



Network Harrietsham's Village Magazine



MAIDSTONE LANDSCAPES & PROPERTY SERVICES Ltd



<u>LANDSCAPING</u>- Drives, Patios, Pathways, Brick/Stone Walls, Block/Stone Paving, Tarmac, Decking, Fencing, Turfing, Ponds, Water Features, Garden Clearance, Sheds/Summer & Play House Bases, Tree Surgery etc.

<u>BUILDING WORKS</u>- Extensions, Porches, Conservatories, Garages, Groundworks, Roofing, PVC Windows, Doors, Soffits, Fascias, Floor/Wall Tiling, Decorating etc

FULLY INSURED/WORK GUARANTEED. VERY PROFESSIONAL/FRIENDLY SERVICE Top Quality Materials/Workmanship from design to completion - FREE ESTIMATES

Tel: 01622 851222 Mob: 07786 07 01 07

E: maidstonelandscapes2009@live.co.uk

www.maidstonelandscapes.com



Established: 1990 Director: M. Potter



SALON 62

Unisex Hairdressers Specialising in both Womens & Gents Hair. Bespoke colouring and hair extensions. Call us on: 01622 858276 Online booking via our website: www.salonsixtytwo.com FB: @salon62harrietsham IG: salon_62_harrietsham Relax House Beauty is available upstairs

62A West Street, Harrietsham ME171HU

Harrietsham Fish Scheme Who's Who

Lift Organisers Telephone 859352	Andrew & Felicity Rogers Ridgedown, Marley Road, Harrietsham ME17 1AU Email: andrew.rogers3@btinternet.com
Chairman Treasurer	Steve Brown Steve Brown Email: treasurer@harrietshamfishscheme.org
Secretary	Nicola File
Network Magazine	
Editor	Nicola File Email: editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org
Editorial Team	Amanda Ward, Denise Williams and Rod Martenstyn Email: editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org
Advertising Manager	Steve Brown Email: adverts@harrietshamfishscheme.org
Distribution Manager	Jackie Bevan Faygate, Ashford Road, Lenham ME17 2DA
Telephone 859310	raygalo, Homora Roda, Eonmain ME IT 2011
Visit our website: <u>www</u>	v.harrietshamfishscheme.org

Fish Scheme-Helping Hands

Harrietsham Network is published by the Harrietsham Fish Scheme

Network Magazine July 2025 deadlines:-

Sunday 1 June 2025 12 noon advertising and copy deadline for July Network.

In addition to printing the magazine and distributing it to all homes in the village, Network is uploaded to our website by the 1st of each month.

Please send advertising contributions to <u>adverts@harrietshamfishscheme.org</u> Please send copy to: <u>editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org</u>.

Thank you.





www.stevefearnscounselling.com



absolute creative print MAIDSTONE

DESIGN. PRINT. DISPLAY.

01622 755 522 ABSOLUTECP.CO.UK

9-10 Starnes Court Union St. Maidstone ME14 IEB

Contents

Clubs and Societies

Harrietsham Gardening Society	8
Harrietsham History Society	9
Harrietsham In Bloom	9
Harrietsham Ladies Group	8

Churches

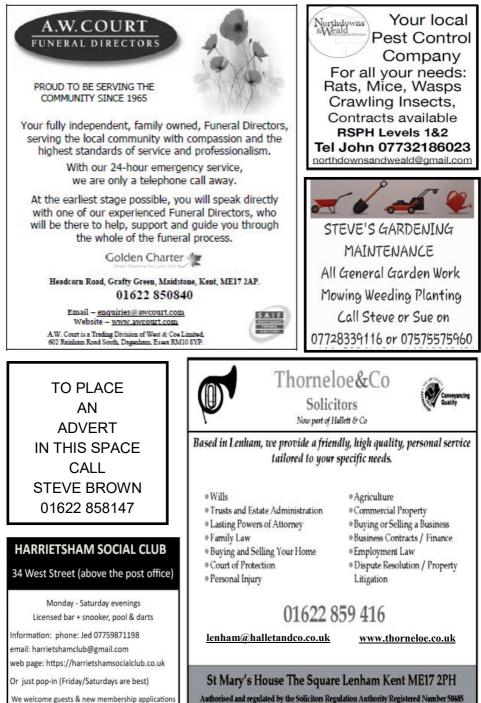
Christian Message	30
Friends of St John's	21
Len Valley Benefice Service Times	19
Local Church Contact Details	22

Information

June Diary	25
Editorial	7
Local Directory	16, 17
Public Services and Emergencies Directory	23
Who's Who	3

Features and General Articles

Accessible Well-being	27
Countryways Quilters	15
Kent Fire and Rescue	10
Lenham Film Club	24
Len Valley Benefice	29
Quiz Corner	7
Answers	28
Update from your local MP Helen Whately	12



Message From the Editor

Welcome to the June edition of Harrietsham Network.

