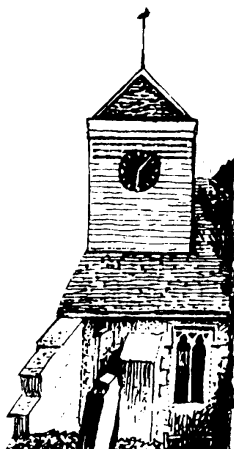


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**Aug/Sep 2019 50p**



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# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	No Service	Joint Parish Eucharist
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30 Joint Service at	Methodist Church
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	No Service	Joint Parish Eucharist

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## Holidays and Holy Days

August is the holiday month, with schools, colleges and many voluntary groups closed. For some, this holiday season brings a very welcome break from work and routine, a time to get away from it all and relax. But if we're not on a beach with a good book, what can we do in August to find refreshment and renewal? Our modern 'holidays' derive from the church's 'holy days', the Saints days and festivals of the Christian year. Days when work stopped, not so that people could sun themselves on the beach, but so that they could gather and celebrate in church. Celebrations that involved feasting and fun, a break from work, even a chance to travel on pilgrimage - but also time to remember and reflect on the saint or events of the Festival. So, if we want a different sort of holiday, maybe this month we could celebrate and reflect on the holy days in August. (There are plenty more in September!) There is plenty of food for prayer and reflection, as in the Anglican calendar there are fifteen commemorations in August! They include Biblical characters and events, monastics, clergy and laity; we see scholars and spirituality, missionaries and martyrs, kings and family life. Here are just a few!

The Biblical festivals:

6th: The Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus takes three of his disciples up a mountain, getting away from it all, and their eyes are opened to see his glory. How do we find a place for Jesus to open our eyes?

We also remember some very different images of faithfulness:

15th: The Blessed Virgin Mary. 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord' our great example of obedience to God's will.

29th: The Beheading of John the Baptist. Someone who was not afraid to speak out, and to suffer for the truth.

The 'monastic' saints: saints who served God by devoting their lives to him in religious orders.

31st: St Aidan, 7th century. A Celtic monk of Iona, Aidan was sent as a missionary to Northumbria and became Bishop of Lindisfarne. He was also noted for his concern for the poor.

11th: St Clare of Assisi, 13th century. Friend and follower of St Francis, she founded the Poor Clares and was the first woman to write a religious Rule, with a theology of joyous poverty.

28th: St Augustine of Hippo, 4th/5th century. Converted to Christianity in his 30s, he became Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, and his writings were a major influence on the development of European thought.

The laity: and finally, we remember even more different lay people.

30th: John Bunyan, 17th century. Another spiritual writer and preacher, though self-educated and on the Puritan side. Author of Pilgrim's Progress, he was imprisoned after the restoration of the monarchy.

9th: Mary Sumner, 19th century. Wife of a clergyman, she founded the Mothers Union, and saw it become an international movement. She worked for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life.

And a final holy holiday thought, from the confessions of St Augustine, who found Christ after a long search for fulfilment: Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.

Enjoy your holidays.

Paul Frostick.

### The Robin Sang

The robin sang, the flowers bloomed all nature played its part,

The only discord in this scene was man's reluctant heart.

The Creator's manual he ignored so a path of pain he trod,

Thinking that he knew the best man turned away from God.

The mess we're in has been self-made, all answers lie with Him,

A world of beauty now laid waste, infected with man's sin.

But knowing that these things would be God had another plan,

Though undeserved and full of grace in love He reached to man.

His Son His own Beloved One came down upon this earth,

He died, He rose, He ever lives to give to man rebirth

Heaven and earth will pass away, a new Creation formed,

Where birds will sing, the flowers bloom and all will be reborn.

*By Megan Carter*

## St. Oswald's Church

Funeral

Fiona Livingstone-Learmoth on Thursday 20th June

Weddings

Saturday 27th July -

Richard James Mundon and Victoria Clare Jeffreys

Saturday 10th August -

Paul Simon Townsend and Julie Elizabeth White

*from the  
Parish Records*

# THE PARISH NEWS

The holiday season is here to be enjoyed, the children are off school and looking forward to their six weeks of fun. For us it means we don't have to chase round in August asking for your articles as we do not print a September issue, so remember to keep this copy handy for two months.

