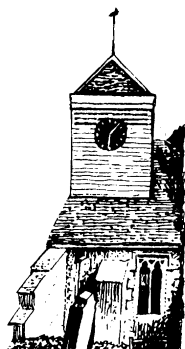


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PARISH



NEWS

News from the Churches,

the clubs, groups,

societies & gardens of

Ninfield & Hooe



August

2020



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
2 nd Aug	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
9 th Aug	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
16 th Aug	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
23 rd Aug	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
30 th Aug	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>

Opening times for Private Prayer

St Mary's - Tuesday and Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

St Oswald's - Open daily from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

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

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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Greetings,

Yesterday (5th July) we had the first services in Ninfield and Hooe churches for over 3 months! It was a very moving experience to join together with the Christian family of the church after such a long break. However, I am sure we were all mindful of those who could not be with us for various reasons, not least the fact that they were still isolating. For that reason, I am continuing the online services that have proved a great help and comfort to those at home, including myself.

At the end of yesterday's online service there was a setting of "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". It was sung by a choir singing individually from their own homes but by the wonders of technology merged together into one amazing sound. It was also interspersed with photographs of hospitals trying to cope in what has been and still is, a very difficult situation. It is a blessing based upon the old benediction prayer found in the Old Testament in Numbers 6: 24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.

Throughout this crisis, as churches, we have been finding many new ways of keeping connected and keeping our faith firm and strong, and music has been a very powerful way of enabling God's words to sink deep into our hearts and minds. I do hope you've been enjoying the hymns and songs I've been sending out in the weekly online service. As we sing of the truths of God, those words can help to remind us of the truth of God's faithfulness and mercy. We should never underestimate the power of prayer and both churches are now open for private prayer. (see notices for times)

Now thankfully we are back in church for our worship and indeed fellowship, although it is very different from what we are used to, not least because at the moment we are not allowed singing! As more changes are happening and uncertainty grows around the best ways forward, whichever way forward we go, we can go in the strength of God who is our rock, our fortress, our resting place, our hope, our salvation. This prayer is taken from 'Common Prayer for Radicals'

*Lord, steady our feet when the world tries to rock and shake our faith.
When materialism beckons with coy hands, steady our feet.
When lust sways within us, steady our feet.
When fear tugs at our knees, steady our faith.
Show us your goodness and steady our hearts in you. Amen.*

May the Lord indeed bless us and keep us in the weeks and months ahead as we struggle to return to some sort of normality however different it will be.

Paul

PRAYER

The Chief Purpose of Man

How clever man is, he has conquered the skies,
Reached for the stars and stepped onto the moon,
But he still does not know why he is here
Or what is the purpose, or why he was born.

And did it all start with one big bang
As stars and galaxies burst into space?
Or was it the hand of a mighty Creator
Who lovingly fashioned this wondrous place

Into this world God planted a garden
And placed man there to enjoy its delights,
But he soon disobeyed, and sin entered in,
And so, man was banished and thrust from God's sight.

How gracious God is, He has reached out again
To reconcile man and bring him back home,
Sin's debt has been paid by the death of His Son,
To know God as Father is why man was born.

By Megan Carter

News from St Oswald's

Another month of lock down has passed and we were back in church on 5th July, for the first new style service, no singing and socially distanced. It felt different, but it was good to see so many of the congregation again after more than three months.

Good news from Donald, who is looking forward to joining us on the organ, once singing is allowed in the service. He has also asked if we can assist him with transport to and from the church on Sundays as he has now given up driving. If anyone would like to help out with transport for Donald, please let Paul, Janet or Jack know.

At the church, July has already been a busy month. The new path is now in place, 1.5 metres wide, from the gate to the south door. We now have new pew cushions on all the pews and this weekend we will have new kneelers at the altar rail. This has been possible as we had a bequest from Joyce Emery. The Shed has been delivered and the top of the car park has been prepared so that we can erect it. The shed is to be used to store, tables, chairs and other items that we use infrequently. No tools or mowers. We are grateful for a generous donation which has contributed to this task. It has taken two years to obtain the permission and go ahead from Wealden D.C. and the Diocese.

There were to have been three Weddings this summer, but they have been postponed to later dates. There have still been visitors to the church and churchyard. It seems that people from outside of our community enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our piece of countryside.

The church is open every day during daylight hours (9am to 6pm approx.)

Janet and Jack

Closing date for items for the **SEPTEMBER** edition of the Parish News is **13th AUGUST** please send to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

READING ROOM, NINFIELD

It is with much regret that I have to advise that in view the present situation with the Covid 19 pandemic we have had to suspend the letting of the Reading Room for parties etc. for the foreseeable future.

The current government guidelines insist that social distancing continues and that after use the room and all equipment has to be deep cleaned.

This makes the letting of the Reading Room economically unviable. We are keeping the situation under review and if the government guidelines are relaxed it may be possible to once again accept individual bookings. However, we don't anticipate that it will be possible to recommence bookings until 2021 at the earliest.

PHIL RINGROSE

Churchwarden. St. Mary's Ninfield

Editors' Note

Usually our printed copies run to 36 pages, this month with all the photos and longer articles we have 42 for you to enjoy. As many of you may remember we don't usually issue a September edition of the Parish News but combine it with August, but as lockdown and Government Guidelines are changing quite rapidly we will this year, like this August issue, produce September on line, then from October we hope to go back to printing, provided the school who print for us are able to do it and all our lovely distribution people are happy to re-start their walkabouts. We will be contacting all of them but if anyone would like to deliver some for us please email us, also please email if you have not in the past had a printed copy but would like one in the future. Ninfieldhoonews@gmail.com when that happens we will sadly have to go back to 36 pages without the colour, so enjoy this one and then September's.



If any group who's details are not included here would like to contribute, please just send in your details, if anyone would like to add to any of the articles or write your own, we'd love to print them for you.

