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News



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& residents of

Ninfield & Hove

November 2023 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
5 th November	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
11 th November	<i>No Service</i>	<i>10.45 Remembrance Day</i>
12 th November	10.30 Remembrance Service on the Recreation Ground	3.00p.m. Remembrance on the Green
19 th November	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
26 th November	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

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PARISH NEWS

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Dear Friends,

November, a time to remember! 'Remember, remember the 5th of November' and of course Remembrance Sunday itself! Remembrance is a very important part of what it means to be human. The older we get; the more information is stored in our brains as memory! Some of that memory will be good, sadly some of it will not be good, things that we would rather forget, but we can't, as they are permanently etched in our memory. Sometimes something happens that brings those memories to the forefront, and we find ourselves dealing with it all over again.

At the time of writing this, the atrocities that are happening in Israel and the Gaza Strip are fresh in my mind. Unlike the BBC I have no hesitation in using the word terrorists when talking about Hamas. How one human being can do this to another human being is beyond belief. These memories and images will remain with us for years to come.

Remembrance Sunday is about remembering those who gave up their lives to defend the freedom we enjoy. Their memory is etched into our nation's memory. However, I sometimes wonder if we have learnt anything from the events of 2 world wars and the sacrifices that were made on our behalf! There is still pain and suffering across the world in many forms and much of it is man-made. Some will say why does God allow this to happen and I have sympathy with that thought, but I do believe God feels the pain of this as much if not more than we do.

Much of the pain in the world is a result of human greed and selfishness. Not caused by God but by mankind. Pain is a part of being human, because if we did not experience pain, we would not know what joy is. I do not want to get into the theology of suffering but sometimes a child needs to touch something hot in order to understand why they must not touch something hot. We do not force them to do it, but it is an experience of life.

Sadly, we seem to remember the painful events more than we do the joyful ones! For every 9 complaints customer services receive they only receive one of praise. We are quick to condemn but not so quick to praise! The same thing is true of our relationship with God, we are quick to blame but do we say thank you when things are good.

As we approach this time of remembrance, think of the positive thoughts we have, and there must be many. But also ask God to help us with the painful thoughts, he is there to listen just like any good parent is.

Paul

Prayer for November 2023

Father God, November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward. Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

News from St Mary's

Michaelmas Fayre

I would like to thank everyone who put the fair together for stalls holders, the teas, beer tent etc.

The beautiful flowers in the church they were fantastic.

The villagers should be proud of yourselves.

Many thanks. Catriona Owen (Churchwarden)

St Oswald's Parish Church

27th September – Funeral of Ian Moon

*from the
Parish Records*

News from St Oswald's Church

HARVEST

St Oswald's was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival Service on September 24th . About 35 people attended the service and stayed to share a delicious lunch. Our thanks go to our volunteer flower arrangers and the many who contributed to the celebration meal and donated to the Food Bank.

Eighty eight items were delivered to the Bexhill Food Bank .

NOVEMBER looks like being a busy month!

Saturday 4th November is the Churchyard Clean up from 10 am

We would welcome as much help as possible. Please bring tools and gloves. Drinks will be provided.

Wednesday November 8th is our Bonfire Lunch in the Village Hall

No need to book; just drop in between 12 and 1.30pm

All welcome.

Saturday November 11th 10.45 am

Remembrance Day Service and laying of wreaths in St Oswald's

Sunday November 12th 3pm

There will be an Act of Remembrance on Hooe Village Green

CHRISTMAS

St Oswald's Carol Service will be on Wednesday December 17th at 7pm.

The Hooe Village Band and organist are already booked.

A shuttle service has been arranged from The Red Lion leaving at approximately 6.15 6.30 and 6.50 and will return after the service.

We hope that we won't have a repeat of last year's freezing temperatures!!

Christmas Day Service in St Oswald's is Holy Communion at 11am

Everyone is welcome .

From the Visitors' Book

28.9.23 *L. and H. Buck Darmstadt Germany "So glad that the Church community exists."*

9.9.23 *Tim Ore "Glorious".*

Editors comments True to the British weather system, it's gone bonkers again! One day in October outside in shorts and t-shirt at 25 degrees, then within a week, 9 degrees plus a wind chill. Brrrrrr out with the coat and scarf! But being cold and clear has advantages in that it's quiet, you can hear the owls calling to each other and the night sky has been full of stars, just lovely.

Around the villages life is busy for all the groups, looking back over the year at AGMs and planning for next year, but before that nearly all of the groups and societies have plans for Christmas events, so please go along and support them. But better still, if you like people, like having something to do, go along to one of their meetings, see what's going on. If nothing else it's a good way to meet people, and one thing all the organisers have in common is that they enjoy the look on everyone's faces having fun at the events they planned, and you only need to give as much of your time as you want, even an hour now and then is a real help. So what are you waiting for? *Nicki & Carol*



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. The donations have been amazing this month, so thank you.

Flu Clinics

Our Flu Clinics will be Saturday 7th October and Saturday 4th November.

