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News



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Ninfield & Hove

July 2023

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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
2 nd July	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
9 th July	5.00 p.m. Confirmation	No Service
16 th July	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
23 rd July	No Service	11.00 Joint Parish Eucharist with the Methodists
30 th July	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist

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

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

PARISH NEWS

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This publication is produced and distributed by Members of both Parish Churches.

Dear Friends,

Most of us have our favourite songs. I don't mean the timeless hymns or modern worship songs but the kind of songs that we grew up with – pop songs. There is something great about these pop songs. Some of them make you tap your fingers on the steering wheel while you drive. The joyful rhythm, beat and melody will always take you to a different world.

There are some great songs with wonderful lyrics. Their words speak to your soul so you find some kind of comfort and solace in them. When the melody and lyrics are outstanding, they become world class and enjoyed by many people all over the world, making them a timeless classic. One such song for me is ***Imagine*** by John Lennon. It was the song that was used at the launch of this years Rotary theme back in February last year as the theme has been Imagine Rotary! Imagination can take into many places. Maybe we need to use imagination to see where the church of today should be heading? Walt Disney said "If you dream it, you can do it". There is a ride in Epcot in Disney World Florida called Figment of Imagination. Like all Disney Rides there is an infuriating song played throughout the ride. This one said "We all have sparks, imaginations, That's how our mind creates creations, For they can make our wildest dreams come true, those magic sparks in me and you." Perhaps in the church we need to rekindle those sparks. We need to adjust to the new situations we find ourselves in. I am reminded of the re-wording of the words to Onward Christian Soldiers that was changed to Like a mighty tortoise moves the church of God, we have always trodden where we've always trod!!! We need to remember that from a spark comes a flame, from a flame comes a fire!

Whether or not we are aware of it, the church has been using verses from secular songs from its early years. I suppose St Paul has used secular songs more often than any other writer. When addressing men of Athens he quoted a line from a Cretan prophet and poet called Epimenides: '***For in him we live and move and have our being.***'

The secular world has so much to teach us. There is nothing wrong in using the truths and meaningful sentiments from popular songs. The words of Lennon's song Imagine has much to teach us. Paul employed this method to reach out to the pagan masses in terms familiar to them. Our country is predominantly secular. To effectively reach out to the masses, the approach of the church should be open minded and relevant to the situation we find ourselves in. Again, quoting Walt Disney, he said "1st think, 2nd Believe, 3rd Dream and finally Dare! We need at times to Dare, to take risks, which

is something we are not good at! Mary Poppins said “Open different doors, you may find a you there you never knew was yours! Anything can happen. With the power of the Holy Spirit anything is possible.
Paul

ADVANCE DATE: There will be a further organ concert in St Mary’s Ninfield after the joint morning service on Sunday 10th September at 11.45 after we have had refreshments. The last one was a great success, and we look forward to hearing the tremendous rich sound that comes from our traditional organ, particularly at the hands of our organist Paul Abnett.
Paul

A prayer for July

Loving Father,

July brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don’t know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid. Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And please Lord, show us how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

As you know the congregation at St Mary’s has been struggling with numbers for some time.

Following a meeting of the PCC it was decided to take the sad decision to reduce the services at St Mary’s to once a fortnight, on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

This will be from 1st June and the list of services appear in the Parish News and on the St Mary’s Web Site.

Paul

News from St Oswald's

Not a lot to report this month except the improved lighting that will be installed inside the church by means of additional spotlights on the roof beams at the beginning of July. This will make reading the hymn books and Carol Sheets much easier in the winter and evenings.

We are cracking on with plans for new toilet with our architect currently working on the detailed specification.

The Garden Party looms closer so we are all focusing on that at present when we hope there will be lots of fun and stalls to suit everyone's tastes.

Our next PCC meeting is on July 11th when the Acting Archdeacon hopefully will be able to tell us what plans the Diocese has for St. Mary's and St. Oswald's, when Rev. Paul Frostick retires in two years time.

We are also currently considering the capacity of the churchyard in terms of space for burials.

From the Visitors Book

06.06.23 "Grandparents married here 1895 lived at Green Farm" HB
Canada.

06.06.23 "Serenity" J. and M. A.

St Mary's Parish Church

Funeral of Derek Savage 19th May 2023

Marriage of Benedict Barelis and Charlotte Walker on 26th May

*from the
Parish Records*

Join us at
St Oswald's Church

for the following events

'Easy on the Ears Music'

A Concert featuring
Hannah Latty and Friends

Thursday June 29th 7pm

£5 on the door - £2.50 under 16s

The Annual Garden Party

Saturday July 8th

from 12 noon.

Featuring: Hooe Village Band.
BBQ, Raffle, Tombola, Plants, Nearly New,
Sideshow, Cakes, Teas, Bell Tower tours.

Parking in the field

Contact: Janet 845087 Jack 892576

Editors comments Hope you are all enjoying the lovely sunshine we've been having and now at last some rain to help all the weeds grow! Plus hopefully the flowers and veg plants! And that was some thunder storm early Sunday morning! And on the subject of loud noise, did you all hear and see the three hurricane bombers saying farewell at a height of about 650ft, amazing!

