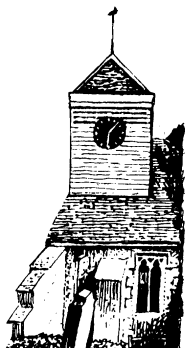


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St MARY's & St OSWALD's NOTICE BOARD CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



St. Mary's

St Oswald's

4 th October	15.00 Pet Service	11.00 Family Service
11 th October	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist followed by an Organ Recital	<i>No Service</i>
18 th October	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
25 th October	<i>No Service</i>	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

APPOINTMENTS All enquiries about

Baptism, Marriages, reading of Banns or any other Church matters should be made to The Church Wardens, details on the back page

PARISH NEWS

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Dear Friends,

While we were away in Norfolk we visited Worstead church which is a huge church built on the proceeds of the wool industry. One thing there that caught my attention was a framed certificate saying that it was an Animal Friendly Church. I took a photo of the certificate to be able to look it up when I returned home. It is produced by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals, an organisation that I had never heard of. When I thought about our two churches it occurred to me that we are also 2 animal friendly churches, so I started the process of being recognised officially as such. The form was 4 pages long and covered many aspects of church life, not just animals. For example, are we bat friendly, do we have vegetarian and vegan options available at church functions, do we have facilities for visiting dogs, do we care for the church land in a way that avoids damage to wildlife. I soon realised that I was able to answer yes to most of the questions. So yes, we are 2 animal friendly churches.

One question asked if we recognise Animals in a Pet Service around the date of St Francis' saint day. By sheer coincidence the date I chose for the Pet Service is the nearest Sunday to St Francis' Day.

The service this year is on Sunday 4th October in St Mary's Ninfield at 3pm. I thought an afternoon service might encourage more people (and pets) to attend. This service is really for all our pets to come to church and to bring their owners with them!! (so long as the owners are well behaved!)

St Francis was a great lover of not only animals but of all of God's creation, so not only will we be thinking about our pets but also giving thanks for the whole of God's creation. Indeed, while I was driving back from church today, I was listening to the news on the radio. It seems that USA have launched a new satellite telescope today that is 100 times more powerful than the Hubble Space telescope. The news item said that this new telescope will be able to find at least a **Billion** new Galaxies that form the Universe. At that point my mind gave up as I could not even begin to imagine such vastness. People often ask me for proof that God exists, to which I say open your eyes and look around, what more proof do you want!

We live in an amazing world that I am sure we often take for granted. This pet service focuses on one small part of that world but a very important part. So do join me as we give thanks not only for pets but all animals and indeed the whole of creation. I finish with the words of a famous hymn that says "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hand has made.....Then sings my soul my saviour God to thee, How great thou art, How great thou art".

Prayer of trust in God's Word. *Daphne Kitching*

Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

St Mary's Ninfield Pet Service Sunday 4th October at 3pm

All are welcome and of course bring your pets (well behaved!)

There will also be an opportunity for an act of remembrance for those pets who are no longer with us.

Concerts in St Mary's Ninfield and St Oswald's Hooe

There is a separate advertisement for the concert at St Oswald's on 3rd October at 7.30pm. Plans are also underway to hold a concert in St Mary's Ninfield on Saturday 7th November. More details will follow but save the date! These will raise funds for the much-needed toilet extension at Hooe and the tower repair's at Ninfield.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held in St Oswald's on September 12th was a great success. £460 was raised for the cancer charity.

Jane Fuller and her family would like to thank everyone who supported the event. All help was much appreciated.

Thank you

News from St Oswald's

Here we are, mid September and as I understand it, from the information from the local farmers, "All is safely gathered in." It has been hot and the church yard was very parched but the more recent rain has brought forth the green shoots. The Harvest Service at St Oswald's will be on 27th September with a Harvest Lunch afterwards.

Coming up very soon on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the church, we will host a concert by "Tidal Voices". Tickets are available from the Church Warden or online £15 with concessions. The funds raised will go towards the Toilet Extension. Posters are up around the village and in the Church with the information you might need.

News about the Toilet. We now have Planning Permission. We have a budget price from a local builder of £162,800 + Vat @ 20% (£32,560) and there will be other fees for Architects and Archaeologist (£10,000 estimate). This presents us with a cost £205,360 as a baseline figure. We feel that we have the support of the Village. Now we are asking for your help to raise the funds to make this project possible. There are still problems to face as we have to apply for a Faculty from the Diocese in order to proceed. We have some funds in our Building Fund, and we will be applying for Grants. We have already had donations from groups and individuals and we thank all of them for their support.

The Faculty, is effectively planning permission from the Diocese. They will have their ideas and questions before they grant permission. We are required to ask for, three tenders from contractors, so it will be some months before everything is in place.