Main Front Door

We are aware the main front door is broken and have a new one on order, so will be fitted soon.

Community Garden

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

Opening Hours

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

November Diary

		Venue	Page
October			
28/29 th	Exhibition & Sale of Art	Memorial	15
November			
3 rd	Coffee & Book Exchange	Methodist Hall	10
4 th	Clean up at St. Oswald's	St.Oswald's	5
6 th	Ninfield Flower Group	Memorial	13
8 th	Bonfire Lunch	Hooe Village Hall	5
8 th	Christian Women's Fellowship	Methodist Hall	33
9 th	Ninfield History Group	Methodist Hall	9
10 th	Hooe & Ninfield Open Group	Methodist Hall	8
12 th	Remembrance Service	Ninfield Rec	2
12 th	Remembrance Service	Hooe Green	2
15 th	Ninfield Bonfire Meeting	Working Men's	32
16 th	Hooe History Group	St. Oswald's	26
18 th	Ninfield Village Market	Memorial Hall	9
18 th	Hooe Coffee Morning	St. Oswald's	23
24 th	Musical Matinee	Memorial Hall	10
25 th	Home Made Fayre	Memorial Hall	29
26 th	Rock-n-roll	Memorial Hall	24
29 th	Messy Church	Methodist Hall	33
31 st	Halloween Trick or Treat	Sparke Pavilion	8

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS at The Memorial Hall

Mondays	10.00 Movement to Music	1.30 Ladies Badminton	
(Sept)			
Tuesdays	6.00 Cubs		
Wednesdays	9.15 Pilates	10.15 Yoga	2.00 Art Group
	6.45 Dancersize		
Thursdays	5.00 Beavers	7.00 Scouts	
Fridays	9.30 Cardiac Exercise	10.30 Pilates	
	10.30 Crafting & Knitting		

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met last Friday at the Methodist Hall and despite it being 13th we had a very enjoyable meeting. Our speaker was Trish Jones and the title 'The Little Coffee Shop in Rouen' most of us were unsure of the story behind the title. All was revealed. It was a fascinating account of a very amazing woman Lady Mabel Egerton (nee Brassey) she had an amazing life which started with her first adventure (aged 12!) to sail round the world with her father and family in their 'yacht' the Sunbeam. Her father had been instrumental in building the railway lines round Rouen and at the start of the war the troops were taken to Rouen for onward travel to the front. She travelled to Rouen and found that although there were supplies for the troops but no hot water. She solved the problem, found a disused large shed and the 'Little Coffee Shop' was born. With help from other volunteers she managed to run the shop for the length of the war serving up to 2,000 soldiers at any one time. More information can be found in a booklet sold in Mountfield Village Hall.

As one of our members had reached an amazing milestone birthday we were treated to a beautiful cake, so much nicer than our usual biscuits!

Our next meeting is 10th November when Steve Squirrel is continuing his talk on women in the Home Guard. 2.00pm in the Methodist Hall, Ninfield. All welcome.

Nikci & Heather

HALLOWEEN TRICK or TREAT!

Tuesday 31st October

Meet at the Haunted Sparke Pavilion 5.15pm

Trick or Treat around the Village from 5.30-6.30pm

Music, Dancing and Fancy Dress Competition at Sparke 6.30-7pm.

This will be the 20th organised Annual Village Halloween Event, and it's for ALL the family to come out and enjoy! Don't worry - residents are well aware that this will be happening - indeed - some of them are already getting ready to try and scare YOU!!

Hopefully we will have enough teams to cover ALL extremities of the Village - Look forward to seeing you SooOOon!

Call Sami on 07970650321 email samanthaguard@btinternet.com for more info!

Ninfield Horticultural Society

- well it's time to bed the garden down for the winter, although the mild autumn has meant that most of us were still cutting the grass in October. By the time you read this, we would have had our AGM and updated everyone on the results of our questionnaire and plans for 2024.

Our next meeting will Monday 11th December, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Along with festive food and games, we are planning our first 'Seed Swap' a chance for everyone to bring along and share their excess seeds. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a member.

THE NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

History Group: "In November the Ninfield Local History Group welcome Steve Squirrell who will be talking to us about the Home Guard in Sussex. Steve is a passionate historian and long time volunteer at Michelham Priory, he has a strong interest in all things military. The talk is on Thursday 9th November at 7.30 prompt in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Ninfield. Refreshments provided. The group will meet for a Christmas Social in December, so no speaker that month."

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 9.30 - 12.00

VILLAGE MARKET!

Helen with her locally reared meats, Maggie with her delicious cakes, fresh fruit & veg, eggs, honey as well as a range of locally made crafts and other stalls will all be there

Oh! And of course breakfast! Or at least a cuppa and a chat!

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.

Men's Shed

In Sparke Pavilion at 10.30 - 12.30 on the last **FRIDAY** of the month. Men putting the world to rights over coffee! Free. We are a small group and you will be very welcome. Just come along or contact: Dave 892883.

