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PARISH



NEWS

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the clubs, groups and**

societies of

Ninfield & Hooe

PLUS A DIARY OF EVENTS

June 2019

50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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2 nd June	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
9 th June	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
16 th June	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
23 rd June	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
30 th June	Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

For St. Mary's

Wednesday, 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Most weeks – please check the weekly sheet in Church

Monday - Thursday open at 9 am and locked 3 pm

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For St. Oswald's

9.am to 5.pm

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

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Dear Friends,

As a member of the Governing body of Ninfield School I take a keen interest in education and in the upbringing of our children. Education is very much part of the political agenda and our school as well as many others find it very difficult to manage the budget with so many cutbacks year upon year. I am amazed at what our small school manages to achieve in spite of these cutbacks and the recent Ofsted inspection proves the point. However, the upbringing of our children is not just the responsibility of the school but parents as well and as a church school we also take a keen interest in the children's progression. I thoroughly enjoy the special services the school hold in St Mary's, I only wish we had a bigger church to get more parents in!

Apart from education, one topic that has been in the news recently is mental health and how our children can be affected just as much as adults. Our children are sadly part of a society that now seems to cram more and more pressures upon our young people. There are more and more tests and exams which create more and more stress. Unfortunately, governments seem to judge our schools by academic achievement and scores rather than by wellbeing and self-worth! On top of this, our children are constantly bombarded by social media where their very being is being moulded by what they see online, so much so that children are paying the price and one result is that self-harming, mental health problems and death rates continue to soar!

As a result, we in the church need to be more alert to mental health in our congregation and indeed promote mental health in our wider community.

I am sure like me; you sometimes say to someone how are you today! It's just a passing thing often said but do we expect an honest answer! How would we cope if they said "Well actually ...". Sometimes we need to be able to give people time, a precious commodity these days, but time is something we all have, and it may well help someone more than we realise! Whether we are looking at physical or mental health some things cannot be seen! Some supermarkets now have signs on the disabled toilet reminding us that not all disabilities

are visible! So next time we ask someone how they are, may it not just be a passing remark but a genuine concern for the others well being and if we are asked the same question of ourselves let's not be afraid to answer it truthfully.

One important part about being a Christian is that we are genuinely concerned about people as we reflect God's concern about all his creation. So can I wish us all a healthy and uplifting summer as sunshine often helps us in feeling good about ourselves and if we are not feeling good then talk to someone!

Paul Frostick

PEACE BETWEEN NEIGHBOURS

Peace between neighbours near
Peace between kindred here
Peace between lovers dear
In the love of the King of us all
Peace man with man abide
Peace man to wife allied
Mothers and bairns to guide,
And peace of the Christ above all.
Bless O Christ, bless my face,
My face bless every face,
Christ bless mine eye with grace,
Mine eye give blessing to all.

From Poems of the Western highlanders

A reminder

We have been reminded by the police that with the coming of the lengthening evening and increased activity in the garden we must take care with security. Our homes should be locked up if we are working at the bottom of our gardens and our sheds secured when we eventually retire after our hard work.

This is an annual reminder but worth repeating!

THE PARISH NEWS

Well that was a busy month with the most wonderful start at the Flower Festival, well done to all involved, then May Day Fun Day sadly had rain, but true to the resilient spirit it didn't spoil all the fun. At the Ninfield Annual Parish Meeting about 40 local residents enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, cakes and other tasty nibbles with their tea coffee or wine as they listened to representative of the different groups give a brief update. The village market just goes from strength to strength and as we write this, wonder how the first Indoor Games Afternoon and Mary Poppins went! Did so enjoy Bohemian Rhapsody in April, the first of the film nights at the Memorial Hall.

