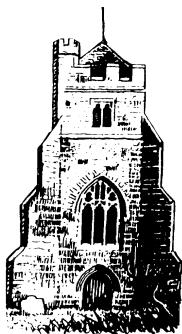


# The Parish



## News

News from the Churches,  
Clubs, groups, societies  
& residents of  
Ninfield & Hooe

March 23

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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 Parish Eucharist	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](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

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**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH** please send to  
**ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

Dear Friends,

As I write to you this month the days are gradually getting longer bringing, I hope, signs of brighter times ahead. It means also that we are now well into the season of Lent where we reflect on Jesus' time in the wilderness and our own journey there of change and transformation. Jesus in his teaching uses the image of a seed to help us understand that journey of change and transformation, and it seems rather apt as the bulbs continue to emerge around us.

**Seeds Need a Rich Environment** to grow otherwise they sprout, but quickly die.

Seeds require a rich, healthy environment in which to grow, and this applies to the environment in which we grow too. We need comfort and security, challenge and inspiration, learning and service otherwise our growth is reduced or worse halted. We can create an environment for our spiritual growth in Lent through prayer, study, worship, fellowship, and service.

**Seeds Can't Be Rushed.** Seeds require the amount of time to grow that they need. In God's plan, the time things take is the right time. We, however, get impatient. There is pressure on us to rush through everything. We live in an 'instant' age. Seeds teach us that we need to learn to wait, to develop patience and that Lent is a process of seed-like growth. Patience in the Lenten wilderness is the key factor.

**All Seeds Grow at Different Rates.** Plant a packet of seeds, and some sprout immediately and grow steadily. Late sprouters can often become early bloomers.

Growth is rarely even, and nothing we do will change this. Where seeds are concerned, we are comfortable with different rates of development. The seed teaches us that to grow in faith in different ways at different times is the only true normal.

**Change Happens in Stages.** A plant grows through distinct stages which measure its well-being at any given time. Our spiritual development progresses through stages as well. Belief and inquiry deepen to devotion and discipleship.

Learning and following can evolve into teaching and leading. Growth within the community of faith matures to a life of service in the world. We will walk through the wilderness moving through stages of faith development as we grow from seed to sapling to fruit-bearing tree.

**Seeds Contain the Past and the Future.** Each seed is the result of previous generations and contains within it all the genetic code for the future. Seeds are filled with the information that yields transformation. Each generation builds upon the last and lays the foundation for the next generation. The

Word of God is the information we contain that holds the power to transform us. Lent is a time when we can give ourselves space for this to happen.

Seeds Have a Purpose Greater Than Themselves. Growth is not the purpose of a seed, but a means to an end. Unless seeds give rise to new seeds, they fail to fulfil their purpose. Transformation never happens for its own sake. Change happens to lead us to a new place. Growth occurs that we might not only know more, but that we might do more. Seeds are judged on the fruit that they bear.

We should never content ourselves with growing in our knowledge and love of God. Growth that fails to lead to a change in behaviour is not healthy. We grow for a reason, and that reason is something much larger than any individual's needs.

So enjoy your Lenten journey this year - and remember the seed - so that you can arrive at Easter Day changed and transformed through an encounter with God.

Paul

## **Confirmation**

There will be a confirmation service in St Mary's, Ninfield on **Sunday**

**9<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.** That Sunday would normally be a joint service at St Mary's, so we are changing the time of the service from 9.30am to 5pm for that day. If anyone is interested in preparing for confirmation, either adults or 'young adults' I would be pleased to hear from you. Don't worry, it's not demanding, and I see it as very much questions and answers rather than simply instruction. We all are on our own spiritual journey and the purpose of this preparation is simply to help you along the way.

Paul

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## **News from St Mary's**

It has been a very traumatic period for St Marys. When we arrived for the Christmas Day service there was no heat. On checking it transpired that the Watchman device which tells us how much oil we have in the tank had failed and the tank was empty. We ordered some oil but at this time of the year demand was so great that this didn't arrive until 14th January. We obtained some electric heaters to give some warmth and went ahead with the service on 1st January.

But as is usual disaster follows disaster and just as we were finishing the service the power failed.

The power was alright in the vestry but the link to the main body of the church had gone. My friendly electrician Derek had a look at it and it transpired that fuse had gone. Unfortunately, because the system is very old, Derek had great difficulty in getting a replacement, eventually finding one in a small DIY shop. He got the electrics going but we then had to wait for the heating engineer to come to bleed the system to get the heating going again. I am pleased to report that the engineer came on 2nd February, got the heating going and also mended the two radiators that weren't working efficiently. So we are now fully functional again and hope very much that nothing further goes wrong.

These setbacks have delayed the organ repairs which should now take place in the next week or so.

Phil Ringrose

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### **A prayer for Lent**

Dear Father in Heaven

In this month, when Lent begins, we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness. The world today can seem like a wilderness. So many difficult, incomprehensible things going on. It is tempting to turn away in horror or denial, tempting to look out for ourselves, tempting to take the easy path, to pay attention to whatever the culture dangles before our eyes.

Lord, please help us. We need your word to guide us. We need your Holy Spirit to fill and strengthen us. Help us to give our attention and our worship only to you.

Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Thank you, Father, for Jesus, who by his death and resurrection, opens the way to you. Help us to renew our trust in him and through him, to walk with you every day.

In his name, Amen

## **News from St Oswald's**

The following items were either discussed or reported on at the recent PCC meeting:

**Bells** The plaque commemorating the legacy has been ordered, is now finished and awaits collection from London.

A large iron cauldron from the churchyard has been donated to the Hooe Parish Council as a planter with the request/suggestion that it be placed somewhere at the church end of the village - for example on the grass triangle at the top of Church Lane.

