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# Parish

# News



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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>No Service</i>	<i>10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist</i>
13 <sup>th</sup> December		7.00p.m Carol Service
17 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30p.m. Carol Service	11.00 Parish Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	6.30p.m Parish Eucharist	
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist
31 <sup>st</sup> December	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
7 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
14 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> January	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist

Dear Friends,

For many years when I was a parish priest in Suffolk, Norfolk and then Cambridgeshire a group of us used to go Carol singing. We'd visit homes and the local pubs. Rather than asking for money for a charity or Church funds we would finish by giving out mince pies and simply wishing people Merry Christmas. This always threw people. They wanted to pay for them. We still had people hiding behind the curtains not wanting to give! They couldn't believe there wasn't some sort of catch. I'm sure it would be even worse were I to do it today. We've got so wary of scam calls, texts and emails, we are immediately suspicious of anything that seems too good to be true.

We often refer to Christ's coming at Christmas in terms of gifts. The word became flesh and dwelt among us. Unbidden and unsought, Christ comes to earth to reveal what God is like in a way that eludes human reason. The Christian story is something no one could have made up as a recipe for a restored relationship with God. But gift and the allied term grace are what it is all about.

This Christmas we are acutely aware of life's intractable problems. How on earth are we to solve the climate crisis, the economic crisis, the international relations crisis brought on by the war in Ukraine and now Israel and Palestine? All these problems seem unsolvable given normal patterns of human behaviour. How can a baby born in the backwater of an ancient empire 2000 years ago have anything to say about any of them?

But the gift of Jesus is simple without being simplistic. The heart of most problems is the problem of the human heart. Jesus offers us the gift that meets the needs we seek to fill with rapacious consumption. He offers the security that frees us to love. He offers us the peace that in trust releases generosity. He offers the forgiveness that releases us from defensiveness and

self-justification. The Gospel is good news because it meets the deepest needs of the human heart. This is where the real transformation of individuals and society is to be found. So, enjoy God's gift of Christmas, enjoy the time of rest and recuperation (if you get a chance!!) Also enjoy the pleasure of giving as well as of receiving and I may see you over Christmas at either Ninfield or Hooe Church. Merry Christmas. Paul

### **Prayer**

*The night before Christmas when all are abed,  
As reindeer and sleigh bells are heard overhead,  
Children still sleeping will early arise,  
With shouts of delights as they open each prize.*

*A doll for Amanda, a toy soldier for Jo?  
Ah, these are toys of long ago!  
Now it's computers, a party dress,  
Gifts so expensive they're meant to impress.*

*But the real joy of Christmas forever will stay,  
As church bells and carols proclaim that glad day,  
As wise man and shepherds recount what they saw,  
Of Mary, her Baby – and a bed full of straw.*

*By Megan Carter*

St Oswald's Parish Church

29th October 2023 Interment of Peter Ballard's ashes

**from the  
Parish Records**

### **PARISH NEWS**

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## News from St Oswald's Church

Bonfire Lunch We had a good turnout for the Bonfire lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> November, considering the awful weather. Also, we had not held a Lunch since 2019. It was good that so many were able to attend and there was a good buzz of conversation.

The Churchyard Tidy Up was washed out on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Not an ideal date to have chosen but we tried. The new plan is, that from January 2024 there will be someone at the Church at 10.30 each Saturday morning. So, for you our volunteers, if you have an hour or so to spare on a Saturday we would be pleased to see you and explain what small jobs need doing. The weather these last few weeks has caused the lane and the churchyard to flood and the wind has blown down a lot of debris which all needs tidying. The Big Plan is that we are trying to manage the churchyard better, we want to look after and encourage wild life, plants and animals. We have approached the Wealden Bio Diversity officer for advice as to how we should go forward with this plan.

### Roof Damage

In the church we have noticed debris in the chancel and the nave and investigations have shown possible beetle damage in the roof beams. This will require further investigation, treatment and added expense. It was New Year 2005 that we found an 18ft roof timber laying across the aisle just by the chancel step. We hope that this time what we find up there is not so serious.

The Armistice Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November in Church was attended by 42 people. Since we started holding this Service in 2015 the attendance has grown year by year. The Service of Remembrance on the Village Green at 3pm on Remembrance Sunday was also well attended with 50 villagers present. This service began in 2020 when Covid restrictions allowed us all to meet outside. Again, numbers have increased year by year. It seems that it is appreciated by the village and shows that the Church is serving the community.

### Toilet extension

The building specification and detailed plans are to be approved by the PCC and then sent to the Diocese. We are moving forward slowly, step by step, with the hope of going out to tender in the New Year.

Apologies for the mistake in last month's magazine the date for the Carol Service is:-

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**

the bus will run from the Red Lion at approx 6.15p.m, 6.30p.m. and 6.45pm, and return runs after the service.

**Opening times for Private Prayer**

St. Mary's - Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm    Where Possible

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

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

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

David Goldsmith

David was born and lived most of his life in Sussex and in particular Ninfield. He loved the outdoor life for his work and relaxation and was a key member of the Ninfield Horticultural Society. Over the years, he suffered several health problems from which he stoically recovered but unfortunately, he succumbed to his last illness and peacefully slipped away at the end of September, at home.