This issue includes updates from several village groups and organisations. The Gardening Society reflects on their latest talk and looks ahead to the summer show (p.8), while the History Society reviews their recent AGM and an insightful talk on Harrietsham during wartime (p.9). You'll also find fire safety advice from Kent Fire and Rescue (p.10) and an update from MP Helen Whately, highlighting local residents recognised in her recent community awards (p.12).

Don't forget to check the diary on page 25 for this month's activities and events, including the Big Lunch on Sunday 22 June (p.24).

As always, if you have something to share for a future issue, we'd be happy to hear from you.

Nicola File - Editor

editor@harrietshamfishscheme.org www.harrietshamfishscheme.org

Cover photo: Beacon lit courtesy of Harrietsham resident Jose Perafan and photo courtesy of Lorraine Dean Powell.

Whilst every effort has been made to include as wide a variety of information as possible, the editor reserves the right not to publish, or to edit, any item. The editor's decision is final. Responsibility for the information and views set out in articles and notices in this publication lies entirely with the authors.

Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the officers or committee of the Fish Scheme.

The publication of an advertisement does not constitute an endorsement. No reproduction allowed in any form without written consent. No flyers or inserts to be sent to the printers for inclusion in the magazine direct or without the editor's prior consent.

Quiz Corner

Round 20

- 1. What is an assembly of Cardinals Called?
- 2. How did Jack the Ripper Famously sign his letters to the police?
- 3. Which tradesman would use a cambrell?
- 4. Kulfi is what type of Indian food?
- 5. What was Michael Jackson's middle name?
- 6. In which European Country is Strasbourg?
- 7. Who played 'Mary' in the film 'There's something about Mary'?
- 8. Which British Island is also known as 'Ynys Mon'?
- 9. Who had a 1970's hit with 'Yellow River'?
- 10. How many children did Queen Victoria have?

Answers on page 28

Harrietsham Gardening Society

What lovely sunny weather we have been experiencing lately resulting in some glorious spring flowers. It is a wonderful time of year and many of us will be out in the garden sowing and planting. As

I write we have just had some much needed April showers. Hopefully we will not have too many.

It was great to see a full membership turnout for the April meeting. The speaker this month was Chris Spree. His very interesting talk included his experience of living in a National Trust property and then later moving to a new home where he created a smallholding. Over the years he and his family built greenhouses, raised beds and ponds, becoming self-sufficient in vegetables and supplying local businesses. Chris passed on some useful tips such as his hydroponic method of growing tomatoes. A large area of his land is set aside for wildlife including woodland which is full of bluebells at this time of year.

The meeting on 17 June at 7.30pm will be our early summer show. This is a great way to show off the lovely roses, sweet peas and other produce that our members grow.

Chris Bone

Harrietsham Ladies Group

Twelve of our Ladies Group enjoyed an afternoon at Doddington Place Gardens for our May meeting. Luckily it stayed dry and in spite of the drop in temperature, we had a lovely walk around. The azaleas and rhododendrons were beautiful.

We ended the afternoon at the tearooms and by that time the sun had made an appearance we were able to sit outside while we had our tea and homemade cake.



Next month we have a talk about the upcoming Maidstone Literary Festival. This will be back at the scout hut at our usual time of 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of June.

Elizabeth Welchman - Chairman 01622 850735



Harrietsham History Society

The Harrietsham History Society held its Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2025, with a strong turnout from members and guests – a heartening sign of the village's continued interest in our shared history.



We are pleased to report that Martyn Avis was re-elected as Chairman, and Ryan Slaughter continues in his role as Treasurer. However, the position of Secretary remains unfilled for the time being. In the interim, both Martyn and Ryan have kindly agreed to share the responsibilities.

Following the formalities of the AGM, attendees were treated to an excellent talk by Ryan Slaughter, titled Harrietsham: A Village at War – Part 1. This engaging and well-researched presentation provided a fascinating glimpse into the lives of villagers who played pivotal roles on the home front during wartime. Ryan's dedication to uncovering local stories and forgotten contributions was clear – and given the depth of his research, we may well be treated to at least ten parts in this fascinating series! Parts 2 and 3 will be announced soon, so keep an eye out.

With a short break now between events, our next scheduled talk will take place on Monday, 29 September at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. The talk is titled "War Time Letter from India". We hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, if you're interested in becoming a member of the society – or are already a member and would like to join the committee – we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch via <u>chairmanhhs@gmail.com</u>.

Harrietsham In Bloom

Our Quiz Night in April was well supported and great fun. Our profit after costs was \pounds 677.80. We are very grateful to everyone that attended. Our thanks go to Mike and Pam Flawn, Quizmaster and assistant – well done both.

1

Thank you to everyone who helped with deadheading the spring displays. Soon we shall be changing the displays and planting summer plants. We could always do with extra help and would love to have more volunteers join us, you don't have to be a gardener we will help and advise you.

