Can we thank all those who have taken the time and trouble to respond.

Tom & Janetta Sams Borough Councillors for Harrietsham & Lenham ward
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Covid 19

Can we again thank all those who have continued to support others including our most vulnerable through this difficult time. This week at the time of writing (Dec 1) extra measures have been put in place to protect our NHS and the booster vaccination process is in full flow. Many of us felt that the compulsory use of face coverings should not have been dropped, and have continued wearing masks. We are grateful to see mask-wearing return at this difficult time.

We think of all those working in the NHS and supporting teams and hope that, although we showed our appreciation by clapping at the time, everyone will now demonstrate their real appreciation by taking all possible measures to keep us all safe.

Can we additionally thank the co op shops for continuing to maintain collection points for distribution by our volunteers to the Maidstone Homeless day centre food bank. Please continue to support this venture for so many in so much need.

Tom and Janetta 01622 859412

Please continue to be responsible, and wear masks when needed to protect us all

Harrietsham CofE Primary School



Happy New Year from everyone involved at Harrietsham Church of England Primary School to all Network readers. At the time of writing, we are ending what has been a challenging year for the staff, parents, carers and children on a high with a busy month getting ready for Christmas.

Christmas is a special time of year, particularly for our lovely church school. The children have an opportunity to make a Christingle, which is a lighted candle in a decorated orange which symbolises Christ as the light of the world. I'm sure some of the children will find it very hard to resist eating the dolly mixtures instead of placing them on their Christingle.



The Reception and Year 1 children are preparing their Nativity which will be presented on 7 and 8 December. Rehearsals are being enjoyed by all the children and the very proud parents and carers look forward to attending – socially distanced of course. I think we may have some budding thespians!

We anticipate great excitement, especially from the younger children, when Santa makes a surprise visit. He will have presents for each class and a child will be nominated to collect the present from Santa.

As part of our links with the wider community, the residents of Chippendayle Lodge will be given a treat from pupils in Years 5 and 6 who will visit to provide a carol concert. I'm sure the carols and pure voices of the children will really help to uplift the spirits of the residents and put a smile on many faces.

A wonderful Christmas lunch will be provided by the talented catering team for everyone, including staff, to enjoy. The occasion will be made extra festive with all members of the school wearing Christmas jumpers and hats.

Unfortunately, we aren't able to hold our usual Christmas Fayre but the wonderful PTFA members and helpers have stepped up with lots of exciting events during December, such as a virtual pet show, a sale of pet treats, a Christmas raffle and Mrs Frost's spectacular bakes. All proceeds are going towards buying additional laptops for the children.

Looking towards 2022, the school is continuing to expand and grow. The outdoor learning areas are looking fabulous and the new school building is very smart, modern and functional. We are hoping to arrange a visit and tour in Spring to show off this wonderful space and to say thank you to the wider community for putting up with the disruption during the building phase so please watch this space for your invitation!

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Harrietsham Remembers

There were a couple of unexpected visitors to the War Memorial on 11 November, when Virginia Rider and one of her beautiful horses, Zebedee, who had poppies in his mane, came and joined us.



Virginia on Zebedee.
Photo by Peter Brown

Virginia appeared again on Sunday 14 November (Remembrance Sunday) on Growl, who has had spectacular success in racing very early in his career, winning over half a million in only 5 weeks. Virginia is justifiably very proud of him.

She shared this lovely and unusual rider's eye view of Growl with red and mauve poppies plaited into his mane.



*Another photo of Growl supplied by Virginia.
Photographer un-named.*

Len Valley Benefice December 2021



Everybody is welcome

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Jeremiah 6:16

Sunday 2 January

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

Wednesday 5 January

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

Sunday 9 January

- 9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
- 3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Lenham: Breakfast Church will be joining the market on this day.

Sunday 16 January

- 8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
- 9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
- 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
- 11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship
- 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

Sunday 23 January

- 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Harrietsham

Sunday 30 January

- 9.30am Lenham: Shortened spoken Holy Communion
- 11.00am Creative Services will take place in all four of our churches

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Weekday Mass generally

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10am

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Harrietsham Network

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Events and Regular activities in Harrietsham

Please will everyone who is organising or hosting events in Harrietsham or for Harrietsham residents help Network by sending us details of forthcoming events and reports and photos of recent events for the magazine. Keeping us all informed gets better attendance at your event and keeps our community spirit alive.

