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*In & around*

*Ninfield & Hove*

*Aug & Sept 24*

*50p*



# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD

### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>St Oswald's</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 Parish Eucharist	<i>11.00 Family Service</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
25 <sup>th</sup> August	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist
1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
8 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
<b>HARVEST</b>		

#### **Opening times for Private Prayer**

St. Mary's - Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm Where Possible

St. Oswald's - Open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm

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

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

Dear Friends, It seems only yesterday that I was writing my article for the July magazine. I cannot believe that I am now sat writing these reflections for our August/September edition of our Magazine! Where has the time gone! It genuinely seems to have flown by since the beginning of the year and I think this is in part because there seems to have been so much going on. So, my prayer for this month is that we will indeed have fun during August and the holidays and come back in September refreshed and rested.

And it is in rest that I want to focus on this month. Not so long ago our gospel reading on a Sunday was the wonderful story of Mary and Martha, where Jesus turns up at their home, with his disciples, on route to Jerusalem where Jesus will face his passion and crucifixion; he knows what will happen to him, but on the way, he takes time out to see his friends.

Martha goes into full blown hospitality mode, busy with the pots and pans and no doubt the dustpan. Mary on the other hand, is still, she sits by Jesus to listen to him as he talks; she's happy to just be in his presence. Martha understandably is a bit peeved by this, after all she is doing all the work of providing a meal etc....but Jesus gently rebukes her by saying "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42) Martha is worried and distracted, she is unable to focus on Jesus, and she is letting other priorities get in the way of spending quality time with him, whereas Mary's focus is solely on Jesus. Now, of course, we all need to be both Martha and Mary. It is not either/or, but both/and...but maybe there are times where if we have been busy being a Martha, we need to take a leaf out of Mary's book; so if we have been expending our energies on our to-do lists, maybe it's time to stop and be still and rest in Jesus.

As we now enter holiday time, we perhaps may need to re-focus and turn to that rest and recuperation, we now need to hang up our apron and work clothes for a while, and instead take this valuable time of holidays to just stop and be. Let us instead of being distracted, focus our minds and hearts on the one who is always with us and who is beckoning us to sit down by his feet, for He says "...My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14). Have a wonderful, safe, and restful summer as we return in time to get ready for our Michaelmas Fair on 28th September. Last year was great and hopefully we can build upon that to make this year even better!

Paul

## A Prayer for August 2024

Lord, in a year of changes in our country and in the world, we thank You for the regular rhythm of each year.

We thank You for August, the month of holidays and rest for many, especially for families and those tied to termly timetables. We pray for Your blessing and restoration for all. As we take time out of normal routines, help us to still make space for You; to be refreshed spiritually as well as physically.

Feed us, Lord, by Your Word; revive us by Your Holy Spirit; encourage us by Your indwelling presence, so that we might naturally reflect Your love to all we meet, on holiday or at home or at work.

In Jesus' name. Amen.                      By Daphne Kitching.

### News from St Mary's

As expected, the Quinquennial Report on the church has highlighted that the tower needs to be repainted. Also, some of the gutters need to be improved and some electrical work needs to be undertaken to make it safe.

The electrical work has now been completed.

There are some smaller items that need attention, but the tower is going to be the most pressing and expensive item.

The organ has now been tuned and is in good working order.

We are looking forward to the Michaelmas Fayre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September followed by our Harvest Service on Sunday at 9.30a.m.

#### St Mary's

13th June 2024 – Funeral of Donald Paine

15th July 2024 – Funeral of Joan Iris Noakes.

*from the  
Parish Records*

**Closing date for items for the  
OCTOBER**

**issue of the Parish News**

**is FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** please send to  
**ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

## News from St Oswald's

Our annual Garden Party was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and what a marvellous event it was, even the weather was kind to us. Stalls, raffle, children's games, refreshments including a cream tea, live music from the Hooe Village Band and a BBQ with such a long queue it is a wonder they didn't run out of food.

We would like to thank our many supporters and helpers without whom we could not run this event. The list of support is long and includes those who decorate and prepare the church and church grounds; the Band who provide entertainment; the stall holders; those who cook and bake and donate items; those who help with putting up gazebos and moving tables, the list is endless. Thank you to you all.

The next date in our calendar is 'Afternoon Tea' to be held in The Hooe Village Hall on Sunday 1st September from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. No tickets required. Please just come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon.

Janet and Jack – Churchwardens

*'My thanks to all who helped make the garden party such a success. Apart from the financial help it gives the church; to me this is what village life is all about! All mucking in to put on brilliant day. Again my thanks!*

*Paul*

**Editors' Comment...** August already, not sure where this year as gone! As usual not so much going on as many of you are away, but Horti Summer Show is a must, it can inspire you to get into the garden and grow more flowers and vegetables! Then the day after a new event to enjoy, A Stoolball competition, but there is plenty to read in this edition, so find a quiet corner in the garden, take a cup of tea and enjoy. This copy last you for two months so see you back for October!

*Nicki & Carol*



### **PARISH NEWS**

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## ***August/September Diary***

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Please remember, The Memorial Hall will be closed from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July for redecoration, although one or two groups will be using the upstairs room or alternative premises, please check with your group organiser.

In the last 5 years the nhs has struggled more than ever to keep up with the increase in demand. Ninfield surgery is not an exception to this. The reasons are multiple and complex, but they include :

-ever increasing patient numbers

-Increased demand on GPs to manage patients who really need secondary care/social care/mental health services, but because the waits for those services is often measured in months or years, it falls to the Gp to fill the gap

Reduced government funding

-‘Burnout’ and disillusionment of GPs meaning less and less want to be partners and many leave the NHS, and even the UK, altogether. 1 in 4 partners retired in the last 5 years, and approximately 20000 doctors left the NHS prematurely (ie not due to retirement) between april 2022 and 2023 (they are the latest figures available, i wonder whether it is even higher now).