You may recall July last year we had a benefactor arrange for every household in Hooe and Ninfield to receive a copy of the Parish News, well this year it will happen again, a different sponsor, but another bumper issue, so all groups and contributors need to get scribing and send in your copy. If, like last year, we get too much for one issue we will keep some back for August. So lovely delivery people, you will have more to go round so please, if you feel you cannot manage this let us know as soon as possible

Nicki & Carol



St Mary's Church Open Day Saturday 8th June from 10 until 2

Teas, coffees and cakes Barbecue from 12

Tombola Raffle Guess name of teddy Treasure hunt

Face Painting Games for children Brass Rubbing

Burial records and archive information available

Puzzles and books, cakes and home made produce for sale

Everybody welcome and if you have any items you would like to donate please leave them in the church

Ninfield Parish Council

<i>Parish Councillors</i>	<i>Phone</i>		<i>Phone</i>
Kaye Crittell – Chair	892883	Sam Guard –	893699
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John Cheshire	892248	Jackie Langley	892422
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The work at the school is nearing the end and the school now have use of the two brand new classrooms. You will have noticed that the old mobile huts have been removed and the builders are finishing off.

It is really important that children stay out of the building site and do not try and use the ramp and zip wire until it is opened up. It won't be much longer but please remind you children that the fencing and notices saying not to enter are there to ensure everyone is kept safe.

You may have seen a sign put up by the police on the way into Bexhill letting people know that there are thieves in the area and advising that sheds are kept locked. Sadly we suffered a break in our shed on the recreation ground last week which has been reported to the police. Please do report any crimes to the police, its really important to ensure that things are logged and helps when we are contacting the police and asking them to include Ninfield in their patrols.

Just a quick reminder that metal detecting on the recreation ground is not allowed as per the village byelaws.

For those who couldn't come to the Annual Village meeting we were reminded once again what a vibrant village we are, lucky to have so many different clubs and societies, there really is something for everyone. The meeting started with the Parish Council AGM where the councillors signed their Acceptance of Office form for the forthcoming year after an uncontested election. We now have nine Parish Councillors, Kaye Crittell who was elected as Chair for another year supported by Sam Guard as Vice Chair. Welcoming back Pete Holland, John Cheshire, Paul Coleshill, Jackie Langley, Kamala Williamson, newly elected, Sheila Collins, Pam Doodles as Parish and re elected District Councillor who now shares the extended ward with newly elected Ray Cade.

The next meeting will be Thursday 13th June 2019 in The Methodist Hall. Please note that this is a change of date just for this month. We look forward to seeing you there.

MAY DAY FUN DAY

The May Day Bank Holiday started with a beautiful blue sky and sunshine, a lovely start to the Hooe village gathering. The Millennium Wood was decorated with bunting and an information board was available to aid identification of trees that had been sponsored by residents as part of the Hooe Millennium celebrations. Unfortunately by mid-day the weather had turned cloudy and decidedly cool, but this did not dull the enthusiasm and enjoyment of those who attended.

There were a variety of garden games provided for both children and adults alike, providing much fun and laughter. Then we were able to warm ourselves with burgers and hot dogs barbecued by Gary. Ice creams came next even though, by now, coats were being worn and hot flasks of coffee collected from homes!

This was a very enjoyable day which, hopefully, will become an annual event but we will keep our fingers crossed for warmer weather!

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP -

The June meeting of the Local History Group is on Thursday 20th, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, when Mary Burke will give us a talk on Thomas Paine's time living in Lewes. All welcome.

Saturday 22nd June - The History Group is holding an exhibition about aspects of Ninfield history, including local farming, trades, businesses and the school, at the Memorial Hall, 11am - 4.30pm. Tea and cake available

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pies, meat and other produce?

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MUSICAL MATINEE IN NINFIELD.

A reminder of our next film

**FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 'SUMMER HOLIDAY',
a Cliff Richard classic.**

Unfortunately there are no subtitles available for this film and we
apologise for not realizing this when we booked it.

