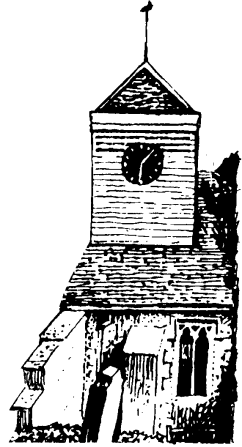


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NEWS

News from the Churches,
the clubs, groups and

societies of

Ninfield & Hooe

PLUS A DIARY OF EVENTS

March 2020

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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
1 st Mar	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
8 th Mar	Parish Eucharist followed by their Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Parish Eucharist
15 th Mar	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
22 nd Mar	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
29 th Mar	No Service	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist

All joint services will be at 10.30am

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

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Dear Friends,

This extract from Winnie the Pooh by A A Milne has been doing the rounds on social media recently but I thought it appropriate to quote from it here as it deals with the subject of loneliness and that is certainly a problem in our society today!

"It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet," said Eeyore, in a Glum Sounding Voice.

"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better. Because Pooh and Piglet were There. No more; no less."

We all need to be alert to those who might be feeling alone. There are many activities happening in both villages that people could get involved in, but people slip through the net and sometimes they just need a friend to be there with them. No more, no less!

Lent starts on 26th February and that is a time when we think about our preparations for Easter. A time of year when we remember God's great love for us. And that is something to carry with us through Lent and beyond. The fact is that we are not alone and that we have a Heavenly Father that loves us unconditionally. We all need to be reminded of that sometimes but that does not stop us searching out those who are alone and simply be with them! Better for 2 people to knock on someone's door than no-one at all!

Paul Frostick

A familiar scene ...

Crowds of people with strong views, clamouring,
demanding their way, intolerant of others
who made different mistakes, different choices.

A raucous, intimidating, egocentric baying for action.
A familiar scene...

Where is the love?

Where is the compassion?

Where is the concern for the common good?

How long Lord, will your teaching be ignored?

How long till the stone-throwing stops?

By Daphne Kitching

St Mary's

Funeral

10th February Desmond Fuller.

*from the
Parish Records*

We have had a busy month inviting all our existing advertisers to trust us with their adverts again and I am pleased to say they nearly all are, which indicates that you must be using them, and we are pleased to say we have had lots of interested over the last few weeks from people wanting space as well, so from next month you will see several new ones with quite a few refreshed ones. It really is surprising how many and varied the businesses in and around our villages are, so next month look out for them, you might well find something you've been looking for.

- Or didn't know you wanted!

Nicki & Carol



READING ROOM

I thought it appropriate to give an update on the availability of the Reading Room. The Reading Room is now let all week during school time to Muddy Boots pre school which looks after around 50 children of residents of the village. It takes a considerable amount of time and effort to put up and take down all the equipment that is required to ensure that the Pre School runs smoothly.

The income we now receive has enabled us to upgrade the facilities available. This includes replacing the old heavy and cumbersome chairs, which no longer met the current fire regulations and the heaters which were old and expensive to run and broke down on a regular basis. We have now installed Eco-Friendly heaters.

As a result of the above the Reading Room is not available during school times. It is, however, still available during school holidays and half-terms for meetings, parties etc. The cost for hiring has been frozen for some time and still remains £4 for the first hour and £3 for each additional hour.

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It's been a very active start to the year at School with our 6-a-side Cricket Team taking part in the Hastings and Rother competition at the end of January with 9 other schools. Not only taking part, but coming joint first with one other school. Winning three and drawing one match.

Then in early February we sent a troupe of 16 children to the White Rock Theatre to take part in the 'Time 2 Dance' event alongside 40 other schools. This took place over three nights and gave schools the chance to experience performing on the big stage. The children, with the help of the sports coach, choreographed their own routine with the theme of 'the wild and stormy sea'.

Away from sport we held a 'Poetry by Heart' competition where the children in the top three classes had to recite a poem (1 poem in Years 3 and 4 and two poems in Years 5 and 6) from memory. They performed these in front of their peers and a winner was chosen from each year group. Some of the poems were quite long and complex, so this was a good test of understanding and language as well as being a memory test. Luckily they don't hold these for Governors!