Would you like to become a sponsor of one of our planters? If so, please get in touch. Your involvement and support in the local community would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Andrew Rogers (Chair) 01622 859352 for further details.

Audrey Joy MBE

Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Check your smoke alarms are in date!

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is urging people to check the expiry date on their smoke alarms, as they only have a lifespan of up to ten years.

Between 2022-2024, approximately 6,600 expired smoke alarms were discovered at properties in Kent and Medway during Home Fire Safety Visits carried out by KFRS with some residents unaware that they expire or how to check them.

The service has now launched its own campaign to raise awareness that smoke alarms expire, how to check their date and how to replace them.

Having an in-date smoke alarm is important in helping keep homes safe, as once they expire the sensors in the alarms become less reliable. This means that they might fail to sound in an emergency or could go off for no reason and could impact how effectively they work if there was a fire.

Rachael Spencer, Safe and Well Manager at KFRS, said: "Whilst many residents in Kent and Medway are great at checking their smoke alarms work, which we recommend testing once a week, we found an increase in the amount of expired smoke alarms on our checks as people don't realise, they have an expiry date.

"Making sure your smoke alarm is in-date is so simple to do and provides an extra level of safety in your home that could make a real difference in case there is ever a fire."

How to check your smoke alarms

The expiry dates for smoke alarms, whether battery-powered or wired-in, should be on the back or side.

To check it, you might need to remove the alarm from the ceiling. Depending on the type of alarm you have, here's the most common ways how:

• twist it counterclockwise to remove from the base; or

• use a screwdriver to unscrew it from the base; or

(for some wired alarms) push a screwdriver into the slot to release it.

If there's no expiry date, it means you'll need to replace the alarm and even if the smoke alarm still sounds, if it has expired then it needs replacing as soon as possible.

If your smoke alarm is out of date, you can buy a new one on any reputable website or in a hardware shop.

If you can't change the smoke alarm safely, we recommend asking a friend or family member for help. But if that's not possible, give us a call us on **0800 923 7000** for advice and to book a free <u>Home Fire Safety Visit</u>.

For more information visit: <u>www.kent.fire-uk.org/smoke-alarms-10-year-lifespan</u>



Bespoke Garden Buildings, Made to Order, Individually designed and tailored to your needs. Whether it is a small tool-store or a large garden room with bi-fold doors, insulated and clad or plaster board finish; we can accommodate your every need.

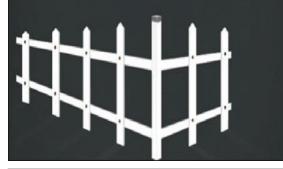
Come and see our new indoor display New Shelve Farm, Ashford Road Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2DS T: 01622 880031 E: enquire@shedsandshelters.co.uk

Andrew French Fencing

Fencing, Gates, Decking and Pergolas

01622 435799 07788 971584

frenchandrewp@live.com www.andrewfrenchfencing.com





www.hl-nd.co.uk



Weed & moss control Seasonal lawn nutrition Aeration & de-compaction

Scarifying & thatch removal Renovations & new lawns Wildflower & clover lawns



Your local, non-franchised lawn specialists **Request your FREE quote** today: 01622 535767 thelawntransformers.co.uk

SEAN HEADECH Painter & Decorator

Interior & Exterior Work At competitive prices

> 35 Towner Close Charing TN27 OBF

Tel: 01233 229126 Mobile: 07729 371395 Email: seanheadech@hotmail.com



Update from your local MP Helen Whately

Earlier this year I launched my 'Unsung Hero Awards' as I never fail to be amazed by the number of people who either volunteer their time for others, or regularly go above and beyond in their day job, to make our area a great place to live and work.

I know people do what they do out of the goodness of their hearts, but I still think it's a good thing to tell them they are appreciated. The fact I received 80 excellent nominations from across the constituency tells me I'm not alone in thinking this! I can't stress enough how difficult it was to choose the winners - who are all listed on my website at <u>www.helenwhately.org.uk</u>

I was delighted to have received so many nominations from rural Maidstone with 4 overall winners and 1 highly commended.

John Clayton refused to accept that Detling had lost its village store and Post Office so he gathered support from other local residents to resurrect a community store in the village. With the aid of the community and willing volunteers, and after four years of hard work and determination, the new store opened its doors in early 2020.

Rebecca Ward sadly lost her son, Joey, 5 years ago to Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), a fast growing childhood brain cancer. Rebecca has raised large sums of money for research into this terrible disease. She organises an annual tractor run through Stalisfield which the local farmers look forward to. The event brings the community together. I was told: "If anyone deserves it, it's this brave woman."

Martin Sherwood is the Parish Warden for Harrietsham. From what I have been told he will need no introduction as he is: "that rare public servant who is not only well known within the local community but trusted by all who meet him and these are often the most vulnerable amongst us."