The film afternoons are becoming very popular so it is important
to book a place by contacting Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or
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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our thanks to Ken Brookes with his interesting talk in May, entitled Beside the Seaside, looking at the emergence of seaside holidays, entertainment and other activities through the 19th century and into the 1950's, with particular reference to our own area. Ken's enthusiasm for the local coastline shone through, as ever.

Our next speaker, on Thursday 20th June is Terry Whippy with WW2 Memories of a Close Relative. Terry and his colleague, Richard, have between them a great deal of knowledge and items from the Second World War. Terry will be doing the talking and Richard is always keen to display some of the hundreds of items of memorabilia he has collected about the war, many from the battlefield.

DID YOU KNOW ... That the Hooe primary school which closed in 1963 was probably built at some time between 1849 and 1851, after the plot of land on which it stands was donated by Sir Peregrine Palmer Fuller Palmer Acland with a Voluntary Grant dated the 4th August, 1846 to the Archdeacon of Lewes and the Vicar and Churchwardens of Hooe (trustees of school). On its closure, the building was sold by the Diocesan Authority and is now a private house, next to Sandhall Farm. There was also a second school, "the Dames' School", in the village which ran for a short time between July 1871 and October 1873, although it is not clear where it stood.

Earlier, in September 1793, there was also a single advertisement in the Sussex Weekly Advertiser, which read, "Mrs. Croft and Co. beg leave to inform the Public that they have opened a French and English Boarding School for Young Ladies, in the village of Hooe, in the county of Sussex, where they teach the basics of plain and all sorts of fashionable works, drawing, in its various branches, writing and arithmetic, at the terms as follow: Young Ladies from four to ten years of age, Ten Guineas per annum; all above ten years, Twelve Guineas. No Entrance. N. B. The strictest care and attention will be paid to the morals of the young Ladies." Did it ever open? If so, where in the village? Why was it planned for Hooe and not one of the larger towns? Answers on a postcard please....

If you have anything that you wish to share on the village of Hooe, please contact Peter Hayward on 893422 or by e-mail at peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk

SPICED HONEY DRIZZLE CAKE

100g salted butter	100g light brown soft sugar
100g runny honey	1 large egg
100ml milk	1 tsp mixed spice
½ tsp ground ginger	150g self-raising flour
For the glaze	
25g salted butter	25g runny honey

Warm oven to 180C/160C fan/Gas 4. Butter and line a 900g loaf tin with baking parchment. Beat the butter and sugar until creamy. Whisk in the honey, egg, milk, spices and a pinch of salt then fold in the flour. Tip into tin and bake for 45 minutes. Leave to cool for 10 minutes then turn onto a wire tray.

For the glaze – melt the butter and honey until smooth, leave to cool until thickened. Then drizzle over the cake and leave to set. Enjoy.

HOOE COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK EXCHANGE
Saturday 8th June , The Village Hall, 10.00 - 12.00
Please do drop in a say hello, we'd love to see you.

NINFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL
Could really do with a little help, especially for the Gig on Saturday 27th July, to keep the cost of the event to a minimum we like to use volunteers to help on the gate, in the car park, in the tea tent, bbq etc etc, so if you could do an hour or two for us - or all day that would be just fantastic.

Please send your name, email address and/or phone number to c.holland1066@gmail.com - or leave a message/text on 07858 555343 and we'll get back to you.

Ninfield Parish Council

Council Meeting

Thursday 13th June

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

Council Meeting

Monday 15th July

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

OUR SCHOOL

It's been a busy month for everyone as we get used to our new classrooms and the ever changing routes in and out of the school. With tarmac going down and fences being moved, the end is finally in sight.

While all of this was going on, Year 2 (Butterflies) went to Leeds Castle to learn about the history of the castle and the monarchy. Even yours truly got to be a Norman soldier for the afternoon which has got to look good on any Governor's c.v. Meanwhile Year 3/4 (Grasshoppers) went in search of the wild outdoors with a trip to Drusillas.

