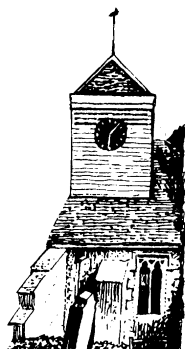


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St MARY's & St OSWALD's NOTICE BOARD CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
3 rd Oct	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
10 th Oct	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
17 th Oct	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
24 th Oct	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
31 st Oct	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist

Opening times for Private Prayer

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

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

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Dear Friends,

“Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest-home”

So the great Harvest Hymn goes that we will sing on 26th September at our harvest services in both Churches. (I hope you get this before the Harvest as this is the October Magazine!) It is not so long ago that our churches would be packed for Harvest Festival particularly in rural situations such as ours. Sadly, that is not the case now as there seems to be so many other pressures on our time. However, during the lockdown at its height, just over 150 accessed the online service I produced each week! That was an amazing figure, especially as many of those would have been a couple of people rather than just one person accessing it! The last online service I produced though had only 32 accessing the service which is a huge reduction. Some of those numbers are accounted by the fact that many of our congregation have now returned to church but that still leaves many who accessed the online services but do not come to church. Not everyone who came before has returned yet, some are housebound, and some are still isolating but things are slowly improving.

It would be interesting to know why people do not come to church when the YouTube figures show that there is a definite interest in the church. Is there something we could do to make it more attractive? The one thing I learnt years ago is that you cannot please everyone, and the most important thing is that people should want to come to church because they realise that without God there is something missing in their life! Perhaps the huge rise in interest in the church during the lockdown was due to people looking for some other meaning in their life, some hope, when hope seemed to be in short supply!

The word church is used in many ways, sometimes referring to the building, sometimes to the people. The church building has stood for centuries and is itself a witness to the presence of God in our community. The people of God change as time goes on, but the most important thing is that the church people are part of the community and as such I firmly believe the church should go out to the people and not wait for the people to come to them.

The future of our churches, and the parish system as a whole, has been in the news quite a lot over the past few months. Things have changed drastically over a fairly short period of time. There are restraints upon our finances and there is a shortage of those coming forward to become priests all of which has had a significant impact upon the way the church operates.

I can remember when I was a priest in Norfolk, I was responsible for 4

churches. When I left it was one person to 8 churches, now its 12 churches!!

That is crazy! I had 2 churches in Cambridgeshire 30 years ago, that is now part of 7 churches! In our own 2 parishes here, what was a full-time priest to 2 churches is now me as part time (retired!) and who knows what the future holds. My appointment was for 3 years, or until pastoral reorganisation takes place. That did not happen, and my licence has been extended for a further 3 years! I remember in the news a few years ago that a Priest put a For Sale board outside the church. Of course, it was not really going to be sold, but it caused a major talking point in the community around the importance of supporting the local church. Both of our church buildings have stood witness to God for centuries and I sincerely hope they will continue to do so for many more centuries. If there are any ideas to make attending church more attractive, I would be more than pleased to hear them. In the meantime, let's make this Harvest a time to really give thanks for what is hopefully an end to lockdown!!

Yours friend and Priest. Paul

PRAYER FOR THE NEW DAY

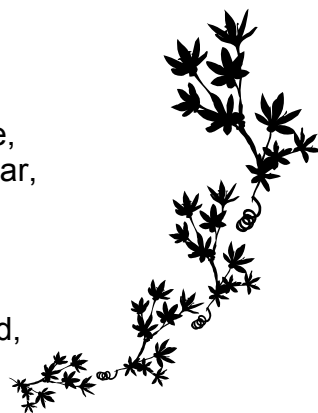
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Prove it they cried that you're the Messiah
Wouldn't He come as a conquering king?
Not as a poor man riding a donkey
How do you think we'd believe such a thing?

Wherever He went large crowds would follow,
He calmed the storm and turned water to wine,
The lame could walk and the deaf made to hear,
Fully a man and yet also divine.

His teaching had never been heard before,
He fed the five thousand with fish and bread
Gave sight to the blind and lepers were healed,
He cast out demons and raised the dead.

He died on a cross to take away sin
Rose up from the grave, what more could He do
To prove of His love for all of mankind?
Believe it or not - it's all up to you.



