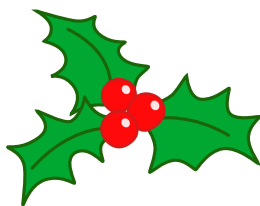


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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD



CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's	St. Oswald's
2 nd Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
9 th Dec	No Service	11.00 Joint Parish Eucharist
16 th Dec	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
19 th Dec		7.30 pm Carol Service
23 rd Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist 3.30pm Carols & Christingle	11.00 Parish Eucharist
24 th Dec	No Service	6.00pm Christmas Eucharist
25 th Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
30 th Dec	No Service	11.00 Joint Parish Eucharist
6 th Jan	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
13 th Jan	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
20 th Jan	10.30 Covenant Service at the Methodist Church	11.00 Parish Eucharist
27 th Jan	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist

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

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

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Dear Friends,

As we will no doubt be reminded time and time again, 'Tis the season to be jolly'. Well as I write this, I have just conducted the Remembrance Day service at Ninfield and the lighting of the beacon in Hooe together with the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Hall in the afternoon. A very busy yet moving day. It was a strange day in many respects in that it combined the obvious seriousness of the Remembrance Day with the Celebration of the Great War being over. As we moved through the day, we went between those two extremes of sadness and joy. For many it was a sad reminder of those who had died, loved ones, friends, family. Everyone had been touched in some way by the 1st World War yet alone the 2nd World war. The theme of the act of remembrance was not only to look back with sadness and gratitude but also to look forwards to hopefully a new realm of peace. Sadly, many of the lessons that needed to be learnt from those two wars have not been heeded and violence and warfare continue to be at the forefront of our news headlines on most evenings. However, it is not all doom and gloom and the message that Christmas brings also brings hope as well as joy.

The situation into which Christ was born was also a time of war and invasion by a foreign force, namely the Romans. The people were looking for a Messiah, but the Messiah they looked for was, in their minds, a mighty warrior leader, someone who would rid them of their occupiers. That coloured their view of the world so much that they could not see what was right before their eyes, a Saviour who was Christ the Lord. The shepherds saw and believed, the Kings also realised that in Jesus there was a new hope. They all went home, back to their usual daily routine but hopefully as changed people, people who had seen and experienced the King of Peace. For them life could never be the same.

We too have the opportunity to look further this Christmas; to in some way experience that peace that is beyond our understanding, a peace that could bring the start of true peace on earth and goodwill to the whole of mankind. November 11th, 1918 was only the start of the ceasefire, the so-called end of war; it took a few years until the final end of conflict which is why the remit of the War Graves Commission continued until 1921. Peace was then in some way finally achieved but we all know what happened next! Peace though can still be a reality in our lives as well as in the world. It takes one small step but are we prepared to take that step.

Only you know the answer to that.

May you all have a very Happy₃ and Peaceful Christmas. Paul.

PRAYER

What a dilemma for a slimmer
Eating all that Christmas fare,
Getting fatter, what's it matter?
It's only once a year.

Now the party has begun,
Crackers and cheese and party hats
Turkey with trimmings, presents with ribbons,
Figgy pudding – do we still eat that?

Food a-plenty, plates all empty
Waistbands bursting, no room left,
Soon we'll reach for the Alka Seltzer
That's the truth, I do not jest.

Celebrations, assignations, party frocks with lots of bling,
But the reason for the season
Is the Baby in the manger, came to earth as a stranger
Peace on earth and joy to bring.
by Megan Carter

At St Oswald's Church

Memorial Service for Jane Holdway
18th October 2018

*from the
Parish Records*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

For St. Mary's

Monday - Thursday open at 9 am and locked 3 pm
Fridays and Saturdays closed
After the service on Sundays closed

For St. Oswald's

9.00 - 5.00 Daily

Christmas Services

Carol Service with Hooe Band

Wednesday December 19th 7.30pm
in St Oswald's Hooe

To ease parking at the Church, a bus will be available from the Red Lion Car Park. Leaving at approximately 6.50pm 7.05pm and 7.15pm.

Carols and Christingle

3.30pm Sunday Dec 23rd
at St Mary's Ninfield

Christmas Eve

Parish Eucharist

Dec.24th 6.00pm at St Oswald's, Hooe

Christmas Day

Parish Eucharist

9.30 am at St Mary's Ninfield
11.00 am at St Oswald's Hooe

HOOE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 8th December at Hooe Village Hall
10.30am to 3pm

Teas and coffees. Soup and bread lunch
Mince pies and mulled wine

A variety of stalls with Christmas gifts ideas. Raffle

St Oswald's Hooe

Children's Society Collection.

