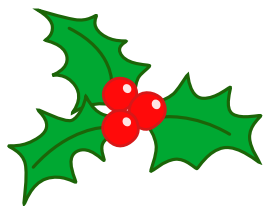


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NEWS

**News from
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December/January 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's



NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's	St. Oswald's
3 rd Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
10 th Dec	No service	11.00 Combined Service
17 th Dec	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
24 th Dec	9.30 Said Holy Communion	11.00 Parish Eucharist
31 st Dec	9.30 Combined Service	No Service

7th Jan 10.30 Joint Service at Methodist Church 11.00 Family Service

14th Jan 9.30 Combined Service No Service

21st Jan 9.30 Family Eucharist 11.00 Parish Eucharist

28th Jan 9.30 Parish Eucharist 11.00 Parish Eucharist

Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ www.ninfield.org.uk

APPOINTMENTS All enquiries about Baptism, Marriages or reading of Banns and concerning any other Church matters should be made to The Church Wardens, details on the back page

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From
Paul Frostick



Dear Friends,

Firstly, can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and certainly not happy holidays! They say Christmas is a time for families and in many ways that is true but hopefully it is more than that. There are many for whom Christmas is a time of sadness, those who have lost their jobs, those who are ill, those who are bereaved and those for whom family life is a constant source of stress. Please remember these people at this time of year, especially the lonely. It is so easy to get caught up in our own happiness that we forget those in need. A good way of helping is to support the food bank this Christmas. Their work goes on regardless of what time of year it is!

I am sure there will also be lots of joyfulness, especially amongst the children. However in all this happiness do stop and spend a little time to think about the real meaning of Christmas. I spoke in the summer about our need sometimes for peace and quiet, for a time of reflection. Christmas is also a time when this is important. That is what Advent is for, a time of reflection on the true meaning of Christmas so that by the time Christmas Day comes we are not just ready with our presents etc but also ready spiritually to really celebrate God's love for us.

I sometimes feel that in the church we are a little like Sainsbury's or Tesco's, in that we are thinking about Easter before we have even had Christmas. That's the problem with a yearly cycle, we get so used to one thing following another that we don't stop to enjoy what we have right now!

This Advent try to spend a little time in the rush and excitement to actually think about what we are doing and why. Perhaps come to one of our carol services and use the occasion as a way of really getting into the true spirit of Christmas. Whatever your beliefs though I hope you have a good Christmas and also a Happy New Year.

Paul Frostick

Prayer at Christmas
Father of all good gifts,

Thank you for the greatest gift of all – your precious Son, Jesus.
Thank you that He chose to live with us so that all who trust Him will
one day live with you in peace and wholeness.

Help us Father, this Christmas, to keep you at the centre of our
celebrations and, in the midst of all the busy-ness and rush, to know
your presence and the peace that only you can give.
And Lord, may we reflect your love to those who don't yet know that
you are real and alive and able to help, whatever their situation.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

St. Oswald's Parish Church

Funeral of
Barbara Strevett Monday 20th November

*from the
Parish Records*

St Mary's Parish Church

Interment of the ashes of
Michael William Graham 29th November

It's funny how things go in threes! As members of the Bonfire Society delivered the News Letter around the village before Bonfire Night, Scouts were also delivering their leaflet. Then we put the remainder together and continued with less footfall! Having finished that I received an email about doing either a door to door drop or adding a flyer to the Parish News, then at the Village Market I was asked by another group, the same question. So if any groups are planning a drop, why not see if anyone else wants to as well. Parish News is happy to be coordinator and provided you give us enough notice details can go into the News. And if any one wants to volunteer to deliver, either just in your road or a wider area - let me know and we'll take it from there.