By Megan Carter

St Mary's Parish Church

Interment of ashes

Florence Rose Emily Huckstepp 25th July

Muriel Joan Myers 8th August

*from the
Parish Records*

St Oswald's Parish Church

Funeral – Jenny Pont 26th July

Weddings

Richard John Carson and Joanna Kathryn Manlow 7th August

Carl Aaron Moir and Sophie Natalie Sneddon 28th August

Editors' Note And so summer draws to a close, but with a few nice warm sunny days. Lots of you are bringing in the harvest, well tomatoes, potatoes, apples etc from the garden to enjoy over the coming weeks or months.

Schools are back and the various groups and societies are champing at the bit to get their autumn programs up and running. Looking at the diary page, with the Memorial Hall still out of action the list for October is still quite restricted, but once that re-opens everything will be different, we just have to be patient.

Permitted a quick preview in the Hall, have to say, it is looking amazing, it is going to be such a fantastic improved asset to the village and all the users.

Our usual plea! Please keep your articles coming, new writers would be lovely, and if you are organising an event remember to tell us, be at the Memorial or Methodist Hall, on the Rec, at the Working Men's Club or your garden, if you want people to know and attend, you know what to do!



Nicki & Carol

Closing date for items for the **NOVEMBER** edition
of the Parish News is **WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER**
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Remember the Stories?

Remember the stories that we used to read?

Heroic adventures – we loved them indeed!
We'd read in the garden, if wet, in the porch,
Or under the covers at night with a torch!

Our fingers would avidly trace lines of text
Of what Katy Did, and what she Did Next.
And, starting this journey along Mem'ry Lane
We can't forget Biggles, up there in his plane!

We laughed and we laughed at Jennings at school.
Tormenting his teachers by acting the fool.
Just William's young friends, and their latest trick –
"I'll scream and I'll scream till I make myself sick!"

Black Beauty the horse brought a tear to our eye –
Some stories brought laughter, and some made us cry.
Like Paddington Bear, and the things he would do
Arriving by train from Darkest Peru.

There was Noddy, and Rupert, and Peter Pan, too;
The woodland adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh;
Little Women and Crusoe and Chalet School Girls;
Just So – all such stories were wonderful pearls!

This poem could go on for page after page
If your favourite is missing, please don't fill with rage –
Just nip to the loft, and dig through that box,
And sit down and read – ignoring the clocks!

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NINFIELD SURGERY

We have our flu clinics coming up in October and November, these will be running similarly to last year. As you may have seen in the national press, there have been delivery delays but we will, of course, keep our patients informed of any changes.

You should receive a text message soon, inviting you to book a flu vaccination. Please note that no letters will be sent out this year. If you haven't heard from us by the end of September, please contact the surgery to book an appointment but we would ask patients not to contact us before then regarding the flu clinic, unless you receive a message.

We are also encouraging our patients to download the NHS app. This not only gives you access to book your flu vaccination, but it also gives you access to your Covid Vaccination passport and has many other useful features, including other vaccinations, health record, general advice and lots more.

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

It is with very great pleasure that we can announce that thanks to Ninfield Parish Council we now have all the money to complete Our Big Build to enable us to open with all the essentials in place, kitchen, toilets, decorated etc. So many many thanks to them and all of you who agreed to allow them to make the donation. We still need to raise funds to fully complete but that will follow - and if you haven't donated, it's not too late to do so.

However it is with regret that the work on the Hall is taking rather longer than expected, besides the weather and a few unforeseen problems, there's also been the issue of getting materials, We had hoped to open from early October, but this has been put off till November, but it all looks amazing, you will not be disappointed.

This unfortunately means we have had to cancel all events for October and to be on the safe side the major events for November because the upheaval of booking and cancelling large events is costly for the organisers, both in time and money.

By the time we write the next article we will have a proper start date

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OUR SCHOOL

The boys are back in town – well boys and girls really but I couldn't think of a song to suit. Mind you, I'm probably not supposed to say 'Boys and Girls' these days anyway, so let's just stick with the Children are back in town. Notice I use the word town and not village, unfortunately that is how it feels these days with all the new development. Hopefully someone will soon realise that we are called a 'village school' for a reason!

Ok, gripes over for this month. The Good news is that we have reopened fully. No more bubbles, no more segregation, just lots of noise of happy children ALL playing together and eating together. We are even having whole school assemblies again which is an important part of our school day. The only problem that we have encountered so far is trying to remember how everything used to work. We have been under restrictions for so long that we forgot how things used to be done, particularly at lunch times. But it wasn't long before normality returned and I am pleased to say that Ninfield CE Primary school is back to normal.