Reverend Paul and Eileen Frostick are celebrating their Golden Wedding with renewal of vows at a Joint Service with Ninfield in St. Oswald's on Sunday 23rd July 2023.

A resume of monthly expenditure by and for the church has been placed in each pew to give people the opportunity to donate if they wish. The list has been printed on the back of existing cards showing a line drawing of St. Oswald's.

It was decided to work towards producing paddles" listing a few historical facts about the architecture and artefacts in the church for visitors. This is an ongoing project.

The repairs to the exterior stonework on south and west sides of the church are now complete following delays in the autumn due to wet weather holding up work of stonemason. The work was commissioned and overseen by Inspecting Architect, James Ford and carried out by Parker and Sons. Faculties from the Diocese of Chichester are being submitted for (1) Improved lighting in the church and (2) Toilet/tea station extension through north wall (this will also require Planning Permission from Wealden)

The church congregation are aiming to collect 40 items for the Bexhill Foodbank during the 40 days of Lent. All contributions of tinned or dried food are more than welcome and can be left in the church in the white wire basket. The church is open everyday.

It was decided that there was not enough man/woman power to offer the pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday this year due to sickness and holidays.

## **VISITORS BOOK**

27.01.2023    Anna, Berlin,Germany         "Holocaust Memorial Day"  
"Beautiful within and without" "A very peaceful place"  
Janet Pattisson/Jack Rist

## ***March Diary***

		Venue	Page
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Health Walk	Sparke	11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Morning Book Exchange	Methodist	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Musical Matinee	Memorial	10
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open House</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>8/21/29</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flower Group	Memorial	15
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Women's Fellowship	Methodist	33
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival Association Meeting	Working Men's	22
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16 <sup>th</sup>	Health Walk	Sparke	11
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council	Methodist	9
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21 <sup>st</sup>	Village Society AGM	Methodist	9
30 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed	Sparke	10
<b>April</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Spring Show	Memorial	31

So, now, thinking caps on, after a three year break the popular annual

**NINFIELD QUIZ is back, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April,  
doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start.**

£7.50 per person to include a hot supper!

Teams of 6 per table - but if you're a couple or on your own come along  
and make up a table with others!

Bring your own drinks, there will be a Raffle, prize for the winning table £30  
Cash. Call Sami 07970650321 or Carol 01424 893326 or email  
ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com to book your places. See you there!

## **NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk to the Council:

Jackie Scarff 07725 843505 clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

At the December meeting the councillors agreed that they would host an event at the Memorial Hall so that all the clubs and societies in the village could showcase themselves. In recent months residents have highlighted that they don't know what is available in the village and we want to change that.

Come along **Saturday 4th March 2023, 10am – 4pm**. There will be all day refreshments, entertainment, a children's area and the clubs and societies running in the village for residents to join. It will be a great opportunity to meet people involved in the clubs/societies and find out what they do. You might be surprised and find that club/society that you always wanted to join but didn't know existed.

You should now have received your postcard – please come along to this great village event.

**May Elections – District and Parish.** Who would you like to represent you or would you like to represent your District or Village.

Thursday 4th May 2023 sees the Parish and District elections. Have you ever thought about being a councillor, now is the time to find out more. If you would like more details please contact the [clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk) or any of the current councillors. If you are interested in becoming a District Councillor please get in touch with Wealden District Council for more information.

For the first time this May voters will need an accepted form of ID in order to cast their vote. These include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth Passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers licence and some concessionary travel passes such as an older persons bus pass or an Oyster 60 + card (visit the Electoral Commission's website for a full list of accepted ID and more information about this new requirement.. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anybody who doesn't have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free online from Monday 16th January at <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk> or by completing a paper form. If you need any help please contact Wealden on 01882 602407 or [elections@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wealden.gov.uk)

## **Pothole Season.**

Its pothole season and driving around locally there seem to be a lot this year. Please, if you see a pothole report it you can report it online [www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem/roads/pothole-in-road](http://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem/roads/pothole-in-road) or call 0345 6080193, don't assume someone else has already reported it.

Residents are welcome to attend any of the Parish Council meetings and committee meetings. The next meeting will be the Full Council Meeting

Thursday 16th March at 7pm in the Methodist Hall.

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY**

Recent extreme rainfall has made our visits to Church Wood very challenging with trickling streams turned into torrents and previous footpaths becoming streams ! Church Pond was spilling over because the weir had been blocked by leaves and twigs carried on the storm, but fortunately the overflow channel created previously kept over-topping to a minimum. Some footpaths have been badly eroded, including the footpath leading from Church Path to the Wood exposing the hardcore installed several years ago. It is apparent that the paths we were able to cover with road planings have survived the best and so our Society would like to enquire whether anyone knows of excess road planings or small graded hardcore which could be donated to enable us to repair the paths and, to an extent, future proof the the Wood ?

In the meantime, our main thrust when rainfall has permitted has been an audit of the fence surrounding the wood and repairs as needed. We have replaced 25 to 30 chestnut palings with some purchased and some recycled from fallen trees. This work is our immediate priority but if there is a possibility of some hardcore then please let us know and we shall collect if required. Call Roger Saunders on 236920 or Robin Goldsmith on 892778. Other tasks in the near future will be the planting of new trees but I should like to close by inviting you to.....

