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Message From the Editor

I hope you were able to enjoy some of the nice weather we had in May.

Thank you all for your continued submissions to the magazine. It is brilliant that we are receiving so much valuable content, but we can always find space for new and interesting items.

Please do make sure you have a look at page 37 for information on the big lunch, as well as page 10 and 11 for some good news from the Parish Council.

On page 12 there is a poster for Harrietsham Social Club's Open Day.

And thank you again to Peter Seville for his regular Quiz Corner Questions which can be found on page 11 this month.

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Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club 2024 Centenary Year



Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club Centenary celebration plans are coming together:-

Centenary Celebration Day - Saturday 17 August from 2-4pm. Please put the date in your diary to join us in marking this special achievement. This will be a **FREE** event with fun & games for all the family.

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Families are very welcome to come along and give grass court tennis a try anytime – just turn up, all equipment can be provided. Normal playing times for Members from 2pm on Sundays and with Club evenings on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6pm. If you wish to play at any other time please get in touch to discuss your requirements

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Andrew Rogers - Tennis Club Chairman

Harrietsham Gardening Society



Our April meeting was a talk on “A gardener abroad- Three gardens in Rome”. This was presented by Caroline Halfpenny and was a very interesting tour round three gardens on the outskirts of Rome which Caroline has been to. Her photos were incredible and the narrative informative. For anyone going to this part of Europe it was a pointer to some interesting sights.

We also had our usual tea/coffee and biscuits and raffle.

We have our Summer Show in the village hall on 18 June. If you wish to participate come along and join as it is only open to members.

By the time this article goes out we will have had an outing to Stubbs, Ashford and are organising other trips for later on in the year. If you would like to be included please come along and join our society.

If you would like to get involved in the social side of gardening life come and see if we can offer some guidance for your horticultural adventures and entertainment as well as meeting some of the village's more knowledgeable inhabitants.

Our annual subscription is £15 with a £2 entry fee per meeting attended.

Keep looking on Harrietshamites for our programme throughout the year.



Harrietsham History Society

Our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) saw the election of a committee, brimming with ideas and a renewed focus on preserving and celebrating the village's history, whilst providing an opportunity for members to meet to listen to a range of talks from guest speakers.

Firstly, we extend our warmest congratulations to the newly elected (or re-elected) committee members, alongside the membership they will be working on several exciting projects and events over the coming months.

We will be embarking on an ambitious archiving project to meticulously preserve our history for future generations. This project aims to digitize and catalogue over 25 boxes full of articles, reports, documents, and photographs, ensuring they remain accessible.

Our work will continue with Harrietsham primary school's history lead. Together, we are working on engaging display boards for the school and providing information and documents to support with topics throughout the year.

Join us at Percival's Rest on Monday 3 June at 1900 for our next talk titled "A Short Talk on the Longest Day" returning speaker Steve Hookins will guide us through a virtual tour of the Normandy invasion, offering unique insights into this historic day.

Following this talk, we'll be participating in the Big Lunch event on Saturday 15 June hosted by the Parish Council on The Glebe Field. With a display regarding World War 2 taken from information in the village archive. If you have any contributions or insights regarding D-Day that you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Additionally, copies of our three books will be available for purchase, along with information on joining our vibrant community.

We invite you to join us on this exciting journey as we celebrate our past, engage with our present, and look forward to a future filled with discovery and connection.

Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Club



Our friendly games against other clubs certainly produce some ups and downs with results going for and against. The most important thing is they are played in the right spirit and enjoyed by everyone. After we lost quite heavily at home to LenARA, Headcorn came to Harrietsham and we had a very good result against them winning 63-35. Both our matches with Headcorn have proven to encourage a rapport between the clubs that will, I am sure, bring on more games in the future.

"Revenge is sweet", is that an old Chinese proverb? However, it came about with our visit to LenARA. HSMBC won the game by 60 - 28. Both teams enjoyed the game (and the homemade cakes at tea break), we even learned from each other that no matter the difference in the score the match can be played as a fun sociable activity. I am sure that there will also be more games with LenARA.

Happy Bowling,

Phil Gooda - HSMBC Chairman/Secretary

Parish Council News

Harrietsham's Parish Warden

Residents may recall that, during 2023, Kent County Council began a review of the Community Warden Service. This review reduced the number of Wardens across the whole of Kent from 70 to just 32, with those remaining being placed using a Geographic Allocation Policy. This ensured that the surviving Wardens would be based in the areas most in need.