On Sunday December 9th, a representative from the Children's Society is coming to speak at the joint morning Service at St Oswald's. The collection that day will include envelopes for a donation to the Society.

Carol Service with Hooe Band -Wednesday 19th December 9th
7.30pm

To ease parking at the Church, a bus will be available from the Red Lion Car Park. Leaving approx. 6.50pm 7.05pm and 7.15pm.

Bonfire Lunch - Hooe Village Hall

A very successful lunch of homemade soup and bread followed by Bangers and beans. Enjoyed by all and a profit of £78

Now the clocks have gone back and the evenings are darker, Sussex Police are suggesting we all keep a light on in the house to deter burglars, although Sussex has a low number of burglaries, we still need to be vigilant. Communities can work together to prevent crime. Joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme our community can be stronger together.

BEETLE DRIVE

Hooe Village Hall

Saturday 19th January 2019

Arrive 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Soup and bread supper

Raffle

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Entry is £5 on the door

Closing date for items for the February issue of the Parish News

is **Sunday 13th January** send to tinfieldnews@btconnect.com

A quick reminder that when the February copy is delivered to you it will be time for your £5.00 annual subscription to be collected.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Tuesday 11th December
7.00 for 7.30



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Selection of refreshments available

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THE PARISH NEWS We would like to wish all our readers friends and family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have said this many times before but this is your Parish News and without the support we get from our contributors it would be a pretty poor magazine. We must also give a big thank you to our distributors without whom we would be delivering to over 400 homes!! (Just a reminder to our distributors, if by any chance you are unable to deliver for some reason please let us know and we will cover your round)

So everyone please keep sending in your articles and let us continue with our very successful Parish News.



Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

Thursday 6th December

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

on Monday 21st January

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP Monday 7th December, in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 we welcome the very talented DAVID THOMSON with our seasonal demonstration entitled "MY KIND OF CHRISTMAS", tickets are £10.00 and include refreshments, these are available from Christine on 07735 321568. All flowers demonstrated, together with the Flower groups raffle will be held at the end of the evening.

Monday 7th January 2019 - Annual General Meeting.

Exciting news for 2019. 4th to 6th May .The Flower Group will be staging a village flower festival in St Mary's Church, Ninfield, and Ninfield Methodist Church. The theme will be "For the Beauty of the Earth". Further information regarding this event will be in future editions of the Parish News.

May I on behalf of Ninfield Flower Group wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Should anyone wish further information regarding any of our events, or would wish to join us, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or emails us on ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

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Many residents of Hooe spend many hours of work and dedication in their gardens and allotments and this would be a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful village.

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BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ is on Friday 7th December. Do call in to the Methodist Hall in Church Lane to browse/exchange books for 50p each and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cake and a chat. For further information contact dj_swales@hotmail.com



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All are welcome. We hope to have a large range of items on offer. The scouts will be collecting clothing in the run up to Christmas and just after (see separate ad for details) but please bring any items on the evening if you wish.

Wine and refreshments will be on offer

There could be a 'Charity Fashion Catwalk'-
fancy a fantastic, fun fashion show?

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LIGHTS OF LOVE 2018

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St. Mary's Parish Church & Ninfield Methodist Church

Sunday 2nd December

3.00pm

A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance
Followed by refreshments

Revues, Reviews and Reports!!

Well, those of you who read the Village Voice column in the local Observers will know that I've ben waxing lyrical lately about 'Weekend Wonders' - the wonderful events that have been happening in Ninfield over 4 consecutive weekends from late October through to November. Firstly, how lucky we are, that we have the BEST Bonfire and Fireworks Night in the area, Oct 20th (W/W No 1) then, only 7 days later on Saturday 27th, 120 people gathered in smart evening attire to attend the Village Gala Night. The Memorial Hall looked glamorous, the Fish and Chip Supper hot and tasty, the Cabaret by Deja Revue was hilarious and hugely acclaimed, the Award winners; Ian Moffatt, Rod Ffoulkes and Lee Boyce much appreciated, and Fiona Bower representing Canine Partners with her lovely Mr Wiz stole the evening! The Raffle and profits made £350 towards the Memorial Hall refurb, and everyone had a marvellous time.(W/W No 2) Then on November 3rd, 100 eerily dressed children and parents Trick-or-Treated their way around the Village, regathered and did a Spooky Walk across a field to the Working Men's Club, where the ladies of the Tin Hut committee had done a 'Fangtastic' job on the decorations and food! Grand Witch Marj had a hard time trying to judge the Fancy Dress, there was dancing and games, and the happy, but tired, youngsters said it was 'the BEST Halloween Ever!!! (W/W No 3)!!

