

News, events and stories

In & around

Ninfield & Hooe

July 2024 50p

St MARY's & St OSWALD's NOTICE BOARD CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

	St Mary's	St Oswald's
7 th July	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
14 th July	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
21st July	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
28th July	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist

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

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PARISH NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Monday 22 nd July is the feast of Mary Magdalene. Six Marys are mentioned in the New Testament, including Mary Magdalene, who is remembered this month in the church's calendar. What can we learn from Mary's story? We recently went to see Jesus Christ Superstar in Eastbourne and very moving it was. The character of Mary Magdalene is one of my favourite characters as she asks the questions that I often ask myself. She believes, but she is sometimes confused! She simply does not understand what is happening: "I've been living to see you, dying to see you but it shouldn't be like this. This was unexpected, what should I do now, Could we start again please?" and the famous song I don't know how to love him "I don't know how to love him, what to do, how to move him, I've been changed, yes really changed, In these past few days, when I've seen myself, I seem like someone else" That is true searching, wanting to believe but so many question! But Mary did believe, she overcame her questions and moved forward. So, what can we learn from Mary Magdalene?

We don't have to be defined by our past:

When Jesus encountered Mary, He cast seven demons out of her (Luke 8:2). As a result, her life was transformed, and she became a follower of Jesus. Her life as a disciple was no longer defined by the person she had been before. Like Mary, we don't have to let our past without Christ dictate how we see ourselves today.

Put Jesus at the centre of our world:

Along with some of the women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases (Luke 8:1-3), Mary followed Jesus and His disciples and supported them in ministry. She was there at the cross (Matthew 27:55-56) and one of the first to the tomb on the Sunday (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1 and John 20:1-18). Like Mary, we are called to serve Jesus as dedicated disciples.

Jesus uses the weakest in the world:

Mary is a great example of Paul's words: 'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.'

(1 Corinthians 1:27). At a time when women were regarded as second-class citizens with no real autonomy, Jesus had a special compassion and care for women. Alongside Mary, the women's witness to the resurrection was taken seriously. I thank God that we have moved on from this attitude and women are very much part of the church of today! Indeed, I stopped using the phrase Women Priests years ago and simply refer to priests as that is

what we are! We don't after all refer to male priests! Jesus calls us to be priests and we respond to that calling.

We should be careful not to dismiss the things that don't follow our expectations, because Jesus doesn't always do what we expect! He delights in working out His plans through unlikely people and

in surprising ways. He did this through Mary, and if we let Him, He can do it through us! So thank God for Mary and all her questions. Enjoy the summer when it finally arrives!!

Paul

As many of you will have read, I am due to retire in March 2025. However, I have offered to do a final two extra years that will begin on that date. I have though said that is it!! I will need to retire at some point! I enjoy what I do which makes it all worthwhile! I have been keen from the start to get the church involved at the centre of both communities and I believe we have begun to do that, but there is much more to be done! The Garden Party at Hooe on the 13 th July and the Michaelmas Fair at Ninfield on 28 th September are good examples of this! I hope to see you there!

Paul

Father,

Thank you for summertime, when thoughts turn to holidays and relaxation.

July is a month of endings for many; the ending of the school or college year and for some a moving on to the next stage of education or work. Often, there is uncertainty or trepidation about the future.

Whatever stage of life we are at, whatever season of the year it is, we can feel uncertain and concerned in a world which seems increasingly secular and confusing.

Remind us Lord, of Your promise to be with us always, every step of every way, when we put our trust in You, through Jesus.

Thank you that in the ups and downs of life, You never change. You are the rock on which we stand securely, eternally. Help us to move forward confidently, trusting in that truth.

Thank you, Lord.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

News from St. Oswald's Church

Thank you to all the parishioners in Hooe who have passed on their comments after receiving the letter from the Church Wardens. It is not too late to add your comments, by email, or a note left in the Church. We aim to properly consider the comments in September having given you all time to have your say.