Book Exchange/Community Café

On Fridays in the Methodist Hall from 10-11.30 am. Friday 3 November will be the Book Exchange Cafe. The other Fridays will be the Community Cafe. Do pop in for coffee and good company plus a good selection of books on the first Friday of the month.

Musical Matinee Film

Here are the details of the two remaining films for 2023. As you will see we have one more musical matinee and one vintage film before Christmas. See below. We do hope you will come and join us for a relaxed friendly time. Everyone is welcome whatever age. The afternoons are in the Memorial Hall. They 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 pm with time to chat over tea and cake. To ensure there is enough cake, contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or email Jackie.langley1@btinternet.com.

Friday 24 November - La La Land - an American romantic musical made in 2016 which won five British Academy Awards.

Tuesday 12 December Miracle on 34th Street - a 'feel good' Christmas classic.

From 2024 there will be eight films all on Tuesdays - four musicals and four vintage films. A list of the films will be given in December's Parish News. Please support us.

Health Walks

We run a weekly health walk every Thursday leaving Sparke Pavilion, on the recreation ground, off Church Lane at 11 am.

These walks are run as part of the 'East Sussex Health Walks' and each is led by a trained volunteer leader. Ours lasts for approximately one hour at a gentle strolling pace to accommodate slower walkers. Walks are free and friendly with no need to book in advance. You can come to as many or as few as you would like. For information contact Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

Dark Skies

the dark skies group attended a stargazing night and talk at the Observatory on 5th October - although even the Observatory cannot guarantee clear skies at the right time!

Our November meeting will be to review the previous year and plans for 2024. As we have said before, it's not always easy to arrange regular meetings on a set day as we are so weather dependant so please look out for the updates on the Community Page and Village Voice.

Winter Solstice is the 22nd December and plans are afoot to potentially link with the village Carol Singing - watch this space!

Singing Group -

we are slowly growing and meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall and Thursday afternoon at 2pm in Sparke Pavilion. If you attended the Michaelmas Fair, then you would have witnessed our first public performance. The idea was to sing just one song, but we ended up joining in with Rewired and busking along to Blondie and the Carpenters.

Who would have thought it when we started in June. We are now adding Christmas songs and Carols to our repertoire and will be supporting the Carol Singing on 22nd December. We say this all the time, but anyone is welcome to join us - you don't have to be a good singer, just enjoy a good sing. It's fun and you will leave the session with a big smile on your face

If you want to know more about Dark Skies or the Singing group please call Kaye on 07707 683187 or 892883 or email k.crittell@btinternet.com

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk / RFO: Jane Warrener 07548 528754

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Website: www.hooe-pc.gov.uk

As the Chair I have attended a number of meetings in recent weeks, accompanied by the Clerk, and that included attending a seminar delivered by the Sussex Fire & Rescue Services on changes in the Fire Code and Regulations in respect of public buildings following the Grenfell Enquiry that take effect from 1st October 2023.

At the East Sussex Association Chairmans meeting it was interesting to hear what other Parish Councils across Sussex are doing and share information. The Wealden District Association of Local Councils meeting was held in Hailsham, with a very interesting guest speaker from Southern Water, detailing their 15-year plan to combat leaks, spills and flooding across the southeast. Further information should be available in the coming weeks.

At the last Parish Council meeting there was an interesting talk from an ecologist on the Bogs field. The ecologist asked permission of the Parish Council to take two 'core samples' of the peat and these samples were taken by Dr Waller on the 19th September 2023. It is hoped that it will give an indication of the age of the Bogs, the depth, and the pollen and seeds etc.. in the samples will indicate flora and fauna of the area across the centuries. The findings of the report will be presented at a future Parish Council meeting and circulated to all via our website on www.hooe-pc.gov.uk

The Clerk and Chair recently met with a tree and plants specialist at Jubilee Wood to give us advise and to assess the condition of the trees and suggest suitable meadow planting. It is hoped an Action Plan for the area will be ready for consideration by the Parish Council in the coming months.

All the planters in the village continue to thrive due to the good weather, thank you to everyone who has watered and maintained them. The Parish Councils 'Hooe in Bloom' group met recently to agree the winter and spring planting which is hoped will be enjoyed by all.

Please note the next Council Meeting date has been changed from Monday 4th December 2023 to Monday 11th December 2023 to be held in the village hall at 7pm.

Cllr. Ann Loyd – Chairman to Hooe Parish Council

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Several of our members said that the demonstration given in October by Nina Tucknott was one of the best they had ever seen. Unfortunately I, and several other members, missed it as we were all on the same holiday to the Lake District. This was yet another superb holiday organised by one of our members through "Simply Groups" and included members from Little Common Flower Club and Bexhill Garden & Allotment Society. Although we experienced frequent heavy showers we enjoyed visiting many beautiful gardens including Holehird, the home of the Lakeland Horticultural Society, Sizergh Castle, Holker Hall and a private tour of Levens Hall in the gardens of which is the oldest creation of topiary in the world. We look forward to another tour (or two) next year.

Our meeting on November 6th is to be a workshop and we will be trying our hands at creating seasonal wreaths. Visitors are welcome to come along and join in or just to watch. There will be a small extra charge if you require a wreath to decorate.