At the moment I think there is a drop planned for early February - anyone else interested in preparing a flyer or helping with the delivery? Ninfieldnews@btconnect.com



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES



St Mary the Virgin, Ninfield

Sunday 17th December 3.30p.m. - Carols and Christingle (with mulled wine and mince pies after the service)

Sunday 24th December 9.30a.m. - Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 24th December 6.00p.m. - 1st Christmas Eucharist

Monday 25th December 9.30a.m. - Christmas Day Eucharist

St Oswald's, Hooe

Wednesday 20th December 7.30p.m. - Christmas Carol Service with Hooe Village Band

Sunday 24th December 2107 11.00a.m. – Parish Eucharist

Monday 25th December 11.00a.m. - Christmas Day Eucharist

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE



'Lights of Love'

Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance at

3-00 pm - Sunday 3rd December 2017

@ St. Mary's Parish Church Followed by

4.00 p.m. Lighting of 'Lights of love' Tree @ Ninfield Methodist Church.



We invite you to join us for this celebration of the lives of those whom we have loved, yet see no longer. The service starts at St. Mary's and then at 4.00 pm a 'Lights of love' Tree (decorated with stars or hearts) will be lit outside Ninfield Methodist Church and remain there through Christmas-time. Refreshments will be served in the Methodist Hall. Please then spend some time looking for your star or heart.

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It is with the deepest regret that the community of Hooe has to inform you of the recent death of lifetime Hooe resident and stalwart Barbara Strevett. A tireless worker for the village, she is already much missed by her family and friends.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th January at 7.30 at the Village Hall. All members of the community are welcome.

St Oswald's Bonfire Tea

Although fewer people attended than last year, those who did enjoyed the afternoon. Delicious hot-dogs, scotch pancakes and cakes were eaten, while catching up with neighbours and friends.

There was much sprinkling of glitter and sticking of stars as the children produced firework pictures!

Thanks to all who came and all who helped.

The Pancake Lunch will be on Shrove Tuesday February 13th

Nicki and Carol



Would like to thank everyone for their help and support in preparing the Parish News for our two villages. With out the articles written by the various group, the advertisers who regularly support us, those of you who distribute it around the villages, and all of you who buy and read every month a very big Thank You

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART EXHIBITION

THE BIG DAY has come and gone, did you go? If not you missed a real treat. The first ever Ninfield and District Art Society Exhibition & Sale of Artwork was incredibly successful, exceeding all expectations of the artists and organisers.

It was only 10 months ago in January that NADAS was 'born'. Months of very hard work by the members culminated in a eclectic display of colourful and very talented artwork by many local artists / painters. Their abilities ranged from absolute novice to highly competent.

Astonishingly, on a dismal, rainy November day, the first exhibition staged by this hitherto unknown embryo village art society, attracted in excess of 140 visitors throughout the six hours that the doors were open to the public.

Many visitors purchased paintings, others placed commissions for bespoke artwork, and a goodly number of visitors expressed a wish to join our happy throng at NADAS. Anyone interested in joining (Absolute novices are most welcome) are invited to contact Jennie Harmer Art or Trevor Spinks - Fine Artist.

Trevor Spinks & Jennie Harmer were delighted to present 'winners and 'runners-up' prizes to the local schoolchildren who had participated in the painting competition on the theme of 'Bonfire Night'. Gift vouchers to be redeemed at The Crafty Norman art & craft shop in Battle, were awarded to some very proud and delighted youngsters. Such was the phenomenal success of the exhibition and sale of paintings, the members of NADAS are already plotting and planning for an even more ambitious exhibition to be held at the same Ninfield Memorial Hall venue in springtime 2018.

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NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

had a proper history lesson from Helen Poole in September. She spoke about Sir John Gage and Firle Place. Helen, a guide at the house has very detailed knowledge of the Gage family.

In October there was a detailed review of the archaeological finds at Kitchenham Farm. Lynn Cornwell showed us how an important Roman settlement was identified during the dig. She believes there was a Roman "hotel" for people arriving by sea and also some military installations. Lynn very kindly allowed us to have copies of all the images she used (maps, photos of pottery, tiles, leather sandals etc). Next September the Hastings Area Archaeological Society will be excavating Castle Croft (Rat's Castle) in more detail. Lynn has offered our group a guided tour when that happens.