We would like to clarify some of the expertise that we are looking for. The most urgent offers of help would be with secretarial/minute taking skills and help with book-keeping and/or the accounts.

Also, we are looking for more help with cleaning the church and flower arranging. If you could volunteer your help, once or twice in the year, it would be a great help. Contact, either of the Church wardens, or ask one of our congregation and we can explain what is involved.

There is also a need to keep the Church Yard tidy and on the first Saturday of each month at 10.30am, one of us will be there to welcome you and give you some sort of gardening job. Please come prepared with gloves and tools. We are aware that there are different views of how the churchyard should be managed and the PCC have taken the route of providing for the nature around the church yard. The Diocese are now beginning to encourage parishes to let nature in and welcome the plants, insects and bird life. We, at St Oswald's, took this decision about 5 years ago and we now have a good knowledge of what wild life we have in our bio-diverse church yard. We are a country church and we do not have the funds to be able to even consider manicured lawns. We try to remove dead flowers from the graves each month and we do this to keep the grave areas tidy and cared for.

Your two Church Wardens, Janet Pattisson and Jack Rist, having been elected at the Annual meeting and are off to Battle on 18th June to be sworn in by the Archdeacon.

The new PCC are hoping that we can accelerate the process of the planning for the toilet extension. We are nearly there having to agree plans with Diocese and the Architect and been seen to take on board the archaeological problems of the ground works around the church for the waste water from the toilet. When that is complete, we have to present it all to Wealden DC for their approval. We hope that we can move this forward in the coming Church Year

Dates for your diaries. We hope to see many of you at the Garden Party on Saturday 13th July from 12.00 noon through to 4.30p.m. The Band will be playing from 2.00pm, while all the other stalls will be enticing you to look and buy. Come along and enjoy the afternoon.

On Sunday 1st September in the Village Hall we are inviting you all to "Afternoon Tea" from 2.30-4.30pm. The recent Parish Council Survey, confirmed that the Village wanted to keep the Village Hall open. It comes down to us all, to think how "we can use it or we could lose it." Come along and enjoy meeting other Villagers over a relaxing "Afternoon Tea."

NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S

St Mary's church continues much as before! New members to the congregation are always welcome. We have started a termly Family Service in church for the school on a Monday morning to which the parents are invited. We have held two so far which were very successful. The next one is on 15th July with the Butterflies class.

The coffee morning on 18th May 2024 was well attended, it was good to see so many there. It was well supported by Paul our organist and Kaye's choir and their presence was greatly appreciated by all who were there.

The quinquennial inspection was held in June looking at the fabric of the church. We await the report, but we know the tower needs painting and that will not be cheap!! There were also electrical problems that were highlighted and they will be dealt with in early July.

We look forward to the Michaelmas Fair in and around the church on Saturday 28th September and are grateful for the support of the Carnival Committee and Bonfire Society in making this happen. It is also the Harvest weekend in both our churches.

We hope to repeat the coffee morning on 2nd November so save the date.

Closing date for items for the Combined August & September issue of the Parish News

Is SATURDAY 13th July please send to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

July Diary

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS in Ninfield include

Memorial Hall Movement2Music Dancersize Ballroom
Burlesque Beavers Cubs Scouts Explorers Pilates
Yoga Cardiac Exercise Ladies Badminton Art Group
Crafting & Knitting Junior & Teen Kickboxing

The Methodist Hall Art Group Little Stars Dance Mark Time (for Brass instrument players) Yoga Pilates Friendly voices Silver Swans

Sparke Pavilion A gentle exercise walk around Ninfield Information throughout the magazine and on contacts page

Ninfield Flower Group

Depending on when you are reading this our flower festival may be over or you could still have time to come along to St Peter's Church, Bexhill, TN40 2HE to enjoy all the things on offer. The festival is open on Friday 28th & Saturday 29th, 10am til 4pm & Sunday 30th June, noon until 5pm, followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm. There will also be displays, stalls and refreshments.