For concert tickets or information about fund raising contact:-
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24 th /25 th Art Exhibition & Sale	Memorial Hall	19
30 th Ladies Lounge	Working Men's Club	26
31 st Tea Dance	Memorial Hall	30

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

While the hall has been closed exercise classes have moved to other locations such as the Methodist Hall and on Fridays to outside, most times it's looking for shade under the trees, sun screen and dark glasses, occasionally, a warm jumper when damping conditions prevail! Either way it's been good fun,



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Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

August meeting was a very interesting talk by Steve Squirrel on 'The Long Man of Wilmington'. He is sometimes described as the Wilmington Giant and stands on the steep slopes of Windover Hill above the village of Wilmington. The origins and meaning of the figure have baffled archaeologists and historians for hundreds of years. Is the figure a fertility symbol, ancient warrior or an 18th century folly? We may never know for sure. In 2003, an archaeological investigation found evidence suggesting that the Long Man figure dates from the 16th or 17th century. Many stories and tales have been written about him, but I think one of the best is - our Long Man on Windover Hill and another giant on a neighbouring hill decided to test each other's strength. The test went on all day, neither being stronger than the other, so exhausted they went back to their respective hills. Then one had the idea of one final challenge to see if they could throw a boulder at each hill. The Long Man was killed and it is the outline of his body that is drawn on the side of the hill! Could have been, you never know!!!

September, for a change was a music quiz. Peter Hayward and his trusty laptop played clips from different genres of music and we had to guess the singer, group and /or composer. Despite the moans about 'oh not a quiz' everyone seemed to have enjoyed it. Next month we meet at the Methodist Hall 2.00pm Friday 9th October. Look forward to seeing you there. **Nicki & Heather**

Quiz Night

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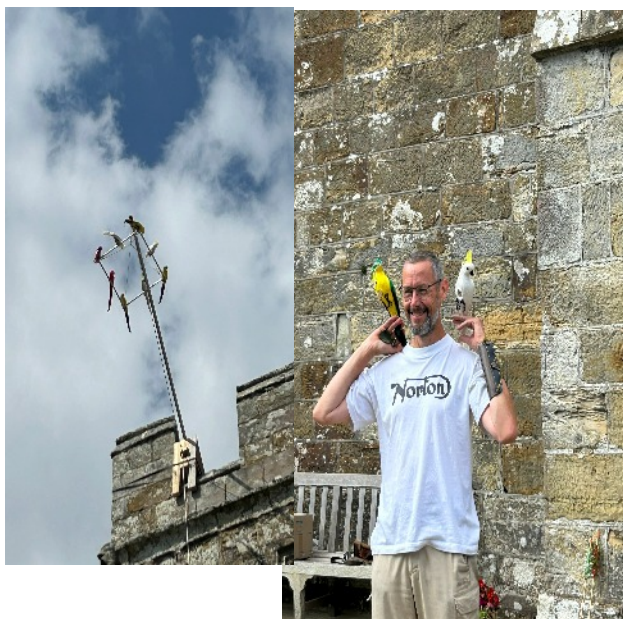
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If you have anything for **NOVEMBER** issue of the News
remember we need it by **SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER**



POPPINJAY An exciting afternoon at St. Oswald's Church

About a dozen very enthusiastic men, women and a little lad all with impressive long bows and arrows, came from several different groups. These included Crystal Palace, Sevenoaks, Shoreham, Ashford and more locally. They were all very complimentary of our lovely old church and tower and were grateful for the hospitality. They appreciated being able to recreate an historical pastime within an ancient building rather than having to construct a metal gantry,

Poppinjay is apparently big in France, Belgium and Germany. It involves firing an arrow straight up to target birds (not real ones!) Suspended from a tower.

Quite a spectacle!

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

For our meeting on Thursday 15th October we welcome back Fabian Richter who will talk to us on The St Helena plot to save Napoleon. Matthew and Fabian's home at 28 Chester Place in London was once lived in by two famous people who knew Napoleon. One, Barry O'Meara – Napoleon's surgeon in exile on St Helena; and the second – William Holmes - his Navy Agent, who subsequently became his Financial Agent. In this talk, Fabian tells us their story, and their failed plot to rescue Napoleon. Our meeting will take place in St Oswald's Church at 7.30 p.m. as usual, with refreshments to follow.

DID YOU KNOW... I am going to return to the Russells Green tug-o-war team in the 1960's. Following their incredible rise to the high echelons of their sport a former Essex County cricketer, "Dickie" Dodds, visited with a view to finding out more about this team of farmers from Sussex. The piece that he wrote was published in a book of short, 4 to 5 minute accounts entitled "Stories for the school assembly". It is worth recording the whole text that was written, so I have split it and will share the final part with you in next month's issue. Here is part one:

The tug-of-war men make a striking contrast to the other athletes at the annual Amateur Athletics championships at the White City. There, each year, they can be seen pulling and heaving away before thousands in the stadium. As they stride in line towards their pitch, their measured tread, hob-nailed boots and massive arms and legs portray a body trained for a different aim and purpose from the fined-down physiques of the other athletes prancing lightfoot round the track. This year the Russell Green team, for the second year running, carried all before them in the 100-stone event, against such opposition as Beckton Gas, Hawker Aircraft and the Metropolitan Police.