Our sporting exploits continued with pupils attending the Tri Golf tournament at the Cooden Golf Club. We also had a mixed football team playing at Claverham where they came away with a very impressive 6-2 win against Westfield School with goals being scored by both boys and girls.

Back in Ninfield the children provided Dragonflies, Bees, Ladybirds and Butterflies to adorn the trees in the church yard, as people made their way to and from the Church in the recent village Flower Festival. The arrival of Spring has also seen the resumption of the school Gardening club with busy little hands working hard down at the allotment.

Finally, back in academia, next week sees the Year 6 children sitting the dreaded SATs. Good luck to all of them, I know they have been working hard towards these, but it's always a stressful time, particularly for the parents!

Ian Moffat

On the Monday of Holy Week, a collection of 22 people met in the Chancel of St.Oswald's to learn more about the significant connections between the Jews' celebration of Passover and the Last Supper that Christ shared with his disciples. The evening was informative, fun, festive and a very good meal was had by all. We have to thank Alison Marchant, Reader for the explanations and guidance of the many symbolic aspects of the meal.

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NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Members of Ninfield Flower Club and the congregations of St Mary's and the Methodist churches were delighted to welcome so many visitors to the Flower Festival held over the Bank Holiday weekend. A marvellous concert Saturday evening with Jonathan Marten was followed on Sunday with Songs of Praise which attracted around 80 people from the two churches and other visitors who thoroughly enjoyed singing the chosen hymns augmented by the voices of St Peter's choir and the wonderful sounds of the pipe organ.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend such a success especially ceramist Anna Thomson who ran a clay sculpting workshop and the volunteers from Church Wood who took groups on guided walks.

If flower arranging is "your thing", or you would like it to be, come along to one of our monthly meetings and enjoy a demonstration among a friendly group of like-minded women and men.

Monday 3rd June we shall welcome to the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30 the very talented GRAHAM KING with his demonstration entitled "Floral Madness". All flowers demonstrated will be raffled at the end of the evening. Non-members welcome

Forthcoming events: Monday 1st July Demonstration by Michelle King.

For any further information regarding our events, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or email on ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

I would like to thank all the members of the Ninfield Flower Group for the excellent Flower Festival they put on at St Mary's Church and the Methodist Church over the Bank Holiday weekend. The results were stunning! I knew it would be good but it exceeded all my expectations!

Also thank you for organising the concert on Saturday night. I know it was greatly appreciated by all who attended. I know it was hard work but the results showed the effort that had been put into it. I am sure that all who attended throughout the Festival thought it was magnificent! Well done. Paul

HOOE OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE AND SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

12 - 6PM

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Our current band is five strong for our five bells.

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We aim to practise once a week and ring for our Sunday service and other suitable occasions as needed BUT we need additional ringers and learners.

Please contact Simon Pattisson (01424 845087) if you might be persuaded to add to our band."

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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION 2019!!

CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION - UPDATES !!

It's not long until the traditional Summer event - Ninfield Carnival, July 12th & 13th 2019 - only about 6 weeks to go, and the pressure starts to build from here on in! Posters will soon be up with details of all the brilliant attractions on offer, and every household in the villages of Ninfield and Hooe had a flyer through the door... SO! this is the time to plead - once again for

BOTTLES !! - For the Big Charity Bottle Tombola! Any lovely donations would be gratefully received!! Please either take up to Sparke Pavilion on any Monday morning, between 7.30-8.30am, OR, Drop into the porch of "CURLEWS" in the High Street, OR Call Sami and she will arrange collection!

CAKES!! - For the Tea Tent! Please bring all lovely goodies to the Main Marquee, on the Rec., from 10am on Saturday 13th July!

MAN / WOMAN-POWER!!! For all departments...!!.. Including The Friday set up, Bar Rotas, Saturday set up, Selling Raffle Tickets, Tea Tent serving, Manning the Coconut Shy, Bar Rotas, Helping with Stalls, Taking money on the door in the evening, BBQ serving....