Our next demonstration is on Monday 1st July when Barbara Caldecourt brings us her "Calender Moments". Barbara was for many years a lecturer in floristry at Merrist Wood College so brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in flower arranging. We meet, as usual, in the Memorial Hall, 6.30pm for 7pm, where there is plenty of parking and lovely facilities. Visitors £5.

We are unable to meet in August as the hall is being re-decorated but on September 2nd Claire Bryant will be creating beautiful designs for us. Claire has competed at Chelsea and won silver-gilt in her class.

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 lan 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our evenings.

Editors' Comment.... Next month's issue will cover August and September and as iit will be getting towards the end of the school year, the school who print this for us will be closing so we need to be on time for that, so PLEASE, get you articles to us by 13th July..

Strangely, despite the number of events listed here, there are several regular and one off events who don't advertise here, so if you know of one remind them to advertise here, or let us know and we'll contact them!

Ninfield Horticultural Society

-Despite a minor technical hiccup, we were entertained and educated by Malcolm Buller at our May meeting. Attendees were given some useful tips on exhibiting and what judges are looking for. Two points stayed with mejudges don't look for perfection in an exhibit, but imperfections and hold your peapods up to the light to see if the peas have developed. He also made the point that it's always worth having a go at exhibiting - shows would be really boring (and quite sparse) if it was just the experienced exhibitors.

A lot of the fun is when your first exhibit wins a prize - and experienced exhibitors are always willing to share their knowledge. I may just try to enter the Tray of vegetable class this year using the vintage vegetable tray given to me by my Mum more years ago than I care to remember!

Back by popular demand we will be holding a coffee morning at the Memorial Hall on Monday 15th July, 11.30-1pm. No speakers, just an opportunity to meet up, have a coffee and a chat. Our Summer Show will be on 17th August so it's also a good opportunity to ask members of the committee any questions you may have on exhibiting. (can you see a pattern emerging here?). You do not need to be a member, just turn up and have a chat.

And finally, an early reminder of our Summer Show on 17th August. With classes for vegetables, flowers, pot plants, baking, jams, photography and various children,s classes - there really is something for everyone. I can email out a schedule if you don't already have one (sorry - all the printed copies have gone). But if you don't enter, please just come and visit - we always put on a good display and the tea and cake is pretty good too. The Show is in the Memorial Hall and doors open at 2.30

Monday 17th June was a glorious sunny day, absolutely perfect for the annual outing of the Horticultural Society, Fairlight Hall, a private residence with a lovely garden and the most amazing views across to Dungerness that's open to the public from time to time.

The walled garden with the raised veg beds, amphitheatre and large greenhouse, the different walks lined with different styles of planting, an easy to listen to head gardener to show us around and a cream tea in the sunshine, could not have been better, our thanks to those who organised it, so where to next year....?

Why not join the Horticultural Society and enjoy days out like this and more ...

COUNTRY WAYS

Cuckoo

I have been travelling, not much of an issue to most folks, but for me it is a massive task. Mostly I can avoid going out of my immediate area, but family is a great motivator. This trip was to lay my Mum's ashes in my Dad's grave and visit family. Mostly I drive about 35 miles a week, well I clocked up 1,000 miles in four days. Given time my joints and my dog will forgive me.

It must seem strange for most folks who don't mind driving and look forward to the holidays to come. That of course I fully understand, people need a break. My working life was a touch different. I had eight days a year off and they were Sundays in February and March, so mostly I worked seven days a week and out of choice. Those that farm and tend stock will understand this.

So lets view the positives. Because I don't like, or understand motorways, I took an overland route. There are no motorways in Lincolnshire so I never had any experience of them, multi lanes of traffic confuse me. So the first thing that I noticed was England, and the small sections of Wales I travelled through, are still a green and pleasant land. You have to squint a bit going through larger towns and I avoided city's.