Now, it's difficult to describe the last event, Sunday 11th November, Remembrance Day, and the Centenary of the end of the 1st World War. From the morning Service at St Mary's, to the Procession from the WW1 grave to the Memorial Hall, the Act of Remembrance therein, followed by the Performances given by Father Michael, 1st Ninfield Scouts, Rev Tricia Williams, Jo's Jammies, David Swales and I, then Afternoon Tea and Cakes; then to the Beacon on the Recreation Ground at 6.30pm for the Nations Tribute - Battle's Over, and lighting the Beacon at 7pm followed by the Church bell ringing out, it was all poignant, moving, relevant, evenly balanced and attended by over 250 people. A fitting tribute to the importance of the date - and definitely deserving of the W/W No 4 status!

So, it's December and there are some fabulous evenings planned in the Memorial Hall; then 2019 and already a Second Hand/Charity/ Fashion Show/ event is planned for Saturday 19th January, call Veronica or me for details - and finally, as this edition covers up to the end of January-Wednesday 6th February sees a Carnival Meeting at the Working Men's Club, 8.30pm; and we are BEGGING for new people to come in. You can see how Ninfield 'Rocks!' - PLEASE GET INVOLVED!! Call Sami - 07970650321 samanthaguard@btinternet.com Thank You!!

THE VILLAGE SOCIETY

The past few weeks have seen us busy in Church Wood repairing the pathway / bridge adjacent to Church Pond. The dam on its western edge is perforated by old roots and tunnels from wildlife making it virtually impossible to fully waterproof the area, so the decision was taken to repair and replace the timber pathway with something more substantial. Hopefully a couple more weeks will see this project completed.

In the meantime we have attended to the vandalised plant pots at the bus stop near the reservoir and have fitted some donated tubs to the bus stop at Manchester Road, all to be maintained by our greatly appreciated volunteers.

Our faithful chain saw has had to be replaced and our thanks for this, and the annual contribution towards our general expenses , goes to the Parish Council.

It will soon be time for us to provide and install the Christmas tree at the Memorial Hall for the coming seasonal festivities. Time flies when you are having fun, they say, so may I close by wishing all residents a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

HOOE REMEMBERS

St Oswald's bells started and closed the day of Remembrance in Hooe. Before the Service, led by Rev. Paul Messenger, the bells were rung muffled. During the Act of Remembrance the 17 men who lost their lives in the two world wars were named and wreaths were laid by the Chairman of the Parish Council and a Parishioner. Along with towers all over the UK, the bells were rung un-muffled to Celebrate the end of WW1.

In the evening people gathered on the village green where the Reverend Paul Frostick led the village in prayer and readings before the lighting of the Beacon and the Last Post. In the flickering light from the beacon the black Tommy silhouette, made by Dick Carey, stood guard and, very faintly, in the distance could be heard the bells of St. Oswald's ringing out across the fields.

Post Script The bell ringers then adjourned to the Red Lion for some well-earned refreshment and were pleased to know, from those with sharp ears, that their efforts had been heard to end the day

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The councillors have been kept extremely busy with a large number (at least 14) of planning applications over the last month. Some residents came to the meeting to find out what will happen next with the Manchester Road application. The Parish Council are now waiting for the legal agreement and full planning approval report from WDC planning which will detail conditions. The council will then discuss this in detail with local residents. It is always worth sending your views to Wealden Planning department if you are interested in particular applications and at the council meeting Pam Doodles reminded everybody that if Wealden receive a letter signed by two people, that counts as one comment but if the same two people write/email in two separately that is two comments.

The councillors were pleased to hear that the building work at Ninfield school is all on plan and were also pleased to meet the new interim Executive Head of Headstart School.