NLHG liaison with Ninfield CE Primary School

Once again we have supported the School with their history topics this term. The two topics being studied by the older children are Victorians and World War II.

The children in Miss Watson's class were shown the 'Victorian Ninfield' presentation covering farms, shops & businesses, transport, sports & leisure, church & school. The presenters, dressed in period costumes, also took the roles of three village people from the Victorian period; Elizabeth Goldsmith (1786 – 1859), tenant farmer at Lower Standard Hill, Thomas Avery Weston (b.1792), Schoolmaster & Sub-Postmaster and Agnes Wrenn (b.1865), draper at Morhouse, Lower Street.

The children engaged really well during the lesson, asked lots of questions and made copious amounts of notes. They really enjoyed looking at the old photographs from the NLHG archives and trying to work out where they were taken and the differences between then and now. There will be follow-up literacy group lesson to explore extracts from the School Log Book from the late Victorian period.

Miss Staplehurst's class are studying World War II and there will be a session for them about Ninfield School during the war years. Once again the School Log Book is the main source of information for our presentation but Esme's local knowledge and personal experience are the main focus for the children – they just love her stories!

We do not have a December meeting but join us again on Thursday 18th January when there will be a talk by Henry VIII aka Tony Harris, he really is treat that must not be missed

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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OUR SCHOOL As you will have seen work has started at the school to provide us with the additional space and the two replacement classrooms. The first part of this work is to extend one of the smaller classrooms to cope with the larger class sizes that came as a result of us reducing to 6 classes. That has involved removing an internal wall which was done over the half term week. In order to complete this work we have had to allow the contractor to locate their skip and welfare unit on the school car park. This has increased the pressure on parking in the area at drop off and pick up times.

We have also had to use the school gate on Church Lane as a temporary access point for children and parents. We have installed a post and chain link barrier (thanks to the kind sponsorship of the Friends of Ninfield School) along the side of the car park to try and provide a safe passage along the road.

The net result of all of this has undoubtedly increased the inconvenience to local residents particularly during the school drop off and pick up times. Although we have no control over the parking habits of our parents we do try and influence them to behave sensibly. As a school we have also implemented a number of measures over the years to try and relieve the problems at the beginning and end of the school day:

1. We issue reminders to parents about parking responsibly regularly in our newsletters plus by text if a particular concern has been raised.
2. We encourage parents to walk their children to school wherever possible.
3. We run a breakfast club from 8.00am in the morning to enable parents to stagger their morning drop off time.
4. Staff voluntarily run after school activities and clubs to help to stagger the pickup times and, hopefully, help to reduce congestion at the end of the day.

In the past we have also had the ability to call on our local Neighbourhood Police Officer to assist but unfortunately that option is no longer available.

As a village school in the middle of a residential area we are never going to fully solve the problems of traffic, all we can do is to try and minimise them wherever possible. These problems were never envisaged when the school was built in the late 1800's when the only issues were having to avoid the piles of horse droppings!

Thank you to everyone for your patience during the disruption.

'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN – BY MM

Unless you happen to be a 'dedicated follower of fashion' (remember that pop song?), virtually anything goes in clothing today and it is more a case of wearing what you like and what suits you. Which is as it should be!

Go back a few years (well maybe more than just a few!) and clothing was most uninspiring, especially for men. It was very dull and formal and very much a uniform. Even in high summer men could be seen wearing their Harris Tweed suits with matching waistcoats, plus shirts and ties.

Women fared a little better, with a choice of colour and pattern in their cotton summer dresses. Even so, the dress length was expected to conform and designs were very classical.

Children's clothing was white, blue or pink. Teenagers went from children to adult clothing styles. No fun and not much chance for self-expression.