And finally I have some bad news. The children in Reception spent the day making Gingerbread men, but when they came in the next day they had all disappeared. Wanted posters have been put up all around the school, as the search to find them continues. I hope to be able to share with you the outcome of this despicable deed next time – I suspect Mr Palmer, the Grasshoppers' class teacher!
Ian Moffat

N INFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

This month's talk will be the re-scheduled talk about the Jack and Jill windmills by Paul Barber on Thursday 19th March, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Road. All welcome. A reminder that the Archive Centre at the Pavilion is open on Monday mornings, 10am – 12 where volunteers are available to help with local history enquiries.



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NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

N We have two events in March. On Monday 16th at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, our speaker is Jan Black. She will be talking about 'All things herbal'. Everyone is welcome and we have refreshments and raffle as usual.

On Saturday 28 March, it is the Annual Spring Show in the Memorial Hall. This is usually a lovely show with all the best spring flowers on display. We also have classes for photography, flower arranging, baking and crafts, as well as those for children of all ages.

Do think about entering this year! Schedules with entry details are available in the village stores or from Rose (01424 892422)

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MOVEMENT 2 MUSIC – KEEPING YOU ACTIVE FOR LIFE!

My M2M sessions are taking place throughout the Wealden area at present, at many different schemes and with various levels of support and funding. It is hoped that these, and new venues, will continue and grow, giving much needed benefit to the 'older' community.

What is it? –

Basically, the sessions consist of an hour's exercise/movement, some chair-based and some standing, but all done with fun, a lot of laughter and, generally, a good sing-a-long!

I have found, over the last 8 years since I developed this regime of exercises, that the benefits are huge and invaluable, in a variety of ways; and I have become quite passionate about the subject!

Firstly, the Physical aspect – There is no age limit to this activity, all my exercises and routines are adaptable to the participants..... My youngest member of all the groups is about 60, but the oldest was 104...yes, 104!!!.. and, no matter how 'able' the person, there is much to be gained from stretching, circling, swinging and swaying – dancing! - to whatever degree. One of my ladies, Molly (in her 80's) said the other day as she arrived for class “ My shoulders have gone North, I can't seem to get them down they're so stiff...” After the first two exercises, which involved stretching by reaching up to the sky, then gentle shrugs and 'pops' and slow head turning, she said, with relief, that she could feel a welcome respite from the 'wooden coat hanger' feeling she'd previously had! She had also sung along to the two tunes while exercising, so taking her mind off the effects!... Another of my ladies has not got a good lung capacity, but as I take the classes she listens to how to breathe properly, and as deeply as possible, calmly does her best, and is pleased to inform me, when she returns from her check-ups, that the Hospital staff are impressed with her fitness! I do have gentlemen in some of my sessions, and one lovely chap in his late 80's is developing Carpel Tunnel in his fingers, alongside the Arthritis that's already there. He has benefited from the wrist circling, hand stretching and finger exercises, playing 'imaginary pianos'. I can empathise with many of the participants as I have Arthritis in my spine, top and bottom, due to injuries sustained in my career as a T.V and West End Dancer and Actress. I know how painful the back becomes when it 'gets stuck' and feels like a block of iron. I've

spent hundreds of pounds over the years on Osteopaths to keep everything in alignment and moving. But, in total agreement with the recent documentary on T.V on this subject, I do NOT believe that taking painkillers is the cure for joint pain... but that exercise and improving general mobility IS. It is a common fact now that, as we go over the '50' mark, we are ALL suffering from various forms of back pain, some Arthritis will have taken hold in wrists, knees or feet, and some can also start suffering nerve pain; with the awful 'Sciatica' being one of the most depressing and debilitating forms. By doing these routines, or Dances – which they progress through the hour to be- the whole body is gently toned, stretched and moved, from top to toe, pain is relieved hugely, and the brain has a bit of a work out too...!!

So- secondly, the Mental aspect – I am convinced that these classes are vital to mental health and wellbeing. The Movement to Music sessions are a fun filled way of exercising, learning new movements, co-ordinating arms and legs – always a fun challenge! While reliving eras that have musical relevance in people's lives, if they remember the 60's they WERE there! It's just great seeing eyes lighting up, with voices raised in song while doing 'The Twist'...even if it's sitting on a chair in a Hall somewhere!