We would just like to thank everyone who has given David and us so much support over the years and in particular just recently. Your cards, best wishes and thoughts are very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Esme and Liz

**Closing date for items for the  
FEBRUARY**

**issue of the Parish News**

**Is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January    please send to  
[ninfieldhoonews@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldhoonews@gmail.com)**

## ***December Diary***

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If you are planning an event please remember to let us know and we'll be happy to add it to our busy calendar.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS at The Memorial Hall

Mondays	10.00 Movement to Music *	1.30 Ladies Badminton
Tuesdays	6.00 Cubs	
Wednesdays	9.15 Pilates*    10.15 Yoga *	2.00 Art Group*
	6.45 Dancersize*	
Thursdays	5.00 Beavers	7.00 Scouts
Fridays	9.30 Cardiac Exercise*	10.30 Pilates*
	10.30 Crafting & Knitting*	
Alternate Fridays	6.45 Ballroom & Burlesque *	/ Explorers

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS at The Methodist Hall

Mondays	9.30 Art Group*	12.45 Little Stars Dance*
	5.30 Teen Fitness*	7.00 Mark Time*
Tuesdays	9.30 Yoga*	11.30 Pilates*    7.30 Singing*
Thursdays	9.30 Silver Swans*	
Fridays	5.00 Team Fitness*	
Saturday	8.45 - 11.45 Little Stars Dance*	

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENT at Sparke Pavillion

Thursday	11.00 A gentle exercise walk around Ninfield
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\* These events need to be booked, see contacts on page 35

## Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met last Friday 10th November at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield when Steve Squirrel continued his most interesting talk on the Home Guard including the involvement of women. It was good to hear the level on training that the men were given and that we would have been well protected in the event of an invasion. The men were provided with uniform, guns and ammunition but the women were not as the government decided it wasn't appropriate for women to bear arms so they wouldn't need a uniform. The women had other ideas so they made their own!

We are not meeting in December as we are having our Christmas lunch at the Blacksmiths in Ninfield. Our next meeting will be Friday 12th January 2024 at 2.00pm.

Join us, all are welcome

Nicki & Heather

## **Ninfield Horticultural Society**

We had a well attended AGM in October, although our Chairwoman as unable to attend due to sickness The Show Organiser (on her behalf) thanked the committee who work so hard throughout the year: Shirley, Ivan, Jackie, Lynn, David, Nicky, Robin, Linda, Sarah – plus the 'tea' team who come together to help at every event and Martin and Pete who assist with setting up on show weekends. But the society could always do with more helpers. An hour of your time makes a big difference to us. Special thanks to Linda Goldsmith who stepped down as treasurer this year. Although only small, our accounts are not straightforward – especially when it comes to show days, but Linda will remain on the committee and her knowledge will be invaluable to the new treasurer.

At the meeting we discussed if we should change the name of the society as perhaps 'Horticultural' deterred some joining the society as it can make us sound quote formal (we're not!), but there was overall agreement to retain the name Ninfield Horticultural Society. Nicky Walker gave an update on the results of our survey and we have made some small changes for 2024. In February, instead of the usual evening talk, we will be holding a coffee morning for members, and no-members, to come together and chat. There will also be another Summer Visit - venue to be confirmed.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Evening on Monday 11th December. As well as some light-hearted games and nibbles, we will be hosting our very first seed swap. We all have an excess of seeds come the end of the growing season, so please bring yours or just come along to see what's available. You never know what you will find.

**NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**  
**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**9.30 - 12.00**

**VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET!**

Your chance to pick up some lovely meat, chutney, honey for Christmas, not to mention that little present you have been looking for from one of the lovely crafters

Oh! And of course breakfast! Or at least a cuppa and a chat!  
Sorry no market in January, see you all in February

## **Ninfield Health and Well-being Group**

The Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group (NHWG) aims to promote the health and well-being of people in the local community. Established in 2018, NHWG is an umbrella organisation supporting a range of activities.

### **Book Exchange & Community Café**

Methodist Hall - 10 – 11.30 weekly on Friday.

First Friday monthly. Book Exchange and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Donations asked for books and refreshments.

Community Café open on all other Friday mornings

For further details contact David on 07989729123 or email [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

### **Women's Crafting & Knitting Circle**

Memorial Hall Committee Room. Weekly 10.30 am – 12.30 am. £5 per session

For more information contact Jane on 01424 892428

### **Health Walks**

Meet 11 am at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield recreation ground near the main entrance off Church Lane.

Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour.

FREE and friendly. Dogs on short leads welcome.

Part of the East Sussex Health Walks scheme. Please wear suitable footwear.

Contact Robin for more details:

01424 892778. Or [robin@plowmate.plus.com](mailto:robin@plowmate.plus.com)

### **Film Matinee 2023**

Our last film for 2023 is on Tuesday 12 December is our second vintage film. It is as usual in the Memorial Hall. Details as below. The film is a classic Christmas film: Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Do come and enjoy a little Christmas escapism. Our first vintage film 'The Smallest Show on Earth' went very well.

### **Singing Group -**

We now have an official name 'The Friendly Voices' which we think represents the group and our approach. We are not a choir, but a group of people with varying singing abilities coming together to sing and enjoy ourselves. We certainly don't take ourselves seriously. We are building quite an eclectic repertoire of songs and styles - we'll try anything once.

