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Message From the Editor

Happy May! I hope everyone had a lovely Easter Weekend and made the most of the great weather.

It is brilliant to have an article from Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club as they start their season. Keep an eye out for more content from them over the summer months.

Make sure you add the date for the Harrietsham School Summer Fair to your diaries, we have a save the date on page 15.

If you have any dates to add to the diary each month, even if you don't have an article, please do send them in.

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Harrietsham Network

Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club



Work has commenced on preparing the grass courts for the new season and we hope to greet everyone back on court very soon. There is plenty of room for new members and if you want to give tennis a try do just turn up as we nearly always have a spare court available. Equipment can be provided.

Harrietsham Lawn Tennis Club has 3 grass courts situated behind the Harrietsham Village Hall – we plan to commence play on the first Sunday in May. Our normal playing schedule is Tuesday & Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoon. Club Members can play at any time when the courts are available.

For up to date timings and other news please visit our web site or telephone for details.

Andrew Rogers - Chairman

01622 859352 or visit our website: www.harrietshamtennis.co.uk

Harrietsham in Bloom



We have received many compliments from villagers, visitors and motorists passing through the village about the wonderful cheery flowers displayed along the verges and in the planters and tubs. Thank you all.

We have a new volunteer answering our request for help – Liz Millbrook has joined our small group and we are very grateful for her help. Many thanks Liz. We look forward to working with you.

If anyone has the time we would be grateful for any help with deadheading when the time comes. It is only the flower heads that need picking off and we leave the rest of the plant to die down and feed the bulbs for next year. This task applies to the daffodils and tulips.

Our annual quiz was held on 22 April and many thanks to all who supported the event, to the quiz master and his team and all the helpers and raffle prizes donated. More news re: the quiz next month.

Proceeds from the village collection boxes total £77.65p. Thank you to everyone who donated since the last collection.

Any enquiries please contact Andrew Rogers (Chair) 01622 859352.

Audrey Joy

Harrietsham Gardening Society

Our last meeting on 21 March was our annual Spring Show. It was attended by 26 members of whom 16 exhibited a total of 77 individual entries. As usual the standard of exhibits was excellent and therefore hard to judge. Judging was done by all present who jotted down their preference of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. The results were then collated and prize cards were issued. We had two trophies to present. Most points in show went to Ken Leach and Best Exhibit in Show to Helen Hubble for her plant/flower arrangement.

At the meeting seed potatoes were handed out to members to try and grow the heaviest individual potato which is to be judged at the Annual Show in September. This is a departure from our usual competition for the heaviest crop of potatoes grown from one potato. In addition seedling onions were handed out for members to try and produce the largest onion grown in a pot, again for the Annual Show. These have been sown and planted on by our Vice Chairman Kevin Harlock.

We have, as mentioned in the April issue, a plant sale on Saturday 13 May at Little Hatch the home of Michael and Denise (opposite Lee Davey Caravans). This is from 10.00am to 12.00am.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 16 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the Speaker is Christine Bartlett with a talk entitled Happy Houseplants- Healthy Homes.

David Oversby - Chairman



THE JPK Project- PPPP!

It is with sadness and just a little bit of guilt that I have to announce that there will be no Ploughmans and Pimms, nor Pickles and Plants this year or in the future.

We finished on a "high" last year, raising £1,600, and after 20 years of this event it seemed the right time to call a halt. The wonderful plants that everybody appreciated can no longer be delivered and last year, collecting them proved costly and a lot of extra work. Also, we are all getting older--a familiar cry, I hear you say!!

However, I am delighted to be able to give good news re. The JPK Project which you have so generously supported all these years.

It is in the final stages of development and only the decorators remain on site. The restaurant is popular and gives excellent training and work experience to the learning disabled in the area of Eastbourne. The eight en-suite bedrooms are fully furnished along with communal living space for lounge, games room, TV kitchen and laundry.

All this has been achieved--at last, without any government aid, although the lottery did help with some of the training elements.

The fantastic achievement has overcome every imaginable hold up, from the first stages of planning to the final inspections. My sister, Jill Parker, has never wavered in her determination to see this through as the Project Co-ordinator, collecting an M.B.E. along the way for her services to people with learning disabilities over the last 48 years.

It is only recently, this year, that she has been forced to use a small bank loan to complete the building. She is determined to pay this loan back as quickly as possible - so the fundraising will never stop!

If you have a moment, do take a look at their website. Pictures are better than 1000 words - . www.thejpkproject.co.uk

Jill joins me in thanking you all for your wonderful support over the years. I won't see you in my garden in May, but perhaps something else may "occur" later in the summer! Watch This Space!

