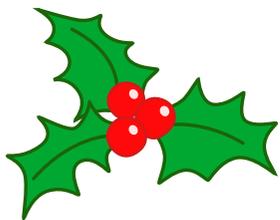
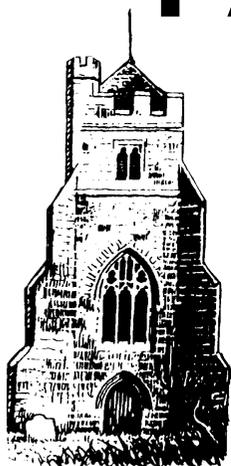


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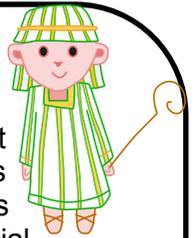
Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Parish Eucharist 3.15 Lights of Love	Family Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Service	Joint Parish Eucharist
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec		7.30 Carol Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Parish Communion 3.30 Christingle and Carols	Parish Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parish Eucharist	Parish Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30 Joint Service at Methodist Church Ninfield	No Service
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

**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,



We have now entered the season of the church year known as Advent. Advent is a time of self-reflection and preparation prior to Christmas, the day of Jesus' birth. It is a time of great anticipation and excitement. All very good, but the danger is that in all the eagerness, we can begin celebrating Christmas before it is even on the horizon. Of course, the commercial drivers of our economically obsessed world draw us in, because Christmas is a real money spinner. The earlier the money starts rolling in the better. The trouble is, it rips the heart out of the season as the deeper meaning and joy are turned into excesses and personal over-indulgence as the profit margins of the big corporations swell.

But the real danger is that, if we fail to properly prepare through the season of Advent, then Christmas loses its deep ability to transform our souls – all we get is some superficial fluffiness that will be long since departed once January arrives. But the Christmas story cuts right to the heart of what it means to be human. It reveals a psychological and spiritual truth that is impossible to run away from. Think of the people who recognise Jesus' true divine identity first.

His mother – a pregnant single teenager from a faithful but poor family, only married to her betrothed weeks before the birth. The husband is not the boy's real father. But, there is no doubt that Jesus (God in human form) transforms her whole being as she becomes the mother of God and in turn now mothers humanity for an eternity through her Son.

Shepherds in the field – uneducated, simple of living (and mind?) and outcasts from society. Dirty, poor, only good for chasing off wolves. And yet it is this simple living and undistracted life that enables them to see Jesus for who he is, God's Son,

Wise Men from the East – foreigners with strange customs. Feared by the native people of the land, open to false accusations and little respected. The king uses his power over them to try and trick them into being his spies. But their preparation and hope leading up to them spotting the star, mixed with their vulnerability of travelling through a strange land, help them to see this Jesus with clarity, instantly recognising him as a gift from God and giving him gifts in return.

As we gaze into the crib on Christmas morning, we find a little child's kindly, loving eyes gazing back at us. This child can be a gateway into a living hope that transforms lives and whole societies. The Christ-child, Jesus, imparts such goodness that it can cleanse the depths of our souls. This gentle gift from God has the power to heal us. We must not be too afraid to move

closer. If we can bear to let him in, things become so very different. A cleansed soul is a freed soul – able to live in truth and love. But this deep healing and joy doesn't happen with a fleeting glimpse once or twice a year, it requires commitment to the continual journey. This Advent be careful of jumping straight into Christmas without first walking the self-reflective way of the season. Take time to properly prepare, though self-examination and prayer and come one second past midnight on the morning of Christmas, the joy of the season will truly be yours.

So may the Holy Family in poverty by the manger inspire you this Christmas and may the simplicity of a baby born to transform and save the world be ever your strength and guide. It's there for the taking!

With every blessing this Advent and Christmas,

Paul

## **A Christmas Prayer**

Lord, as I enter into the fast-paced season ahead, help me walk slowly and quietly. Let me stop and listen to the angels sing of the greatest news ever told. Let my heart, mind and soul join the chorus. "Glory in the Highest!! The Messiah has been born!" Among all the bright sparkling lights and cheery holiday tunes, let my spirit travel once again toward Bethlehem to honour and worship Jesus, my King, The Prince of Peace, the Lord of Hosts, Mighty Counsellor, Son of God, the Lamb. All Your love, mercy and power somehow made flesh in the tiny form of a humble baby born in a manger. Let me worship the only one who is worthy to take our sin away and open the gates of all eternity!