We meet Tuesday evenings at the Methodist Hall at 7.30-8.30pm and Thursday afternoons at Sparke Pavilion 2-3pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and at only £1 a session, it's a cheap night's entertainment! We will close down over Christmas, but be back again on 9th January

### **Film Matinees 2024**

Memorial Hall: Tuesday afternoons: Doors open 1.30. Films start at 2 pm, FREE entry and refreshments.

Dementia friendly and subtitles. Dates and Films:

5 March: Kind Hearts and Coronets	9 April: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
14 May: The Graduate	25 June: Mamma Mia
3 September: Blazing Saddles	1 October: Funny Face
5 Nov: the African Queen	10 Dec: the Greatest Showman.

To ensure we have enough cake, please book a place by contacting Jackie or Rose :01424 892422 or email [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com)

### **Men's Shed**

Sparke Pavilion. 10am last Friday of the month.

Men putting the world to rights over coffee FREE

For more information contact Dave: 01424 892883

### **Dark Skies**

we had a really lively meeting at the beginning of November. Not looking at the stars, but talking about what we had done in 2023 and our plans for 2024. We have all come to realise that there will never be a formal monthly meeting as we are so dependent on the weather, but ideas for next year are: Celebrating both the Summer and Winter Solstice, another Dawn Walk, A night time walk, village bat survey, stargazing evening at Herstmonceux, a presentation on man-made stars, as well as meeting up as and when there is a 'night sky' event. We can't post everything on the Community Page, but if you are interested in becoming part of the Dark Skies WhatsApp Group for regular updates, please contact me [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com)

**Carol Singing** - On Friday 22nd December we will be Carol Singing on the Recreation Ground from 4.30pm. Hopefully it will be dry and we can meet at the Christmas Tree (donated by Ninfield Carnival Association). Song sheets will be provided - all you need is your Christmas hat and torch. Hot drinks and mince pies will be served afterwards from Sparke Pavilion. If you have a special carol or Christmas song you would like to sing, please let me know and I can download the music and add it to the song sheets. Also, if you would like to help out on the evening with preparing drinks, please let me know. [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) or 07707 683187 or you can message me via facebook.

# HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Remembrance in Hooe, on Saturday 11th November a service took place at St. Oswald's church with the laying of the wreaths and was followed by a small service on the village green on the Sunday. Thank you to everyone who helped with the display on the village green despite the weather, the Parish Council also put up a number of large poppies around the village for Remembrance Day.

Following on from the core samples being taken on the Bogs (Hooe Common) last month, the Parish Council has agreed to build a new raised walk-way through the often flooded part of the foot path by the access gate to the BOGS field to improve the general access and safety to those residents and walkers that use this footpath. The Parish Council will be formulating a plan for the whole area including the preservation of the BOGS, information boards and necessary ditching for the Councils consideration at a later date.

The 'Hooe in Bloom' group managed to find a few hours of dry weather to fill the planters with winter plants and spring bulbs which is hoped will be enjoyed by all.

The next Parish Council meeting has been changed from Monday 4th December 2023 to Monday 11th December 2023 and will be held in the village hall at 7pm.

Ann Loyd – Chairman to Hooe Parish Council

## **Ninfield Memorial Hall**

**Is looking for a Handyman to help with the odd jobs that pop up from time to time on an as and when basis.**

**Please email your interest by 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**[Ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:Ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com)**

**Please include your phone number and relevant experience**

## **NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP**

Our wreath making workshop in November proved a great success with members and whilst most of the wreaths will have to be refreshed before the festive season it will be another opportunity to be creative.

By the time you are reading this we may well have had our Christmas demonstration which takes (took?) place on Friday 1st December in the Memorial Hall, with national demonstrator Tracey Griffin. However if that date is still to come tickets will be available on the door (7pm for 7.30pm) for £12 which includes light refreshments. We would love to welcome you for what promises to be a very festive and entertaining evening and one to which members are very much looking forward.

Members are also anticipating a delicious Christmas lunch at the Blacksmith's Inn early in December. Making our choices from the mouth-watering menu was hard but we will be donning our Christmas jumpers and enjoying a thoroughly good get-together.

We take a break in January and hold our AGM in February.

Our first demonstration of 2024 will be given on Monday March 4th by the wonderfully innovative and talented Eloise Hasler-Stott, young florist of the year at the Chelsea flower show in 2018. She invites us on a "Spring Walk". Visitors are very welcome - entrance £5.

A date for your diary if you are having a spring clear-out. On Saturday March 9th we will hold a jumble sale at the Memorial Hall. More information to follow.

On behalf of the club members may I wish you a very happy and healthy festive season and good wishes for 2024.

Regards Helen Cunliffe Chairman Ninfield Flower Group

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY**

APOLOGIES to all concerned but the committee of NVS had overlooked that our proposed Litterpick for the 21st October clashed with the day of the bonfire and firework display. We shall postpone the Litterpick until next Spring but in the meantime would like to place on record our gratitude to the numerous residents who steadfastly collect litter in their street or as they travel around the village and its environs. THANK YOU.

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So here we are again, at the end of another year. They seem to pass ever faster than the one before! And do they get any better? This is also the time when many people compose their “Round Robin” letters or emails to friends and family, detailing how events panned out for them. The older you get, the longer the list of ailments and treatments seem to be, with comments on how effective or not they have been.

Many are waiting on hospital appointments and it now seems the norm that the loudest squeak gets attention, rather than meekly hoping your turn will come before the issues get too bad to sort out simply.