A big thank you to the distributors who went the extra mile to deliver the Parish News to every household in the two villages. We know of a couple of people who are struggling with ill health but still managed to do probably double their usual amount. People can be amazing.



So did you manage to get to all or any of the amazing events that took place in July? The weather played happily for the Garden Party at St. Oswald's as well as for Carnival, which saw many colourful flower power, 60's theme floats and costumes, well done to all those who took part. The Sun shone for the School's official opening, and a bit further afield for the World Cup cricket and Wimbledon as well.

Let's hope it continues to shine for the school holidays and keep that smile on everyone's face.

*Nicki & Carol*

## ST OSWALD'S GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 6th July, the sun shone brightly and at 12 noon all was ready. A steady stream of visitors arrived down the lane to church which was ably organised by Jack and his friends to avoid jams as there are very few places to pass. Book stall, plant stall, 'posh bric a brac' (as it was called!), tombola, raffle, BBQ, games for the children and adults, cake stall and refreshments. What more could you want on a beautiful summer's afternoon? I know! Music played by the famous Hooe Village Band. The church flowers were beautiful (very talented flower arrangers in Hooe) I doubt anyone has seen so many sweet smelling Sweet Peas (*Lathyrus odoratus* to give them their correct name))

It was hard work but it was nice that the gazebo's were there to keep off the sun and not the rain.

A successful afternoon which raised well over £1,000 towards badly need church funds.

# Ninfield Parish Council

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The July meeting is always a busy meeting because there is no full council meeting in August. This doesn't mean that the councillors get a month off however as there are always planning applications to consider. Our next meeting will be Thursday 5 September.

There was no news to report on the Wealden Local Plan examination as stage 1 is not yet finished with the final hearings taking place at the end of July. There will then be a summary of findings so far from the Inspector and Stage 2 will start after that.

By the time you read this you will hopefully have visited councillors manning the parish council hub at the carnival and given your views on ideas for using the telephone box, maybe volunteered to help with the neighbourhood plan and looked at the information regarding the new MUGA which is a shared facility between the school and the village.

Sadly once again this month there were discussions about vandalism in the village, including youngsters causing damage in residents gardens, damage to the shed on the recreation ground near the half pipe, unpleasant Graffiti on the half pipe and general nuisance behaviour with things like emptying the bins on to the grounds. The vandalism has been reported to the police along with any detailed information we have. The number of incidents over the last few months led to an item on the agenda to consider putting CCTV on the recreation ground. The councillors discussed this item and agreed that they would investigate the idea further to find out what options are available.

As you will probably be aware the company carrying out the refuse collections in the village has changed. For the first week of the new contract, which started 1st July, the new contractor Biffa successfully collected refuse from homes around the village.

## NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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Some come along and put the world to rights over coffee, (and lots of biscuits!) plan a revolution, explain to football mangers 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 Crittell on 01424 892883.

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**MUSICAL MATINEE**

**Carousel - Friday 20 September.**

As many of you know we work in collaboration with the Wealden Dementia Alliance to put on these films in the Memorial Hall. They are also part of the Ninfield 'Health and Well-being' activities. The films are dementia and hearing loss friendly. This is a free event with tea/coffee and cake. There is a raffle. The seating is in cabaret style which provides a table for the all important refreshments and makes moving around easier. These wonderful 'feel good' classic films are open to all and we hope you will come and join us. Doors open at 1.30 and the film starts at 2 pm. None of our films are over two hours long. Please book a place by ringing Rose or Jackie on 01424 892422 or emailing Jackie at jackie.langley1@btinternet.com.

The final film for 2019 will be Holiday Inn on Friday 29 November



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## **O**UR SCHOOL

Friday 5th July was the day of the official opening of the new classrooms. At midday the school was filled with dignitaries from around East Sussex, and that wasn't just the children! The list included: The East Sussex lead member for Education, Cclr Bob Standley; The Chair of Wealden District Council, Cclr Pam Doodles; The Chair of Ninfeld Parish Council, Kaye Crittell and other councillors; Representatives from the Parents of the school; The school council; Governors and Staff, and the MP for Bexhill & Battle, Huw Merriman, who carried out the obligatory ribbon cutting for us.

