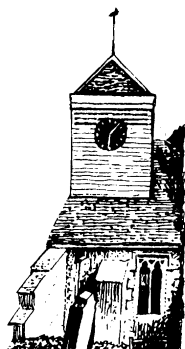


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July 2021

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Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
4 th July	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
11 th July	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
18 th July	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
25 th July	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you, the summer months are fast approaching, the days are getting longer, and the weather is warming up. About time too I hear you say! We are also emerging further out of the lockdown restrictions that are allowing us a little more freedom. It is also that time of year when usually our thoughts turn to counting down the days to the holidays we might have planned or still need to plan. Those days away from school and work routines, or just time away from our homes and the everyday tasks we might normally do, that help us to return relaxed and refreshed. If we are not going away, then we may now be planning journeys to visit family and friends or getting our homes ready to welcome visitors. So, whether going away on holiday or staying home, whatever we do, whatever journeys we intend to make, they need careful planning and thinking about if we, and others, are to reap the full physical benefits from our holiday times. Looking after our physical needs is often so much easier than looking after our spiritual needs. Yet these summer months offer us the perfect time to reflect on this part of our lives also. As we take a break from our normal routines and duties, it allows us to take a look at where God is in our own lives, and in the lives of others around us. To find God in the world beyond our homes and amongst all creation can be very beneficial! It may be too that it is time to take stock of where we are and, if necessary, make plans to journey with God in a different direction, wherever that may lead.

Journeys in whatever form they take are important. They have the ability to change us and to shape us.

So, over these summer months I pray that there will be space and time for each one of you to take a look at your journey. To take time off, at home or away, and to relax and refresh. To look and see where you are heading in the coming months, and to see where God might be in that journey with you.

Every blessing,
Paul

The Difference

So often

I can't wear the right clothes,

Speak the right words,

Fit the right mould,

Be the shape people want me to be,

Expect me to be,

Demand that I am,

To conform.

But you Lord

Accept me,

Release me,

Make it possible to be me,

Perfectly free

In Your service,

Open for You

To transform.



By Daphne Kitching

Editors' Note

It's been missing for over a year now, but now we are very pleased to say it's back - The Diary Page - well half page, that means things slowly slowly getting to a balance on a state of normality, when we can plan, go out and enjoy, in a safe manner, things we did two years ago. Not too much on it at the moment, but as they say, watch this space...

If you have an event planned that you'd like advertised in here just email ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com *Nicki & Carol*



ST OSWALD'S CHURCH BELLS

In the December 2020 Parish News we reported the exciting news that the PCC had accepted a most generous offer from Alan Collings to strengthen the Bell-frame, repair, refurbish, rehang and tune the bells and renew all fittings in the tower. Part of Alan's offer also covered the addition of a new, sixth, bell in memory of his late wife Mary. The Chancellor of the diocese of Chichester approved the project and a Faculty was granted.

Very sadly and suddenly Alan died in early December following which Rev. Frostick received a letter from Alan's three daughters stating that the family did not wish to honour Alan's wishes and they would not be funding the project.

The PCC were extremely surprised as Alan had stated in a signed letter that in the event of his death the gift was included in his Will. As the strengthening of the frame and repairing of the bells has been identified as being a necessity by three independent Contractors, the PCC were in a quandary.

Following Zoom meetings first with the family and secondly with the PCC, it was decided that the addition of a sixth bell would be dropped from the project and that the PCC would attempt to raise the remaining £24,000.00 from Grant Making Trusts and donations. To date we have been awarded a grant of £6,000.00 from the Sussex Churches Bell Restoration Fund for which we are enormously grateful. It remains for us to continue applying to other Grant Makers for the remaining £18,000.00

Therefore if anybody would either like to make a donation or point us in the direction of a likely donor, please contact Janet Pattisson, Churchwarden on sandjpattisson@gmail.com or phone 01424845087.