.As we move back to some form of normality, please all of you, stay safe, look out for one another and hopefully, enjoy the summer weather.

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OUR SCHOOL

Bubbles, Pods and Social distancing, just a few of the buzzwords to come out from the latest Government guidelines.

We will open the school to all children in September, but they must remain in their Bubbles(or Pods depending on which bit you read), have little to do with any other bubble and try to maintain social distancing.

I would like to invite whoever makes up these guidelines to visit Ninfield School, or indeed any typical village school, and show us how you socially distance 150 plus children in already overcrowded classrooms; how you maintain separation when there are only two sets of toilets and how you listen to a child read from a distance of 2m. But of course, you are allowed to adapt to local circumstances and the Head Teacher has the final say. So if something does go wrong – you should have followed the guidelines, it wasn't our fault gov!

Plans are underway for the grand restart in September. Children will be in pods (or classes as we used to call them) and will stay separate from other pods as much as is possible. Start times, break times, lunch times and home times will all be staggered. All four entrances to the school will be used and huge amounts of anti-bac and hand washing will go on. All we can do is minimise the risk and hope that our families do the same out of school.

It was very rewarding seeing how many of our children chose to come back to school when given the opportunity this term, we were almost at capacity in all three years that returned. Either we are doing something right or parents just realised how much hard work teaching really is. Having heard the general hub bub and laughter coming from the classrooms, I like to think it is the former.

By the time you get to read this we will have closed for the summer break. Teachers will be getting a well earned rest in preparation for what is likely to be a very challenging new school year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during this very strange school year and we look forward to getting back to some sort of normality in September. (That will have jinxed it good and proper!).

Ian Moffat

Ninfield Local History Group

Crime and Punishment:

In the 19th century penalties for wrongdoing were extreme. The government transacted legislation favouring the landowners. There are records from the Quarter Sessions showing the men TRANSPORTED from Ninfield:

1831 Joseph Simmons, age 27 and his friend John Markwick were convicted of stealing 8 bushels of peas, the property of John Farmer, Ninfield. Markwick was sentenced to 3 months hard labour but Simmons was transported for 7 years. Simmons received a further 7 years for the theft of 9 chickens from the same farm.

1837 Joseph Foots, age 16 and his brother Stephen aged 18 sent away for 7 years. The brothers were both labourers and were indicted for breaking and entering the dwelling house of Henry Crisford in Ninfield. They stole a piece of pickled pork, 16lbs of butter and a crock.

1844 James Gilmer, alias Davis, a Labourer with a record of petty theft, aged 52 years transportation for 7 years.

1848 John Markwick a labourer, aged 65 years deported for 7 years. He had pleaded guilty to stealing one bushel and a half of oats, the property of James Gates. He was sentenced to transportation because of a previous conviction. Thanks to Ann Martyr for these items.

July 1827: Joseph Crouch of Ninfield was imprisoned for a fortnight of hard labour for stealing one truss of straw, the property of his master Francis Tapsell.

December 1845: Stephen Wenborn a labourer aged 37, pleaded guilty to stealing, at Ninfield, 6lbs ground oats, value 6d, the property of Thomas Oxley. Sentenced to three months hard labour.

During the 1830s there was a great deal of unrest throughout the area due to the effects of a severe agricultural depression.

From the Brighton Gazette 11th November 1830: ”

The first overt act was the destruction of the barns and premises of Mr Emery, the Overseer of Battle, which were burnt to the ground. This outrage, had been preceded by a demand of increased wages on the part of the labouring classes, who were assembled in great numbers. .

The premises occupied by Mr Emery belonged to John Fuller Esq. of Rosehill. Since that event the state of Battle and its neighbourhood has been most alarming. The population has always been known as comprising many reckless and abandoned characters, and there is now a perfect reign of terrorism. On Tuesday we were alarmed by a tumultuous assemblage of labourers from Ninfield. They had put their Overseer into a cart and brought him to Battle, but were met in the street by Sir Godfrey Webster, Mr Briscoe, the constabulary and many of the inhabitants. The Overseer was liberated and the ringleaders seized, an event they seemed quite unprepared for. Four ringleaders were sent off to Lewes jail that afternoon”.

H OGS Hooe Open Group

It is much regret that I have to inform you Nicki and I have decided we are unable to hold any meetings of the Group until next January. This is mainly due to the uncertainty of how Covid 19 will effect us, as more senior members of society and what rules the government still have in place. Other factors are engaging speakers the availability of the village hall. There is the possibility that Hooe Village Hall may not be opening this year.

We will keep you updated on future activities.

We trust you are all keeping safe and well and with the lifting of some movement restrictions you are able to meet with family and friends, at a safe distance of course.

Best wishes to you all Nicki & Heather

N INFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Usually I would be promoting the Summer Show in this edition but sadly this is still not possible. I am sure you have wonderful flowers and veg ready and have been brushing up your baking skills. Wait till 2021 and we will have a wonderful show, especially as we will be celebrating 70 years of the Society. Most of the classes will be as advertised in this year's schedule. As soon as I have news about when the Horti can safely start again, I will let you know. Take care everyone.

Best wishes from Rose and all the Horti Committee.

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

It is good to be able to report something like a return to normality, in Church Wood at least !

After the beautiful early summer weather, when we were not permitted to work as a group, there has been a gradual increase in attendance each Wednesday and we are able to plan the longer term maintenance of the paths and waterways plus cope with fallen trees etc. We have been delighted to see the increased number of visitors to Church Wood and hope this continues throughout the summer months.

In addition, we have attended to a few minor repairs around the village and the Memorial Hall car park.

We understand a planning application is being submitted for the land off upper Church Path and feel it right that this is carefully scrutinised, to ensure that nothing detracts from Church Wood and the streams and water courses which feed into the Wood and help to make it the delightful setting it has become.



