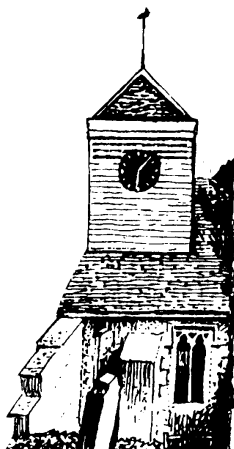


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# PARISH



# NEWS

**News from the Churches,  
the clubs, groups and**

**societies of**

**Ninfield & Hooe**

**PLUS A DIARY OF EVENTS**

**July 2019**

**50p**



# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD



# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

#### For St. Mary's

#### Wednesday, 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Most weeks – please check the weekly sheet in Church

Monday - Thursday open at 9 am and locked 3 pm

Fridays and Saturdays closed

After the service on Sundays closed

#### For St. Oswald's

9.00am to 5.00pm

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

**APPOINTMENTS** All enquiries about Baptism, Marriages 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,

There is a verse in the Bible that has stood the test of time as one of my favourites for two reasons. Its from Proverbs 3.

Firstly, it reminds me that life isn't all about me and secondly that when we follow God's ways and live as He calls us to live, life is so much more purposeful and free.

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.'

It challenges me about where or in whom do I put my trust? In myself, someone else? Or in the Creator of heaven and earth who loved me enough to die on a cross for me? Do I just do whatever I feel like and listen to my own understanding? Or do I seek to live by God's ways?

If I choose the former I know full well my natural desire to have an easy life will kick in and I'll choose not to do the harder thing of serving, caring, forgiving or loving when it's hard.

To follow Jesus doesn't mean it will always be easy, but it does mean your companion through the journey of life is one who will always love you, be there for you and guide you gently and help you through those difficult times. I came across this amazing quote from Joel Mason who wrote:

'God is not a piece of furniture in our personal metaphysical world, a sofa that we can move around at will to suit our sensibilities. We cannot control Him; the art of following is the opposite of control. He is all in all, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; He is the journey and the journey's end.'

Do I want to follow a God who can be controlled? Or the God I know I can rely on not to be swayed by the latest trends or by my latest whim, but is consistent in love, mercy, grace and forgiveness.

There may be times I wish I could control Him but what a disaster that would be for everyone else! It is counter intuitive to submit yourself to the will of another, but that's what following Jesus involves.

If I was abseiling down the side of a mountain (which I would not do under any circumstances) I would happily submit the control of my descent to the more knowledgeable and experienced instructor, trusting they had my safety and future in their hands.

Proverbs 3:5,6 helps to remind me that it is God Almighty who has my best interests and future in his hands and that gives me confidence and assurance. In a rapidly changing world, that makes sense to me.

Peter knelt upon a roof – He'd gone up there to pray;  
He'd gone to seek his Father's face In the middle of the day.  
He saw a sheet of dodgy food and heard an angel say,  
"I know you're hungry, Peter, so Come, eat your fill today

But Peter gazed with horror at this gift of food, divine;  
Filled with things he mustn't eat like birds, and prawns, and swine.  
"I can't eat that!" he said to God, "Leviticus' line:  
"I may not eat this kind of stuff "Not now, nor any time!"Ay!

This drew a sharp response from God, "Who do you think you are?  
"What food did you expect, perhaps "A bowl of caviar?  
"A champagne sorbet? Quails' eggs? "And then a nice cigar?  
"No! Food that I've declared is good you have no right to bar!"

So help us Father, as we seek your guidance from above;  
Our prejudices, fears, and sins – those may you rid us of!  
But may your Holy Spirit come upon us, like a dove  
That we may very clearly see the visions of your love.

By Nigel Beeton

### **"SAINT OSWALD'S BELLS"**

Our current band is five strong for our five bells.

To be certain of ringing all five when necessary is a "three-line whip"  
job. We need to be stronger.

We aim to practise once a week and ring for our Sunday service and  
other suitable occasions as needed BUT we need additional ringers  
and learners.

Please contact Simon Pattison ( 01424 845087) if you might be  
persuaded to add to our band."

*from the  
Parish Records*

### **St. Oswald's**

Baptism

Romily Jaqueline Champ on Sunday 9th June 2019

Marriage

Peter Bourner and Claire Nicolson on Saturday 22nd June 2019

Funeral

**ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH**

**GARDEN PARTY**

**In the Church grounds**

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**12 noon - 4.30pm**

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**PARKING IN THE FIELD**

**T**HE PARISH NEWS Well we promised you a bumper edition, and we are very grateful to everyone who has contributed, we hope you enjoy reading it all and a big thank you to Ninfield Surgery for sponsoring this special edition which therefor has a lot of pieces covering health and well being, including sport, music and companionship which has to benefit of us all.

The best part of actually typing this all up is the view from the window, where distraction is provided by two young woodpeckers being fed by mum from the peanuts on the bird feeder, they are so noisy and now starting to find out that they can also feed themselves by hanging off the feeder, just lovely.

As always lots going on this month, so another big thank you must go to all the individuals who are members of the various groups and organisations that put these events on for the benefit of everyone. The amount of hard work that goes on to put on the events is enormous so please show your appreciation and support them while having fun - as that's what it's all about. We have just had National Volunteering Week and all of these people are prime examples of volunteers, some at local level by leading walking groups, putting on big events like the carnival, weekly help with Scouts etc, helping those in need at the Food Bank- so THANK YOU you are all much appreciated. Volunteers are essential, had you thought about getting involved?



*Nicki & Carol*

## **St Mary's Open Day – 8th June 2019**

St. Mary's held their second summer church open day. What a contrast to last year when we were basking in a heatwave and we could all sit outside in shirtsleeves enjoying the sunshine. This year we awoke to very high winds and torrential rain and began to wonder whether we should cancel the event fearing that no one would attend.

In the end we decided to go ahead despite the weather and were rewarded with the rain stopping soon after 9.30 although the winds remained strong. Rather than go outside we set everything up inside the church confident that the building would remain standing despite the conditions.

We had stalls for cakes, homemade jams & marmalade, books & puzzles, sundry bric a brac together with a raffle, tombola, name the teddy and guess the number of sweets in a jar. Teas, coffee and homemade cakes were available and as the rain held off a barbecue was lit selling burgers and sausages, the latter being so popular that they were all sold soon after 1pm.

The burial records dating back to 1876 were available, so several people were able to look up relatives and we were able to show them where they were buried. (If anyone in the Parish would like to find out their relatives last resting place, please contact Phil for information.)

A steady stream of visitors came in buying some of the products and enjoying the refreshments. The day proved successful, raising a nice amount for church funds and we would like to thank all the people who came and the church members who worked hard setting it up and providing the cakes, jam and marmalade, raffle prizes and other items. The next Open Day will be on 30th November from 11a.m. - 2p.m. selling items for Christmas. We hope to see many of you there, so please keep this day free in your diary. Full details will be available in the autumn editions of the Parish News.