Diary Page

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August

21st Ninfield Horticultural Summer Show

By the time we get to September, all being well, on all counts, The Ninfield Village Memorial Hall in all it's new glory will be open, which in turn means those groups, societies and exercise classes will all re-start. Plans are already underway for the regular weekly events, along with the Village Market, Musical Matinees, games afternoons etc, there will be the Art Groups's annual exhibition, Gala Night, Home made Fayre, so the diary page in the next edition is set to be considerable longer,

SMILE LINES

Cry baby

A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," the mother replied, above the screams.

The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"

OUR SCHOOL

It's been a very active few weeks at School. Our Year 6's week long residential trip to Bewl Water finally got the go ahead from the powers that be, albeit only a few days before they were due to go. As a single bubble and the only school at Bewl they were allowed to stay over and enjoy the week long outdoor activities. This is one of the final activities the children do together in primary school before they all jet off to pastures new, so it was really nice to be able to go, having had to cancel it last year. Needless to say everyone had a memorable time and ended up in the water at one time or another.

You may also have noticed groups of little people with fluorescent jackets walking briskly around the village, followed closely by a beleaguered bigger person similarly attired. This was an exercise called PE OAA – no, I didn't know either! It stands for Physical Education Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

For this task the children (Year 4/5) were given a map of the village with 10 control points marked on it. They were then split into teams and were given 15 minutes in the classroom to work out the shortest route that would enable them to visit all 10 control points. We adults were assigned to keep them safe, but were not allowed to help in any way. Keeping my group safe was the easy part, having to stop myself pointing out possible improvements to their map reading skills was not. But to be fair, I was taken down alleys that I never even knew existed, and I've lived in the village for over 20 years!

One of the nice things about the morning was the friendly smiles, waves and greetings that we got from villagers as we rushed around the village. So thank you to everyone for taking the time to say hello, the children really appreciated it.

So what was next, after a morning walking from one end of the village to the other? Well some of us then had a 26 mile hike from Brighton to Eastbourne to contend with. I am pleased to say that all five of us made it to the end with only one or two blisters and some very sore legs. But the sun shone, the organisation was excellent and everyone had a great time. And at the end of the day we managed to raise some much needed money for Macmillan Cancer.

My doctor tells me that I should be able to walk normally again in a few weeks.....

Ian Moffat

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We have had some lovely weather over the last few weeks! Please can we remind our patients to stay safe in the sun using appropriate sun protection and to drink lots of water. We hope the good weather will encourage everyone to get out and about (within the regulations) and do some appropriate exercise too.

A text message from our Collington branch was sent out a little while ago. This was a genuine message and we do have copies of the letter attachment in the porch of the surgery, for anyone who would like a copy.

There has also been a lot of information in the press regarding opt-out of sharing data information. We have copies of these forms in our reception for your use if you would rather opt out of this.

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Following on from Boris's announcement yesterday, it is clear that we remain in a situation that prevents large gatherings (except for weddings and funerals) until 19th July. Although Paul has kindly offered the use of St Oswald's church, our meetings do not fall into the permitted category so we must now look towards August for our potential return to normality as our normal Thursday falls within the lockdown period in July. We will look to re-schedule Jan Black (Mediaeval food, with tasters!) to a later date.

The Hooe Memorials (and the men who gave their lives) by John William Newport

Maureen Newport has been busy preparing and publishing this book that her husband John had written before his sad death last year. It is a beautifully researched study of all of the men listed on the memorials in Hooe church – their families and personal stories of their time at home and in the forces, leading to their tragic deaths. Each victim's story has been investigated as thoroughly as possible within the records that still exist and for me it is a wonderful example of how to research your subject leaving no stone unturned. The paperback book, produced by Printstation, Bexhill, contains 128 pages and is a tribute not only to the men who died but also to John who spent very many hours compiling the information. The Hooe Memorials is available to purchase, price £10. Please contact Heather (893422) or Maureen (252742) for more details.