What a difference today! Men's clothing is as varied as women's. Children's clothes are gorgeous, really cute and all the colours of the rainbow. Dress hemlines can be any length and women often wear trousers which used to be totally unacceptable.

Hair can be short, long, straight, permed, blue, red, orange and that also applies to men!!

I remember when that awful Crimplene was invented. Everyone thought it was such a blessing mainly because it washed like a dream and didn't need ironing. It had many good points but it was hot and uncomfortable to wear. Luckily it was short-lived, not like Denim which was very easy to wear and love it or hate it, I think it is here to stay.

Life is certainly more fun when it comes to clothes shopping!!

Closing date for the next issue of the Parish News is **13th January** and remember the next issue will cover February, please also let us have future dates for the coming year so we can keep everyone informed and we can work out what space we need each month!!
ninfieldnews@btconnect.com

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

As the leaves start to fall our attention returns to Church Wood, ensuring waterways are free running and endeavouring to keep the pathways as mud free as possible despite frequent heavy showers. In addition we have spent some time clearing brambles to give the spring flowers a fighting chance although we retain some "wild" areas for the benefit of the wildlife.

A team of our volunteers spent a useful morning at the Memorial Hall fitting wheels to the heavy gates and clearing guttering. The gate posts require replacement as they have rotted, and doubtless we shall be asked to attend to this in the coming weeks.

Users of Church Path will have noticed the refurbished gate by the churchyard. The carpentry skills of one of our members, and a new post, will hopefully give the gate fresh life for several years.

A group of us attended the Bentley Woodfair in mid September when we were impressed with a stand run by the Small Woods Association. We invited their area representative to come to Church Wood and his experienced observations will doubtless help us in our future work. We have decided to join this organisation to better enable us to meet coming challenges. Interestingly, he brought with him a copy of the OS map showing Church Wood and nearby dwellings from 1873. The larger ponds were not present then but the lower pond was shown together with the outflow onto the fields.

Finally we should like to place on record our appreciation of the kind donation from the Carnival Association and the grant from the Parish Council without which we would find difficulty maintaining our hand tools etc.



**SEASONS GREETINGS FROM ROBIN
AND HIS MERRY MEN IN CHURCH WOOD**

Did you know? There was a wagon builder's workshop on the site of the Council Houses in Church Lane. There was a pond (Stock's Pond) near Mr Pont's house (what is now Chamberlain House) on the Green. In 1857 the wage for a Head Carter was 12 shillings and sixpence per week. This was in addition to 100 faggots and a cottage. (Thanks to Gwen for the snippets from NLHG).

New Ideas for Ninfield

Ninfield is a great place to live with lots going on but could we do more as a community for each other? For example is there a need for supporting people to get to village events, particularly in the winter months? Perhaps people might like to meet up for lunch or work on creative projects together? Perhaps you could take someone to a club you attend?

Do you have any ideas?

What would you like to see in your community?

What is missing in the village?

Is there a group that you wish was happening locally?

Would you like to be a part of something as and when you can?

On behalf of the Parish Council I am working with Rother Voluntary Action and Action in Rural Sussex to see what might develop from the answers you give. Do send your thoughts and ideas either to jackie.langley1@btinternet.com or on 01424892422. We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 17th February at the Methodist Hall to take ideas forward. More details in February's Parish News.



NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER
6.00pm - 9.30pm



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NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Friday December 1st in the Memorial Hall – Christmas Demonstration.



Monday 8th January, 2018, in the Memorial Hall and commencing at 7.30pm – Annual General Meeting.

Monday 5th February. In the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm “WORKSHOP” Take five Flowers.

On behalf of

our group I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Do

please contact us if you would like any information regarding any of our events, or would like to join our friendly group, by telephoning Jennifer on 01424 892878 or by email ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

just gets better and better! Following on from last month’s article that the new chairs have arrived for us all to sit and relax on in comfort, this month will see the installation of a hearing induction loop.