By Daphne Kitching

### **St Mary's**

Burial

22nd October Margaret Hope Thorp

Interment of Ashes

23rd October Jean Shirley Greenwood

*from the  
Parish Records*

### **St Oswald's**

Interment of Ashes

27<sup>th</sup> October Esther Mary Collings

## St Oswald's Church



St Oswald's Carol Service on Wednesday 18th  
December at 7.30pm.

With Hooe Village Silver Band

There will be a bus available from the Red Lion to  
the Church with 3 proposed trips at 6.50, 7.10 and 7.20pm

If you plan to come by car please share where possible as space is  
limited.

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**The Bangers for Bonfire** lunch organised by St. Oswald's PCC was a roaring success. November 5th was a welcome sunny day, after all the atrocious weather and the village hall in Hooe was full of smiling faces. There was a very good atmosphere and a happy buzz of conversation from people sitting at tables delightfully decorated with flowers spared from the wind and rain of the previous few days. A delicious meal of sausages, baked beans and home-made bread, followed by apple pie and custard and tea or coffee was enjoyed by over forty people. And, thanks to their generous donations, £183 was raised for Church funds.

The Bric-a-brac stall did well, selling many of the items intended for the weather-struck Michaelmas Fayre. All the hard work, before the event and in the hall kitchen, with it's limited facilities is to be applauded..

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**The Churchwardens** are pleased to announce that they have received a Faculty from The Chancellor of the Diocese allowing the PCC to re-surface and widen the path from the car park to the South (main door) of the church . It is hoped that this will improve access for everyone and the work will be put in hand as soon as possible.

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Special Remembrance Day Service on Monday 11th November was well attended by over 30 people with Dick Carey and Simon Pattisson laying wreaths on behalf of The Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council respectively.

So that's nearly the end of 2019! For some it's been good, for others not so, but for Ninfield it's been full of activity with social events to keep us entertained and planning applications to keep us stressed and anxious, and now an election..... For the remainder of the year there are several events for us all to enjoy at the Churches and in the various Halls as we lead up to Christmas and we hope to see many of you there, as for next year? Just wish we had a crystal ball so we knew what to do!

We wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year

*Nicki & Carol*



## **CAROL SINGING- SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER - 2019**

The Carnival Committee are inviting everyone to come and join them on Sunday 15th December, for an evening of Carol Singing around the Village, ending up at the Blacksmiths Inn. Several of the 'Jammies' will be leading out groups in selected areas, with all groups meeting together in the car park at about 6.30pm.

Please look out for posters and notices for starting points and times!



Last year the impromptu event raised £100 for a local cause, and this year, all money raised will go to local resident Ollie Cruse and his family- to help with Ollie's recovery fund after cancer treatment. - We hope to see you for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Sing!

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at 6.30pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

to raise money for charities and the hair is to be sent to the Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment.



The Memorial hall is planning a major restoration to extend the hall and create disabled access, toilets for all and a new kitchen to cater from. This change will transform the hall into a truly all-round venue. The scout group has 170+ members and offers an exciting range of activities to young people in the area aged 6-18 including, camping, archery, shooting, hiking, kayaking and more. Purely run by volunteers, all funds are much appreciated to maintain equipment and keep scouting accessible to all.

Please support this good cause by sponsoring. Forms will be available via the scout groups, village shop,  
Karen Duval 07827 931913 and Toby Ballard 07922 583835.

**NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

The History Group is having a Christmas break so there is no meeting this month; our next meeting is on 16th January when there is a talk about the Hooe Parish Registers.

The Archive Centre at the Pavilion is open on Monday mornings, 10am – 12 noon, until 16th December when you are invited to call in for tea and mince pies!

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# LADIES PRE-LOVED FASHION EVENT

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6.30-9.30**

## **Ninfield Memorial Hall**

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Karen and Toby, two scout leaders are also having their sponsored hair cut that evening

In aid of 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout Group and Ninfield Memorial Hall Fund

Refreshments, raffle and lots of bargains to bag for charity shop prices or less. Entry 50p

Donations by end Jan to Dick 07970 559226 or Veronica 0771 4327117

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### **TRADITIONAL WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**

To raise funds for 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout Group

**WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 10.30-1.30 CATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

£25 per ticket in advance

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# Ninfield Parish Council

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In the November meeting the councillors discussed applying for Church woods to become a Local Nature Reserve. The idea was unanimously supported by the councillors and the clerk had received messages of support from residents ahead of the meeting for as well as the idea of registering the field near Church Wood as a local village green. The clerk was asked to progress the applications on behalf of the Parish Council.