Racing upon us all too quickly is our Christmas evening on Friday December 1st. We have a National Demonstrator for this evening and Tracey Griffin's title for her demonstration is "Snowflakes".

Tracey is a highly qualified and award-winning florist. She got the flower arranging bug at an early age as her mother had a flower business. Amongst many accolades she has won gold, silver-gilt and silver at Chelsea florist of the year competitions and in 2017 was judged NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) designer of the year.

Tickets for the evening are £12 which includes refreshments. Please contact Helen on 0796 665 9552 to book. All the arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening and there will also be a general raffle.

In January we take a break and hold our AGM in February.

We welcome new members to our Group. Membership fees are £35 for the year. Affiliation fees are paid from this to NAFAS and to Sussex Area of NAFAS.

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Ninfield Flower Group

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"Snowflakes"

with

Tracey Griffin

Friday 1st December

7.30pm

at

Ninfield Memorial Hall

TN33 9EE

Tickets: Members £10.00

Guests £12.00

(inc refreshments)

Tickets available from 4th September

Please contact Helen on 07966 659552

Autumn Exhibition and Sale of Art

28th & 29th October

A reminder that the Annual Art Exhibition and Sale is being held in the **Memorial Hall** on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October from **10am to 4pm** each day. This is a chance for the artists to exhibit their own work if they so wish. **Admission is free** and there will be refreshments, homemade cakes etc available throughout each day.

Salt!

Living on the edge of the Pevensy salt marshes, little wonder that there was a thriving demand for sea salt, from earliest times until rising sea levels forced resettlement from coastline flatlands. Throughout history, the prime reason for making salt was the preservation of food for the winter months. Salt was probably the first traded commodity. Production methods remained unchanged for a thousand years after the Roman occupation. Salt boiling was bound by ritual and tradition. Blood or white-of-egg was used as a coagulant for precipitating marl; urine, presumably as a froth flotation agent. Clearly the demand for salt will have varied with the size of the population. Between 1066 and the mid-fourteenth century, England's population roughly doubled and hence so did the demand for salt. In spite of the changes of lordship in 1066, we know from Domesday that the Anglo-Saxon laws and customs of salt making were retained.

Roman soldiers were partly paid in salt. From this we get the word soldier, 'sal dare', meaning to give salt. From the same source we get the word salary, 'salarium'. Salt was a scarce and expensive commodity. To sit above or below the salt identified precedence in the seating arrangements at a feast, according to one's rank. Not to be worth one's salt was a great insult. The Bible compliments some men as being 'the salt of the earth'. At the time of the Roman Conquest, British salt making had been long established at numerous coastal sites.

The Romans were the first to use lead salt pans to evaporate brine and produce salt. Lead salt pans were to be used continuously for many centuries and were only replaced with iron pans in the 17th century when the much hotter burning coal replaced wood. Shortly after the Norman conquest, salt pans grew larger, made from sheets of cast lead beaten up at the sides, measuring about 170cm x 90cm.

Salt making continued in post Roman Britain, although the first documentary account of Anglo-Saxon salt making is found in the Domesday Book. In 1086 the salt industry was slowly recovering from the laying waste by William. However, the task of the Domesday commissioners was to assess potential worth and they made use of what could have been an existing documentary record of the fiscal control of salt making and distribution "in the time of King Edward

Coastal salt-making in England took what advantage it could of solar evaporation and tended to be seasonal. But the final stage to give dry salt always involved evaporating the brine over a fire, but, given our rainy weather patterns, it is still difficult to concentrate the brine into salt. It's easy enough to visualise large ponds of sea water, but you'd need a lot of



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sunshine to evaporate so much water. It is reckoned that for every 5 gallons of seawater, you get somewhere around one pound of salt! Not very productive and that would use scarce firewood to heat the bowls to speed evaporation. A rainstorm sets you back to square one!

So I'm sure they had a more efficient method, such as soaking in wool or canvas and allow the wind to aid evaporation faster. Layers of material being soaked with sufficient air gaps for drying, the brine is concentrated as it drips through. The lower layers might also have fires below so that concentrated brine rapidly forms crystals and brushed into the condensing pans below, for harvesting. Once you have a thick salt slurry, then it can be shaped into blocks for sale.

KR

**Closing date for items for the combined
DECEMBER & JANUARY
issue of the Parish News**

**Is Monday 13th November please send to
ninfeldhooenews@gmail.com**

News, Reviews and Shows from Sami!