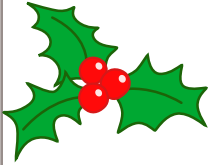
Our amazing Kevin, who spends a lot of time ferreting about on the Internet has found a grant for us to be able to install the Hearing Induction Loop so our thanks go to Skipton Building Society for making these funds available to us.

One of the things (amongst many others) we have concerns about is the lack of insulation in the roof and, again thanks to Kevin we have secured a very good deal on rolls of insulation. Kevin spent considerable time looking for the best price for us and eventually spoke to The Insulation Superstore in Plymouth. He told them about the Hall and it’s WW1 Memorial connections, and as it was just before Remembrance weekend they made a very generous offer we just could not refuse, so very shortly we should be warm and snug with lower heating bills!

A massive Thank you to Skipton Building Society, The Insulation Superstore and of course our very own Kevin
Ninfield Memorial Hall Committee wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope for a Happy 2018 for all.

NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOC. UPDATES!

At the last meeting we reviewed the revised Ninfield Bonfire Parade. Due the extreme weather of Storm Brian, plans had to change quickly! With the event moved to the Sunday evening, The Carnival bar was therefore out of license; and unfortunately the Harveys Bright either had to be thrown down the drain or given away!! Luckily, the village really pulled together and we saw the generosity of local people throwing money in buckets as they supped Harvey's and enjoyed the procession and fantastic fireworks.



NOW!! The next important event on the calendar is:

The Village Christmas Party

Friday 8th December 7pm - Midnight

In the Memorial Hall

Bar, food, music, dancing, games, presentations

All profits towards Ninfield Carnival 2018 & Memorial Hall Refurb. Fund

Tickets £3 adults £1 children in advance from Lower Street -Village Stores

We hope you can join the many residents, families and village societies that will be attending and come together, in time old tradition, for an early Christmas celebration.

It continues to be an exciting time for charity donations as, in addition to the donation to the national Alzheimer's Society, we will now be giving £1500 to Wealden Dementia Action Alliance – earmarked for the new Ninfield Dementia Forum and it's events.

We are already planning for a 2018 a Spring Tea Party for the older inhabitants of the village after the success of the Queen's 90th Birthday tea party last year.

Finally we continued our early planning for Ninfield Carnival 13th and 14th July 2018, hope you have the dates in your diary already. We really would like other people in the village to come to meetings and share ideas, whether you were involved years ago or just feel you would like to a say on what next year's Carnival looks like.

Contact Sami Guard 07970650321 or Helen Rawlinson 07736660742 for more info.

Or see you at the next meeting: Wednesday 10th January 8.30pm at the Tin Hut.



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We were all expecting the access road for construction traffic for the school to have started during the half-term break. The approved planning included requirements for pre commencement soakage tests and infiltration rates. Although some tests were carried out, more were requested and the additional tests are ongoing (you may have noticed the holes dug in the ground near the half-pipe). Until these tests have been completed and the reports accepted by the Planners, the Parish Council are unable to agree to any works starting on the recreation ground.

In addition, there have been numerous communications between the Parish Council, our legal representative and East Sussex County Council regarding both the lease for the school and the licence with East Sussex County Council for their use of the recreation ground during construction (nothing is ever as straightforward as it looks) and the Parish Council want to take this opportunity to thank the Clerk for her diligence and hard work during this time. It has almost been a full time job chasing up East Sussex County Council representatives and keeping the Parish Council updated with progress. We finally reached agreement with the licence on 31st October, but we are still awaiting key information on order to finalise the lease.

It has been a long and drawn out process (this process first started in 2016), with frustrations all round, but we have high hopes of everything being resolved by the end of this year.

The next Parish Council meeting is Thursday 7th December at 7:15pm in the Methodist Hall. Please do come and join us.

ANY WHITTLERS IN THE PARISH?