Things change with time and being a touch negative I view change as for the worse. My brother advised me not to visit my childhood home because all the small farms I used to work on as a boy are now a huge housing estate. I did visit the small village in Hampshire, where I spent four years in the mid seventies, and it was a shock. It always was a typically English village but it had changed. It was stunningly beautiful, far more than I remember it to have been. So change can be for the better, there I said it.

There is some point to this waffle, that actually is relevant to my local patch. I do miss the summer visitors, birds that is. This year there have been no swallows nesting in the Church, but I did hear the Cuck bit of the Koo. Last year I did not hear one at all. So is there a positive, maybe so. My brother has just spent some time in Portugal, visiting our cousin. He sat, having a drink or four, overlooking, a cork tree wood. He said it was endless trees but under the trees there was

a display of wild flowers, more than he had ever seen. The air was full of insects and bird song, so loud that you had to raise your voice to heard. Then there were the Cuckoo's, he had not heard so many in decades.

Older readers will remember that after a long trip you had to wash the thousands of insects off the car. There were no insects on my car after 1.000 miles. Also the green and pleasant land was just that, green. Couple this with the estimated loss of 60% of our nesting birds we may, and I say may, have a reason the Cuckoo's don't come here, there are better options in Portugal. They need other birds nests to lay there eggs in. It's a better thought than they are going into a massive decline.

The Church of England has asked the Churches to leave as much land as possible to go semi wild to encourage bio diversity. The grave yard where my parents are is a council owned site and is mowed to an inch of its life. Very neat but of no real

environmental value. So perhaps the efforts we are making at Hooe will give a return,

more insects and more birds.

My son lives next to the Forest of Dean and he took me to a place where Beavers have been re- introduced. They are enclosed for the moment, one side of the enclosing wire fence must be a mile long. We didn't see any Beavers, noisy grandchildren, but we saw plenty of trees they had felled to make a dam. This area of Forest now has a running stream and several ponds.

I not thinking re-introducing anything a Hooe Church but wouldn't it be a wonderful thought that maybe, just maybe, we might find a hedgehog there!

Usually Fourth Sunday of the Month
Ninfield Village Memorial Hall
ROCK-N-ROLL DANCE
7.00 - 10.00

Worms Eye View

The sun is shining and as I sit writing these notes I can see the sea shimmering in the distance. This reminds me that recently I had a lovely visit to Eastbourne with one of my daughters who was spending a few days with me. It was a lovely day and she managed to park along the seafront which was lucky. Out we got and walked to the end of the prom and had a rest and a drink there. Then we set off back along by the sea to the Pier. There were not too many people walking being still a little early in the year for the masses of walkers that will be there in the summer, it is a very popular walk during the summer season.

It was very reminiscent to both of us of years gone by, when we would pack our bags with food and bathing costumes and set off to the seaside and hopefully Peter Snr would be able to come as well, but sometimes it did clash with the farm work. For me it always brought back memories of my Mum, Dad and myself catching a bus in Horam and later Hailsham and making our way to the beach. Of course one day back in 1939 we got up to the seafront, to find rolls and rolls of barbed wire blocking access to the beach. Oh dear, I didn't understand, but war had just been declared and all the seafronts in the South of England were quickly barricaded against the strong possibility that the Germans would land here. Also in Hailsham very large camps were built and were always lots of troops installed into them. These were there until one day in June 1944 and then they were gone.

Back to today, the seafront, the Bandstand and the Pier all attract lots of visitors in the summer. It always brings lots of happy memories for me and I look forwar to going there again in the summer.



News from St Oswald's Church

St Oswald's Church Garden Party Saturday July 13

at the church from 12 noon featuring

Hooe Village Band

Teas, Cakes, Plants, Raffle, BBQ, Tombola, Bric-a-brac, Face-painting, Lucky Dip. Sideshows including a China Smash! Traffic control on the lane.