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM**

**TUESDAY 21ST MARCH, 7pm**

**AT THE METHODIST HALL, CHURCH LANE**

**OUR BUSINESS IS USUALLY QUITE BRIEF, FOLLOWED BY**

**REFRESHMENTS THEN OUR GUEST SPEAKER**

**KIM PARKS WILL BE SPEAKING ON " LOCAL WILDLIFE "**

If you have ever wondered what those old chaps in the woods do each Wednesday, come along to find out !

# 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.

## Book Exchange and Community Café

The Community Café meets in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane on Friday mornings from 10 am to 11.30. Come and enjoy a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. On the first Friday of the month there is also an opportunity to exchange books. Contact: David Swales: 892248 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

## Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

In the Memorial Hall Committee 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 Crittell 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 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. Dpprs Open 1.30 and films start at 2.00

They are dementia friendly and subtitles are used for those with hearing loss. The screening and refreshments are free. Doors open at 1.30 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](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com) It is not too early to book.

Friday 3 March: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes. Friday 16 June: Hairspray.

Friday 22 September: Gigi.

Friday 24 November La La Land.

## **Health Walks**

Meeting at Sparke Pavilion in Church Lane on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour at a gentle pace, please wear suitable footwear for the prevailing conditions. Dogs on short leads are welcome. The walks are part of the Sussex Health Walks and Ramblers Walking for Health Schemes. Contact: Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

## **HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our meeting this month will feature Evan Jones giving a talk on the Natural History of Pevensey Levels. This area of outstanding natural beauty has played an integral part of life in Hooe and Ninfield since the days of the Norman invasion and beyond. Initially a tidal inlet, it has a wide variety of wildlife that may be the equal of anywhere in Britain and I look forward to hearing more about it from Evan. We meet on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in St Oswald's Church. Refreshments will be available, as usual, after the talk.

**DID YOU KNOW...** At our January meeting the speaker, Jonathon Austin, briefly spoke about Sussex brickyards and suggested a book to me – Brickmaking in Sussex by M. Beswick – as I knew there had been one in Hooe. The book contains a wealth of information, some of which forms the following text.

It actually records four sites in Hooe although one of them may be outside the parish boundary. This was a brick kiln shown on the Eastern side of the present day Whydown Road which was shown on a map of 1757 and listed as Upper Kiln Field in the Tithe award of 1839. Map reference TQ 701 104.

The second is listed as North of the Ninfield Road at Hooe Common and is on the site of what used to be Brickyard Farm. It was possibly in operation in 1757 when a kiln was marked in the corner of what was then Lime Kiln Field. A brick kiln was included in the lease of 1815 and the name had changed to Brick Kiln Field in 1839. The brickworks was shown on the map of 1873 but it was disused by 1899. William Rich was the tenant in 1839, Levi Lemmon (of Ninfield) advertised as a brick and tile maker here from 1855 to 1862. Jesse Message was a brickmaker here in 1871 (census) followed by Jesse Honeysett in 1881. The 1891 census records William Catt as a brick maker's labourer living near the Common and the Corrford family living at Brickyard, The Common. John James Newport made reference to this site with sketches and a write up in his book Records of Hooe in the 1930's. It was probably the most significant brick yard in the village. Map reference TQ 694 108.

Our third is listed as brickyard on Kiln Lane although it is the field opposite Kiln Lane at its junction with Green Lane. John Blackman advertised for a tile maker in 1792. He and S. Blackman were tenants of land which included Kiln Field in 1839 and a brick maker called Joseph Foster was living in "Late Blackmans" in the 1851 census. It is not clear when brick making ceased here, but there is no further mention of brick or tile makers in this area in subsequent census reports. Map reference TQ 679 090.

The fourth and last brick kiln to be identified is described as North-West of Holmes Farm. There is little detail other than it was marked on a map of 1810 as Brick Kiln Field and there is also a Marl Pit Field close by. It may have been part of Holmes Farm or possibly that of its neighbour, Longdown Farm. Map reference TQ 699 099.

My view on these brick and tile making yards is that they probably existed to serve the local community rather than exporting the product further afield. It is not clear what quantity and quality of clay was available at each of these sites. Certainly, there are no substantial quarry works at any of them and as the local demand waned and presumably the larger Bexhill site went into production, these local initiatives became obsolete. Peter Hayward.

### **Petition to East Sussex County Council**

Some years ago our Petition to ESCC asking for action to be taken to reduce the volume, weight and speed of vehicles on our rural roads was rejected. The reason given was the problem would diminish once the Link Road was open. It is time to ask for this growing problem to be examined again as the Link Road has made no difference at all.

Please find a moment to sign the petition and to encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same!

We are asking that these concerns are examined: the increasing traffic  
the speed of traffic: the increasing number of heavy vehicles: thoughtless  
and dangerous drivers

We are also campaigning to have the 60mph speed limit on Top Road, Hooe,  
reduced to 40mph

Please support us in our attempt to make our roads safe

If you would like more information, have relevant photos to share or would  
like to help please contact us: Pam and Peter Doodes 01424 892329

# Ninfield Surgery

## Nurse Bev

After 30 years of working and supporting all the staff and patients at Collington and Ninfield Surgeries, our lovely Nurse Bev has decided to retire. Her last day at Ninfield will be the 22nd February.

We know that very many of you will have been looked after by her during the 30 years and have no doubt that you will want to join us in wishing her well for her retirement. As those of you who know Bev, you will not be surprised that the first challenge for her retirement is competing in the London Marathon, which we wish her all the very best with!