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As someone said to me on email this week ‘another month has gone by...’ in this new strange socially distanced world that we are living in, staying in, not seeing people how can the time go so quickly? Apparently its all to do with time being subjective and whether we are recalling events from our long term or short term memory. I remember 17 weeks ago asking for volunteers help for what we were told at the time would be a 3 week ‘lockdown’. Over 60 residents volunteered to shop, pick up prescriptions, walk dogs, make calls to isolated people and do gardening work and the Parish Council would like to thank each and every one. One of the benefits of living in a village is the community spirit and we know lots of people were also helping friends, family and neighbours, the village shop has been a life line for shopping and the doctors surgery has delivered prescriptions. Lets hope we don’t have to jump into action again but if we do we know are residents will get the help they need.

THANK YOU

Over the coming months the Parish Council will be asking for you help again but this time to work towards creating a vision for the future of the village in the form of a Neighbourhood Plan. Having a Neighbourhood Plan will help to ensure that we have a say in what happens to our village. We will need responses to questionnaires asking for your opinions and it will be really important in order for a plan to be made.

Its noticeable that the traffic is back in abundance but the speed hasn’t slowed, please take care out and about, cars are coming through the village so fast and on some of our narrower pavements they feel so close. Our speed watch team are up and running again after a break during lockdown, but could really do with some extra members. If you could spare just an hour a month it would make all the difference, please get in touch and we can get you started.

We are currently not able to meet face to face and so when there is the need for a meeting we are using zoom to discuss matters virtually. Residents are still able to join us and just need to request a meeting ID and password from the clerk.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Following notification that the Hooe village hall is to remain closed until November at the earliest we have also cancelled all our meetings for the rest of the year. Happily, many of those speakers have agreed to reschedule their talks for next year so we have an almost full programme for 2021. I will publish that as soon as it is complete - I think we just have next November to fill. Of course, resuming our meetings remains subject to the village hall being able to open in January. It's disappointing, I know, but I am sure you will agree, entirely necessary given the potential severity of the current situation.

DID YOU KNOW... that Ho'oe launched a Flower Show in July 1928, which proved to be very successful during its short but significant existence. There were 24 categories in the fruit and vegetable section and 37 various others, to do with sport, children and cottagers, although not very many for flowers! The money it generated was donated to Hooe school towards the repair of the playground. Part of the report in the Bexhill Observer read as follows:-

"When it was decided some months ago to hold a flower show at Hooe for the first time, the Committee appointed to make the arrangements

SOME OF THE WINNERS AT HOOE SPORTS.



(1) FINALISTS IN THE WHEELBARROW RACE. (2) HOOE SCHOOL RELAY TEAM, WINNERS OF CAPTAIN KENT'S CUP: MR. A. G. FULLER (MASTER), A. MORRIS, S. MUNN, D. NEWPORT AND W. VITLER.

adopted the plan of running in conjunction sports for children and adults, with a large number of stalls and side-shows. The programme would have been a credit to a place very much larger than Hooe. Everything was done to ensure the success of the event, and it is difficult to praise too highly all those who took part in the arduous work of organisation. The smooth manner in which everything went off on Wednesday, when

the show and sports were held in the football field, by the kind permission of Mrs. Morris, was ample recompense for their efforts. The Countess Brassey was patroness and Vice-Admiral B. M. Chambers, C. B., was president..... There was an excellent attendance, and the entries for the flower show and sports were most encouraging. The exhibits in the show were of a high standard, especially so considering this is its first year”.

Sadly, the Flower Show only ran until 1931 as it was very expensive to maintain, with prizes given to the exhibitors and sporting participants. In hindsight, perhaps they should have used their proceeds more prudently, to help maintain their solvency. The Bexhill Observer reported in July 1932:-

“On Wednesday the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. J. Newport), acting as chairman, stated that donations for the sports did not amount to £1, and there was no reserve fund to rely on. With the Battle Abbey Pageant and other attractions, it was very doubtful if there would be sufficient attendance to meet the expenses”.

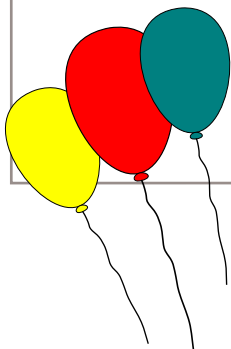
The committee tried, unsuccessfully, to revive the Flower Show for several years before finally winding it up in 1938.

STOP PRESS -- Congratulations

Ninfield Village Stores has been selected to receive an award from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). At this stage we do not

have details of the award as it will not be announced until the Awards Ceremony in October.

Chris and his team were nominated for their outstanding work for the village in the difficult times caused by the Covid 19 Pandemic, e.g. trying to keep the shop stocked so well with essential items and delivering to the vulnerable in the village. A fantastic achievement and well deserved.



A Call to Alms

It was the best of times and the
worst of times
As the Dickens' tale foretold
A deadly virus sweeps the land,
Slaughters young and fit and old.

Everyday, the news more
shocking,
Tales of horror, tolls of death,
Silent streets and frightened
people
As the nation holds its breath.

Then marching to the rescue
Through the terror and the stress,
Came the army of salvation
Known to all as... N.E.

From all life's walks and avenues,
They came without a qualm.
As if the bugle call had gone
To bring the troops to alms.

They worked with scant
protection
The virus had them on the run.
On the front line of survival,
They faced the enemy, with no
gun.

Saving lives a daily struggle.
Twelve hour shifts, no breaks - no
sleep.
Home, exhausted, spent and
shattered,
Too tired to eat- too sad to weep.

We clapped them and we
cheered them,

The nation now was mustering,
Key workers, volunteers,
Communities and neighbours,
Bringing hope and calming
fears.

Social distance...isolation,
Scrub your hands and sing a
song.