Who are Russells Green, the tug-of-war champions of all England? What makes them so, and what are the attractions of this sport? A phone call to the Amateur Athletics Association located Russell Green as a club from the village of that name and the adjoining village of Hooe, which are just inland from Bexhill in Sussex. I called to see Mr. Vaughan Pont, anchor man of the Russell Green team and once its secretary. I found a pleasant farmhouse and Vaughan Pont with his wife Renate and their two young sons just finishing tea. The Ponts farm their sixty acres single-handed. If farming is their livelihood, tug-of-warring is their passion. I asked how you started a tug-of-war club. Mr. Pont said they just put a notice in the village calling a meeting of all those interested. Then they were affiliated with the Tug-of-War Association. Was it easy to get competition? It seemed there was not much in Sussex. You had to go to Surrey or Berkshire. I asked how such a small village could raise a team to beat the best in England. "We're really dedicated here," said Mr. Pont. And it was also obvious, though he did not say so, that they enjoyed their sport. "Another thing," he said after a pause, "is our team spirit - you have to pull together to do well in tug-of-war." I said this seemed to be what the politicians were always saying the country needed. What was the recipe?

Find out what the response to this question was and more, in next month's issue.

Peter Hayward.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Ninfield Dark Skies Group

Ninfield Dark Skies Group would like to invite you all to join us in a celebration of our beautiful dark skies. We are lucky to be a dark skies village, but how often do we take the time to just look up at the stars?

On 9th October we are organising a programme of activities, some delivered by external groups but others that you can enjoy just in your back garden.

Activities include East Sussex Astronomical Society setting up their telescopes for you to view the night sky; a Bat Walk led by CPRE; a presentation on Astrophotography by Tom Cheshire; asking residents to complete a star count, not all of the stars - just those within the square of Pegasus, along with a count of how many moths you see. The main event though will be to ask everyone to turn off outside lights and close their curtains between 8 and 9 pm, then stand outside and enjoy the sky over Ninfield.

We will post information on the programme of events with their times and locations as soon as they are finalised, so please watch out on the Community Page, Village Voice and Village Notice Boards. If you would like to help out on the night or maybe organise a group event in your street or garden, please contact me on 07707683187 or k.crittell@btinternet.com

Editors' Comments'

Bumper edition again. It is so good that so many groups and societies tell us about what is happening in the villages. Unfortunately, despite adding 4 pages this month some of your article have had to be edited. I hope this is OK and also the page numbers are wrong in some places. Apologies, will try and do better next month! Nicki & Carol



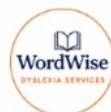
NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

As the work on the Memorial Hall roof is taking longer than originally hoped we are not sure where we will meet in October. If the hall is available then, of course we will meet there on October 5th, but if not, Paul has very kindly said we may use St Mary's. I will get a message onto the Ninfield fb page if necessary. Our demonstrator is the fabulous Ellouise Hasler-Stott with her title "Autumn Leaves". Where-ever we are we will start at 7pm. Our meeting in November was to have been a workshop but this is now cancelled. Instead we will transfer the theme to our regular monthly Thursday evening workshop in the Methodist Hall. This will take place on 22nd October at 7.15pm and the title will be "Remember, remember the 5th of November". If you would like to join us come along with all you will need - container, floral foam or other suitable material, foliage, flowers & scissors. Help is always on hand should you require.

Friday 4th December at 7pm is the evening of our Christmas spectacular. Tickets for this demonstration are now on sale - visitors £15. This includes light refreshments. (07966659552). All the beautiful arrangements are raffled at the end of the evening and there is also a general raffle. The wonderful Gill MacGregor will be bringing us her "Superbly, Sparkly, Sophisticated Festivities".

Gill is a highly experienced UK and International Floral Art Teacher and demonstrator and the author of many books on the art of floral design. We are sure to enjoy a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

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We hope you had a fabulous summer and enjoyed the sunshine. It is good to see the grass greening and the blackberries plumping up. It is certainly feeling more autumnal as each day passes.

As you may remember, an ecologist surveyed Hooe Common last year. The results of the survey have now been reviewed by the Local Wildlife Sites Technical Panel, who have decided that the site will be designated as a Local Wildlife Site and assigned the site code CW106. The local planning authority will be notified of the decision so that they can take account of it in implementing Local Plan policies. We are delighted with this news and plan to look at a management plan for the Bogs area.

Councillors have been making plans for a variety of social and fundraising events. More details to follow. We look forward to welcoming villagers to these functions and to our regular monthly meetings.