At the time, the Parish Council requested that as many residents as possible responded to the consultation to try to protect the service which is currently seen in the village but, unfortunately, this was unsuccessful and the updated Warden Service will begin to roll out during June 2024.

The Parish Council was very concerned about the negative impact that this new service would have on the village, as we would lose our own Community Warden, Martin Sherwood, who residents have come to rely on during the 13 years he has been operating jointly in Harrietsham and Lenham.

We are therefore very pleased to announce that the Parish Council has made the decision to employ our own Parish Warden, who will start at the end of May. You will all find his face very familiar, as Martin has made the decision, after many years of service with Kent County Council, to accept this new part-time role (3 days a week) and will be based solely in Harrietsham.

Martin's employment was agreed just before this article was written, so I am unable to include the new mobile number for Martin at this point, but this will be advertised in due course. His email address will be:

warden@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Residents won't see much of a difference in the service offered, the new Parish Warden will still attend the various clubs, as he does presently, and will still be contactable to discuss any concerns you have on a vast array of topics. Hopefully Martin will now have the opportunity to be out and about in the Community more, so you may see him walking around the village.

I hope you will all join me in welcoming Martin to his new role in Harrietsham, he is an asset to the village which we could not afford to lose!

80th Anniversary of D-Day Big Lunch

The Big Lunch, which this year includes commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, will take place on Saturday 15 June on the Glebe Field (between mid-day and 4pm). Please come along with a picnic to enjoy the day, which will include the Marvellous Mutts dog competition, music, a dance display, games and a raffle. This year there will also be an ice-cream van visiting and the History Society will have displays relating to World War 2.

Parish Council Elections 2024

There were not enough candidates for the Parish Council to have a contested election in May, therefore the 9 Councillors in place will continue for a further 4 years, leaving 2 vacancies. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor, or wish to apply for one of the vacancies, then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Amanda Broadhurst - Parish Clerk - 850089

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Harrietsham In Bloom



Our Quiz Night on 20 April was a most enjoyable evening. 56 persons came to support us and after costs we raised approximately £390 towards funds. Thank you to everyone who attended, to the volunteers that prepared the venue and to Peter Bowler and his team for organising the questions.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with deadheading the spring displays. The planters and village green beds have now been emptied and replanted for summer. We are a very small team and could do with more help. Please consider joining us as a volunteer you don't have to be a gardener, the team will help and advise you. Any enquiries to Andrew Rogers (Chair) on 01622 859352 or Barbara Inledon (Secretary) on 01622 853754.

Audrey Joy MBE

Quiz Corner

Round 8

1. What type of creature is a Pacific Sea Wasp?
2. In which sport do red and yellow balls oppose black and blue balls?
3. What does an Acrophobic fear?
4. Which singing duo were originally called Tom and Jerry?
5. In his will, who left his wife his second-best bed?
6. Arthur Stanley Jefferson is better known as who?
7. What was the first frozen food available in Britain in 1937?
8. How many bridges span the Amazon River?
9. What was once advertised as "any time, any place, any where".
10. Abel Magwitch and Biddy appear in which Dickens' novel?

Answers on page 35

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We had a very entertaining and inspiring evening when Kate Bosley came along to our meeting with her husband John, together with their tandem.

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Our next meeting will be in the Scout Hut at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5 June and we will hear about 'The Fabulous 50's'.

Elizabeth Welchman - Chairman - 01622 850735

Borough Council Corner

We would like to thank residents from the new Harrietsham, Lenham and North Downs ward for their support at the election.

We are delighted to receive communities support and would like to introduce Kathy Cox to our team of Independent Councillors, we are so pleased that she has been elected.

As the new team covering what is now the largest ward in Maidstone, we will work closely together to represent you. We hope that we can continue to be contactable, accountable, and visible to all.

We will endeavour to be involved in community events, organisations and campaigns, to be proactive on issues that affect our communities and reactive when needed.

As a brief introduction to Kathy who has lived in Hollingbourne for more than 20 years: She has made tremendous contributions within Hollingbourne, volunteering in many groups and projects. She is heavily involved and ever present at the recently opened Signal box cafe at Hollingbourne Station. She cares deeply about the North Downs area and will be a great asset to the community and we look forward to working alongside her.