The friends and family members no longer with us grows ever longer, balanced by new generations further down the Family Tree. Holidays with them, or visits sometimes seem to be fewer, longer gaps as they build and develop their own lives, friends and occupations.

But no doubt it was ever thus and at least we have the Internet where we can Face Time, Whats App or simply email to keep some form of contact with the family and friends, although it does seem it’s always US doing the contacting, with generally the response “We’d tell you if anything was wrong” – Yeah, likely story – unless it’s money!

So, the days, weeks, months and seasons pass. This year the weather made a bigger impact than usual, although weeks of glorious sunshine and high temperatures then brought the inevitable failings of the water and sewage industries to the fore – unable to supply everyone, so we ALL go without watering the plants, filling our Olympic size swimming pools if you believe their reasons for shortages – not that they haven’t invested properly in the infrastructure to get water from A to B where it’s needed.

Then there’s the wind and rain – at times seemingly incessant, and flooding parts where it rarely has done so before. The roads seem to soon become lakes, not just puddles, with the unhappy result that you no longer know where the potholes are – until too late!

But life carries on, the gardens bloom and fruit and vegetables still grow, often too many, as usual at any one time, but welcome nonetheless. But the garden bounty always brings joy and gladdens the heart, that whatever else goes on in the world, Nature still provides.

And so life continues, old friends pass, but then there’s the delight of new ones being formed, even new pastimes and hobbies and there’s always TV programmes that are so rubbish that your blood pressure shoots up whilst shouting incoherently at quiz show contestants who don’t know the day of the week, and might find it hard to say their name correctly, let alone try and answer the question. And our politicians always can be relied

on to do the right thing at the wrong time, or the wrong thing at the right time.

So, here's to 2024, may it find you no worse off and hopefully better than 2023, keep looking for the rainbow, or a lottery win, and just look out at the changing seasons, new flowers showing, fruit forming and vegetables swelling under the earth.

So, Merry Christ Mass and a Happy New Year to all our readers of our magazine. Now to sort out the Christmas tree lights, how they spend the 12 months in the box and find ways to constantly tangle themselves together is a mystery Einstein would take a lifetime to discover, and the elusive one bulb that has failed, needing every one to be pulled and replaced to find the culprit!

Ho ho ho!

KR

### **Editors comments . . . .**

Looking back at the editions of the Parish News over the last year, you can't help but be amazed at the variety and number of events that have been put on in our two villages by willing volunteers. OK so some of those 'volunteers' may have had a little persuasion to get involved initially, but then they are hooked! Speaking to one Dad the other day we were reminiscing over the times we had when his children were small and how they and their friends, along with many others were now, not just teenagers and young adults, but really nice teenagers and young adults, then he thought and added 'and all of them grew up getting involved in village activities'. And that is a credit to all those who organise and help with all those activities, so Thank you for helping raise our young people, as well as providing events for all of us to enjoy, the hard work and long hours really are appreciated.

To all our readers, we hope you all have a happy Christmas with all your family and friends and that 2024 brings peace to us all, and could your New Year resolution be to get involved with one of the groups in the villages!

Merry Christmas Everyone and a Happy New Year

*Nicki & Carol*





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## NINFIELD SURGERY

### Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support with the donations to the Foodbank basket. We are very grateful for anything you can donate.

### Main Front Door

The main front door is now fixed but is not self-closing so please can patients shut the door behind them ! Thank you for your co-operation.

### Community Garden

Please use the community garden bench which is now fully finished and looking great.

### Christmas

We are shut Christmas Day, Boxing Day and the 1st January.

From everyone at Dr Warden & Partners we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **News, reviews and...Panto! From Sami...**

### **Halloween!-**

Ninfield's Halloween Trick or Treat trail went ahead on Tuesday 31st October, and at this organised event there were about 70 children and parents, maybe more, though less than last year because of the weather, Storm Ciarán was wreaking havoc! But all went out in their teams at 5.30pm, with, as far as I'm aware, the best of intentions to do their area and get back to Sparke for the Fancy Dress competition and prizes.

There were two sets of 'extra' Trick or Treaters, hijackers!- one set in balaclavas, they weren't part of the big group, the other set came up at the end and just wanted prizes, they'd gone round before the event and made believe they were part of the Trail. Can't do much about that unfortunately.

Those original participants, that came back to the Pavilion, had had a good time going round the village...were not overloaded with sweets, but enjoyed talking to people, taking part, dancing to Thriller and the Time Warp, looking at all the decorations in the Pavilion (with some scary animated ones!) and getting their fancy dress prizes (lots given out!!)

It's a shame that things change... and, having put on this event for 20 years, I've seen a lot of changes.

Thank you to ALL householders who welcomed the Halloween Trick or Treaters... whether 'Trailers' or not...and Thank you to ALL who came to Sparke at 5.30, went off, got drenched, carried on, came back at 6.30, danced, laughed and enjoyed our Ninfield Halloween Trick or Treat event... you're all stars!

It's time now for someone else to take this event on and run with it... I celebrated my 20 years doing it this time, and have loved it every year.

I'm glad several generations have enjoyed it, and that their youngsters came and had as much fun this year: that's what it's all about - a Safe, organised, village, fun event for Families to enjoy....oh yes...and it's Free...!!! I Thank you again...!