That may sound like blatant name dropping on my part, but I did it to show just how much support there now is for our school in the wider community. With all the funding cuts and proposed closures of rural schools it is important that we can continue to demonstrate that we are providing a sustainable and valued education to the children in our local community.

We will be holding an Open Day on a Saturday early in the next school year so that everyone in the village can come in and have a look around. We hope you'll be able to join us for a visit.

One thing that we have all found disappointing this past month is the increased vandalism in the village. The shelter by the skate ramps has been damaged and unpleasant graffiti scrawled on the ramps themselves. This is always difficult to take when you know it is likely to have been caused by children who are either at, or have been to the school. We pride ourselves in the good behaviour of the children at the school, so to see this happening is particularly upsetting.

We are working very closely with the Parish council and the Police on this to see what we can do to together to tackle it.

Finally I'm going to end by wishing all our Year 6 leavers good luck as they progress on to Claverham College, Bexhill High and Battle Abbey. And we look forward to all the new faces who will be joining us in September.

Another eventful year over in the life of Our School. Ian Moffat

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## **NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP**

Little Common Flower Group will be holding a Flower Festival in St Marthas Church, Little Common, on the 24th, 25th and 26th August. The theme is "Floral Fantasy". A number of our group will be participating in this festival and it will be well worth a visit. Entrance £2.00.

In the Memorial Hall on Monday 2nd September commencing at 7.30 we shall welcome Eleanor Bracken with her demonstration entitled "Snap Shots". All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening. Non-members welcome at a small charge of £5.00 to include refreshments

Monday 7th October – Demonstration by the very popular and talented Robin White.

SATURDAY 12th October in the Memorial Hall. JUMBLE SALE Doors open at 2pm. Entrance 50p. Teas, and lots of bargains. Anyone who would like to donate, but unable to attend please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878

Our open evening this year is on Friday 6th December, demonstration is by Delyth Price, entitled "The Magic of Christmas" Tickets will be available at our September meeting. Members £10.00 Guests £12.00 to include refreshments. please book early.

If anyone would like any further information regarding any of our events please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or email on [ninfieldflowers@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldflowers@gmail.com)

## **NINFIELD HEALTH WALKS**

These free, friendly, and gentle walks lasting about one hour, are run in association with East Sussex Health Walks and the Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group.

As our previous walks have been popular and well supported two further walks are planned, these are:- Thursday 22nd. August, and Thursday 19th. September. Both will start at 11am. from Sparke Pavilion, Church Lane, and finish there. No need to book just turn up.

It is hoped that in future we may eventually be able to have many and more regular walks, but in order to do this a few more volunteers who are willing to be trained as walk leaders will be needed.

# **HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Following the talk that John Dowling gave us last year on the preservation and opening up of the Highwoods to the public, if the weather was kind, by the time you read this we will have completed a lovely evening walk in July, to see some of the interesting and rare features that could otherwise easily be missed.

Our speaker in August (Thursday the 15th at 7.00 p.m.) will be Steve Squirrel who will be talking about the role of “Women in the Home Guard” during the Second World War – one of those subjects that has possibly been overlooked in the past.

On Thursday 19th September we will welcome David Martin to the village hall (same time – 7.00 p.m.). David has done an immense amount of work surveying many old buildings in Sussex, including several in Hooe. David has created detailed plans of what these houses may have originally looked like and has an extensive knowledge of historical buildings. I am sure he will have plenty to say about those properties he has surveyed in Hooe.

**DID YOU KNOW ...** that Hooe had approximately 519 inhabitants living in 70 dwellings on the 1841 census. Of these, 135 were classed as agricultural labourers (26%). By 1911, the village supported 447 inhabitants in 108 houses, of which 115 were employed in agriculture (again, 26%). At this time, however, their job descriptions were more specific and included groom, cowman, waggoner, carter and an increasingly important category of worker – as there were by now 21 market gardeners.

All eight of the published census’ listed at least one butcher in the village, but in 1891 there were ten listed! That was a lot for a small village. There has only been one thatcher listed, he was in 1851; In both 1851 and 1861 there were seven shoemakers working in the village; The last listing for tanners (presumably working at Tanyard Farm) was for nine in 1891; Carpenters, builders, blacksmiths, innkeepers, shopkeepers and farmers are the only trades to be mentioned in all eight census’.