Michaelmas Fayre: What a wonderful day.. Saturday, 23rd October, the new Michaelmas Fayre event. Reflections overall? Well from the incredible feedback that just kept coming, it was a hit, and did exactly what it said on the tin - so to speak! HUGE thanks to EVERYONE who came and supported it, from the stallholders from the Market, who dotted themselves up the path, or were placed inside the Church in such a way to make people go all the way round and see the history and beauty of the building; to the fabulous music from Good Company, The Rock Choir, Rewind and Brahma Sistaz who all entertained and delighted the crowds: to Corinne and the Carnival Tea Tent Ladies-V&C (Veronica & Catriona), who made a Downton Abbey style, Glamorous Tea Garden in Sunnyside old Rectory garden next door-just.... Wow...What a glorious day celebrating our beautiful St Mary's Church. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ, the Pimms and Cider (enough to liven up the day!) The Games were played, the Bunnies and Ferrets had fun; the Eagle took a shine to me and tried to fly to my face- Oh what a beautiful creature! When we started putting this idea together, earlier in the year, we had a certain vision in mind: we wanted a 'Darling Buds of May' sort of day: so, Tick, I think that's a job well done!

Thanks to all helpers from Carnival and Bonfire societies, setting up, moving pews, breaking down, moving pews...crikey they're heavy!

And the sun shone....

Ninfield Carnival Assoc AGM..... I thought you would all like to know how all the events did over the year, what profits were made and how they will be shared.

Firstly, recapping LAST year, 2022.. (as you maybe didn't see the notification in the Parish Magazine or Observers)....and donations were..

£700 I.C.U Conquest Hospital

£750 Ninfield's Children's Playground (ring fenced for an item of new seating when the area is upgraded)

£500 St Mary's Church Organ repairs

£450 Village Society/Dark Skies/HWBG Xmas lunch

So, THIS year, 2023, the events in Ninfield were the May Bank Holiday Pram Race, The Carnival Village Fête and the Michaelmas Fayre. From profits after costs, -Ninfield Carnival Assoc have agreed donations of..

£1,500 Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance.

£1000 St Mary's Church roof repairs.

£500 Village Society/HWBG , etc

£500 onward sponsorship for Team GB Roller Derby (3 Ninfield players currently in the team)

Please don't forget, If one of your groups or societies are trying to start a new venture, or need to buy something, do please apply to the Carnival committee, come to a meeting and let us know...we may be able to help!
Lastly, but by NO means Leastly...! 2024!!! -Dates for your Diary...
Pram Race - Bank Holiday Monday May 6th
Ninfield Village Carnival Fête -
Saturday 22nd JUNE! -yes, Solstice Saturday, and LOTS of ideas are already being discussed!

We will next meet in the new year, Wednesday 10th JANUARY 2024 at 7.45pm and would love to see you then... please keep in contact, I will keep updating over the next couple of months. Why not send us a message!!!!
Many thanks again to everyone who helps and supports NCA, and the Village events.

2024 elected Carnival Committee...

Chairman Sami Guard

Vice chair Robin Fookes

Treasurer Kaye Crittall

Mins Secretary Veronica Sargent

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Ian Smith

Rev Paul Frostick

Remembrance Day for Ninfield, Sunday 12th November from 10am: - After the success and good feelings from last year's event on the Rec. with residents gathering at the feet of our Tommie, led by Rev Paul Frostick and Revd Crawford Logan, and with the Scouts on parade;- the same format will be put into place for this year and hopefully over 100 people will again come and stand, sing and acknowledge Ninfield's Day of Remembrance. Please see the posters and posts with details and timings.

Health and Wellbeing Xmas Lunch: So looking forward to this again... Sat 2nd December at the Memorial Hall. Last year's inaugural event was a definite hit, and the same format is being drawn up for this year. ... after we've cleared up, I dash off to Pantoland in Potters Bar....

A 50 years Anniversary...oh yes it is! The first Professional Panto I appeared in as a dancer, was 50 years ago at the De La Warr, with Kerry Jewel: I was 12, turning 13 during the run, and the other 5 girls in their 20's. Their wage was £36 a week, mine £12... I bought a crystal decanter for my mum and

Dad for Christmas, £9, very grown up! This was the start of what is a now a celebratory 50 year professional career in the Entertainment Industry...and I ain't stopping yet!!!

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

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

NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Jackie Scarff 07725 843505 clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

At the Finance Committee meeting in September there was a discussion about the project to upgrade the playground. Due to the amount of money that will be spent there are strict controls on the process that has to be gone through. After consultations with residents in the village and a plan received from a specialist playground company giving an idea of what can be fitted into the space a tender document has been put together. This will be put forward at the October full council meeting for approval. If approved this will be the one document that is given to anybody who wishes to put a tender in and it outlines all the information needed.

Any tenders received will be kept by the clerk in sealed envelopes until after the closing date.

The council is not bound to accept any tender submitted if it doesn't feel that it meets the brief and all tenders will be considered against a scorecard outlined in the tender document.

Agendas and minutes can be found on the council's website. If you are interested in anything that is older then you simply need to send a request to the clerk.

There is a wealth of financial information available as part of the agendas and minutes as well as audit information for the last 5 years. If you can't find what you are looking for then contact the clerk.

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Things that go bump in the night

I suppose it's that time of year when for some reason, lost to me, folk try and scare their children. Perhaps I am a kill joy, but I don't see how anyone can find a plastic mask, or a pumpkin frightening.