Wanted/Needed

Donations of plants, Bric-a-brac, cakes, Raffle and Tombola prizes. China for smashing.

Contributions can be left at the back of the church or at Lamlash opposite the entrance to Red Lion Park.

Thank you.

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting on Friday 7th June was cancelled. Normal service will resume on Friday 12th July, 2.00p.m. at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield. Our Speaker will be Trish Jones and her topic is 'The Sunbeam'. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Nicki & Heather



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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.

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: maggiethecook@gmail.com

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

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.

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

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.

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

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

We are very pleased to announce that we are now able to arrange for the redecoration of the main hall. This is scheduled for the end of July and early August, so unfortunately the hall will be closed from 29th July ready to re-open in time for the Horticultural Summer Show.

We are also having some repairs done to the roof, a new external light, along with other minor repairs and improvements including new steps onto the stage, which we are sure you will all approve of.

Hooe History Society

This month we welcome one of our own members, Rev. Peter Doodes, who will be looking at the history of Hooe Church. It's story of survival and growth through an earthquake, a tsunami, a lost island, the damage caused by the Puritans, and the takeover by the king. All within its and Hooe's changes over the many centuries. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in St. Oswald's Church on Thursday 18th July.

DID YOU KNOW... I thought I would look back at the early years of the Hooe Band in this issue. From the very early days of its formation the Hooe Band established a competitive edge and took part in competitions across the South-East and into London. They first applied in 1927 to the Tunbridge Wells event but their application was submitted too late and was turned down. Undaunted, they put their application in early the following year, entered in and won in section 4, the lowest grade of competition. Having played in their first competition in 1928, by May 1929 they had won 8 prizes in 7 contests. Their winning form at Tunbridge Wells continued and they found themselves competing in section 1 in 1933. Band contests were also held in Brighton, Crystal Palace, Godalming and Bowaters where they won many prizes and became known as Hooe Village Prize Band.

There was no band as such during the war as many of its members were "called up" and others were working hard on the land, etc. However, Arthur Sargent did continue a band working as The Home Guard Band. After the war Hooe Band quickly reformed under Arthur's direction and continued to flourish in competition whilst also playing at local fetes, flower shows and giving concerts to raise money to buy new instruments and uniforms. Getting to engagements in those days was quite difficult as not many people had cars and a coach was hired to get to any outside the immediate area. Often the members walked for miles to get to local jobs some carrying heavy instruments on their backs,

Another special event in about 1955 was when the Hooe band was asked to take part in a Television programme for the BBC called "Country Comes to Town". It was through a very well known personality in the brass band world, Harry Mortimer, that they received this invitation as he was the BBC's adviser on brass bands. They all travelled by coach to Earls Court in London and were there all day rehearsing, then did the live show in the evening. It was quite an experience. Back home in Hooe a television was set up in the hall for local people to see their band have its moment of fame as not many people owned TV's in those days.

The band stopped taking part in competition in the mid 1960's as their

numbers dwindled and there were fewer contests. Although they are small in number they remain very popular and continue to entertain us at local events in the area. The Hooe Band has been an integral part of our village for a very long time thanks to the skill and dedication of its members so let's continue to support them in any way we can.

Peter Hayward

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk / RFO: Jane Warrener 07548 528754

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The residents of Hooe commemorated the anniversary of the D Day Landings with traditional fish and chips and pie and mash in the Red Lion with the atmosphere set by the wonderful Battle Ukulele Band. At 9pm prayers were led by the Rev Paul Frostick to express our deep gratitude to those who took part and those who gave their lives for us eighty years ago and the beacon was lit at 9.15pm by one of Hooe's longest residing residents, Cllr Ross Clifton.

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended on 29th May and there were several enthusiastic ideas for keeping the village hall open.

The newly planted up planters are looking pretty and welcoming around the village.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall Project Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm in the village hall when the final decision will be made on the future of the village hall.