As always July looks to be a busy month, St. Oswald's Garden Fete, Ninfield's Summer Fete, walks, cream teas, outings as well as all the regular events. All of these events need our support, both by us attending and by volunteering to help, Please, if you can, go along and get involved, great way to meet new people and have some fun along the way,

Nicki & Carol



**Closing date for items for the
COMBINED AUGUST & SEPTEMBER issue
of the Parish News**

**Is MONDAY 11TH JULY please send to
ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

**The printers will be closing for the school holidays and if it is
not in on time printing will be done in September!**

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.

Community Garden

Work is still continuing on the community garden. The bench is finished and in the garden and looks fantastic. Thank you to the Wellbeing Group for their support.

Half Day Closure

We are closed from 12.30pm on Thursday 6th July for staff training. We will reopen Friday 7th July at 8am. If you need a doctor urgently please call 111.

Opening Hours

Please be advised our new opening times are 8am – 12.45pm and 2pm – 6pm.

July Diary

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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
	6.45 Dancersize	2.00 Art Group
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	

Ninfield Horticultural Society

Our Summer visit to Herstmonceux Castle Gardens, postponed from 2020 has finally taken place - and it was well worth the wait. The 12th June was a lovely sunny day and the head gardener so enthusiastic about the work in the garden that we were all captivated. I never realised just how many different elements there were to the grounds and am now planning our my own stumpery after seeing the Magic Garden. I would certainly recommend a visit - and the cream tea!.

I hope you have all enjoyed the hot June weather, although it has meant getting out early in the garden or allotment before it gets too hot. And the water butts are looking a little depleted. The roses around the village have been fantastic and the gardens all looking very lush so I have high hopes for entries to our Summer Show on 19th August. We are in need of helpers for the Friday night to set-up tables and on the Saturday afternoon to break everything down. It would only be an hour on each day, but some of our committee members (as much as they don't want to admit it) shouldn't be moving tables around! If you can help, please email me k.crittell@btinternet.com or you can call me on 01424 892883 or 07707 683187.

What about your entries for the show? As the saying goes 'you've got to be in it to win it' so why not have a go. I can email out schedules and entry forms or print them out for you. Honestly, there are a huge number and variety of classes - from decorative dahlias to longest runner bean. Roses to sweet scones. Something to suit everyone.

Regular updates will be posted through the Village Voice and Ninfield Community Page

DEREK JOHN SAVAGE

Janet, Helen, Robert and Family would like to thank all the kind people who attended Derek's Funeral on 19th May 2023. Also our grateful thanks to Ninfield Bonfire Drummers who escorted him down Church Lane and into the Church: we know he would have loved that.

We are sorry we did not get to thank you all in person on the day.

Thanks also for the many cards and lovely messages we have received since we have lost Derek, it is very comforting to know how liked and respected he was in Ninfield.

Janet, Helen and Rob

Ninfield Health and Well-being Group

Ninfield Village Society

The Health and Well-being group is affiliated to the Ninfield Village Society whose volunteers have been managing and maintaining Church Wood since it was gifted to the village some 27 years ago. Visitors are most welcome to use and enjoy all the well-being benefits that this beautiful small area of ancient wet woodland, now a designated Local Nature Reserve, offers. Contact: Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

In the Memorial Hall 1st Floor Room every Friday from 10.30 to 12.30. £5 per session. Contact Jane: 01424 892428.

Dark Skies

The aim of this group is to expand on the mapping of dark skies in various locations around the village, increase our knowledge of the stars and understand the impact moon cycles and artificial light can have on wildlife. It is about involving residents in appreciating and understanding the "darkness" in our village. Contact: Kaye Crittall on 01424 892883

Men's Shed

In Sparke Pavilion at 10 am on the last Thursday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over coffee! Free. Just come along or contact: Dave on 01424 892883.

Musical Matinee Film

Here are the details of the rest of the films for 2023. As you will see there is a mixture of 'ancient and modern'. We do hope you will come and join us for a relaxed, friendly afternoon. Everyone welcome, whatever age.

The afternoons are dementia friendly and subtitles are used for those with hearing loss. The screening and refreshments are free. Doors open at 1.30 and films start at 2.00 with time to chat over tea and cake. To ensure there is enough cake, contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com.

Friday 22 September: Gigi.

Friday 24 November La La Land.

The group is thinking of offering more films from later this year. The idea is to show vintage films, e.g. classic comedies alternating with the Musical Matinees. Martyn Stephens has volunteered to host these afternoons, but we could do with at least one volunteer to join him. This would be a commitment to a maximum of four or five afternoons a year starting this Autumn. If you are interested, please contact me -Jackie Langley as above.

Book Exchange/Community Cafe

This will continue as usual in June and July, but after the Book Café on Friday 4th August will close for the rest of that month, re-opening with Book Cafe on 1st September.