I use to find walking in the dark actually relaxing, well except for two occasions. I use to walk down a track, between a Church and old manor house, and at that time I had my old dog Dylan with me. Dylan was a collie cross grey hound and a very steady dog. That night she reared up and attacked some thing. This was not an animal as she became very aggressive, which she never was whilst hunting. It was also man tall as the thing she was trying to kill was obviously large, Dylan was raised up on the back legs. I went to pull him back, but there was nothing there. I let him go again and he went back on attack. I eventually had to pull the dog away on a lead and all the time he wanted to go back on the attack. It never happened again.

The other time was when I was walking around one of the release pens, prior to releasing my pheasants there. It was dark and very quiet, I was checking to make sure we had no nocturnal visitors either two or four legged. The scream when it came was understood, yet it still made the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end. A vixen calling a warning to cubs is a frightful sound, its meant to be. Even though I knew what it was, and had my gun with me, it still clicked in to some form of primeval warning.

I suppose two times in a life time out in the countryside, at all hours, isn't to bad. So I most certainly wasn't expecting my dog now turning savage. Now those who have met my dog will know she is the gentlest of dogs and also very quiet. She would be a lap dog if she wasn't such a pudding. So when walking her around the church the other morning I wasn't expecting her to stand he ground and growl and give out a woof. I've only known her the actually bark a few times in four years and that when someone knocks on the door, even then its only one quiet bark. It was strange as if it was a person she saw then she would have wondered over to say hello. The same for another dog. Any form of wild life she ignores. I checked and checked but I could find nothing. No farm animals, no people and now obvious links to it being a Church yard! I would have put it down to her having a mad turn if she hadn't done the same thing that evening and in the same spot.

Who knows what a dog can see that we can't, it could also have been a sound that we can't hear. Still she has not done it since so I'm putting it down to, she probably saw a gnome!

AT

Hooe Village Community Group

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If you would like to receive news
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events

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Our future events

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

- ✓ **November 18th** – Coffee Morning
- ✓ **December 16th** – Coffee Morning

We plan an added attraction at our coffee mornings, details are sent to all those on our round robin email list. Please email using the email address above if you would like to receive regular updates.

However,..... as regular attendees Know apart from the delicious homemade Cakes, ground coffee, raffle, and great Conversation with friends new and old, a huge attraction is our free to use library. This is run and maintained solely by our Knowledgeable and friendly librarian Anne. Anne, and the village celebrated her significant birthday in October. We are full of admiration for all Anne does for us and For the village as a whole and send her our love and very good wishes.



Hooe Open Gardens will take place over the w/e of **15th/16th June next year**. We are told the attraction of our Open Garden Event is the sheer variety of the gardens opened. We have formal, Country Cottage, overgrown, kitchen and all things in between. Of course, the home-made refreshments served are very welcomed. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Gary 01424 893007 for further details.

Details about our other events, dates of which have yet to be finalised, will appear in the next Parish News.

Presentation to Bexhill Food Bank

HVCG was delighted to be able to donate £250.00 to the local food bank at Bexhill. Sally, Gary and Jenny visited the bank to see for themselves how well they are organised. Sally and Jenny are pictured above with Michelle, who leads the operations. (The girls decided Gary looked his best behind the camera) As there is limited space monetary donations are especially welcomed as items can then be purchased as required without the worry of storage.

However, individual donations of food are hugely welcomed too. If you visit the website – Bexhill.foodbank.org.uk – you will find out how to donate and which foodstuffs are in short supply. You may find it more convenient to drop your donations off at the church or into the box by Jack and Margaret Rist's door. Every little helps!



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

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Hooe History Society

Our speaker this month is Geoff Hutchinson. He has a tremendous enthusiasm for local history and the colourful characters associated with it. He also has a passion for drama and his ability to combine the two has proved a successful formula. He has, over the last 25 years, built a considerable reputation as a lively and competent speaker. In this presentation Geoff takes us back to the days of smuggling when goods were brought in from the continent to avoid paying taxes. As Sussex and Kent were the closest points they became very much involved in this illicit trade. It is a massive story and it is an entertaining and informative presentation as Geoff delivers the facts in his usual lively and expressive way. We meet on Thursday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. in St Oswald's church and as usual refreshments will follow. I cannot speak too highly of Geoff as a speaker and entertainer.

DID YOU KNOW... much of what I write in this issue of Parish News (and the next) is my own interpretation of how the village may have appeared, based on what I have read or been told about life at the time of Domesday Book. I am sure there will be those who may interpret things differently. I believe that Pevensey may have had a significant influence on the local area so I will start there.

According to historians, William gave land to trusted friends and relatives following the Conquest and this appears to be the case in Hooe and the many settlements listed in Sussex. Indeed, the Feudal system started to take root in England after the Conquest. The basis of feudalism was that King William, having steadily taken ownership of the comparatively small individual English kingdoms in the years after the Conquest, granted the use of lands to those who had fought alongside and supported him so they could continue to maintain order throughout the country. The hierarchy of this system was for the King to be the absolute "owner" of all land. All nobles, knights and other tenants were termed as vassals and merely "held" land from the King. Directly beneath the King in the pyramid were the Tenants-in-Chief, below them was a secondary tier described as Lords of the manor who organised, supported and ultimately controlled the local population.