The village emergency plan has once again been updated by Cllr Cheshire. Whilst we are not able to publish the plan there will be posters on notice boards in due course with more information. There was an update from the Neighbourhood plan meeting. About 13 residents, including some councillors, turned up to the meeting and it was agreed at the full council that this group would become a steering group to take the plan forward. The clerk was also asked to write to WDC to ask for designation as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparation of a Neighbourhood Development. This is the formal application that begins the process. The council are still looking for residents who are interested in getting involved in formulating a plan for the future of the village.

At the finance committee meeting earlier in the week the focus had been the start of the budgeting process, this was reported back to the full council by Cllr Williamson, the chair of the committee and some further projects will be incorporated into next years budget. As the council doesn't have a full council meeting in January the budget will be presented in the December meeting for ratification.

The next meeting will take place Thursday 5th December at 7.15pm in the Methodist Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY** Our thanks to Ian Everest who re-visited us in November and, again, did not disappoint with his talk on the “Commonwealth War Graves”.

We will not be holding a meeting in December, opting instead for a small gathering for a Christmas meal at Hope Cottage Farm Restaurant, as we have done in the last few years.

We will welcome 2020 when one of our long standing members, Anne Bourner (your “Worms Eye” correspondent) will be recalling on her own experiences with a talk entitled “Sussex born and bred”. Anne has spoken to us twice before and it is always very special listening to her thoughts and knowledge, as I am sure readers of this magazine will testify. This will be on Thursday 16th January at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

For DID YOU KNOW this issue and next I will reproduce an article from the Bexhill Chronicle dated the 14th July 1928, as it really should be read in full, without editing.

The Tanyard House - FROM A COTTAGE TO A MANSION - Hooe and Leather.

One wonders how many of the present generation ever think that at one time the peaceful village of Hooe had an industry which was known throughout England, an industry which centred itself around the house which Admiral chambers sold only last week.

No doubt the origin of a Tannery at Ninfield, Hooe and Battle commenced with the felling of the oaks which were utilised for charcoal in the smelting of the Sussex iron, and the bark being wasted, the curing of the hides came about. The Tanyard House was the centre of this industry and the following account is woven round this picturesque dwelling.

At what date Ninfield Tannery started it is difficult to ascertain. In the Sussex Archaeological Society records, we find that in 1637 "Giles Baker possessed of Tannhouse-field and Tanhouse yard in Ninfield, leaving it in his will to his son Richard”.

By the end of the 18th century the trade was declining. Tanneries were starting on a large scale in Bermondsey, and by the beginning of the 20th century only Chichester, Horsham, Groombridge and Battle remained as centres of the industry in Sussex. The tannery at Ninfield was one of the last to go, and in its later days it was worked in partnership with that of Battle. It produced only the very finest leather and the skins were sent to Battle for the first selection to be made. The

last owner of the yard as such was Mr. Gideon Noakes, who was also the owner of the Battle Tannery, which is still working.

Here it is that we can call attention to a few of the Hooe and Ninfield families, whose Members worked here. Even today some will recollect the name of Charles Brook, the "buttman" who had the peculiarity of always wearing his cap tilted over his right eye, and when in a merry mood wonder was expressed that the cap did not fall off, but it never did. (To be continued...)

## OUR SCHOOL



So the countdown to Christmas has begun. Wasps (that's the bigger children in the school) are practising their songs for 'The Big Sing' at the De La Warr Pavilion at the end of November. While at the other end of the school the little ones are getting ready for the annual Nativity play, but more on that later.

On Monday 14th October, the Butterflies held their Farmers Day and, thanks to a very helpful parent, we even had a Tractor visit the school. Then in the middle of October the Dragonflies all headed off to London where they spent the night on HMS Belfast, took a trip down the river and visited other locations in London. All I ever got when I was at school was a day trip to the local council tip!