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AND...!

If anyone would like to **SPONSOR** - 'THE NINFIELD STRONGEST MAN COMPETITION', or any other Event/ Attraction please contact Sami and she will be so pleased to hear from you!

Remember! - The Carnival will be raising money for **LOCAL CAUSES**, including the Dementia Action Alliance- Community Film Afternoons, the Well-Being Group and The Village Society.

The Carnival Committee is so proud to be creating another family friendly, fun-filled event - Please Support Us!

The **NEXT MEETINGS** are on **WEDNESDAYS** 12th JUNE, 26th JUNE, 3rd JULY AND 10th JULY - 8.15pm at the **WORKING MEN'S CLUB** -
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NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Film Programme 2019

Our first event was very much appreciated by all who attended, well before the doors were due to open the first people arrived, they enjoyed a drink and had the forethought to place their order for the interval! As the film started 40 of us took our seats and enjoyed the film as well as the music of Queen.

Saturday 27th June

“WIDOWS”¹

Widows' is the story of four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities, so decide to complete the heist dreamt up by their husbands to clear their debts!

Director: Steve McQueen

Cast: Viola Davis, Elizabeth Debicki, Cynthia Erivo, Michelle Rodriguez

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NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

has applied for funding for a projector so we can continue to show films but we need you to vote for us, so please go to

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Or if you use Facebook, go to the Memorial Hall page or the Ninfield Community page and click on the link there. We are the only East Sussex project in the £2,500 category, it's called Films and More for All, please please vote for Ninfield. There are 12 projects in this group, from which three will each receive £2,500, so with fingers crossed and the help of you all !

B **OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ**

As always, first Friday of the month Methodist Hall. Ninfield so put these dates in your diary: 7th June, 5th July etc.

Have a cup of tea, a chat and take home a new book,
David Swales 01424 892248 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

HOOE OPEN GROUP

The ladies met on Friday afternoon the 10th May, to hear a talk on the encounter with Polar Bears, while exploring the Artic Region. Unfortunately the speaker fell ill with a very sore throat and a substitute had to be found.

The person who came to the rescue was no-other than Edna Wallis's husband David, who gave a talk on the City of London and the Livery (Trade Guilds) in particular.

David and his wife Edna, both have the honour of being Freeman of the City of London, Respectively Free of the Company of Scientific Instrument Makers and Free of the Spectacle Makers Company.

They served the City from 1995 to 1996 and had a very wonderful time in office. There were many social occasions, culminating in the annual banquet at the Mansion House, when the Lord Mayor and his Lady were their guests.

David displayed some of their memorabilia, including invitations to Civic dinners and luncheons, including the invitation from HM the Queen inviting them to her Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

David also outlined the contribution that the City of London makes to the rest of the country and the economy in general and with international development in particular. It is amazing that the London Foreign Exchange Market deals with over one Trillion pounds (1,000,000,000,000) per day in foreign exchange.

As usual the meeting drew to a happy conclusion with tea and chat.

If you are interested in joining in a group of lively ladies, why not come along to Hooe Village Hall on the second Friday of any month at 2.30pm. You will be made very welcome.

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It cannot be ignored in this June edition, that 75 years ago, East Sussex was bulging at the seams with men and equipment being amassed for the imminent invasion of Europe. The Dieppe Raid in 1942 had shown that French ports would be grimly defended by the Germans, and therefore a different tactic had to be devised.

Key to this was the construction of vast concrete floating blocks that could be sunk in a sequence, to provide breakwaters and a safe anchorage for the troop landing ships and supplies. There were two Mulberry harbours, one for the Americans and one for the Allies, British, Canadian, Poles, Free French etc.