Food supplies now left on
doorsteps,
And our hero, Captain Tom.

The kindness of a stranger,
That vital lifeline on the phone.
A welcome gesture from a
neighbour,
"We're here to help- you're not
alone"

The spirit of a nation,
Pulled together, growing tall.
As it gathered in momentum
And gently held us in its thrall.

As the weeks and months grow
longer,
Pandemic peaks begin to fall.
In the midst of all the carnage,
Were selfless souls who gave
their all.

We may be broke and battered,
We may be reeling from the
shock.
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survived.


And forty thousand souls...have
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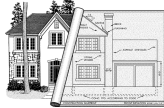
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Hooe Parish Council may be unable to meet face to face at the moment but that doesn't mean the work has stopped. Councillors are in regular touch by phone and email keeping up to date with the issues that occur, each has individual responsibilities, so every aspect of the work is covered. Plans are afoot to hold a virtual meeting if the need arises. This will be advertised in the normal way

The Hooe village hall is closed until 1st November when the decision will be revisited. It is disappointing that our clubs and societies are not meeting and the Annual Car Show and the Michaelmas Fayre are both cancelled. However we will certainly appreciate the regular events when they recommence, we are looking forward to being able to hold our monthly coffee mornings and book exchange once more and meeting up with friends and neighbours.

Community spirit in Hooe has been second to none, with neighbours looking after each other and keeping an eye out for problems and concerns.

As reported previously there are fewer vehicles on the road but the speed of those vehicles is much increased. The Parish Council has reported this to the police but it seems this is a nationwide problem. Please take extra care when out walking. Why not use the footpaths instead – they are being walked by councillors and kept clear.



Our virtual Open Gardens was hugely popular. The photographs of gardens were enjoyed by all who logged onto the open gardens website. www.hooe-open-gardens.com As the Parish News is now produced digitally I am pleased to give you a taste of one garden to whet your appetite. The village calendar 2021 will feature 12

stunning photographs from the Open Garden week end. This will make a great Christmas Gift for Hooe residents and gardeners alike, it will be on sale shortly.



I am also including a photograph of the VE Village Spitfire, designed and produced by Jenny Cosham and Dick Carey. It is hoped this will be on display annually.

Please, if you have concerns, problems, questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parish Council
Pam Doodes Vice Chairman Hooe Parish Council

"Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan Update

The new plan is progressing well despite the current difficulties with holding meetings etc. We have appointed Action In Rural Sussex as consultants to help us develop the plan and it is hoped that we will get it completed towards the end of 2021. Steering Group members are currently working on a SWOT analysis (Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) but we want to hear from everyone in the Parish. We are holding an open air event on Thursday 23rd July from 7pm to 8pm outside the Pavilion. Come along to see the ideas people have come up with and add anything we may have missed.

Another important job is to take photos of village life to use as illustrations in the new plan. We are launching a photographic competition for everyone to take part in. We need pictures of our green spaces, play areas, sports on the Rec, ponds, woodlands, wildlife. Also views into and out of the village/parish that are important and we don't want to lose. It would also be good to have pictures of buildings, businesses and people at work represented too.

To enter please email the photos to the Parish Clerk (clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk) with the subject line "photo competition" and please tell us where and when the picture was taken (for example "taken from Church Path facing SW towards Eastbourne 10.30am Monday 27-07-2020"). Entries close 31st August 2020. The aim is to use as many pictures as possible but an overall winner will be selected and an age appropriate prize awarded. Gook luck!"



NINFIELD PARISH PHOTO COMPETITION

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will need lots of photos to help illustrate what local residents value in our environment and community.

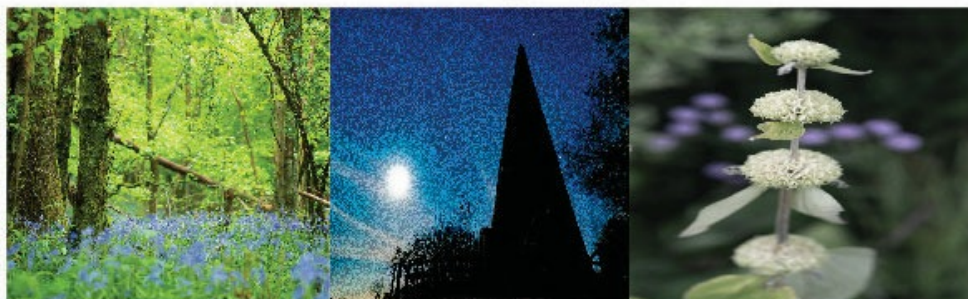
We need images of green spaces, woodlands, play areas, sports etc, as well as our beautiful views into and out of the parish. We also want photos of local churches, pubs, shops, businesses, and people at work within the parish.

Please record where your pictures were taken. Photos will feature in the plan for at least a decade and the best image in each category (under 16 and over 16) will win a prize!

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The Hidden History of God's Providence House - Part Two

People in the village that know me well, will realise that when I see a loose thread, I pull to see where it may lead... I like to find out more behind the bare outline.

God's Providence is My Inheritance: Except the Lord Buildeth the House they labour in vaine that Build it and Here we have 1659 No Abidince



So, WHY were these specific texts put on the house, and why have they survived? Firstly in 1659, there was NO plague outbreak, so why was God's Providence invoked? So, off to the Records in search of an answer. It seems the House was built shortly after the death of a John Dyke, a wealthy London merchant who died in

1634. OK, but that was 25 years BEFORE the date on the House...it doesn't take that long to resolve a Will and any inheritance, surely? But John Dyke had several brothers, one was the Clerk in Holy Orders in Frant, Sussex, and a prominent iron forge master, similar to Parson John Levett of Catsfield and Buxton.