To combat the above, the last government have provided funding for allied health professionals (eg paramedics, advanced nurse practitioners and physicians assistants) to work alongside doctors to support them. Many hospitals and surgeries are now using these professionals instead of doctors; of course they are cheaper.

The current situation leaves a lot of GPs unemployed nationally, let’s not forget previous governments trained up a lot of extra GPs. One of our current salaried GPs had sent almost one hundred applications and gotten three interviews last year, before we employed her. If anyone was willing to be a partner nowadays, they would be snapped up, but nobody wants to take that financial or personal risk any more - remember partners are the business owners, they take the profits for their income, but these profits are dwindling. Most of us now earn less than we did a decade ago.

I wonder how this new government plan to tackle all of this? I think the first step in acknowledging the NHS is ‘totally broken’, is a good start....

The reason in writing all of this, is not simply to depress you all (!), but to demonstrate that there are many reasons why it is no longer as simple to see a GP as it used to be - the GP is supervising paramedics and nurses, spending longer on the HR aspects of running the surgery than ever before, juggling much longer patient lists than ever - and the not insignificant administrative burden that goes alongside that. We empathise hugely with patients, we don’t not want to see you, in fact we long for the simple times

where we could see you easily, refer you easily to a specialist who we trusted, and know that they will take the best care of you. Nowadays we are all making suboptimal decisions and taking risks in not admitting or referring patients, because hospitals are no longer fit for purpose either.

It is a very sorry situation, but we will continue to help and support our patients as best we can until the government thinks of a sustainable longterm solution. Don't forget, we are all patients somewhere, so we do know exactly how frustrating it is to get appointments and navigate the system - i spent an hour and 40minutes on hold before getting through to get a GP appointment for one of my family members recently!

Dr Debbie Gooderick    GP Partner  
Dr D Warden and partners (comprising Collington, Ninfield, Pebsham and  
Sea Road surgeries)

## **Hooe & Ninfield Open Group**

We met on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield. Our speaker was Trish Jones whose topic was the 'Sunbeam'. A fascinating insight into the story of part of one man's interesting life.

Tom Brassey was born in 1859 and this story started with a schoolboy at Rugby forging an interest in boats and sailing. 1859 he became the owner of an iron yacht of 120 tons called *Albatross*. Following in 1866 *Meteor* was built and then the steam yacht *Eothen*. Then a steam assisted three masted topsail Sunbeam was built. Named after the nickname of his daughter who had died as a child. Between 1876 and 1877 the Brassey family, including the children and pets, circumnavigated the world. The first time this had been done by a private individual. There were many voyages after that and Tom Brassey in a busy and successful career spent time as Governor in Victoria, Australia. He was knighted in 1881, a Baron in 1886 and became Earl Brassey in 1911. His wife Anne always kept a journal of their journeys and this was published after her untimely death at the age of 47. The book became a worldwide best seller and has been reprinted as recently as 2011.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00p.m. in the Methodist Hall. Our suggested afternoon tea and quiz has been changed as we now have a speaker. Maybe a cake will still be available! All are welcome.

Nicki & Heather



## **NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Where has the year gone? It seems like only a couple of weeks ago when I was very excited over buying new seeds, but I've just harvested my broad beans, first broccoli heads and black kale. Plus cut my first dahlia blooms. Phew!

We should now be in full swing for our Summer Show on 17th August. I know that I say this every year, but there really is something for everyone - who hasn't got a rogue runner-bean in their garden they could enter in the longest runner bean class? You could make Rock Cakes or use the recipe in our schedule to make a Tarte Tatin and how about checking out the photo's you have taken through the year for a 'Still Life' or 'Hedgerow Bounty'? We also have classes for children - cornflake cakes, photo of my favourite animal, an arrangement in a milk bottle (I have milk bottles if you want them) or a painted pebble? I haven't even started on the flowers or vegetables! Show entries need to be in by Wednesday 14th August and I can email out Summer Show schedules (and will also leave a few in the local shop).

If you don't feel brave enough to enter, please visit the Memorial Hall in the afternoon to view the wonderful displays, drink team and eat cake. You won't be disappointed. Doors open at 2.30pm

Our evening talks return in September with a presentation from Jan Black - Dying with Herbs. Jan is a great speaker and her talks are always great fun and interactive - well worth attending. Doors open at 7.30pm. You don't need to be a member to come along to our events

Kaye Crittell (k.crittell@btinternet.com) 01424 892883

### **VACANCY**

Ninfield Memorial Hall has a vacancy for an additional Booking Clerk.

The booking system is on line so would suit someone with a computer who is at home. At busy times you might do an hour or so a day, but there are days when there is nothing.

Training will be given, but sadly no pay, we are all volunteers helping the community. Email [ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com)

## **COUNTRY WAYS    Summer Again**

The fate was in full swing thirty minutes ago, but I had to leave to write this story. I must admit I should have done it a few weeks ago, no excuse, I had just forgotten to do it. At my age and state of memory I must never put things off, the need to do something drifting off into the clouds only to be retrieved when too late.

I have spent hours over the last few days raking and strimming, I've got the blisters and the Church issued plaster to prove it. All worth it as the Church and stalls looked the part of a rural summer fate. All that would improve it would be a cricket match and a Spitfire flying over head. There is quite often a Spitfire overhead so perhaps later on in the afternoon it will show up, for the cricket, that will be impossible as there isn't a flat area of ground anywhere around.

