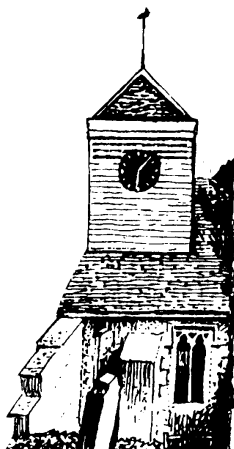


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# NEWS

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the Churches,  
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societies  
of Ninfield & Hooe

**October 2018**

**50p**



St MARY's & St OSWALD's



## NOTICE BOARD

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's	St. Oswald's
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 Parish Eucharist - Harvest	11.00 Parish Eucharist - Harvest
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

For St. Mary's

Monday - Thursday open at 9 am and locked 3 pm

Fridays and Saturdays closed

After the service on Sundays closed

For St. Oswald's

9.00 - 5.00 Daily

*Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ [www.ninfield.org.uk](http://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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Dear Friends,

As I write this, the sun is still shining and they say we are in for a warm September! We shall see!! I rarely believe weather forecasts! However, this is the time for Harvest Festivals and St Mary's and St Oswald's have theirs on 14th October and the school on 16th October. Harvest is a time for thinking about the gifts God has given us in creation, for as we sing ' All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above'. So first a story:

A little girl was sitting on her Grandmother's knee, as she read her a bedtime story. From time to time the little girl took her eyes off the book and reached up to stroke her Grandmother's wrinkled cheeks. Then she stroked her own cheek. Finally she said. "Grandma, Did God make you?" . Yes Grandma replied. " God made me" Then the little girl asked " Did God make me ? " Yes" her Grandmother replied "God did make you" There was a pause before the little girl said " Getting better at it isn't he?

Well is he getting better? In a way it could not be better. All the seeds are there for us human beings to make the world a much better place than it is, but sadly we misuse those gifts, we don't share them, we don't look after this precious bounty that God has given to us. Sometimes we turn to God for blame when things happen in the world that we don't like. We call them natural disasters or as insurance companies like to call them 'acts of God'. Of course they are not acts of God but we always seem to want someone to blame in this blame culture in which we live. The fact that many of the so-called natural disasters are caused by us seems to slip our minds. Global warming, mining, over farming to name just a few. We are stewards of this earth and as stewards we need to firstly recognise the owner and secondly we need to use these gifts wisely and for the good of all.

Harvest time is therefore a time to stop and think about the gifts that have come from God and also to remember the hard work of our farmers and fishermen, those who work the land and the sea. The gifts have been given to us but without their partnership in the land and sea there would be no harvest. So thank you to God but also thank you to those we often take for granted who provide us with the food we all need and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you at either St Mary's at 9.30 or St Oswald's at 11am on 14th October.

## **Prayer for changing seasons**

Faithful Father,

As the leaves change colour and fall we are reminded of life's changing seasons. We become aware that time passes more quickly than we expect or plan for. Help us to make the most of each day You give us – and to be thankful. Thank you that through all the changing seasons You are unchanging. Your love goes on reaching out. Thank you for sending Jesus who died to make it possible for us to know You and come to You when our days on earth are completed. Help us to trust Him, to receive Him and to live in the power of His Spirit, now and forever.

In Jesus' name,                      Amen.

**Grace Constable, Emily Steventon, Garry Marriott, Michael White and The Occasional Consort directed by Anne Whiteman accompanied on the organ by Nigel Howard present:**

### **HANDEL'S THE MESSIAH**

**Saturday 24th November 2018**

**St. Oswald's Church Hooe**

**6.30 pm**

Tickets £15.00 (to include interval refreshments) available from Janet Patisson [jandspatisson@btinternet.com](mailto:jandspatisson@btinternet.com) 01424845087; or Grace Constable [grace90gcx@gmail.com](mailto:grace90gcx@gmail.com) payment in advance by Cash or Cheques made payable to Parochial Church Council Hooe

## **BATTLE'S OVER**

Hooe Parish Council and St. Oswald's Church would like to invite you to attend a celebration of the ending of World War 1. This is a national event that we will be participating in.

We will be meeting The Triangle, Denbigh Road on Sunday 11th November at 6.45pm.

There will be a short ceremony which will include prayers and readings, the lighting of the beacon and ringing of the church bells.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

# THE PARISH NEWS

What a glorious summer, apart from the colder few days which as always have to coincide with school holidays and a couple of wet weekends we have all been very lucky this year, long may it continue. Talking of continuing, the articles for this magazine just keep coming, which is really fantastic, it means we have less to write ourselves or hunt out, so please keep them coming.