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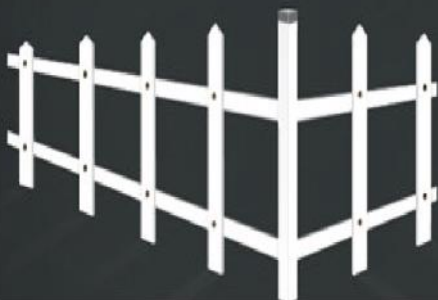
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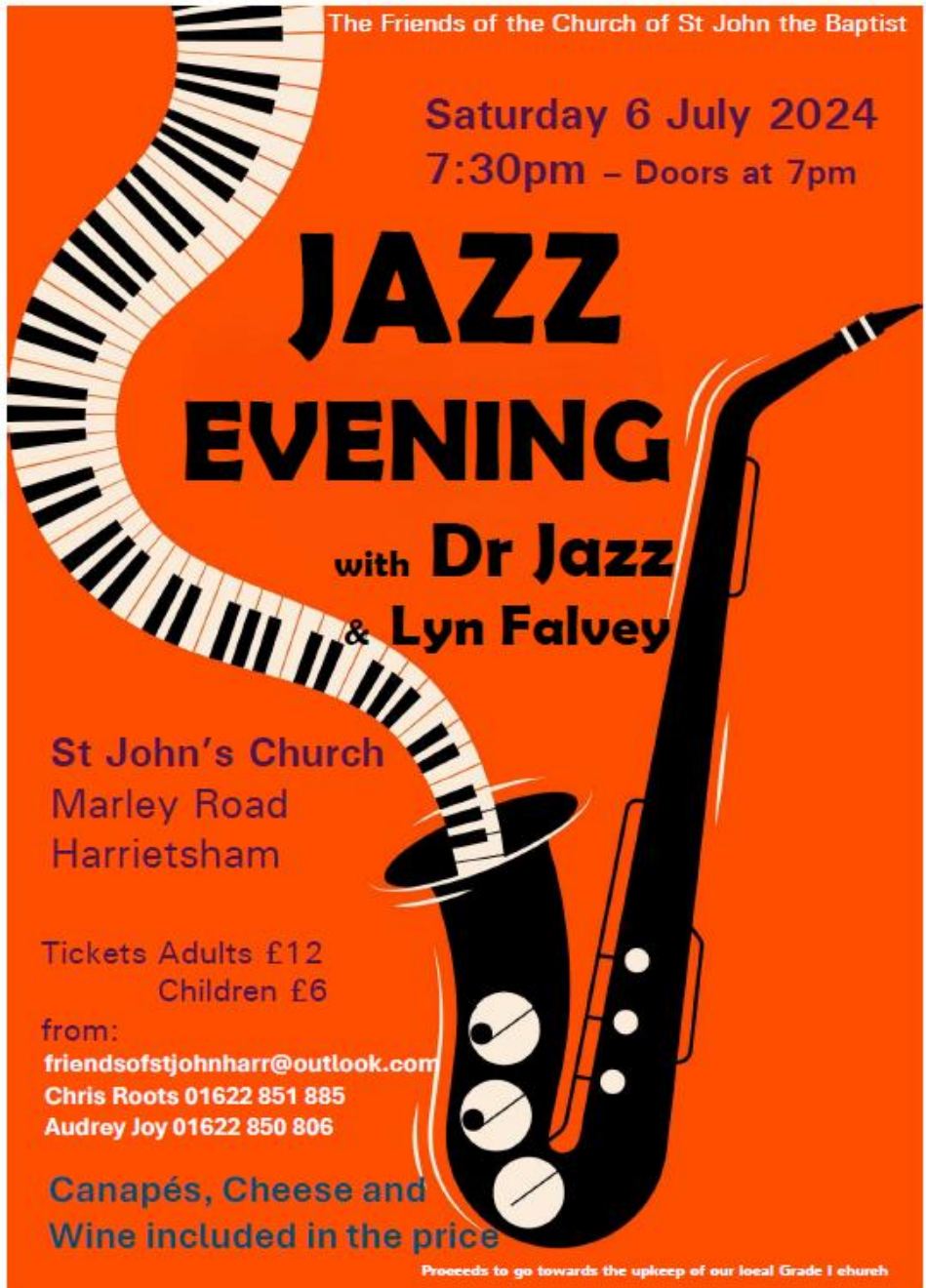
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Matthew 13:31-32