We have lots of new faces just starting their school lives with us, which is always very exciting. There are also a couple of new staff getting used to the school and the children. Our Head Teacher, Chris Brown, is spending the first two terms (that's one term in old money) until Christmas commuting between Ninfield and Netherfield where he is acting Head while they look for a new Head Teacher. We have been working closely with Netherfield for many years so Chris knows the school well and it seemed the obvious solution rather than putting a complete stranger in place for a few months. The best part of it is that we get paid for offering his services (I'm not sure what that makes me.....).

Here's looking forward to a much calmer and stable school year.

Ian Moffat

"The Ninfield Local History Group meet on the 2nd Thursday (14th October). 7.30 in the Methodist hall, when the talk will be about Herstmonceux Castle by Melinda Stone.

Ninfield Parish Council

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At the September Parish Council meeting we were pleased to welcome a number of residents at the meeting which was only the 2nd face to face meeting since the start of the pandemic. We have a number of long serving parish councillors as well as some who have joined in the last 5 years, Councillor Sami Guard was celebrating the 18th anniversary of her first ever Parish Council meeting this month.

Residents had asked questions about the wild flower verges which were answered in the meeting. Following a successful application to the AONB Partnership we have been awarded £2700 for the project. The questions and answers given can be found in the draft minutes of the meeting and on our website where you will also find the management plan.

Rev Paul Frostick regularly attends the Parish Council meeting and he has alerted us to the fact that the churchyard only has a few plots left. There will be more discussions on this topic in future months and Rev Paul will be writing more in the next Parish news too.

Having donated the village owned red telephone box to the history society the Parish Council and the History Society are working together on a project to move it from its current position in Potmans Lane to the centre of the village. The iconic red telephone box was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott who took inspiration from Sir John Soane's wife mausoleum and more information is available on the following website https://gilbertscott.org/tag/red_telephone_box/

Sir Giles Gilbert Scott was once a Ninfield resident so it would be a fitting tribute to see the telephone box restored back to its former glory in the centre of the village.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Thursday 21st October 2021 at Ninfield Methodist Hall 7pm. For more information please see our website www.ninfieldpc.co.uk and if you can't find what you are looking for please contact the clerk clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

We are happy to report that we restarted our monthly meetings in August with a visit by Peter White who gave an entertaining talk on Town Criers and Bellmen, past and present, followed in September by Dr. Sandra Voss who spoke on Herstmonceux Observatory and Science Centre. Our speaker in October is to be a return of Ken Brookes and his specialist subject, Fossil Folklore. Ken has spoken to us a number of times, including a visit to the Fairlight cliffs and his knowledge on this subject is extensive. We are very much looking forward to seeing Ken again. Our next meeting will be on 21st October

DID YOU KNOW... this month (and next) returns to a subject that Sam Botes first wrote about in this magazine in, I think, about 2012 – the Tithe Riots – which had a significant impact in Hooe. The Bexhill Observer carried the following story on Saturday 4th June, 1932:-

Effigy of Lord St. Audries burnt at Hooe Tithe Sale yesterday

Amazing scenes, following an abortive tithe sale at Hooe yesterday (Friday) morning, culminated in the siege, by an angry crowd, of the Red Lion Inn. Never before has the quiet village of Hooe witnessed such exciting scenes. The siege of the inn was the climax to a morning of angry protest against the tithe levy, and farmers from all parts of East Sussex, together with practically all the villagers, gathered to register their indignation in the liveliest possible fashion.

Iniquitous robbery.

Prior to the sale at Sadler's Farm the gathering was addressed from a farm cart near the haystack by Mr. G. Butcher (chairman the Rye and Northiam branch of the East Sussex Tithepayers' Association) and Mr. A. Wadman (chairman of the Hailsham branch). Mr. Butcher described their cause as a just one, and its great strength lay in its justice. Those responsible for the collection of tithe had been compared to Shylock. The law allowed them and the Court awarded them their tithe, but they would find when they came to collect it that the farmers could put up just as much opposition as Shylock found when he tried to exact his pound of flesh. (Applause and laughter.) Mr. Wadman declared: "No Member of Parliament cares a damn for us. We are too scattered and our votes do not count much to them." He urged the members of the association to make their voices heard in the matter of tithe, which he said was iniquitous robbery. (Hear, hear.)

Effigy burned.