We have changed the layout of the diary page this month, lots of you said you liked the July edition when it showed all the information, that unfortunately is quite hard to edit each month so we'll try this version, but we really would like your comments, and if we've left something out please tell us. See one of us around the villages, email or phone (see back page).

The July issue proved to be so popular we have several new regular readers and an offer to pay for another one next year. So watch this space!

*Nicki and Carol*



## At St Mary's Church

### Baptisms

9th September George Staffell Allen and Terry Allen

16th September Lucian James Hincapie Frostick

16th September – Jack Jesse Horton

### Wedding

8th September - James Watson Sanderson and Kristina Anne Skiggs

### Funeral

Terry Cowling. 17th September.

## At St Oswald's Church

### Funeral

Peter Stanion 19th September.

*from the  
Parish Records*

Closing date for items for the October issue of the Parish News

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, send to [ninfieldnews@btconnect.com](mailto:ninfieldnews@btconnect.com)

# **O**UR SCHOOL

Just in case you haven't noticed, we've had the workmen in during the summer and things have started to happen. Over the holiday period, with no little ones to cause Health and Safety nightmares, they managed to construct a temporary roadway and get the site securely fenced off. Inside the school building, the hall has been restored to it's former glory and is now twice the size it has been for some time. It does mean that we now have only six classrooms but at least everyone fits in comfortably for the morning assembly.

I know that the area of the building site may look very big at present, but I can assure everyone that this is not a backdoor expansion to support Wealden's plan to save the Ashdown Forest by making Ninfield 40% larger. We are simply replacing two rotting wooden huts with two bright new permanent classrooms before the woodworm finishes them off.

People have also been asking me about the Muger! Yes, that's what I thought too, until I realised they meant the brand new Multi Use Games Area which will become a permanent fixture between the school site and the bike ramps. This area will be used as part of the playground during school times and as a village facility for the rest of the time. We will be working closely with the Parish Council to see how best we can all use this. Anyone for Tennis?

We'd like to thank everyone for their patience while the work goes on, particularly the younger members of the village who have currently lost the use of their bike ramps. I know it is all a bit of a pain at the moment but at the end of all of this, we will have a greatly improved school with additional sporting facilities which will be used by the children of the village for years to come – or at least until they build a two thousand pupil, out of town, Academy..... Ian Moffat

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## **AN AFTERNOON OF REMEMBRANCE**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November Ninfield will mark this momentous occasion.

At 11.00 the Church bells will ring

Everyone will gather at the Church at 1.50 before processing to Ninfield Village Memorial Hall, led by Revd Paul Frostick and scouts. The Colours and Union Flag will be placed on a drum altar, wreaths laid before a short service.

The Scouts will give a report on their trip to Flanders, Jo's Jammis will sing songs of the era, Father Michael as WW1 priest, followed by afternoon tea.

At 6.30 Ninfield will join in the National Event, Battle's Over Assembling at the beacon on the Rec for a reading, a bugle playing the Last Post and the lighting of the Beacon at 7.00pm  
Full details in next month's issue of Parish News

## **WAG THIS WAY SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Calling all dog lovers! Join St Michael's Hospice on our very first sponsored 5k walk with your four legged friends. This family friendly event takes place at the stunning Rye Nature Reserve. As well as the walk, there will be refreshments, stalls to browse and lots of activities for you and your pooch to enjoy at the finish line. Just £10 per person with dogs going free. Visit [www.stmichaelshospice.com/events](http://www.stmichaelshospice.com/events) to find out more and book your tickets

### **Hospice Neighbours needed**

St Michael's Hospice's Hospice Neighbours, a unique scheme offering practical and emotional support to people with a life limiting illness in their home. "I became a Hospice Neighbours because, when my husband was dying of cancer I realised how important it was for him to have someone else to talk to. It's sometimes difficult to tell your loved ones about your pain and fears as you don't want to hurt them. Knowing I can give that comfort and help to someone in need has enriched my life." said Hospice Neighbour, Christel. Why not join Christel and become a Hospice Neighbour, help make a difference to your local community? Contact the team on 01424 456610 or email [neighbours@stmichaelshospice.com](mailto:neighbours@stmichaelshospice.com) to find out more. [www.stmichaelshospice.com/our-services/hospice-neighbours](http://www.stmichaelshospice.com/our-services/hospice-neighbours)

**NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**  
**Annual torchlit procession, bonfire and fireworks**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

A news letter with full information and all the timings will be delivered to every house in Ninfield.