Before that, the Allies had to win air superiority, starting with damaging attacks on oilfields in central Europe at Ploesti, and daylight fighter sweeps to tempt the Luftwaffe to give combat. Added to that were the American daylight raids where the P47 Mustang began to prove its ability to fly all the way to the targets escorting the bombers and dealing effectively with any enemy fighters.

Bomber Command were switched to attacking Lines of Communications, rail depots, freight yards and road and water choke points such as bridges. The concept was to prevent any reinforcements being able to easily access and attack the bridgehead. Initial gains were made, despite some heavy casualties particularly in the American sector, but progress was slowed in the deep lanes and thick hedgerows of the Normandy bocage. Caen was expected to fall within a few days but took over a month by which time it had been bombed to destruction.

But back in Ninfield, all was suddenly quiet, no troops marching to and fro, no convoys of lorries choking the lanes - until a week later when the air reverberated to an unusual rasping sound as the first waves of V1 pilotless buzz bombs headed to London. At 400 mph they were faster than most fighter aircraft, only the very latest Hawker Tempest could catch them in level flight, others had to dive from height to try and get within range. Machine gun bullets would often simply bounce off, and added to the problem, anti-aircraft batteries would keep on firing.

Two V1's are known to have fallen close to Ninfield. One was in

the field just short of Church Wood and there is a photo of men sitting in impact craters, so it seems to have exploded before hitting the ground in one piece. The other was behind the Memorial Hall, near to the Christmas Tree Farm land. This V1 exploded with sufficient force to damage the Memorial Hall roof. Negotiations with the Ministry for Reparation of War Damage dragged on well into the 1950's! This is why the Hall has a smooth roof and mansard windows, rather than the roof lights which previously extended all along the roof.

Built in 1862/3, it's not surprising that with such a hard life the Hall is in need of major restoration to bring Victorian building to be fit for use not only for now but well into the future! It is also important as being the OLDEST surviving Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteers Drill Shed (as barracks were then called). It was a "Positioning Battery" positioned a little inland than the Martello Towers which were designed to hold up any invader on the beaches, so that the positioning batteries could come to their aid.

Kevin Regan

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Worms Eye View

I am writing this a little early for June, but if I don't do it now a busy time lies ahead. So just to recap for a moment: I must tell you it was a good lambing this year. The good weather helped so much it meant that the ewes and their new lambs could go out onto the grass very quickly, which is good for them and a great help to us and for me good exercise each day to do the looking.

This year the badgers have been very busy digging out fresh holes, one has to be very careful not to get a foot stuck. One lamb, obviously rather curious, got firmly stuck in one and was pleased to be released!

Of course walking around one sees much more wildlife than just sheep and cattle. It has been good to see a fresh pair of swans take up residence on the farm after both of the adult swans who had regularly visited us over the last few years died. They were a good age and it was lovely to see them gliding along on the water with their babies following, often in a straight line. I hope the new family follow suit. We also have several wild duck nesting and this morning a mum sailed past me with 4 babies trying to keep up with her.

Now it isn't unusual to see a pheasant around, usually a cock. They show off much more than the females (no comment!). However I am not sure how many there are because I can be walking quietly along when suddenly a flurry of foliage and a cock pheasant flies up in front of me, cackling. Whew, that makes me jump and when after travelling on quite a bit it happens again, is it a different pheasant or the same one getting pleasure from seeing me jump?

Weather wise it us said that sheep can forecast bad weather. If the older sheep stand with their backs to the wind and stay motionless for a long time, it means a lot of rain is on its way. However if we are due for more than rain the young sheep tend to get frisky and start playing about, jumping up and down and butting one another and that means a storm and very bad weather is coming.

Let's hope they all keep calm and we have a glorious
June

Anne

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Peter Hayward	893522	Gary Durman	893007
Jo Dix	892905	Ross Clifton	893206

Parish Clerk Sally Durman 893007

On Monday 20st May Hooe Parish Council held their AGM and APM. The Chairman welcomed members of the community to the meeting.