The councillors would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs, societies & residents in the village who have kindly donated toward the Tommy figure who was on the recreation ground for the Armistice commemoration. The Tommy will continue to overlook the recreation ground from his new home at Sparkes pavilion.

We have one more meeting before Christmas on Thursday 6th December at 7.15pm in the Methodist hall with the following meeting being Thursday 1st February. All are welcome to attend

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051	
Pam Dodes	892329	Robert Pilbeam	844365
Peter Hayward	893522	Gary Durman	893007
Parish Clerk Sally Durman		893007	

Hooe Parish Council were pleased to welcome four representatives of Southern Water to the Full Council Meeting on November 19th. Many residents attended, interested to hear about the progress made concerning the proposed works at the Hooe Water Treatment Works.

Residents were reminded of the initial plans for the proposed improvements to the Hooe Water Treatment Works. Southern Water then explained the changes that are proposed following discussions with residents and Councillors. They explained that work will now take place on the existing site and therefore planning permission will not be required. Temporary cabins are to be erected on the site and the improvements should be completed within a year.

One of the main subjects of discussion was the movement of vehicles to and from the construction site. All access will be via the A259 along the B2095, accessing Denbigh Road past Baker's Garage and so no vehicles will be accessing the village through Ninfield. It is anticipated that there will be 6 to 10 vehicle movements a week plus 6 escorted vehicles. A rolling roadblock will be planned for these journeys. Much discussion followed. The Parish Council will be notified when a trial journey will be made a lorry.

Southern Water expects to be attending the January meeting to present a progress report.

A member of the Proposed Village Hall Planning Committee explained that plans have been received for a new hall and final details and finishes need to be decided followed by costings. Once these are in place a village consultation will be arranged for the New Year when the way forward can be discussed.

Councillor Pam Dodes reported that the Book Exchange Scheme had been introduced at the November Coffee morning and was pleased with the interest and response of residents. This will now be part of the monthly Coffee mornings. Residents are invited to contribute any spare books that they have at home and also come and borrow books and, of course, there is also the opportunity to have a coffee and cake and catch up with friends.

Events have been arranged for 2019 which include a Beetle Drive, May Day Fun, Sussex Day Open gardens and Michaelmas Fayre and, of course the coffee mornings will be run on the second Saturday of each month. These

events will be advertised through the parish News, flyers and on the noticeboard. We look forward to seeing residents at these events.

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 21st January, at the Village Hall, starting at 7pm. Please note that this is an earlier start. Residents are invited to attend.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Kevin Gordon visited us in November to speak about Sussex gravestones and memorials, giving us a very different insight into some of these widespread monuments.

Our 2019 calendar is proving very popular, with pictures taken around the village. It is available to purchase at Ninfield Lower Street Store, Hope Cottage Farm shop in Hooe and at our monthly meetings. We will also be showcasing these, some of our work, books and photographs at a coffee morning in the Hooe Village Hall on Saturday 8th December.

We will again be going to the Hope Cottage Farm Shop for our Christmas meal on Thursday 20th December. Numbers are strictly limited to 30, owing to the restricted space, so anybody wishing to join us can telephone Heather Sinden on 893422 to reserve a place.

Our first meeting of 2019, on Thursday 17th January, will feature John Cheshire from Ninfield History Society, with his talk on Ashburnham Place, the centre of one of the most influential large estates.

DID YOU KNOW... that at a meeting in 1889, Ninfield Bonfire Society decided to allow persons residing in Hooe to join, and so amalgamate the two villages. Following that, in 1893, a report in the Sussex Agricultural Express stated "At the invitation of J. W. Ashby, Esq., of Little Park, a large number of the inhabitants of Ninfield and Hooe assembled in the cricket field on Monday evening to witness a display of fireworks and the burning of a monster bonfire. The fireworks, consisting of rockets and set-pieces, afforded keen enjoyment to those present, the bonfire, which measured 28 yards in circumference, burning merrily and lighting up the country for some considerable distance".

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next evening meeting of the History Group be in the New Year on Thursday 17th January 2019, Methodist Hall, Church Lane, when Ian Everest will give a talk about the Newhaven Fort. The Archive Centre, upstairs at the Pavilion, is open on Monday mornings (10a.m.- 12 noon) if you need help with family or local history. The last session this year is on Monday 17th December when you are invited to join us for coffee/tea and mince pies and see some new items added to the collection. The Centre will re-open again on Monday 7th January 2019. Our 2019 calendar, which includes old photos of Ninfield groups and sports teams, will be on sale at the Christmas market, as will copies of our latest revised publication 'Ninfield in the Nineties'. Don't forget you can read our latest newsletter on our website at <http://ninfieldhistorygroup.org/> .