For further information please contact David dj_swales@hotmail.com or 892248.

Health Walks

As you may know the Ninfield health walk is run as part of our local health and wellbeing group activities. We run a weekly health walk **every Thursday** leaving Sparke pavilion, on the recreation ground, off Church Lane, at 11.00 am.

These walks are run as part of the “East Sussex Health Walks” scheme and each is lead by a trained volunteer leader. Ours lasts for approximately one hour at a gentle strolling pace to accommodate slower walkers, are free and friendly with no need to book in advance. Dogs on a short lead are allowed.

Unfortunately , during the last few months, we have noticed a large drop in the number of walkers turning up and we would really like to get back to our pre-covid levels. If necessary the walk leader will try to match the route to suit the requirements of that days walkers e.g. no stiles.

The health benefits to both mind and body of walking outdoors are well known so if you are returning previous walker or just someone who has been thinking about joining us please give it a try, you will be made most welcome.

For information contact: Robin Goldsmith 01424 892778

Dark Skies

We are not formally meeting in July and August as it just isn't dark enough, but we do hope to continue with the bat survey and would be interested in hearing about any sightings of bats in the village.

VILLAGE SOCIETY

As I write this I have just returned from a busy Wednesday morning in Church Wood, the sun beating down on us and the soil parched making our work hard but in a totally different way from a few weeks ago ! Then it was torrential rain and streams where there were paths, now all has dried up and we are able to press ahead with renewing the fencing around Church Wood. Older residents may recall that the wood was given to Ninfield village on condition that it should be fenced off to prevent neighbouring livestock from “visiting” and the existing fence has lasted quite well with periodic attention and repair. However, a major update was now required and, to date, we have replaced nearly one hundred chestnut stakes and installed several hundred metres of new barbed wire.

In addition we have been busy creating the Community Garden adjacent to the Doctors Surgery on behalf of Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group and hopefully this will be completed by the end of June.

Finally I should like to record our gratitude to Ninfield Bonfire Society for their recent donation to our funds. This will be spent on equipment and repairs around the village.

THE NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

"The Ninfield Local History Group have a varied and interesting programme of talks planned for the rest of this year. Membership subscriptions are now due so if you wish to renew or join up please contact Corinne Gibbons (892612) or visit our website at <https://ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk>. Membership gives you discounted entry to the meetings (£1 vs £4) and a bi-monthly newsletter.

On Thursday 13th July Robin Goldsmith will be talking about the Royal Observer Corps in East Sussex. Robin was part of this organisation and will draw on personal experiences. The ROC operated right up to the end of 1995 and was an important part of the UK defence strategy. In August the group are planning a visit to Newhaven Fort (call John Cheshire on 892248 for details) and on Thursday 14th September we welcome Peter Harrison who will be speaking about the History of Pevensey. All meetings are in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Ninfield and start promptly at 7.30pm. Free refreshments are provided.

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

With summer 2023 established and gardens a riot of variety and colour there is every reason to be having a go at a flower arrangement - with or without floral foam! Not sure where to start? Then come along to our workshop on Thursday 22nd June, 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. This month we will be creating individual floral tapestries using floral foam and which can include your own flowers, foliage, moss, seed-heads, such as poppy etc. A friendly, informal evening with a lovely arrangement to take home.

On Monday July 3rd our demonstrator will be Angela Woodley from London & Overseas Area, with her title "Gardeners Galore". Refreshments 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Raffle, sales table. Visitors £5.

Look out for our floral competition at Ninfield Carnival on July 15th. This year's theme is "Villains" and members will create arrangements depicting specific Villains for visitors to guess who they may be. We do give you a helping hand in the form of a printed list but it's always good for a laugh and a bit of fun. Money raised goes to the carnival fund.

Looking ahead to our meeting on August 7th this will be an in-house evening when several members entertain us with demonstrations. Our title is "A Summer Evening". We look forward to enjoying the many, maybe hidden, talents of some of our members.

NINFIELD STOOLBALL

We've played 3 matches now and are steadily building momentum! Training is very well attended and we have a beautiful new kit!

We are able to offer junior membership for free which included a tshirt and training once a week. Juniors meet at 5.30 with a 6.30 start for everyone else. That's unless we have an away match. We welcome anyone to come and watch or have a go

Contact Emma Kehoe 07565010647

Swim? If a lot of swimming is so good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

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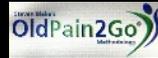
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Secretary: Elaine Bloor

If you would like to receive news and regular updates about our forthcoming events
[please email us your contact details](#)

HVCG exists to Encourage, Promote and Support Village activities and charitable works



Community Footpath Walk and Cream Tea Saturday 15th July

In response to many requests we have organised a Community Footpath Walk and Cream Tea to take place on Saturday 15th July. This event is divided into 2. For those who wish to walk and for those who prefer to just partake of afternoon tea. Of course – many will wish to do both!