Ruth Barton

It is with great regret that I heard recently of the death of Ruth Barton after a short illness. Many of you will remember Ruth and her husband Keith as our hosts in the Red Lion for 29 years until they retired in 1997. I have many wonderful memories of Ruth as a supporter of village organisations and events - the Michaelmas Fair, Bonfire and line dancing prolific amongst many others. After her retirement she also gave great support to our History Society and was a regular attendee at village events.

Ruth was a wonderful, if occasionally formidable, hostess at the Red Lion and I recall her giving me and others an account of an event that happened shortly after they had opened the doors at 6 p.m. one evening. A man (a

regular) walked into the saloon and as he walked to the bar, said good evening to somebody walking across the fireplace towards the toilets. Ruth had heard the man speak as she came out from the kitchen and asked who he had spoken to. On hearing his reply, Ruth told him that he was the first person in that evening and there was nobody else in the pub – and just to make sure she checked in the toilets, which were empty. She recalled that the man's face turned very pale as it dawned on him what he had seen – had a ghost at the Red Lion (one of them) walked that evening?

I am sure there are many of you in Hooe, Ninfield and beyond who have happy memories of Ruth and are as sad as I am to hear of her passing.

Photo – Ruth (centre) sitting in the above mentioned fireplace



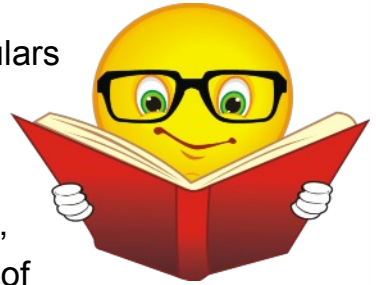
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AUGUST and SEPTEMBER edition

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Book Exchange: It is good to see regulars and new faces at the Book Exchange held on the first Friday of the month 10 – 11.30am in the Methodist Hall.

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Well building work is well underway, foundations and footings in, walls going up. Funds are going up too. The Crowdfunder appeal we had last month raised £1855.00 and we received £6500 in cheques from the lovely residents of Ninfield. Still a way to go to fully fit out the new section of the Hall, but with a fair wind we'll get there!!! We have applied for various grants, and as always, we are ever optimistic!!! And of course, it's not too late for you to make a donation should you wish to do so. Email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com or leave a message on 893326

On 24th July you'll find us at the bottle tombola on the Rec for the Village Fete, so please come and support us there, have a chat about progress, take a look at the plans and photos of the works and of course, if you can donate a bottle or two that would be lovely, bubbles are just great shampoo or champagne... and believe me, once this build is done, bubbles will flow on our opening day, but details of that another time.

At the moment our lovely booking clerk, Issie is contacting all our regular users to check who is coming back from September, once all that information is in, the diary pages will be put back onto the website www.ninfieldmemorialhall.co.uk for you to start booking your parties and other events. The website had just been revamped so take a look some time.

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SMILE LINES

Bowls

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally his mother asked him where he had got all that money. "At church," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it there."



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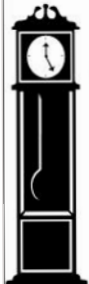


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News and Reviews - from Sami !!

Firstly...how amazing is this...I received on June 11th, the first notification from Bruno Peek, the organiser of the Beacon Lighting events around the Country- he sorts all the Jubilees, Remembrance Days etc and, how efficient they are!! This is of course in relation to the announcement that the Queen will celebrate the Platinum Anniversary of her reign next year, from 2-6th June, 2022, and there will be 5 days of bank holiday events and celebrations taking place. So- OF COURSE Ninfield will be joining in- as always - and no doubt the memories from 10 years ago will come flooding back as we start getting ideas and preparations together. The Diamond Jubilee weekend was an amazing 5 days, with Afternoon Tea and Cabaret, Bands, Boundary walks and Beacons, Bunting everywhere, soft fireworks in the woods, Crown Treasure hunt...so many things that families and residents joined in and enjoyed. We even collated all the photographs and put everything together in a lovely album, and sent it to the Queen; Yes- we got the most delightful letter of thanks, which quite overwhelmed us! Well, you can bet your bottom dollar that something will be happening again next year - how can we not!