Phil Ringrose Churchwarden

## **Notes from Oswald's Church Hooe**

We have recently celebrated the baptism of Romilly Jacqueline and in the coming weeks we have a funeral, three weddings and our annual Church Garden Party on 6th July – all important landmark events for families, church and the parish community. The PCC, as current custodians of our village church, are committed to maintaining the church building as a focus for life events and worship in the village. The PCC is also committed to continuing to organise social “get-togethers” in the village and church as a fun part of village life.

Over the last year St Oswald's hosted social lunches on Shrove Tuesday and Bonfire Night, both well attended, bringing our community together as individuals, couples and parties to enjoy food amidst a pleasant buzz of conversation and laughter: at Harvest supper over 60 parishioners sat together to give thanks and share a meal. In the spring Ninfield Church primary school organised a concert in the church for an appreciative audience and in November the walls of the church echoed to an outstanding performance of Handel's Messiah. The annual Church Garden Party is much loved, enjoyed by families and the wider community and there is, in general a fun atmosphere at this and all the above events run by the PCC.

The Church and the churchyard are enjoyed by many people from near and far. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful, peaceful spot for our Parish Church, kept open every day, from breakfast to sundown. The Visitors book shows its importance to so many.

The prayer Tree has provided many people with an opportunity to share their thoughts, sorrows, and concerns. The last Monday of each month we gather to use these prayers as the focus for a short prayer meeting. It is a peaceful way to share the problems that we all experience at different times.

Church services attendance at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance has increased over the past two years, and we see this as an encouragement in the uncertain times that seem to always be just around the corner.

After a minor tussle with the powers that be in the Diocese of Chichester, we have now been granted formal permission to re-use a specific area of the churchyard for burials. All villagers of Hooe have the right to be buried in the churchyard of St. Oswald's Hooe. We are pleased to report that we now have 24 new burial spaces in the churchyard with 20 spaces for cremated remains.

The upkeep of our Grade 1 listed building is always a concern. We have just had our Quinquennial inspection listing what repairs need undertaking. Overall the building is in good order, needing minor stonework and repointing. At present our two Parishes in Ninfield and Hooe are being cared for by The Rev. Paul Frostick on a part time basis. Neither of the two parishes is able to generate sufficient funds to provide for a full time Minister – a cost in excess of £50,000. Both PCCs strive to meet the needs of their individual parishes but finances are always stretched.

Projects for the future include re-surfacing and extending the church path, a shed in the car park for storage and the conversion of the old brick shed in the churchyard to fully functioning toilet.

St. Oswald's is grateful for the support from our Parish Council and so many helpful parishioners. Long may it continue as we all try to improve our community spirit in our different ways

Janet Pättisson/Jack Rist – Churchwarden

# Ninfield Parish Council

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The Parish Council met a week later than usual this month due to the auditing of the year end accounts, with a clean bill of health the accounts will be sent on the external auditor who scrutinises our accounts and processes over the summer reporting back around September time.

It will soon be time for the annual Ninfield Carnival – Saturday 13th July - (who's committee would love to hear from anybody who could give up some time to help in the run up or on the day) The Parish Council will have their hub open at the carnival with councillors available to talk to on the day and useful information on display and to take away.

This will include information about the Neighbourhood Planning process that the council is undertaking. We are looking for volunteers to get involved and help. There is a lot to do but there are many jobs that won't take up much of someone's time so please visit the hub or contact the clerk if you are interested.

As you know Wealden District Council (WDC) submitted their proposed Wealden Local Plan (WLP) to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in January of this year. The appointed examiner has been holding 'hearings', in which people who had expressed an interest in attending discussions about aspects of the plan had been invited to attend and discuss their representations. The examination has been divided into two stages with the initial meetings to do with stage 1 which will conclude at the end of July. Two of our councils have attended some of the meetings relevant to Ninfield and discuss the detailed representations made by the Parish Council. There is lots of information about the WLP and the hearings on the WDC website if you would like to find out more.

Many of you noticed the large cycling event that went through the village 1st June. We have written to the organisers to ask if they will let us know about future events as it attracted a lot of unexpected cars parking in the village and road closures. When we have more information we'll let you know.

You will also have noticed the work going on in Hurst Wood alongside the Catsfield Road. The Parish Council have made some enquiries to find out



some more detail. The work is part of an approved woodland management plan, which adheres to the UK Forestry Standard and the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme (UK equivalent of the FSC certification). The work for this area of the wood was planned about 10 years ago and is part of a rotating plan that has been seen work carried out here for over 600 years. We have been told that the area will regenerate very quickly and very soon invertebrates specialising in marginal woodland habitat, as well as nesting birds, will return to the area.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 4th July at the Methodist Hall at 7:15pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

## **M**EN'S SHEDS

meet at Sparke Pavilion at 11am on the last Monday in each month, the history group also meet on Mondays so we will share for this one day. Our version of the men's sheds movement differs from the usual idea in that we do not have premises where we carry out physical works.

We aim merely to provide a forum in which men who are socially isolated get in contact with those with similar problems and isolation due to either physical problems, illness or bereavement can meet with others of similar vintage and/or circumstances around a table and interact with their peers.

We put the world to rights over coffee, (and while the cat's away eat lots of biscuits!) plan a revolution, explain to football managers what they do wrong and generally socialise, chat about life experiences in order to alleviate isolation and loneliness for an hour or so once a month. Contact Dave Crittall on 01424 892883.

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Why not bring along plastic boxes or tins for your cakes,  
pies, meat and other produce?

Generally every **3<sup>rd</sup> SATURDAY** of the month

**N**INFIELD BOWLS CLUB this year celebrates 90 years as a Bowls Club so on July 27 the members will be celebrating on our Presidents Day (which is normally a match entitled Roundheads versus Cavaliers). Half of the players wear red and the other half blue and we have a match normally using 4-5 rinks depending how many members enter. We are anticipating decorating the Club House and surrounding area with bunting and probably balloons and to end the afternoon with a fish and chip supper in the Club House.

If you had ever thought about seeing what goes on, why not visit on a Tuesday or Thursday evening between 5.30 and 7.00, you'll be most welcome.



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## **1ST NINFIELD & CROWHURST SCOUT GROUP**

We would like to take this opportunity to share some of our Group's annual activities with you. In January of this year we decided to change our Group's name to '1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scout Group' which we felt reflected the identity of the whole of our amazing group. This also coincided with the launch of our new Beaver Colony based in Crowhurst for which we now have 11 young people aged 6 to 8 years. The annual census completed in February 2019 showed a further growth in our youth members to 139, officially making us the largest Scouting group in the Senlac District.

The Scouting journey is an incredible experience for our young people, it is not only fun but also provides them with skills for life. We were proud to see earlier this year Toby Ballard receive his Gold Duke of Edinburgh award at Buckingham Palace, then Toby Ballard, Joe Creasey, Tom Shoemsmith and Abigail Wright receive their Queen's Scout Award – which is the highest youth award achievable in Scouting. As Queen's Scouts they were also privileged to be a part of the St. George's Day Parade at the Quadrangle and Windsor Castle.