Footpath Walk – No charge Led by Gary

- Meet outside the village hall for a 1.00pm prompt start
- Well behaved dogs welcome, but only if they are accompanied by responsible owners
- The walk will last no longer than 2 hours.
- This is a friendly, community walk not a route match!
- The walk will finish at Elizabethan Cottages

Cream Tea

- This is being held in the Durman's beautiful garden.
- Teas served from 3.00pm

- Delicious homemade cakes and scones available
- Cost £5.00 per person
- Spend a relaxed afternoon with friends, old and new
- We have been promised off street parking which will be available during the afternoon

We look forward to welcoming you!

Charitable giving and future events

Thank you so much for the suggestions for charities we could consider supporting and events you would like us to organise for you to enjoy.

Our Diary of future Events

July 8th – HVCG will be assisting at the Church Annual Garden Party which promises to be even better than usual this year

July 15th – **Community Walk and Cream Tea** – as previously mentioned

July 23rd – **Boot Fair**

August 12th – The Red Lion Is staging HooeFest, so rather than compete we have decided not to hold out monthly coffee morning in August

September 9th – we give way to another annual charity coffee morning organised by a Hooe Family

October 14th – Coffee Morning

November 18th – Coffee Morning

December 16th – Coffee Morning

These three coffee mornings will be ‘themed’ Details well before the dates

Other events which are still in the planning stage include:

Beetle Drive: Dinner: Musical Evening *and more*

Hooe Village Community Group working together for the good of everyone

Puppy - I arrived home from work to find all the windows and doors wide open. Apparently, our new puppy had had an accident. “Yeah, it was awful,” my daughter told me. “In fact, when we first walked in, I thought you had come home early and were cooking dinner.”



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VACANCY Delivering the Parish News!

Sadly Diane has decided to retire from her round which she has done for many many years, so a big THANKYOU to her

The round is for 16 copies from Hollis Street Farm down towards Skinner's Sheds

Any volunteers please call Carol on 893326 and leave a message please

RECREATION GROUND SATURDAY 15th July

VILLAGE MARKET!

The market stalls will be on the Recreation Ground

From 11.00

As part of the Carnival Village Fete

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

Our Summer Outing was a great success. We started with a very interesting guided tour of Athelas Plants in Hooe followed by a light tea at Hope Cottage. It was very hot but the staff at Athelas were so considerate by trying to avoid the really hot areas and supplying us with water at the beginning and again half way round. We learned a lot about plants and especially those that are not really expected to thrive in this country but will with the proper care. The tea was excellent at Hope Cottage and we were given a choice of various cakes or a scone with jam and cream. The staff are so efficient and friendly. We were joined by two husbands (which is why it is called an Open Group) will they come again I wonder?



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Our next meeting is on Friday 14th July at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield when Barbara Harris will be giving us a talk about plants and her garden.

Nicki & Heather



NINFIELD OPEN GARDENS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE was a great success, the sun shone for us and the gardens looked great, being late May after the weird weather we have had, our garden in particular did not look great, but then all the people who visited probably had similar problems! St. Michael's volunteers set up their tea and other stalls at Elm Cottage and also had two musicians to entertain while visitors enjoyed a cup of tea and slice of cake. Plants for the plant stall were donated by local residents, Athelas Plants and Boreham Mill Nursery, and overall the four gardens raised over £2,400 for the Hospice so THANKYOU to everyone who supported us.

NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

We regularly meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, **Working Men's club**. New and old members are very welcome to pop in and say hello.

We are teaming up with Ninfield Carnival for the following events:

- **'Battle of The Bands', Friday 14th July - Ninfield Carnival Weekend** NBS will be hosting the Friday night to include a BAR, BBQ and BANDS. There will be upcoming local Bands and Solo acts playing throughout the evening to showcase their musical talent. There will be a vote at the end of the 'Battle' and whoever gets the most votes will win the £250 prize money. Come along and support this local Live Music event. We will then party into the evening with the 90's band, 'Large'! If you would like to play at this event then please phone or email us below.

'Ninfield Carnival Fete' Saturday 15th July, we will be running a stall, games and a merchandise table. Come and see us and have a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! We will also be running the extremely competitive and life-size, 'Subbuteo Football' game. So bring your teams and your 'shin-pads'!

Michaelmas Festival returns to Ninfield on Saturday 23rd September. This will be a joint event with Ninfield Carnival and Rev Paul Frostick of St. Mary's Church, on Church Lane, Ninfield

There will be lots of information coming on all of these events, so keep an eye on Social Media, the Village shop and posters for updates.

The Bonfire night, torch lead procession, effigy and fireworks display that we put on for our Community, costs in the region of £10,000.

It is a free event for the local Community. So if you've enjoyed Bonfire night last year in the village, then why not support Ninfield Bonfire by joining as a member? Join online, at one of our meetings or visit us at one of the monthly Ninfield Village Markets to pay your membership.

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 or Sarah on 07809684488.

**NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks Display
21st October 2023**

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Remember, Remember the 5th of November

Church School Test

For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results...