Motor cars, over 50 in number, lined the road from the Red Lion to Sadler's Farm, and the crowd was in the region of 300. An effigy of Lord St. Audries, to whom the tithe at both farms is payable, was erected by village youths near the haystack at Sadler's Farm, and beside it they placed a card bearing the words:

"Lord St. Audries. Approx. £600 year for nothing. The parson, £300 a year. Total, £900, all out of about 20 farmers at Hooe. Is it fair?"

The property to be distrained here was the haystack, for which no bids were forthcoming, although a member of the crowd humorously remarked, "I'll give your fourpence halfpenny" and Mr. Saunders, of the Hastings County Court, by whom the proceedings were conducted, declared that the stack was not sold, at which there was applause.

After the Sadler's Farm fiasco, everybody made the quarter of a mile journey to Broad Street Farm, and here the real trouble began. The effigy and board were carried aloft along the road, and on arrival at the farm they were placed in a prominent position on a mound in front of the auctioneer's stand. On the gate of the cow byre a bill was posted which read:

"Lower tithe or none at all means more employment."

When Mr. Budd reached the farm, derisive epithets were hurled at him, and as he proceeded to read the conditions of sale the paraffin-soaked effigy was ignited and a great cheer went up from the crowd as the flames shot upwards and the straw stuffing crackled furiously.

Jeers and cheers.

Mr. Budd's protests were in vain. He continued to read the conditions of sale, but still the cheering and the laughter went on. Jeers mingled with the cheers, a pitchfork was thrust into the effigy, and as it was tossed into the air shouts went from the crowd, "We cannot hear you."

Mr. Budd retorted: "It is your own fault. You won't give me a chance." The noise subsided slightly and someone shouted: "We haven't heard a single word of what you have said. "I have read the conditions of sale and it is your fault if you have not heard them," said Mr. Budd. "In that yard I have two pigs for sale - That was as far as he got. Again the crowd broke out into prolonged cheering, jeering and laughter. Abusive comments were flung at the auctioneer, and behind him stood a man persistently offering Mr. Budd cough-drops from a paper-bag!

"Will someone make me a bid for the two pigs?" asked Mr. Budd. Again, nothing but jeers. "Right" he said. "Once, twice, three times. The pigs are not sold." Catcalls and hooting continued for about five minutes and then Mr. Budd, pointing to a field a quarter of a mile away, said: "Over there you will find six heifers.

"Bring them here." yelled the crowd, uproarious in their mirth. A bid of £1 was offered for the heifers, but Mr. Budd would not accept this. No higher bid was made, and he declared that the heifers were not sold.

An ugly situation immediately threatened. An onlooker approached Mr. Budd and demanded why he had conducted the sale. "I am not personally interested," Mr. Budd replied. "Yes you are," rejoined his questioner in a loud voice. "Why did you take the dirty job on?"

"May ask you fair Question?" said Mr. Budd. "If you buy a house on leasehold you buy it with your eyes open?"

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News, Views and Future Fun - from Sami !!

Ninfield Carnival & Sports Assoc: We were so pleased with how well the Village Fete went, so many comments that it was 'great to be out somewhere local, and safe..' and ..' it's much better than Carnival...! Hear Hear!! The weather was kind, the band - 'Geri and the Attrix' played all afternoon were fabulous, then in the evening 'Herding Cats' stormed it, and had everyone dancing till shut down at 10.30pm! The Tea Tent, run by Maggie Evans - 'maggie-the-cook', and her team of helpers was brilliant, and sold out, the socially distanced BBQ queue had Dan and Lee cooking and serving a mammoth 13 hour shift . The atmosphere was fabulous, and the security chap on site said it was one of the best events he had been to since they were able to restart. Huge, well deserved Thanks have been showered on all volunteers, helpers, committee members, and to all who came and supported the day. There was more good news when the figures were crunched, and the bills all paid- there was a Profit of over £1200!. Unforeseen, as the Fete was basically a free event, hosted by the Carnival Committee. We were delighted to have to discuss where to make donations, It was agreed to split £200 each to the local ICU at the Conquest Hospital, The Samaritans and The Association of Carers. We felt that these charities reflect some key areas affected by the Covid Crisis. Mental Health, Isolation of Carers at Home and Intensive Care in the NHS. Thank you again to everyone- it was a very special Village Fete day!!

Platinum Jubilee 2022: I am trying to organise a 'cross party/groups/clubs' meeting to coordinate next year's Jubilee weekend events. It is difficult to arrange but hopefully soon.