Nick Osborne is in his mid 80s and every single day he will be found helping others in Lenham. He helps the Honywood & Douglas Almshouse residents and the community centre with big and small jobs. I am told he is: "one in a million and you will never find anyone else like him."

I am also delighted to let you know that the **Station at Hollingbourne Community Interest Company**, also known as the Signal Box was highly commended.

Finally, I would like to congratulate everyone who was nominated for one of my 'Unsung Hero' awards and everyone who took the time to nominate someone. The awards were created to shine a light on all those who go above and beyond for others, without seeking recognition, and all nominees embody this spirit. The impact they make does not go un-noticed, and I am deeply grateful for all that they do.

It was incredibly difficult to choose the winners and highly commended. So, I chose people who I think get little or no recognition, even though I know none of the nominees do what they do for this reason.

I really appreciate everything that everyone does for the community. I feel so lucky to have so many people doing so much in my constituency.

As ever, if I can help you in any way, please reach out. **Helen**

helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk / 0207,219 6472



Kent Foot Health

is now in your area

A fully mobile foot clinic that will treat your feet in the comfort of your own home

The treatments available are:

- Fungal nail treatment
- Removal of Calluses & Corns
- Removal of ingrown toe nails
- Verrucae treatment

Diabetic patients welcome

VICKY PIPER S.A.C Dip, MFHP Call : 07747083497 or email <u>kentfoothealth@gmail.com</u>



Len valley Benefice



Rose Service

Sunday 29th June at 11am

St. John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham

'I have loved you with an everlasting love' Jonniah 52-3



A service of thanksgiving to remember the lives of loved ones who have died

You are invited to bring a rose in memory of someone special, or collect one from us as you arrive at the church. There will also be the opportunity to light a candle during the service. Further details from Revd. Millie Hart 07766 555415

Countryways Quilters

Our work in May saw the start on the fabric decoration for our kimono jackets. Some patchwork designs and some raw edge applique with free motion and Sashiko stitching. We will be continuing on with this work through June hopefully constructing the jacket in July.

I hope you'll come join us and try your hand at something new or just enjoy the company, have a chat and a cup of tea. An enjoyable way to spend an afternoon.

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 2025 program please contact me, Pamela Gillard at 07914 809946 or e-mail <u>moonbeamspinner@gmail.com</u>

Pamela Gillard

Local Directory A-Ha

Art Classes (Drawing/Painting Improvers)

Art Classes (Drawing/Paintin	ig Improvers)	
Tutor - Amanda Thesiger	Kent Adult Education	amanda.thesiger@cls.education
Beaver Scouts		
Leader	Ann Seales	01622 859829
Bell Ringers		
Captain	Ken Leach	01622 851173
Captain	Graham Cuthbert	01795 886365
Bible Reading Fellowship		
Co-ordinator	Mrs J Bevan	01622 859310
Booth and Baldwin Charity		
Secretary		boothandbaldwin@hotmail.co.uk
Brownie Guides		
Brown Owl	Louise Ayres	07590 037693
Conservative Association		
Faversham Office		01622 758053
Countryways Quilters		
And Stitchers	Pamela Gillard	01233 877453
Craft and Chat/Crafternoon/		
Knit Crochet and Craft	Hazel Roots	01622 851885
Cricket Club		
Chairman	Mr A Hubble	01622 859692
Cub Scouts		
Leader	Mrs A Seales	01622 859829
Explorer Scouts		
Leader	Mark Horlock	07789 226516
Friends of St. John the Bapti	ist Church	
Chairperson		
Gardening Society		
Chairman	Mr David Oversby	01622 859674
Girl Guides		
Leader	Andrea French	07901 667018
Golf – Bill's Round for Charit		
Secretary	Mr T Grimes	01622 850632
Harrietsham Academy of Bal		
Organiser	Deborah Nankivell	07775 716714
Harrietsham History Society		
Chairman	Mr M Avis	chairmanhhs@gmail.com
Harrietsham in Bloom		
Chairman	Mr A Rogers	01622 859352
Harrietsham Preschool	Mrs Florence Sealy	07458 915213
Harrietsham Social Club	Charlee Guy	
Secretary	Jed Stone	07759 8771198/whipacres2@gmail.com