## Supplies

We are having difficulties obtaining medication. There is no rhyme nor reason to what is delayed, so would ask our patients to give us the full 7 days to be able to fulfil your requests. Also, Fridays are always our busiest day, so would be grateful if any of our patients are able to collect their prescriptions on other days of the week, that would assist us greatly.

## Community Garden

Thanks to the support from the fabulous Wellbeing Group, we have plans for the bench and tree soon. We are very grateful for their input and hope it will be somewhere the community can sit and have a chat.

We would like to thank our patients for their continued support.

## HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk:** Jane Warrener 07548 528754

**Email:** [Clerk@Hooe-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@Hooe-pc.gov.uk)    **Website:** [www.hooe.pc.gov.uk](http://www.hooe.pc.gov.uk)

The next Hooe Parish Council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the village hall starting at 7pm. All agendas and minutes are available to access from the website.

Hooe Parish Council agreed the annual budget for the forth coming financial year 2023/24 and has agreed a 3% reduction in the precept (council tax) compared with the current financial year.

With the Parish and District elections coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, voters will be required for the first time to provide an accepted form of ID in order to cast their vote. For more information please contact Wealden District Council on 01882 602407 or by email on [elections@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wealden.gov.uk)

Spring is just around the corner and the growing season soon to start, how about taking on an allotment?. Hooe Parish Council has plots available and it is just the right time to get going for the new season. If you are interested, please contact the clerk for further information.

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## **NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP**

We had an excellent attendance at our AGM in February and decisions were made on how to carry the club forward. As always at our AGM we had a small competition and members were asked to create an arrangement in a wine glass for Valentine's day. Nothing else was stipulated and whilst most of the entries displayed red roses several were a little more avant garde! They all looked very attractive and added a stunning burst of colour to the evening.

Our first demonstration of the year will be on Monday March 6th, at the Memorial Hall, 7pm for refreshments and a 7.30pm start. Our demonstrator, Trudy Easton, is from Kent and in 2021 was winner of a gold medal at Chelsea and also received "best in show" for her Medicinal Garden exhibit. The title of her demonstration is "A Walk on the Wild Side" which sounds intriguing and will, I'm sure, be full of fascinating information as well as beautiful flowers. Visitors pay £5 and there will be a raffle as well as our sales table with flower arranging items.

On Saturday March 11th we will hold a Jumble Sale in the Memorial Hall. Saleable items may be delivered to the hall from 9.30am and doors open for selling at 2pm. Entrance is 50p. Refreshments available and also cakes & preserves for sale.

Thursday 23rd March, 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall is the Flower Group's workshop evening. If you would like to find out more about the art of flower arranging do come along and see what we get up to. For further information contact 0796 6659552.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our forthcoming events.

### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

continues to make steady progress.

The Steering Group have agreed the proposed changes in the Plan and the supporting documents, to reflect the comments received in the Regulation 14 consultation that took place in September/October/November last year.

We are putting together some extra supporting statements and when these are completed the Parish Council will be able to sign it off and send it to Wealden District Council for them to conduct the next stage (more information to follow).

It has been a huge amount of work, much of it done during the pandemic and I would like to thank everyone on the Steering Group who helped to get us this far. John Cheshire

## **NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**

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

NBS has a stall at the Ninfield Village Market on Saturday 18th March. Come and see us, have a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! We run tombola and sell a range of NBS clothing and merchandise

To keep this Sussex tradition alive we need to continue raising funds to put on this community event in October and for the second year running, an 'Irish Party Night' is planned. This will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Ninfield Memorial Hall. Shenanigan, the Celtic Party Band will be joining us with a caller to get you all up on your feet and dancing. Doors and the bar will open at 7pm and music from around 8pm. Advance tickets are £12 or £15 on the door. Food will be available and there will be a couple of fundraising games throughout the evening to raise some extra funds so bring those pound coins.

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 enjoyed Bonfire night last year, then why not support Ninfield Bonfire by joining as a member? As a member you need only put in as much time as you can spare, any help is much appreciated. You can join any time of the year, helping at one of our fundraising events, making torches or brushwood faggots for the bonfire or walking with a collection bucket. You can join our own procession as well as others around Sussex that we attend as a society. Join online, at one of our meetings or visit us at one of the monthly Ninfield Village Markets

If you are a local business and would like to become a sponsor of Ninfield Bonfire Society please contact [ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com](mailto: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**

I have been seeing Nurse Bev at the surgery for over four years for blood tests to check my clotting levels, sometimes once a week and occasionally a gap of 4 weeks! It is a nuisance but it is such a pleasure to see Bev as she makes the visit so enjoyable, I think of her as a friend and I hope she agrees. I am going to miss her but I wish her a very happy retirement, good luck with the marathon and have fun with all her other plans. Nicki'

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## Doesn't time fly?

An enthusiastic but small group of Hooe Residents has been organising community events since 2018! Our very first coffee morning, held in February 2018, was so well received we have continued ever since – apart from the period of lockdown.

Over the years our enthusiasm hasn't waned. Our involvement has grown, our energy increased, as has the amount of money we have raised for charity. Our initial aim was to support the scheme for a proposed, much needed replacement Hooe village hall. As charities offering grants almost always expect the amount of their grant to be 'matched' by the applicants own funds our aim was to create a sizeable pot of money which would increase the chances of attracting significant grants, thus providing a great new community centre for the village without significant cost to residents. We thought this a very simple but highly effective way of providing a hall for everyone to enjoy.

## Things do not stay the same

Unfortunately, in early 2022 certain events meant that our original plans were no longer viable. In February 2022 as the situation had changed, we needed to reconsider how any funds raised would be allocated. We agreed that proceeds should be donated to general good causes, but particularly those which would enhance the lives of Hooe residents, encourage further community involvement and, as requested by some residents, respond to urgent national and international appeals.