Sunday 2 June

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion *with baptism*

Wednesday 5 June

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00am Harrietsham: Chippendayle

Sunday 9 June

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion *with baptism*

6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 16 June

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

11.00am Lenham: Morning Worship

Sunday 23 June

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe
'I am the good shepherd'

Sunday 30 June – Creative Sunday

in each of our churches
Please see local noticeboards for details

Lenham WI

In April we welcomed Henny Shotter with her talk about the Three Women of Boughton Malherbe Manor. The first generations of the Wotton family to settle in Kent acquired their lands through marriage and inheritance rather than purchase. Nicholas Wotton acquired the manor of Boughton Malherbe through his second wife, Margaret. Nicholas died in 1447/8 leaving Margaret and two sons, Nicholas junior and Richard. Nicholas junior died in 1480 and his widow Elizabeth in 1494. Their memorial brass in Boughton church shows them with three sons and seven daughters. His son, Robert Wotton married Anne Belknap. At his death his estates were divided between his sisters Elizabeth Cooke, Mary Danett and Anne Wotton. Robert and Anne's daughter, *Mary* married first into the Guldeford family of Leeds in Kent. His daughter, *Margaret* married Thomas Grey, second Marquess of Dorset, grandson of Elizabeth Woodville and thus a cousin of the King. This marriage elevated the family, or at least Margaret, from the gentry to the nobility and brought them close to the Court and the political intrigues of the mid sixteenth century. Margaret and Thomas' son Henry was the father of Lady Jane Grey.

Having succeeded his father at Boughton Malherbe, Thomas Wotton might also have expected to follow him in a career in government service, perhaps holding an appointment at Calais as both his father and grandfather had done. Thomas died in 1587. There is an alabaster memorial bust to Thomas on the north side of the chancel in Boughton Malherbe church. Four of Thomas's sons - Edward, James, John and Henry were knighted. Sir Henry Wotton (1568–1639) was the ambassador to Venice under James 1st. He is famously known for saying "An ambassador is an honest gentleman sent to lie abroad for the good of his country".

Edward subsequently married Margaret, daughter of Philip, third Baron Wharton. Edward died in 1628 and his heir, Thomas, survived his father by only two years. He had no son; his heirs were his four daughters. The greater part of the Wotton estate, including Boughton Malherbe, passed to the eldest daughter, *Catherine*. She was married to Philip Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield, and her part of the Wotton estates passed down through the Stanhope family until 1750, when it was sold. So *Mary*, *Margaret* – the most influential woman - and *Catherine* all kept company with royalty and aristocracy etc many of whom would have, over the centuries, visited Boughton Malherbe Manor.



Mary



Margaret



Catherine

This month we have something completely different. Tenterden Glebe WI are going to entertain us with a Call My Bluff evening.

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



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Ploughman's Platterday

Would you like a lunch without the washing up afterwards?

Then come to our Ploughman's Platterday on Saturday 8 June 2024 between 12 noon and 2pm. Come along and enjoy lunch and meet people in the church for only £5. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will also be available at 50p extra.

A big thank you to all those who attended our Ploughman's Platterday on Saturday 13 April – our biggest yet! If you were unfortunate to have to wait longer than normal for your lunch that day, please forgive us as extra supplies had to be urgently obtained to satisfy the demand.

100 Club Lottery Results

The results of the Eighty-ninth Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on Saturday 13 April 2024 by various diners at Ploughman's under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots (Promoter) are:

First prize £82.50 – number 140 – Michael Flawn;

Second prize £49.50 – number 157 – Kevin Harlock;

Third prize £33.00 – number 62 – John Hart.

There were 165 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £165.

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New Secretary

Welcome to our new Secretary, Val Brown, who I hope will be writing these articles in future. Also welcome to her husband, Steven, who has joined our Committee.