If you or someone you know has animals please make sure they are aware. If you would like some advice on what to do with them please email [ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com) for our information leaflet.

**WANTED**

Volunteer to take over the booking of Hooe Village Hall, collect the money and sort any issues.

If you would like to find out more information please contact the Hooe Parish Clerk, Sally Durman phone on 01424 893007 Or email at [hooepc2@btinternet.com](mailto:hooepc2@btinternet.com)

**JO'S JAMMAS**

"What is Jo's Jammass?"

Jo's Jammass is open to everyone. Some of us have sung in choirs before, others only in the bath - the one thing we have in common is that we are having fun and realised we all have a voice. In the few short months we have been together, we have covered gospel, African chant, swing, a Beatle's classic, 80's power ballad and musicals. We aren't planning for big performances or competitions, we just want to be the best we can be and to leave each session with a smile on our face.

With Jo's guidance, we have discovered the 'rhythm of life', that after 'a long cold winter' and seeing the 'rains over Africa' the sun really is here and that Mr Miller 'Swings with the band' when 'coming home to the promised land'

Who else could say that? Why not come along and see what it's all about All welcome - just bring your enthusiasm and £5 (to cover the cost of hall hire and singing coach)

If you would like to know more, please call Kaye on 01424 892883

Session dates Fridays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October , 7.30 - 9.00  
at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane



# NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Recently we have been busy around the village, particularly at the Memorial Hall. The timber gate posts had rotted at ground level and were incapable of carrying the weight of the two five bar gates. After much effort the old posts were extracted and new galvanised metal posts concreted in place. The gates were subsequently rehung and straightened with metal bracing. They certainly seem to be functioning better now and do not require Herculean strength to open!

Church Wood has benefited from recent rainfall and early autumn colours are emerging as the dragon flies and bright blue damsel flies depart. The fences surrounding the wood continue to require maintenance, with timber felled earlier this year providing rustic fence posts.

And finally, our thanks to the Carnival Committee for their generous donation once again.

## FREE TEA AND CAKE AFTERNOON Saturday 13th October      Methodist Hall

As many of you know, we held a very successful free Danish and Coffee morning last year when we heard what is happening in the village and what else people would like to happen. We are repeating this, but as an afternoon 'free tea and cake' event. It is in the Methodist Hall on Saturday 13th October from 2 – 4 pm.

So if you run a group, we would welcome you to share more about it. If you would like to find out what is happening and give us ideas about what else Ninfield might do, please come along.



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SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER ""JUMBLE SALE"" doors open at 2pm, entrance fee 50p. Lots of bargains, if you would like to donate and are unable to attend, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878.

Forthcoming events:

MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER – Workshop.

FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER, in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30, we shall be holding our seasonal demonstration. This year we welcome the very talented David Thomson with his demonstration entitled "My Kind of Christmas", tickets are £10.00 each to include refreshments, and are on sale now. This is a very popular evening, please contact Pat on 01424 218627 or Helen on 07966659552, to purchase. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening, together with the Flower Groups raffle .

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This engraved Award, designed and crafted by Robin Goldsmith, and the Village Award will be presented on Gala night, Saturday 27th October.

THE NOMINATION FORMS ARE IN THE VILLAGE STORES, LOWER STREET – PLEASE FILL IN AND Put IN THE BOX PROVIDED BY FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER

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## **I'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN – BY MM**

I bought my first car when I was 21. It was normal then to save for such things, it never occurred to me to have a bank loan. The car was a Singer Chamois (a posh version of the Hillman Imp). It was rear-engined with the boot under the bonnet. Then it suddenly occurred to me that I could not even change a wheel. What would I do if I had a puncture?

So, I enrolled for Car Maintenance Classes at Claverham College, Battle. I attended for 4 years. It wasn't just changing plugs and points, we learned to renew brake shoes, grind-in valves etc., working on each other's cars. I only went to a garage for a MOT test. I bought a huge workshop manual and drew up a proper maintenance schedule. I even learned the chassis and engine numbers for when I bought parts!