Thus Hooe Village Community Group was formed, registered, insured, bank account opened and we were ready to go!

This first year has been busy. Not only have we continued with our coffee mornings, with our ever popular Community Library and jigsaw exchange, we also ran a very successful Open Gardens weekend and provided the refreshments for the Hooe Motor Show and a huge Bric a Brac stall in August and a Village Lottery. Our annual litter pick held in the Spring, when we were assisted by 20 plus volunteers was successful resulting in 24 sacks of rubbish collected from the parish. We were also delighted to be able to help at St Oswald's Church Garden Party in July.

Here is a brief outline of our finances during our first year. More details on request.

Income, made up as follows: A Grant, Donations, Coffee Mornings, Open Gardens, Motor Show refreshments, Motor Show Bric a Brac, Summer Lottery  
To help run HVCG we purchased: an Urn for hot drinks, Advertising banners, our insurance cover and Walkie Talkies to ease access to the Church.

Donations: Ukraine £500.00:

St Oswald's Church contribution towards table purchase and their WC fund £1150.00 Hastings RNLI – A washing machine £265.00:

Warming Up the homeless: £250.00 Farming Community Network £250.00 Earthquake Disaster Fund £250.00

.....There is an overlap 2022/2023. We invited people at the February coffee morning to donate to the Earthquake fund and due to their generosity we were able to add their donations of £145.00 and round up, so the total donation sent to the Earthquake Disaster fund is £500.00 Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team will be receiving £250.00 during the next week or two

*Coffee Morning 11th February*



*It was pleasing to welcome nearly 60 people to our coffee morning*



*Anne, assisted by Rachel allows us to borrow as many books and jigsaw puzzles as we like, just bring them back and report missing jigsaw bits!*

## Plans for 2023

### Monthly Coffee Morning:

March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>,

July 8th we will be assisting at the Church Annual Garden Party so no coffee morning

August 12th Supporting The Red Lion – HooeFest, reviving the tradition of a Hooe Michaelmas Fair

September 9th we give way to a charity Coffee morning held annually by a Hooe resident

October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 16th

In addition:

Annual Litter Pick March/April – date to be confirmed

Hooe Parish Footpath walk and BBQ – date to be confirmed

August 6th Refreshments at Hooe Motor Show

Beetle Drive – date to be confirmed

Details of events can be found on our website and Facebook page.

If you have ideas for activities which you would like to see and good causes which we could consider supporting please let us know.

### **Hooe Village Community Group working together for the good of everyone**

### **Editors' Note .....**

In last month's issue, we put in a request for help, as one of our Ninfield distributors felt it was time to give up after delivering for over 12 years! We therefore needed help and were absolutely delighted when we had 5 offers. The first that called is doing the round and the other four have said that they would help out if a round became available, anywhere in Ninfield. We have their details on file (Martin thank you for your offer of help, sorry I didn't get back to you as I miss heard your phone number). Don't forget it is time to pay your £5 subscription as the year now runs from April

We do our best to bring news and articles from around villages and will be at the Open Event at the Memorial Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> March, where it would be really nice to meet some of you, listen to any ideas you might have to improve the Parish News and maybe persuade more people in the area to have a regular copy delivered! You will also get the chance to see what some of the groups who write articles do and meet those who run them! So come along, enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a chat away! *Nicki and Carol*



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## **News, Reviews and Revues - From Sami Guard**

Firstly - the Spring is trying to spring into life, but the sense of drear and fear still pervades; the news around the World is not good, and all our thoughts, goodwill, love and strength are sent to Turkey and Syria, and also still, one year on, to Ukraine. How people are coping, and keeping going is more than incredible.

In our little haven called Ninfield, events and activities are happening and being planned for the next few months; the 'Beating Heart of Ninfield' on Saturday 4th March at the Memorial Hall will be a wonderful opportunity for residents, families, neighbours and friends to come together and find out how much actually goes on in our Village. I'm looking forward to seeing people, with all my different groups/society/clubs 'Hats' on, please say "Hello" - I'll be on the Stage, there's a surprise!

Elsewhere in the Magazine you'll see Quiz Night at the Memorial Hall is back - details on page 6

So, the Carnival Association have met, and have also had a get together with some of the Bonfire Society to discuss the first joint event of the year - the "hopeful, possible, not yet confirmed but fingers crossed Coronation Soap Box Races, on Bank Holiday Monday May 8th": I think that's a rather long working title, but it might just stick! This idea sprang up between us all, and would be a great reinvention of the Pram Races that used to be held in early May. We are awaiting permission to use of the Recreation Ground - which is one option; but conversations are ongoing to see if we can hold the Races back in their usual place, Manchester Road. Obviously things are very different now in the road, and it makes it much harder to organise! So much still needs to be done in research yet, so please, once again, watch this space!! There will be confirmation via social media posts, notice board posters and all news advertising, or give me a call on 07970650321 - And! Come up to the event at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th March, as all details should be ready by then!

More on the Coronation:- The Saturday, 6th May, is the actual Coronation of King Charles 3rd, and we felt most people would want to watch, or not watch, the scheduled television coverage. It will no doubt be another fantastic display of British Pageantry; and maybe another 'once in a lifetime' event for some of us. However, Sunday 7th, is the nominated 'Big Lunch', the Memorial Hall Committee agreed to open the Hall, and lay tables up, decorate with bunting etc, and provide the facility for an Indoor Street Party! This will be for anyone who feels that they would like to come out and do something, but doesn't want to organise it themselves, or who would prefer to be among other people for the day rather than do nothing. Folk could bring a picnic up, or some cakes, and there will be teas and coffees available in the Hall; and there will definitely be a great, friendly atmosphere!!