To digress slightly, it was from the original Cinque port of Pevensey that King William sailed when he returned to Normandy in March 1067, after the successful invasion. In order to maintain a domination over the population during his absence William took with him a number of "hostages". Edgar the Ætheling (Ætheling was an Old English term used in Anglo-Saxon England to designate princes of the royal dynasty who were eligible for the throne). Edgar was aged about 14 and many people's choice to be King.

He was taken to Normandy along with his supporters, the Earls Edwin and Morcar, also Stigand, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Waltheof, the Earl of Northumbria.

Robert, Count of Mortain was King William's half-brother and he was given the enormous responsibility of controlling the village of Pevensey, which was at the time a very important (Cinque) port and trade centre, with salt, iron and timber all important commodities being traded in significant quantities. Clearly, his influence extended to Hooe through his involvement in the salt pan industry and it is entirely possible that our village may have flourished due to its close proximity to this important trading centre.

I will conclude this personal narrative of life around the time of Domesday Book in the next issue of Parish News, by looking at what the village of Hooe may have looked like.

Peter Hayward.

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Ninfield Methodist Hall Friday 9th September

On behalf of all those involved in helping to create this coffee morning we would like to thank everyone that came and supported us. We were especially blessed with the weather that morning and able to have several tables and chairs out in the sunshine. We had the usual impressive range of cakes and bakes donated by talented villagers and of course, a raffle. We also had homemade jams, jewellery, heat wheat packs, cards, seeds, plants and more.

Those that attended stayed and relaxed for the morning. It was lovely to see so many regular faces but also some new ones as the coffee morning is very much open to all. We raised £465 on the morning, £110 at the Michaelmas fair where we had a game, sale table and donations, £42 from the ukulele club in Catsfield and the rest from sales of jams and wheat heat packs etc. In total I have banked £930 under our coffee morning and on behalf of Macmillan, would like to thank everyone involved as these things take a lot of willing helpers.

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS 2023

(Raising funds for 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout group)

We are very excited to be able to once again host this years classes to make traditional hand tied wreaths for Christmas with all proceeds going toward the scout group.

Ninfield Memorial Hall



Monday 4th December 7-9.30pm

With complimentary mulled wine, cheese and nibbles £30

or

Tuesday 5th December 9.30-12.00

With complimentary tea & cake £25

As previously, all materials including cones, adornments and ribbons will be provided to make a beautiful, hand-woven Christmas wreath. Just bring secateurs, gloves and any special foliage or decorations you especially wish to include. Lots of friendly help available if needed too.

We will have a little raffle on the day, some homemade goodies to buy and a lot of fun to raise much needed funds for 1st Ninfield Scouts.

Places must be booked in advance. Please contact Veronica Sargent: 07714 327117

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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

10.00 - 3.00

Many of your favourite stalls are back again this year as well as some wonderful new ones

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The Hall Committee will be running their popular stall of home made cakes, jams and other items. Please, if you have items you would like to donate please bring them along on the day.

These could be food items, knitwear, crafts

If you make things you would like to sell at the Fayre. and would like to book a table email us for details
ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com

Carol Singing

Would you like to join up for Carol Singing on Friday 22nd December? Details are still to be finalised, but the plan is to sing around the Christmas Tree (donated by Ninfield Carnival Association) on the Recreation Ground at 4.30pm. Hot drinks and mince pies will be served afterwards at Sparke Pavilion. All welcome - whatever you age! Of course, all is weather dependant, but please keep keep a lookout on the Facebook Community page, Village Voice and village notice boards. If you would like to assist on the night, please let me know. If you have a favourite carol, please let me know (and I will make sure we have some words and music). Kaye - 07707683187 or k.crittell@btinternet.com



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Worms Eye View

I hope that you will be pleased to hear, I have been released from jail.

Let me explain. I have been on another short holiday, this time to Cornwall. One of our trips was to Bodmin Jail, this was very interesting: actually a bit frightening at times. It is all well laid out with in-depth descriptions. I think it is a place I shall never forget. Cornwall itself is lovely, but in my opinion it does not outdo Sussex.

I have a copy of Thorleys Farmers Almanac for 1916 and it is great to dip into at times and learn some old ways and hints. For instance I have just read that Spinach was introduced into England during the reign of Elizabeth I, as also was the cucumber. Celery was bought to England by a French prisoner in 1704. Honey was the only form of sweetener before any other form of sugar was used in this country. Thank goodness for bees.

As usual we have had all sorts of weather in 2023, brilliant sunshine, strong winds, hail stones and enough rain to fill a reservoir, and that's just in one day alone. I wonder what we will have this coming winter. At the moment all of the farm animals are out in the fields enjoying plenty of grass and the lovely sunshine we are having. It is lovely for them not to be shut up too early and they certainly look peaceful and happy. I must admit I often stand and watch them all from my kitchen window. The view is wonderful, but no doubt we will soon see more mist and fog and feel the wind as it comes creeping up the valley. But for the moment we enjoy living in such a lovely place and the memories will last throughout the winter.