I must admit it is uplifting to see so many people giving their time to assist the Church. Like most of Britain the church would not function without people giving their time for no financial reward, thank the Heavens there is still a sense of duty in the land.

My dog is not happy though; she had already sized up the people who she could scrounge some cake off. So to be taken home without being feed was not in her plan. I shall get the cold shoulder for a while, until I have something she can beg.

So the early English summer is going on at a pace, hay is at last being turned as the grey rainy times have passed for a while. There are many young birds about, plenty of wood pigeons are now grouping together planning their attack on the crops.

Lincolnshire, which is almost totally arable, gets flocks in their thousands. I did see about fifty eyeing the wheat next to the Church. My old boss use to go ballistic when he saw the pigeons around his nearly ripe barley. They would fly into the standing barley and with their bodies and wings flatten an area of crop. They can then peck into the seed heads. He would only settle when I had found someone to put some decoys in the invaded field and keep the pigeons away. The size of the crop damaged was usually the size of a tennis court, quite a large area if you are use to an allotment size area of land. Not so much if you have two thousand acres. It may seem an excessive response but I can remember the efforts I would put in to protect my game birds. This desire to protect is also there for people who plant trees or protect an environment and never underestimate a river keeper if you have plans involving his trout.

There is a new brood of long tailed tits flitting around the hedges, searching for caterpillars. Things might be a bit hard for them because

there are very few butterflies about. These birds are very industrious, if there are caterpillars to be found then they will find them. I shall have to try and find a moth expert and ask for help in surveying the Church yard moth population. Their caterpillars might be the target for the long tailed tits, I don't know enough to make that call.

I did see four birds I found hard to identify. I did not recognise their call or plumage, only their method of flight gave them away. Well that and their mother turning up! The green woodpeckers managed to produce a brood and keep them alive.

I think we must all be keepers of something that is important to us. AT

## **Swing for a Cause:** Join us for a Charity Stoolball match on 18<sup>th</sup> August at Ninfield Rec

Mark your calendars and dust off your bats - the event of the summer is here! On 18<sup>th</sup> August, our community will come together for a day of fun, sport, and goodwill at the Ninfield Charity Stoolball Match. Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious newcomer, this event promises something for everyone.

Stool ball, an historic bat-and-ball game with roots tracing back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, is making a spirited comeback in our community. Its charm lies in its simplicity and inclusivity, making it perfect for players of all ages and skill levels. This year, we're not just playing for glory - we're playing for a cause! To raise money for Aching Arms UK, a charity dedicated to supporting bereaved parents, in memory of Ivy Joan Kehoe.

The tournament will take place at the picturesque Ninfield Rec kicking off at 9.30 am. Spectators can enjoy a variety of refreshments, beer and pims, a pre-loved stall and much more. A raffle with exciting prizes will be going to support Ninfield stoolball team and Aching Arms UK.

Enter a mixed team of 4 men and 4 women for £4 per person!

Come in your sports gear, bring your friends and family and be prepared for a day of laughter, camaraderie and community spirit. Whether you're swinging a bat or cheering for the sidelines, your presence will make a difference to so many

Let's hit those runs and hearts out of the park!

Event Details, Date 18<sup>th</sup> August Time 9.30 onwards

Location Ninfield Rec

For more information or to register your team contact Emma Kehoe on [emzebz@gmail.com](mailto:emzebz@gmail.com) or Ninfield stoolball social media accounts

## **The 1st Ninfield Scout group 40th Anniversary.**

The 1st Ninfield Scout group celebrates it's 40th anniversary this year, that's 40 years of adventure, camping, hikes, water sports, fire lighting, helping others, service, parades, friendship, badges, woggles, neckers and so much more.

In all those 40 years our dedicated Volunteers have led all our Scouting sections to make better, caring, young people to live and serve in our Community.

This year to celebrate our 40th year, we are running a full group camp with all four sections, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers at our local Kiteye Scout woods with a back to Basic's theme. Traditional scouting skills all weekend and not an electronic gadget in sight! Fabulous.

We have taken the first steps to create a new Squirrel section within our group. A Squirrel Scout drey takes 4 and 5 year old children for early Scouting adventures . We are lucky to have 2 new volunteers from our Village to run the new group. If all goes well we hope to open in the Autumn of this year. Exciting stuff.

At the end of October we are taking a group of older Scouts and Explorers to Ypres in Belgium. It's a very moving trip and the young people will learn and appreciate the great sacrifice given in the Great War. They will be immersed in a World war 1 battlefield tour of the trenches of Passchendaele, they will lay a wreath at the enormous Tyne Cott cemetery , they will visit the amazing interactive experiences at the Cloth hall in the centre of Ypres and parade at the famous Menin Gate ceremony in their smartest British scout uniform. The young people will stay Da Katrol, the Scout buildings in the centre of the city, hopefully join in activities with the local Scouts, go bowling, swimming and climb the enormous Izer tower. We have been fundraising so that we can bring the price down of this amazing trip so that it is accessible to all Youngsters that want to go. We still have a way to go. We have organized a Horse racing event with a difference in the Memorial hall on the 5th October to help with funds. Donations to help with the great work our Volunteers continue to do for our Village youth of course are also gratefully received.

Our very special group are always looking for volunteers to join our friendly team, if you are interested in helping to create amazing adults of the future do contact Glen Harrison, Group Scout Leader by email on: [gharrisonninfieldscoutsgsl@gmail.com](mailto:gharrisonninfieldscoutsgsl@gmail.com)

# Michaelmas Fayre

## Saturday September

### 28th

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**Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group aims to promote the health and wellbeing of people in the local community. Established in 2018, the NHWG is an umbrella organisation supporting a range of activities.**

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### **Ninfield Lunch Club**

This is proving very popular. On Thursday July 25th Maggie is hoping to have a buffet so that the group can utilise the outside space if weather permits. There won't be a lunch club in August, but it will resume in September. Due to rising costs, a two course lunch will then cost £10. There is space for up to 24 people.