The Music Concert from Windsor- on the evening of the 7th, will be shown live on the big screen in the Hall, and there will be a pay Bar for those who would love to 'Go to the Gig' without having to drive/go by train! This will be FANTASTIC so put the dates in your diaries! Times and further details in next month's edition; please note that both the above events are open to all - but it would be really helpful if people could email or call to put their names down in advance if they're sure of coming along! See contact number/email below.

Saturday 27th May!!!- I have re-booked at the Hall Part 2 of my 'An Evening with..' Show. It's had to change date again because of various other bookings and clashes, but hopefully you'll still come along for Supper, the Bar, and of course more hilarious stories of my life and times in the Entertainment Industry - Part 1 last year was a sell out 100 people, and a brilliant night...so if you are interested in coming please BOOK EARLY!! -Call me or email as soon as possible, it would be great to have an early idea of numbers!

The Next Carnival Association meeting will be Wednesday 8th March at The Working men's Club (Tin Hut), 8pm start .Contact me on 07970650321 or [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) for more information on all up coming events.

As you may be aware- at the last Memorial Hall AGM, after being on the Committee for over 20 years, and recently Vice Chair, I very reluctantly agreed to do the Chairman role - but only as an interim measure, because we had to keep the Hall open- (I really do NOT have the time needed!) With a new, and permanent Chairman to be looked for at the beginning of this new year. SO! The search is now ON! Are you out there..?! Come on in and show yourself!! If you have an interest in the Hall, how it runs, and also how it is an essential part of the life of the Village, then please call me on 01424 893699 or 07970650321 or Carol Holland on 01424 893326 or Kaye Crittell on 01424 892388 - Your Hall needs You!

## **THE NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

The Ninfield Local History Group will meet on Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. We look forward to hearing a talk by Ian Everest on the topic of the Women's Land Army, a personal account for which Ian has drawn on the experiences of his mother as a Land Girl. Refreshments provided.

Our extensive archives of photographs, maps, documents and books are available to view in the Pavilion on the last Monday of every month between 10am and 12 noon. If you need help with finding census information in Ninfield, Ashburnham and Hooe please get in touch ([ninfield\\_lhg@btinternet.com](mailto:ninfield_lhg@btinternet.com)).

## **Worms Eye View**

Good Day and it is a beautiful one. I have just got in from lookering and it was a joy to be walking around in the warm sunshine and no wind.

It is early February as I write this and it will soon be half term and no doubt all the mums will be hoping this weather will last over the half term period so that they will be able to get out of doors with the children.

Now if you happened to pass by the farm recently, you probably heard a hullabaloo and wondered what was going on. Well nothing unusual, I can assure you: it is that time of year when we wean the calves from their mums, The cows are becoming heavily pregnant again and need a rest and a good feed before calving starts once more. Naturally they do not like to be parted and let us know it, but not for long and they soon settle.

Of course it will soon be lambing time for us and I certainly hope the good scanning result will materialise into lots of twins being born. We always hope for good weather when we are lambing but what will be, will be!

The March saying "In like a lion, out like a lamb" often happens to be true; strong winds at the start of the month with cold temperatures, warming up by the end of the month.

Do you ever watch to see which tree comes into bud first? It is said that "Ash before the Oak, we are in for a soak. But Oak before Ash, just a little splash".

Another saying is "Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns grow"

I find the rooks annoying, there seems to be loads of them and they seem to think it is fun to sit on my chimney and chatter as loud as they can. They are also throwing bits and pieces down the chimney. But worst of all they seem enjoy surrounding my bird table, gobbling the food and frightening away the smaller birds. I just hope they will soon start nesting, not in my chimney I hope, and leave my lovely bird table and the multitude of friendly birds that I have frequenting my bird table, Sparrows, tits, robins and woodpeckers and the odd pigeon, in peace. Wishful thinking I think on my behalf!



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## THAT DARN FOX

I once watched a well known TV presenter, usually championing environmental matters, talking passionately on preserving foxes. He did this whilst stationed on his lawn. There was no evidence of any vegetable food production or animal husbandry. In his case then foxes were not a problem.

This is not usually the case for folks who produce free range poultry! I couldn't count the number of fox attacks that have been told to me. So there is a rift between two groups of people, the fox protectors are in the vast majority; the other group, the minority, are where you get your free range eggs from. That also goes for free range chicken, turkey etc. So what to Make of this.

I am of mixed opinion, which may seem odd for a chap who spent so much of his time in and around game keeping. This is only my point of view, there are many others just as valid.

It is incredibly hard to keep foxes away from chickens, or other fowl, if you allow them free range. When I built release pens in the woods for the introduction of pheasant poult, the wire was eight feet high and at its base was a single strand of electric fence wire. The bottom of the wire was dug in the ground and folded out. This was a massive task as the pens could be over one acre in size. Way beyond a good financial decision for small scale egg production. The problem being the foxes strike during day light hours. Shutting your birds in at night solves a fox strike at night, and if your poultry shed is not fox proof, you built it wrong. I also have an opinion on why foxes nowadays attack during daylight, now there is a thing.