Jackie Bevan

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With a new manager joining us at the beginning of this year, a refreshed curriculum being rolled out and our SENCO provision recently expanded, it's an exciting time at the preschool! We're delivering all this against the backdrop of a childcare sector that is underfunded and under significant pressure, which means that we need to work smart and keep innovating.

Harrietsham Preschool is a registered charity managed by a small committee of volunteers. We want to make sure that the preschool is in the best possible shape for the future and to do that we need to have the right skills and knowledge represented on our committee.

In particular, we are looking for people who know about:

- Fundraising and events
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- Governance, and in particular, charitable governance

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Harrietsham Preschool Committee and Staff Team

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The Trustees of the Culpepper Charity are known to the publishers of this magazine.

From the Trustees of the Culpepper Charity

We hope that you will have seen our adverts in this magazine over the last few months. We would especially like to thank the Harrietsham Fish Scheme and its Network editorial team for allowing the advertisements to be placed without charge.

Since the Charity was re-launched in November last year, we have provided a number of grants directly or indirectly to people within Harrietsham for heating, food and other financial needs. We have been surprised by the low number of Grant applications received: less than we had expected. We hope that this is due to the people of Harrietsham not being in need of our financial assistance rather than hesitancy on the part of would-be applicants. However, to date we have not turned down a single application.

If you are having trouble making your income stretch to meet your necessary expenditure, do consider requesting financial help from the Culpepper Charity and ask us for a Grant Application Form. You do not have to be receiving state benefits to receive help from the Charity. Rest assured, every Grant is considered individually by all the Trustees and everything is done anonymously. Only the Trustees know to whom Grants are paid, and our Data Protection policy specifically requires that names of applicants are not publicised in any way.

In addition, with the increased cost of food, it is apparent that a food station is required Harrietsham as some residents are already travelling to Lenham to their food station to obtain necessary supplies. Whilst we fully support the new "End of the Rainbow" Harrietsham food station, it is clear that its current location in the porch of our village church can only be temporary whilst a more permanent site is found. We are looking at an option to provide such a permanent site in Harrietsham. If you wish to register an interest, please do so using the contact information below and we will contact you when we are open.

The Trustees of the Culpepper Charity

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The email address is harrietshampc@aol.com please use the subject title 'Coronation Coin' including your contact details and your child's name and age.

Amanda Broadhurst - Clerk

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Harrietsham Ladies Group

Unfortunately we didn't make it to Frankie's in Staplehurst for our April meeting due to the many road closures and road works. However 16 of us went to Dobbies in Ashford instead and had an enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is on 3 May at 7.30pm in the scout hut and will be a social evening with a quiz and the popular beetle drive.

Elizabeth Welchman - Chairman

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Wednesday 3rd May

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 7th May

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church

11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship

11.00am Harrietsham: Family friendly Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 14th May

9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church followed by joining the market.

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion

3.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 21st May

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (BCP)

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 28th May

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Harrietsham

'Identity: "I am unconditionally forgiven"'

Harrietsham Network

Tribute to Jeanne Tabrett

Jeanne died age 96 after a long happy life. She was a resident of Harrietsham for 55 years and took an active part in the village throughout her life. Having moved there in 1965 from West Sussex via Oxfordshire, Jeanne and her late husband Dennis brought up Helen and Alexandra in the family home in Ivens Way.

Jeanne joined The Young Wives and The Women's Royal Voluntary Service. She immersed herself into Harrietsham Women's Institute, where in 1978 she became secretary for the next 43 years. We are told by the West Kent Federation that she was the longest standing WI secretary in the district. With her WI colleagues including her dear friend Doreen, she coordinated many WI lunches and afternoon teas for weddings, funerals, and various events.

Cookery was her passion and at the annual Harrietsham Flower and Vegetable Show Jeanne won many prizes for her pickles, preserves, needlework and notably her lovely marmalade.

Through Dennis's involvement in the Lenham Players amateur dramatic group, Jeanne also helped with stage props. They brought this experience to The Unity Players, pioneered by Kathy and Paul Hicks, supporting their productions for twelve years as the plays travelled around various local churches.

As a member of the congregation of St John the Baptist Church Harrietsham, Jeanne took on the duty of organising the church cleaning rota for 30 years. She helped in the choir and was a sidesman.

Jeanne joined in with many other village activities: The Gardening Club, Film Club, Family History Group, the Community Association, and in earlier years the Whist Drives and barn dances. She was also a long-standing trustee for the Booth and Baldwin Trust.