### **Ninfield Village Remembrance Service - Sunday 12th November.**

How lovely to see around 150 residents, friends, Scouts and parents all gathering to process from St Mary's, or congregating at Queen Elizabeth Garden on the Recreation Ground. Rev Paul Frostick led the service, plus Scouts, Cubs and Beavers holding, and dipping, their standards and flags. Wreaths were laid at Tommie's feet, the Ninfield rolls of honour from both World Wars were read out, with the Last Post & Reveille were perfectly played, live, by young Sebastian Starr. There may not have been

sunshine, the skies were grey and heavy with the forecast rain - this time Storm Debbie was threatening! But the atmosphere was lovely, with most people then taking advantage of the refreshments provided afterwards at the Methodist Hall - all in all a wonderful morning of Remembrance.

### **Ninfield Memorial Hall:**

The last meeting of the year is Monday 27th November, and, until the next meeting in January, if you have any items you would like to present or discuss, please get in touch via email - [ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com), and/or [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) or call me on the number at the end of the items. At the AGM in October the committee were re-elected en bloc, and the officers were elected as follows - Chairman - Sami Guard, Vice Chairman - Jeff Lister, Treasurer - Brian Stockton, Secretary - Kaye Crittall and Bookings Secretary - Carol Holland. There was a vote of thanks and flowers given to Carol for nearly 10 years as Treasurer for the Hall, and she can now have half a rest! And Yes - I'm still there - which was NOT on my agenda, but I'll do my best for as long as I can...and I have got some things I would like the committee to progress, so - Watch this Space!!

### **Ninfield Carnival Association.:-**

We agreed to Sponsor the purchase of the Village Christmas Tree and Lights this year, as part of the donations from our events. Catsfield Christmas Tree farm was the location to browse and buy, of course! And a 12ft Norway Spruce leapt out as the obvious choice. It should be delivered on 29th November, and be lit on 1st December, 5.00pm, The Recreation Ground by The Green. Fingers crossed that all goes according to plan!!

### **So we now look to 2024!!!**

Dates for your Diary...

Pram Race - Bank Holiday Monday May 6th

Ninfield Village Carnival Fête - Saturday 22nd JUNE! -yes, Solstice Saturday, and LOTS of ideas are already being discussed! Of course things are subject to change, but this is the blueprint for now!

We will next meet in the new year, Wednesday 10th JANUARY 2024 at 7.45pm at Ninfield's Working Men's Club, and would love to see you then, why not join us for a drink by the roaring fire and belatedly celebrate the new year! Please keep in contact, I will keep updating over the next couple of months. Why not send us a message!!!! Many thanks again to everyone who helps and supports NCA, and the Village events.

At the AGM - 2024 elected Carnival Committee...

Chairman Sami Guard, Vice chair Robin Fookes, Treasurer Kaye Crittall  
Mins Secretary Veronica Sargent, Press Sec Sami G, Catriona Smith  
Ian Smith, Rev Paul Frostick.

A 50 years Anniversary...oh yes it is! The first Professional Panto I appeared in as a dancer, was 50 years ago at the De La Warr, with Kerry Jewel: I was 12 turning 13 during the run, and the other 5 girls in their 20's. Their wage was £36 a week, mine £12... I bought a crystal decanter for my mum and dad for Christmas, £9, very grown up! This was the start of what is now a celebratory 50 year professional career in the Entertainment Industry...and I ain't stopping yet!!!

So this year's Xmas Pantomime trip - Wednesday 27th December!! People are signing up!! If you'd like to join them on a trip to the Wylyotts Theatre after Christmas, to watch Snow White Pantomime, and yours truly as Wicked Queen Narcissia, then get in touch!! It's a FAB show, and a great 'After Xmas' pick me up!! Contact details below.

And lastly, but by no means leastly- all Dance classes resume from Monday 8th January. The first one being Movement 2 Music, for the Older but still Active person - 10-11am! And we will be adding a Coffee half hour, for all to relax and chat after class, finish 11.30am.

Dancercise - Wednesday 10th, 6.30 gather -7.40 finish! (There's always chatting involved!)

Alternate Fridays see Ballroom dance class at 6.30-7.15, followed by Burlesque/Show Dance 7.30-8.30...both are such good fun, and all the above classes are really good for mind, body and soul!

I can't stress enough how good Dancing is for us...in whatever format... it's a life changer, a life-line and life lengthener!!!

Please call or email for more information and costs.

For information on Theatre trips, all Events in the planning for 2024, and for all Dance Classes - 07970650321 - samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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Village activities and charitable works



## Our future events

Please make a note of these dates as we would love to welcome you.

- ✓ **December 16<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning** – This will be a Christmas themed morning!
- ✓ **January 13<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning** - All the usual attractions, plenty of books and puzzles available to help pass the dark evenings!
- ✓ **February 10<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning** - We will welcome a representative from Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance who will be pleased to talk about the fantastic work they do!
- ✓ **June 15<sup>th</sup>/June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Hooe Open Gardens. Gary Durman (01424 893007) is the person to speak to if you would like more information, are interested in opening your garden or offer to help with the event.

## Charitable Donations

**HVCG** continue to support as many local groups and charities as we are able.

## **Hooe Football Club – Great Ormond Street Hospital**

We were delighted to donate a voucher for a meal at The Red Lion in the sum of £50.00 to Hooe Football Club towards the raffle they held at their Annual Football tournament which was in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. We congratulate them for raising a total of £320.00 for this worthy cause.