- In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pairs.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.
- Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
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News, Reviews and Revues!! from Sami Guard

'An Evening with Sami Un-Guarded... '

Wow! : Well that was a bit good! So amazed that, even though the numbers were a few down on last year, the audience were brilliant on Saturday 27th May for the Show at the Memorial Hall. Everyone loved the food...Phew!..and were thoroughly entertained by the film clips, music and stories (some a little risqué!) from my years in the Entertainment industry. Lots of laughter, lots of gasps, and more than a few requests for Part 3 next year....! Hang on, let me recover first! Huge thanks to Debbie Sweetman for running the kitchen, and to Christine, Jan and Sarah for putting tables, decorations and lights up, and then down. - The Hall looked stunning- back to a wonderful Dinner Theatre again, tables bedecked with light bottles and sparkling cutlery, and fairy lights all round the space, with long, hanging, swagged nets dividing the room off from the Kitchen and Bar - just beautiful, and everyone commented on it! Also, big thanks to Robin, aided and abetted by Angie and Rachel, working the Bar! After all the food and bar costs, Hall hire charges and licence expenditure, I'm really pleased to have donated £150 from the Raffle, to Lost Chord Charity - who provide Music in all different formats to Care homes for people living with Dementia- a cause so close to my heart. Thanks very much to everyone who came and made such an enjoyable evening...We had a blast!

Just a note here., regarding YOUR Ninfield Village Memorial Hall... PLEASE remember that, apart from all the classes, meetings, parties etc, the Hall CAN do all sorts of things .. it can turn into the most fabulous Dinner Theatre, with sparkling lights throughout the Hall, and the stage and kitchen in full force- giving up to 100 people a REAL West End experience; it can be your Quiz venue, it can be your Picture House, your Gallery, your local Cinema, even with a singalong screening with full dress-up and themed food. And don't forget the more serious side- the venue can relay national or global events on the big screen- bringing communities together. We can always provide a Bar, and food etc. Or there's the use of the facilities as a viable Conference centre, linking up with venues nationwide if necessary. And - to add to all these guises, for us in the Village - remember, the Hall is your base for any emergency, it is the centre for the Parish Emergency Plan and will accommodate all who need refuge in any local disaster. It's a fabulous venue - Please contact us by email at ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com, or look at the website, and come and see us!

JULY SUMMER SPECIAL!

The Carnival Fête weekend. Friday 14th & Saturday 15th July. on the Rec

Friday 14th July- Ninfield's Music Event, on the Recreation ground - Hosted by Ninfield Bonfire Society. Doors open at 6pm, and tickets are £5 entry on the night. 7-9.30pm - Battle of the Bands, new young, talented bands and solo artists will be competing for a prize pot of £250! To finish the evening the Band - "Large" - will be playing from 10-Midnight, there will be a BBQ and Bar throughout the evening . All details in the Bonfire Society section of this magazine!

Carnival Village Fête;- Saturday 15th July again, on the Rec, Including the Village Market and 'Ninfield's Bake-off' - Hosted by Ninfield Carnival Association.

Market open from 11am, BBQ, Bar, Tea Tent,

Fête attractions from Midday.- Bake off, Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Crafts and Societies stands, China Smash, Coconut Shy, Golf game, Welly Wanging, Children's play area, Fun Dog Show 2.30pm in the Arena approximately, all times are subject to change! Special attractions and other surprises on the day!

Music throughout the day...

12.30 - 2,30pm Geri and the Atrix, fabulous fun local band bringing sunshine, songs and laughter!

5.30pm - HAPPY HOUR at the Bar with a local Jazz pianist to entertain.

7pm - STORMY T AND BLUESMAN'S LANE - we're SO pleased to announce that they will be closing the Weekend's events; this Band were a smash hit at the Blacksmiths Inn on Coronation Saturday night, and we're so lucky to have them play us out, til 10pm.

NB!! The call/plea is now officially OUT for Bottles and Cakes for the 15th July, Tombola Bottles can be dropped off at 3 points in the Village - My House, Curlews, High Street - No, I won't drink them! - Kaye's House - Stepping Stone Cottage, Lower Street and at Sparke Pavilion on Mondays between 11.30am and 12.30pm. And there is a plea for any new helpers who would like to get involved on the day to get in touch- even an hour on a stall, or the Raffle, or Tombola would be SO much appreciated...all help is very gratefully received!

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST is provided by the Carnival committee on Sunday 16th morning, on the Rec., at 11am- FREE - to ALL helpers over the weekend- it's a brilliant tradition, and lots of FUN!!

Please get in touch, and look out for Posters, Banners, posts and notices.

A Heads Up! It's Never too early to let you know about another great joint venture between the Bonfire Society and Carnival Co.!

The Ninfield Michaelmas Fayre! Saturday 23rd September, centred around, inside, and flowing out from our wonderful Village Parish Church - St. Mary's. There will be a full day of events, music, crafts, produce, games - everything you would expect to find at Michaelmas, plus an evening get together afterwards. More details to come, but keep the date free! Rev. Paul Frostick is very pleased to be involved with this event which coincides with his Harvest Festival in the Church the next day, Sunday 24th September.