Our young people have started their exciting summer programme of activities. It is amazing what our Leaders and volunteers can pack into a few weeks..... kayaking, archery, axe throwing, fire lighting, cycle rides, health & fitness activities, map work, hiking, camping, outdoor cooking, bug hunting, pond dipping, expeditions, district competitions and the list goes on!

As with most voluntary organisations we rely on volunteers, so if you would like to be an adult helper or become a Leader in any of our sections then please get in contact with us.

We are always pleased to be invited to take part in village activities which this year has included Ninfield's Day of Remembrance – marking the centenary of the end of WW1, the Fashion Show and New / Preloved Clothes Sale – raising valuable funds for the Memorial Hall restoration and the annual Ninfield Carnival.

Finally, we would like to thank the Parish Council who kindly allow us to store our equipment at the Memorial Hall and to the residents of Ninfield who are always very supportive of our fundraising events and activities – which must look a little strange at times!

## WW1 AIRFIELD PLAQUE GOES UP IN HOOE

You might like to view a plaque that has gone up on the roadside. To the right hand side of the field gate, opposite the entrance to New Lodge Farm, at the bottom of Green Lane, Hooe.

The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust asked to commemorate, with a plaque, the personnel and units who flew from all WW1 airfields in Britain, Hooe had one.

Opposite New Lodge Farm entrance, at the end of Green Lane, there is a field gate. We know it as 'Big Field' and it used to be a larger, until the Marsh road cut the bottom off.

This was a WW1 airfield from 1916 -1918 and the slope drops away from the gate and was ideal for landing and take off. There is a large white based 'chalk' circle with a diagonal line across, for landing in it. If you drive from Little Common and look across from the top of Barnhorn Hill, look towards New Lodge Farm, there is the 'Big Field' and its slope. Very rare to see though, the circle is in the ground. It can only be faintly viewed on very, very dry days through the soil, when the field is grass or stubble.

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## **N**INFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Do come and support the Ninfield Horticultural Society on Saturday 17th August. This is advance notice of our Annual Summer Show. Regular visitors will know that we put on a lovely display of local produce as well having enjoyable refreshments. We have classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables, cooking, jams and chutneys, photos and lots of children's classes. Now is the time to start planning for entries. It's more fun if you enter – why not give it a go this year? Help available for new entrants.

Schedules with entry details available in the Village Stores or from Rose (892422 or email: rose.franks1@btinternet.com) .

Visitors very welcome from 2.30 in the Memorial Hall.

Advance notice too that our new season is starting in September this year with our first meeting on Monday 16th at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Look for more info in next month's Parish News, Village Voice and posters.

Do think about joining the Society. Only £4 gives you free admission to all our shows and evening events.

**S**TOOLBALL, a sport dating back to the 15th century, originating in Sussex, it may be an ancestor of cricket, baseball, and rounders, it is sometimes called "cricket in the air" and it is still played in this area, you can go to Hooe Recreation Ground at 7.30 most Tuesdays in the summer or contact them through Lorna Smith 845163

# **O**UR SCHOOL

It's Finished!

Last Friday (7th June) the school was officially handed back to us from the building contractors. Apart from the obligatory snagging list; that is it. A project which started a long time ago and amidst much controversy has resulted in a school that we can all be proud of as well as a refurbished skate park and a new Multi User Games Area (MUGA) for the village.

I know the last 15 months haven't been easy for everyone, especially those residents who have had to suffer the additional traffic and disruption. The skate park has also been out of action for that length of time which has affected the younger community in the village. So to everyone we would like to say a big Thank You for being so patient and working with us on this.

The Contractors, Sunninghill, and all their sub contractors have gone out of their way to make things run as smoothly as possible and the interaction with the children has been great to see. Neil, the site manager, has been a star. His interaction with the staff, children and residents has helped to smooth any potential issues and kept everyone informed of what is happening. So a big vote of thanks has to go to him.

Over the next few weeks we will be working with the Parish Council to agree the management of the MUGA so that it is available for residents to use. The areas of the REC that were used by the contractors have been re-seeded and hopefully, with all this rain we are getting, they will soon recover. In a few months time you won't even know we had a building site.

While all of this was happening, school life continued apace. Our Year 6 children completed their SATs and then went off to Bewl Water for some R&R. That is if you can call canoeing, kayaking, sailing and rafting Rest & Relaxation! Year 1 visited the Fisherman's Museum in Hastings and got to ride on the Funicular Railway to get a good view over the old town.

Now it is heads down and prepare for the end of term productions and the 'tear filled' Leaver's service.

Ian Moffat

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## NINFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Don't forget

The Proms will again have the **Eastbourne Concert Orchestra**  
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The Gig on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July has two of your favourite bands  
coming back

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Remember to get your tickets early - last year again Gig sold out!

If you think you'd like to help, do contact us at

C.holland1066@gmail.com or 893326

Or come along to our next meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm Working Men's Club

If you have enjoyed this copy of the Parish News and do not normally have a copy delivered, if you live in Hooe or Ninfield please complete this form and leave it at Ninfield Village stores or email [ninfieldnews@btconnect.com](mailto:ninfieldnews@btconnect.com)

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# **N**INFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Monday 1st July, in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 we shall welcome Michelle King with her demonstration entitled "Tutti Frutti". We welcome non- members, all flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening.

Ninfield Carnival 13th July, the theme this year is "The 60s". We shall be displaying several flower arrangement on the theme, and inviting visitors to guess what they are – for a small fee. Do please visit our stand.

Monday 2nd September we shall welcome Eleanor Bracken with her demonstration entitled "Snap Shots".

Monday 7th October, the very talented Robin White with his demonstration entitled "The Link is Green".

Do please contact us if you would like any further information regarding any of our events, or would like to come and meet us , by telephoning Jennifer on 01424 892878 or by email [ninfieldflowers@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldflowers@gmail.com)

**2-4pm, Saturday 6th July**

## **PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE**

**Ninfield Memorial Hall**

By 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scouts

Refreshments, raffle and lots of bargains to bag at charity shop prices or less. Entry only 50p

All remaining items going to support the Carnival sale the following Friday

If you would like to donate clean clothing, shoes, bags etc. in good condition

please bring to the Memorial Hall

7-8.30pm on Thursday 4th or Friday 5th July or

call Dick Creasey 07970 559226

or Veronica Sargent 07714327117

# **HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our thanks to Terry Whippy and Richard Scott who visited us in June with an interesting talk and display of memorabilia of the Second World War.

Following the talk John Dowling gave us last year on the preservation and opening up of the Highwoods to the public, we have arranged a guided walk with one of the volunteer wardens, Alan Dengate. Meet on Thursday 18th July in the Highwoods car park promptly at 7.00 p.m. should give us plenty of time for a pleasant walk through the wood (weather permitting!) with somebody to show us some of the interesting and rare features that could otherwise easily be missed. Car share and comfortable shoes recommended.

**DID YOU KNOW ...** that just after the First World War, Hooe village had a small Fife and Drum band, run by Roly Smith, who was affectionately known by the youngsters of the village as “the man with the wooden leg”. After this Fife and Drum band disbanded, a small number of youngsters started playing cheap keyless flutes in the street outside the Red Lion. Others began to join in and by 1923 another band had formed, but without a leader. They all wanted to start a brass band, so collected money through weekly subscriptions (6d per member) and by giving concerts and carol playing locally.