The Chamois had a highly tuned little engine that needed frequent adjustment. I treated myself to a strobe timing light which helped. I had all the gear-ramps, axle stand and an impressive collection of spanners – all 'AF' in those days, no metric. I've loved working on my various cars, I even love the smell of the differential oil when I crawled underneath for a top up!!

I sometimes pushed myself to the limits of my knowledge and strength. I remember when the Chamois' thermostat seized open. To fit a new one, I had to work from inside the car after removing a plate behind the rear seat. Space was limited and I kept banging my hand against the sharp metal gap. I was smothered in little cuts! (it was even worse than when I helped my sister change the fan-belt on her Mini!)

With another car I replaced the backplates as the previous owner had worn the adjusters. I didn't want to drain all the brake fluid, so I covered the filler-tube with Cling Film (just invented) and replaced the cap. It worked! I still had to bleed it though.

I loved working on my cars, but oh, did I suffer when I "bit off more than I could chew"!

**Hooe Village Hall  
Fundraising Coffee  
Morning**

**The Village Hall, 10.30am  
Coffee & conversation**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**C**HRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Our return to our monthly get togethers kicked off in September with a talk by Ben Pratt on 'Bee Keeping'. He and his wife have made a flourishing business from their hobby and he was able to display lots of their own produce (with the help of the bees, of course!), to include candles, wax polish, honey marmalade, honey comb, fudge and many flavours of the natural product. He also sells equipment at their home in Polegate to keep the enthusiast protected and the bees happy.

Honey bees exist to pollinate. And without them more than one quarter of our food would not grow. They are busy doing their job from the first May blossom to the brambles and the ivy in Autumn. Not the Queen though...she has a rather spoilt life of being groomed and fed up with bee milk and Royal Jelly until she is nearly twice the size of an ordinary worker. Then when she is about 10 days old the workers (other females) escort her out of the hive to find a drone (males) congregation away from her own hive (for genetic diversity) and can mate with 14 drones on the wing, subsequently laying 1,500/2000 eggs! It was a fascinating talk and really, about the most essential member of the food chain. The Romans took honey to war for use as an antiseptic. And jars were found in Egyptian tombs...still edible!

There was so much more to know about bees that the time went very quickly. Thank you Ben for your visit.

Next month, second Wednesday 2.30 - 4 ish at the Methodist Church Hall we have to admit that 'Winter draws on - Naomi Lane telling us about 'The History of Underwear''. We hope to see you.

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# Ninfield Parish Council

<i>Parish Councillors</i>	<i>Phone</i>		<i>Phone</i>
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The summer has been busy for the Parish Councillors starting with the hub at the carnival giving villagers the opportunity to come and ask questions and find out what's happening in the village. There is no full council meeting in August but the cllrs still had planning applications to consider and of course lots of reading with the publication of the new draft Wealden Local Plan. The cllrs are currently going through the plan in order to make representations ahead of the 8th October deadline. We would urge residents to also comment on the plan. If you would like help finding the relevant parts please email the clerk (ninfieldpc@btinternet.com)

This month's meeting kicked off with a guest speaker from Action in Rural Sussex who had come to explain more about what is involved in developing a neighbourhood plan for the village. The talk was really informative and we learnt that there is a lot to consider, it's a real whole community project and would require the recruitment of volunteers. The cllrs will be discussing this more over the coming months.

The school project has started over the summer. There will be two new classrooms built to replace the two in the old huts as well as a Multi use Games Area for the school to use during the school day and for the village to use out of school hours. The construction company have worked hard over the summer to make sure that the school was ready to welcome the children back in September with a new access into the school, fenced walk ways and most importantly a viewing platform so that the children can keep an eye on what's happening at their school. The site manager is very approachable and more than happy to talk to residents and answer questions.

The next few weeks will be very busy with planning applications requiring comments and writing a response to the Wealden Local Plan. If you would like to keep up to date in between meetings please follow our Facebook page Ninfield Parish Council.

Our next meeting in Thursday 4th October at 7:15pm at Ninfield Methodist Hall please do come along the meeting is open to all residents.



## HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051
Pam Doodes	892329	Robert Pilbeam 844365
Peter Hayward	893522	Gary Durman 893007
Parish Clerk Sally Durman		893007

The Chair informed the meeting that the Revd Peter Doodes has resigned as a Councillor due to increased commitments with other aspects of his work in the community. Peter has served as Councillor for many years, in that time has been involved with many community issues including the establishment and organisation of the village allotments. His most recent work has been concerned with the proposed project of building a new village hall in Hooe. The Chair was pleased to inform the meeting that Peter would still be involved with this project. A vote of thanks was made for all the sterling work Peter undertook in his role as Councillor which was reinforced by all those present at the meeting.