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Friendly Voices

From 1st October the Friendly Voices return to our winter venues: Sparke Pavilion on Thursday afternoon 2-3pm and the Methodist Hall on Thursday evening's between 7.30 and 8.30. We have had quite a busy year - singing at a number of events in the village and beyond (including care homes in Hastings and Eastbourne) and our repertoire is growing. As the name suggests, we are a friendly group and we always welcome new members. You don't have to perform at events, some just come along to sessions for the fun of singing. Our motto is 'You don't need to be a good singer - just enjoy a good sing'. Anyone is welcome to drop in at anytime and you can always contact me on 07707 683187 or k.crittell@btinternet.com or message me through facebook.

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

At our last meeting on 13th August, we heard the extraordinary forgotten World War 1 story of Lady Mabelle Egerton and the Rouen Coffee shop. Mabelle Egerton was the eldest daughter of Thomas 1st Earl Brassey and Annie Allnutt. She led a group of women volunteers who set up a much-needed refreshment station for troops leaving to, or returning from, the Western Front. Rouen was the furthest inland port in Northern France and was a very important marshalling yard and railway hub for troops and supplies. At one point, the café was serving 6,000 men each day. It was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from December 1914 until April 1919. The enterprise was the biggest volunteer run canteen in France. If you would like to know more, Trish has written a generously illustrated book which you can buy. Please contact Trish on: trish.mountfield@hotmail.co.uk or look at the Mountfield Village Hall website: www.mountfieldvillagehall.org.uk/villagearchive.

Our next talk on 8th October at 7:30 p.m. will concern a rather different topic and is entitled “Murder, Madness and Mayhem? – The Belgium Royal Family” by Melanie Barton Gibson. Melanie is a vibrant and entertaining speaker, but is there a Ninfield connection? Come along and find out, it is certain to be a good evening! Ninfield Local History Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Methodist Hall in Church Lane, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We welcome members and non-members, so do come along if you can! But why not join? It's just £10 a year. As a member, you can take advantage of heavily discounted admission fees (£1 rather than £4) and receive our bi-monthly newsletter which is packed with interesting facts and photographs of local history.

The group also opens its archives each quarter at the Sparkes Pavilion so that you can view photographs and documents relating to the village and the surrounding area, talk to a local expert and share your stories.

Our next Resource Centre morning is on Monday 26th October 2026, 10:00-12:00. We also have a range of publications for sale, and these can be viewed and purchased using our online store or in-person at one of the archive mornings. You can find out more about the group, see our talks schedule, view photographs, read stories and more on our website: www.ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk or get in touch using this email: info@ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk.

Brian Stockton, Chair, Ninfield Local History group

NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART GROUP

This past year has been a meaningful one for the art group marked by both growth in our membership and reflection. We are very pleased to welcome our new members, Karen, Christine, Sarah and Lorna and recently, Bridget. Sadly, we have also experienced the loss of one of our regular members, Christine Purkess. She was a valued member for many years and will be greatly missed.

Throughout the year we have managed to meet regularly on a Wednesday afternoon in the memorial hall. Due to the roof repairs we have temporarily moved to Reid Hall. We are very grateful for their help with this however, we are looking forward to returning.

At the time this news is out we will have been busy getting ready for our forthcoming Art Exhibition on 24th and 25th October in the Memorial Hall. This has always been a big event for us and we enjoy putting together a good show!! We always look forward to meeting all who come along to support us. There will be many lovely paintings to view and hopefully buy. Some of our group will also have cards on sale, either originals or printed from their own painting designs. Christmas is just around the corner, so this is a great opportunity to come and stock up with cards and hopefully get some art pieces, ideal for presents. There will be plenty to see, plus a tombola and refreshments available with many homemade cakes for all to enjoy. So come along for a view and have a nice cuppa at the same time! If you are interested in dabbling in a bit of paint or sketching or using any type of media and would like to join a weekly amateur group to paint and relax then this might be the place for you. It is a very informal and supportive group where we help and encourage each other, usually over a cuppa and a chat! If you would like to come along on a Wednesday 1.30pm – 4.30pm Memorial Hall and see what we do, we would love to see you.

For any further information, please contact Fiona Stedman, Secretary, 07761961585 or email, f1stedman@gmail.com

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Derrieres for prayers! (Well, I could have used a more common expression, but it's a family magazine – and it rhymes).

Most of you will know that BOTH villages have the highest category Grade I Listings for St Mary's AND St Oswald's . That was given to all sites in 1966 that had provenance they existed before 1066. But it's likely that they have been there from Roman times. Not as churches initially, but as Roman guard towers and signal platforms. After all, who'd start a settlement from scratch on a regularly flooded tidal site without good reason? The Romans built a large port at Anderitum for their Classis Britannica fleet in Pevensey bay. But they'd need to mark where the entrance was, such as a light house. But they couldn't see approaching ships! So, on the closest high ground with clear views into the Channel and also in sight of both Hooe and Pevensey, conveniently on the route to the iron smelting on The Ridge, just past Battle they built signal stations. These watch towers would have a stone single storey to avoid flooding with the only entrance by ladder to the floor above. When the Romans left, many of their achievements fell into decay, but stone endures, to provide shelter and an abundance of building materials, if not the skills, for a new population. At Hooe, the Romans must have constructed salt pans, as salt was a valued commodity for food preservation. So those would have provided a reason to settle in what was rather inhospitable marsh lands. When the Saxons converted to Christianity, the priests would have taken over the Roman ruins, with an easy supply of stone, just upturn a boat on top. Look at old church roofs and see the similarity!