At last they raised the incredible sum of £70 which enabled them to purchase a whole set of second hand brass instruments. They made their first public appearance on the evening of Tuesday 17th May, 1927, when the newly formed band, numbering 25 members, held a route march through Hooe village, led by their new bandmaster, Harley (Sammy) Smith.

The band was very warmly received by the village and the enthusiastic members were keen to improve their musical skills under their innovative leader. The rest, as they say, is history - this was the beginning of the wonderful Hooe Village Band whose music still entertains us today.

## **Hooe Parish Council**

Council Meeting

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

The Village Hall

*Hooe residents are invited to attend.*

## **Ninfield Parish Council**

Council Meeting

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

The Methodist Hall,

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## CARNIVAL COUNTDOWN!!

It's only a couple of weeks to go - Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July - and the last minute preparations are gathering pace! This year's Theme - 'Sensational Sixties' has really got the imagination going, and, if you look at the Ninfield Carnival Facebook page and website you'll find lots of different ideas for Fancy Dress and Floats - whether driven or walking! There will be prizes for the best costumes and best floats in all age groups- youngsters and the not-so-youngsters!- and, likewise on the Recreation Ground, there will be something for everyone to enjoy with the many sideshows, stalls, games, rides and arena events.!

Look out for - Masterchef - in the main Marquee - bring your entries up by 11.30am, judging is at 12 midday - see separate posters for food details.

- Anna Thompson - The Great Pottery Throw Down! - in the main Marquee - Try your hand at getting creative with Clay!

- The Coakham Bloodhounds - 3pm in the Arena - once again the fabulous hounds and their handlers will delight you all!

- Fun Dog Show - 2pm in the Arena- always a huge hit, with emphasis on the Fun!

- Ninfield's Strongest Man - in the Arena from approx 3.30pm - Competing for Cash Prizes and the Ninfield Challenge Cup - This traditional Village event is back by popular demand, and the Strong Man Challenges will include - The Brick Lift, The Tractor Tyre Run, The Hay Bale Stack... If there are interested Ladies who would like to take on the challenge, let us know!

SO! Firstly - Friday 12th - NEARLY NEW CLOTHES SALE! - 6.30- 10pm - Main Marquee - BAR, FOOD, MUSIC, Have a wonderful evening shopping for bargains- New, and Nearly New clothes- Vintage and Retro too- all at Charity Shop Prices - or less!!! Friday Raffle - 1st Prize £50 Boden Voucher, 2nd Sanctuary Gift Box, 3rd Bottle Fizzy - Evening door entry only £1 !!

Saturday 13th - The Procession leaves Lower Street at 12 midday, will arrive on the Rec at 1pm - Prize giving from 1.15-1.30pm.

- On the Rec; BBQ, Tea Tent, Art & Craft Marquee, Raffle, Tombola, Pimms Tent, Sluchie Stand, Inflatable Games, Train rides, Coconut Shy, China Smash, Kid's Games!!-

- and for the first time, take part in A LIVE, HUMAN SABBUTEO GAME!! Huge thanks to the Bonfire Society for building this brilliant new event!!

samanthaguard@btinternet.com or post a message on our Facebook Page or website!! - THANK YOU!!

THE RAFFLE! Tickets are on sale NOW in the Village Stores - 1st Prize a Drinks Cooler filled with Wines, Spirits, artisan beer, cider and other local produce! 2nd Prize £100, 3rd £50, plus 2 x £25 !!

THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA! - Over 200 chances to win..! If you have a donation please call me!

Saturday Evening - 5pm -7pm - Uncle Bumble - in the Main Marquee -  
Fantastic Children's Entertainer

Evening Entertainment - from 7.30pm - Entry £5 Adults, Under 16's £3 -  
Music followed by - 'The Spiffing Good Eggs' - playing live from 8.30pm  
-10pm - followed by DJ Club set with Tony & Mark till Midnight.- BAR ,BBQ

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT WEEKEND - AND YOU CAN HELP  
MAKE IT EVEN BETTER!!! - WE ARE A SMALL COMMITTEE... SO MAN  
/ WOMAN POWER IS NEEDED! -

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED!!

CAN YOU HELP IN ANY WAY? GIVE AN HOUR ON THE BAR? SERVE  
ON THE BBQ?

HELP IN THE TEA TENT? SELL RAFFLE TICKETS?

Any bits of help are so gratefully received, so PLEASE contact me on the  
numbers below, or put your names on the Rota lists in the Village Stores!

CAN YOU BRING A CAKE TO THE TEA TENT? A BOTTLE FOR THE  
CHARITY TOMBOLA?

The reason why we do this each year is for Ninfield to enjoy a FREE event,  
all run by volunteers, keeping Village traditions alive, and raising much  
needed funds for LOCAL GROUPS and PROJECTS. This year we are  
delighted to support Wealden Dementia Action Alliance- Ninfield Community  
Film Afternoons; The Wellbeing Group and The Village Society.- and we'll  
be pleased to hear from other local groups if they have something they would  
like support for.

WE ARE PROUD TO BE CREATING 2019 CARNIVAL MAGIC  
& CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON 12th & 13th JULY!!

The next meetings are Wednesdays 26th June, 3rd July & 10th July 8.15pm  
Working Men's Club - Please come and join us! or CALL- SAMI GUARD  
01424 89399, or 07970650321 - ROBIN - 07970184858 - email  
*samanthaguard@btinternet.com* or post a message on our Facebook  
Page or website!! - THANK YOU!!

## **N**INFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Back in April we told you that planning permission had been granted for us to extend the hall and incorporate a new kitchen, ladies & gents toilets, a disabled persons toilet with baby change and storage areas, since then we have received the structural engineers calculations and the builders notes so are ready to obtain the detailed quotes from three builders. Once we have these figures we will see how much we have versus how much we need!

We have spoken to various people regarding grants and have received various offers of help with either time or materials which is wonderful. Meanwhile we have been busy fund raising to increase our building fund, so please, continue to support us and hopefully you all enjoy the events we put on.

If you would like to see the plans or have comments or ideas we will be at the Carnival on 13<sup>th</sup> July, please stop by and chat.

Another way you could help us is by volunteering when we run an event, it could be taking the money at the door on film or other nights, making teas or washing up at any of the events, putting out the chairs earlier in the day. We are starting a volunteer list so if you are interested please either email [ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com) or phone Carol on 893326

## **P**OP-UP BOOK CAFÉ

We are holding a special afternoon Book Café on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 – 4pm in the Methodist Hall to sell second-hand children's books, dvds and games.

Please contact us if you would like to donate any items.

With summer holidays coming up it is an ideal time to browse and buy some new books for the younger members of your family!

All money raised will be given to the Book Trust, a charity which supports vulnerable families and organisations, including schools, in encouraging a love of reading amongst children and young people.