## **St Oswald's Church**

When emailing to thank us for our latest donation of £250.00 this month, Jack, one of the Churchwardens, told us that the money would most probably go towards the Church Toilet project, which is now progressing well. This will be a great relief for all who use the church.

## **Screen for the use of village clubs and groups**

At the last coffee morning we placed flyers on the tables giving details of the monies we have been able to give to good causes and inviting suggestions for future support.

In response to a request, we have purchased a screen which will be available for use of Hooe Clubs and Societies. Here is it being presented to Heather by Elaine.



Many residents will recall that several years ago Dick Carey identified a need and so donated a projector for the use by village clubs and societies. Good old Dick! The projector has worked hard over the years and is still proving to be a great asset. The large screen purchased by Chris and Gary a few years back was well used in the past but, as it does not have a permanent home now and is too large to transport easily, they have taken it back into storage. Thank you to you both for identifying and responding at that time of need.



## **Thank you**

To those Hooe residents who help to keep our village clear of litter.

Special thanks to Kevan who decided he would make a difference!

The Doodles were happy to accept the bag for disposal.

## **Two years – doesn't time fly!**

Although we have been working together for several years **HVCG** has only been legally formed for two. We reach our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in February. We think that will be a good time to take stock and celebrate just how much we have been able to donate during that time. We are well aware we do not do this by ourselves. We are hugely grateful to all our supporters who give of their time and energy to helping with events and attend them. We really appreciate your involvement, friendship, and enthusiasm. May Hooe Community Spirit continue to grow and prosper.

***Hooe Village Community Group, enjoying working together for the good of everyone.***

### **Worms Eye View**

**Christmas is coming the geese are getting fat!**

Oh what memories spring to mind when I hear that rhyme. Yes we did keep a lot of poultry back in the 1950's, including geese. It was a busy time preparing the chickens ducks and geese for the markets and for friends. Several friends and family would come and help with the plucking of the poultry and preparing them for sale, as well as the normal daily jobs of milking the cows and feeding the pigs etc. I have to admit here that I never learnt how to kill poultry, but mother-in-law was an expert and found herself doing the killing for nearly everybody else: I will add here that she only dealt with poultry! It was hard work but we enjoyed the chatter and seasonal drinks.

Back to the present, what a lot of rain we have had in October and into the beginning of November. The fields look green but oh there is so much water, it is quite difficult to get around the fields and do the looking. I have to admit that I have been stopped from doing the looking because although I was using two sticks, I still had a nasty fall, no injuries but needed help to get up. I find, like many others, old age is often annoying. Still, I can still see a lot of the farm from my many windows so I watch and enjoy the scenery.

Finally a household hint from my 1916 Farmer's Almanac: Marks made by hot dishes on a table can be removed by rubbing the spots briskly with a cloth dripped in linseed oil or sweet oil, then rubbed quickly with another cloth dipped in alcohol, then polish. (I find it much easier to use a heat proof table mat and enjoy the alcohol with my dinner)

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Anne*

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## Hooe History Society

Hooe History Society invites members and friends to a Christmas social gathering at Catslide on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to end our year. Our first meeting of 2024 will be at St Oswald's church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. when Gary Newport will give a talk on Unsolved Mysteries. From deciphered scientific riddles to perplexing cosmic conundrums, venture into the puzzling unknowns of the universe. Embark on an exploration culminating in the realms of Dark Matter and Dark Energy where secrets await to be unveiled. Gary's talks have been well received elsewhere and we are delighted he has chosen to share his expertise with us.

DID YOU KNOW... For Hooe to be listed in the top 20% of settlements (according to population) it must have been quite an important, busy community. Certainly, the widespread salt pan industry in this area probably had a significant effect as this was a valuable preservative of foodstuffs and would have yielded a lucrative existence for the landlords. Although it is not clear what depth of water the lagoon (which is now Pevensey Level) held, the fact that there were many active salt pans suggests that the tides receded far enough to leave behind salt water that would evaporate to leave behind the precious residue. It is reasonable to assume that the inner reaches of the Pevensey lagoon were mostly navigable for smaller, shallow-draft boats, rather than larger seagoing vessels.

We cannot be certain, but this is a strong indication of how the original village of Hooe may have come to exist in what we now call the "lower end" of the village and why the church is situated in its current isolated position. Back then, the main houses we now know as Court Lodge, Grove and Halls Cross formed the basis of the village with the church at its centre. Domesday tells us that there was a small church in Hooe, but whether or not it is the same building that we see today is for others to determine. I suspect it may have been a different form of building but in a similar position.

Domesday also tells us there were 12 hides (approximately 1440 acres) in the village including pasture, arable, woodland and a mill. It also tells us the land supported 44 ploughs so it is reasonable to assume that there was significant agricultural activity alongside the salt production. The high acreage and number of ploughs seems to indicate that the village extended beyond the church and manor houses, in all probability to the

village as we know it today. Was the mill on the site where the Retreat stands today, beside the recreation ground? Possibly, but there is no conclusive evidence to support this.