The parish Council has recently had two vacancies to fill. Jo Dix and Ross Clifton were co-opted at the meeting as Councillors. The Chairman looks forward to working with them in the future.

Rev Doodes had been Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council so another Vice-Chairman will need to be elected. It was decided that this election should take place at the next meeting when all Councillors are present. In the meantime Councillor Robert Pilbeam agreed to take on this role on a temporary basis.

Southern Water reported that they are still planning their revised project at Hooe Water Treatment Works with their construction partner and should be in a position to provide a more comprehensive update at the end of October. Hooe village will be joining in national celebrations of the 'Battle's Over' which is a celebration of the end of World War 1. This will be taking place on Sunday November 11th. We will be meeting at the triangle, Denbigh Road, at 6.45pm when a short celebration will take place which will include lighting the beacon and ringing of the church bells. The Parish Council would like to thank St Oswalds Church for their support in this celebration.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Hooe Sports Club had now ceased to exist and so the Parish Council will be taking over the management of the recreation ground. Two football teams and stool ball will continue to use the facilities.

Councillor Durman attended a joint meeting with Ninfield and Catsfield to discuss community issues. Representatives of East Sussex Highways were present. There were some interesting discussions concerning issues that are pertinent to all three villages.

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Monday 19th November at the village hall starting at 7.30pm. Residents of Hooe are invited to attend.

# **HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY**

The History Society met as planned for their Summer Outing on Thursday 16th August. It had been a wet, miserable day and one wondered how we would get on, walking approximately one mile along Pett Level beach.

We were lucky, about an hour before the walk began, the skies cleared and the sun shone, shimmering on the sea as the tide went out, a perfect evening.

Twenty nine members and fiends arrived and we first listened to our leader for the evening, Mr Ken Brooks warned us not to go too near the cliffs, in case of sudden rock falls. It is advisable to stay away at the same distance as the height of the cliffs. He then showed us models of dinosaur toe and footprints that we might find. He also explained that there had been a forest where the beach now is, obviously where these extinct reptiles had roamed. When the tide goes right out, remains of the old trees can be seen, preserved as wood and not petrified into stone. And so as we set off, poking and peering with sudden shouts of exciting finds, drawing us together as we listened to Ken identifying the discoveries to us. The time passed very quickly with the lovely background of the sandstone cliffs in the evening sunshine, interesting themselves with the fault visible where the cliffs had been compressed,

It really was a super outing, enjoyed by both young and old, with eager anticipation of another talk by Mr Brooks next year.

By the time you read this, Sam Langley will have given us an illustrated tour of the interesting and unusual features that make Bexhill such a fascinating place, including hidden corners that even those of you with a good knowledge of the town did not know about.

Norman Franks will visit us on Thursday 18th October with a talk entitled World War 1 – The Air War. His talk will cover the development of both the aeroplane as a war machine, guns and armament in the area, the airmen and how they fought in this new third dimension. It will focus on how a recent invention, the flimsy aircraft, very quickly became essential to our success in the war and on the ground. It should be an interesting insight into the beginnings of the RAF in this, its centenary year.

**O**ur calendar for 2019 with pictures on the theme “Hooe at its best during the changing seasons” will be available at this and our November meeting. It is also available at Ninfield Village Store and Post Office, Lower Street and the Hope Cottage Farm shop. You can also telephone Heather Sinden 893422 to order your copy.

**DID YOU KNOW** that on the 25th January 1798 John Jones, an Officer of Excise aged 31, was buried in Hooe churchyard. He does not appear to have been an inhabitant of Hooe as the village was almost entirely based around agriculture and he does not feature in the church birth or marriage records. This was the era when the Hooe smuggling gang was still very strong and the Excise was based in the larger towns – Hastings, Eastbourne, Battle. Is it possible this man may have been killed in a skirmish with smugglers? If so, why was he not recovered by the authorities for burial elsewhere? As yet, this remains a mystery, although the ghost of an Excise officer is said to walk the Red Lion...

Thursday 18th October "World War One - The Air War" a talk by Norman Franks at Hooe Village Hall. Doors open from 7pm, refreshments available. All welcome

**Buried under lots of bracken, brambles and weeds I lie,**  
forlorn and abandoned, looking to be loved and tended,  
just like my neighbours.