Chris Roots - Treasurer

Local Churches

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For details of services see p.23

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Sunday Mass 10.30am

Weekday Mass generally

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10am

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June 2024 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	3	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	3	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	3	7pm	Harrietsham History Society	Percival's
Mon	3	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Wed	5	7.30pm	Harrietsham Ladies Group	Scout Hut
Thurs	6	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	7	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	8	12pm	Ploughman's Platter Dat	St John's

Mon	10	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	10	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Wed	12	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Thurs	13	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	14	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	14	7.30pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Sat	15	12pm	The Big Lunch	Gebe Field

Mon	17	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	17	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Tues	18	7pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	20	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	21	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	22	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC

Mon	24	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	24	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	27	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	28	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH

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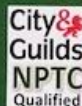
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We have been enjoying the first six months of 2024 with some really interesting speakers. In January we welcomed Fancy Tat who gave us an insight into how we can make use of things that would normally just go in the bin. They recycle so many different things and turn them into beautiful items for the home.



February was a very busy month with a very successful Quiz Night, a trip to see Tina, the Musical at the Adelphi Theatre in London and our speaker was Kathryn Ferry who told us of the life of Billy Butlin.

We have eighteen volunteers from our members to go to Lenham Primary School to help the children learn to read. We have supported the Primary School with visits to talk to the children about our own childhood and school days.

The Pub Lunches are always popular with visits to The Who'd a Thought It, The Dering Arms and The Wagon and Horses.

Our Short Mat Bowls group were invited to Harrietsham to play at Harrietsham Bowls Club, in a friendly. I'm pleased to say our team did well and won the game on the day.

Our March speaker was very informative giving us lots of information about Tax, Care and Toy Boys! He spoke about how we should be considering our financial situation so that we can get the best out of our money and protect our families for the future.

In April Christine Rayner returned to us to give her second talk about Bygone Kent, the magazine with so many interesting articles about the history and heritage of Kent.

Our weekly activities are still well supported. We have Short Mat Bowls on a Tuesday afternoon, Zumba Gold on Wednesday mornings and Line Dancing on Wednesday evenings all at Lenham Community Centre. Ten Pin Bowling is arranged once a month at the Hollywood Bowl in Ashford and many members go on to The Kennington for lunch afterwards.

So we have real varied and interesting events with more days out and holidays being arranged. Our subscription this year is only £10 per person so if you would like to join us please come along. Our meetings are held at Lenham Community Centre on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm. You would be very welcome.

The horse and his rider He has cast into the depths of the sea

A young Mum was concerned that her little boy did not seem to be enjoying Sunday School. He normally came home seeming quite bored, but one day he came back excited! His mum questioned him as to the change of attitude. The son replied, "Well Mum, our teacher today told us how Moses had saved millions of Israelites who are being pursued by the Egyptian Chariots and led them across the Red Sea without getting their shoes wet.

"Well tell me all about it said his mum!

So, the son began the story.

He told her how Moses had managed to get Pharaoh to let the Israelites go from Egypt. However, a brief time later, Pharaoh changed his mind and set his army in pursuit of them.

As they got nearer to the Red Sea, Moses could see the chariots chasing after them. So, he called up the army and told him to erect a Bailey Bridge across the Red Sea. They did so in double quick time, and so all the Israelites were able to get across in safety.

However, just as they had reached the other side, the Egyptian army began crossing the bridge. Moses quickly called up the Air Force and told them to bomb the bridge. They did so just as his Mum was astounded to hear that his Sunday school teacher told the story that her son had just recounted. When she questioned her son about the story, he told her "Actually Mum, if I told you the story that she told us you would not have believed that either!"

Of course, this version is an adaptation of the true story, but nevertheless it introduces something of great importance to the Hebrew people. It demonstrates the enormous power that God had used to rescue his people. The title of this article would serve as a mantra for the Hebrew nation for many, many centuries to come.

As we have recently celebrated Easter, we have been reminded of an even more powerful demonstration what God can do. When Jesus was crucified on what we celebrate as Good Friday, it was with great power that God raised him from the dead on Easter Sunday. Ephesians chapter 1 v 19 speaks of "...the mighty strength that He exerted when He raised Jesus from the dead".

It shows to us that God is not passive in our history, but continually active. It is because of what Jesus had accomplished; he has made it possible to rescue us from the punishment which we deserve for our sinful lives. This can only become a reality for us when we repent of our sins, as Peter exhorted the people to do in Acts Ch. 2 vv 38 – 39. Repentance is a solemn act which we do before God almighty, and ask him to forgive us for our sins, and make us "Born again." It means therefore that God has given to us the option of eternal life to live with him in heaven.