Following a serious fall in October 2020 Jeanne moved to a nursing home in Tunbridge Wells to be closer to her daughter Helen making it also easier for Alexandra to visit. She missed Harrietsham hugely and continued to speak of her friends and her life there and the wonderful community spirit.

Jeanne was a very sociable person who loved being in company, having a chat about anything and everything. She was always interested in meeting and talking to people about their work and lives. She was a compassionate, thoughtful, dear loyal friend and dedicated member of Harrietsham village life for fifty-five years.

She was a wise person who will be sorely missed by family and friends. She was a dedicated, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and was at the heart of her family.

A small family cremation service took place in Tunbridge Wells. A Memorial Service in celebration of Jeanne's life will be held on Saturday 13th May 2023 at St John the Baptist Church Harrietsham. All are warmly welcome to celebrate her life.

Helen and Alexandra



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Ploughman's Platterday

Please be aware that there will be **NO** Ploughman's Lunch at the church this month. Unfortunately we do not have enough helpers to continue with this fundraising event at the moment. The 100 Club Draw will still take place and the winners will be notified.

100 Club Lottery Draw

The results of the seventy seventh Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club, drawn on Saturday, 01 April 2023 by Denise Williams under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots are as follows:-

There were 160 numbers included in the draw giving a prize fund of £160

- First prize £80.00 – number 154 – Ann Rolfe
- Second prize £48.00 – number 136 – Rita Manser
- Third prize £32.00 – number 46 – Valerie & Stephen Brown

Denise Williams

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Lenham WI

Our speaker in March was Dee Larcombe who told us of her life nursing in India. She was born in 1941 and spent her early years in the Stanley Internment Camp in Hong Kong. The camp was liberated in 1945 and she returned to England in 1948 and was put into care where, at the age of 8 she met her husband to be.

When she was 17 she joined St Johns as she wanted to train as a nurse. The training took three years and out of 800 nurses she came second to top. She wrote to a charity telling them of her interest in working in India. It took two years to arrange everything for her to go and by this time she was pregnant. When her son was four months old they travelled to India taking with them all their belongings in about 20 boxes and trunks. After a long journey by train and boat they arrived. At customs everyone's luggage was being opened and checked so she decided not to feed her son so that he would cry and make a lot noise. Consequently the customs officials waved them through quickly.

After travelling for another three days they arrived at the place where they were to live. They found a flat which was very basic and she had to learn to cook on a coal fire. She became pregnant again with her daughter and the day before giving birth she had to travel 100 miles to a hospital which took three hours on a train with hard seats.



Leprosy was prevalent in India then and leprosy patients lived in a village isolated from everyone else. The hospital in the village at that time was only a hut and her husband designed and built a new hospital specifically for them. It took three years to get the hospital up and running and it is still going 40 years on. The only medicine available was and still is Dapsone which has been used now since the 1960's. It takes two years to cure leprosy. Medicine was not given away but sold so that it was not thrown away as something useless. It was seen to be more important. Her husband made shoes out of old tyres for the patients as they had no feeling in their feet and could not walk around barefoot.

She told us about the time she went Christmas shopping and was stopped by police because of a curfew even though the shops were advertising opening hours at that time. The only present she could find for her daughter was a Family Planning doll which was in the window of a clinic.

When her daughter was tiny she was taken by the Indian women because she was white. The women asked what soap she used as they wanted lighter skins too. She found her daughter in a village some distance away. She was lying on a rug without clothes so that the women could see that she was white all over.

They visited a handicraft fair which took two hours in a minibus to get to. Amongst other things were lots of different animals to see including elephants. One of the elephants decided to go on the rampage and many people were killed. They were lucky, they escaped. She has had a very interesting and colourful life in India and she loved every minute of it. She has been back there a number of times since but not to work.

This month we are holding our AGM. It is nice to think we are increasing our membership and that everyone finds something of interest in the WI. We meet at Lenham Community Centre on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along you would be very welcome to come as a visitor and join us if you wish. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Chris Godden

01622 858658 or email rrgodden@btinternet.com

June Coulling Obituary

I am the stepson of June Coulling who has lived in Harrietsham for 55 years in 3 different locations and I would like to inform the village that she passed away on Tuesday 7th March aged 90, after 3 months in a nursing home in Ashford.

She leaves two stepsons, a daughter and a son, 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Charing Crematorium on April 6th at 12.30pm.