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Monday 10th December, we will be holding our Christmas evening for members. We hope the weather will be kind this year so everyone can enjoy the seasonal refreshments and games. The committee will provide the game and drinks but donations of nibbles will be appreciated on the evening. On Monday 21st January, we will welcome back Dr Mick Lynn. This time his talk will be on Bees – essential for a colourful garden and for providing honey. What can we do to encourage them into our gardens?

All our meetings start at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall and we have always have raffle and refreshments. Do come along. Visitors and new members always welcome.

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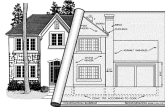
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The Wealden Plan.

For Ninfield, two new areas have been added to our village "envelope" or "development boundary".

The plan:

- States we have the infrastructure to support "sustainable" housing growth;
- Formally recognises the Ingrams site as within the village development boundary;
- Marks the exact area of a previous planning application - behind Manchester Road - as within the new development boundary and as suitable for "up to" 80 homes;
- On the Bexhill road the 20 acre field is deemed suitable for 40 homes and extends the village boundary in that location.

In the case of Manchester Road - this is a similar number to those proposed in a planning application for that land. Consideration of that plan was held, presumably till the Wealden plan was finally published.

The new plan village "boundary" includes exactly the proposed land area of the planning application, that application was submitted to Wealden South planning committee, and since our councillors had just voted for the overall plan for Wealden, and no one spoke against Manchester Road in the overall plan, how could they then turn down the principle of 80 houses in an area they had voted to designate for 80 houses?

How these home owners will travel to work by car, yet not affect the pollution in the Ashdown forest, is unclear. The "plan" seems to suggest all new inhabitants will cycle, walk, go by public transport, or plug their cars in to be recharged. They will not be "sustainable" in public transport terms.

How will they shop? How go to school? Which secondary school has places? Which GP will they use? Where will the drains go? What local jobs are the housholders going to get?

Supposedly, Land (owned by ES County Council) will be used by the developers to put in parking bays and a pavement, on Manchester Road.

Frustrated of Ninfield
Paul Coleshill (Chair of NAG)

CHRISTMAS EVENING MARKET

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Wednesday 12th December



6.00 - 9.00 pm 25+ stalls offering a wide variety of food, drink and other Christmas items

7.00pm Music from Hooe Hand Bell Ringers

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O UR SCHOOL

The Harvest festival was a great success, lots of joyful singing around the church, the readers did a great job and of course there was the usual splattering of corny jokes from Reverend Frostick. The donations of food were piled high up by the altar thanks to the generosity of the children and their parents of course. All of the donations were then passed on to the Bexhill Food Bank who were very happy to receive such a generous offering.

I mentioned Cranky the Crane driver last month and the eagle eyed amongst you will have seen some of the children's drawings displayed on the fencing around the building site. If you haven't yet seen them, take a look when you are next on the Rec.

The new classroom building is progressing well, thanks to the unusually dry weather we have been having. It's nice to be able to get a better idea of the overall size and layout of the building, it's never quite the same on a plan. It won't be long now before we can move into them and finally see the back of the old huts. For those of you who went to the school and had the pleasure of being taught in the huts we will be offering for sale framed pieces of wood from them as souvenirs, I'll provide details of my bank account later!

The children have been working hard on their poppies and other items for Remembrance Sunday. Many of these will be displayed in the memorial Hall as part of Ninfield's Remembrance Day activities to mark the centenary of the end of the first world war.

And finally the countdown to Christmas has started. This month the Friends are putting on the winter discos for the children to enable them to 'strut their stuff' (sorry, showing my age!). Then on 3rd December, Wasps (our Year 5/6 mixed class) are taking part in the Big Sing at the De La Warr Pavillion along with many other local schools. Much singing can be heard coming from Miss Watson's classroom as they learn the lyrics and not all are in English which makes it even more challenging. The annual Christmas service and performances are being planned and the Teachers stress levels are slowly beginning to rise. All we need now are a few snow closure days to complete the set.

On behalf of everyone at the school I'd like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year. Thank you for all your support in what has been a very challenging year for Ninfield School.