## **B**OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

And please don't forget, as always, 5<sup>th</sup> July, first Friday of the month Methodist Hall. Ninfield . Have a cup of tea, a chat & take home a new book,

David Swales 892248 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

## **HOOE OPEN GROUP**

met at its usual venue, the Hooe Village Hall, opposite the Red Lion to be entertained by the professional actor Jonathan Linsley, who gave a very interesting and entertaining account of his life on “The Boards”, which was a passion from a very early age. He was born in 1956 in County Durham, but soon after he moved with his parents to the Midlands, dictated by his father’s employment. He attended Ermystead Grammar School, where he caught the “Acting Bug” enrolling in the National Youth Theatre.

He was offered parts in a number of well-known TV Series, such as Last of the Summer Wine, It Ain’t Half Hot Mum and Only Fools & Horses. Jonathan then took the step into the Repertory Theatre, which is the training ground for anyone wishing to be a professional actor. He trained at the Bristol Old Vic. He worked on both sides of the Atlantic, from Broadway to Hollywood where he played a number of film roles which included The Pirates of the Caribbean. He even directed A Midsummer’s Night Dream in Dubai, the first time a theatre group had performed in the United Arab Emirates.

The members of the Club greatly enjoyed Jonathan’s very interesting talk and hope that he will be able to continue the story of his life and times at a future meeting. The afternoon concluded with refreshments and a multi prize raffle.

If you would be interested in joining in with our members the Group meets every second Friday of the month at 2.30pm, except in August, when we will be visiting Lime Cross Nursery for a cream tea.

For further information call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

## **HOOE VILLAGE BAND**

meet for rehearsal every Tuesday at the Hooe Village Hall at 8pm. New members are always welcome. Tuition and instruments are available. They will be playing at the St. Oswald’s Garden Party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and at the Michaelmas Fayre on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Anyone interested in joining the band is asked to call the secretary, G.S Lawrence on 01424 844192.



## **N**INFIELD SURGERY

is pleased to announce that Dr Debbie Gooderick and Dr Iche Mangiri are now partners. The working days of each GP is as follows (subject to change due to illness or leave).

Dr Warden has reduced his hours and therefore no longer works at the surgery on a regular weekly basis as he is now based at our Collington branch in Bexhill only.

Monday – Dr Mangiri

Tuesday – Dr Singh

Wednesday – Dr Gooderick

Thursday – Dr Kremer,

our long term locum GP who has been with us for several months

Friday – Dr Gooderick

Saturday – Clinics held at Collington with Doctors, Nurses and HCA

### **Opening Hours**

Monday - Friday      8.00am – 1.00pm      2.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday                8.30am -12.00 (Collington)

We also offer daily nurse and HCA appointments, as well as a new **STOP SMOKING CLINIC** which runs every Friday morning 9-12.

Book via reception on the number below.

### **Health Promotion – with Summer coming soon**

This month we wanted to briefly cover the Hot Weather Tips issued by the NHS. People at particular risk of dehydration or overheating include the elderly, young babies and children, and those with chronic health conditions.

- Stay out of the sun between 11am-3pm
- Keep your house cool by shutting curtains and opening windows
- Take regular cool baths or showers
- Drink plenty of fluids but avoid alcohol, that can be dehydrating
- Wear loose cool clothing, a hat and sunglasses if you go outside
- Listen to TV alerts and shop ahead if a heat wave is coming to avoid having to head out on errands during excessively hot days

· Remember to check on elderly or vulnerable friends and neighbours during excessively hot periods

If you have any suggestions for health promotion topics us to cover in future issues of this newsletter please email us at [hrccg.ninfield@nhs.net](mailto:hrccg.ninfield@nhs.net) or call us on 01424 892569

## **NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING GROUP**

So what is The Ninfield Health and Well-Being Group (NHWG)?

It is group formed to promote the health and well-being of our local community. They include Ninfield Parish Council, Action in Rural Sussex, Rother Voluntary Action, Ninfield Surgery and Village Society.

Their aim is to facilitate activities that meet the needs of our local people, particularly in relation to health and well-being, supporting activities which hope to combat social isolation, in a safe space for people of all ages and abilities.

So what's in this programme? Many things that you already know about but may not have realised came under the umbrella of NHWG.

The Book Exchange Café, This very popular event happens on the First Friday of each month from 10 until 12 noon in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. It provides opportunities to exchange books and enjoy a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. contact David Swales, 892448 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

A women's group – The Knitting Group, Friday mornings , Committee room, Ninfield Memorial Hall 10.30 – 12.30. Jane 892428

Men's Shed: Last Monday of the month, 11.00am Sparke Pavilion. A forum in which men who are socially isolated can meet with others of similar vintage and/or circumstances around a table and interact with their peers. Contact Dave Crittall on 01424 892883.

Musical Matinee every three months at the Ninfield Memorial Hall. This is a free film afternoon with refreshments and a raffle. It is a dementia and hearing loss friendly event. Doors open at 1.30 and films start at 2 pm. There is time to chat over tea and cake before the film starts and meet new and old friends. The next film will be 'Carousel' on Friday 20 September. Contact Jackie or Rose on 892422 or email [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com) to book a place.

Walking for Health: Walking with trained community volunteers offers monthly, free, friendly, and regular group walks in the village. These easy walks will offer regular gentle exercise, will avoid mud and stiles and will last about one hour at an unhurried pace. They will be part of East Sussex Health Walks and Ramblers Walking for Health Schemes.

The next walk is on Thursday 18th July at 11 am, meeting at Sparke Pavilion There is on street parking and facilities! This is a sociable occasion and some walkers may want to go to the local hostelry afterwards for lunch! We hope eventually to have the walks more frequently. For more information or if you would like to become a walk leader, contact Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

Indoor Games. There was a taster session on Tuesday 21 May from 2 – 4 pm at the Ninfield Memorial Hall. Ten of us enjoyed New Age curling, large mat snakes and ladders, skittles, shove halfpenny, bagatelle and scrabble. It was an enjoyable and relaxed afternoon accompanied, of course, by tea and cake! We hope to make this a regular happening from the Autumn, but volunteers to help make it happen would be very welcome For further information contact Jackie on 01424 892422 or email [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com).

The Health and Well-being Group will be at the Parish Council hub at Ninfield Carnival on Saturday afternoon 13 July. Please come and talk to us – hear more about what we are doing/hope to do and share your ideas for future activities with us. If you are interested in volunteering, every little helps so we will be pleased to talk with you about that too.

## **MANCHESTER ROAD CLOSURE**

Reading the notice on the 30mph sign in Manchester Road, SE Water plan to do connection works outside Badgers Pond / Roukes Drift for a distance of 20m between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July. It appears the road will be closed although access for pedestrians and wheelchair users will be maintained, as well as access to the affected properties where possible.

The diversion route will take all the traffic via Coombe Lane and Standard Hill.

## NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY'S GUY MAKING COMPETITION

Join in the village spirit and support the Bonfire  
Let's clutter the village with guys!

**First Prize** -You get to push the button to start our fantastic firework display and receive a year's free membership\*

**Second Prize** - Will receive a years free membership\* and a Ninfield Bonfire t-shirt

\* Membership will allow you to process with us at Ninfield Bonfire and any other bonfires you would like to attend with us.