Finally, the third aspect – for want of a better 'sound byte'... A good old get together! So many of the classes / sessions are with a mix of residents from either within a residential venue, or in community halls with groups and societies; people from the local area who have friends, or have seen an advertisement in their Doctors Surgery, or nearby shop, and have grasped the mettle to come and join in. Sometimes it takes guts to do that, people get used to 'being on their own' after a loved one has gone, but the sessions bring so many new friendships together and become a regular 'Club', with groups 'going for a coffee' afterwards, or joining other activities/outings. Some of the regular participants get quite cross if I have a couple of weeks 'Off' from the sessions, like at Christmas....well, there's no rest for the wicked as they say!

So in conclusion, I would just like to say that these Movement 2 Music classes, are an essential new skill for the Older but still Active person, to keep going and thrive.

We must make sure that a long life lived, is Active, Fulfilled and Fun!!

HOOE COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK EXCHANGE
Saturday 14th March The Village Hall, 10.30 - 12.00
Please do drop in a say hello, we'd love to see you.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Ray Shayler visited us in February with a talk on Bodiam Castle, which was well received by an appreciative audience.

On Thursday 19th March we welcome the return of Ken Brookes with his talk "Hastings in Wartime". Ken is one of those speakers we love to invite back. His enthusiasm on his subjects shines through whenever he visits and previous talks on local fossils and beside the seaside were both superb. Ken will be at Hooe village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW... this month is about a newspaper extract regarding Hooe Parish Council, from the Bexhill Observer dated 9th March 1935 – "The (Annual Parish) review referred to the fact that the (Hooe) Parish Council completed its 40th year last December, and in its 40th year it now worked under the Local Government Act of 1933". On further investigation, the Parish Council was formed by virtue of the Local Government Act, 1894 which established elected Parish Councils in rural areas. Meetings were held quarterly. Therefore, by my reckoning, Hooe Parish Council completed its 125th year last December.

We now have a complete programme of speakers for 2020, as follows, all on the third Thursday of the month:-

20th Feb, Ray Shayler - Bodiam Castle;

19th March, Ken Brooks - Hastings in Wartime;

16th April, Deborah Bedford JP DL - The History of the post of Lord Lieutenant;

21st May, Jan Black - Historic Sussex Food from 1600's to 1900 (with tasters!);

18th June, Brian Freeland – Sussex lives from John Freeland to Rudyard Kipling;

16th July, Peter Doodles – Guided tour of St Oswald's Church;

20th August, Peter White - Town Criers and Bellmen past and present;

17th September, Ken Brooks – Fossil folklore;

15th October, Daryl Holter – Heritage Crime in Sussex;

19th November, Dr Sandra Voss (science Director) – Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux; December – Christmas event.

Ladies Pre loved Clothing Sale

On behalf of 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout Group and the Memorial Hall fund,

Thank You! We raised just over £700.

The event was well attended by over 70 people who were able to browse the rails and displays as well as enjoy some refreshments, Raffle, Tropic beauty and watch Karen Duval and Toby Ballard have their lovely long hair cut for charity. There were lots of bargains to be had and a nice chance to socialise. On behalf of both groups we would like to also thank the many helpers involved in making the event happen. There is a lot of work in the run up to include leafleting the village, collecting donations, sorting, storing, taking to the hall for the event as well as sorting rails, hangers and all the other bits needed. We had a lot of fun sorting and arranging the rails and display tables so the event looked like a lovely attractive place to shop. There was of course a lot of help on the night to ensure it ran smoothly.

We sent the remaining bras to a charity for the homeless, the remaining ball gowns and evening dresses to the local hospice shop to help teenagers requiring prom dresses this summer and the remaining clothing has been sold in bulk toward the scout fund. We may have another clothing collection in the autumn so look out for details nearer the time.

Thank you as always, Veronica Sargent, Scout fundraiser

BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

continues in 2020 on the first Friday of each month from 10-12 in the Methodist Church Hall. Ninfield.

Our next session is on 6th March and then 3rd April. Donations of books are welcome. For further information please contact David Swales dj_swales@hotmail.com or 01424 892248.

LUNCH CLUB Following a trial run in December, the Ninfield Health & Well-being Group has organised another Lunch Club this time at The Blacksmith's Inn on Wednesday 18th March at 12.30pm.

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N INFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION Latest News!