Ian Moffat

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Saturday 6th April Memorial Hall Quiz

Monday 6th May – May Day Funday – Millennium Woods, Hooe.

15th and 16th June – Open gardens event. Hooe.

26th and 27th July - Ninfield Music Festival

Sunday 29th September – Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe

Saturday 12th October - Bonfire Night

Worms Eye View

Evenings seem very long now that the clocks have gone back. Once the curtains are drawn you feel that you are in another world. However, there is still plenty to do. For instance, one could not just ignore the multitude of sloes on the Blackthorn Trees and so now there is a large bottle of sloe gin bubbling in my wood shed (it is cool in there, just the right temperature). I shake the bottle daily and the liquid with the sloes is turning a lovely shade of red. Some more sloes have been turned into jam, a first for me.

Then I realised that I was nearly out of marmalade and so another evening was spent making some more, but I did not have to go picking the fruit this time. And of course, the Christmas Pudding has been made with helping hands stirring the mixture and making wishes.

It has been rather noisy on the farm for a few days recently. We weaned our calves in October, they are ten to twelve months old by then and their mothers need a rest before calving again. They soon settled down, but for a few days (and nights) both groups bellowed loudly.

Another annual event has also occurred recently, the rams were put in with the ewes, after a lazy summer. Although they did cause trouble a little while ago. The rams had all been together peacefully and enjoyed the warm summer when for no apparent reason one ram decided he didn't like the company of the others and picked a fight with another. He butted it so severely, it broke the poor ram's neck. We were upset and feared he would attack another or us and so he was sent off for slaughter himself. We fortunately found another two rams quickly and they (the rams) were all put to the ewes on the 16th October, which means we can expect the first lambs for 2019 on or about March 13th. Goodness me, doesn't the time go quickly when you think about lambing. I still check anticipated birth arrivals from my Grandads "Thorley's Farmers Almanack" for 1916. I note that this one was the 58th year of publication. It really is a treasure of information and had outlets in France, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Spain, Jamaica, Argentina, South Africa, Australia & New Zealand. It tells one how to clean a feather bed from the domestic section and then gives the prices of wool and cattle amongst things, and the farm workers income, which ranged from 8 shillings per month to 3 pound 10 shillings per month. This was of course the time of the 1st World War and was this, I wonder why so many farm hands quickly joined up. Just a reminder for January, St Agnes Day is 21st January and on this day all sheep were blessed, and all lovesick girls would fast all day, so they would dream the name of their future husband.

And finally, 'If on St Vincent's Day (January 22nd) the sky be clear, more wine than water will crowd the year'
Enjoy Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all.

Anne

HOOE OPEN GROUP

Hooe Open Group met last Friday afternoon to be entertained by one of its own members, Jenny Croft.

Jenny gave a fascinating talk as a professional Clairvoyant, in which she has been engaged for many years. She runs White Wave Crafts in Sackville Road Bexhill, offering customers de-stress, using her well tried and tested technique, using her quartz crystal healing bowl and by doing so raising money for Barnados Children's Homes.

Jenny has worked as a clairvoyant all her adult life having discovered she had the ability when she was a child. She also found out she had the ability to heal - she believes we can all do this - and has been working to help others since she turned professional at the age of 26. The ladies of Hooe Open Group were fascinated; joining in a demonstration of Jenny's healing powers, which many did feel a difference in their wellbeing.

The meeting was completed as usual with tea/coffee and chat, not forgetting the multi-prize raffle.

Due to the approach of darker evenings, it was decided to start meetings at 1.30pm and close at 3.30.

On Friday the 14th December, the Club members and guest will be meeting at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Little Common for their Christmas Luncheon.

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Ninfield Scouts Clothing Bag Collection -

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We are once again collecting clean non-uniform clothing, belts, bags, paired shoes, boots, coats, paired trainers, jewellery, coats, toiletries, bed linen, towels, soft toys and console games. We would love all your items if you are clearing out over the Festive season.

We are hoping to utilise the best quality items donated in a quality clothing sale for the village to benefit from. Not a jumble but a chance to view clothes and buy at charity shop or cheaper prices. The sale will hopefully be in January and include clothes for all the family. Look out for advertising. If you have any particularly special items to donate or a spare rail you could lend or donate, please speak to Dick or Veronica.