## **Hooe Parish Council**

Council Meeting

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The Village Hall

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## **Ninfield Parish Council**

Council Meeting

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

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## CARNIVAL !!

Well! the weather was great, the turnout was fantastic and Ninfield Carnival 2019 was deemed a huge hit! One local resident said how good it was to see a real traditional Carnival and Fete add some up-to-the-minute trends, and create real, quality entertainment for all ages! Friday 12th July evening saw some determined bargain hunters in the main marquee- searching through rails of clothes, and bagging good quality items at charity shop prices!

Canapes, sponsored by Sam White at Hope Farm Shop, and Stella Hutchinson at the Pie Pantry were much appreciated, and the pink fizz behind the bar went off with a Pop!

Saturday started early for the team setting up the Recreation ground, and soon everything started to take shape. The 130ft Toxic Assault Course, the Human Sabbuteo built by the Bonfire Society, The Arena with the Dog Show, Coakham Bloodhounds and Ninfield's Strongest Man were all huge audience pullers, and the Bar and BBQ were absolutely heaving all day!

There were 11 floats in the Procession, all beautifully decorated and full of happy, smiling people and children, with brilliant Fancy Dress following the 'Sensational 60's' theme. The Prize winners - Adult Float - 1st -The Bonfire Society - with 'The Guys', Children's Float - 1st place - 1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scouts - 'Love, Peace and Flower Power', and a Special Commendation to the Ninfield Carnival Court Float- with Queen Annabel Sargent, Prince Jake Simpson and Princesses Willow Sumner, Cassie Cartwright and Alexandria Buckley. Adult Fancy Dress, with the Parish Council Cup, was given to Ian Moffat, head of the School Governors - a very happy Hippy!

The Carnival fete was officially opened by Cllr, Pam Doodles, District Councillor for Ninfield and Chairman of Wealden District Council, in her speech she praised the amount of work put into making such a lovely, family friendly, fun event; heralded the continuation of Village traditions while keeping up with all the latest trends and congratulated everyone on their costumes, decorations, support and fundraising efforts. Jan Wood escorted Councillor Ray Cade with his wife Kath as they judged the Floats.

The Highlight of the afternoon was the Strongest Man Competition - preempted by a demonstration from the Oxhey and Vines Cross

Ladies Tug of War Team. The girls were fantastic, and drew huge acclaim from the audience when they tugged against a team of local chaps and beat them twice, flooring them each time!

4 contestants in the Strong Man Challenge took on the Brick Lift, The Tractor Tyre toss, the Straw Bale Run & Stack and finally The Walk of Death- attempting to lift, carry and walk a milk churn filled with wet sand - weighing approx one and a half hundred weight!! The winner was Chunk Weeks, and he deserved his prize of the Challenge Trophy, £50 cash and Beer Tokens!!

The evening saw 'The Spiffing Good Eggs' rock the marquee, and they had the audience dancing till late! As usual- huge thanks are due to everyone on the committee, all the helpers and everyone involved in this year's wonderful Carnival - especially Sophie, Jim, Barbara, Christine - who sold all the Raffle and Tombola tickets! And Bob, Richard, Lydia, Chunk, Ruby, Team Scarff, Bruce, Ian, and Rev Paul who manned the BBQ and Bar all day and all night real stars! Sponsors, Parker and Son Builders, Haffenden Roofing, The Parish Council, French's Skips, Coussens, Carters Eggs, plus many others, and all donators of Tombola and Raffle Prizes- there would be no event without so many lovely people and businesses showing their support and loyalty to the Village. Thank You!!

For photos please look at the Ninfield Community Group Facebook Page.

So, the Carnival Committee will meet next on Wednesday 14th August at the Working Men's Club, 8.15 for prompt 8.30pm start..and it'll be the 'wash-up' of the event...plus a drink!...and a discussion on the contributions to the chosen charities.