At the last meeting we confirmed the prizes for our Spring Raffle, that will be drawn on Sunday 19th April, at the Spring Fayre hosted by the Hooe Fundraising team Bonfire Society, at the Red Lion, Hooe.

1st Prize will be £50 cash, 2nd £30 Voucher for High Tea for 2 at Hope Farm Shop, then- A Massage Voucher, 2 Tickets for 'An Evening with..', 2 designer Cushions and other prizes fill the list; and tickets, at 50p each, £2.50 per book, are on sale at the Village Stores, or with Carnival Committee members. Monies raised will go towards the Summer Solstice Weekend Village Event, that is shaping up very nicely!

Saturday 20th June will see the Village Market have an outing up to the Rec. for the morning, joining all the usual, favourite attractions that will be in situ - The Tea Tent, which will have an additional roped off area for pre-booked Afternoon Teas - to include Sandwiches, pastries, cakes, scones, cream and jam- with Tea/Coffee and/or Prosecco- (vouchers are also available to buy in advance as gifts!)- and there will be a wandering musician for entertainment!! The Bar will have extra 20's style cocktails, as well as Pimms; plus stalls and stands from local groups and societies, games and fun for the youngsters- The Bugsy Malone themed procession and games area..there are lots of ideas! In the evening the Entertainment will be provided by Local Swing Band- 'Some Like It Hotter' -a 20 piece, All Girl Jazz/Swing outfit, with lots of surprises, singers, fun and great tunes to dance to! Stargazing into the Solstice Skies will end the evening...

And then Sunday 21st June! It's Father's Day as well, so the emphasis is on Family and Fun. There will be the Afternoon Teas, The Bar, and Cricket! -plus other games!- and people are invited to come and have a relaxed, summer Solstice Sunday.

This is the first real plea for - CAKES!! - we would be so grateful for any donations to the Tea Tent, that will be on the go, and at the MAX for 2 days!!! And, of course - HELPERS!! If you'd like to help, get involved, run a stall, PLEASE get in touch, it would be great to hear from you!

The next Carnival Meeting is on Wednesday 11th March 8.15pm in the Working Men's Club, where many things will be absolutely finalised and set in stone - but if you can't make a meeting, and would prefer to call for a chat, please ring Sami on 07970650321, Robin Fookes 07970184858, or Veronica on 07714327117 . Thank You!!

HOGS Hooe Open Group

The first meeting of the new regime was held on Friday 14th February 2020 at 2.00p.m. Heather Sinden our new Chairperson opened the meeting with thanks to Edna Wallis for dedicated work as Social Organiser over the last 13 years. She then explained that HOGS is continuing and Speakers have been arranged for the next three meetings which will continue to be on the second Friday of the month always at 2.00p.m.

We then had a delightful talk from Anne Bourner on her life in Sussex, where she lived as a child, schooling, growing up, meeting a young man who was not too good a dancer but a great footballer!

Her interest in farming grew and after her marriage to Peter they had a farm in Heathfield and then moved to her present farm in Hooe. Lots more things of interest with photographs. Don't want to spoil it in case you get a chance to hear the talk.

The afternoon ended with tea/coffee and biscuits when a small questionnaire was handed out to canvas opinion on the future of the club, ideas for speakers, individual interests, outings, Christmas Lunch etc. All agreed we need more members so each person was asked to bring a friend next time!

Next meeting is 13th March 2020 at 2.00p.m.

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INDOOR GAMES AFTERNOONS

Games afternoon. The next afternoon is on Tuesday 17 March from 2 - 4 at the Memorial Hall. Do come and have tea and cake with us and see if you would like to take part in any of the traditional games on offer. These include skittles, shove halfpenny, scrabble, ping pong and snakes and ladders. This is a friendly low key relaxed afternoon and you will be made very welcome. If you want any more information please contact Jackie on 01424892422 or Jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

MUSICAL MATINEE

Musical Matinee. The next dementia and hearing loss friendly film is on Friday 6 March at the Memorial Hall. Film starts at 2 pm and doors open at 1.30. This time we are seeing the classic Judy Garland film The Wizard of Oz. This is a free afternoon and includes tea/coffee and cake. To ensure that we have enough cake, please let us know that you are coming by contacting Jackie or Rose on 01424892422 or emailing Jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

NINFIELD HEALTH WALKS

Free, friendly, gentle walks lasting about one hour on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, starting at 11am. from Sparke Pavilion, Church Lane, No need to book just turn up.