To sign up please go to Ninfield Village Stores, Hope Farm Shop Hooe or the Kings Arms.

Entrance fee is £2.00 and your guys will need to be on show at the address you provided between 4/7/2019 and 11/7/2019 ready to be judged. The guys will then go for a jolly at the carnival on the bonfire float and will then be, as per tradition burnt on bonfire night, so please don't use anything that you want to keep!

For ideas on how to make your guys please see the ninfield bonfire facebook page.

The winner will be announced at Carnival on 13th July.

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Many of you, unfortunately, will have had occasion to visit Bexhill Hospital, either for yourselves or to visit others and may have noticed That the gardens looked in need of TLC, well that is happening. One of the staff members, who is also a member of Ninfield Bonfire Society had the bright idea to create **Bexhill Hospital in Bloom**, not only for the benefit of patients and staff, but also for the wider community to enjoy.

He contacted various groups and organisations for donations of garden plants and equipment and arranged a fortnightly work party of volunteers to get the work underway. He is also looking for businesses, groups or individual who would sponsor a large flower bed and have a plaque bearing their name on it together with advertising on the facebook page.

At the Garden Party he put himself into the stocks to have wet sponges thrown at him to raise money for plants!

If you would like to help with volunteering for an hour or so the next work parties are 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July, and if you have plants, pots, tubs or any spare equipment take it along.

Part of the plan is obviously to make the gardens look good, but also for the patients, when ability allows, to be able to do a little bit themselves. Gardening and fresh air are so therapeutic, so well done to Ashley Barker, their organiser.

[www.facebook.com/bexhillhospitalbloom/](http://www.facebook.com/bexhillhospitalbloom/)

## **N**INFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

July's meeting of the Local History Group is on Thursday 18th, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, when Ian Everest will give a talk on the past life and times of the Ouse Valley. Ian is an interesting and knowledgeable speaker on local history. Visitors welcome.

The Group takes a Summer break during August and the Archive Centre in the Sparke Pavilion will also be closed. Our usual Monday morning sessions will restart in September.

Look out for our display stand at the Carnival, as well as photographs of Ninfield on show we will also have books about Ninfield history for sale

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## **Worms Eye View**

It has been an interesting time recently. I visited Guernsey for the first time, hoping to see their agriculture, with lots of Guernsey cows. When we had a milking herd a long while ago now, we had a good proportion of Guernsey's in the herd that were very placid and produced excellent milk. But sadly there were very few cows to be seen there and also not many tomato growers either, this used to be another keen industry on the island, but now only rows of empty greenhouses.

However it was lovely to be amongst such friendly people and unwittingly we were there during their celebrations to mark the day that Guernsey was liberated from the German occupation, on May 7th 1945. The people of Guernsey still think of those days when their families suffered so much. Although I remember how pleased and happy we were here in the UK on VE day, we even had the next day off from school: at last no more bombings, and V1 & V2 rocket attacks, but our country did not suffer being captured and inhabited by the enemy. It was wonderful to be part of their celebrations, with church services, bands playing, and concerts and to hear Winston Churchill's words once more, declaring Peace in Europe.

One more memory of our holiday, I received another name, no longer an OAP, but a re-invented teenager! This happened when I was paying to go into an interesting museum and asked for a senior citizen ticket, to be classed as a 'teenager' instead.

Back home and our shearing has been done: it was a lovely sunny day and the ewes and rams were pleased to shed their winter coats. But what a noise the lambs made, not being able to recognise their Mums, in the nude as it were. However by evening all was peaceful as all were reunited. The shearers had done a good job as usual and the lovely wool was packed away in the special sacks. The sight of these sacks reminds me of the importance of wool in the past and this was recognised by the "wool sack" placed in the House of Commons.

A footnote of our busy day with the shearing, a heifer had wandered into the barn by the field where all the cattle were grazing peacefully, whilst the shearing was taking place. She had settled down and when I looked she had produced a lovely calf, quietly on her own, with no help needed.

*Anne*

A very happy ending<sub>1</sub> to a busy day.

Legal Fact No. 3: A legal right to use a shared drive does not necessarily mean that there is a right to park on the drive.

I received a visit from a man who had recently moved into his smart new home built on the new estate in the village. To be able to get to his house, he used the shared driveway with the next house. When the new neighbours moved in to share the drive, they left their car blocking access to his house. This meant he had to park some distance away, wait for them to move and then retrieve his car, sometimes when it was dark and wet outside. He politely explained asking them to be helpful. They ignored him. He came to me for some legal advice after hearing from a friend how pleased they were with my services. I was able to give him a very helpful and important piece of information that, in this case, his neighbours did NOT have any right to park on the access-way to both properties. I quickly posted out a professional letter stating the legal rights of all parties. The whole problematic situation was soon resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

I am an independent Solicitor Advocate that means that you do not need a barrister, should it come to that situation. This saves time and trouble for you. I have been fully qualified for over 17 years and am a concerned local resident in the Battle area. My experience of land, boundary and neighbour issues (both private and business) is extensive. Any problems that you care to mention, I will find a way to help. Why not call text or email me on: 07796 783513 or [fiona.duff@lkllegal.com](mailto:fiona.duff@lkllegal.com) for a discrete and helpful chat. Look out for my next article about another legal situation that needed my help to be resolved.

**J O'S JAMMERS** get together in the Methodist Hall on alternate Friday nights to sing, anything from Abba to Christmas Carols! They start promptly at 7.30 for an hour and a half , are sociable and have fun. And as this month we are covering Health and Well being, well singing very much falls into that category, so go and enjoy yourselves, you'll feel better afterwards!

July dates are 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> either just turn up on the night or if you have a query phone Kaye Crittall 89883



## **HOOE PARISH COUNCIL**

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051
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Parish Clerk Sally Durman 893007

It has been another busy year for Hooe Parish Councillors.

One of the big concerns for residents was the improvements planned for Hooe Water Treatment Works. The Parish Council worked closely with Southern Water ensuring issues were addressed. SW Representatives of the project attended meetings to give updates of the project and at the AGM reported that they are making good progress and work should be completed in the spring. Due to amendments to the initial plans the traffic movements have been reduced substantially.

The road conditions and traffic speed passing through Hooe is always a concern and one that is being continually addressed. Councillors have established a strong relationship with East Sussex Highways team through regular SLR meetings. If you have any concerns in this area please contact Gary Durman who will take up any issues.

Councillors are delighted to inform you that grant funding has been awarded to support the purchase of equipment for litter picking and for benches and a picnic table in Jubilee Wood. This is a delightful area to visit situated next to the allotments. The wood can be accessed either from the allotments or from the Millennium footpath. Try to visit the wood. Trees are developing well, the views are stunning and it is such a pleasant place to spend a little time.