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May 2023 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon	3	7pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Thurs	4	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	5	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	8	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Tue	9	7.30pm	Harrietsham History Society	HVH
Wed	10	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC
Wed	10	7pm	Fish Scheme AGM	HVH
Thurs	11	7.30pm	Lenham WI	LCC
Thurs	11	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	12	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Fri	12	7pm	Lenham Film Club	LCC
Mon	15	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	15	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Mon	15	2pm	Knit, Crochet and Natter	HVH
Tue	16	7.30pm	Harrietsham Gardening Society	HVH
Thurs	18	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	19	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Mon	22	9.45am	Purple Yoga	HVH
Mon	22	2pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Thurs	25	7.30pm	Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH
Fri	26	10.00am	Ladies Group Coffee Morning	HVH
Sat	27	1.30pm	Craft and Chat	LCC

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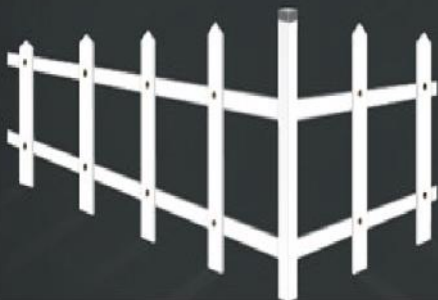
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Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) is inviting dog lovers to take part in *Hound Hike 100* to help raise vital funds for the life-saving charity.

The event encourages participants to walk a total of 100 kilometres or 100 miles with their canine companions during the 31 days of May. Participants can walk at their own pace, in their own time, on days and times to suit them, and at locations of their choice.

Nick Turrell, Community Fundraising Manager, KSS said: "*Hound Hike 100* is a wonderful way to give your dog walks a purpose this May. Each year, KSS needs to raise £16.6M – the equivalent of £45K per day – to operate our life-saving service. With 87% of our income raised through the generosity of our supporters, we rely on members of our local communities fundraising on our behalf."

"Our specialist crews of emergency doctors and critical care paramedics respond to an average of eight urgent calls for help each day, giving patients the best chance of survival and helping to keep families together. By taking part in *Hound Hike 100*, you will help KSS to provide critical care whenever and wherever it is needed – whether at home, by the roadside, at a remote location or even when out on a dog walk."

KSS is the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) for Kent, Surrey and East and West Sussex. The award-winning charity provides world-leading pre-hospital emergency care whenever and wherever required to save lives and ensure the best possible patient outcomes. When the call comes KSS can reach any part of Kent, Surrey and Sussex in under 30 minutes, bringing the emergency room to the scene to deliver life-saving care.

To sign up for *Hound Hike 100*, please visit www.aakss.org.uk/houndhike100. For further information about Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex: www.aakss.org.uk/





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FILM CLUB****The Lost King****Friday 12th May****Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00**

With our new King safely crowned, we shall be celebrating it with a film about one of his predecessors, the famous (or notorious) Richard III. The Lost King (12, 2021) is a brilliant true-life comedy drama of how an amateur historian beat the academics by following her conviction that the long-lost remains of the fifteenth century king would be found buried under what is now a car park in Leicester. Sally Hawkins plays the amateur historian Philippa Langley, struggling both with her ME and troubled family-life, in her fight to follow her beliefs which were bitterly opposed by the established academic world. Whether you believe King Richard ordered the murder of the Princes in the Tower or not this is a film to enjoy. And it really happened. Directed by Stephen Frears, with a running time of 1hr 48 minutes.

Our film on June 9 is another winner, in fact, a multi-Oscar winner! It's As Good As It Gets, which is our members' choice for the season. This heart-warming romantic comedy stars Helen Hunt, Jack Nicholson and Greg Kinnear.

Please get in touch for more information, to join our mailing list or to become a member. Admission: members £4, non-members £5 Annual membership: £6 (over 16's only) .

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Christian Message

Keep calm and carry on

'You should be grateful' was the familiar retort from adults during my childhood, no doubt remembering, and reflecting on, their own difficult experiences during the war.

I was grateful and, indeed, still am grateful for my life but we all experience times when things are not as they could be or as we planned: Poor decisions at work, bad behaviour by 'friends', challenging family situations, ill health or tragic news items can all affect us adversely.

Being a Christian doesn't mean that we always wear a Cheshire Cat grin on our faces (although some experiences can result in exactly that) but it does give us inner peace knowing that we are cared for by God.

Philippians 4 tells us not to be anxious about anything, but let our requests be made known to God;

Isaiah 41 says that God will strengthen us;

and **John 16** warns that whilst we will have tribulations in our lives, God has overcome the world.

Romans 8 goes further and says that the sufferings of this present time are nothing compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

This, and the knowledge that God loves us beyond all measure, is certainly something worth smiling about.

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