Local Directory Ha-Z

Harrietsham Ladies Group

Harrietsham Ladies Group		
(formerly Wives Group)	Gill Whent	01622 859426
Health Walks		
Organiser	Ms M Darby	01622 850657
Helpers		
Chairman	Mr T Sams	01622 859412
Karate Club		
Organiser	Mr Lewin Tuckwell	07812 089304
Kent Messenger		
"Your Local Pages"		
Village correspondent	Charlotte Lingard	miss_lingard@hotmail.com
Lenham and Harrietsham You	uth Hub	
Contact	Katie at KCC	01622 755044
Liberal Democrat Assoc.	Mr David Naghi	07970 626829
Parish Warden	Mr M Sherwood	07724 544409
		warden@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk
PTFA (Harrietsham School)		
Chairman	Vikki Beck	harrietshamptfa@gmail.com
Rainbows		
Leader	Kate Davies	07971254029/beaukate@btinternet.com
Scouts		
Group leader	Mr E Seales	859829
Short Mat Bowls		
Chairman	Phil Gooda	01622851217/p.gooda@btinternet.com
Tai Chi Class	Angela Akast	07754454030/akast.a@btopenworld.com
Tennis Club		
Chairman	Mr A Rogers	859352
The Lenham School		
Head of School	Mr Chris Foreman	858267
Ulcombe Preschool		
Chairperson	Helen Leat	07511657828/
		ulcombepreschool@live.co.uk
Village Hall	Booking Clerk	07393 030409
		bookingclerkhvh@outlook.com
Wellbeing Community Group	Ellie Stevens	07952 594655
		wellbeingcg@outlook,com
Yoga	Helen Kacperek	07762761905/helenpurpleyoga@gmail.com



Len Valley Benefice June 2025

Everybody is welcome

LVB

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you. *Isaiah 41:13*

Sunday 1 June

9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship

11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion with baptism

Wednesday 4 June

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion 11.00am Harrietsham: Chippendayle

Sunday 8 June

- 9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
 9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Church
 11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion
 11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
 - 6.30pm Boughton Malherbe: Choral Evensong

Sunday 15 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 22 June

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Boughton Malherbe

'Re-Sourced in Christ - Scripture and the mind'

Sunday 29 June

11.00am Benefice Rose Service at St John the Baptist, Harrietsham

The Friends of the Church of St John the Baptist present:





A concert by the Kettle Bridge Concertinas

at Harrietsham Church Saturday 21 June at 7pm

All Welcome - Free entry

Refreshments available Raffle during the evening

Want to play a concertina? Spare ones to try will be on hand

For information: The programme will last approximately 2 hours



The Friends of the Church of St John the Baptist, Harrietsham

Registered Charity No. 1090622

Soup Saturday and Ploughman's

Just a reminder that Soup Saturday and Ploughman's lunches have been discontinued for the time being. If we can get some more committee members, we will rethink this decision.

100 Club Lottery Results

The results of the One Hundred and First Draw of the Friends of St John 100 Club drawn on Sunday 3 April 2025 by Denise Williams under the supervision of Michael Gear (Independent Adjudicator) and Chris Roots (Promoter) are:

- First prize £73.00 number 68 Valerie & Stephen Brown
- Second prize £43.80 number 64 Elizabeth Millbrook
- Third prize £29.20 number 133 Gordon Jane

There were 146 numbers included in the Draw giving a prize fund of £146.

Events

On **Saturday 21 June** at 7pm in the church – we have the Kettle Bridge Concertina Band concert. Singalong music for all. Entry is free and refreshments will be available during a short interval. There will be a raffle and a jar for donations (which will be split between the Band and the Friends).

Bingo Night on Saturday 9 August. 7pm for 7.30 start in the Village Hall.

Invicta Band Concert on **Saturday 27 September**. 7.30 to 9.30 pm in the church. Cheese and Wine refreshments. Tickets will be available soon.

Bingo Night on **Saturday 18 October**. 7pm for 7.30 start in the Village Hall. Please look out for posters around the village. Thank you in advance for your support.

If you would like further information or an application form to join either the 100 Club or as a Friend, please email Chris Roots at <u>friendsofstjohn@outlook.com</u> or phone 851 885.

Valerie Brown - Secretary

Local Churches

Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Vicar: Revd. John Huggins 01622 850280 vicar@lvb.org.uk (Day off: Wednesday) Assisting priests: Revd. Millie Hart 07766 555415 millie.hart@uwclub.net Readers: Pamela Cuerden 01622 859442 pamela@lvb.org.uk Benefice Office: Sarah Hills 01622 850604 churchOffice@lvb.org.uk For details of services see p.23

United Reformed Church

Week Street, Maidstone <u>Minister</u>: Rev Andrew Royal Sunday Service at 10.30am with creche. No evening service. 01622 686053 maidstoneurcoffice@talktalk.net

Baptist Church

Knightrider Street, Maidstone <u>Minister:</u> Bill Miller Office: 01622 686013 Sunday Services at 10.30am with creche, and at 6.30pm www.maidstonebaptist.net

Bearsted and Thurnham Methodist Church

Bearsted (next to Station) <u>Minister</u>: Revd. Robert Zachar 117 Crossways Sittingbourne ME10 4RN 01795 422573 Sunday Service 10.30am

Church of the Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church

Rectory Lane, off East Street, Harrietsham

Parish Priest: Fr Geoffrey Pointer Deacon: Rev Cyril Durbin 736100 Mass every Sunday at 8.45am and Wednesday at 10.00am Holydays Mass 7pm

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church

Button Lane, Bearsted 736100 Confessions, Saturday 5 – 5.30pm Saturday Evening Mass 6pm Sunday Mass 10.30am Weekday Mass generally Monday and Tuesday 7pm and Friday 10am Holydays Mass 10am and 8pm

Pathways Church, Maidstone

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10.30am in Lenham Community Centre. Wednesday evenings in homes in Lenham and Harrietsham.