Councillor Gayle Kirk

Ninfield Bonfire Society – Latest News

Ninfield Bonfire Society has been igniting the spirit of the Sussex bonfire tradition, since 2009, standing proudly alongside towns and villages in Sussex as members of Sussex Bonco. Our mission is to honour and promote this historic tradition, dating back to 1605, and to keep the flames of community spirit burning bright. Driven by a passionate team of volunteers, we are a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to fundraising and organising our annual Fireworks display. This spectacular event is our gift to the families and residents of our village and the surrounding areas, free for all to enjoy.

Join us at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, 17th July, 7.30pm at the Ninfield Working Men's Club. Whether you're a seasoned member or a curious newcomer, your ideas and enthusiasm are always welcome. If you have some time to spare and you would like to help us out then please come along.

Ninfield Village Market will be held on Saturday 20th July and we will be having a stall. Come and see us, have a cuppa, bacon sandwich and a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! Try your luck on our tombola or if you need any NBS clothing, then we sell a range of merchandise at the market.

We are now part of the Wealden Community lottery. You can help us raise funds for our Bonfire night by playing the lottery each week and be in with a chance of winning £25,000. There are other prizes to be had, so please sign up, have a look and support us to put on the firework extravaganza each year.

<u>www.wealdencommunitylottery.co.uk/support/ninfield-bonfire-society</u>

Ninfield Bonfire Society has also been selected for the second year running to receive funding from the Co-op Local Community fund. We've received the first year's funding. If you already support us though being a co-op member, can you please re nominate us using the link below. Your old nomination no longer stands! If you haven't already - why not become a Co-op member (costs a pound) and every time you use the co-op you'll be supporting us (and you'll get a bit of money off at the same time), win-win! https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/79794

We've also registered Ninfield Bonfire Society with Easyfundraising which means over 6,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use Easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ninfieldbonfiresociety

Exciting update: the Pram race is back on! Mark your calendars for the August Bank holiday – Monday 26th August at the Blacksmiths Inn. Stay tuned for more updates!

If you've felt the warmth of bonfire night, then why not become a member of Ninfield Bonfire Society? From fundraising to torch-making there's a role for everyone. As a member, you'll also join us for our torch-lit processions and celebrations across Sussex.

Calling all local businesses! Interested in becoming a sponsor? Let's kindle a partnership! Contact us at ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com or Sarah on 07809684488.

Save the date – Don't forget to mark your calendars for our NBS Torch-lit Procession, Bonfire, Effigy and Fireworks Display will be held on Saturday, 19th October 2024.

Stay connected - Follow us on Facebook – Instagram, or visit www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk for all the latest updates and news.

Remember, Remember the 5th of November Let's keep the flames of tradition burning bright!

Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan for Ninfield is now agreed with Wealden District Council and we are moving forward to the referendum stage. Because of the general election, no decisions about timing of the referendum can be made until after July 4th (incase of any political issues!). However, I expect the final consultation stage to start soon after the election. We are looking at late August for the actual referendum.

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Hello again, after an enforced absence thanks to Covid and other health issues, I'm back to bore with yet more Ninfield history! Groan!

We've all just witnessed the 80th Commemoration of D Day when the Allies mounted the largest seaborne invasion fleet, probably since the original "First Leg" in 1066 when William came the other way!

Yet, while fighting was still going on to clear all the German forces from the Landing Beaches, (Sword, Gold, Juno, Omaha and Utah) within a week the Germans began a terror campaign using the V1 doodlebug or (buzz bomb from the noise its "pulse" jet engine made, like a backfiring

motorbike). From 13th June at their peak, over 100 of these pilotless and high explosive packs, tiny craft flew from the Calais area right over the Ninfield area towards London.