To enquire about places/or book, please contact **Maggie on: 07985588524 or email: [maggiethcook@gmail.com](mailto:maggiethcook@gmail.com)**

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### **Book Exchange and Community Café**

Methodist Hall 10 – 11.30 weekly on Friday. First Friday monthly: Book Exchange and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Donations asked for books and refreshments. A good range of books and good company. **Community Café** open on all other Friday mornings – you will be made very welcome. This will continue throughout the summer.

**For further details contact David on 07989729123 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)**

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### **Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle**

Memorial Hall. Weekly 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. £5 per session. A well established friendly group.

**For more information contact Jane on 01424 892428.**

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### **Health Walks**

Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour. Meet 11am at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield Recreation ground near the main entrance off Church Lane. A few more walkers welcome. Part of the East Sussex Health Walks scheme. Please wear suitable footwear.

**For more details contact Robin: 01424 892778 or [robin@plowmate.plus.com](mailto:robin@plowmate.plus.com)**

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## **Men's Shed**

Sparke Pavilion. 10 am last Friday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over free coffee.

For more information contact **Dave: 01424 892883.**

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## **Film Matinees**

Memorial Hall Tuesday afternoons. Doors open at 1.30. Films start at 2 pm. FREE entry and refreshments. Dementia friendly and subtitles. We have a summer break until September. See below for films for the rest of the year.

3 September: Blazing Saddles

1 October: Funny Face

5 November: The African Queen

10 December: The Greatest Showman

**For more information or to book a place (to ensure enough cake!) contact Jackie or Rose: 01424892422 or email: [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com)**

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## **Friendly Voices -**

we meet Tuesday evening from 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall and Thursday from 2pm at Sparke Pavilion. My often repeated phrase is that you don't need to be a good singer - just enjoy a good sing. We sing everything from blues to pop to rock to musicals. We haven't yet managed to stretch as far as rap or garage though (maybe a step to far!!). At only £1 a session, it's good value for money and I do promise you that you will laugh as much as you sing. You do not need to read music, you do not need to book - just turn up and try it out. Please come and see us at the Michaelmas Fair on 28th September

## **Dark Skies**

The weather was kind to us on 29th June as we settled down to watch the sun go down over Churchwood, followed an hour or so later by a full Strawberry Moon (strawberry because it occurs in June at berry harvesting season). A lovely, peaceful evening. Next on the agenda is the Bat Walk in September. Watch out for details in the Village Voice, Ninfield Community Page and on noticeboards



## Hooe History Society

Klanger so I don't think it was in publication for very long. If anybody does still have a copy that I can borrow to scan for our records I would love to hear

Our talk on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, by Graham Kean is entitled Venit ad Hou – They Came To Hooe. Almost everyone will be aware of the arrival of William the Conqueror in 1066 and his victory at the Battle of Hastings. This talk looks firstly at events which took place between the Norman landing and the actual battle, the effects of which were still to be felt in Hooe and its surroundings some 20 years later and secondly on what light is thrown on the settlement of Hooe by the sparse records of the time. I am very much looking forward to this talk to find out if his thoughts in any way match those which I submitted to this magazine last year.

The following month on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, Sean Woodhouse will speak on The Effect of the Falklands War on Peru. This talk concerns the two years he spent in Peru as a youngster (1980-1982). He will give a brief history of Peru followed by his experiences of life there and then a brief outline of little known events concerning the Falklands War that occurred outside Argentina. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Church on each of these evenings.

DID YOU KNOW... there have been publications other than the Parish News printed for the inhabitants of Hooe. For example the Sussex Agricultural Express in September 1956 reported the following story:-

Village News Sheet. "The Hooe Klanger" has just completed its first six months of publication - a very successful six months. It is distributed free to every household in the village, and to nearby Russells Green - 160 copies in all - through the efforts of Hooe Entertainment, Welfare and Social Club, better known as H.E.W.S. Club (Hooe's Club). It is edited by the Club Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. d'Abo (*mother of Mike d'Abo, former lead singer in Manfred Mann – Ed*). A meeting is held near the end of each month, when the editorial notes are discussed, and the news from each village organisation is received, to be reproduced, as far as possible, in alphabetical order. Stencils are then cut by typewriter, and the magazine, filling anything up to both sides of three quarto sheets, is printed on a duplicator. A householder's name is written on each copy to assist with delivery. The distribution area is divided into 12 zones, and the magazines delivered by 12 Brownies.

Sadly, I have only come across and scanned a very few copies of The Hooe Klanger so I don't think it was in publication for very long. If anybody does still have a copy that I can borrow to scan for our records I would love to hear from you. Tel: 07745 476 264 or peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk. It was

probably printed for about the same length of time that the H.E.W.S. Club existed during the 1950's, but I have not found very many references to it to date other than a carnival day at Hooe and entering floats in local village events. I will call it "work in progress!" Peter Hayward

**In March 2006**, as part of a competition organised by the Design Museum and BBC Television to find Britain's favourite design icon since 1900, the Telephone Box was placed in the top ten by the British public.

Before the development of the telephone in 1876 communication over any distance was often by wireless telegrams. The General Post Office (GPO), a Government department, held the monopoly on telegraphic communication in Britain. The telephone was a marvellous technical innovation, but was very expensive, so their initial use at the end of the 19th century was limited to wealthy homeowners and businesses.