Don't forget that there is a Coffee morning held on the second Saturday of the month in Hooe Village Hall from 10.30am. This is a great place to meet up with people and enjoy a chat over coffee and cake. There is also a cake stall where you can purchase cakes for later, and the Book Exchange which is kindly led by Anne Bourner. The organisers would be very grateful for any donations of cakes. Dates for the rest of the year are as follows:- 13th July, 10th August, 14th September (this will be run by Jane Fuller as a fundraiser for McMillan.), 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. We hope to see you there.

Other dates for your diaries include the Hooe Motor Show on Sunday 4th August and the Michaelmas Fayre on Sunday 29th September where we will be providing refreshments. Any offers of help or donation of cakes would be gratefully received.

Hooe Parish Council meets every other month on Mondays at the Village Hall. Meetings start at 7pm and future meeting dates for your diaries are as follows:- 15th July, 16th September, 18th November, 20th January 2020, 16th March and the AGM and APM will be held on 18th May. All residents are invited to attend the meetings. This is a good opportunity to put forward any thoughts and concerns so please try and come and contribute to the village of Hooe.

## **N**INFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

We are pleased to be able to give this update on our work around the village and in Church Wood, plus introduce ourselves to those newcomers to Ninfield.

Most Wednesday mornings a small group of volunteers are to be found in Church Wood, attending to the pathways, ponds, fences and removing dangerous trees and opening up areas to enable lesser species to flourish. Our most recent project has been at the southern end of the wood where a public footpath had fallen into disuse, creating a gate and steps to give easier access to the upper levels. Each task enables us to recycle the timber which has been previously been felled.

Our work around the village includes repairing benches and flower tubs, maintaining the bus shelters, in fact anything referred to us by the Parish Council. Our annual Litter Pick is well supported by residents and we hope to encourage more to become informal road or area wardens, collecting litter and bringing to our attention any items requiring repair.

We should welcome enquiries from residents interested in helping and would invite you to contact us in Church Wood in the first instance.

## **HOOE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT**

We are looking for people to get involved in our newly established Community Allotment in Hooe. No experience needed. Come along and lets work together to grow fruit, vegetables and new friendships

Please contact Tracy on 892412

## NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Cinema 2019

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**“WIDOWS”<sup>1</sup>**

**7.30 start Cert 15 Tickets £5.00**

**BAR & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**“DUMBO”**

**2.30 start Cert PG Tickets £5.00 Under 16s £3.00**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

## **AN INVITATION FROM BATTLE CHORAL SOCIETY –**

**COME AND SING THE ST MATTHEW PASSION!**

We would like to invite singers to join us for our next major work, J S Bach's St Matthew Passion, which we will be performing on 19th October as part of Battle Festival. Whilst singing experience and ability to read music is useful, they are not essential, although an informal audition will be required.

In addition to our friendly rehearsals on Monday evenings in the Memorial Hall in Battle (7.30-9.30 pm), with a refreshment break and a raffle every week, we are holding another Saturday morning workshop on 20th July (10.00-2.00 pm). Please call our Secretary on 01424 576400 or email [joanna245@outlook.com](mailto:joanna245@outlook.com) for more information, or just turn up! Check out our website at [www.battlechoral.com](http://www.battlechoral.com) or find us on Facebook at Battle Choral Society.

### **SENLAC BELLS**

Looking for a new hobby? Why not try Hand Bell Ringing.

We are a small, friendly group of hand bell ringers. We meet on Mondays-7.45pm to 9.15pm Dewbys Barn, Hooe (opp.The village hall).

### **Sarahjane Prince Cert. Ed. MSMA.MAR.**

Appointments in Dallington and Heathfield

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## **A GENTLE STROLL IN THE SUNSHINE!**

After months of training, at 7.30am on Saturday 11th May, Natalie Osbourne and I set off on our mammoth challenge to walk 60 miles over two days. Our route was simple - walk the Royal Military Canal from Pett to Hythe and back (with allowances for occasionally losing our way!) and we were well prepared: 2 x Ordnance Survey maps, bird book, plasters, compass, sun cream, spare socks, water, fruit and flapjack. You'll notice that food plays a major part of this walk!

For those of you who do not know the Royal Military Canal, it was built in the 19th Century and runs between Pett and Folkstone and, for the majority, the footpath runs alongside the canal and through some of the loveliest marshland with amazing wildlife and, during May, fields full of lambs. Our first 9 miles took us along the ridge at the bottom of Winchelsea, past Camber Castle (what an impressive sight) and into Rye where we stopped for a well earned bacon sandwich and coffee, before setting off on the next stage to Appledore.

Along the way, we name checked the LOCK KEEPER at Iden and, despite his misgivings 'persuaded' him to have a selfie with us, before moving onto Appledore for a spot of tea and cake. Beyond Appledore, the canal takes you further into the countryside and there were times when there was nothing around but fields, the canal and us. No cars. No houses. No electricity pylons. It was just like slipping back in time – reinforced when we saw two spitfires overhead (honest!). Along with herons, ducks and swans, near Ruckinge we also spotted 2 bright yellow birds by the side of the canal. A quick look at our shell book of birds helped us to identify them as yellow wagtails – we began to understand why twitchers get so excited.

Up to now, the weather had been good, but the rain came down in Ruckinge at probably the most over-grown section of the path and for 15 minutes it was heads down and water seeping into our boots. We hit a low at that time – we had walked around 23 miles and there was a worry that the last 7 could be in pouring rain, but then the sun came out and we saw a rainbow over a field of rape. Our heads lifted and we were ready for the final push, which would take us along the bottom of Port Lymphe where we saw a very different sort of wildlife: buffalo, zebra, ostrich, some form of antelope and, in the far distance, lions. Finally, 12 hours after we started, we arrived in Hythe and our bed & breakfast, welcomed by our

husbands and a large glass of wine (or two) followed by a welcome bath and comfy bed.

The next day saw us sitting on the terrace overlooking the sea. Natalie decided that what she really needed was an early morning swim – although I decided not to join her as breakfast looked far more enticing!

The sun was shining as we laced up our still slightly soggy boots and set off again on our return journey. You would have thought that maybe it would be a bit boring as we were walking back on the same path, but there was still so much to see – we took more notice of some of the small communities we passed through and paid more attention to the trees lining the canal. We hadn't noticed before that the Lime trees planted between Appledore and Rye were a uniform distance apart and had obviously been planted to anchor the bank. We soon started to identify those that had been formally planted and those that had self-seeded.

We also noticed the frogs, well at least the sound of the frogs. At first we thought it was birds, but the strange 'gurling' noise we kept hearing on small tributaries off the main canal were a mass of frogs. Natalie recorded them and just listening to the recording makes you laugh out loud.

The walk back only took 10.5 hours (perhaps because we only stopped twice – tea and cake again in Appledore and chips in Rye) but at last we could see the end of our journey. We leapt onto a concrete block for a celebratory photo and then it was into the car for a trip to the Three Sawyers and a well deserved drink. Sixty miles completed but no aching bones only a huge sense of achievement and well-being.