And who was John Dyke? Well, seems he was our own version of Del Boy!! John Dyke was a member of the Fishmongers Company in London and an adventurous investor ("merchant adventurer" was the Elizabethan term for such men) in the Virginia, Bermuda, Muscovy and East India Companies. His father, Thomas, had arrived in London from Yorkshire during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and had prospered in his foreign investments. In 1612 he was one of the "merchant

adventurers” financing Hudson’s voyage to the North West Passage and on his death in 1617 his investments in various New World ventures were left to be shared by his five sons.

One of those Ventures was the Providence Island Company. This was on a small island of the coast of South America. Robert, the eldest son, requested that his share be passed to the third son, John Dyke, who then took the lead of the family finances. The other brothers were Richard, Thomas and William and had links to Frant, Sussex. His appointment as deputy governor of the Providence Island Company was solely due to his commercial experience.

It also mattered that the Governor had simply been chosen due to his influence with King Charles and had no financial stake, but being rewarded with a share regarded as fully paid up in return for his influence at Court. That is strange, as the rest of the investors or merchant adventurers as was the term, were strongly puritan in attitude, quite opposite to the catholic aspects surrounding King Charles. Just how well connected to the emerging Puritan strain of Christianity is shown in the names of the investors.

Gabriel Barber (Barbor)

Barber was treasurer to the Somers Isles Company (Bermuda).

A reluctant joiner, his participation was only confirmed on 10 February 1631. Member of the Feoffees for Impropriations; left 1632.

Sir Thomas Barrington,

2 nd Baronet Not in the original Charter Member group of November 1630, he was brought in to make up the numbers to 20 in January 1631.

John Dyke

Dyke had extensive commercial experience, being from a merchant family, of the Fishmongers’ Company, and an investor in other colonial ventures. Elected as Deputy Governor. An exception to the others, John Dyke was not regarded as a devout Puritan but was included through his connections with the Earl of Warwick. Left 1632; ¼ share was taken by John Upton via Pym.

Gregory Gawsell

Gawsell worked as estate manager for Warwick. During the First English Civil War he was treasurer for the Eastern Association.

Gilbert Gerard	Member of Parliament
William Fiennes,	1 st Viscount Saye and Sele Peer.
John Graunt (Grant)	
	A clerk at Whitehall, colleague of Pym from the Exchequer.
Robert Greville,	2 nd Baron Brooke Peer.
John Gurdon	Member of Parliament.
Edward Harwood	Died 1632. His brother George Harwood
	was a member of the Feoffees for Impropriations.
Richard Knightley	Member of Parliament.
Edmond Moundeford	Member of Parliament.
John Pym	Member of Parliament. Pym was influential in bringing in Graunt, Robartes and St John
	1 st Earl of Holland Peer.
Henry Rich,	
Nathaniel Rich	Member of Parliament.
Robert Rich,	2 nd Earl of Warwick Peer.
John Robartes	Peer from 1634.
Benjamin Rudyerd	Member of Parliament
Oliver St John	Member of Parliament
Christopher Sherland	Member of Parliament, member of the Feoffees for Impropriations; died 1632. A ½ share was taken by William Ball.

Many of these were later to be found as the inner circle of the Puritan party against King Charles. Four of them dropped out early, and other investors bought into the Company. A decade later, the English Civil War made these names famous. John Hampden was also a prominent figure in the events leading up to the English Civil War. He was not a shareholder personally but was a cousin of one, and he did arbitrate between the shareholders and their agents on the island. A close kinship group linked several charter members of the Company:

So, our John Dyke, a businessman was at the heart of the Puritan movement, and part of the emerging opposition to the more catholic style of the Court of King James 1 st (who was the first Stuart King) and had ruled as James 6 th of Scotland, thus uniting England and Scotland, two Crowns under one King.

It was also a time when England was at odds with the Catholic Powers in Europe, principally Spain, Italy and France, since the break with Rome caused by Henry VIII and his Dissolution of the Monasteries (and taking all their vast wealth and property holdings for himself and his favourites).

From that time forward England had been menaced by the catholic Nations, including the Spanish Armada just a few years earlier in 1588. After the

death of Elizabeth, her sister Queen Mary had reverted to Catholicism, burning Protestant martyrs at the stake. She was succeeded by Edward VI and then Catholics were burnt at the stake. So religious fervour swept England veering from Protestant to Catholic and back again.

Spain had found vast wealth in the lands found by Christopher Columbus in the New World, trying to find a route to the Asian Indies “Columbus sailed the ocean blue, where he was going he hadn’t a clue” says a lot about his navigation!

To be continued in Part Three....

Kevin Regan

Planning Applications

They seem to be the bane of our life, along with the lives of many other villages across East Sussex and the south east of England, and probably further. Ninfield has seen too many houses proposed for our village over the last 5 or 6 years and there seems to be no end in sight. Many villagers have spent long hours writing letters of objection after spending hours pouring over policies to find a reason why a development should not go ahead or suggest amendments once outline is approved, and now we are faced with another application, and unfortunately there appears to still be villagers unaware of the impact such developments may have on all our lives, so please, read this letter through (sometimes, seeing someone else’s point of view and way of writing things, resonates differently!) and start writing to Wealden to voice your concerns and objections, and spread the word!

One does have to ask, is it worth it? Well yes it is, even if it’s only to say, we tried! But who knows, this could be the one we win!

I am a fairly new resident to Ninfield and my family and I are so pleased to now be part of it. It was a dream come true, a lovely village with lovely people and we hoped this would become our forever home.

However, the quiet little village appears to be under constant threat from over development, it really does feel that Ninfield is now the place for Wealden council to fulfil their new build quota.

I had heard some things about large developments in the area but wasn’t really sure where they were and didn’t really think about their true significance to the village. That’s why I want to try, along with others, to make a difference now regarding the next large development in the village, 70 homes proposed to be built on the land off Downsview by the developer Thakeham. You may have received a leaflet from them in the post, either recently or years before, I only received the

most recent correspondence from them.