Secondly- Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association: Well- at the moment, we're still pushing ahead with the plans for the Village Fete on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 24th July. But of course - with the possible announcement (Mon 14th June) to say that there will be a delay of 4 weeks until the big Unlocking, it means that there is still the possibility of last minute cancellation.

I thought I'd put down a precis of the minutes taken at our Carnival meeting on 9th June, so people can see how many/few members are attempting to put the Fete on, and what is hoping to happen, and what is needed going forward! You will see the plea for Volunteers again - and for several

things, including the leaflet drop and getting tables etc out of the side door of the Memorial Hall!!

Whatever the decision re the 'date of restrictions release' - it would be great if lovely local people could get involved and help us all try and create a relaxing day, for families and friends to have fun safely, and enjoy the best that Ninfield can offer!

Ninfield Carnival Committee Meeting

Wednesday 9th June 2021, 7.30pm Sami's garden,

Present- Committee -11 in attendance, 3 apologies.

Agreed previous minutes.

Notes and Actions-

The summer fete will generally run 12-5 as a day event, (Market to start at 10.30am and run through as long as the stallholders want)- and the evening will continue on till 10, poss. 10.30pm with live Band "Herding Cats" as entertainment for the evening.

Bar, BBQ, Tea Tent, The Market, Crafts, Children's Activity area, Games, Dog Show, Tombola and Raffle.

Tombola: Bottles for the Tombola will be stored in Sparke, any donations would be very gratefully received - please contact Sami.

Games for the day-

o Peter will run the plate smash

- extra help needed during the afternoon.

o Putting (golf) Game..

o Unlock the box (scouts)

o Pass the Pigs

o Hoopla Game (scouts)

o Poss. parlour games - like Shove H'penny, Skittles etc.

o Bric-a-brac for the scouts to run a sale table on the day.

o Market stalls and Craft Stalls minimum charge for the day

o Poss. parking on rec for disabled drivers and stall holders.

o security firm to be sourced.

RAFFLE

- o Prizes include First prize £75 cash (kindly donated by Ian)
- o Second Prize £30 voucher for Hope Farm afternoon tea
 - o Third Prize Sport Massage Voucher
 - o Bespoke Cushions
 - o Large Print
 - o Plus More
- 1000 tickets at 50p each in books of 5
- o Sell tickets via shop, Hooe Farm Shop and Blacksmiths
- o Possible raffle advert and event details in village news.
 - o Requests for cake donations and volunteers etc.
 - o WI Ashburnham hoping to run a cakes for sale stall, whole cakes to take home.
 - o Pass and Move Football club to be asked to take part.
- o Herding Cats Band (Grahams Band), to play 7.30-10.30 with recorded music played prior and during break
 - Hall PA can be used on Rec to save Hire.
- o Risk Assessments to be done closer to the time once distancing rules are clear.
 - o Round Tables, Chairs and loos from Meridian.
 - o Dog show - we have Rosettes etc.
- o Afternoon teas- Need to look at how this will be running.
 - o Natalie to run children's fun Activity area.
 - o Dan - Miniature Train man could be invited to the rec again, if not too busy!
 - o Village leaflet drop early to mid July.
- o David to be invited to bring Book Exchange book stall
 - o History Group to be invited to display.
- o Ivan could be asked to run a plant stall / Horticultural Society to highlight 70th year
- o Craft stalls include: pocket money jeweller, Wood turner, Paper crafts, Jams, Cards and Knitted goods, etc
 - o Volunteers needed to collect all tables etc from the Memorial Hall on the 23rd for the fete, and to keep the

horti tables in the pavilion until the August Horti event as access to the hall will be difficult during the works.