<u>Church leaders</u>: Ben and Kaat Doggett info@pathwayschurch.org.uk www.pathwayschurch.org.uk

For all church services please see information on page 21/22 or contact your own church for up to date information.

Public Services and Emergencies Directory

Doctors' Surgery (Lenham and Harrietsham)	01622 858341
Dentist, Lenham	01622 858204
Dentaline (out of hours emergency treatment)	01634 890300
Saxon Warrior Pharmacy	01622 858287
Hospitals:	
Maidstone ME16 9QQ	01622 729000
The Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury, TN2 4QJ	01892 823535
William Harvey Hospital, Ashford	01233 633331
Councils:	
MP - Helen Whately	01622 758053
Kent County Council	03000 414141
Maidstone Borough Council - all departments	01622 602000
Harrietsham Parish Council - Parish Clerk	01622 850089
Police:	
Emergencies only	999
Non emergencies	101
Samaritans, 48 Grecian Street, Maidstone	01622 674444
Citizens Advice Bureau, 2 Bower Terrace, Maidstone	0808 2505704
Childline	0800 1111
KCC Children's Social Services	03000 411111
KCC Adult Social Services	03000 416161



Lenham Film Club at Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way



Wicked

Friday 13 June Performance begins 19.30, doors open 19.00

Running time 2hr 40 mins plus interval, director: Jon M Chu

We're off to see the Wizard', and what better way to spend a summer's evening than in the Land of Oz with the gorgeous Oscar winning musical fantasy **Wicked** (PG 2024) in which good battles with evil. Elphaba and Galinda become friends at university although they are very different. In what way? For a start Elphaba has green skin and Galinda's priority is her standing in the popularity stakes. All is well however until they meet the Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Then their lives are transformed in very different directions, as Glinda the Good clashes with the Wicked Witch of the West. Come along and prepare to be transported to Oz.

We're dedicating our showing of **Wicked** to our much-loved late Treasurer, Ian George. All proceeds will go to Lenham Nursery School in his name. Do join us - in addition to seeing a great film, you'll be helping us to support Lenham Nursery School in honour of Ian.

Music also plays a major part in our July performance, **Maria** (12A 2025), the moving story of the private life of Maria Callas, the world-famous opera singer.

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

Admission: Adults £5, under 16s £2; cash only, card payments not accepted.

Ø

lenhamfilmclub@gmail.com



www.lenhamfilmclub.org



SAVE THE DATE	
Sunday 22 June 2025	
BIG LUNCH	
GLEBE FIELD – opposite the Church	
12.00 – 4.00pm	
Fun for all the family including	
Magnificent Mutts Dog Show, Raffle, Cake Stand	
Games for children as well as adults.	
We look forward to seeing you.	
Enquiries: <u>cllr.dean@harrietshamparishcouncil.gov.uk</u> 24	

June 2025 Diary

Abbreviations:

HVH = Harrietsham Village Hall LCC = Lenham Community Centre

Mon Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri	2 2 2 3 4 5 6		Purple Yoga Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Knit, Crochet and Craft Games Afternoon Harrietsham Ladies Group Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Group Coffee Morning	HVH HVH HVH Scout Hut HVH HVH
Mon Mon Wed Wed Thurs Thurs Fri Fri		1.40pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Purple Yoga Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Community Choir Craft and Chat Mobile Library Lenham WI Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Group Coffee Morning Lenham Film Club	HVH HVH St John LCC Post Office LCC HVH HVH LCC
Mon Mon Tue Thurs Fri Sun	16 16 16 17 19 20 22	2pm 2pm 7.30pm	Purple Yoga Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Knit, Crochet and Craft Harrietsham Gardening Society Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Group Coffee Morning Big Lunch	HVH HVH HVH HVH HVH Glebe Field
Mon Mon Wed Thurs Fri Sat	23 23 23 25 26 27 28	9.45am 2pm 7pm 1.40pm 7.30pm 10am 1.30pm	Purple Yoga Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Community Choir Mobile Library Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls Group Coffee Morning Craft and Chat	HVH HVH St John Post Office HVH HVH LCC
Mon Mon	30 30	9.45am 2pm	Purple Yoga Harrietsham Short Mat Bowls	HVH HVH

HARRIETSHAM SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

VENUE HARRIETSHAM VILLAGE HALL MONDAY AFTERNOONS, 1.45pm TO 4.15pm THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7.15pm TO 10.15pm

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION £25.00, GREEN FEE £4.00 WITH TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUIT CONTACT = PHIL 07484878327, RON 07771633561

KENT TEST TUITION

Kent Test tutor club based in Harrietsham Group sessions, maximum 6 Sessions last 75 minutes Every Saturday Please contact Claire for more information 07816 908237

Pest Control Services

Wasps Rats Mice Bee Swarms Discreet and Prompt Same Day Service Prices start from £50 Contact A. Pink 01622 884774 07761559744

L.T. SECURITY & ELECTRICAL SERVICES

LOCAL HARRIETSHAM SOLE TRADER

Over 35 qualified years experienced in Security & Electrical work. Experienced in working in Domestic and small commercial properties.