The September meeting - Wednesday 11th, 8.15pm, will also be the AGM, where the future of the Carnival, and possible events, will be debated. Do come along, please, especially if you helped in any way this year - Thank you again ! Love, Sami Guard - Chairman N.C A

## **B**OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

And please don't forget, as always, first Friday of the month Methodist Hall. Ninfield . So on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug & 6<sup>th</sup> Sept Have a cup of tea, a chat & take home a new book,  
David Swales 892248 or dj\_swales@hotmail.com



**N**ADAS members had a successful adventure in late May, when they experienced their first group outdoor painting day at Ashburnham Place. We were blessed with a wonderful Spring day and a very accommodating venue, so everyone had a pleasant experience. The gardens and buildings gave us plenty of beautiful vistas to choose from and there was lots of choice in the restaurant, too.

The Ninfield Carnival gave some of us a second opportunity to paint in public, with similar challenges.

Painting 'en plein air' takes some organising, as the weather plays such a vital role. Some of our artists were even brave enough to actually use paint, others choosing to draw or take reference photos for future work. Painting, on both occasions, was a challenge as the paint was virtually drying on the brush but we learned to adapt!

Hopefully, some of the work will appear at our Annual Art Exhibition at The Memorial Hall in October! The dates for your diary are; Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of October, 10-4.30 each day. With some familiar faces showing their new work, supported by several new members exhibiting for the first time, why not come along and bag an original artwork for a very special Christmas gift! Bring family and friends and enjoy a cuppa and cake in a lovely creative atmosphere. Proceeds from the cafe will go to charity!

## **CWF**

High tea with all the trimmings! Several flavours of delicious sandwiches (cream cheese with grapes a favourite), scones, strawberries and cream, mouthwatering cakes and plenty of tea. In the beautiful setting of Pam and Peter's garden in Hooe on a lovely afternoon. Now... I bet you would have liked to have been there for that! It's a special event that is part of several treats or talks that Pam and the committee of CWF prepare for us members that get together, mostly at the Ninfield Methodist Hall, each second Wednesday of the month 2.30pm until 4 ish. All part of the fellowship of Ninfield, Hooe and beyond. Please join us in September for treats and chatter.

Pam Dodes Leader CWF 01424 892329.

## **HOOE COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK EXCHANGE**

Saturdays 10<sup>th</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> September, The Village Hall, 10.00 - 12.00 Please do drop in a say hello, we'd love to see you.

## **HOOE OPEN GROUP**

met at the Hooe Village Hall on Friday afternoon the 12th July. The attendance was above average for a fascinating presentation by the well-known personality John Dowling, who for many years had been the principal reporter for the Bexhill Chronicle/Observer and more lately on the Board of Bexhill Hospital very much a part of the directors responsible for the running of Bexhill Museum. John was accompanied by David Hatherell, also a member of the Bexhill Museum team. Together they gave an illustrated presentation on what it was like to be in Bexhill throughout the Second World War. Exhibits from the Museum and the Chronicle archives included a fascinating map, marked with countless dots showing where every bomb or shell had fallen throughout the conflict. Also, a captured German Officer Instruction booklet, giving details of the layout of the town of Bexhill and the surrounding area. Pointing out how close we were to being invaded.

The Club showed their appreciation for John & David's presentation by making a donation to the Museum funds.

The meeting ended with the usual raffle and refreshments. The next meeting will be annual away day, which this year will be to the Limes Cross Nursery near Herstmonceux, to enjoy a cream tea.

If you are interested in joining in with a group of lively and welcoming ladies, just come along to Hooe Village Hall at 2.30pm on the second Friday of every month, except August.

## **NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

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

Our speaker for September is Daryll Holter of Sussex Police who will be talking about Heritage Crime. Thursday 19th September, 7.30pm, Methodist Hall, Church Road. All welcome.

### **Definition of a committee**

A committee is a dark avenue down which good ideas are lured and then quietly strangled.

# 1 ST NINFIELD AND CROWHURST SCOUT GROUP

would like to say a huge thank you to the village and wider community who supported our recent clothing bag collection.

Everyone has been so generous with donations and many thanks to the mums and helpers who came to help sort and display the items.

Our sale on Saturday 6th of June was brimming with bargains and although not hugely busy, was attended by keen shoppers. We had a nice array of cakes and cream scones so people could relax as well. There were a few vintage finds that came in handy for the following weeks 60's celebration.

On the day and some sales afterwards netted £365 profit for the group. The clothes then went to the carnival for the Friday evening and on to the scout pitch on Saturday.