Now back to the Nativity. It is usual at this time of year for the children to prepare a Christmas performance which is played out in front of friends and family. This year we have decided to put on an extra performance for the 'Retirees of Ninfield Village'. We will be providing tea, mince pies and cake during the interval. The performance will be held at the school on Tuesday 10th December at 9.15. If you would like to attend please call the school on 01424 892486 or if you see me wandering around the village just let me know and I'll pass on the message. We need to have a rough idea of numbers so that we can make sure that there are sufficient mince pies to go round!

We do hope you'll join us and help start your Christmas off with a little bit of peace and joy, especially given that two days later we will have an election to contend with!

Ian Moffat



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## **N**INFIELD CARNIVAL & SPORTS ASSOCIATION

At our meeting in November, we had a great discussion, and made some new and exciting decisions - the main one being that...there will be NO Carnival next year!! Now, don't get worried or upset! There WILL be two new events, hosted by the Carnival Committee, but inviting ALL groups, clubs and societies to join in and get involved- to make real, Village Events! So, please put these dates and 'working titles' in your diaries...

### **2020 SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS!**

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2020 - On Saturday 20th, the plan is for a 20's style event on the Rec., lots of fun for all ages, with many traditional Carnival items, like the Tea Tent, a Bar and BBQ, but with the hope that people from the Village will want to have a stall or create something for others to enjoy and participate in. There will hopefully be a mini-procession - for the School and parents to get involved in- with a 'Bugsy Malone' type of theme; and a 'Speak-easy' tent on the rec for the youngsters fun and games. A Swing Band will provide entertainment from early evening until dark, and, fingers crossed, as it's the longest day, there will be telescopes on hand for some Solstice Stargazing....there's so much scope to create something special, so any ideas, start letting us know!

On Sunday 21st June - with our 'Sports' heads on; we hope, with our Kevin's help!- to host a 20/20 Cricket match - with teams from the Village- groups, children, ladies...whatever!- and have a fun day with food, the Bar, Afternoon teas...a lovely Summer Solstice Sunday on the Village Green!!

Sunday 20th December - 2020 -YES! The Winter Solstice! - We hope to create a pre-Christmas spectacular for the afternoon and early evening of Sunday 20th December on the Recreation Ground - there will be Christmas Trees, Lights, Mulled Wine, Festive foods, Chestnut Stands, maybe a Skating Rink, and our lovely Rev Paul Frostick has suggested bringing the Church Carol singing up to the event!- Just think - if it's frosty and dry- what a sparkling event this could be!! Again- any ideas...please let us know!

Our next meeting of the Carnival & Sports Association is on Wednesday 15th January 2020, 8pm in the Working Men's Club and we'd LOVE to see you there- for a warming drink by the fire and some fabulous ideas bashing! - in the meantime - we all thank you once again for the tremendous support you give to the Carnival's events each year, and wish you the Very BEST of Christmases, and HAPPIEST of New Year's! See you in 2020!!  
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## **HOOE OPEN GROUP**

We met as usual on Friday 8th November and were delighted to welcome David Hatherall who gave a very interesting talk titled 'Wings over Hooe'. Unfortunately because of the appalling weather that day numbers were down but those who were there thoroughly enjoyed the talk.

The afternoon closed with tea and biscuits together with the usual raffle.

There is no meeting in December as the group will be having their Christmas Lunch at the Star Inn at Pevensey.

The next meeting to be held at Hooe Village Hall is on 10th January 2020 at 2.30.

For information about joining a group of Lively Ladies, call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

## **HOOE COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK EXCHANGE**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December and 11<sup>th</sup> January, The Village Hall, 10.00 - 12.00

Please do drop in a say hello, we'd love to see you.

## **HOME MADE FAYRE**

**NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.00 - 3.00**



## **I**NDOOR GAMES AFTERNOONS

The next Games Afternoon is on Tuesday 21st January. Come and join us for a relaxed afternoon of traditional games, tea and cake! Games include a very large snakes and ladders, skittles, shove halfpenny, bagatelle, New Age Curling and scrabble. The afternoon is free.

Just come and join us in the Memorial Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm. There is now a portable disabled loo just outside the hall which we hope may make the afternoon accessible to more people.

## **M**USICAL MATINEE

The first of the 2020 Musical Matinee afternoons is on Friday 6th March when we will be watching the classic Judy Garland film 'The Wizard of Oz'. The films are dementia and hearing loss friendly. They are free and the afternoon includes tea and cake. Come to the Memorial Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm. Doors open from 1.30. There is now a portable disabled loo just outside the hall which may make the films accessible to more people.