Next meeting to be held 23rd June @ 7.30 for 7.45pm - Meet outside Sparke Pavilion, on the Rec to plan out the area/event.

-Volunteers REALLY are needed!: This is another call for helpers for this event- We would love people to get involved and help make it all happen! If you could make a cake for the Tea Tent, or could help set up the Gala Tents and stalls on the Friday evening before, or do a shift behind the Bar, or in the Tea Tent...there are lots of ways to help, and support this Summer event! Please call/ text 07970650321, or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com Thank you!

NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY have a temporary change of venue for their meetings through the summer. We now meet on Wednesdays at St Mary the Virgin Church, in Church Lane, Ninfield, where we can enjoy the beautiful internal, and external, delights to challenge our creative minds. We meet at 2 - 5ish! Contact Jennie on 01424 892357 for further details.



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NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

I prepare this as May draws to a close and the rain has departed (for a while) enabling us to attend to certain pressing items in Church Wood. Visitors will have noticed that the picnic area between Moor Pond and Church Pond had deteriorated to the extent that the mud was inches deep and the area no longer practicable to use. It was apparent that Moor Pond was leaking badly so the seats were removed and the bank was cut back to enable a dam to be created with sizeable timbers which had previously been felled as part of our woodland management. The void is then filled with clay and hopefully it will be possible to reinstate the seats in due course.

If the work we do could interest you, please call Robin on 892778 or Roger on 236920. It is very fulfilling to maintain this area of ancient woodland but the volunteers are becoming ancient too (!) and we invite those with perhaps half a day each week to contact us for a chat, without obligation.

Recent weeks have seen a wealth of bluebells throughout the wood and baby moorhen are often to be seen with parents exploring the edges of the ponds. Walking parties are most welcome as are local schools.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Yes! There will be a Summer Show on Saturday 21st August. Thanks to Sami, the Carnival Crew and the Scouts, there will be enough tents and marquees to accommodate all the entries at our 70th Anniversary show on the Rec. Tea and cakes will be available too. Entries can be staged from the Saturday morning and it is time now to start thinking about what you can enter. If you haven't already got a schedule, there are some in the Village Stores or phone Rose on 892422. If you have some trophies from the last shows in 2019, please let Rose know too. We have missed a whole year and have missed our exhibitors and regular visitors. Do come and make this Show a really special event.

Look out for posters and more details nearer the event .

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hooe Village Hall Project

It is exciting that we are nearing the end of the first stage of the proposed new village hall project. This is the result of a great deal of hard work over a number of years by the parish council and talented residents who have given their time and professional expertise free of charge. We are all very grateful to them

By the time you read this we hope the plans for the proposed Hall will have been agreed by the Parish Council at their meeting on 21st June ready for the whole parish consultation.

The consultation period start on **Saturday 26th June** The hall will be open with the plans on display from 10.00am – 4.00 pm

There will be a second opportunity to view the plans on **Monday 28th June** from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Members of the Council will be on hand to answer questions on both Saturday and Monday

(To comply with Covid 19 rules we will need to limit the number of people in the hall at one time I am sure that can be managed)

The consultation period will run until **12th July 2021**

During the period copies of the plans will be displayed on the Village Notice Board and the front window of the hall

We hope you will take time to view the plans and submit your comments, either by email to hooepc2@internet.com or hard copy to any Parish Councillor.

It is hoped that the decision to proceed with a planning application will be made at the meeting on **12th July**

Hooe Open Gardens 10th and 11th July

The Hooe Open Gardens Team is flat out preparing for the Open Gardens weekend – you will have seen signs appearing around the village. Our gardeners are out from first light making sure their gardens are as

beautiful they can be in July

This year there will be gardens that are being opened for the first time - 14 to visit! It is pleasing that people who have very recently moved to the village are enthusiastically engaged, we are all looking forward to see how they have already put their stamp on their new garden

This will be a great week end! Gardens to visit, refreshments to be enjoyed with friends, plants for sale and more!