In 1884 the GPO relaxed the rules which had restricted the coverage of exchanges, allowing for the development of a national system, which allowed a public telephone network could be created, at a time when there were only 13,000 telephones in use, nationwide. Gradually, services were consolidated until, in 1912, the GPO effectively nationalised the telephone network. The GPO looked at standardisation of equipment, including telephone kiosks.

But the outbreak of the First World War put everything on hold.

In 1921 Britain's first standard kiosk, the imaginatively named Kiosk No 1 (abbreviated to K1) was introduced. It wasn't just the GPO that introduced a nationwide telephone network. Motoring organisations - the Automobile Association (AA) and Royal Automobile Club (RAC) - realising the benefits of a telephone network for their members soon started developing a network of sentry style boxes. The Police also adopted a network of telephone boxes. These boxes allowed Police officers to keep in touch with their station. The earliest Police boxes were introduced in Glasgow in 1891 and the Metropolitan Police Service introduced Police boxes from 1929. In 1923, two independent schemes were established to explore design alternatives to the unloved K1 kiosk. The Metropolitan Boroughs Joint Standing Committee organised a competition to find



a design for a new national kiosk. With different schemes competing for attention it required the recently established Royal Fine Art

Commission to bring matters into focus. The Commission was formed in May 1924 by an Act of Parliament and was able to examine questions of "public amenity or artistic importance referred to it by government departments and other...bodies". The Commission invited three leading architects - Sir Robert Lorimer, Sir John Burnet and Giles Gilbert Scott (knighted later that year on 22 July at Knowsley by King George V) - to contribute designs for a national kiosk. It was stipulated that the kiosk should ideally be constructed from cast-iron with a unit price not exceeding £40.



**Kiosk No 2**

Designed by  
Giles Gilbert Scott  
1925

Wooden mockups of the three kiosks were installed behind the National Gallery in London. In May 1925 the Commission recommended the design by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to the GPO, which they accepted. The kiosk was designated Kiosk No 2, or K2. The K2 was primarily installed in London, although a small number were installed outside the capital. The problem with the K2 was its cost and size, and by 1928 the GPO had commissioned Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to produce a cheaper kiosk, to be manufactured of pre-cast concrete sections. The K3 was introduced a year later in 1929.

The Jubilee Kiosk K6. In 1935 King George V celebrated his Silver Jubilee and to commemorate this the GPO commissioned Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to design a new kiosk. Fortunately the GPO left the design considerations to Scott. His design drew clear influences from the K2, but was smaller and, more importantly, cheaper to produce.

The GPO had restricted the installation of the K2 on the grounds of cost, but with the K6 they actively sought to install kiosks more widely. To that end the GPO established a number of schemes, starting with the Jubilee Concession, which sought to make a kiosk available to all towns and cities with a Post Office.

Since its inception the General Post Office was effectively nationalised, but as a Government Department. It was properly nationalised on 1 October 1969, becoming the Post Office. By 1981 the Post Office was split into two separate businesses: the Post Office and British



Telecommunications.

Within a year British Telecom announced a modernisation scheme for the public telephone network. Kiosks were listed as Grade II, described by English Heritage as "nationally important and of special interest". An initial batch of 2,000 significant kiosks were listed. Between 2005 and 2008 payphone usage in the UK halved. From a peak of 73,000 GPO kiosks, just 11,000 remain. As kiosk usage declined further, the company developed an "Adopt a Kiosk" scheme, allowing local authorities to adopt under-used kiosks for £1.00, with the community assuming responsibility for maintaining the kiosk.

By September 2011 1,500 communities across the UK had adopted a kiosk. Many have been converted as homes for Public Access Defibrillators as part of a scheme between BT and The Community Heartbeat Trust.

The "Adopt a Kiosk" scheme demonstrates a number of points: the strength of local communities; individuals and communities standing up to preserve and maintain our heritage; communities uniting in a voluntary capacity to maintain a community asset; the fondness amongst the British public for the red Telephone Box; and the importance of keeping adopted kiosks at the heart of local communities.

Of the other telephone boxes in the UK, it is the Police box that was made famous by the BBC series 'Doctor Who', first appeared on British television in 1963 as the TARDIS.

Kevin Regan

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Following the historical ballot for the residents of Hooe to decide on the future of the Village Hall, the final decision was made at the meeting on 19th June to keep and renovate the existing building.

Work now begins to raise the funding to do the necessary work and the Parish Council welcomes any ideas for encouraging usage and fund raising.

The Parish Council has half an allotment plot available to rent. Should anyone be interested please contact the Clerk for more information.

The next Full Council meeting is to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Councillor Gayle Kirk**

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## VILLAGE SOCIETY

Whilst Church Woods continue to be the principal focus of our attention each Wednesday morning, readers may be interested to learn of some of the other tasks we have attended to around Ninfield this year. A fairly regular location requiring attention is the footpath from the Bexhill road where it joins Lower Street. The weeds on the steep bank tend to migrate across the footpath making access impossible for those with limited mobility or those with a pushchair or pram. In addition we attended to the area where Manchester Road joins High Street, the triangle of land with the bench seat. This almost disappears once the weeds get into their stride ! Likewise we periodically clear around the bus stops, and even into the bus stops where ivy has taken over and litter has been trapped. Church Path receives periodic attention from our local members to prevent brambles reaching right across, but this is the responsibility of others so tends to be dealt with as it arises.

In addition, in conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Group, we had a stand at the recent Fete, and two of our members wind the village clock every two days.

The adverse weather this year has added considerably to our workload in Church Wood, with trees falling and heavy rainfall necessitating the construction of drainage ditches. As previously reported we have acquired a wood chipping machine with financial assistance through Wealden D.C. from the government levelling up scheme, in addition to which we are having to use road planings and hardcore to create a hard surface beneath the wood chippings.