Oh the joy of seeing happy smiling faces as lovely new potatoes are pulled out of the ground, and the beans running up poles!!

If you think you could help, you can have me for free!

You don't have to do all the work on day one, make it a project, patch by patch, I will reward you, and you may get to love me!

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The lonely, unloved and abandoned allotment!!

## **B**OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

Our first session of the Book Exchange Café was a success so we are going to continue on the first Friday of the month from 10 – 12. The dates for the next three months are 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December. Do call in to the Methodist Hall in Church Lane to browse/exchange books for 50p each and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cake and a chat. For further information [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

## HOOE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

As in previous years a coffee morning to raise funds for the Macmillan Nurses appeal was held in Hooe village hall on Saturday 8th September, organised by Jane Fuller.

The morning was rather overcast but a warm welcome greeted us as we walked though the door into the hall. Already a few people had gathered and by 10.30am the hall was full of chatting friends.

Tea or coffee was on offer with biscuits but more temptingly, a large array of delicious home made cakes, pasties and sausage rolls. The selection rivaled any bakers shop window. I noticed one eager purchaser had come prepared with her own boxes to carry her spoils home intact.

At the far end of the hall was 'The Raffle'. The table was full of prizes ranging from toys, books, chocolates, bottles of wine and gift items.

A total of £232.00 was raised for this important charity, whose services are constantly in demand

Thanks are extended to Jane, Alison and Melanie for all the hours they spent making the lovely cakes, The Red Lion for their donation of wine for the raffle, and to all friends and villagers who joined Jane and her family for coffee and supported this worthy cause.

## **M**USICAL MATINEE IN NINFIELD.

These free film screenings are gaining in popularity, at the time of writing, over 30 people signed up for the September film.

The films, as well as being dementia friendly and hearing loss friendly are for anyone who would like to come and spend an enjoyable afternoon watching a musical film classic.

The next film on 30<sup>th</sup> November will be 'White Christmas'. Doors open from 1.30 and the film starts at 2.00. There are refreshments and a raffle. So make a note in your diary!

If you would like to come, please call 01424 892422 or email: jackie.langley1@btinternet.com.

## FUN AND GAMES CONTINUE IN HOOE!

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# **N**INFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We had a really successful Summer Show with lots of good quality entries, in spite of worries about the impact of the hot summer. Loads of people visited in the afternoon, enjoying the yummy refreshments while catching up with friends and viewing the colourful entries. We hope we have got a few new members too after visiting the Show.

October is the start of our new season. On Monday 15th, we have our AGM at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. This is followed by Kim Parks with his photos and comments on the local wildlife etc.!!

This evening is also the time for you to join or rejoin the Society and pay the £4 subscription. Do come along – it's an enjoyable evening.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our shows during the year. It feels like I have only just finished with this year's Summer Show and I have spent today updating the schedule for next year!

For more information contact Rose (892422 or email: [rose.franks1@btinternet.com](mailto:rose.franks1@btinternet.com)).

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NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL



**COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS**, so make a note in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised later.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5 Nov Flower Group              | 7 Nov Diwali Curry Night   |
| 11 Nov Afternoon of Remembrance | 19 Nov Hooe Parish Council |
| 24 Nov The Messiah,             | 24 Nov Home Made Fayre     |
| 30 Nov White Christmas Matinee  | 7 Dec Flower Grp Xmas      |
| 11 Dec Carol Concert            | 12 Dec Evening Market      |

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### 20<sup>th</sup> October

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each month there are regular stall holders with a lovely range of local  
foods & produce, September saw a new butcher, great!

Enjoy coffee, cake and a natter at The Pop Up Cafe

Any enquiries to Chris 893388

### Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be on

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

The Methodist Hall,

*Ninfield residents are invited to attend*

### Hooe Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The Village Hall

*Hooe residents are invited to attend.*



## ***Worms Eye View***

My goodness, October already. How the time seems to fly by, but I hope you all enjoyed the summer season.

I had a very interesting holiday and saw quite a few places in our lovely (if dry) country. Inevitably wherever I go I gaze with intensity at the farms and animals comparing them with home. Everyone was suffering from shortage of grass, like us here in Sussex, but thankfully all of the animals looked well, even if rather hot at times.