Community Clean up

Thank you to the 27 wonderful people who turned out on Saturday 12th June for the Village Community Clean Up. A fantastic response at this time of the year when litter picking is difficult, much is well hidden by vegetation. It is hoped to hold another Community Clean Up in the autumn and then we hope to revert to our normal annual date of March.

Coffee Mornings

We plan to start our monthly coffee mornings on the second Saturday in September – further details later

Village Hall Bookings

To reserve the village hall please speak to Sally Durman, 01424 893007.

Notice Board

Do keep an eye on the information posted on the newly refurbished notice board in the centre of the village

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The Memorial Hall is topical right now as work has started to remodel the layout internally and externally to bring this 160 year old building into the 21st century and many years beyond!

Kevin, the Historian, has found various documents showing the hand over of the hall to the Hall Committee along with older plans that would have stopped us having the hall! He has also found various documents relating to Hugh Sydney Egerton and his illustrious career - read on.....

Normanhurst Estate: Ninfield, Drill Hall; Hugh Sydney Egerton to Committee of the Ninfield War Memorial. Date: 1 Mar 1921 ESRO reference: BMW/A/14/7/13 Creator(s) Strutt and Parker, Lewes, surveyors; Bush, Morse and Welling, Lewes, surveyors; Powell and Company, Lewes, surveyors.

But plans had previously been drawn 10 years earlier, to sell the site to the Territorial Army:

Draft lease of Ninfield Drill Hall (with plan), Thomas Allnutt Brassey to the Sussex Territorial Force Association Date: Apr 1910 - Jul 1911 ESRO reference: SHE 7/3/17 Description: with specification for repairs by Captain HW Sanders, architect and surveyor, 43 Preston Road, Brighton, Sep 1910. Creator(s) Sheppard and Son, Battle, solicitors

Commander Hugh Sydney Egerton. Born: October 6, 1890 at St. George Hanover Square, London. Died: August 1969 (78) at Mountfield Court, Sussex Son of Charles Augustus Egerton and Lady Mirabelle "Mabel" Annie (nee Brassey) Egerton

Husband of Muriel Georgina Egerton. Father of Thomas Edward Sydney Egerton.

Brother of Captain Edward Brassey Egerton (killed in Action near Amiens in WW1);

Hugh was a Lieutenant when awarded his Distinguished Service Cross for action against enemy submarines. Honours for Services in Action with Enemy Submarines.

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross. Lieut. Hugh Sydney Egerton, R.N. Dated: 4 October 1918 with Seniority of 15 Feb 1913. In 1925: Lt Cmdr Hugh Sydney Egerton became the Sheriff of Sussex

There are photos of Hugh Sydney Egerton mainly concerning his naval career and associated travels but also Sussex sporting events et al, including several photographs of him and his contemporaries at Dartford Cadet School and racing yacht Sunbeam II..

One other perhaps interesting aspect: The family crest is a Red Lion!

Kevin Regan

Ninfield Methodist Church
'Birthday'



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& Thanksgiving*

*Sunday 4th July 2021
4.00 – 6.00pm
on the Recreation Ground*

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- *Refreshments, relax & chat (bring own chair)*
- *'Social Distancing' in force*
- *Messy Church Songs*
- *Exhibition in Church 1871 – 2021*
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Worms Eye View

“Many things grow in the garden that were never sown there”

This proverb was first recorded on 1732 by a Thomas Fuller. As far as I am concerned, I quite agree as I have never seen so many weeds in my garden before, but some say a weed is just a flower just growing in the wrong place.