Finally I am pleased to report we have been joined by two new volunteers who are lightening the load on us all.

**" Ninfield Local History Group** will meet on Thursday 8th August for a talk entitled The History of St Leonards by Stephen van Dulken and Christopher Maxwell-Stewart. The venue is the Methodist Hall, Church Lane and the meeting starts promptly at 7.30.

Our September meeting is a group visit for members only and will be a guided walk around Burton St.Leonards on 12th September. Contact John on 07989 373336 for details.

## **Ninfield Flower Group**

All the hard work and weeks of preparation certainly paid off as we welcomed over 700 people to our flower festival at St Peter's church, Bexhill at the end of June. In grand NAFAS tradition it was certainly fun, friendship and flowers. If you came along to support us, thank you.

No meeting in August as the Memorial Hall is being redecorated but we will continue with our workshops on the fourth Thursdays of July and August at the Methodist hall.

On September 2nd we welcome Claire Bryant as our demonstrator. As usual 6.30 for 7pm. Visitors £5.

Also in September tickets will be on sale for our Christmas meeting to be held on Friday 6th December. Our demonstrator for the evening will be Ian Lloyd with "A Cheshire Christmas". Ian is a highly creative florist and is much sought after for wedding designs. He was voted one of the country's top ten florists by The Independent newspaper.

### **NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**9.00 - 12.00**

### **MONTHLY MARKET**

This month we go back to normal! In June you had our market in the Hall and on the Rec with the Village Fete, then July the Night Market, which I write this is at the end of the week and we are hoping for good weather with you all enjoying yourselves and the lovely produce that will be on sale. August as usual there was no market and now onto September

The Pop Up Cafe will be open for bacon and eggs, teas and coffees,

There will be meat from Helen, Cakes from Anne & Jo, Honey from Fern, Fruit and Veg, bread, eggs and who knows what else, it's always different, so come and take a look!



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## **News, Reviews, Revue and Reports!!**

### **THANK YOU!!!!**

For supporting Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association, and Ninfield Bonfire Society, over the Summer Solstice weekend. Friday's incredible Live and Local Music festival was really well supported, and everyone loved the different genres, styles and range of bands/ artists. The main stage had Whiskey Business as the headliner, and the Acoustic tent next to the Bar had brilliant Bethany and Billy- just stunning guitar and jazzy blues vocals, plus the clever and talented Aaron Hudd the Loop Guy.

It was an amazing night...the start of great things to come!

Saturday....dawned wet.. and dreary, not encouraging or helpful for a busy set up for the Fête!! We kept praying for it to break, and, eventually at 1pm the clouds parted and the sun came out! Then, the weather was kind, it got really warm, people suddenly arrived and it became the usual busy, hubbub of noise, laughter, chatter and china smashing!!! The Raffle prizes were stunning and resulted in tickets selling out...the Tea Tent was a constant rush...the BBQ kept their queue on the move ...and Canine Partners held the attention of the crowds in the palm of their hands when the lovely dogs did their demonstration, showing their skills and how much they help their human partners. The Rock Choir was fantastic...so much enjoyed...and the ladies of Good Company entertained everyone with their beautiful close harmony singing.

7pm saw the event change to Café style, with Cheese platters, the Bar, boules, and excellent music and singing from Richard & Richard, 'Brahma Sistaz', dressed in stripes, berets and with Beaujolais props!!... entertaining as the sun set, with some relaxing, fun, café style music to end the day, it was just the right way to close the evening, and thoroughly enjoyed.

Sunday... breakdown... literally.. and breakfast... thankfully! The longest day of the lot, and it was suddenly Hot..with so much to clear, clean and sort out.

Although the 4 days of setting up, doing it and then breaking it down are really hard work , we are ALL so grateful for the lovely feedback, and generosity around the games, stalls, Tea Tent, BBQ, Bar ... Human Fruit Machine!!..and Raffles!

The Paintings created by NADAS were fabulous, and the silent auction drew lots of bids. So many thanks to the local Artists who embraced the French/ Allo Allo theme...and the 'Fallen Madonna' appeared in many different guises

Thanks are due to French's Skips - we're always so grateful for their support each year. And to Derek Rogers of Carters Eggs who donated the bacon for breakfast! The Fête actually wasn't sponsored this year, so every penny kindly spent will be gratefully gathered, and all profits after costs will go to local groups and causes, plus the amazing Canine Partners, our chosen Charity, alongside Ninfield local groups and causes.

Without all the stallholders, volunteers, helpers, and the Ninfield good humour and can-do attitude, the event just wouldn't happen. There's a lot of names, too many to write here, but EVERYONE is so much appreciated, so please know you are well and truly, gratefully Thanked !!!!

The first meeting after the Fête, the income number crunching resulted in a £600 increase on takings from last year, and all 'departments' were UP!!! Full Fête accounts will be available at the next Carnival meeting on Monday 12th August, and the year's figures will be presented at the AGM in October, when Charity and local donations will be finalised, and where there will also be discussions on new committee positions, and ideas for 2025 .

**Important Heads Up!!!**

It'll be Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association 90th Anniversary next year, 2025, and we'd love your input by looking through your family photos and seeing if you have pictures from Carnivals through the last 9 decades!!! I have the original book of Minutes, with fascinating reports from meetings, starting in 1934 when the first Fête and procession were agreed. Amongst other ideas for next year , we would like to reinvent the Carnival Floats Procession as part of the Celebrations. It will need a separate team to put it all together, so if you'd be interested in helping with this, please get in touch, or come up and say hello at the Pram Race on 26th August.