Anne

NDP: "The Regulation 16 consultation on the Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan closes at 5pm on Monday 13th November. If you have not already done so please consider adding your views. Simply search on line for: consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse where you can see the Plan, all the supporting documents and make comments. There is a clear summary of what has been changed since the previous (Regulation 14) version of the Plan in Table 2 of the Consultation Statement. Any questions please feel free to call me on 07989 373336. John."

NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

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

NBS will hold be at the **Ninfield Village Market** on Saturday 18th November. Come and have a chat about what we do, We run tombola and if you need some NBS clothing, we sell a range of merchandise.

By now we would have had our Bonfire night. Ninfield Bonfire happened this year due to the hard work and commitment of our Committee Members, Members, Sponsors, and Supporters. They all helped us to raise money throughout the year towards putting on a Torch Lit Procession, Bonfire and Fireworks display for our local Community on Saturday 21st October.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the members and committee members of Ninfield Bonfire society, Ninfield Carnival, Ninfield Working Men's Club, Haffenden Roofing, Skinners Sheds & Log Cabins, Burgess & Co Estate Agents Ltd, Hastings Direct, Brewers Decorator Centres, Four Seasons Holistic Veterinary Care, Athelas Plants, TOP PLANT, Jewson, AJM Motorhomes, Wealden Drainage Ltd, Dale at Curious Brewing, Everything under the bun, Harvey at Sussex Sound, Meridian Marquees, Blacksmiths Inn, Ninfield Parish Council for the use of the Recreation ground and Sparkes Pavilion, Co-op Local Community Fund, Littlewood Fencing, Safer Rother Partnership. To all of our talented musicians - Shenanigan- Celtic Party Band, The Diamond Project 1066, Arron, the Loop Guy, Brahma Sistaz, First.Form.Music, Adam Buckley, Rebellion, Ellie Valentine and the Ska band - 'Fat Belly Jones'

Looking towards the 2024 event, we will need to raise necessary funds to keep this Sussex Tradition going. You will have seen the torch- lit procession, bonfire, effigy and fireworks display. This takes time and effort to organise and raise funds in the region of £10,000 to put this event on.

It is a free event for the local Community. So if you've enjoyed bonfire night this year in the village, 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 in with any part of the bonfire year, from helping with one of fundraising events, to making torches or brushwood faggots for the bonfire, or even just walking with a collection bucket. You also get to join our own torch- lit procession as well as others around Sussex that we attend as a society. Join online or come to one of our meetings or Village Market stall 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

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Sunday Services for November 2023:

5 th	10.30 am	Café Worship with Drina Hampson
12 th	10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday United Parade Service ... see below
19 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Family Service with Bexhill Foodbank
26 th	10.30 am	United Service at Little Common Methodist Church with Dr. Kerry Halliday.

Events for November 2023:

3 rd	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange & Cafe in Hall &
Fridays	10.00-11.30am	Community Café
8 th	2.30 – 4.00pm	Christian Women's Fellowship
29 th	3.30 – 5.30pm	Messy Church

We enjoyed a lovely service in October for our Harvest Festival with the Ninfield Scouts & Reverend Malcolm Peach. 52 people filled our Church & Malcolm encouraged everyone to think of themselves as a part of the Church family. All the food & gifts donated were given to the Bexhill Foodbank. Many thanks to you all.

On Sunday November 12th we look forward to uniting with St. Mary's Church for our Act of Remembrance. We are pleased that this has become such a well supported event in the village & remember that last year around 150 people came along. A parade with the scouts will start from St. Mary's at 10.30am to the Jubilee Garden on the Village Green & recreation ground for 10.50 am. We hope you will come.

On November 26th we will join with our friends at Little Common Methodist Church so there will not be a service at our Ninfield Church on this day.

Messy Church on November 29th will celebrate an Advent theme. Also this will be our closing date for filled Shoeboxes to be brought to our Church in readiness for the annual delivery to Romania & Bulgaria. Do support this appeal if you can which is being organised again with Computers for Charities, a local charity. The gifts help to bring happiness & love into peoples' lives. More details will be available on a leaflet in our Church.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt, now in charge of the stored food as famine spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy food.



To prove you are not spies, you must bring your other brother to me...



Joseph saw they did not recognise him. He wanted to see his little brother Benjamin.

They needed more food so they had to take Benjamin to Egypt.



Joseph gave them food...



but to test them he had his cup put in Benjamin's sack.

Then as they went home...



Stop!

You have stolen my master's special cup.



It was in Benjamin's sack.

The servant took them back to Joseph.



You are a thief and must stay as a slave.



But Judah said



It would break our father's heart. Let me take his place.

Joseph saw that his brothers had changed.



I am your brother Joseph. You sold me but God sent me to Egypt.

I can look after you. Come and live with me.



So all of Joseph's family moved to Egypt.



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