But back to derrieres for prayers! That's the PAST explained, but what about the PRESENT? One church has e dwindling congregations and one is growing slowly. Our churches are looked after by what is called a House for Duty Vicar (supposedly just two and a half days a week) with the responsibility for maintaining both Grade I churches. Because of their historic heritage, all repairs have to be of highest quality and thus expensive. Yet the attendance is tiny in relation to the respective village populations.

Will *YOU and your family* become derrieres for prayers? We need more of you in the PRESENT to understand the PAST so that we have a FUTURE with two busy churches. Come and see YOUR Churches, with Rev Paul Frostick to welcome you. Nice and early at 9.30 at St Mary's or 11 at St Oswalds (so he and the excellent organist) can race down to St Oswalds. And why are YOU, as new members, important? Well, both Churches need MAJOR expenditure to remain and expand to be community hubs, not just for a couple of hours on a Sunday, but for the rest of the week too. So there will be further news, but it's down to village residents to care that the Church survives into the future, with your support.

Are they worth an hour of your time each week? **KR**

Ninfield Bowls Club Diary

We have had a full hectic diary of events during the summer season that has kept all club members busy and entertained. The weather has been hot, but thankfully our irrigation system has worked well and our grounds team have worked wonders to produce an excellent green for playing. The club hosted a 'Gentlemen's Invitation' competition in July that was attended by ten very competitive bowls clubs from the Rother area. Alas, as hosts we did not take part but provided a superb tea which the players devoured with immense delight. The exhaustive and marathonic competition commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 4.30pm with Hollington being crowned the winning team.

We also held a 'President's Day' competition in July when the club members were divided into two teams, 'The Roundhead' and 'Cavaliers'. No swords were drawn but everyone had fun and particularly enjoyed the chicken & chip supper that followed, but more to the point, we raised a good sum for the Alzheimer's Society

Our 'finals day' competition was held in early September when the men's and ladies deciding game was played and the winner crowned champion for the year. Once again, tea and cake biscuits were provided. And talking of biscuits, you may recall from our previous diary entry that the inclusion of biscuits at tea time is an essential element to the game, without which, the performance of bowlers can be enhanced or diminished. Our intrepid bowlers were performing well in the Rother League and were seventh position, until that is, someone left the lid of the biscuit tin rendering the biscuits inedible and thus reducing the performance of our bowlers with distressful results. The biscuit tin culprit was dispatched to 'Dells' shop only to return with a packet of 'ginger nuts' I am pleased to report that the tang of the ginger nuts fired our bowlers into a what can only be described as a muted frenzy and your Ninfield village team, as a consequence, won more games than they lost and are now (at the time of writing) in fifth position in the Rother League with one game left to play There are discussions within the club house that the addition of custard creams to the teatime ritual had produced the excellence whilst others maintain that it was the inclusion of bourbons, but what ever, the Bowlers are doing the Village proud!

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Well! We seem to have slipped very quickly from a blisteringly hot summer into what feels now definitely autumnal. As usual our small happy band of volunteers have been busy both in the Village and Church Wood. First the bad news that, as many of you will already be aware of, that there has been quite a lot of deliberate mindless vandalism over the summer. A wooden bench seat, that the carnival committee donated several years ago, was taken from the children's playground onto the recreation ground and completely smashed. We recovered the seat and after many hours of work have managed to reconstruct and reinforce it. Church wood has also been targeted by vandals. The little wooden mushroom seats which our small visitors so enjoy had been pulled up and thrown into the adjacent pond which would have taken considerable effort. These we retrieved and replanted and were heartened to receive so many messages offering help and support after the local publicity this incident received. Several attempts have been made to force an entry into our little storage shed in the wood which needed some remedial work to fix. There was an incident during the height of the hot dry weather when some thoughtless youths had lit a fire. The fire brigade attended to ensure the fire was fully extinguished to avoid a major incident, so please no fires or barbecues in the wood. Also Please note that, as we are a nature reserve, occasionally camera traps may operate in the wood to capture wildlife.