St Oswald's bellringers struck on the idea of having wooden mice about the church to encourage visitors (and their children) to look for them in a treasure hunt fashion. Can anybody whittle one that could be in the church for...who knows?.....many a decade or century. They can be bought over the Internet, of course, as well. And cheeky little chaps they are too. They would be put out of the way of arms reach during a time of redecoration of the interior of the church while scaffolding is up. Please let us know if you are able to sponsor a mouse ...or whittle one one of your own design. Thanks.

And thank you too, to those that supported the quiz on the 28th October, with either a raffle prize or taking part. We made £266.50 and an evening of thought provoking fun. Same again next year? Maybe second Saturday in October.

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Further Details Shortly

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Hooe Parish Council

The next parish meeting will be on

Monday 15th January

Hooe Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Meeting will be on

Thursday 7th December

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

HOOE HISTORY GROUP -- Our talk in October by Rev. Peter Doodles looked at some of the villages and communities in Sussex that no longer exist or are now uninhabited. It is a fascinating subject and one which Peter had researched very thoroughly, visiting a number of former settlements, in an interesting slide show. This included reference to the once thriving village of Northeye, right on our doorstep and was well received by the good sized audience.

Our speaker in November, Ian Everest, with the topic "Sussex connections in World War 1". Ian has visited us three times before and has given us superb talks on all occasions. His local knowledge and exceptional ability as a speaker always make for a fascinating evening. Ian's talk.

There will be no meeting in December, as we have a gathering for our Christmas meal at Hope Cottage Farm Shop. All places for the evening have been fully booked, which is wonderful news as it underlines the amount of interest our members have in local history, especially that of our village. Our Christmas cards featuring scenes of Hooe will be on sale at this event, although they can also be bought at Hope Cottage farm shop or direct from Hooe History Society committee members.

Our speaker on Thursday 18th January will be Stewart Angell, in a talk entitled "Secret Sussex resistance". This is about the Home Guard specialist auxiliary units that were formed in W.W.2 to carry out guerrilla warfare in case of invasion. Not a subject that has been widely reported. Hooe village Hall. 7.30pm. All welcome. Refreshments available.



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You might like to bring your Food Box to the Foodbank on either Tuesday

19th December pm, 1 - 3 or Thursday 21st December am 10-12.

Or even leave it until after Christmas and let us have the food in the New Year - we can certainly use it then

- 1 packet of cereal
- 2 packet of UHT milk
- 3 packet of 400 tea bags
- 4 jar of jam
- 5 packet of sugar
- 6 tin of soup
- 7 tin of fish
- 8 packet of pasta
- 9 bottle of squash (Tesco or Aldi small, square bottles are fine)
- 10 tin of vegetables

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- 11 tin of tomatoes
- 12 jar of pasta sauce
- 13 tin of baked beans
- 14 tin of fruit

- 15 tin of custard
- 16 packet of rice
- 17 bottle of shower gel
- 18 jar of coffee
- 19 chocolate of some sort
- 20 packet of biscuits
- 21 tin of potatoes



- 22 tin of rice pudding
- 23 tube of toothpaste
- 24 packet of sweets



Our food parcels usually contain all of the above items
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HOOE OPEN GROUP

met together on Friday 10th November at Hooe Village Hall to listen to the fascinating career of Janice Blake, who has spent a lifetime in the theatrical profession, which included supporting her husband David, who was the Director of Entertainment for Rother District Council, in charge of the De La Warr Pavlion/ Theatre.

Janice Blake began her theatre career by taking part in festivals from an early age. At the age of 13 she won a contract to perform in the children's ballet at Blackpool. From there she went on to appear in many pantomimes and summer seasons working with such entertainment legends as Bob Monkhouse, Harry Secombe and Ken Dodd.

A summer season in Bexhill-on-Sea changed the course of her career when she met and married her husband, David.