Before the pandemic, we had a day-to-day events list for regular events and a diary for everything else. Since the pandemic things have been a little bit sparse, so if you know something's going to happen, please share it with us so that we can share it with everyone else in our village. Please help us to get things back to normal.

Now's the time to grab a camera and go out and photograph some winter scenes in our beautiful countryside and around the village. How about sending some in to Network... **editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org** and we'll publish the best ones and the names of the photographers who took them. Perhaps some of our younger residents would like to take part.... Good quality mobile phone photos work very well in the magazine.

Please send all other contributions to editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org

Thank you all.

Jan - Editor

Quiz of the Year 2021

1. On January 4th, Brian Pinker aged 82 became famous for what?
2. What was Donald Trump banned permanently from, on January 8th?
3. What did Wisdom, the Laysan albatross, and the world's oldest known wild bird do in February?
4. Economist and banker Mario Draghi became Prime Minister of which country in February?
5. Cargo ship Ever Given got stuck where in March?
6. Who broke the record for the most Grammys ever won by a female singer?
7. USA, South Africa and EU authorities temporarily stopped administering which Covid-19 vaccine in April after 6 women developed blood clots?
8. What film won the Oscar for Best Picture in the 2021 Academy Awards?
9. Which golfer became the oldest major winner by winning the US PGA Championship in May?
10. Performed by Maneskin, which nation won the Eurovision Song Contest 2021 in May?
11. Who ousted Benjamin Netanyahu as the new Prime Minister of Israel in June?
12. Which Danish football star suffered an on-field cardiac arrest during the Euro Championship match v Finland?
13. Who won Team GB's first gold medal of the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo?

14. Who scored England's opening goal in the final of the Euro Football Championships against Italy?
15. How many gold medals did Team GB win in the Summer Olympics?
16. Who resigned as the Governor of New York in August, amid a sexual harassment scandal?
17. On September 15th, which entrepreneur launched SpaceX, the first all-civilian spaceflight for a three-day orbit around Earth?
18. Which English entrepreneur and inventor, best known for being a pioneer in computing and electronics, sadly passed away in September, aged 81?
19. Which legendary sci-fi actor became the oldest person to reach space, travelling aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket on October 13th?
20. What was the name of the MP for Southend West that was horrifically killed in October?
21. Who directed the near 9 hours long three part documentary "The Beatles – Get Back" which was released on Disney + in November?
22. The founder of which Formula One racing team sadly passed away at the age of 79?
23. In December, where was named as the world's most expensive city to live in?
24. Who was the first person to leave this year's "I'm a Celebrity" after being taken to hospital after falling ill?



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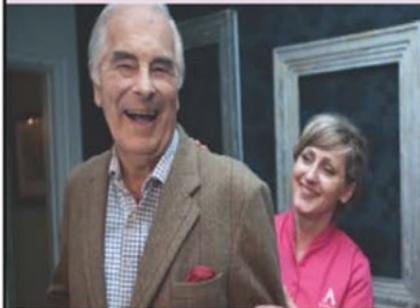
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Sat 1 January 2022 12 noon advertising deadline for February Network

Sat 1 January 2022 12 noon copy deadline for February Network

January Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall
LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	3	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	3	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	6	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	8	12-2pm	Soup Saturday	St John's Church
Mon	10	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	12	1.30 - 5pm	Craft and Chat	LCC Osborne Room
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	17	2.00-4pm	Knit, Crochet & Natter	HVH
Tues	18	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	20	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	24	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	26	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	St John's Church
Thurs	27	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Sat	29	1.30-5pm	Craft and Chat	LCC James Hatch Suite
Mon	31	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH

Harrietsham Network

Holiday to Ireland

Hello everyone,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Marjorie Darby and I have for many years been involved with the organisations in the village (including Harrietsham Fish Scheme, the publishers of Network and organisers of the Lift Scheme).

I have frequently organised events locally and am now testing the waters to see if we can get together enough local people to go on a coach trip holiday to Ireland next year. I now have some twin and double rooms available with a waiting list for single rooms.

The Itinerary is as follows:

Holiday to Ireland - June 25 2022 7 Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast - 5 Nights at La Mon and 2 Nights at Overnight Hotels

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Please let me know if you are interested in this holiday in the first instance on marjoriedarby5@gmail.com or on 01622 850657.

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It will be good to get back to reasonably normal living again!!