**PRAM RACE** August Bank Holiday Monday 26th - Event starts 11am, Racing from 11.30am - all with exactly the same format- Tote, BBQ, Raffle, Trophies, Cash Prizes ...and you have all the Summer holidays to create and make your home made, 4 wheeled, themed Karts and Hobby Horses! We're expecting LOTS of entries now - all entries booked in ON THE DAY! ..so put the date in the diary, it's a fun, family day, and it WILL happen this time! (Start praying for sunshine!!)

**Michaelmas Fayre:** Saturday 28th September! Lots of stalls, Cakes, crafts, games, Tea Garden, BBQ, Pimm's, Mulled Cider, Live Music. The event will be at St Mary's Church, in Sunnyside Garden and in Church Lane- in the

same lovely , Country Fayre format as last year! This event ties up with the Harvest Festival, so the School and the Church, Churchyard, and Church Lane will be decorated with flowers , fruits, daisies and ribbons. There'll be lots of family fun and entertainment, lots of beautiful things to see in our fabulous Church, and a great, friendly atmosphere!!

GALA NIGHT!!!

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At Last !!! The long, long ...LONG awaited removal of the Giles Gilbert Scott Red Telephone Box from the corner of Potmans Lane.!! Amazing, after such a lengthy, irritating wait!

The project to buy, renovate and reinstall the Telephone Box was agreed well over 5 years ago by the Parish Council. Of course COVID, BT and many other reasons have really prolonged everything; so it was not just a 'weekend whim' to move the box! The re-siting to the centre of the Village, from the Parish Boundary, had been agreed, after suggestions were requested from residents, and all updates since have been discussed at Parish meetings, with agendas placed on notice boards, here in the parish magazine and placed on the website alongside the minutes. So, finally two chaps from the Village got together and went for it, with Kangos, drills, tractor and trailer!

HUGE thanks to Gary Keeley and Robin Fookes who gave their time, hard graft, machinery and expertise in drilling out, lifting and transporting the 1 tonne box.....a really incredible job!

The box will be stripped down and then placed on the prepared concrete square next to Queen Elizabeth Gardens on the front of the Rec.

The Paint is ordered and on it's way, and when the box is ready to go, a team of volunteers will clean and paint it back to New!!

Would you like to help me, and be part of the team? Please let me know if you would like to get involved with the necessary renovations; it's history is

important to Ninfield...and it would be great for youngsters to have a say in it's future use in this technological age!!

The History Group are sourcing a Blue Plaque for it, in recognition of the famous Ninfield resident, Giles Gilbert Scott

Thanks to the Village Society for checking, and making good the area at Potmans Lane where the box stood for so many years.

Once it's finished, and standing in place, in the centre of the Village, ideas will be sought for different uses....

(Mine's to have a solar powered mirror ball and lights, with headphones for a silent disco, for one... maybe two...!)

Memorial Hall : The committee are inviting residents to attend their meetings to hear the latest news and updates, and ask any questions. The first 15 minutes will be set aside purely for this purpose. This addition to Memorial Hall meetings will happen quarterly, to include the AGM in October. Please do come and get involved with the workings of the Hall, have your say, and present your ideas.

Hall bookings are already up on last year at this time, so any event ideas, or meetings that you want to do, please go to [ninfieldmemorialhallbooking@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhallbooking@gmail.com) and get them in the diary!

There is a lot going on in the Ninfield Village Memorial Hall - it's the Hall for all residents to use, and everyone is welcome to come and join meetings, and get involved in events. Please call me on 07970650321 or email [ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com) for any further information. Dance Classes!!!

The fabulous Monday morning class, Movement 2 Music, 10am, for the older but still active person...!. continues to gain support and we have 20 fantastic members who enjoy the exercise, and then coffee and biscuits and a chat afterwards. There are still a few more spaces to fill so Please get in touch and come and join us! Look out for notices and posts for extra details, or call me!!

Dancercise Class every Wednesday evening, 6.30pm- we're going to do a one off 'Strictly Disco' evening, for all to come and join and have a good old Bop!!! ... call me for details, and look out for Advertisements!!

Thanks so much to everyone for their interest and support for local events, dance classes and entertainment - please contact me 07970650321, [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) [www.samantha-hughes-guard](http://www.samantha-hughes-guard)  
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## Coffee Mornings

Here are the dates of our forthcoming coffee mornings. As usual they will be held at St Oswald's Church. We will be serving homemade refreshments, offer a free to use book and jigsaw library and extravagant raffle

**12<sup>th</sup> October: 9<sup>th</sup> November: 14<sup>th</sup> December a Christmas theme!**

Further details of our programme in the next Parish News

*We understand Jane Fuller will be holding her annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses in St Oswald's Church in September, so we do not hold our event that month.*

## Hooe Open Gardens

Months of planning for the event – publicity, advertising, risk assessments, catering and catering equipment, seating arrangements, marquees, tents, car parks and safety signage - we all beavered away happily to make sure our biennial Hooe Open Gardens weekend went without a hitch.

In the meantime, our talented gardeners had spent the whole year planning and much of the year tending their gardens to ensure they were looking their best. Such a wide variety of interesting gardens to view. Some new, others with new owners!

The day finally arrived – and so did the rain! Our first day was wet and windy. The weather was the one thing we could not control. But did it deter folk? Although the numbers were down those who did turn out in rain gear spent very many happy hours meandering around the gardens

. After all – gardeners are used to working with the weather! They took advantage of the lower numbers by exchanging tips and ideas with those whose gardens they visited.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny – and people came in their hundreds. The volunteer car park attendants were soon busy directing to car parking places, selling entry tickets and having a great time chatting to one and all. On arrival the talk was all about what was on offer, on departure it was more listening to folk enthuse about their day, what they had seen and learnt, and how they had enjoyed the homemade refreshments served in a beautiful garden setting. Many left struggling to carry the variety of plants and other local items purchased during the day.