70 homes is a large development and along with the other large developments, Ninfield is set to change forever. I have therefore set up a Facebook group 'Stop Ninfield Development' with its primary purpose to raise awareness of this current development proposal in hope to achieve maximum objection. It has been set up to target this Thakeham's development but it is open to everyone that wishes to promote objection to other developments in the village. This group may not have all the answers you may be looking for but it will work hard to find them and welcomes input from all.

This latest development is different to the others mentioned, as there is a major issue with the proposed access, this being from Church Lane and then along Downsview. This route will use the same roads as all the parents taking their children to school and will pose a very real risk to all that use it. The roads are narrow and already congested at certain times of the day. The introduction of heavy construction traffic increases the risk of a serious accident that simply cannot be ignored. The size of this development will require regular use of these roads and effectively these roads will become part of the site, it will only take one large construction vehicle to create a long lasting traffic jam on these roads. If this development gets the go ahead, school drop offs and pick-ups will never be the same again, 70 new houses could easily mean at least 70 further cars using these roads, these roads will become very busy and will cause further problems for parents trying to park at the already limited spaces available.

As with all developments, planning officials will only realistically take notice of objections if received in mass, do not rely on your neighbour to do it for you, speak to your neighbours and keep promoting the need for everyone to object. This facebook group will work alongside existing groups to ensure everybody is notified about any updates and be a platform for sharing across the community. I encourage everyone that doesn't want this development to take action now, voice your objection to the planning department at Wealden council, contact your local MP, your Parish councillors, tell your friends and neighbours, school parents, everyone, keep the momentum going, don't rely on someone else to object on your behalf. Here is the planning application no. **WD/2020/1166/MAJ** to include in your objections.

As well as the obvious access issue described, there are many other reasons to object, here's just a quick snap shot of what you may want to include in your objections.

The Wildlife The Habitat and hunting ground of hundreds of animals will be destroyed, including lizards, shrews, badgers, foxes, owls, sparrow hawks, buzzards, bees, butterflies and so on. This could include some rare and protected species (hopefully) but this would be formally identified when or if the wildlife survey is completed. Its worth keeping you own eye out and keeping a record of your own.

Church wood will be impacted in many ways, animals in this wood use the adjacent land to feed/hunt, the relationship between them is vital for their survival. The construction pollutants and contaminants will run down directly to this wood that contains small rivers and ponds, some of which contain newts and moorhens etc. This would be catastrophic to these woods, all the rain water already runs down from the surrounding hills and it will be impossible for construction pollutants to be held back from entering this water course.

Ninfield school With this and the other developments, the school cannot accommodate such a rise in pupils.

GP surgery Again, with this and the other developments, the surgery cannot accommodate such a rise in residents.

Post-build traffic With all these developments, Ninfield roads will be busier than ever and become dangerous in certain areas.

The view Currently this land in question allows uninterrupted views of miles and miles of country side all the way down to the sea, this is only one of a few places where the public can freely see such a view.

Already over developed With over 200 new homes already in the pipeline, another 70 via the Thakeman development is unacceptable and unsustainable, Ninfield has down its bit to accommodate new housing, enough is enough, when will it stop if it doesn't stop now!

There are probably more reasons to object, and so please share amongst the various facebook groups. I believe there is a strong chance to stop this development re the access issue alone, but it will help the fight to include every factor possible. Remember, keep sharing and telling your neighbours. Matt

The other facebook groups to follow regarding events in Ninfield are
Ninfield Parish Council
Ninfield Action Group
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The Parish Council and NAG (Ninfield Action Group) also have (when permitted) group meetings to get information out about planning and other issues, and as these are not permitted at the moment please use these facebook pages, spread the information, talk and get writing!

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Please, if you think you might like to help contact Carol 07858555343 or email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com for more details

Memorial Hall Cottage

Last month we told you that the Pre School had moved out of the Cottage at the Memorial Hall and the Hall Committee are very pleased to announce that Muddy Boots are moving in in September. Work is underway to repair, clean and revamp ready for the children.

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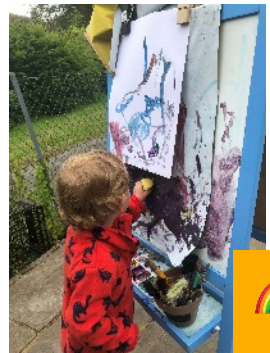
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Message from Sami!

Well - the news this month is slightly more reminiscent of the recent weather...a tad gloomy and grey! However much one tries to stay positive, and tread the 'Pollyanna' line, there comes a time that realism will bite back and force decisions that can be unpalatable to say the least.

Since the last edition, I, along with thousands of others in the Industry, have been doing a lot of petitioning for the Arts and Theatre to get some sort of help, to keep it afloat in the current Covid crisis. Already some 30 theatres around the country have been closed, permanently, due to lack of income and too many expenses; many more buildings are at the limit, and need a certainty of cash flow to see them into 2021. Did you know that The Albert Hall, one of London's, and the World's, most iconic venues, had only months to go before bankruptcy, and was not going to reach it's 150th Birthday celebration in March next year?

Thankfully, the Govt package of £1.57 billion will massively help all sectors of the business, including theatre, music venues, galleries, museums and circuses, and since that announcement, the green light for Outdoor performances with socially distanced audiences has been given, and at least -weather permitting- some small shows can now start. But- we still have no idea what the timescales are for Indoor Theatre performances - no clear route to getting a show into rehearsal and onto the stage. One very well known Pantomime Producing Company, Qdos, who have Hastings Panto at the White Rock among their 36 Christmas shows each year- have given the Govt a deadline of August 3rd for a definitive answer as to whether these lucrative, seasonal Theatre shows will be able to go ahead. Every regional playhouse relies completely on the revenue made from their Pantomime to get them through most of the year, so a no show is a no go for them. I have everything crossed that there will be some good news for them...unfortunately, when it comes to us - here in Ninfield, I cannot give such good tidings.