When I was a boy I spent any hour not at school on the local farms, and I never saw a fox. They were nocturnal which is why so many farms had chickens scratching around unmolested. Is there anyone now who has never seen a fox, I doubt there are many. The difference, I believe, is that foxes now have learnt to live and prosper in an urban environment. Here they are used to man's ways and have to a great extent lost their fear. They only really effect the folk that either keep a few chickens or pet rabbits. So why would the town dweller not want foxes protected, they watch and feed them.

With over five thousand game bird running around I had to control the fox numbers. But the number I killed could be divided in two, those I hunted and those I put down because they were victims of cars and had crawled to the woods.

So what prompted this story, well I have seen here a fox with its back legs broken, I suspect a car for this and the other week two foxes were watching the sheep next to the Church. For the wounded fox I wish I still had my guns because its end was going to be grim and for the two foxes by the Church I'm glad I no longer have any guns. I am a defensive player and now I have

nothing to defend, so I enjoy watching a proper country fox as much as anybody else.

It does not really matter if you eat meat or not. The above environmentalist also wants wood pigeons, crows and magpies protected. I can not envisage growing peas or vegetables without shooting pigeons. Small scale you can cover your crop, on my old shoot the farmer grow a massive acreage on contract to the pea growing club. We are not talking of the odd pigeon pecking away, their numbers are counted in Lincolnshire by the thousand. We now live in a time where you can say what you believe and not have to consider how it will compromise other people and stifle any dissenting voices.

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## NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY      18<sup>th</sup> March      9.30 - 12.00

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He will also need more rest and should have a choice of beds and rugs so he can curl up or stretch out. Dogs often like to lie with a raised head such as on a chair arm or cushion. Ensure any children understand that they need to be gentle with him and allow him peace and quiet. Older dogs can become less tolerant especially if arthritic.

He needs to keep mobile but don't overdo this. Even a short walk will stimulate him and show him he is still important. He will need a coat for wet days and don't let him lie on wet grass.

Keep treats in check, putting on weight will only add to his problems. It is usually best to give three or four smaller meals rather than just the normal two. You could ask your vet about adding Fish Oil to a meal as this can help joints and skin conditions.

Lastly always 'pick up' after him. So many dogs are mistreated – we do not want ours to get a bad name.

## **Hooe & Ninfield Open Group**

We met last Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the Methodist Hall and were treated to a very interesting talk about the history of weaving. Ann Wells and her husband Bob arrived dressed in authentic medieval costumes all made in the traditional way by Ann herself. She bought along two spinning wheels, one very old one and one of the more traditional style we would have seen before. She talked us through the process of turning the sheep's fleece into thread that could be used for weaving, showing us all the required equipment. She even had samples of wool, flax and another type of very soft wool which we had to try and guess where it came from. Nobody guessed which wasn't surprising as it was made from nettles. Incredible but you apparently need a field full of nettles to make a very small amount. Bob explained the different parts of his costume and the different fabrics needed. He also bought some ancient wooden games but as we ran out of time, he promised to come back again to show us how to play them.

Our next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00p.m in the Methodist Hall.  
Heather & Nicki

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## Ninfield Horticultural Society

The ground is warming up, the first seeds planted and early daffodils in bloom. Spring just may have arrived! I hope that you all have your show schedules - either from the village stores or at the March 4th event and, like me, are now looking in the garden to see what may possibly be ready for 1st April. The Spring Show is a week later than usual this year, so hopefully I will have some flowers to show. It's not just about flowers though - there's also pot plants, flower arranging, photography, handicraft and domestic classes - something for everyone. What would be great though would be to have an abundance of entries for the children's classes (see below)

<b>Under 4 years -</b>	A Hedgehog Collage	
<b>Under 12 years moon</b>	Animal Face Mask	A4 painting - Life on the
4 classes	A Sock Puppet	An animal made from Lego

The Spring Show opens to the public from 2.30 and is always worth a visit. We've had some challenging years recently, but Ninfield always puts on a good show (and let's not forget the refreshments!)

Our next evening talk will be on 20th March when we welcome Jan Black and her talk on All Things Herbal. Doors open at 7pm

And please put the 22nd April in your diary - our annual plant market at the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 9.30 and the rush starts then! We never know what plants are going to be available (which is half the fun) but they are always good quality and reasonably priced. There's also refreshments, so you can have your tea and cake whilst chatting to other plant addicts and then sneak back to buy 'just one more plant'

### Part 3 - RICHARD KING SAMPSON

And it's due to the Ninfield Guardian Board member that we switched from being linked as part of the Hastings Rape, Battle Rural District Council and ultimately Rother. That Guardian Governor was no less a personage than Richard King Sampson. The family appear to have links to one Richard Sampson in Henry VIII's court, (Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield) Born: about 1470 Died: 25 Sep 1554, at Eccleshall, Staffordshire. He had been Bishop of Chichester and subsequently of Coventry and Lichfield. A Richard Sampson was a distiller in Pevensey in 1683, and his mother, Elizabeth from Bexhill, died in 1671. When he died in 1715, he left distiller's shops

at Ninfield and Pevensey, farms and lands at Bexhill, Herstmonceux, and Crowhurst. No doubt the family clung to this prestige, ensuring the Sampson name did not die out with a lack of male direct descendants.

Copy surrender and admission Date: 12 May 1779 ESRO reference: SAM 105

Description: Manor of Crowhurst (a) Thomas Colgate (b) Richard Sampson of Ninfield, gent. Premises as in SAM/104. Admission of (b) on the surrender of (a). Lord John Pelham, Esq. Steward: Joseph Acton, gent Creator(s) Sampson family of Ninfield.