Now the one creature we were all hoping to see was the Loch Ness Monster, but no such luck, but it was still lovely sailing on the loch. The trip on the Isle of Skye was full of sights to remember. Highland Cattle take a lot of beating. As I write these notes, I was thrilled this morning to find a new Sussex bull calf as I was looking, the proud good looking Sussex mum was vigorously licking it but quite happy for me to stand quietly by them and admire them both.

Back to Skye, whilst there we visited the 'old village' showing life in the past. Small thatched cottages, and a reminder of our former farmhouse in Heathfield. Inside was the simple equipment we had in those days, wash tubs large, wooden mangles, three legged milking stools, old mild churns. What memories these things bought back to me. Hard work but happy contented times.

On to the different but lovely country around Cork and of course Blarney Castle where one kisses the Blarney stone and then becomes endowed with the "gift" of talking a lot. I have to admit here that both husband & I kissed that stone in 1991, I need not add more.

On to the peaceful & lovely island of Tresco one of the Isles of Scilly. Another treat here, the exotic plants, flowers & landscaping are all beautiful. The colours of the flowers are further enhanced by the bright, quiet tame birds hopping & running around amongst the incredible scenery. This was certainly worth the effort of walking round the gardens most of the day, no vehicles here to dodge or be noisy.

Now back to October when it is said to be time to manure the fields and then they will yield their best next year. Also look forward to October 18th, S Luke's Day, as there should be a few days of warm & sunny weather. But it won't last!

*Anne*

# HOOE OPEN GROUP

As is the custom in the month of August the members of the Hooe Open Group had an away day from the village.

The venue chosen was the wonderful retreat of Ashburnham Place near Battle. In spite the very heavy rain, which prevented the members leaving for some time, before it eased off? It was indeed a most pleasant occasion.

The Hooe Open Group met on Friday 14th September for their monthly get together at Hooe Village Hall, fully expecting musical entertainment. However by 2.30pm no one arrived!

Plan B had to be applied, in the shape of Edna's Husband, David, who was able to fill the bill, by providing an interesting 45 minute talk, covering a small part of his interesting and diverse carrier in marketing and global travel for some of the World's leading companies, specialising in the field of Optics.

David, who had been a leading light in the City of London and served a term as Master of the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers. Selected amusing stories that have been part of his long and fruitful carrier. One of the best examples took place at the time when King Idres ruled Libya. At the time the army ordered 12,000 marching compasses with Arabic Dials. When the King was deposed by General Gadhafi in 1969, the new regime would not recognise the contract, leaving the company with the problem of how to dispose of the stock?

David came up with the idea of adjusting the compass dials to point toward Mecca; each compass was adjusted according to where it was being sold. It worked like a dream!

David also outlined how he got accidentally involved in installing Coin Operated Telescopes, Ending up with nearly 200 right along the South Coast, except Bexhill, who were afraid that they would be used to look through bedroom windows.

It was a very impromptu presentation, being both humorous and entertaining.

If you are interested is joining a very informal and friendly ladies club, just come along to Hooe Village Hall in the afternoon of the second Friday of the month. You will be made very welcome.

For further information call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591.

## **N**INFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Before the Summer break Ninfield Local History Group welcomed lots of visitors to our Carnival stall. We had a display on the topic of Women's Suffrage (which is now on show at the Archive Centre) to mark the 100th anniversary of Votes for Women. We also launched our new book 'Ninfield in the Nineties' by Alfred Ridel.

This new edition is fully illustrated and is a joint project with Ninfield Parish Council. The book is available direct from the History Group, the Village Stores and at the village Saturday Markets, where you can also join or renew your subscription or buy our 2019 Ninfield calendar.

The Archive Centre at the Sparkes Pavilion is now open again on Monday mornings between 10-12.

October's meeting will be on Thursday 18th 7.30pm, Methodist Hall, Church Lane, when we have a royal visit from Henry VIII (Tony Harris). Those who have met Tony before know we will have an entertaining evening!

### **FREE ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING**

If you have an electric blanket it's important to get it tested out, especially if you have not had it done for some time and if it's been folded up and put away for the summer, so go and get it tested.

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 till 12.00

#### **HASTINGS FIRE STATION**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.00 till 4.00

#### **BEXHILL FIRE STATION**

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14th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion  
with Rev. Peggy Heim  
21st 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Tricia Williams  
28th 10.30am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Clive Redknapp  
4th Nov 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

## Events for October 2018:

- 5th 10.00-12noon Book Exchange Cafe  
10th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship – ‘Winter draws on...’  
23rd 7.00- 8.30pm Talking Point - ‘Debt’  
31st 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church – ‘Remembrance’

The Book Exchange Café in September was a great success & will be open again on Friday 5th October. This is a new idea for the village when you can enjoy refreshments, browse, & exchange books.