Existing Alarm systems maintained/serviced. All small Electrical work undertaken from a replacement light switch, fitting your new lights and sockets. No job too small. Very reliable and trustworthy with a friendly personal approach.

Experienced carrying out work for the elderly.

e: leeterry4@googlemail.com t: 07971 552663



STONEBRIDGE ACCOUNTING ACCOUNTS AND TAX SUPPORT

FOR THE SELF EMPLOYED AND SMALL BUSINESS

Tel: 01622 851542 -01233 840373

Communication Power & Security Itd

Electrical gate manufacture

Gate automation

Intercoms

Access control

CCTV

Intruder alarms

Install

Service

Repairs

08000832483 07813825125



An independent, family run business

Single Oven	from £49
Small Oven / G	rill £24
Hobs	from £17
Combi / Microv	vave £29
Extractor	from £18
Aga / Rayburn	from £120
Ranges	priced accordingly
Paper filters & oven bui	bs supplied & fitted
*Prices are subject to chang	e, minimum charge £35

t: 01233 634993 m: 07949 920808

info@ovengleam.co.uk www.ovengleam.co.uk

TRADING STANDARDS CHECKED Trader ID K0259



Accessible Well-Being: Love Your Neighbour

In the very first article, I quoted the Bible verse, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." At that time, I highlighted the importance of self-love. Now, we will explore how self-love enables us to love others.

1. The Foundation of Self-Love

Loving myself doesn't mean striving to indulge or please myself. Rather, it involves seeking what is truly good for me. As I mentioned previously, self-love encompasses anything that brings authentic joy—free from shame or guilt—and promotes health and peace of mind. This understanding helps us recognize how to love others effectively.

To love someone means assisting them in experiencing untarnished joy and providing what supports their health and peace of mind, even during challenging times. In other words, we should focus on giving people what they need, rather than what they want or what we think they want.

However, a critical distinction must be made here: to love others effectively, we must truly understand their needs rather than imposing our perceptions onto them. Achieving this level of understanding is impossible if we don't first understand ourselves.

2. The Importance of Self-Knowledge

Self-knowledge is often underestimated, yet it's an essential precursor to love. Just as plants or animals require specific care, failing to understand their needs can lead to harm despite our good intentions. Similarly, we must understand ourselves to cultivate true self-love.

When we know ourselves deeply, we develop the ability to discern needs beneath surface-level desires. This insight extends to others, enabling us to perceive their true needs and offer support that genuinely benefits them.

3. Kindness as a Path to Connection

Loving myself involves treating myself with kindness. Mastering this practice helps me extend the same kindness to others. It enhances tolerance, deepens appreciation for differences, and allows me to transcend ego-driven thoughts.

With time, self-kindness fosters a profound sense of oneness. Other people's unhappiness becomes intertwined with my own, reminding me that we are all connected. This realization transforms relationships and strengthens our empathy.

Reflection

I encourage you to reflect on these three points:

- Do you truly love yourself?
- Do you genuinely understand yourself?
- Are you kind to yourself?

Consider how these aspects influence your relationships with others. Next time, we'll delve deeper into the concept of love.

Lenham WI

After a few busy months when we attended the West Kent Federation Annual Meeting in Gravesend and our own AGM in May we can now continue with our monthly meetings. This month we have Neil Butcher coming along to talk to us about Scams. This is such an important subject as there seems to be an increasing number of scams and they are taking different formats all the time. I always say if someone phones me and I don't recognise the number then I don't answer the phone. If it is important they will always ring back. I make more use of my answerphone now as well so that I have some idea of the identity of the caller and the number they are calling from. I can then check their identity against an official website and use the website phone number to check the caller. I always err on the side of caution and not follow up any calls that I am dubious about. No doubt we will learn more about how to be aware of scams and how to deal with them.

We are looking forward to taking part in Watersports at Mote Park this month. This event proved very popular when it was organised before so fingers crossed for good weather.

There is also an Introduction to Pastels Workshop when professional artist, Kim Langford, will demonstrate techniques for using soft pastels to get different effects. We will be able to complete a Still Life picture to take home with us. It is great to learn something new.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes is holding its Annual Meeting this month. This will be a virtual meeting so lots of members can watch and they will be voting on the most popular resolution, Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers, to take forward as the campaign for this year. There are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in ten people survive. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillating can more than double the chances of survival. The WI wants to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and work with local organisations to help improve access to defibrillators to give everyone the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Next month we will be welcoming Elitta Fell who is speaking to us about Painting on Silk. Looking forward to that one.