Southern Water representative reported good progress has been made at the Water Treatment works and traffic movements have been reduced due to recycling materials on site. Southern Water thanked the Parish Council for their continuing help and support during the project especially with informing residents about large vehicles accessing the site and ensuring a clear route.

The AGM then commenced. Councillors Dick Carey and Pam Doodles agreed to continue as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Meeting dates for the next year have been agreed, they are as follows:- Mondays , 7.00pm at Hooe Village Hall, 15th July, 16th Sept, 18th Nov, 20th Jan 2020, 16th March and AGM/APM 28th May. Please make a note of these.

Councillor Gary Durman reported that Strengthening Local Relationships meetings continue to be very productive. Representatives from Hooe Parish Council and East Sussex Highways meet three times a year and discuss issues in Hooe. He was also pleased to report that most allotments have now been taken, one being a Community Allotment. If anyone would like to be involved in this allotment please contact him on 01424893007.

Councillor Pam Doodles said that flyers are regularly delivered at each house in the village informing residents of events. It is planned to send out a community newsletter to update residents on village issues.

The APM followed. The Chairman gave a resume of the year thanking Councillors for their hard work and commitment.

Dr Owen Johnson, who leads a group of conservationists at the Bogs Nature Reserve, said the area is home to rare plants and insects and emphasised the importance of animals grazing there to maintain this special environment, one of very few in the country. He thanked the Parish Council for their support and would welcome local people to join the conservationists working there.

Sidley Football Club reported a very successful year, thanking Hooe Parish Council for the use of the Recreation Ground. Hooe Football Club also reported a good year and look forward to building on the seasons successes.

Following comprehensive reports from both Councillors Bill Bentley and Pam Doodles , reports were presented by St Oswald's Church, Hooe Open Group, Senlac Bells, Hooe Line Dancers, and Hooe History Society which provided insight into the activities participated in over the past year.

The meeting concluded with refreshments which gave those present the opportunity to chat and share ideas.

The next meetings of Hooe Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th July, 16th September and 18th November, 7.00pm at Hooe Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This was what fellowship is all about, our monthly meeting together was a simple chat over a cup of tea and delicious cakes beautifully made by Pam. It made a change from having a speaker and not being able to catch up or learn more about each other. But this gave us the chance to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Next month we have the usual format with Alan Fuller giving us a talk called 'It's a dogs life'. All welcome on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month at the Ninfield Methodist Hall 2.30 until 4ish. For more tea, chat and fellowship.

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Further to our recent AGM, it was good to see some new faces and hopefully we shall see more volunteers willing to give a little time to enhancing the village.

It was an opportunity to review the work undertaken in the past year around the village and in Church Wood. From repairing bench seats, replacing flower tubs, maintenance to the bus shelters and our successful litter pick, through to managing the Wood on behalf of the Parish Council, clearing paths, removing dangerous trees, thinning areas of holly to enable other species to flourish and rebuilding timber pathways to enhance access. The work can sometimes be tiring but the rewards immense when a dog walker expresses appreciation or the local Scout troop expend their energy enjoying the woods to the fullest !

Our thanks go to the Parish Council and the Carnival Committee for their continuing financial support and to each volunteer for their time planting flower tubs and beds, repairing the Memorial Hall gates and being available every Wednesday for each new task.

Our evening ended with a most interesting talk on Ashburnham Place by John Cheshire.

GUY MAKING COMPETITION

Join in the village spirit and support the Bonfire
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Second Prize - Will receive a years free membership* and a Ninfield Bonfire t-shirt

* Membership will allow you to process with us at Ninfield Bonfire and any other bonfires you would like to attend with us.

To sign up please go to Ninfield Village Stores, Hope Farm Shop Hooe or the Kings Arms.

Entrance fee is £2.00 and your guys will need to be on show at the address you provided between 4/7/2019 and 11/7/2019 ready to be judged. The guys will then go for a jolly at the carnival on the bonfire float and will then be, as per tradition burnt on bonfire night, so please don't use anything that you want to keep!