Thursday 5th & 19th March

more information please contact: Robin Goldsmith 01424 892778

MEN'S SHEDS

will meet at Sparke Pavilion at 11am on Monday 30th March, Want to know more?

Contact Dave Crittall on 01424 892883.

Ninfield Parish Council

Council Meeting

Thursday 5th March

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

Council Meeting

Monday 16th March

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

HOOE OPEN GARDENS 2020

On the weekend of June 6th and 7th Hooe will be running their Open Gardens event.

If you would like to be involved in this please contact Gary Durman on 01424 893007 or email gary.durman@btinternet.com . We would love to have more gardens open this year as part of this very popular event.

More details will be available nearer the time, so save the date.

Please keep the morning of

Saturday 4th April

clear in your diary as that is the day we will be holding our

HOOE Annual Village Clean Up Day.

You will remember how much fun we had last year!

.... and tell your friends!

Further details nearer the date

N INFIELD FLOWER GROUP

“Fun and Friendship with Flowers”

Our February workshop was well attended and members produced many beautiful and colourful designs. Flowers are not always required as there is so much variety and texture in the foliage available. Our next meeting will be on March 2nd, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Our Sussex area demonstrator is Nina Tucknott with “Colour me Beautiful”. Visitors are always welcome - ladies and gentlemen - entrance £5.

On Saturday 7th March we hold the first of our two annual Jumble Sales. Any unwanted, saleable items may be brought to the Memorial Hall in the morning. Doors open for selling at 2pm. Any unsold items are collected by “Sara Lee” so if you are feeling like de-cluttering your items have 2 chances of finding a second home!

If you would like any further information regarding any of our events, do please contact Jennifer on 01424 892878 or email on ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

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Worms Eye View

I always think of March as a month of many weathers, and it has always been notorious for blustery and boisterous winds. It is named after Mars, the god of war and in olden days was called Hyldmonath, meaning the windy or stormy month. I think perhaps the months have gotten themselves confused because as I write this in February the high winds are becoming very tiring.

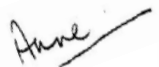
Garden seeds are having to wait until the ground is a little drier, it really is still very wet, not only in the garden but across the fields as well, even the sheep are leaving footprints as well as me!

But thinking of gardens and its produce besides the lovely snowdrops, daffodils and primroses, who are defying the weather and bringing us a lot of pleasure, I have been thinking of other uses of vegetables. For instance, the potato when raw can help headaches. You can cut the potato into slices and press one or 2 slices into your forehead. Some folk say that they help migraines in this way. Also, potatoes can help burns. I know this for a fact, as when a friend spilt some boiling water over her hand, we quickly sliced up a potato and put the slices on her hand. It eased the pain and there were no marks left afterwards.

Likewise, if you got stung by a wasp, a bruised onion was rubbed onto the sting. Lots of homemade poultices were made and used when I was small, admittedly that was a long-time ago, but I do remember some and they were effective. Bread poultice, bread soaked in boiling water, then wrapped in muslin was used for easing burns, scolds, boils and abscesses of various kinds. A hot onion poultice was recommended for boils and bruises too, whilst honey and nettle poultice helped to ease rheumatism and a caraway seed poultice eased earache if it was applied to the outside of the ear.

It was said that a spider's web could stop bleeding. Apparently, one gathered a handful of spiders 'webs', rolled them into a ball, then flattened it and covered the wound with it. It strikes me that there were more cobwebs to be found in olden days, but I do believe that a spider's web is both the strongest and lightest material you could find. Another story about spiders' webs is that half a pound of spider's web would stretch around the world!

Now you will read this in March not on April 1st, so I am not trying to fool you, and don't forget "A windy March foretells a fine May"



HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hooe Parish Council only meets every other month but that doesn't mean the work stops between meetings! The main Parish Council focus is further investigating the provision of an improved and enlarged village hall on the existing village hall site. Various scenarios are being considered. The project is at an extremely exciting position and is moving forward.

On Saturday 8th February the Village Coffee morning was well attended, the hall was crowded and the atmosphere relaxed and friendly. Coffee mornings are held on the second Saturday morning of each month from 10.30 am where not only coffee and cakes are on offer also our Free Community Book Exchange which is proving ever more popular. More than one person commented that 'Our coffee mornings continue to bring in the crowds so we need a bigger hall'. Proof is in the pudding!