Now for some more cheerful news. At the request of the parish council we have been pleased to restore the lean to extension, commonly known as the "yoof shelter", to the small shed near the playground on the recreation ground after it was found that much of the original timber was rotten and very little was holding up one corner. Timber was supplied by the Parish Council and we provided most of the fixings as well as labour. As usual much work has been done in the wood in just keeping pathways clear, dealing with tree hazards and making sure waterways are working to keep the ponds full. Fortunately the wood, which is Classified as a semi natural ancient wet woodland, is in a natural hollow into which two springs continually flow with water eventually exiting the wood as the start of Moorhall stream. Recently the weir controlling the water level of the lower pond (Robin's pool) was rebuilt then a large leak was discovered through the dam wall of the middle pond (Church pond) which had lowered the water level. The leak was successfully plugged and it is hoped that the water will soon return to its proper level soon. For those new to the village and to those who have not yet discovered the delights of Church Wood a visit is highly recommended. We volunteers are often to be found on a Wednesday morning and are always pleased to talk to our visitors especially the organised groups of inquisitive youngsters. For further information please ask the Society's Chairman whose details can be found on the village contacts list in this Parish News. RG

-----NINFIELD BONFIRE NIGHT IS BACK!

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026

The countdown is on...

A TRADITION KEPT ALIVE BY OUR COMMUNITY

Ninfield Bonfire Night isn't simply a firework display. It is part of a long Sussex tradition and a community event that takes months of planning, fundraising and volunteering to put on. From making torches and building the bonfire to marshalling, fundraising, organising road closures and preparing the recreation ground, there is a huge amount happening behind the scenes. And we couldn't do it without you. Every membership, raffle ticket, donation, sponsor and volunteer helps us continue to put on Ninfield Bonfire Night and keep the tradition alive for future generations. We are delighted that Skinners Sheds are our Main Sponsor for Ninfield Bonfire Night

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD

There will be road closures through Ninfield between approximately 6.15pm and 9.45pm to allow the procession to take place safely.

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT Wednesday 21st October | Ninfield Working Men's Club. Our Grand Raffle first prize is £250 with a fantastic selection of other prizes including hampers, gift vouchers and more. Tickets £1 each
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ARE YOU A MEMBER YET? Membership Night is also your chance to join Ninfield Bonfire Society or renew your membership for 2026.
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**Thank you for helping us keep
Ninfield's Bonfire tradition burning bright.**

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The hall was missing a roof, the veggies struggled with the successive heatwaves and temperatures on Thursday did for most of the dahlias – but we still put on a show! A huge thank you to everyone that persevered and found vegetables, fruit and flowers to enter – a wide variety from beetroot fed on good old fym to a melon and elephant garlic. The poor photographic judge had a meltdown as the quality of photos were so high. He wanted to give all entrants in the class 'close up of a flower' a first prize – they were that good. The eventual winner was Sami Guard. An amazing photo.

Gary Pharo once again dominated the domestic classes, winning all but two of the baking classes – he has become the man to beat. David Walker was the veggie and fruit King on the day with four well deserved awards.

The best result though was in the children's classes, with some brilliant Tin Men, animals made from fruit and/or veg and butterfly buns.

Class winners on the day were: David Walker, Robin Goldsmith, David Linch, Kaye Crittall, Ray Noble, Irene Willson, Tracey Dixon, Jacke Langley, Carol Holland, George Filsell, Ivan Luck, Diana Pilbeam, Nicky Walker, Linda Goldsmith, Gary Pharo, Carolyn Band, Sami Guard, Alice Filsell, Arlo Bates, Ronnie Wood, Bonnie Johnson, Alana Bates, Vinnie Bourne, Deb Sweetman, Jack Horton.

Trophy Winners were: Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup (Fruit & Veg) – David Walker, Harold Morris Trophy – David Walker, Gordon Cornford Memorial Cu – David Linch, Banksian Medal – David Walker, Parish Produce Award – David Walker, JB Sparke Challenge Cup – Ivan Luck, National Dahlia Society Silver Medal – Ray Noble, Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup (Flowers) – Nicky Walker, Eileen Cornford Cup – Tracey Dixon, Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup (domestic) – Gary Pharo, Joan & Malcolm Moss Trophy – Gary Pharo, Jams & Chutneys cup – Sami Guard and Carolyn Brand, Ted Ive Shield – Ray Noble, Ted Ive Shield for most points in photography over Spring and Summer Show – Ray Noble, Jubilee Shield for most points in childrens entries over Spring and Summer Show – Bonnie Johnson

A big thank you to the committee and helpers on the day, everyone that entered and all those that visited. It was an exhausting but lovely day.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Monday 19th October in the Memorial Hall, doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start. Please come along for a review of our year. We also have Toby of Zophian Plants as our guest speaker. All are welcome

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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.

Film Matinees

We were sorry that we were unable to start our films again in September. This was due to more time needed for repairs to the Memorial Hall roof. As I write this it seems that we may not be able to show our October film Matilda – the musical on Tuesday 13 October – look for updates on line and in Sami's column. Films are held in Ninfield Memorial Hall. Screening and refreshments are free and films are dementia friendly and have subtitles. Doors open at 1.30 pm for the screening at 2 pm. Do come and join us for a friendly and relaxed afternoon. To ensure enough cake, please book a place by contacting Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or email Jackie jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

Book Exchange and Community Café

Methodist Hall 10-11.30 on Friday.