For ideas on how to make your guys please see the ninfield bonfire facebook page.

The winner will be announced at Carnival on 13th July.

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Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing



But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?

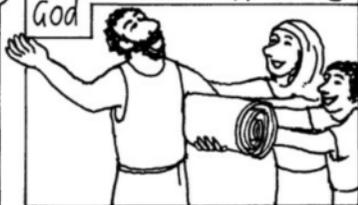


But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!

NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services for June 2019:

2nd 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast

9th 10.30 am Church Anniversary Praise with Rev. David Freeland

16th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise

23rd 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Tricia Williams

30th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Peggy Heim

7th Jul 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast

Events for June 2019:

7th 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe

12th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship

26th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church

Many thanks to all the members of the Ninfield Flower Group for a wonderful Flower Festival weekend - it has all been amazing - we loved the beauty of the displays; the clay sculpting; sharing with St. Mary's Church & the Flower group team; the concert & Songs of Praise; the walk in Church wood; refreshments; & many visitors. Everything came together to reflect the theme 'For the Beauty of the Earth.' A weekend to remember.

Café style worship, with breakfast, continues on the first Sunday monthly.

On Sunday June 9th we have a special Anniversary service when we remember & give thanks for the building of the Methodist Church, in the village, 148 years ago. This is also Pentecost Sunday when the universal Church remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit. Do come along and enjoy this special event with us.

Then on June 26th we look forward to our next Messy Church with fun, activities, a celebration; & snack-tea. Thanks also to our Messy church young people for their display at the Flower Festival.

We look forward to seeing you.

Church Hall Bookings: David Swales 892248

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,

so make notes in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised later. Please, all groups, let us know your plans asap!

Sat 6 th July	St. Oswald's Garden Party
12 th & 13 th July	Carnival
26 th & 27 th July	Ninfield Music Festival
Sat 17 th August	Horticultural Society Summer Show
Sun 29 th Sept	Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe
Sat 12 th October	Bonfire Night
Sat 19 th October	Rocky Horror Show
25 th - 27 th October	Art Exhibition
Sat 23 rd November	Gala Night
Sat 31 st November	Home Made Fayre

don't forget to send your information in early to get advertising. Ninfieldnews@btconnect.com and of course to ensure other groups don't book something that might conflict with yours!

Closing date for items for the **July bumper edition** of the Parish News is **Thursday 13th June** please send to ninfieldnews@btconnect.com
As soon as possible please

A mother's poem

"Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow.
Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep
I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!"

DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Weekly Events

Mondays	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, Badminton,
Tuesdays	Hooe - Hooe Band Ninfield - <i>Cubs</i> ; Dancercise
Wednesdays	Hooe - Line Dancing Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Tap
Thursdays	Ninfield - <i>Toddlers</i> , Pilates, <i>Beavers</i> , <i>Scouts</i>
Fridays	Ninfield - Crafting, Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammies & Burlesque <i>(Being school holidays no meetings last week of May!)</i>

Monthly Events for Jun

3 rd	Ninfield Flower Group	P14
7 th	Ninfield Book Exchange	P18
8 th	Hooe Coffee Morning & Book Exchange St. Mary's Open Day	P25 P 5
8 th - 23 rd	Open Clay Studios	P15
12 th	Christian Women's Fellowship Carnival Meeting	P25 P17
13 th	Ninfield Parish Council	P 6
14 th	Hooe Open Group	P19
15 th	Ninfield Village Market	P 9
15 th & 16 th	Hooe Open gardens event.	P15
20 th	Ninfield History Group Hooe History Group	P 7 P10
22 nd	Ninfield History Group Exhibition	P 7
21 st	Musical Matinee	P 9
26 th	Messy Church Carnival Meeting	P28 P17
27 th	Ninfield Film Night	P18

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