The Parish Council is concerned about those few thoughtless dog owners who continue to allow their dogs to foul our footpaths and pavement and spoil our village for all. The Council is grateful to Carol Foord who diligently sprays yellow paint on dog dirt and approaches offending owners. The paint spray is acting as a great deterrent.

This month the Parish Council has reported a number of concerns to ESCC and to our MP Huw Merriman. These include the littering on the A.259, the lack of diversion signs when the A259 is closed following a RTA, resulting in lost vehicle drivers needing to stop to ask where they are and how to get to where they want to go. Routes have also been blocked when 2 HGV's come face to face on a narrow lane. The Council has also complained about deep potholes invisible when filled with water and a skating rink when that water freezes and increased and ever larger vehicles using our road as a rat run.

Although the Hooe Parish Council meets only every other month the work never stops and so, if you have complaints, concerns or indeed praise please do not wait until the next meeting, contact any parish councillor who would be pleased to hear from you

Hooe is participating in the Annual Community Clean up Day again this year. Saturday 4th April is the date²² meeting at 10.00 in the red Lion Car Park. Let's try to beat the 24 folk who turned out last year! Pam Dodes

GUIDE DOGS MY GUIDE SERVICE

We are looking to recruit volunteers in the area to help support our My Guide service. My Guide is a free service that helps people with a sight loss or vision impairment get out of their homes and into the community with a volunteer as their sighted guide.

My Guide fully trains you as a volunteer, to provide confident sighted guide assistance, on a regular basis, to people living with sight loss, to help them achieve their goals, such as:

- Accessing services in your community
- Gaining confidence on public transport
- Engaging with your local community

What will I get out of it?

• Make a life-changing difference to someone in need in your community

• An opportunity to build experience and knowledge of sight loss and develop your existing skills whilst doing something that you enjoy

• Help a charity do more while becoming a valued and integral part of the Guide Dogs team meeting with other Guide Dogs' volunteers.

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NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Apologies to those who were "champing at the bit" to help with the work to Church Path referred to in last month's Parish News, but weather conditions a couple of weeks ago were too bad to permit us to work safely in Church Wood, so we commenced work on returning Church Path to its original width. However, we have yet to complete the work adjacent to the allotments so watch this space. In the meantime, we have booked our AGM for Thursday 12th March 7 p.m. at the Methodist Hall. Please come along to meet the workers and learn more about the Society. No obligation but a chance to see what we do, enjoy free refreshments and learn of plans to turn Church Wood into a local nature reserve.

We are again joining in the **Wealden Spring Clean** and have organised a litterpick for **Saturday 4th April**, meet at **10 a.m.** in the Pavilion. All materials supplied and refreshments too ! We would like **Lots of helpers!**

Finally, walkers may have noticed a number of fresh canes with spiral plastic protectors dotted around Church Wood. We have now purchased and planted 40 saplings to replace trees which we have had to remove over recent winters. As the sign on the back of a bus said, "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago, the second best time is NOW". See you at the AGM

NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 21st March

9.30am - 12.00

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Any enquiries to Chris 893388

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

Generally every 3rd SATURDAY of the month

Ninfield Parish Council

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The Ninfield full council meeting was a week early this month. The council doesn't normally meeting in January, but this doesn't mean that the Councillors weren't still hard at work. Another representation was sent in to Wealden District Council regarding Manchester Road, 2 residents and a Parish Councillor also attended and spoke at the unusually timed Planning Committee South Meeting. Sadly our concerns were not listened too despite being well researched and backed up by policy.

The news that the proposed Wealden Local Plan had been rejected by the inspector, primarily due to their lack of 'duty to cooperate' was released at the beginning of January. Wealden have decided to withdraw their plan and start again. This means that the number of houses that Wealden are expected to build will be more than they planned for in the rejected plan. If you would like to understand more please get in touch with the clerk.

Before Christmas the Parish Council applied to Wealden to begin a Neighbourhood Plan.

What is a neighbourhood Plan? A shared vision for your neighbourhood. The views of the residents are used in the decision making for lots of different topics.

Once approved our policies are used in our village. We can Identify and protect local green space, protect the environment, Enhance biodiversity, decide what types of houses are built, where and what they look like and protect the listed buildings and history of the village whilst looking at what is needed for the future.