Marjorie Darby

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100 Club Draw

As the magazine will be going to print earlier than usual, the results of the December Draw will be printed in the February edition. Winners, of course, will be notified after the draw.

The committee of the Friends of St John hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Christian Message

Happy New Year!

It seems strange to be writing those words, as it is still November at the time of writing and Christmas is still a few weeks away. Covid-19 will probably come to define the third decade of this century as it casts its shadow into another year. The opening passage of John's Gospel which is read at every Midnight Mass includes the words: '**The light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it**'. In order to have shadow there must also be light. Christians believe that Christ is this light. Despite the darkness of last year, the light of Christ still shines on in hope. Light is a synonym for good in the bible and darkness is a synonym for evil; however, although they are opposites they are not equal. A small candle will always light up a darkened room.

This time last year we had no vaccines, no widespread and community-based testing. Planes were grounded. Here we are another year later and we have so much to be thankful for including a rediscovered sense of community spirit. I imagine that everyone reading this will have their own personal experiences and perspectives to relate to, and there can have been few such unifying phenomena experienced collectively by so many millions of people in the course of history. Amanda Gorman, a young American poet spoke great words of hope in her powerful poem at the inauguration of Joe Biden as president last January. I share the first line and last lines here:

*'When day comes, we ask ourselves
Where can we find light in this never-ending shade?*

*For there is always light,
If only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it'. (From: The Hill We Climb).*

I end with three questions:

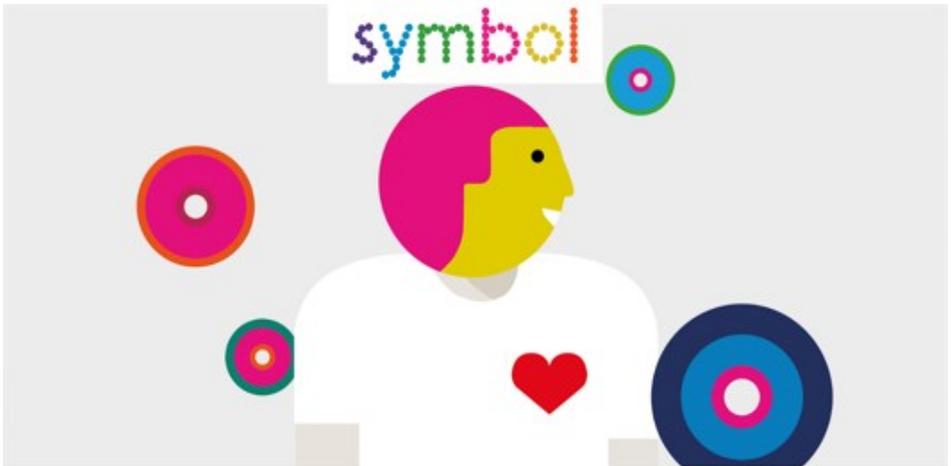
Are we brave enough to see and acknowledge that this light is the light of Christ?

Are we brave enough to be that light to others and share in the hope that Christmas has brought us again?

Are we brave enough to step out with courage into a new way of being; a beacon of light and love to our communities? I hope so.

With blessings,

Charlotte



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Lenham WI

What a disappointment! Our speaker for November had to cancel because she was in lockdown in New Zealand. A sign of the times I guess. So instead we had a fun evening going back in time and holding a Beetle Drive. It was great and guess who came last – yes me! It just goes to show you don't have to have technology to enjoy life.

This month we will be welcoming Joe and Andrea Tinkler who will give us a talk entitled "My Role as a First Responder and Team Leader". Should be interesting and informative!

If you would like to come along we meet at Lenham Community Centre on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. We will be pleased to see you.

For further information please get in touch:

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January 2022

Hello from HAMS Productions



At the time of writing we have had an amazing response to the ticket sales for our forthcoming pantomime Aladdin on 28 and 29 of January 2022. If I'm honest I was concerned about ticket sales this year but I needn't have worried, Lenham and Harrietsham have supported us as they always do. There may still be some tickets available by contacting tickets@hamsproductions.org

By the time you read this we will be in our last stages of rehearsal for the shows. Nerves will have set in by now and I am speaking for myself when I say that even at the time of writing I am excited about putting on a show again after the year's break due to the virus that shall not be named.

At the end of November we did a visit to Barty house to provide a bit of theatrical and Christmas cheer to the residents and fun was had by all.