Janice then turned her talents to acting, appearing in Repertory and T.V. plays. After the birth of her two sons, Janice opened a very successful dance studio in Bexhill, taking part in many festivals over the years. Her pupils have gone on to work in the West End, on cruise ships and for the Disney Company. Former pupils have appeared in High School Musical's, Joseph, Love Never Dies, and Crazy for You also The Wizard of Oz, Book of Mormon and Cats.

Janice now enjoys being a Dance Adjudicator for the British and International Federation of Festivals. She is a true lady of the Theatre

Who entertained the members with her memories, which covered so many well-known personalities, which everyone could equate with.

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WORM'S EYE VIEW

For some years now I have been quoting country sayings in my Worms Eye view writings. So many of them we all say probably without thinking too hard about what they mean or where they originated from. And so I thought it would be interesting to do a little digging but remember almost everyone knows some country folklore as farming in some form, big or little has been the main occupation of our country in the past.

Let's start with this well know seasonal thyme:

Christmas is coming the geese are getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old mans hat,
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'ppey with do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny,
Then God bless you.

The one enduring feature of Christmas since records began has been the wish to eat well at the festive season. For the majority of the population, Christmas was the one time when they could hope to have something special to eat, whatever their circumstances. Although turkeys had been introduced to Britain in the 1700's the goose remained the traditional choice for the family feast until the 20th century and I have certainly plucked quite a few in my time.

The strong tradition of charity at Christmas played an important part in providing something special for poor families' dinners especially in rural areas and it was the time of year that the poor could & did beg and would receive help. It was a little different in towns and a Victorian invention for the working family was the "Goose Club" into which members paid a small sum of money each week to save for their Christmas bird.

Today turkey has mainly overtaken goose as the centre piece of the Christmas dinner, but some folk still enjoy goose or indeed a lovely joint of local beef. Here is a short thought to end with, which goes "in December keep yourself warm and an sleep", common sense really with those short dark days. However as we think on to January, it is often said "As days lengthen so does the cold strengthen". It is recorded that this was first quoted in 1639, So not much changes really, but whatever the weather, have a great Christmas and New Year

NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who turned out for Bonfire Night. Not quite as we had planned it as Storm Brian forced its cancellation and causing us to run around like headless chickens getting information out on social media and putting up new posters saying we would go on the Sunday. The weather on Sunday could not have been more different, thankfully. We started the procession at 6.30, rather than 7.30, with just the members of the Ninfield Bonfire Society and the drummers going from the Blacksmiths, up and back along Manchester Road, along The Green and on to the Rec. Fortunately for us the firework company were able to accommodate us on the Sunday and did us proud with a fantastic display. A big thank you also to the Carnival Committee who put on their free bar in the Blacksmith's car park as they had no licence to run the pay one which should have run on Saturday.

So Brian has a lot to answer for, but from all the comments received you all enjoyed the evening, the earlier time, the smaller crowd, the great fireworks. If you have any comments or photos please do share them with us at ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com and if you'd like to either join the Bonfire Society and get to process at the various events or just be a Bonfire helper from time to time, please come along to a meeting or email ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com and follow us on facebook. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st February 2018. Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Monday 11th December at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, it is the Members Christmas Evening.

The Committee will provide drinks and games. Edible contributions welcome. Do come and join us for festive fun!

On 15th January we start the new year with the welcome return of Dr Mick Lynn. His topic will be 'The Effects of Climate Change on Gardening'. Do come and hear how our gardens may need to change. As usual, we meet at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, with a raffle and refreshments.