Reflecting on the success, the Hooe Village Community Group agreed unanimously that we are so very lucky indeed to have such wonderful Community Spirit in this village. Whilst HVCG, led by Gary, planned and organised the event, it would not have been possible, or so successful, without the fabulous help from so many Hooe residents. People stepped up willingly, pleased to be a part of the Team - they helped put up and take down signs and banners, marquees and tents, transported equipment from where it was to where it was needed. A steady stream of ladies (and gents) arrived with gifts of homemade cakes of all variety. Many of the bakers were also on the catering rota, giving of their time freely to serve those same cakes to grateful guests, and to tackle the seemingly never-ending pile of washing up. At one time on the Sunday afternoon a lady, a visitor from Birmingham to relatives in Bexhill popped into the kitchen, saw how busy the Team was, rolled up her sleeves and spent the next 2 hours with her hands in the sink. £5.00 entry fee well spent?! – although I am reliably informed, she did see one garden!

HVCG is so grateful to everyone from the village who helped with Hooe Open Gardens. Not only were we thrilled to receive the much-needed help, but we were also delighted that our event proved so popular, bringing the Community together, working with obvious enjoyment as one Happy Family. We wish we could name every one of our volunteers, that would be risky – there were so many, and we would hate to leave someone out.

Although we do not yet have the final amount raised, we will be letting you know in the next Parish News and posted on our websites.

**Our event was generously sponsored by Athelas Plants,  
Hooe's own very special family run Plant Nursery**

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

## Worms Eye View

I have just been reading a fiction book of the evacuees taken from London into unknown (to them) town. Memories have flooded back to me of the time we had three evacuees billeted with us in Hailsham in late 1939. I had gone with my mother to the centre in town where they were taken after travelling down south from London. The room was full of people, the children and their teachers, town folk, us and the organisers trying to sort out who should go with whom., They tried to keep families together, not an easy task, others would be hosts like my mother who had offered to have two. It all seemed a bit noisy and a muddle but gradually the room began to empty but we still hadn't been allocated any children. It was difficult and the helpers begged my mother to have three, two girls and a boy. She agreed and we were introduced to Jimmy 15, Violet 13 and Iris 8. They got their luggage and we set off for our house, which had three bedroom and four people living there already, Mum and Dad, my grandmother and me. Well after a bit of sorting I moved in with Mum and Dad, Grandmother had my very small bedroom and the three visitors had Gran's bedroom: there was a scurry around to get more beds. I was excited to have three play mates who were very nice and friendly.

The next day, I went off to school as usual whilst Mum took the visitors to the local hall which had been set up as three classrooms which they attended every day, but we had great times together after school playing in the garden, helping to clean out the hens plus collecting their eggs, also seeing the rabbits in the hutches at the bottom of the garden, some Does for breeding and the Babies fed up to help our food rationing. After three weeks the evacuees Mother and Aunt came down to visit and were pleased to see how well we were all doing. We saw them off on the train and the children and my Mum and Dad kept in touch with them.

Now unfortunately it had not been a good idea to evacuate the children or anyone else down to this part of the country: we were right on the flight paths by not only our aircraft but by the flight paths of the Germans and it was certainly feared that there would be an invasion here, so after Easter 1940 all the children were move to Wales, where it was deemed to be safer. I was very sad, despite having my bedroom back again. It was soon announced that my school and any voluntary pupils were to be evacuated as well. Actually, not many of us did go, air raid shelters were built at school and table shelters were delivered to all homes. Mum, Gran and I slept in it quite comfortably and Dad had gone to work in a munitions factory in Guildford.

My, what a lot of memories of those times.

Anne



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Sunday Services for August / September 2024:

4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Café Worship for all the family ....with Alan Hurrell
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship, Praise & Communion with Revd. Crawford Logan
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Family Service with Revd. Tricia Williams
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Family Service with Dawn Novis

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1<sup>st</sup> Sep 10.30 am Café Worship  
8<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> September - all services at 10.30 am - Details to be announced

Events for August 2024:

2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00-11.30am Book exchange & Cafe in Hall &  
Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café

Events for September 2024:

6<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30am Book exchange & Café in Hall &  
Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café

11<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 4.00pm Christian Womens Fellowship

25<sup>th</sup> 3.30 - 5.30pm Messy Church

**We invite you to join us for any of our services & events over the summer time.**

All of our Sunday services have activities for children & any new families are very welcome to come along to enjoy our time-together.

We also have café style family worship on the first Sunday of every month when we serve coffee & breakfast refreshments & enjoy a short talk from our service leader.

No Messy Church in August but we re-start on 25<sup>th</sup> September so please book into your diaries.

Hope you enjoy the summer-time.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:23-27, Lk 8:22-25

Jesus had spent the day teaching big crowds by Lake Galilee, and when evening came he told his disciples..

We'll sail over to the east side of the lake



Suddenly a massive storm blew up



Even the experienced sailors panicked



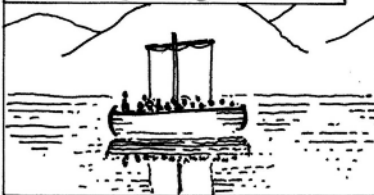
But Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat



Be quiet!



Immediately the wind stopped and everything was calm.



Why were you afraid? Don't you trust me?



Now the disciples were even more afraid.



Who is he? Even the wind and sea obey him!



Only God has power like that!

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