Carol Holland and I are looking into grants to help fund some of the events. Especially for the Over 60's Afternoon Tea with Cabaret on the Friday. Other ideas so far are the Carnival's Village Fete and an Evening bar screening the Big Party on the Saturday, including the lighting of our Beacon on the Rec. in the National Beacon relay. If anyone would like to be involved with the planning for this once in a lifetime Jubilee, please get in touch!!.

2021 Halloween Event. Saturday 30th October - 4.30pm meet at Sparke Pavilion- As I had done for 17 years, pre pandemic, I will do another Halloween Parade, for youngsters, and oldsters alike to have fun in a safe, organised event, Trick 'n' Treating around the Village, and ending up with a Party, food, music and games. I will check if the working men's

club are keen to join in as they have before. In this case suggestions are to meet at the Pavilion, then do a 'Spooky Walk' to the working men's club. If the WMC is unavailable, then it'll be back to Sparke for the Scary Cave Fun! Ideally it would be great if some mums of younger children could be help with this!!.

Christmas Tree: With the roadworks by the Blacksmiths ongoing, it is not ideal to have the Village Tree at the pub this year. Consideration is needed as to where is best to put it to be enjoyed by many. The edge of the Rec near the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee garden is Parish land and could host it, but solar lights will replace the others as cables would be too long and a trip hazard! More details next month!

Carnival Assoc; AGM:- At the Working Men's Club: Wednesday 13th October @ 7.45-8pm start - open to the Public and Everyone is very welcome to attend.!!

Gala Night- IT'S BACK ON!!! Saturday 13th November 7pm - the traditional Black Tie evening, with Fish & Chips Supper, and Cabaret Show with Deja Revue, a Raffle and Dancing, and I'm so glad it WILL be going ahead, and will be held in CATSFIELD Village Hall!!! HUSSAH!! Obviously it will be a bit smaller, and therefore tickets will be limited to 60- so, as they say in the trade, 'Booook Early!!' Tickets £20 per head to include Fish & Chips (other options available) The Deja Revue gang are thrilled to bits that they can 'stet' their calendar entry, and can promise that it will be a fabulous Cabaret- comedy galore, and just before most of us go off into Pantoland.! If you would like to reserve your table now - please do!! Just call me on the numbers at the end of this article - there will be posters, posts and info going out this week, as always, the caveat that everything is subject to change should the Covid situation worsen. But let's keep fingers, toes and eyes crossed that it all goes swimmingly from now on...The Show WILL go on...Oh yes it will!

Dance Classes : Although we are a little short of space I am delighted that we are able to stay at the Methodist Hall to keep our classes going while the Memorial Hall continues it's new build and refurbishments. David Swales and the Methodist Hall representatives are so kind and accommodating, and we all appreciate the use of the facility. Call me on the numbers below for more information on Movement 2 Music, Dancercise, Ballroom and Burlesque/Show Dance, as well as the new, and very lovely, Adult (over 50's) Ballet Class (Silver Swans).

Please call me on 893699, 07970650321 or email
samanthaguard@btinternet.com - 17 Thank you.

Ninfield Village Society

Despite the rather unseasonable weather this summer we have enjoyed a good flow of visitors to Church Wood and the volunteers have been encouraged by the many favourable comments received. Our work has continued much as before with the initial priority to be to stop the flow of water from Moor Pond into Church Pond. Sadly this meant the previous seating area in the hollow had to be removed to enable a broad dam to be constructed and, many wheelbarrows of hardcore and clay later, all our efforts seem to have worked. Our thanks to the resident who kindly contributed the raw material from his rebuilt driveway.

The original seating was set aside and we have now been able to create a new picnic area adjacent to the dam, with a better outlook over Church Pond. This continues to show the plaque to Cynthia Pettet, a long term volunteer with NVS. As this goes to Press we are still adding to the seating but please do come down to the Wood to enjoy the view!

Other urgent attention was focused on the pipe which feeds Moor Pond. It had blocked due to the ingress of root growth and had flooded adjacent pathways. In addition, a tree had come down close to Robins Pool and was in danger of blocking the outlet from Church Wood into the neighbouring property. We endeavour to remove such obstructions as quickly as possible to ensure the smooth flow of water away from Church Wood and to enable visitors to enjoy every part of the woods when they visit. Enquiries to Robin Goldsmith 892778

It is encouraging to report that we have received a couple of expressions of interest to join our working parties on Wednesday mornings, but further enquiries are most welcome.