All remaining clothes will go off on Tuesday so our total is unknown at time of print but we wish to say a huge thanks for all involved as funds are needed to replace some tents and kit.

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## **HOOE OPEN GARDENS**

The weekend of 15/16 June saw 8 Gardens; The Allotments and The Bogs - an historic nature reserve - all open to the general public.

This was the brain child of Garry and Sally Durman - who somehow convinced us that this was going to be a really good thing for the village - we had three months to get our gardens into some sort of “exhibition shape”, despite the weather doing its best to confuse and confound us - and I have to say (as someone who has been heard to mumble to anyone who would listen - “never again”) I think that, without exception, the two days were a tremendous SUCCESS.

Hooe is a long spread out village but from Bell House; New Barn Farm; Rosemary Cottage, (Green Lane) The Granary; (Kiln Lane) ; 2 Broad Street Green; Oldbury Farm, (Broad Street Green); The Grey House (Top Road); up to 1 Elizabethan Cottages (Top Road); the Allotments and the Bogs, the Hooe Open Gardens managed to bring the village together - there were a few planning meetings, held at either The Red Lion or participants homes, to decide how we needed to organise the event - things like flyers, advertising, selling plants, selling tickets, car parking, refreshments and health and safety - yes even H&S comes into opening your garden to the general public, were all discussed.

So the important weekend arrived and we had our bunting, flags, maps, enthusiasm and nerves (what if no one comes - what if it rains) - we were blessed with two decent days of weather - and our visitors were not only from Hooe but Hastings, Pevensey, Hailsham, Glynde, Bodle Street, Eastbourne, Crowborough, Hayward Heath - it was all we could have asked for and a bit more.

Refreshments were to be had at The Grey House - cakes had been donated and over the two days the amount raised by the Gill and her team was a third of the total amount raised. Which after expenses came to £1,104.00 and is going towards Hooe Community Projects.

We have actually had “such fun” that we have decided to do it all again next year - and we would like to invite you - dear reader - to think about offering your garden to join this happy band of gardeners - we even have a provisional date of 6/7 June 2020 - for further information please contact: Gary and Sally Durman on 01424 893007.

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## **Worms Eye View**

My goodness we are halfway plus one through 2019, is it just me or do you wonder where the time has flown to. So much seems to happen in life that sometimes it's hard to keep up. However some things happen every day, such as lookering. It was strange how the animals reacted to the hot weather, the sheep, happy to have their thick woolly coats removed, ate early in the morning then disappeared to whatever shade they could find. Some like to go into the sheds, others almost hid under the hedges, not very easy to make sure they were all fine. The cattle were more or less the same, by the time I got down to the marshes they presumably found the best spot to lie down, now that was ok with the older cattle but the young ones completely hid from me in the tufts of tall rushes. It was difficult at times to find them especially as our bull kept his beady eye on me and I always have to keep him in sight. Although he is very quiet he is protective of his "ladies" and their calves.

I did enjoy the week-end of open gardens in Hooe and visited each one. They were lovely and made me rather ashamed of mine.

I have to admit for me one of the highlights was to feed the friendly donkeys, another was to see all the work going on in the allotments and the recently installed plaque telling of the local landing runways for planes in the 1st World War, which is situated on Lower Road at the far end of the village near the A259. Did you remember to take note of St. Swithins Day, the 15th July, when we were are told if it rains on St Swithins there will be forty days of rain. I like another saying more, that is, rain on St Swithins will christen apples and is an omen for a good crop.

On to August 10th, St Lawrence's Day and it said if the weather be fine on that day a fair autumn and good wine can be expected. Whatever the weather I hope you all enjoy this summer of 2019!

*Anne*

### **NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**

Is planning a fun evening in August, with the Human Table Top Football and other games, with a bbq and refreshments, details to be finalised just after going to print so watch for posters around the village and see our facebook an web sites plus Ninfield Community facebook. See you there

## HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051	
Pam Dodes	892329	Robert Pilbeam	844365
Peter Hayward	893522	Gary Durman	893007
Jo Dix	892905	Ross Clifton	893206

Parish Clerk Sally Durman 893007

Councillors were pleased to report that the Red Lion public house continues to be recognised as an asset of community value for a further 5 years. A case was submitted to Wealden District Council by Councillors following consultation with Leigh.