Next Carnival meetings:

5th July at SPARKE Pavilion 7.45pm

12th July hopefully at the TIN HUT (Working Men's Club) 7.45pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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Saturday 15th June's Evening Market was a great success! The weather could not have been better, - well till about 9.30 when we had a few drops of rain, but by then we were closing down.

We had stalls round the hall, outside the door and running up the track by the three houses selling a lovely variety of foods and other items.

Tables and chairs were set up inside and outside with everyone being entertained to 60s and 70s music from the band while enjoying a glass of something from the bar and supper from the kitchen, we ran out of pulled pork and chilli! Have to say they were tasty!

It was such a fun, relaxed atmosphere, asked if we'll do it again? Yes, but you'll have to wait till next year!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped us set up and clear away afterwards, those who ran the bar and those who cooked, served, prepared and washed up in the kitchen, without all of you this wouldn't have happened!

And thank you to the stall holders for setting up and to everyone who came along, and thank you to the musicians for entertaining us with great music,

See you all next year!!

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Hooe History Society

This month we will follow our normal summer procedure and have a local outing, to the Mint House at Pevensy. There is an ongoing project by a group of dedicated, knowledgeable volunteers (Friends of the Mint House) to investigate, purchase and restore this lovely old building opposite the entrance to Pevensy castle and we have been invited to go along and hear about their progress in these early stages. Built sometime around 1530 it is said to be a fine Tudor building in marvellously unspoilt condition. We will meet in the car park behind the pub car park on Saturday 22nd July but the time is yet to be determined although it will probably be in the afternoon. There will be a small charge for those who are not Hooe History Society members as HHS will make a donation to this project in recognition of their work. We would like an indication of numbers who wish to attend.

DID YOU KNOW...here is the second and final part of my daughter Joanna's essay "Life for a Victorian child in Hooe" as part of her university course. I know several of you have enjoyed reading part one – thank you for your comments which I will pass on. The full text, including charts and statistics can be seen on the John Newport website on Hooe by typing in the following address in your internet browser, http://www.jwnewport.co.uk/HStory/A007/712_victorianchild.htm

...Looking at some of the statistics it is shocking to see the proportion of children between 0 and 16 working. Many of these were probably school leavers over 13 years old, however this is still a strikingly low age for children to be expected to work. These figures are probably an underestimate. Considering the attendance of the school was approximately 100 for the earlier part of Victoria's reign this would mean that many parents lied on the census and were sending their children to work rather than attend school. A good proportion of these children would also have worked in the 'holiday' period between school and this would not have been mentioned on the census. It is also interesting to note that even after the introduction of the EEA 1870 the proportion of children in work did not significantly decrease. This is an indicator of the difficulty for families to survive during that time. The jobs that the children were expected to do were mainly agricultural, however some of the poorest families often sent their children to live with a wealthier family so they could work as servants. Even though restrictions were made regarding child labour during the latter part of the 19th century it would have been difficult to enforce these rules in a remote village such as Hooe. One law made in 1868 made it illegal for any child under 8 to be employed in a gang of farm workers.

It appears from Hooe records that the workhouse made under the Poor Act was removed from Hooe before Queen Victoria's reign. Between 1830 and 1833 £3000 was spent on the paupers so in 1833 those who lived in the workhouse were shipped off America and given a small amount of money. The poor rate was still used, and many of the paupers were given work on the land. One would think that children in the countryside had a better life than those in the towns and cities, however, they still had to deal with the unpleasant weather, awful working conditions and poor sanitation of hard outdoor labour.

Disease and death

Between 1841 and 1901 the average population in Hooe was 497. Until the latter part of the century approximately half of these were children. This was probably because the families in Hooe expected many of their children to die through disease or work related accidents. Alternatively there could have been lack of education regarding contraception. Statistics indicate that in the earlier part of the Victorian period the deaths of 0-16 year olds each year almost equals the number of deaths of the adults. Due to cramped living spaces and poor sanitation infectious diseases could spread easily amongst families. It wasn't unusual for multiple children to die in one family. Towards the end of the century there was a Medical Officer at the school who would have been able to identify and treat these diseases more. This may account for the drop in the numbers of deaths of the children in the latter part of the century.

Children under 3 years old were most likely to die from disease. At this age children are more susceptible to infection as their immune systems are not fully developed. Few vaccines was another possible cause of these high death rates.

There was no village doctor; only a doctor who served Hooe and other surrounding villages and towns. Therefore, if a child became ill there would be no medication at close hand which could cure them until the doctor was able to see them. The main way that infection was dealt with was to isolate the infected person and decontaminate their belongings. The school was fumigated with sulphur a few times due to outbreaks of different infections. Some of the epidemics are mentioned in the school logbook. It's hard to believe that there were no infectious diseases among the children between 1876 and 1886 and also between 1893 and 1897, however it may be that they simply were not recorded as they didn't know what the diseases were. In around 1887 a Medical Officer becomes a lot more involved with the school therefore diseases are identified much more often giving the children

a better chance of survival. For a lot of the winter months children were also recorded as being away due to heavy colds. This is possibly what would now be recognised as pneumonia. Interestingly, smallpox still caused a great number of deaths despite there being a vaccination. It may be that the vaccine had not yet reached all of the poor families by that time.