I was due to do my own show, 'An Evening with..' on May 2nd- tickets and posters were just about to go out at the end of March - they're still in the drawer. I re-booked at the Memorial Hall for August bank holiday Saturday, but cancelled that, and then re-booked again for 26th September. The money raised was to pay towards the costs of putting on the first Panto in Ninfield for 35 years, and every penny was needed. It is totally unviable, financially, to run a show on a 35-40% capacity, with a socially distanced audience, with no refreshments or food; so I'm afraid that show has now been postponed until May 3rd - 2021(and, with a bit of luck, I'll be able to 'doctor' the tickets and posters and make the 2nd into a 3rd- don't like wasting money!)

Consequently, the Panto- due to be performed from December 28th-31st, has also now had to be postponed until Christmas 2021:- even if there was a green light in August- there's not enough time, no money, no costumes, no sets and again, the audience can only be booked at a 35-40% capacity- not enough to cover costs- and with not much of an atmosphere! Plus no food, no refreshments, no merchandising and a limited Bar - AND, if we're in the same situation as now, Covid wise, the Hall would not be allowed to have the heating on, but all doors must be open for air flow...!!! Bbbrrrr!

So, that's 2 blows, and the 3rd, the knockout, is No Gala Night....! For all the same and even more obvious reasons. Each event held in November has had 120 people, dressed to the nines, sitting up to 12 at a table, queuing for their Fish and Chips, cramming into the Bar, scrabbling for Raffle tickets, bopping to the disco, and singing and laughing raucously to the Deja Revue Cabaret - which item in that list would be allowed - NONE!! So I've also cancelled the Gala for this year, and just hope we can do something next year...and, I'll keep you posted on a possible Digital/Online 'CoronaGala' ...we are doing our own filming of various comedy sketches and songs.. and trying to get it all edited together for the Autumn...!

I can't tell you how sad it all makes me...I've wanted SO much to do the three shows this year, and put Ninfield Memorial Hall Theatre on the map. The disappointment of not being able to, plus watching the Industry I've loved and worked in for over 40 years slowly crashing down and dying around our ears... well, as I said at the beginning, the Pollyanna line becomes difficult in the extreme.!

The only Village event still on the Carnival committee's Calendar for 2020 - is the Carnival's Winter Solstice Sunday 20th December event on the Recreation ground - and I'm hoping that this will become the beacon for us all to look towards, and to try and create something super-sparkly to finish what will have been a most extraordinarily strange and life-changing year.

So, I'm so sorry to be the harbinger of bad news.. but, here's hoping that this next few months bring a vaccine, or some medical miracle, to kick start a more normal normal again!! Thank you...x

On a healthy note!

Movement 2 Music classes, for the older but still active person, restart at the Memorial Hall on Monday 27th July, 10am, - 11am- NO refreshments I'm afraid, and all the guidelines are in place for social distancing etc. It will be great to get going again, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone - still only £4 per class!

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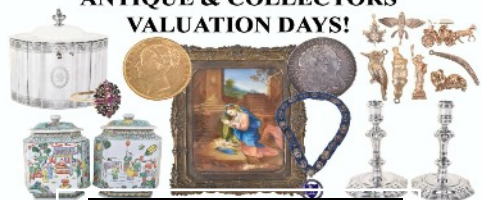
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Worms Eye View

Since I last wrote my piece we have been busy with the sheep. It was time for shearing again and I must say it all went well, even the lambs behaved although they were shut away from their mothers for a short time and didn't "shout" too much. Once again it took them a little time to sort themselves out and find their funny looking mothers again. It has just occurred to me that quite a lot of us "mums" will be pleased to be shorn once more. The pandemic has certainly lasted much longer than I originally anticipated.

We do have a few black ewes in our flock and their fleeces are lovely and they remind me of the nursery rhyme,

Ba Ba Black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes Sir yes Sir, Three bags full.

One for the master and one for the dame

and none for the little boy who cries down the lane"

Ah ha, I can hear you thinking, she's got it wrong. But in fact this was how it ended in 1765.

Sheep have always been extremely valuable to the English economy for well over a thousand years. It was already thriving by August 1086 when the Doomsday Book recorded that many flocks across the country numbered more than two thousand sheep. I'm going to stop there with the thought of shearing that lot.

I did mention the toad in my garden last month. I had thought as I put him safely in some long grass that isn't cut, that it would be the last time I would see him. No that was not to be, whilst watering some plants in pots very recently; once more the toad appeared and sat still whilst I stroked him. He has since come out on several evenings. He obviously was not scared of me because it is said if a toad is frightened it exudes a very smelly fluid, and this has not happened with my 'mate' in the garden and I'm very happy to see him and know that toads kill many pests. It used to be thought that if you killed a toad, heavy rain would fall; also it is lucky to meet a toad when you are travelling.

Finally I understand that a legend has it there is a fabulous toad stone. This was said to be a jewel which came from the head of a dying toad, they were small smooth dark grey stones and considered ideal for bringing good luck and worn as part of a ring. I have never seen one and do not want "my" toad to die. Watch this space: meanwhile enjoy

the summer; the year seems to be going very quickly.

Anne

WORM'S EYE VIEW

For regular readers of the Parish News, I am sure you look forward to Anne's 'Worm's Eye View'.

The Parish News was relaunched in October 2002, and by 2010 many readers were asking Anne if a collection of Worm's Eye View could be published in booklet form.

The first edition was produced in 2012 and we sold just over 200 copies, with the profits being given to St. Oswald's Church.

For sometime now Anne has been asked when the 2nd edition would be available. I am pleased to say the answer is NOW, thanks to lockdown.