A detailed allotment report was presented by Councillor Durman. He was pleased to report that the allotment community is thriving. One highlight is the Community Allotment. A group of residents meet regularly to work together. Not only are they growing a variety of crops but they also meet regularly for barbecues on the plot. They would welcome more people to join their group, to share and learn new skills. They have already received donations of plants and equipment.

Much work has been done by Councillor Dodes and her team to develop the Hooe Emergency Plan. This is a document that identifies possible situations that may occur in the community and lays out a strategic plan to deal with it, including key personal and their role. This is now very close to being published.

On May 8th 2020 Hooe will be participating in VE Day 75 celebrations. Information will be circulated to residents nearer the time.

The Community Fundraisers have been busy. Over the last month there has been an Open Gardens event as well as the monthly Coffee Morning. At the Motor Show on August 4th the fundraisers will be providing refreshments and running a Bric-a-Brac stall. We would welcome any donations of cakes, good quality Bric-a-Brac or your time. If you have a spare hour we would love to see you. Please contact Sally Durman at [hooepc2@btinternet.com](mailto:hooepc2@btinternet.com) or phone 01424 893007 if you can help. The next big event will be the Michaelmas Fayre on Sunday 29th September when the fundraisers will be providing teas in the Village Hall. Again, donations of cakes and help on the day would be welcomed.

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16th September at the Village Hall, beginning at 7pm. Residents are invited to attend

# N INFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 17th August, our Annual Summer Show will be taking place in the Memorial Hall. Will we see your entries?

Schedules with entry details are available in the Village Stores or ask Rose (892422). Entry details need to be in by Wednesday 14th. Visitors on Show Day from 2.30 can be assured of plenty to see - vegetables, flowers, fruit, baking, jams, photos and lots of children's entries. And of course, teas and homemade cakes to enjoy. Why not try the Parish Produce Class this year – easily filled from your own garden! Do come and enjoy the Show.

We start our new season earlier this year. Our first evening meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Our Speaker will be Irene Willson from Butlers Farmhouse who will be sharing the joys and challenges of opening ones garden to the public. This should be a very entertaining evening.

Our AGM follows on 21st October so please put these dates in your diary.

## Spring Onion Chilli Prawns – a quick and simple starter

20g<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>oz butter · 2 spring onions, sliced ·  
1 clove garlic, crushed · ½ red chilli seeds removed and finely chopped  
4 king prawns, cooked and peeled, tails left on  
1 small handful of coriander leaves · Juice of ½ lime

Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat add the spring onion, garlic and chilli and cook for one minute.

Add the prawns and heat through

Transfer into a serving dish and sprinkle with the coriander and juice of lime.  
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**How a Manor was structured.**

The land held by the Lord of the Manor was known as the “desmesne” which is how we have the word “domain”. It was divided into:

Deer park, where a royal licence to empark had been obtained, usually restricted to great nobles or to the king's favoured courtiers. The lord of the manor would be able to enclose the park, with hedges or walls, to enclose his own deer and prevent unlawful entry.

Manor farm, Home Farm or Barton, land retained "in-hand" by the lord of the manor, with his own workforce, whose copyhold tenancies stipulated so many days to be worked on the demesne.

Village, where most of the tenants lived, originally the villeins, tenants of the lord.

Cotts (or cottages) scattered individual small farmsteads occupied by the cottars, a superior class of tenants.

Court House, in which manorial courts were held where a non-resident lord had no manor house where such business could be transacted by his steward.

Church Land, Part of the demesne land, donated by the lord of the manor. Parish churches were built by the lords of the manor, often next to their manor houses. Many churches were built in time immemorial, and their establishment unrecorded.

Manorial Chapels built onto the sides of parish churches for the lord responsible for the building and maintenance of the church, a clause frequently found in manor deeds by purchasers.

Glebe, land donated by the lord to support the parish priest. Each priest became a life tenant. In addition to the produce from the glebe, he was entitled to one tenth of all agricultural produce, stored in the tithe barn. Common Land, open land, over which the lord, certain tenants, and other parishioners held shared rights.

Woodland, where tenants had the right to pannage (feeding swine on acorns).

Corn-mill, usually a water mill, where all tenants had to grind their corn, providing a captive income for the lord.