Just either email Jackie at [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com) or ring Rose or Jackie on 01424 892422. J No Reply! just leave a message.

## **B**OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

please don't forget, as always, first Friday of the month 10.00 - 12.00 Methodist Hall. Ninfield. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Come along, have a cup of tea, a chat and take home a new book, David Swales 892248 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

## **M**EN'S SHEDS

will meet at Sparke Pavilion at 11am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, no meeting in December, got a query? Contact Dave Crittall on 01424 892883.

### **Ninfield Parish Council**

Council Meeting

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

The Methodist Hall,

*Ninfield residents are invited to attend*

### **Hooe Parish Council**

Council Meeting

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

The Village Hall

*Hooe residents are invited to attend.*

## **N**INFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The final meeting of 2019 is on Monday 9th December at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. This is the members' Christmas Evening. The committee will provide games and drinks and hopefully members will bring contributions to the food. This is usually a jolly, social evening so do come along.

We don't have a meeting in January, so you can stay in the warm! We meet again on February 17th when our speaker will be Mick Lynn talking about 'Plants and Crime'.

## **N**INFIELD FLOWER GROUP

We shall welcome Delyth Price to the Memorial Hall on Friday 6th December commencing at 7.30. This years seasonal demonstration is entitled "The Magic of Christmas". All floral arrangements demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening, plus the Flower Group raffle. A few tickets are still available. Members £10.00 and guests £12.00. this includes refreshments. Please contact Helen on 01424 844916. This is a very popular evening.

Monday 6th January in the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30  
Our Annual General Meeting.

Forthcoming events. Monday 3rd February. Workshop.

On behalf of Ninfield Flower Group, may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and a Happy New Year. If you would like any further information regarding any of our events, do please contact Jennifer on 01424 892878 or email on [ninfieldflowers@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldflowers@gmail.com)

## **NINFIELD HEALTH WALKS**

These free, friendly, and gentle walks lasting about one hour, are run in association with East Sussex Health Walks and the Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group.

Easy walks on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of every month, starting at 11am. from Sparke Pavilion, Church Lane, No need to book just turn up.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> January

For more information please contact: Robin Goldsmith 01424 892778

# NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the lovely dogs and their owners for coming along to the Memorial Hall for the Dog Show. Lots of classes, so something for everyone and lots of rosettes and prizes won. Be another one next year, will let you know the date in due course.

Having just completed 10 years of fun, fund raising, bonfires and fireworks we are having a little rest and would like to wish you all the Christmas you hope for, that you all get to see your families and friends and that 2020 brings everyone happy and settled times.

Next year starts for us on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February when we will continue planning the Spring Fun which will take place at The Red Lion, Hooe on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, this will then be followed in July with the Music Festival, which will be the tenth Gig we will have organised, then the Michaelmas Fayre on 5<sup>th</sup> September, and that appears to be another year gone!

So enjoy the festivities this year and have a happy New Year.

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## **Worms Eye View**

We are now in the month of Wintermonath as December was known in Anglo-Saxon times. Some of their lore stated "Thunder in December foretells fine weather" and "December, cold with snow is good for rye".

However, as I am writing this in November and we are more concerned with the rain with the fields and the marshes very wet. Indeed the Wallers Haven has broken its banks in one or two places, but at least no-ones homes were affected.

We have St Thomas's Day on December 21st, the shortest day of the year, and it is said "whichever way the wind is blowing on St Thomas's Day it will remain there for the next quarter.

I wonder if we will hear the Sussex Carol sung this year, the first line being 'On Christmas Night all Christians sing '? I understand the words were first published in 1684, but the text and the tune of the carol were written down by Ralph Vaughn Williams, who heard it being sung at Monks Gate, Sussex in 1904 and so became the 'Sussex Carol'.

It is said that farmers look forward to St Johns' Day, December 27th, because it was the day for borrowing money. The bank manager could see the result of the harvest and judge whether or not to lend more money to buy seeds for the next year!

On January in days gone by some farmers would take a sprig of mistletoe to the first cow to calve after New Years Day to bring luck to the rest of the heard (no we do not do that).