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NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Summer Show on the Rec. on 21 st August was a great success, thanks to so many helpers and exhibitors. It was lovely to see lots of happy faces and wonderful produce and flowers. Even the weather was fairly kind! If you visited for the first time, do come and join us to help the Society thrive.

As you may know, the delay in completion of the Hall upgrade till the end of the year has affected many village groups. Our 70th Anniversary Evening cannot now take place on 18th October. We have looked at other village venues but nowhere is big enough! Therefore the committee has decided to postpone the celebration until the event can be held in the Hall in 2022

The Horti AGM will now take place on Monday 15th November. Venue to be announced! Annual membership fees of £5 are payable then. A programme of speakers, plus Spring and Summer Show details will be available soon.

Finally, Kaye Crittall has taken now over as Show Organiser. Please support her and the Committee to ensure Ninfield Horti builds on its successful history.

HOGS - Hooe Open Group

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce a date for the re starting off Hooe Open Group which will be Friday 8th October 2021 at 2pm at Hooe Village Hall.

This will be an informal meeting, to discuss and plan the way forward. It would be lovely to see past members and new faces will be very welcome. Bring your views and ideas with you as we want it to be a club which has something to offer everyone.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 8th October at 2pm

Nicki and Heather

So it does pay to do the Post Code Lottery!

Lucky residents who do from one lane in Ninfield
just won £1,000.00 each, nice one!

THE CELEBRATION OF BONFIRE NIGHT through organised processions, bonfires and fireworks is unique to Sussex and parts of Kent. But why is Bonfire Night such a big deal to Sussex? In Sussex, the failure of the Gunpowder Plot to reinstate Roman Catholicism was felt closely (possibly over enthusiastically to avoid being associated with “Battle” gunpowder) which some believe was where Guy had obtained his 20 kegs of powder. People also remembered the Lewes Martyrs, burned at the stake during the reign of Mary I for refusing to accept Catholicism. With Guy Fawkes discovered in the cellars underneath the old Houses of Parliament, the passing of the Observance of 5th November Act in 1606 formally encouraged the commemoration of the failure of the plot.

But 5 November was another remarkable day in Britain’s history when, in 1688 William of Orange landed at Torbay and started the Glorious Revolution when he was invited to invade England, to accept the vacated crown, jointly with his wife Mary (the daughter of James II in order to retain The Church of England and end Catholicism as the state religion. Thus the last of the Stuart Kings led to the establishment of Protestant rule, via his own daughter. The 1689 Bill of Rights, established the Monarchy as separate from Church and State (Parliament).

W Sussex, with the ending of profitable smuggling, Bonfire Societies began to adopt the guernseys (Jersey comes from another Channel Island) to parade dressed as seamen with white trousers and a striped (Guernsey-style) jumper. In time, they adopted individual patterns as identification.

Guernsey Jumpers are derived from the traditional sweaters developed in Guernsey in the 17th century. The original sweater styles, with a “diamond” insert at the underarm for ease of movement, were worn primarily by Guernsey’s fisherman, the jumper later became popular throughout coastal Britain where each seafarer wore a “Ganseys”. Channel Islanders handknitted distinctive stitch patterns into the jumper including ribbing at the top of the sleeve, to mirror a sailing ships rope ladder; a garter stitch panel depicting breaking waves and stitching on the sweater shoulders representing pebbles, stones and sand. Many families had their own variation of the patterns in their knitwear that became a means of recognition when unfortunate sailors were lost at sea. Much the same reason is found with Fair Isle sweaters, with distinctive “family” patterns. Often they would be knitted by a young mans fiancée, sometimes combining the pattern of both families. Guernsey became the name for fishermen’s sweaters, also for football and other sportswear. Jersey sweaters became the style for leisure, gradually becoming plain.

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to our new Parish Councillor

At the meeting on Monday 13th September we were joined by a new councillor. David Constable filled the vacancy created when Jo Dix left the village for pastures new. David has lived in the village for over 20 years and is well known to many. We look forward to working with him, and working him hard!

Hooe Village Hall Project

Following the Public consultation weekend which was held on the subject of the new village hall councillors met together to study in detail the comments and ideas submitted by residents and users. The Council found the suggestions useful and thought provoking.

At the meeting on 13th September it was agreed that the project would be taken forward by 2 subcommittees, both reporting to the main Council. One would concentrate on producing the plans for a new hall and the other on the raising of finance – putting together applications for grant funding and local community fund raising.