If you wish to purchase one or even two please place an order by email with either

Anne aebourner@gmail.com
or Heather hsinden@btinternet.com

The price £7.00 per book

Book Exchange: it was good to see so many 'old' friends and new customers at the open air Book Exchange on 3rd July. We are going to repeat this on Friday 7th August outside The Pavilion from 10 – 11.30am. Please bring your own PPE and maintain social distancing.

Contact David dj_swales@hotmail.com for further details.

We are in the process of completing Risk Assessments for using the Methodist Church premises once again. If these are approved by the Church Council later this month we hope to resume Sunday services in August. We also hope that the hall may be used for Book Exchange on Friday 4th September. We will update you as and when we have more news about this.

Happy Reading! David Swales

We would like to say "Thank You" to Chris Moore & team at the Post Office & Village Stores for delivering essentials to us during such a difficult time. It was so kind & much appreciated. Roy & Sue Eckersley

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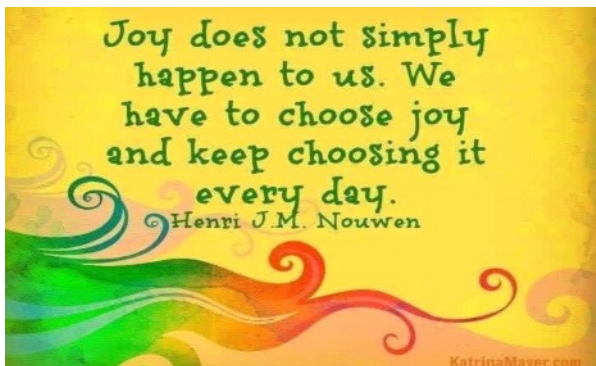
Next year will be the 150th 'Birthday' of our Church which was built in 1871. We hope this will be a really happy celebration for our village. Meanwhile we are encouraged to let you know that we are currently working on plans for the re-opening of our premises as the Covid pandemic restrictions ease.

As you know our Church, and Hall, have been an integral part of village life for many years. We are preparing detailed 'risk assessments' for our various activities in order to comply with government and the Methodist Church U.K. guidelines. Various safety procedures, cleaning and signage will then be brought into effect which we feel sure everyone will appreciate.

Many of you will know that our hall is used by a number of local groups throughout the week and we want to keep everyone 'safe.' We will let you have further news about re-opening dates in the next few weeks.

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Meanwhile all our congregation and Messy Church families are fit and well which is a great blessing.

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I wanted to share this lovely reflective comment 'prayer'.
Peace be with you



ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE OPEN GARDENS

On Tuesday 14th July, as many of you know we missed the Open Gardens in Ninfield, along with the teas, plants and other items sold by St. Michael's Hospice as part of their annual fund raising. So over the next couple of pages there are some photos of the gardens, some taken on Tuesday, so as you would have seen them others a few days ago.

St. Michael's Hospice facebook page had a display of ones they took a couple of weeks ago and they can be found at:

<http://stmichaelshospice.com/events/virtual-open-gardens>

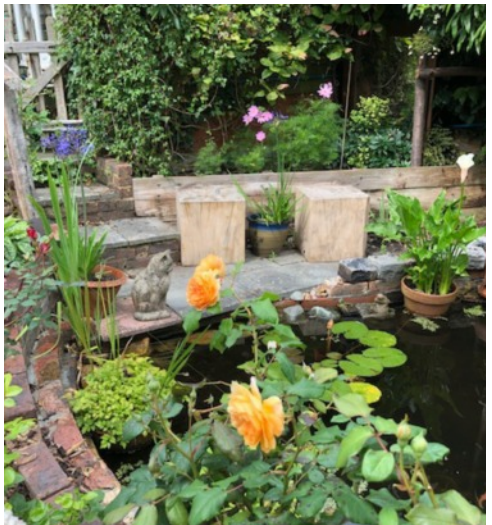
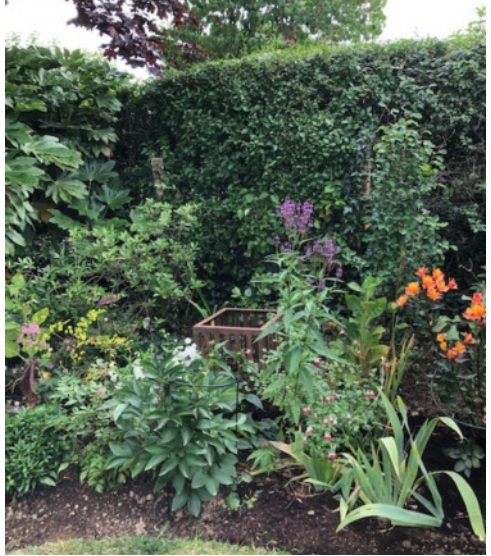
You don't need a facebook account to open these pages, and there is a link so donations can be made to this incredible worthwhile charity.

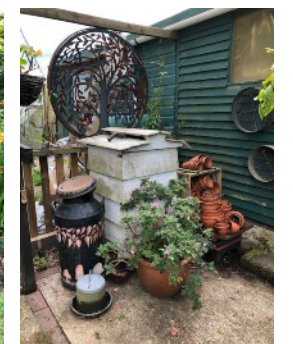


The garden at Elm Cottage, where teas would have been served along with a variety of stalls



And Bedale's lovely garden





Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13

When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

The centurion had a young servant who was in great pain and dying.



When he heard that Jesus was near, he asked the town leaders to ask Jesus for help.

The leaders told Jesus...



This man deserves your help. He loves our people.

He has even built us a meeting place!



This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.



But Jesus said...

I will go and heal the boy.



But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



He says he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed.



Jesus was amazed!



I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith.

He said to the friends...



You may go now. What he has believed has happened.

When the friends got to the house they found the servant completely healed!



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