January 6th is known as Epiphany and the first Monday after the Epiphany is Plough Monday, when the ploughs would be taken into the church and blessed, and then the ploughmen return to work. I have been to several of these services in the past,

St Agnes is celebrated on January 21st and this was the day that sheep were blessed. We have in the past taken some of our sheep, to church, here at St Oswald's, and they were duly blessed.

Look out for St Vincent's Day, January 22nd because "if on St Vincent's Day the sky be clear, more wine than water will crown the year".

What more can I say than, A Happy New Year to you All.

*Anne*

## **HOOE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Parish Clerk Jacky Scarff 07725 843505

The November meeting of Hooe Parish Council was attended by 11 members of the community.

Councillor Doodles, the District Councillor, informed the meeting that, due to the up and coming General Election, the results of the Wealden Plan Inspectors Report have been delayed. So it is hoped that this may be published before Christmas.

Councillor Pilbeam has had several surveys conducted on the Village Hall looking at all aspects of the building and safety. He has now received all the reports and members of the Parish Council will meet to discuss the findings. It is expected that an open meeting will take place in the new year when a way forward for the project can be discussed.

Councillor Doodles reported that the recent coffee morning and Beetle Drive have been very successful. It has been lovely to see members of the community meeting socially and the popular Book Exchange is thriving. Many thanks to Anne Bourner for overseeing this.

Councillor Durman reported that several concerns have been raised by residents relating to local roads. These are, at present, being investigated. If you have any concerns please do report them to the Parish Council.

The Chairman, Dick Carey, notified the meeting that Sally Durman will be finishing with the role of Parish Clerk at the end of the month and introduced Jackie Scarff, who is also Clerk at Ninfield, who will be taking over the role.

Next meeting, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.00pm Hooe Village Hall

## NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

### FRIDAY FILM NIGHT 2020

31<sup>st</sup> January, 7.00 pm for 7.30

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## ALL THE TRIMMINGS TRAY BAKE

### Ingredients ·

- 1 tbsp olive oil    3 tbsp caramelised onion chutney ·
- 1kg small potatoes halved    · 4 parsnip cut into chunks ·
- 4 carrots cut into chunks    · 200g sprouts, trimmed & halved ·
- 2 small red onions, cut into wedges
- 12 cocktail sausages wrapped in bacon
- 2 bay leaves    · 4 rosemary sprigs, ripped

### Method

1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

Mix the oil and chutney together and season well. Divide everything except the sausages and herbs between two large roasting tins, pour over the oil and chutney mixture and toss together. Put both trays in the oven for 25 mins.

2. Add the sausages and herbs to the trays and bake, stirring halfway through, for 30-35 mins more or until the vegetables are soft and the sausages are cooked through. If one tray is browning more than the other, swap them round.

3. Leftover turkey or ham pieces could be added.

Enjoy

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## **N**INFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Summer seems long gone and has been replaced by rainy season, with the consequent mud and full ditches in Church Wood. Recent high winds have brought down a few small branches which we endeavour to remove during our regular work sessions, but we do not immediately clear all the streams as minor blockages tend to slow the flow of water and help to prevent erosion of the banks. Other work has continued near Robins Pond with a handrail for the steps and a gate leading out onto the fields. This area is well worth a visit because East Sussex County Council have reopened some adjacent paths by cutting back brambles etc. Other work around the village has included footpath repairs and a second Litterpick for the year. Unfortunately attendance was quite poor despite bright weather, but a number of bags of rubbish were removed.

It will not be long before we erect the usual Christmas tree in the Memorial Hall, in time for the carol concert and other festivities, so I close by wishing all SEASONS GREETINGS.

**R**emember there will not be another issue of the Parish News until February, when all our delivery people will knock on your doors and ask you for £5.00 for another year if you would like to continue to have it delivered to you.

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Also thanks go to our regular contributors and advertisers, without them this would be a very small and boring read!