Freehold. "free-tenants" as "free men" could sit as jury on the lord's manorial court. Disputes between a lord and his freeholders were presided over by the Sheriff (Shire Reeve).

Copyhold, the tenancy agreement was copied in the manorial roll, in case of dispute. Copyholders were subject to the jurisdiction of the manorial court.

Leasehold granted for a term, usually one of years or a number of lives, not exceeding three, or the longer of either period. Kevin Regan

**GAMES AFTERNOON** Advance Notice. Do come and join us for an enjoyable and relaxing indoor games afternoon in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 22 October from 2-4 pm. Games will include old favourites like skittles, shove halfpenny, bagatelle, snakes and ladders, scrabble and New Age curling. Refreshments are provided.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 3 and 4

Naomi and Ruth had returned to Bethlehem as widows. Ruth had worked during the harvest in the fields of Boaz, a near relative.

Naomi told her daughter-in-law Ruth

You need someone to marry and look after you. I have a plan

I will do all you ask of me.

So Ruth went to where the grain was threshed. Boaz was on guard that night...

but she stayed out of his sight until he was asleep.

Then she uncovered his feet and lay down by them.



At midnight, Boaz woke, and was shocked to find her there.

As my relative who must look after me, will you marry me?

You have a closer relative; I will ask him tomorrow. If he will not marry you, I will do so gladly. Lie down now, and sleep.



Just before dawn, Ruth returned to Naomi.

All we can do now is wait.

Boaz went to the meeting place, and waited for the relative to pass.



Naomi wants to sell the land she inherited from her husband, and as nearest relative, you get first refusal.



I want to buy the land. Then you must marry Ruth as the land must be inherited by her son

In that case, I don't want to buy it.

Then I will buy the land and marry Ruth.

So Boaz married Ruth and they had a son.



My life is no longer bitter!

and he was an ancestor of King David!

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## **Sunday Services for August / September 2019:**

Aug 4 10.30am. Café Worship with breakfast

Aug 11 10.30am. Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Cynthia Park

Aug 18 10.30am. Service of Worship & Praise

Aug 25 10.30am Service of Worship & Praise with Jennifer Winnington

Sep 1 10.30 am. Café Worship

Sep 8 10.30 am. United Service & Communion with Rev. Paul Frostick

Sep 15 10.30 am. Service of Worship & Praise

Sep 22 10.30 am. Service of Worship & Praise

Sep 29 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise

## **Events for September 2019:**

Aug 2 10.00 – 12.00 Book Exchange Café

Sep 6 10.00 – 12.00 Book Exchange Cafe

Sep 11 2.30 pm CWF

Sep 25 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church

We hope that you will enjoy the August 'holiday' time; do come along to any of our services if you are free; we will be very pleased to see you.

The Book Exchange café continues to meet in August & September; and Messy Church re-starts in September after the summer holidays.

We look forward to a United service with St. Mary's, at our Church, in September when the Reverend Paul Frostick will lead the worship.

We are pleased that we now have new comfortable blue chairs in our Church with thanks to two legacy gifts. It all looks good.

## 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!

- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> October      Flower Group Jumble Sale  
                                    Bonfire Night
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October      Rocky Horror Show
- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> October     Games Afternoon
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October    Art Exhibition
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November   Film Night - Fisherman's Friend
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> November    Gala Night
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> November    Musical Matinee
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November    Home Made Fayre
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December     Ninfield Flower Group Christmas Open Evening
- 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 and of course to ensure other groups don't book something that might conflict with yours!

## **M**acmillian Coffee Morning AT Ninfield Methodist Church Hall 9-12am. Friday 27th September All welcome

Once again we are holding a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillian. Come and have a relaxed coffee and cake, enjoy browsing our homemade jams, preserves, Christmas decorations and crafts. We have a raffle and games too. Lots of additional bits for sale. Bring a friend and spread the word. Let's beat last years total of £830! All proceeds to Macmillan cancer support. Veronica Sargent 07714327117

Closing date for items for the **OCTOBER** edition  
of the Parish News is **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** please send to  
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## DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

### Weekly Events

<b>Mondays</b>	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, <i>Badminton</i> ,
<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 Jammies & Burlesque ( <i>no meetings till September</i> )

<b>Aug</b>	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ninfield Book Exchange	P16
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