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

Aound 20 4. Ice Cream 9. Christie	Cameron Diaz Anglesey	.8 .7	From Hell'	3.	Quiz Corner Answers Round 20
-----------------------------------	--------------------------	----------	------------	----	------------------------------------

Len Valley Benefice

Harrietsham Church book of Remembrance, extended deadline.

My daughter, Ruth McCabe, has offered to make some new entries in the Harrietsham Church book of Remembrance, to bring it more up to date.

If you have a loved one who passed away between 1997 and now, and had their funeral at St John the Baptist Church in Harrietsham, was buried or had cremated ashes scattered here (or cremated elsewhere but had a strong connection to Harrietsham Church) and would like an entry in the book, please let me know by **30 June 2025**.

Please let me have your details in writing or by email at <u>Pamela@lvb.org.uk</u> so that we can check spellings etc:

Your name Your contact details including phone number Your relationship to your loved one Full name of deceased Year of birth Year died

There will be no charge for this but if you would like to make a donation to the church please contact our treasurer, Mike Cuerden at <u>cuerdenmike@gmail.com</u> Calligraphy is a slow process but we will let you know when it is done. Ruth

estimates a year, depending on the number of entries.

Pamela Cuerden (01622 859442).

Games Afternoon

Come and join us **in the Church Room** (there is a door into this at the back of Harrietsham Village Hall) on **Tuesday 3 June**, from **2pm – 4pm**. Come with enthusiasm and ideas and do bring a friend along. We will supply some games but please feel free to bring something you would like to play.

Donations of games (and puzzles for people to borrow between meetings) would also be appreciated, please. Thank you to those who have already done this. Please join us on the day or phone 01622 859442 to find out more.

Tea and coffee will be served and everyone is welcome.

(We intend meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month but may move venue and/or time if we grow in number so do look out for further posters, flyers, notices in Network, and on the Harrietshamites Facebook page).

Sponsored by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham

Community Choir

Come along to our **fun singalong community choir** for adults, singing popular songs for all!

At St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham, fortnightly on Monday evenings (9 and 23 June) between 7pm and 9pm. Tea and coffee will be served.

Everyone is welcome

For more information please phone Claire Jane on 01622 853819. Sponsored by St John the Baptist Church, Harrietsham

Pamela Cuerden

Christian Message

How do you spell love asks Piglet?

Winnie the Pooh answers wisely, You don't spell it. You feel it!

Well, that is true and if you want to read more about love the best and most wellknown chapter in our bibles about love is 1 Corinthians 13.

The passage comes from the letter written by St Paul to the Corinthians. I believe it talks about love in three dimensions.

First of all, love deals with the past. It means that when we have dealt with whatever has happened in the past we can move on.

The second dimension is the present, it's about celebrating love here and now!

St Paul says, 'love is patient, love is kind.' As a mother and grandmother, I can certainly relate to that! I do know what it's like to have a toddler, or even a teenager in the house!

Patience is often what is needed!! Actually, in some bible translations patience is translated as 'long-suffering'! Well, that does put a smile on my face.....

And then we come to the next dimension. This is looking to the future. So, love deals with the past, equips us in the present, and it prepares us for the future. When I have baptised infants and welcomed them into the fellowship of faith in prayer, I have also prayed for the parents and godparents. It always brings a smile to my face as the words in the baptism service say that the parents and godparents have a demanding task, that is so very true, but we know that we have the help and grace of God with us. And that is true for both the beginning and the ending of our lives here on earth. On the 29th June we will be remembering our loved ones who have moved on to that future dimension. It will be at an 11am service in Harrietsham church but is for all our benefice churches. We call this our Rose service where everyone is invited to bring a rose, or to collect one from the church as you join the service. The roses will be placed on the altar during the service together with a candle. This is to remember our loved ones who may have died a long time ago, or recently.

As we all continue our faith journeys my prayer is that you will feel and know and give love in all its dimensions. We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services where we worship God, the source and the model for us all, of love.

'I have loved you with an everlasting love' Jeremiah 31:3

Reverend Millie Hart



GOLF AT LEEDS CASTLE

- 9 HOLE ROUND OF GOLF -

Enjoy a 9 hole round of golf on the historic Leeds Castle Golf Course.

PAY & PLAY

Whether for a day or a weekend getaway, Leeds Castle offers great-value pay & play golf with no membership required.

MEMBERSHIPS

With a Leeds Castle Golf Club membership, enjoy unlimited golf and fantastic benefits throughout the year, available in both full and midweek formats.

GOLF LESSONS

Our highly qualified PGA Coaching Team offers personalised golf lessons for all levels, from beginners to aspiring elite players.



Scan for more information and current pricing or visit

leeds-castle.com/golf





mechanic