We have been granted permission to start our Neighbourhood plan and there have been three meetings so far. There is a steering Group that is meeting monthly, they have developed terms of reference and there will be a monthly update at the Parish Council meetings where progress decisions will be made. If you would like to know more please come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 5th March at 7.15pm in the Methodist Hall.

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples to be ready for the end of time. 'A rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money to look after, depending on what they could do.



He gave 5 bags of coins to the first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone, the first two servants started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a hole and buried his bag.



When the master came back, he called his servants to him...



The first two showed him they had doubled his money, and he was very happy with them.



You are a hard man who expects us to work. I was afraid so I just hid it.

If you knew what I expected, why didn't you do it?



Get out of here!



NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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.Sunday Services for March 2020:

1st 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast.

8th 10.30 am Family Praise

15th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Cynthia Park

22nd 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Dawn Novis

29th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Peter Doodes

5th Apr 10.30 am Palm Sunday Family Worship with Rev. Tricia Williams

Events for March 2020:

4th 2.30pm Church Council (all welcome)

6th 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe

11th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship

25th 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church – ‘Spring into Easter’

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our services or events as shown above.

Our Methodist tradition encourages us to Worship, Learn & Care, Serve, & Tell Others. In our Hastings, Bexhill & Rye area we have twelve Methodist churches & two Methodist Care Homes. The Reverend Tricia Williams has responsibility for our Ninfield Church and she also looks after other churches in Bexhill & beyond.

Our Sunday Services are led by our ministers, visiting clergy and a team of Methodist Local Preachers who volunteer and are extensively trained to lead worship. You will see above that we have an excellent variety of worship leaders in March, & this pattern carries on throughout the year.

We are also really enjoying our ‘Messy Church’ experience at Ninfield & in January nearly 40 people (all ages) came along and got involved in crafts / activities. Every month we celebrate a worship time together & finally food. In March we are ‘getting ready’ for Easter & all the hope & joy of this season. All very relaxed & great fun.

We give thanks for the varied life of our village Church.

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!

Wed 1st April - Spring Flower Arranging

Sat 4th April - Hooe & Ninfield Annual Spring Clean
- Memorial Hall Quiz Night
- Star Gazing

Sun 19th Apr - Ninfield Bonfire's & Hooe's Spring Special

Sat 25th April - Horticultural Plant Sale

Sat 2nd May An Evening with Theatre in Ninfield

Sat/Sun 6th/7th Jun Hooe Open Gardens

Sat 20th Jun - Carnival's Summer Solstice Event

Sun 21st Jun - Carnival Sports Event

Sat 4th Jul - St. Oswald's Garden Party

Sat 11th Jul - St. Mary's Open Day and BBQ .

Fri 24th & Sat 25th Jul Ninfield Music Festival

Sat 15th Aug - Horticultural Summer Show

Sun 5^h Sep - Michaelmas Fayre

Sat/Sun 24/25th Oct - Art Exhibition

Sat 25th Nov - Home made fayre

Sun 20th Dec - Carnival's Winter Solstice Event

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!

Closing date for items for the **APRIL edition**
of the Parish News is **Friday 13th March** please send to
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DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Weekly Events

In italics = term time only

Mondays	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Movement2Music. Pilates, Badminton,
Tuesdays	Hooe - Hooe Band, Stoolball Ninfield - <i>Cubs</i> ; Dancercise, Bowls Club, Fusion Yoga
Wednesdays	Hooe - Line Dancing Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Fusion Yoga,
Thursdays	Ninfield - <i>Toddlers</i> , Pilates, <i>Beavers</i> , <i>Scouts</i> , Bowls Ninfield Health Walks 5 th & 19 th March
Fridays	Ninfield - Crafting, Strength Class Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammass & Burlesque

February

Wed 26 th	Messy Church	P28
Fri 28 th	Film Night - Yesterday	P 8
Sat 29 th	Vintage Games Evening	P19

March

Mon 2 nd	Flower Group Meeting	P18
Thu 5 th	Ninfield Parish Council	P25
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Thu 19 th	Hooe History Society Ninfield History Group	P12 P 7
Sat 21 st	Ninfield Village Market	P24
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Sat 28 th	Annual Spring Show ₃₀	P 8
Mon 30 th	Men's Sheds	P17

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