Then another new initiative on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.00pm. This is Talking Point & will feature a series of discussion groups to look at Topical News issues from a Christian perspective. Reverend Derek Brice will lead the group discussion and on above date we will address the issue of ‘Debt’. Elaine Lee, a specialist debt adviser, is also coming along to share her experience. Should be interesting.

We look forward to seeing you at Ninfield Methodist Church – come along if you can!

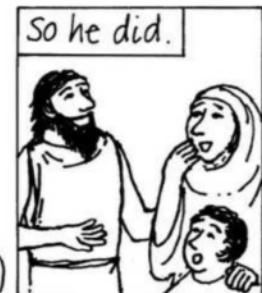
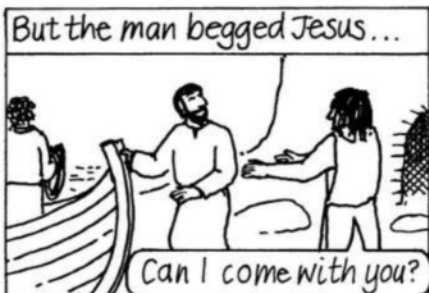
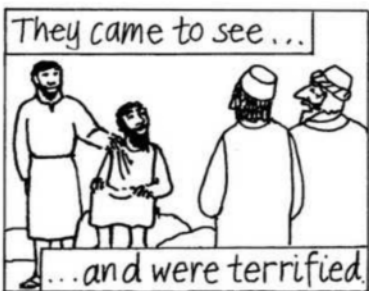
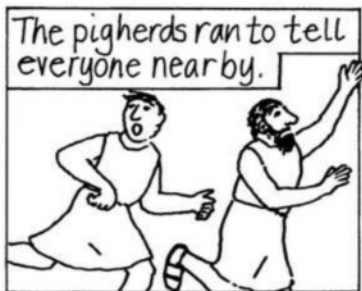
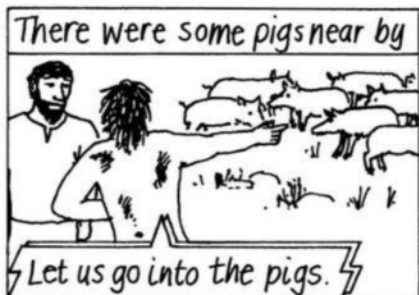
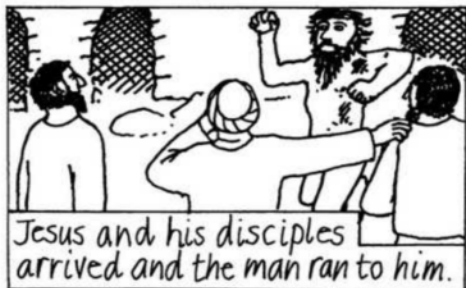
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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons  
He tore off any clothes or chains put  
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



## **DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES**

Mon	1st	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr. Flower Group P10
Tues	2nd	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	3rd	Village Society, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap
Thu	4th	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts, N.Parish Cncl P16
Fri	5th	Crafting, Burlesque, Book Exchange P19
Sat	6th	
Sun	7th	Dog Walk P7
Mon	8th	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr
Tue	9th	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	10th	Village Soc, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap, CWF P14, Carnival AGM
Thu	11th	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts,
Fri	12th	Crafting, Jo's Jammass, HOGS P26
Sat	13th	Hooe Coffee Morning, Tea & Cake P9, Jumble Sale P10,
Sun	14th	
Mon	15th	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr, Horti P22
Tue	16th	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	17th	Village Soc, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap, Bonfire M
Thu	18th	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts, H.History Soc.P18, N.History Grp P19
Fri	19th	Crafting, Burlesque
Sat	20th	Village Market P24, Bonfire Night P8
Sun	21st	
Mon	22nd	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr
Tue	23rd	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band, Talking Point P28
Wed	24th	Village Society, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap
Thu	25th	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts,
Fri	26th	Crafting, Jo's Jammass
Sat	27th	Gala Fish & Chip Night
Sun	28th	
Mon	29th	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Centre
Tue	30th	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	31st	Village Soc, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap, Messy Ch.

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