We can only speculate what the village may have looked like back then based on the information that is available, but Hooe appears to have been a busy, thriving community, probably close to self-sufficient in food and almost certainly trading salt further afield. If we are to accept that Pevensey was an important trade centre at the time it is reasonable to assume that Hooe may have conducted some trade through that port whilst it existed and until the mouth of the lagoon eventually silted up centuries later. There are several roads and lanes in existence today that may have provided access to the lagoon and small boats. The privileged landowners enjoyed a comparatively wealthy lifestyle whilst the rustic population worked long, arduous hours for little reward. Conditions were harsh for everybody, as those in the higher echelons of society demanded a great deal from those below them in the pyramid. The change would come over time as the sea receded from the lagoon and the port of Pevensey, leaving the village of Hooe to develop in a different way and in a different position, along the lines of what we see today.

We wish our readers and supporters a very Happy Christmas,

Peter Hayward

## **NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

Many of you will know that over the last 12 months we have slowly changed our booking system to an online one, this means that anyone wanting to book the hall can go to our website [www.ninfieldmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.ninfieldmemorialhall.co.uk) then from the calendar page check what's available, click on the plus sign on your chosen date and complete the booking details. Once we receive the booking we check it through and send a confirmation, then nearer the time we send an invoice for payment, and if you don't use the Internet to do bookings etc you can

email [ninfieldhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldhallbookings@gmail.com) or

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If any one would like to contact the Chair, Samantha Guard; Secretary, Kaye Crittall or Treasurer, Brian Stockton for any other reason please use [Ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:Ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com)

## NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Please come and join us for our Christmas Social Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, in the **Working Men's club**.

New and old members are very welcome to pop in and say hello.

NBS will hold a stall at the Ninfield Village Market on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Come and see us and have a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! We run a tombola and if you need some NBS clothing, we sell a range of merchandise.

What a spectacular fireworks display we experienced this year! 'Storm Babet' was kind enough to release us from her clutches for a few hours for our torch lit procession, bonfire, effigy and fireworks display! NBS members and drummers led the procession, from the recreation ground around the village, followed closely by the visiting Sussex bonfire societies. This created an incredible spectacle for the people of Ninfield who lined the procession route as the torches blazed through the streets of Ninfield onto the recreation ground. Here our traditional bonfire was lit and our bonfire prayer was sung. We were then treated to a truly amazing fireworks display. Ninfield Bonfire night doesn't happen without an extraordinary team of people showing tremendous commitment in helping to keep this Sussex tradition, dating back to 1605, going.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the members, committee members, sponsors and supporters of Ninfield Bonfire society, who if it wasn't for their hard work and commitment throughout the year, this event wouldn't happen. Thank you to Ninfield Carnival Fete and events, Ninfield Working Men's Club, Haffenden Roofing, Skinners Sheds & Log Cabins, Burgess & Co Estate Agents Ltd, Hastings Direct, Brewers Decorator Centres, Four Seasons Holistic Veterinary Care, Athelas Plants, TOP PLANT, Jewson, AJM Motorhomes, Wealden Drainage Ltd, Dale at Curious Brewing, Everything under the bun, Harvey at Sussex Sound, Meridian Marquees, Blacksmiths Inn, Ninfield Parish Council for the use of the Recreation ground and Sparkes Pavilion, Ninfield Memorial Hall, Parker and Son Construction, Co-op Local Community Fund, Littlewood Fencing, Safer Rother Partnership, Coussens Cranes, We would like to say a massive thank you for the support of Gary Keeley in torch making; Dave Issac with our effigy building and to Harry for faggot and batten making.

Very big shout out to Lee and Dan and their wonderful helpers Lydia, Veronica and Catriona for their hard work on the BBQ on Bonfire night. Looking towards the 2024 event, we will need to raise the necessary funds to keep this Sussex Tradition going. It is a free event for the local Community. If you've enjoyed bonfire night this year, then why not support Ninfield Bonfire by joining as a member?

If you are a local business and would like to become a sponsor of the Ninfield Bonfire Society then please contact us at [ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com) or Sarah on 07809684488.

**NBS Torch-lit Procession, Bonfire, Effigy and Fireworks Display will be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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**Remember, Remember the 5th of November**

## **Ninfield and District Art Society**

By the time you read this it will seem like ages ago when we held our Annual Autumn Art Exhibition and Sale. However, what is important, is to say a big "THANK YOU" to all who came along and supported the weekend. It was lovely to see so many at the exhibition, chatting and enjoying a nice cup of tea and cake. We have had many positive comments about the new exhibition stands and how these have improved the presentation and overall layout of the paintings. Special thanks go to Jeff Lister for sourcing them and to our co-workers and volunteers for setting up and dismantling afterwards! Also, this event would not have been so successful without the help of volunteers to run the tombola and refreshments. From all reports this has been one of the best exhibitions since the society was formed.

This year we were joined by the **Ninfield Bonfire Society** who raised money for the groups by holding a silent auction of 'bonfire and fireworks' themed paintings which members of the art group created over recent weeks. We were also joined by the **Ninfield Local History Group** to launch their **2024 Calendar**. Our budding artists were kindly asked to provide pictures. So, members of the art society have been busy throughout most of the year painting scenes from around the village. Over thirty calendars were sold during the exhibition and more reserved. If you haven't already bought yours, I am hopeful there will be some still available for sale. Please contact the History Group if you are interested.