Regulars and new members very welcome – do give us a try! Enquiries to Rose (892422 or email: rose.franks1@btinternet.com)

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- 3rd 10.30 am Café Church, with breakfast, with Deacon Jean
3.00 pm 'Lights of Love' with St. Michael's Hospice (see below)
10th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Alan Hurrell
17th 10.30am All-age FAMILY CAROL SERVICE' Revd. Tricia Williams
24th 4.00- 4-45pm CHRISTMAS EVE Christingle Service, with Tricia
25th 9.30 am CHRISTMAS DAY Service at St. Mary's or
10.00 am - Family Worship @ Christchurch, Bexhill (Nr. Hospital)
31st 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Derek Brice

January 2018:

- 7th 10.30 am United Covenant Service with St. Mary's Parish Church
14th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Peggy Heim
21st 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with John Troughton
28th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Drina Hampson

Events for December 2017:

- 3rd 3.00 pm 'Lights of Love' service with St. Michael's Hospice
13th 12.30 Christian Women's Fellowship - Christmas Lunch
13th 5.00 – 7.00pm MAT's Scratch Panto
15th 2.30 - 4.30pm 'Pop-up' cafe
20th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church Christmas Party

January 2018:

- 9th 2.30 pm Christian Womens Fellowship – Social A.G.M.
26th 2.30 – 4.30pm 'Pop-up' cafe
31st 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church

'Lights of Love', Thanksgiving & Remembrance with St. Mary's Parish Church & St. Michael's Hospice. 3.00pm at St. Mary's & 4.00 pm a Tree (decorated with stars & hearts) will be lit outside our Church.

Candlelight Christingle for all, followed by light refreshments. Come along & enjoy this amazing time together with Reverend Tricia Williams.

Annual Covenant Service – United with St. Mary's @ Ninfield Methodist on January 7th. Led by Revd. Tricia Williams & Rev. Paul Frostick. We join together for this act of commitment for 2018.

We wish you all a

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'Very Happy Christmas & God's blessing & peace for the New year'.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Time to write your Christmas cards again – what designs have you picked to send this year? Are they religious ones?

Look in the shops at all the different designs, traditional and modern. Traditional religious cards have usually included the nativity – Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. But what else would you count as religious? The Three Kings? The Bible doesn't say they were kings, or that there were three; just that they were Wise Men, who travelled far to bring special gifts for the baby Jesus.

Do you know why there are so many robins on Christmas cards? The first postmen in Victorian times wore red and were called robins, so robins were shown as delivering cards.

Whatever kind of card you send this year, be sure to include a kind message with love for your friends. Our love is a tiny echo of God's love for all the world.

CARD or DECORATION

Here is a simple 3-D Christmas tree that you can use as a decoration or a card. You will need green card, crayons, glitter or paint, scissors and sticky tape.

Fold a piece of card in half, then cut it in half. Put the two pieces together and fold them in half again.

Draw half a Christmas tree opposite the fold. Cut along the line and you will have 2 identical trees. Fold the trees in half, very lightly, hardly creasing the centre line to mark the centre of the tree. Cut a slit along the bottom half of the centre of one tree and along the top half of the centre of the other tree. Slip the two trees together along the slits. To help the tree to stand firmly, use sticky tape to fasten the parts together where they meet.

Decorate the tree. If you are using it as a card then leave an area free of decorations so that you can write on it.

What goes red white red white red white?

Santa rolling down a hill.

DECEMBER & JANUARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Dec

1 st Ninfield Flower Group Christmas Demonstration	P15
3 rd Lights of Love	P 5
7 th Ninfield Parish Council	P18
8 th Hooe Open Group	P24
8 th Village Christmas Party	P16
9 th Hooe Village Christmas Market	P20
11 th Horti Christmas Evening	P27
12 th Carol Concert, Memorial Hall	P 9
13 th CWF Christmas Lunch	P28
13 th Christmas Village Market	P13
15 th Pop up Cafe	P28
17 th Carols and Christingle St. Mary's	P 5
20 th Carols with Hooe Silver Band St. Oswalds	P5

Jan

8 th Flower Group AGM	P15
9 th CWF AGM & Social	P28
12 th Hooe Open Group	P24
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15 th Hooe Parish Council	P 6
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Feb

5 th Flower Group Workshop
14 th Pancake lunch

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