Almost 10,000 were launched from specially made catapult ramps that had a sharply raised end, just like a ski. The RAF tried to bomb these sites but they were small and heavily defended. Once launched the flying bomb carried on in the direction it was launched with a small vane on the noise turning a set number of revolutions, which once reached triggered a guillotine to sever the control cables and the bomb would cut out and fall to its target.

Being so small and with the first "cruise missile" it was extremely fast for the period, at some 400 mph. That's more than a mile in ten seconds. Designed to fly originally at some 9,00 feet, above the range of many anti aircraft guns, failures in the height control led to the altitude being halved, thus in range of AA guns, although its small size and fast speed still made shooting them down very "hit and miss" until the introduction of proximity fuses which exploded when they detected they were close to a target – not always a V1, but also any aircraft chasing the V1.

So, here's where Ninfield enters the picture, not least because it was under the flight paths, and also received at least 2 V1 explosions (one each in Church Wood and Hurst Wood, behind the Memorial Hall) which had its roof extensively damaged and not until the mid 1950's was the War Reparation compensation payment made.

In order to shoot down these V1's the RAF needed its fastest aircraft, which at that time was the Hawker Tempest and one variant of Spitfire, but even they were hard pressed to intercept, often in a diving chase. 20mm cannon were the most effective as 0.303 bullets just pinged off the metal casing! The defences were set out as having standing patrols of fast aircraft over the Channel to swoop on them, then along the South Coast especially between Hastings and Eastbourne were many batteries of

heavy AA guns and then a further belt of the fastest fighters and finally a large belt of barrage balloons on the outskirts of London.

By August, all these defences were bringing down some 80% of the V1's launched, but at great cost, as many fighters had to close right near to the V1 for their fire to be effective, but then the V1 exploded and they were often brought down by the cloud of debris they couldn't avoid flying through.

On the 6th August, just 7 weeks into the V1 campaign, the top scoring (at that time) Royal Australian Air Force "ace" with over 11 V-1's to his credit, chased a V1 that crossed the coast. Whether it was the V1 that was hit or his Tempest, Flight Sergeant Donald MacKerras crash landed close to the A269 by Luxford House. Unfortunately he was killed in the crash and his aircraft caught fire, with ammunition spraying across the road.

The MacKerras family from Sydney are extremely well known in both the musical and medical worlds. Thus perished a very talented young man, trying to save people from the V1 scourge. KR

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No market in August and then back on 21st September



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News & Reviews from Sami

Well, it's one of those articles which has been written before the event, so to speak!

As I write - The Solstice Carnival Village Fête, and the Bonfire Society Local and Live Music Night are four days hence...and we're all frantically getting the last details in place, plus PRAYING for GOOD WEATHER!!!

There will be a write up in the local papers, and on our various Facebook sites, but within these pages you'll have to wait for a watered down one in a couple of months!!!

Review!!

Remembering - on this subject- just a quick review of our lovely event on Thursday 6th June to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. We gathered at the Queen Elizabeth Gardens, with our cones of delicious Fish & Chips from the Blacksmiths Inn, and enjoyed the close harmony singing of 'Good Company' - Alison, Amanda and Lucinda- who are SO good at recreating that fabulous Forties sound (they also appeared at the Fete on the 22nd, from 4.30pm in the Café René Tea Tent).

Afterwards, Kamala Williamson and I read the Nations Tribute, and I said the final words of Remembrance. The crowd then moved up to the Beacon, and at 9.15pm precisely, the fire was lit along with 799 others around the country. We sang White Cliffs of Dover, and then We'll Meet Again as the flames flickered and the sun started to set - a few tears were shed, and all attending agreed that it was emotional, but that the evening had hit just the right note. Thank you to Jon and Georgia at the Blacksmiths, to the Ladies of 'Good Company', and to Ninfield Bonfire Society for organising the Beacon so professionally. And well done Ninfield for another excellent Tribute!