The council is delighted that, as a result of the consultation, a number of residents with relevant, extremely useful professional experience have agreed to join a subcommittee to share their expertise and thus contribute to the future success of the project.

Village Hall

The village hall is again open for business. We are very pleased to report that it has been professionally cleaned, all crockery washed after sitting idle for 18 months and other equipment checked and prepared for use. All systems go.

However we are still seeking someone to clean the hall for us on a regular basis. Now that the hall has been professionally cleaned the work will not be too daunting. This will take just a few hours a week and the time can arranged to suit family commitments. We would love to hear from you.

Coffee Morning

Our monthly coffee mornings have resumed after a break of 18 months.

Our first, held on Saturday September 11th was well attended and, judging by the laughter and noise level much enjoyed. The Community Library was extremely busy. This is a well used and much appreciated service run by exclusively by Anne Bourner. Thank you Anne!

We are all pleased we can meet again at this regular monthly event

Tree Planting

You will recall the request from a Hooe resident for the council to encourage the planting of trees in the parish. Coincidentally - we are pleased to receive notification that the International Tree Foundation is accepting applications for this planting season. The Foundation offers grants to support the conservation, restoration and protection of UK indigenous trees, woodlands, and forests, whilst promoting grassroots community engagement with tree planting and raising communal awareness of the importance of trees and forests to both the environment and human well-being.

There are two tiers of grants available. The small project grant of up to £1000 is the one which interests us – but we do need help. So the cry is going out to residents of Hooe. Is there anyone with an interest in this subject who could come on board to help with what could be an exciting project?

Future use of the telephone box

Some interesting suggestions have been received – please keep the ideas coming!

Will we see you at our next Parish Council meeting?

We will be meeting on Monday October 11th at 7.00. Do hope you will join us
Pam Doodes Vice Chairman, Hooe Parish Council

FREEDOM CHURCH in Sidley are opening a community larder, The Marketplace, Tuesday mornings 10- 12 am . Fresh fruit and veg that is near or on it's sell by date, that supermarkets normally throw away will be available to anyone via Fare Share, think Marcus Rashford, along with other stock cupboard items. Visiting will not only help swell the larders of many struggling families but also help create a better sustainable environment . All are welcome whether it's to help with the family meals or to help the environment and stop unnecessary waste. Cost will be £2 per visit

A cafe will be running in tandem with The Marketplace and also a debt advice service to help families with budgeting and debt issues.

NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP

There are ongoing costs associated with our various activities, so we are very pleased to announce that we have been successful in a bid to the National Lottery Community Fund – The Local Connections Fund . The grant is for £945 which will be a tremendous help in taking our activities forward into 2022.

Sadly because of uncertainty about the opening of the Memorial Hall, we have decided not to start the Musical Matinee afternoons or the Games afternoons until 2022. The first film will be Annie (1982 version) and this will be shown on Friday 4 March. The first Games afternoon will be on Tuesday 18 January. Although a long way off, if you have a 2022 diary, please make a note of these dates. We would love to see you. We will publicise these events nearer the time.

As you may know, the Men’s Sheds are now meeting on the last Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on Thursday 28 October – call Dave on 892883 for further information. The Health Walks are every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, the next one is on 7 October. Call Robin on 892778 for more information.

Many of you enjoy the Book Exchange Café on the first Friday of the month from 10 – 11.30 am in the Methodist Hall. The next one is Friday 1 October. From 10 – 11.30. Then on Friday 8 October there will be a free Danish pastries and coffee café morning. This will give us an opportunity to inform you of other things happening under the umbrella of the Health and Wellbeing Group and it will launch the Ninfield Community Café. There will then be a café at the Methodist Hall every Friday morning from 10 – 11.30. Books will be available on the first Friday of the month, but we do hope that in between you will also come along and meet your friends and neighbours over a coffee.

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

AGM

Monday 25th October

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7th December

10-12.30 pm and 2- 4.30 pm

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As previously all materials including cones, baubles and ribbons will be provided to make a beautiful, hand woven Christmas wreath. Just bring secateurs, gloves and any special foliage or decorations you wish to include (and a big smile!).

We will have a little raffle on the day and a lot of fun to raise much needed funds for 1st Ninfield Scouts. A donation will also be made to St Mary's Church for kindly hosting.