The Book Exchange Café will be on Friday 2nd October with the Community Café open every other Friday morning. Lots of chat, occasional quizzes and on 16th October a 'Beetle Drive' which should be fun! Donations are asked for books and refreshments. All are welcome to these friendly sessions. Contact David on 07989729 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

Men's Shed

We are not your usual Men's Sheds - we are not a workshop and do not make anything. Ninfield Men's Sheds is about coming together to make conversation. It's a chance to get out of the house to meet new people, drink coffee and eat biscuits. It's all very relaxing. We meet in Sparke Pavilion on the last Friday of each month 10-12pm and we would like to see a few more attend. Please call Dave Crittall on 01424 892883 if you would like to know more or just come along to the pavilion on 30th October.

.Health Walks

Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour. These walks are now part of 'The Ramblers' and are known as Ramblers Wellbeing Walks Ninfield. Brief details can be found on ramblers.org.uk. Meet 11am at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield Recreation ground near the main entrance off Church Lane. A few more walkers welcome. Please wear suitable footwear. Contact Robin: 07940 324601 or robin@plowmate.plus.com

Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

Weekly 10.30 am – 12.30 pm on Friday. £5 per session. A well-established friendly group. Phone Jane on 892428 for more details.

Lunch Club

The next lunch club meeting will be on Thursday 22 October in the Methodist Hall. If you would like a place, contact Sam White on 07484 847933.

Tea Dance

Please come and join our new venture: a traditional tea dance with entertainment and all kinds of dancing with Sami, our amazing dance teacher, as your guide. Or just watch and enjoy! See elsewhere in this magazine for more details. It is on Saturday 31 October from 2 – 5 pm. We do hope you will support us and tell your friends

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News & Reviews etc!

Wow, what a scorcher of a Summer! There's definitely been more Vitamin D on offer over the past few months, and so good to feel the glowing warmth as opposed to the dreaded Reynauds Dead Fingers! Already, as Autumn descends, the hands have given me an early taste of things to come; as temperatures suddenly drop, the suddenly numb digits also start to drop...everything!!! As soon as the handwarmers hit the shelves- I'm on it!!!

The main thing to deal and contend with at present, is the ongoing, and unfortunately extended repair works to the Memorial Hall roof. Unforeseen circumstances, and some predictable problems have now left the Hall completely closed during the week, with regular users trying to shift classes and group sessions to other venues. Please see my class times at the end of this piece, and probable places to attend, but PLEASE call, or email, for confirmation each week....there's no guarantees, but, like others, I'm doing my best to cheerfully accommodate, while not collapsing into a fit of the Vapours!!!!

So- lots of things now in production...and the exciting VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT is confirmed and being compiled as I write. A meeting/get together for people who would like to perform will be arranged during October, look out for the date on social media and notice boards. Please see details of this Sparkling Festive Community event further down the piece; if you'd like to reserve a seat, or help out, please get in touch!

Firstly- Hopefully you'll have your magazine in time to remember....

LADIES LOUNGE: Friday 25th September. It's Always the last Friday of the month - 4.30pm- 6.30pm at Ninfield Working Men's Club- it's an informal, and personal invitation to ALL LADIES , ALL AGES - Everyone welcome; come and enjoy a fabulous afternoon of chatter, laughter, support and friendship- and an opportunity to switch off and relax with like minded , marvellous women!! The Bar is open, there's coffee, tea, snacks and cake...! Come and join us, we'd love to see you!

To all Ladies who are out working all week- If you're working til 5 ish...try and drop in for half an hour on your way home. You will be made SO welcome; and you might just find your essential 3rd Space...!!

A VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA DANCE!

NINFIELD HEALTH & WELLBEING GROUP are hosting an Afternoon Tea DANCE on Saturday 31st October, in the Memorial Hall from 2 - 4pm, there will be Entertainment from 'Good Company' and Guests; plus music for dancing all afternoon - time to brush up on the St Bernard's Waltz, the Valeta, the Gay Gordons...and even the Twist!.. as well as a myriad of other fabulous dances and tunes from all ages!.

There will be Cakes, Sandwiches, tea and coffee - Posh China and table cloths too!! It was agreed this time that there will be a £5 charge pp for the event: So please put 31st October in your diaries ! For a lovely Vintage Afternoon Tea Dance- Call Jackie Langley on 01424 892422 email jackie.langley1@btinternet.com or call/email me to Reserve a place!

ST MARY'S CHURCH: Have you been? -Is just lovely...an historic place, so many familiar names within, and without...its a place to wonder at, to find calm in, to explore and to support. And, IT NEEDS HELP! Yes, that T.V drama classic-"The Roof needs repairing!" And the Clock Tower too! The finances are so limited, and the costs in excess of £68,000.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 19th December, 7pm- St Mary's Church. Candlelight, Canapés, Mulled Wine and Fizz. Music, Sketches, Songs and Laughter!