We would also love your hangers please. We can not accept bric a brac, single shoes, blankets, curtains or anything dirty or damaged. Please be careful not to add these items as they may result in our collector deciding not to collect from us again.

Bags can be dropped to the back of the car park where our green storage container is or dropped at the hall at the following times:

Tuesday 8th and 15th December between 6.15-7.45pm

Thursday 10th and 17th December between 5.15-8pm

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NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET
NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL
SATURDAYS 9.30 - 12.00

16th February

Our monthly market will not be running in January but make a note of the date for the start of the new season in February
Enjoy coffee, cake and a natter at The Pop Up Cafe

Any enquiries to Chris 893388

NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Would like to thank everyone for the massive support you gave for our annual torch lit procession, bonfire and fireworks.

We really enjoyed the evening and by the sound of it, so do all of you. Many of you appreciated our effigy of burning social media! One comment we often hear is that there are not enough collection buckets out there, we do our best but we can't all process, serve teas & bbqs etc and be out with buckets, there is one in the Ninfield Stores and in the Blacksmiths if you would like to contribute and please, may be volunteer to collect next year for us!

Believe it or not we have set the date for next year Saturday 12th October - why so early? Because Hastings will process on 19th because of high tide on 12th and as all Sussex Societies like to go to Hastings we wouldn't have any societies to process with us!

Also a big thank you to all the well behaved dogs and their owners who came along to the dog show, it was well attended and great fun, we hope to run another in the spring!

As an active group in Ninfield we are very proud to have been a part of the commemorative events on 11th November and it was lovely to see so many people there over the weekend.

We don't meet in December or January so it will be February before we all meet again, in the meantime we wish everyone in Ninfield and Hooe a very Merry Christmas an a Happy New Year with hopes that 2019 will be a good one for all of us.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke ch.1 verses 1-25 & 57-80

The Romans had invaded Israel and still ruled it. Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old childless couple living in the hill country.



It was Zechariah's turn for temple duty in Jerusalem.

He was given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to burn incense in the holiest place in the temple



As it burnt he prayed



Lord God, please rescue us, your people.

Then he saw the angel standing next to him



God has heard your prayer, and you will have a son.

At our age that's not going to happen



To show you that God means what He says..

you will be unable to speak until your son, John*, is born



*In Hebrew, 'John' is 'Yochanan' or 'God is gracious'

When Zechariah came out of the holy place..



What happened?

He went home and soon Elizabeth had good news



I'm pregnant!

Elizabeth's cousin Mary visited her...



but left before ..

Elizabeth's baby was born.



He is called John

But that's not his father's name

Zechariah wrote...



and could speak again.

He praised God for what He had done...



and what He was going to do...

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Services for December 2018:

2 nd	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Advent Sunday Celebration with Jennifer Winnington 'Lights of Love' service with St. Michael's Hospice (below)
9 th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Communion with Revd. John Hope
16 th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Margaret Bickerdike
23 rd	10.30 am	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE with Revd. Tricia Williams
24 th	4.00- 4-45pm	CHRISTMAS Eve Candlelight Crib Service, with Tricia
30 th	To be arranged - see posters	

January 2019:

6 th	10.30 am	Café Worship, with breakfast
13 th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Dick Dengate
20 th	10.30 am	United Covenant Service with St. Mary's Parish Church
27 th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Malcolm Peach

Events for December 2018:

2 nd	3.00 pm	'Lights of Love' service with St. Michael's Hospice (below)
5 th	7.00- 8.15pm	Talking Point - 'Why War....?'
7 th	10.00 – 12noon	Book Exchange Cafe
12 th	12.30	Christian Womens Fellowship - Christmas Lunch

January 2019:

30 th	3.30 – 5.30pm	Messy Church
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We wish you all a 'Very Happy Christmas & God's blessing & peace for the New year'.

'Lights of love' on December 2nd we link with St. Mary's Parish Church & St. Michael's Hospice for a 'Lights of love' Thanksgiving & Remembrance service. The service starts at St. Mary's & then at 4.00 pm a 'Lights of love' Tree (decorated with stars & hearts) will be lit outside our Church. Please let us have your remembrance stars which will be placed on the tree.

Christmas eve – Candlelight Crib Celebration for all followed by light refreshments. Come along & enjoy this amazing time together. Service will be led by Reverend Tricia Williams.