I was quite saddened to hear a leader a few years ago who gave a different idea as to how we get to him. She said that we should imagine leaving Saint Pancras and then on the Eurostar train, heading for somewhere in Germany. She said that we would not be much aware of our surroundings as we continued our journey, but eventually of course we arrive at the destination. It was her version of how one gets to heaven. This of course is totally and utterly false and contrary to scripture. Becoming a Christian is a conscious act of repentance before God, not something that one drifts into.

If you would like further guidance on this, I would be more than happy to share what I believe is the correct way to be absolutely certain that we have eternal life. Please feel free to e-mail me at the address given at the end of this article.

Phillip Robling B.SC,(Hons); PGCE; Pastor (retired)
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Countryways Quilters and Stitchers

At the time of writing I am looking forward to a holiday with my daughter in North Carolina. But stressing over the part I hate, the long distance travel. I'm too old for racing through airports.

But fast forward to the time of you reading this and I (hopefully) am totally relaxed and enjoying the memory of time in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

I'm looking forward to our June project. We will be building Signature quilt blocks.

These can be used to add to a memory quilt, or stitched to the back of a quilt you have completed. Showing your signature and the date you finished the quilt. Great if you want it to become a family heirloom. There are a choice of designs all made up with scraps of fabric from the finished quilt or just any scraps. Each will have a central white strip for the signature and date. If you've spent a year making a quilt (or maybe ten) then you really should sign your work of art.

I hope if you made it to our 'Open House' last month you will be joining us this month. Our dates this month are 4 and 18 June. Come learn more about our stitching group and spend some quiet time stitching. Learn new skills and share old ones.

We have our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of every month except December and would love to see you. We meet usually in the Osbourne room in the Lenham Community Centre from 1:30 to 4:30.

If you would like more information on our group or would like a copy of our 2024 Program please contact me,

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Quiz Corner Answers

Round 8

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| 1. Jellyfish | 5. William Shakespeare |
| 2. Croquet | 4. Simon & Garfunkel |
| 3. Heights | 9. Martini |
| 6. Stan Laurel | 10. Great Expectations |
| 7. Asparagus | |
| 8. None | |

Lenham Film Club

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The Great Escaper

Friday 14 June

Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

Running time 1 hr 36 mins

June 6, 2024 will mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast during World War II. In honour of this anniversary, our film for June is **The Great Escaper** (12, 2023), the superb true story of Bernard Jordan. The spell-binding drama is set in June 2014, when Bernard, an 89-year-old Royal Navy veteran was living in a care home in Hove, Sussex with his wife Irene. Having missed the official organised trip to Normandy to attend the 70th anniversary of D-Day, Bernard decides to make his own way there. In this he has the whole-hearted support of his wife who delays his absence being noticed long enough for Bernard to board the ferry. Once in France, he revisits old haunts – together with his memories of World War II. Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson give wonderful performances as Bernard and his wife Irene in this fabulous drama, which also marked the last screen appearances for the two marvellous icons of British film. This is definitely not a film to miss. Director: Oliver Parker.

Our July film is also based on a true story. **Can You Ever Forgive Me** (15, 2018) is a dark comedy on the methods adopted by an author to redeem her failing career. Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant star and were both nominated for Oscars for their performances.

Please get in touch for more information or to join our mailing list.

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1 John 3:1

See the love that the Father has shown us so we are right to be called God's children, which is precisely what we are.

In recent weeks, I have been recovering from surgery and so have spent more time than usual watching daytime television. Perhaps you know the programme that I'm thinking of as I write. It features an auction.

The bidding can be brisk at first, but as the price creeps up maybe only two people are left interested. As they continue to bid against each other, it raises the price a little until one gives up and the other becomes the victor as the auctioneer announces "going, going, gone."

Maybe at a decent price but maybe not as much as the seller had hoped for. And then another item fares even worse and is withdrawn as it fails to reach the reserve price. No-one has valued it enough.

And there are times when we too can feel undervalued and unappreciated. Maybe there are times when we treat others similarly? We are probably all guilty of thinking of ourselves and not valuing others. And, maybe we can more easily spot the worst and not the best in others?

I picked this passage for this month when we are encouraged to think about Father's Day. Of course, we all have had earthly fathers – some good, some not so good – but I encourage us all now to remember our Heavenly Father.

Wherever we are – we matter to him. Others may dismiss us – He will not. Wherever we are, whatever we do, our Heavenly Father loves us completely, wholly.

I don't understand it – but I gladly accept it. I pray that you do too.

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