Please remember that if you wish to keep in touch with us we have a Facebook page and a website which can be found at www.hamsproductions.org. On our Facebook page and website you will find all the latest information regarding forthcoming productions and ways to get involved if you are interested in joining HAMS Productions, and remember we don't only need people on stage, we need people front of house and in support roles backstage.

If you are new to the villages we would like to say welcome to Lenham and Harrietsham. If you haven't already heard about us, we are a friendly group of amateur thespians who put on a pantomime every year at Lenham community centre.

We look forward to seeing you all either at the pantomime in January 2022 or at a future production. We would like to personally thank you all for your continued support.

If you want to contact us please email chair@hamsproductions.org.

David Penny - Chair

The Network Team and the Fish Scheme Committee
wish you all a happy and healthy

2022

Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham Community

Speedwatch Group



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish all of you a Happy New Year.

In October and November we carried out six sessions on Ashford Road. There would have been more but bad weather meant cancellation and the short nights have reduced the hours Kent Police allow us to operate.

During these six sessions:

- 1,710 vehicles were counted (note that vehicles in a convoy are ignored)
- 101 were driving over 35mph
- 22 were driving over 40mph
- 2 were driving over 45mph

Four letters were sent out by the Police – one for being spotted speeding twice by Community Speedwatch in Kent; one for travelling over 45mph and finally two notifications to the DVLA for being on the road without valid Vehicle (Road) Tax.

As Community Speedwatch volunteers are highly visible and make use of a speed detection device, it is usually clear to vehicle drivers their speed is being monitored. In fact, some motorists may even mistake the volunteers for police officers! Based on the figures above, it is clear that 1 in 20 drivers on the A20 Ashford Road still travel at over 10% above the speed limit, ignoring our presence. Just how fast do drivers speed along the road when Speedwatch is not present?

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- Vehicles stop quicker as breaking distance is reduced
- a slow vehicle exerts less energy on its occupants if a crash occurs
- A slower vehicle also transfers less energy to pedestrians as well as other static objects.

Many people are appreciative of what we are doing. At every session we receive a number of waves from drivers who are obviously pleased to see us out and about.

If you have the odd hour or so to spare occasionally to help reduce speeding and improve road safety in Harrietsham, do come and join Speedwatch. For more information, visit :

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Quiz of the Year 2021 Answers

- 1 He became the first person (excluding trialists) to receive the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine
- 2 He was banned from Twitter, due to the risk of further incitement of violence
- 3 She had a baby chick, at the age of (at least) 70 years old
- 4 Italy
- 5 Suez Canal, Egypt
- 6 Beyonce
- 7 Johnson & Johnson
- 8 Normadland
- 9 Phil Mickelson
- 10 Italy
- 11 Natfali Bennett
- 12 Christian Eriksen
- 13 Adam Peaty
- 14 Luke Shaw
15. 22
- 16 Andrew Cuomo
- 17 Elion Musk
- 18 Sir Clive Sinclair
- 19 William Shatner
- 20 David Amess
- 21 Peter Jackson
- 22 Frank Williams – Williams F1 team
- 23 Tel Aviv, Israel
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Quiz of the Year 2021 Answers



Red Joan

Friday January 14 2022

Performance begins 7.30 pm, doors open 7 pm

Spies, British intelligence – and the incomparable Judi Dench. An irresistible combination. In **Red Joan** (12, 2018) Judi is on the other side of the fence, not running MI6 as in the James Bond films but as a spy for the Soviet Union. Based on the true-life story of Melita Norwood, the KGB's longest serving British spy, Judi plays Joan Stanley, an elderly retired widow who out of the blue is arrested for treason on the grounds that she supplied classified information to the Soviet Union. **Red Joan** is the story of how and why that happened, a story of love, betrayal and personal conviction.

Running time: 1hr 41 minutes.

And, when you've got your breath back from that, you can look forward to 11 February. Same place, slightly earlier time – and we're back with spies in *No Time to Die*, Daniel Craig's final appearance as James Bond. On March 11, we're showing *Hidden Figures*, about the brilliant African American women at NASA who played a pivotal role in early US space travel.

For more information please check out our website (www.lenhamfilmclub.org), follow us on Facebook (@LenhamFilmClub) or if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, then please contact us at lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com. Perhaps consider becoming a member or just come along on the night!

Admission: members £4, non-members £5

Annual membership £6 (over 16's only); pick up a form at our ticket desk.

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