So Merry Christmas Everyone and a Happy New Year

*Nicki & Carol*

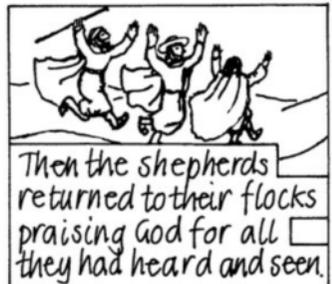
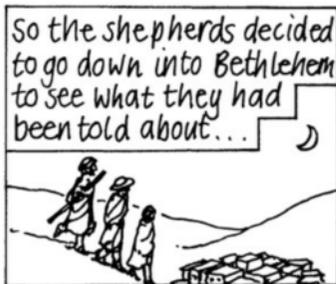
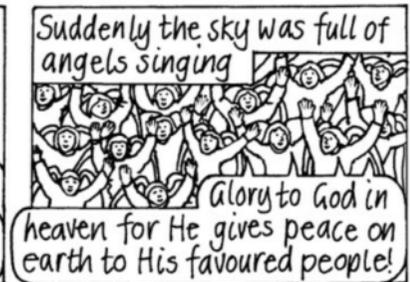


# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



# NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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Church Hall Bookings: David Swales 892248

## **Services for December 2019:**

1st 10.30 am Advent Sunday Celebration with Mrs. Jill Sayers  
3.15 pm 'Lights of Love' service with St. Michael's Hospice (see below)  
8th 10.30 am 'Finding Hope' Musical Drama with Christian Voices group  
15th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Revd. Derek Brice  
22nd 10.30 am FAMILY CAROL SERVICE with Mrs. Topsy Brice  
24th 4.00- 4.45pm CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service, with John Troughton  
29th No service at our Church but services at St. Mary's; or Little Common Methodist Church at 10.30am

## **January 2020:**

5th 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast  
12th 10.30 am United Covenant Service with St. Mary's Parish Church  
19th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise  
26th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Malcolm Peach

## **Events for December 2019:**

1st 3.15 pm 'Lights of Love' service with St. Michael's Hospice (see below)  
6th 10.00 – 12noon Book Exchange Cafe  
11th 12.30 Christian Womens Fellowship - Christmas Lunch  
18th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church – 'Small is Beautiful'

## **January 2020:**

29th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church

We wish you all a 'Very Happy Christmas & God's blessing & peace for the New year'. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events detailed above.

'Lights of love' on December 1st we link with St. Mary's Parish Church & St. Michael's Hospice for a 'Lights of love' Thanksgiving & Remembrance service. Starting at St. Mary's @ 3.15pm & then at 4.00 pm a 'Lights of love' Tree (decorated with stars & hearts) will be lit outside our Church. Please let us have your remembrance stars which will be placed on the tree. Refreshments will be served in The Methodist Hall.

Christmas eve – Candlelight Celebration for all followed by light refreshments. Come along & enjoy this amazing time together. Service will be led by Mr. John Troughton

Annual Covenant Service – St. Mary's joins us on January 12th. Led by Revd. Tricia Williams & Revd. Paul Frostick. We join together for this act of commitment for 2020.

## 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!

- Fir 6<sup>th</sup> Mar - Musical Matinee
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Horticultural Spring Show  
- St. Mary's Quiz night
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April - Memorial Hall Quiz Night
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April - Horticultural Plant Sale
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Apr - Ninfield Bonfire's, & Hooe's Spring Special
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jun - Carnival's Summer Solstice Event
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jun - Carnival Sports Event
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jul - Church Open Day and BBQ .
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> & Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jul Ninfield Music Festival
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug - Horticultural Summer Show
- Sun 5<sup>h</sup> Sep - Michaelmas Fayre
- Sat/Sun 24/25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Art Exhibition
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - Home made fayre
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carnival's Winter Solstice Event

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!

**If you are planning an event and need to book the Memorial Hall,**  
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There is also a booking form there and details of events booked that are open to the public on the events page  
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Closing date for items for the **FEBRUARY** edition  
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## DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

### Weekly Events

<b>Mondays</b>	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, Badminton,
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Hooe - Hooe Band, Stoolball Ninfield - <i>Cubs</i> ; Dancercise, Bowls Club, Fusion Yoga
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Hooe - Line Dancing Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Fusion Yoga,
<b>Thursdays</b>	Ninfield - <i>Toddlers</i> , Pilates, <i>Beavers</i> , <i>Scouts</i> , Bowls Ninfield Health Walks 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Fridays</b>	Ninfield - Crafting, Strength Class Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammies & Burlesque <i>In italics = term time only</i>

<b>NOV</b>	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Musical Matinee	P 8
	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Home Made Fayre	P17
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	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Mary's Christingle and Carol Service	
<b>JAN</b>	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ninfield Book Exchange	P18
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# Directory of Groups & Clubs

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**NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY** Secretary Carol Holland 893326

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