Summary

Children living in the Victorian period in Hooe certainly did not have an easy time. The lives of many of the poorer children would have been similar to that of the adults as they would have had to work hard to earn money for their families. Older children who had a strong sense of their own values would have been conscientious that education was taking away their ability to contribute to their families' economy. Education was certainly not valued as highly as paid work since the majority of children would not use the education they gained to go on to study at college or university. In essence the poor families remained in a poverty trap. Infection and death was prevalent among children, especially the younger children. Poor living and work conditions would have contributed significantly to these statistics.

Peter Hayward.

HOPE THAT WENT WELL

I have just had two alarming thoughts, the first is that we actually have only two months of summer left and the second is the concert will be over by the time this is printed.

I have always considered summer to be too short, June often being the best month and we will see how that went. July can be as nice as August can be horrid. If we are lucky we get two months of Spring and two of Autumn, the rest is winter. There are states in America which are potentially only snow free for two months!

The concert is booked, there seems little more for me to do. That's the worry, is there more I should be doing. It must be a tremendous worry to have the responsibility for organising large events, for organisations that measure success in financial terms. Releasing thousands of game birds into the wild and then keeping them there despite their desire to roam, is a tad worrying. The boss I'm sure saw things in a financial light. So when things didn't go exactly to plan, he of course is entitled to his opinion, but decided not to say much to an angry, armed, game keeper!

In my dotage I seem to be watching too much television and spend a lot of time finding out facts that are not really relevant. I was watching this

pleasant young man metal detecting some of the old homesteads in America. He was overjoyed to find items from the late 1700's. For him that was an old find. Just one look at the board giving the names of clergy from Hooe Church will show a direct line from about 1360.

Whether you attend the services or not the doors are always open and anybody is welcome. A Church is a rock that gives to its community through out the passage of time. That, I am sure, is why I broke the first rule in Lincolnshire life; don't even join two pieces of string. There is a need in today's world to protect our Churches.

Now mercifully back to things I understand a bit better. I have not seen a mole hill in the Church grounds. This year I fear they all drowned in the constant heavy rain this winter gave us. If they are forced above ground they are easy pray. Last year there were so many mole hills they were pushing soil onto the paths.

I did hear a Chiffchaff, which was nice. They were there all the time its just I find their high register call hard to hear. Probably this little bird was gifted with a deeper call and perhaps that's why I heard it. The joy of man, small bird and tobacco in perfect harmony ended with the first salvo from the bells.

I was very kindly given a book to help in the ongoing task to identify the plants we share space with. One in particular was vexing me. Well it has been identified as a Greater Celandine. Its odd that it was not even mentioned in my old books. It was actually grown in past times as a remedy for warts. If you have such a problem I can show you where it is! There is a link with warts and witches so perhaps I should hand up one of my pebbles with a natural hole in it. They are a sure fire way to keep witches out. Well I did say I watched to much odd stuff on the telly.

AT

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Worms Eye View

The sun is shining but oh dear the wind is blowing hard and it is a cold wind so no sitting in the garden for me. But I would feel guilty if I do lounge out there, so many weeds are turning their heads and looking at me, that I must start dealing with them.

Having recently seen a rainbow, I thought about several saying concerning rainbows. If you are every lucky to see a triple rainbow it is said that you will have luck and riches later in life. A rainbow that forms over a house is said to be a sign of death. You should never point at a rainbow or you will have bad luck, To eliminate bad luck 'cross out' any rainbow you see by making a cross on the ground with twigs or pieces of straw. When you see a rainbow make a wish, it may come true!

Although hares keep themselves aloof, we do see them sometimes on the marshes and there are several beliefs about hares: It is said that witches disguise themselves as hares so that they can milk cattle undetected. If a fisherman sees a hare on the way to his boat, he will turn tail and go home and the same is true for a miner on his way to the pit. A hare's paw carried in a right hand pocket is a lucky charm and will ward off rheumatism.

Now mind you watch out for the weather on St. Swithins' day 15th July, as it is said if St. Swithins ye be fair, forty days 'twill rain no more'. St Swithins' ay is often associated with the health of the apple crop and rain on that day which is said to be 'christening the apples' it is also regarded as a turning point in the ripening of the crop for 'until St. Swithins be past the apples be not fit to taste'.

Enjoy the summer

Anne

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Ninfield Education

The school was started by the Rev John Phillips (double “ll” and not as with a single “l” in the framed List of Incumbents of Ninfield displayed in the Church!) after raising funds and it opened in 1853, 170 years ago, just before his death. It was only one room and water had to be brought from a well some distance away. It has subsequently been enlarged, with additional classrooms attached at various times, with the latest much needed extra classrooms only being installed in the last few years.