Since the exhibition, we have had several enquiries from people who have shown an interest in art and one new member has already joined. If you are thinking of expanding your artistic talents, why not visit our friendly and inclusive group which meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 to 5.00 pm at the Memorial Hall. Contact the secretary, Fiona Stedman on 07761 961585 or visit us to sample a flavour.

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**While Shepherds Watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground. The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.**

The union of shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided, therefore benches and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Shepherds have also requested that due to inclement weather at this time of year that they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated observation huts. **Please note:** the angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his/her glory around he/she must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA/UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed**

This is definitely one for Social Services.

**Little Donkey, little donkey on the dusty road, got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load.**

The RSPCA have issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load that a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry. Also included in the guidelines is how often to feed the donkey and how many rest breaks are required over a four-hour plodding period. **Please Note:** that due to the risk of pollution from the dusty road, Mary and Joseph are required to wear face-masks to prevent inhalation of airborne particles. The donkey is unhappy at being labelled 'little' and would prefer to be known as 'Mr Donkey' as referring him as little may be considered an infringement of his equine rights.

**These may be funny but are not far from what happens in our society today!!**

## St. Oswald's Church Yard

The other day I was shown a post, if that is the right word, from the village face book page. All this is very new to me and initially wondered how a village could have such a thing. I once was on face book, for six months and long ago. My son was in Afghanistan and the army set up an IT centre for the troops. Needless to say I struggled. If getting set up was hard, getting rid of the dam thing vexed me. I have been a bit, maybe more than that, of a sceptic from then on.

Ideally I would need my reading glasses, a strong coffee and a home roll to read off a phone. Not having the glasses or coffee I had to squint to make out the text.

I did see a photo of the Church from 1970, which was nice and a story of how someone's dog barked at an unseen entity.

I am compiling a list of the bio diversity around the Church, things I have seen or heard. Perhaps I need to start another for my dog! I have to say, before we get the clergy motivated to remove said spectre, I have never felt any unease around the Church Yard. I have even been there at night listening for an owl and trying to see bats.

A more pressing concern is the protection of land to keep a sustainable level of bio diversity. Both the Church of England and Wealden Council have a bio diversity policy, both are as ethereal as St Oswald's ghost!

It, as always, comes down to us. I have an interest in a small hawk, the Merlin. It use to hunt along a hedge in the village, that hedge has been removed and the Merlin has gone else where. I have seen one at the Church, but that seems to have gone as well. I wonder if they were the same birds. So here is the question, has anyone seen a Merlin lately? They are very small for a bird of prey, about the size of a song thrush. I usually see them darting along a hedge, quite low to the ground. I have seen them sitting still and the ones around here seem very tame. I have got within a yard of them and from that distance even I can make out their plumage and appearance. A likely spot to see one would be by a hedge which has a large population of small birds. It is important because the Merlin is a red flag bird, that means it is in serious decline.

On a brighter note, I have seen the first winter migrants of the year on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. A sizeable flock of Fieldfares. We have had the Hunters moon so there maybe some woodcock about. That means it's getting colder in Norway. I wonder if it will be our turn next!      AT

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**Services for December 2022:**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Advent Café Worship with Julie Todd
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Advent Worship & Praise with Barry Turnwell
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Advent Worship & Praise
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Christmas Praise & Carols with Revd. Crawford Logan
24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY Candlelight Carols with Revd. Crawford Logan
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	CHRISTMAS DAY UNITED PRAISE @ Little Common Methodist Church with Revd. Crawford Logan
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	NEW YEAR's EVE Worship with Revd. Philip Wagstaff

**January 2023:**

7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Café Worship with Alan Hurrell
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	United Covenant Service with St. Mary's Parish Church led by Revd. Jonathan Todd & Revd. Paul Frostick
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Charmaine Hill
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Reflection with Deacon Jean

**Other Events:**

1/8/15/22 Dec & Jan. Fridays 10.00-11.30 Community Café including

1 Dec / Jan 5 10.00-11.30 Book exchange in Hall.

13 Dec 2.30-4.00pm Christian Womens Fellowship.

**31 Jan 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church**

We are pleased to share our programme of services & activities for Christmas-time & January. Do come along whenever you can.

We look forward to our Christmas Eve Candlelight service when we will have lots of Christmas songs & praise with Reverend Crawford.

From early December our Christmas Tree will be decorated outside of our Hall. We invite you to tie any Remembrance 'Lights of love' stars onto the Tree.

**We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas & New Year.**

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

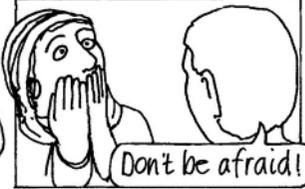
It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 1: 26-56 & Matthew 1: 18-25

In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary, was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.

In one year we will complete our wedding



Then God's messenger angel came to see Mary.



Don't be afraid!

You will have God's baby, and call him Jesus, 'God saves,' because he will save people



from what they do wrong.

How can this happen?



With God, nothing is impossible

Your cousin Elizabeth, who couldn't have children, is now 6 months pregnant.



Mary visited Elizabeth.



When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he was very upset



This will bring shame on me and my family.



He always did what was right so he decided to end their marriage, but quietly.



But the angel came to him in a dream.



Don't be afraid to marry Mary. The baby is God's, and you will call him Jesus.



So Joseph and Mary completed their marriage.



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