So why did we do it? Well I wanted a memorable sixtieth birthday and, during a slightly drunken night out, challenging myself to walking 60 miles seemed a good idea. Natalie was the only person I thought would be mad enough to join me – and she was. It was certainly memorable and we met some lovely people along the way: dog walkers, the mother & daughter who wanted some ideas on where they could walk together, the fisherman who cheered us on and many more. We would certainly walk the canal again and I can highly recommend it – although not necessarily the whole canal in one day (unless you are an experienced long distance walker). We are continuing our walks and planning our next challenge – maybe you'd like to join us

Kaye Crittell

## **Bexhill foodbank**

Do you think you could help this amazing group of volunteers that provide so much of their time to help those in need across Rother. It could be any in date foods in tins,(fruit, vegetables, rice pudding, custard) packets,(small ones with sugar, mashed potato, pasta) bottle or jars.( Coffee, squash, cooking sauces, fish or meat spreads)

You can leave anything in the collection bins in the various stores or taken to their centre during opening hours.

07866 570468      [www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk)

## **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

CWF continues to flourish, meeting on the afternoon of the second Wednesday in the month, normally in the Methodist Hall, Ninfield.

Each month we welcome a presentation from an interesting outside speaker or enjoy a 'Fellowship Forum' when a topic of interest is discussed over tea and cakes. Twice a year we just meet socially, in July for our garden party and in December for our Christmas Party.

Here's a flavour of our presentations let me outline a few of our recent ones:

In June we heard all about a life with dogs - who would have thought dogs would have such differing personalities?! In May a retired Metropolitan Detective Inspector took us step by step through the solving of a rather high level and gruesome London crime. His presentation was fascinating, he took us through the investigation, asking us to pick up clues on the way and telling us what we should be looking for! It was interesting to hear a little about behind the scenes of a detective working in dangerous and difficult places. A third presentation covered a life of a broadcaster working in Hong Kong and again a glimpse behind the scenes, the politics with a small 'p' and the personalities met and contacts made thrilled us all.

Christian Women's Fellowship's name is a little of of date! Although this group came about when the Mother's Union closed since then we are no longer affiliated to any church, have members from all religious backgrounds and those with none, have amalgamated with the Golden Circle and welcome gentlemen! So now we call ourselves the CWF.

Do come along you would be very welcome.

Pam Doodles Leader CWF 01424 892329.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' \* because God has made my life bitter.



\* 'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived

Who's that girl?



That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

I worked in Boaz's field.



He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.



# NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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## **Sunday Services for July 2019:**

- 7th 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast  
14th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Derek Brice  
21st 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Tricia Williams  
28th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Neville Barnett  
4th Aug 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast

## **Events for July 2019:**

- 5th 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe  
10th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship – Cream Tea at Catslide  
12th 2.30 – 4.00pm Childrens Book Exchange cafe

To be announced Messy Church

Sunday Worship is relaxed and informal, services being led by a team of Methodist Minister's, local preachers or visiting clergy. This follows the Methodist tradition & includes our own Minister the Reverend Tricia Williams. Tricia has just returned from a 3 month sabbatical when she was given time to pursue new training & ideas & then return to Methodist Circuit life. We look forward to her being with us in July.

Café –style family worship continues on the first Sunday monthly & gives us an opportunity to worship & share breakfast together. You will recall that stories of Jesus often tell us about the sharing of food & participation in meals together.

This month the popular Book Exchange café will have an additional opening day especially for Young People on July 12th at 2.30pm. Childrens books & DVDs will be available

Our monthly Messy Church, on a week-day, continues to be special. Children enjoy the activities along with their parents, carers, grand-parents & church members. Everyone is very welcome & the afternoon ends with a celebration & light meal. Please see posters for July date.

Our Hall is used by many groups with activities ranging from Dance, Music, History, Art, Exercise, Flower arranging, Book café, Fellowship, Parish Council etc.

40Church Hall Bookings: David Swales 892248



## COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,

so make notes in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised later. Please, all groups, let us know your plans asap!

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Hooe Motor Show
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Horticultural Society Summer Show
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Children's Matinee - Dumbo
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Cinema - Stan & Ollie
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Flower Group Jumble Sale Bonfire Night
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Rocky Horror Show
25 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Art Exhibition
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Gala Night
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> November	Home Made Fayre
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Concert, Memorial Hall

don't forget to send your information in early to get advertising. [Ninfieldnews@btconnect.com](mailto:Ninfieldnews@btconnect.com) and of course to ensure other groups don't book something that might conflict with yours!

Closing date for items for the combined **August and September edition** of the Parish News is **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** please send to [ninfieldnews@btconnect.com](mailto:ninfieldnews@btconnect.com)

**Smile Lines** Too grand a piano

The story is told how after the concert hall at Broadcasting House was built there was doubt whether the door would admit a concert grand. "Try it," said somebody. But the musical director objected on the ground that if his beautiful Bechstein got stuck it would be damaged. So they instructed the carpenter to take measurements and make an exact replica in plywood. This was done, and then they found they couldn't get the model out of the carpenter's shop. (from Alexander Donald)

## DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

### Weekly Events

<b>Mondays</b>	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, Badminton,
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Hooe - Hooe Band, Stoolball Ninfield - <i>Cubs</i> ; Dancercise, Bowls Club
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Hooe - Line Dancing Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Tap,
<b>Thursdays</b>	Ninfield - <i>Toddlers</i> , Pilates, <i>Beavers</i> , <i>Scouts</i> , Bowls
<b>Fridays</b>	Ninfield - Crafting, Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammass & Burlesque <i>(Being school holidays no meetings last week of July)</i>

### Monthly Events for Jul

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	“Widows” Cinema	P29
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ninfield Flower Group	P18
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ninfield Parish Council	P 8
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ninfield Book Exchange	P23
	Jo's Jammass	P32
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-loved Clothes Sale	P18
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Oswald's Garden Party	P 5
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Women's Fellowship	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ninfield Children's Book Cafe	P23
	Hooe Open Group	P24
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival	P21
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hooe Book Exchange	P34
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hooe Parish Council	P33
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Walking for Health	P23
	Hooe History Group	P19
	Ninfield Local History Group	P27
	Jo's Jammass	P32
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Village Market	P11
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ninfield Music Festival	P17
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Sheds	P 9

# Directory of Groups & Clubs

**NINFIELD ACTION GROUP** Paul Coleshill 893138

**NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY** Secretary Carol Holland 893326

**NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB:** Secretary: Mrs Val Smith, Bexhill 843436

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**NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:**

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**NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

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**NINFIELD PLAYGROUP & TODDLERS**

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**Toddlers:** Stacey Boarer, 07967436479

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**DANCE & DRAMA CLUB:** Samantha Guard, 893699 or 07970 650321

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**HOOE HISTORY GROUP:** Chairman Heather Sinden 893422

**HOOE LINE DANCE GROUP:** Heather Sinden 893422

**HOOE OPEN GROUP:** Edna Wallis 842591

**HOOE SPORTS CLUB** Chairman: Tim Bryant, 2 Saddlers Cottage, Hooe

**HOOE VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS:** Sally Durman, 893007

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** Pam Doodles, Catslide, Hooe 892329

**SENLAC BELLS** Conductor Alan Collings 893313

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## HOOE VILLAGE HALL

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