I do have a big corner in my garden for wild things to grow and provide shelter for wildlife. However I do not mean the whole garden to go wild! I must say I like to see so many ladybirds. Apparently legend has it that during the plague of plant destroying insects in the Middle Ages desperate farmers prayed to the Virgin Mary for help and their prayers were answered by a swarm of Ladybirds, who preserved the crops by eating all the invaders. In recognition they became known as Lady Beetles and later the Ladybird we now call them.

“Lady Bird Lady Bird fly away home
Your house is on fire and your children are gone.
All except one, and her name is Anne
And she hid under the frying pan”

Some say this was recited by the farmers as they attempted to shoo the useful creatures off their land before they began preparing for the following years crops. A popular way of doing this was by setting field alight which then in turn smoked the ladybirds away. These days we say the rhyme and make a wish as we blow a ladybird off our clothes.

I still have not seen many swallows which is disappointing, because they have always been one of my favourite birds and we were always pleased to see several nests around the farm. I wonder where they are.

But the cuckoo is trying to make it up for me and calls as I walk around the fields, and so, “Turn your money when you hear the cuckoo and you will have money in your purse till he comes again”

I do hope you have heard the cuckoo because they will be getting ready to fly away in August. Gosh how quickly the year is going by!

Anne

Ninfield Methodist Church

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Sunday Services for July 2021:

4th	10.30 am	150th Chapel Anniversary Celebration
	4.00 – 6.00pm	150th Celebration on Recreation Ground
11 th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Deacon Jean
18 th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Cynthia Park
25 th	10.30am	Service of Worship & Praise with Margaret Bickerdike

Other Activities:

2nd 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall

Pleased to share with you our Service details for June & other events. If you come along to the Church, or Hall, please wear a mask in the building. Thanks.

Church Anniversary / Birthday event - Sunday July 4th

We are excited & look forward to celebrating the 150th. Anniversary of the building of our Church on the above date. This should be a memorable occasion for the village - The foundation stone of our chapel was laid on the 6th July 1871. Although our Church is small it has been an integral part of our village for all these years & is now active & used by many local groups.

On July 4th we will have a 'Birthday' service in our Church at 10.30am & then at 4.00pm a 'Celebration & Thanksgiving' on the recreation ground (adjacent to the pavilion), subject to the usual social distancing. Refreshments will be available from 4.00-5.00 pm. (It could be helpful if you will bring your own picnic chair or blanket to sit on). There will be music items from our Messy Church young people, the Salvation Army & others. We will remember & appreciate the role of 'key workers' over the last 18 months & there will be a display of photos, flowers & other items in our Church for you to view. David is organising a 'Treasure Hunt' around the area. Everyone is welcome to come along in the afternoon to enjoy this special 'Ninfield' day.

An amazing 'Telling Our Story' booklet has been produced & will also be available to tell us about the many activities that have taken place over the years together with early history back in the late 1800's. The booklet includes lots of photographs of local people & their stories. Your own photo may be included!!

We look forward to seeing you.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 25

Kings normally led their armies to battles
but David had sent his army with his
commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.

David was strolling on his
palace roof when he saw a
beautiful woman.



She is Bathsheba,
the wife of Uriah.



Later, Bathsheba
sent a message to
King David.

I'm pregnant!
B x

David tried to cover up what he
had done. He sent a note to Joab.

Send Uriah to me now
D

When Uriah came, David sent him
to his home, but he didn't go.

Why didn't you go home?



How can I go home
to my wife when my
fellow soldiers can't?

David had Uriah
stay to dinner and
got him drunk.



But he still
didn't go home.

So David wrote a letter
to Joab

Put Uriah at the
front of the
fighting where he
will be killed. D

He gave it to Uriah to give
to Joab.



Joab did what was asked.

Bathsheba was now
a widow and David
married her.



But God was angry and He
sent Nathan the prophet
to David.



You took Uriah's wife and
then you murdered him by
having him killed.



You certainly did!
You are forgiven, but
there will always be
trouble in your family.

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