According to the Land Tax assessment for Ninfield (QDE/2/1/E1), Richard was succeeded in 1779 by John Tilden, later called John Tilden Sampson. There was a convention that, if there were no direct male heirs property would be left to other relatives, and if the "family" name had been lost by female marriage, often a clause would be inserted in a Will that inheritance was conditional on adopting the paternal surname. John Tilden's mother therefore was likely to be related to Richard Sampson, and had married a Mr Tilden. John therefore adopted his paternal surname as well as that of his father. John Tilden of Battle, gent., occurs in a deed of 1793 (SAM/63, 64), and Leonora Tilden Sampson of Battle, widow, in one of 1815 (SAM/65, 66).

On his death without issue he was succeeded by his kinsman and godson Richard King, a farmer of Alfriston, then of Willingdon. By 1816 this Richard had been succeeded by his first son, Richard King Sampson, who was living at Hailsham in 1841 (SAM/5). Richard King Sampson is recorded as curate in Hooe from about 1831 until at least mid 1840. He would therefore have known those receiving Poor Relief in Hooe, Ninfield and surrounds. Since at least 1779, the Sampson clan had links with the Pelham family of Crowhurst and had acquired a vast amount of property and land throughout East Sussex. The Pelham family were also the Dukes of Newcastle and also provided 2 Prime Ministers and a cousin, Thomas Pelham, was created Earl of Chichester. The Duke of Newcastle was one of the Trustees of a Turnpike from Broyle Place, near the family seat in Laughton, to Battle, and our Richard King Sampson was also a trustee of that Turnpike, now the A271 and A269, with a Paygate Cottage opposite the Kings Arms here in Ninfield.

So that's how Ninfield (and Hooe) split away from the historical links to Battle and Hastings and began its connection with the Hailsham Poor Law Union, then Hailsham District Council and ultimately in 1974 the creation of Wealden District Council. It was the passing of the Poor Law Union Act in 1834 that changed everything! (To be continued) KR

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### Sunday Services for March

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Café Worship with Christine Thacker
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise service
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Praise with Revd. Crawford Logan
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with Revd. Neville Barnett

### Events for March 2023:

Fridays	10.00-11.30am	Community Café including
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange in Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 – 4.00pm	Christian Women,s Fellowship
29 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 5.30pm	Messy Church – ‘An Easter Journey’

It is lovely to be welcoming new families to Church on a Sunday morning & our services have been adapted to provide worship for young people including some activities. We also serve refreshments after our service so everyone can get-together & enjoy fellowship with one another. So encouraging.

Messy Church’s theme in February was ‘Be still & Know that I am God’ & we enjoyed lots of relevant activities. In March our theme will be ‘An Easter Journey’. So lots to look forward to.... In January 40 people came to Messy Church which was amazing.

We look forward to Mothering Sunday on March 19<sup>th</sup> & then on Palm Sunday which is Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a United service, at Ninfield, with our friends from Little Common Methodist Church. There will be a Palm Sunday Triumphal Archway & the service will include lots of singing & be led by our minister Reverend Crawford. Not to be missed....

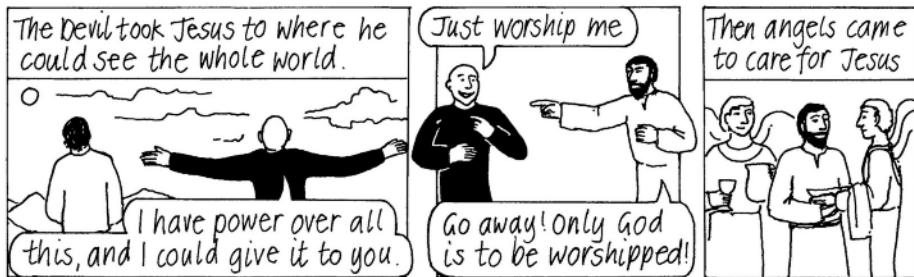
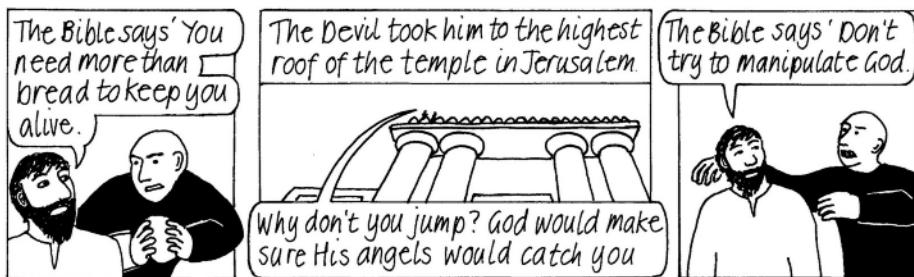
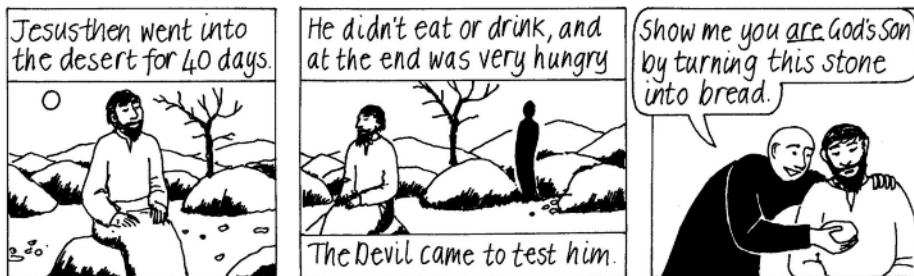
Do come along whenever you can.

# Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in  
Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

## A short story from the Bible

People came to John to be baptised - washed in the river Jordan - to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...



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