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Worms Eye View

My goodness how quickly 'Summer' passes. There never seems time to do all the things one should. However whatever is happening in the big wide world, farming continues in an age old fashion, haymaking, together with silage making, harvesting the grain and selling excess livestock. There has been a good crop of grass, the result of early rain and the animals have all done well.

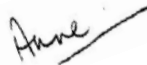
I have just got back from lookering with a big smile on my face. Most of the cattle were lying down peacefully, including the bull that only opened one eye as I stood counting. He is really like this when there are no cattle needing his attention, but when this happens keep your distance, he does not appreciate your presence. And I certainly cannot run faster than him these days!

However back to me smiling, we have had a few cattle on the upland, one with a small new calf. Well the field adjoins another with ewes looking forward to the rams joining them any time soon. There are three completely black ewes among them who like to keep their distance from the main flock. Well one black ewe had got into the field with the cattle, which were all lying down and she had settled herself down next to the calf and like the calf was fast asleep. I wish I had taken a camera with me. I could have made a photo album with all the wonderful sights that I see on my daily walks: If only I had taken a camera with me. I will do tomorrow.

On to cooking now and as I'm about to make an apple pie, its a shame but its a bit too early for my Peters favourite of blackberries added to the pie, I am reminded of this Rhyme:

"An apple pie without the cheese,
is like a kiss without the squeeze"

A bit of a Northerners recipe, but nothing wrong with us Southerners giving it a go.



**NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY
AGM**

**8.00pm Wednesday 27th October
Working Men's Club**

Please come along to make sure we don't have to close

Ninfield Methodist Church

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Sunday Services for October 2021:

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| 3rd | 10.00am | Harvest Sing-a-long outside our Church for families |
| | 10.30am | Harvest Praise Celebration with Rev. Patricia Williams |
| 10th | 10.30am | Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Peter Doodes |
| 17th | 10.30am | Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Cynthia Park |
| 24th | 10.30am | Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. David Hinchliffe |
| 31st | 10.30am | Service of Worship & Praise |

Other Activities:

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| 1st | 10.00-11.30am | Book exchange in Hall |
| 4th | 2.00pm | Church Annual meeting for all interested |

We are pleased to share our Service details for October & other events.

We were thrilled with our 150th Church Anniversary event in July. In the afternoon, after a few nervous moments regarding the weather, a good crowd of people gathered on the Recreation Ground for an informal worship time starting at 4pm. We were delighted to welcome the Salvation Army Band from Hastings and, musicians from Christian Voices. David led some Messy Church musical items assisted by Violet Newnham, aged 11, who also read her own poem about Messy Church. Thanks to Keith for accompanying the communal hymns and songs – so good to be able to sing God's praises once again! Thanks also to Maureen for reading our lesson, and to Rev. Tricia Williams, Rev. Philip Wagstaff and the Rev. Paul Frostick, who led our worship time.

Refreshments were served throughout the afternoon and were thoroughly enjoyed just as they had been in 1871! Our '**Telling Our Story**' booklet, a History of Ninfield Methodist Church 1871 – 2021 is now available. If you would like a copy for a donation of £5.00 please contact Paul or David.

We hope the scouts will join us for our Harvest-time in October & we look forward to welcoming other ministers to our Church throughout October. On Sunday 24th we are pleased that the Reverend David Hinchliffe will lead our service. David is the Methodist Church South-east area Chair of District.

Do come along & enjoy any of our worship services....all welcome.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 6:17-28, Matthew 14:1-11

After Herod Antipator died, the Romans allowed his son Herod Antipas to rule Galilee and Perea. He was hated by the Jews

Herod Antipas divorced his wife and married his brother Herod-Philip's wife, Herodias.



John the Baptist told him he had broken Jewish law by marrying his brother's wife*



*Lev 18:19,20:21. She was also his niece.

Herodias hated John and wanted him dead. Herod was afraid of John and wouldn't kill him but put him in prison.

Herod liked to listen to John.



Finally, Herodias got her chance.

Herod had a big party for his birthday.



(Birthday parties were a new trend from Greece.)

He invited everyone important in Galilee.



Herodias sent her daughter to dance for Herod and his guests.



(No decent girl would do this.)

They were very entertained.



I will give you anything, even half my kingdom



(Which wasn't really his to give.)

Salome asked Herodias, then said



I want John's head on a plate.

Oh, no! But I made a promise in front of everyone!



So John was killed* and Salome was given his head. She gave it to her mother.



*illegal without a trial

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