Annual Covenant Service – United with St. Mary's @ Ninfield Methodist on January 20th. Led by Revd. Tricia Williams & Revd. Paul Frostick. We join together for this act of commitment for 2019.

DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES
DECEMBER

Sat	1	
Sun	2	LIGHTS OF LOVE;
Mon	3	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr
Tue	4	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	5	Village Soc, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Talking Point
Thu	6	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts, N.Parish Council
Fri	7	Crafting, Jo' Jammas; FLOWER GRP PRTY; N Book Chnge;
Sat	8	HOOE CHRISTMAS MARKET,
Sun	9	
Mon	10	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells Archive Cntr, HORTI XMASEVE
Tue	11	CAROL CONCERT Ninfield
Wed	12	Village Soc, Art Grp, CWF lunch; Line Dncng EVENING MARKET
Thu	13	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts,
Fri	14	Crafting, HOGS lunch; Scouts AGM & Race Night; Burlesque
Sat	15	
Sun	16	
Mon	17	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, N,HISTORY COFFEE AM
Tue	18	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band,
Wed	19	Village Society, Art Grp, Line Dancing; Hooe CAROL SERVICE
Thu	20	Pilates, Hooe Hist Meal;
Fri	21	Crafting, Jo's Jammas
Sat	22	
Sun	23	CAROLS & CHRISTINGLE St, Mary's
Mon	24	
Tue	25	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES 9.30 ST MARY'S, 11.00 ST OSWALD'S
Wed	26	
Thu	27	
Fri	28	
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Mon	31	

JANUARY

Tue	1	
Wed	2	Village Soc, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap,
Thu	3	Pilates,s, N.Parish Council
Fri	4	Crafting, Jo' Jammas
Sat	5	
Sun	6	
Mon	7	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr, Flower Grp
Tue	8	Cubs, Dancercise,
Wed	9	Village Soc, Art Grp, CWF; Line Dncng, Adult Tap
Thu	10	Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts,
Fri	11	Crafting, HOGS; Burlesque
Sat	12	Hooe Coffee Morning
Sun	13	
Mon	14	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr ,
Tue	15	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band,
Wed	16	Village Society, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Adult Tap
Thu	17	Pilates; Toddlers; Beavers; Scouts, H.History Soc. N.HistoryGrp
Fri	18	Crafting, Jo's Jammas
Sat	19	BEETLE DRIVE HOOE; CLOTHES SALE;
Sun	20	
Mon	21	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Centre Horti; HPCo
Tue	22	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	23	Village Soc; Art Group, Line Dance; Adult Tap
Thu	24	Pilates; Toddlers; Beavers; Scouts;
Fri	25	Crafting; Burlesque
Sat	26	
Sun	27	
Mon	28	Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr,
Tue	29	Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band
Wed	30	Village Soc; Art Group, Line Dance; Adult Tap Messy Church
Thu	31	Pilates; Toddlers; Beavers; Scouts;

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At November's gathering we were in the company of Rudyard Kipling! With little imagination required, we were transported back into 1933 as the character of Mr Kipling entered the room played expertly and absorbingly by Geoff Hutchinson. We all sat spellbound as he told us of his life that began in 1865, born Joseph Rudyard Kipling, through his most unhappy years at the age of 6 being sent to Southsea and into the hands of a brutal woman to be 'educated'. She didn't tolerate his escapism into the world of books but that is how we should find out more about him, through his words, readings and verses to get to know him better. His apprenticeship into his writing career started as a junior reporter of an Indian Gazette.

In 1892 Rudyard married Caroline Ballastier, an American, they settled in Vermont where he wrote the Jungle Book stories. The Kipling family returned to England and after a spell in Rottingdean, in 1902 he bought Batemans for the princely sum of £9,300, the home that would last him the rest of his days. His family life had tragedies, losing one of his daughters through whooping cough at the age of 7 and a son in 1914 in the Great War.

Batemans was bequeathed to the National Trust by his wife after Kipling's death from a duodenal ulcer in 1936. The 17th century Jacobean house surrounded by rolling Sussex countryside was Kipling's sanctuary.

We certainly did know Mr Kipling, his genius and literary legacy a lot better after Geoff's personalisation. Thank you Geoff. We hope to be treated to meeting more of his special characters.

Our group is open to all and meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield at 2.30p.m. Hope to see you in the New Year 2019.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas.

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