NEXT CARNIVAL MEETINGS - MONDAY 1st July 7. 15pm at the Working Men's Club. So please come and join us for a drink and hear how the events have gone! And get involved with the Pram Race and Michaelmas Fayre.

tPRAM RACE UPDATE - MONDAY 26th AUGUST.

Ninfield Carnival & Bonfire Societies are joining forces again to present the AUGUST Bank Holiday Pram, Cart and Hobby Horse races! Thankfully, we have permission to use the Blacksmiths Inn car park again!! Many thanks o Jon- who has agreed to open the Pub for drinks. We will have the same format for races, with even more entries hopefully, as there's a nice long Summer Holiday to get creative! So please get your unique, home made, 4 wheeled, no engine, iconic Karts and Prams ready, and gee up those Hobby Horses! There will be a Carnival/Bonfire BBQ, The Tote!, a Raffle, Lucky Dip, Cash prizes and Trophies. It's a fun event for all the family, so look forward to seeing you there!

PS - If anyone would like to give an hour of their time to help with the Marshalling during the Races, we would be so grateful! Hi Viz supplied, full instructions given...and a birds eye view of all the fun and chaos of the racing!

Michaelmas Fayre is confirmed to be Saturday 28th September (due to Market clashes) at St Mary's Church, and in Church Lane- in the same sort of format as last year!

Live Music all day outside the church, lovely Cakes inside!! Falconry, bunnies and ferrets in the turning circle at the bottom of church lane, plus BBQ, stalls, crafts and games.

So again there's a lot to get going, and organise, and we would WELCOME any NEW members - even if you don't want to come to meetings, please let us know if you can help in any way!

GALA NIGHT! (Proposed)

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The 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. Next open meeting for residents will be in August.

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 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 for any further information.

Thanks so much to everyone for their interest and support for local events, dance classes and entertainment - please contact me 07970650321, samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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Sunday Services for July 2024:

7 th	10.30 am	Church Anniversary / Birthday Celebration with
		Revd. Malcolm Peach
14 th	10.30 am	United Service @ St. Mary's Parish Church
21 st	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Service with John Troughton
28^{th}	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Service with Barry Chaseley

Events for July 2024:

Fridays 10.00-11.30am		Community Café including	
5^{th}	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange in Hall	
10 th	2.30 – 4.00pm	Christian Women's Fellowship	
24^{th}	1.30 – 3.30pm	Messy Church 'Summer stroll & Picnic'	

This month we will celebrate the 153rd Anniversary of our Church's Birthday. The Building took place in 1871 & has witnessed to the love & fellowship of God for all this time. We are pleased that the Reverend Malcolm Peach, a retired Methodist minister, will travel to us from Kent to lead our worship as shown above.

On July 14th we look forward to joining with our friends at St. Mary's for a United service at 10.30 a.m.

We invite you to any of our services or events in July. Every week our worship is suitable for all ages & family orientated. We feel sure you will find a very warm welcome.

Our own Messy Church is then planned in the Summer Term holidays on July 24th. Anyone is welcome as we enjoy a Summer walk & picnic. Please bring your own picnic food to share & come along for 1.30pm.should be good!

Enjoy the holiday times & may the 'Love and Peace of God' be with us all.

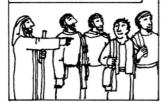
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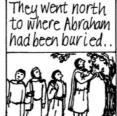
It can be read in the Bible in Numbers chapters 13 and 14

A short story from the Bible

God had rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to the border of the land He had promised them-Canaan. But it was not empty.

12 young leaders were chosen to check Canaan out.





and they returned 40 days later with fruit, and their report...



there are like giants! We can't beat them.





But the peoplesaid

No! We should have died in the desert!



(We'll choose a new) leader to take us back to Egypt.)



But God said... I have had enough of you not trusting Me. You will wander in the desert for 40 years before your children return here.





We were wrong to complain. Let's go into Canaan!



Not listening!

Don't attack! God will And the (anaanites chased not help you win. Them out of the country.



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