But education in Ninfield goes back much further! The monks and Parish priests did impart some education and wealthy or noble residents could afford private schoolmasters to educate their sometimes large brood.

But in the Church records it also records, not just the appointment of Vicars, Rectors and Curates but also schoolmasters. Bridge, John 1605, Appt (Licensing) Schoolmaster; Wildeman, John 1632 Appt (Licensing) Schoolmaster; Floute, John 1636, Appt (Licensing) Schoolmaster and Hartsedge, John 1640 Appt (Licensing) Schoolmaster. These are all during the Stuart Kings dynasty, with James I and Charles I. After that the records are “sparse” thanks to Oliver Cromwell and the disruption caused by the Civil Wars until the Glorious Revolution disposed of James II in 1688.

And there’s another connection to James I in the Church (although as the Stuarts all had the same Royal Coat of Arms, it may have been replaced after Charles II returned in 1660) and that is hidden away on the reverse of the Royal Coat of Arms displayed near the List of Incumbents. Royal Coats of Arms were required to be displayed in Churches by Henry VIII after the English Reformation, as a sign that the monarch was the Head of the Church of England.

This carved, gilded, and painted coat of arms, in the church at Ninfield, Sussex, was known to Thomas Willement in 1821. There is a note attached to the rear of the panel displaying the Coat of Arms. It reads: ‘This Coat of Arms of King James the 1st on being removed when Ninfield church was restored in 1885 fell to pieces from decay. The several parts were collected, put together, & restored & replaced in the church on the 24th May 1894. By J. W. M. Ashby. Churchwarden.’ The centre part of the frame looks as if real rope, hardened perhaps with size and thin gesso, and gilded was used.

KR

Water - My friend was working at an amusement park when a couple stopped him. “Excuse me,” said the woman, pointing to a pond. “What is that water made out of?” Bemused, my friend replied, “Two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen.” “See?” she said to her boyfriend. “I told you it wasn’t real.”

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Sunday Services for July 2023

- 2nd 10.30 am Church 'Birthday' Celebration with Rev. Crawford Logan
9th 10.30 am Worship, Praise & Communion with Alan Hurrell
16th 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service with John Troughton
23rd 11.00 am United Service at Hooe Parish Church (see below)
30th 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service Dawn Novis

Events for July 2023:

- 7th 10.00-11.30am Book exchange & Cafe in Hall &
Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Caf 
12th 2.30 – 4.00pm Christian Womens Fellowship
26th 1.30 – 3.30pm Messy Church 'Summer stroll, Treasure hunt
And Picnic'

Our Methodist tradition enjoys a custom that celebrates the Anniversary / 'Birthday' of its churches each year. On July 2nd our minister will lead our Worship celebration for the 152nd birthday. Many of you will know that our roots are linked with the Christian Mission as Catherine Booth (wife of William Booth – founder of the Salvation Army) laid our foundation stone on the 6th July 1871. Do come along & enjoy this special event.

Community caf  continues to be very popular on Fridays weekly so any of the 'helpers' will be pleased to see you.

We look forward to uniting with St. Oswald's Hooe for our service in Hooe on July 23rd at 11.00am. Reverends' Paul Frostick & Crawford Logan will lead the worship. (There will not be a service at Ninfield Methodist on this date).

Messy Church in July will be during the school summer holidays & will take place outdoors from 1.30-3.30pm. It will include a summer stroll, Treasure hunt & please remember to come with a Bring & Share picnic. All welcome

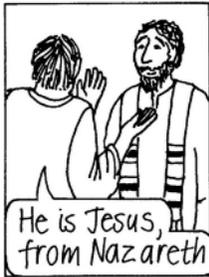
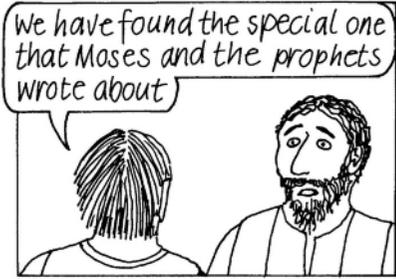
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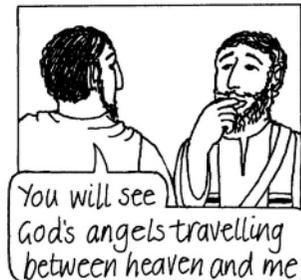
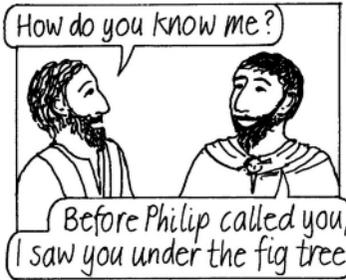
A short story from the Bible

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After Jesus had called Peter and Andrew to be his disciples, he went to find their friend Philip...



Background: the ancestor of the Israelites was Jacob, whose name meant 'Grasper' or 'Cheat'; and who cheated his father and brother. God gave him a new start and a new name - Israel - 'Prince of God'. Gen 25, 27, 32



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