A Sparkling night of fun and entertainment; a real Community gathering; Raising funds for the Roof & Clock Tower repairs - booking essential, Tickets £10 per head

A call is out for Residents to come and join the cast to perform a song, poem, monologue of their choosing, and add to the Community Christmas spirit! Call/Text or Email samanthaguard@btinternet.com 07970 650321

LINE DANCE CLASSES- are a HIT, there's a great national outpouring of love for the Country Music genre at the moment, and we in Ninfield are just adding to the excitement!!! We're having SO much FUN!

A few spaces are still available! Everyone is welcome, Ladies, Gents, youngsters, it's purely for Fun-but of course you can don the Stetsons, Rhinestones and Cowboy Boots if you want to! Beginners are very welcome, as are those who 'haven't done it for years!'

Oh yes...and, It's very good exercise too! 07970650321 Yeeeha!!

MOVEMENT & DANCE: VENUES UPDATE!!

All Dance classes will continue, running as follows on a weekly basis- but, due to Memorial Hall closures for roof repairs, I have had to revise session venues and costs, so please see any changes below. New advertising will also follow on social media and notice boards.

PLEASE NOTE - **MOVEMENT 2 MUSIC** class on Monday mornings will be moving to HOOE VILLAGE HALL - MONDAYS, 2 classes 9.30am & 10.30 am until further notice. £6 pp including refreshments

TUESDAY **LINE DANCE** class 2.30pm HOOE VILLAGE HALL- please call for Confirmation of Time and Venue.

WEDNESDAY- **DANCERCISE** 6.30pm - METHODIST HALL- Please call for Confirmation of Times and Venue.

FRIDAY - **LINE DANCE/BALLROOM AND BURLESQUE**- CONTINUE in The MEMORIAL HALL from 6.30pm.

TUESDAYS (Alternates) **LINE DANCING** 2.30-3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 6.30pm **DANCERCISE**

THURSDAY 9.30am **SILVERY SWANS BALLET** Methodist Hall

FRIDAY (alternates) Memorial Hall

6.30pm **BALLROOM**, 7.30pm **BURLESQUE/SHOW DANCE**.

LINE DANCE- 6.30 - 7.30pm (alternates)

ALL these classes are NOW £7 pp per class.

Don't forget the Mantra...Move it, or Lose it...it's SO beneficial to Dance, Exercise or Move during the week...you'll feel better in mind, body and spirit!!!

Thanks for all help, interest, and continued support for all classes, shows, events. Participants will have full details of new venues; any new members, those wishing to start a class, please Call me on 07970650321 for full information email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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Hello! It's good to be back

After a long hot summer, we are looking forward to catching up with everyone again and hearing about their antics since we last met.

Coffee Mornings:

Our first coffee morning of the season will be on **Saturday 10th October**. All the usual attractions will be available – delicious homemade cakes, free to use book and jigsaw library – and masses of laughter and friendly conversation. I hope you are looking forward to the morning as much as us. It does seem such a long time since we all met up.

At the November Coffee Morning, **Saturday November 14th** Dick Carey will be displaying, and offering for sale a selection of the amazing items he hand crafts here in Hooe. Perhaps this is where one picks up ones Christmas Gifts! I hardly need to remind you that Dick donates all proceeds to Charity. Such a talented and generous chap.

On December 12th our coffee morning will, as is now the custom, have a Christmas Theme. Normally the Church is awash with Christmas Jumpers and Santa hats. Who will take the prize for the most outrageous this year? It could be **YOU.....**

Beetle Drive:

In response to several requests, we will be arranging a Beetle Drive on a date in November yet to be fixed. These evenings have been so much fun in the past. At the last one we held the youngest player was just 4 years old, the oldest well into his mid 90's – an evening of escapism and jollity. The date will be advertised in next month's Parish News and may even be posted on Social Media and our website before then. I recommend you book your place without delay – it was heartbreaking to have to turn regular supporters' away last time.

Footpath Walk:

Unless there is a change of heart, or a multitude of requests received, the next footpath walk is held over to the Spring 2027. So sorry if this disappoints.

Harry Dennis:

We all recall the horror when, 4 years ago, 11-year-old Harry Dennis, who was travelling along Top Road, Hooe with his Father, was killed when he was struck by a loose plank which fell from a van.

We read now that his Mother, Maria Dennis, is working with Sussex Police to teach drivers about keeping loads secure. She has travelled across England attending conferences, presentations and workshops in her campaign to promote load safety. She said that she could have quite easily gone on and hated the world and become bitter and twisted and locked herself away. "I did not want to do that because all that anger, I needed to put it into something else, and this feels like Harry is making a difference."

We wanted to share this with you because this terrible incident happened in our village, on our doorstep, and we are full of admiration for the way Maria is responding to this horror.

HVCG is in regular contact with our MP, Dr Kieran Mullan, raising road related issues – speeding, heavy vehicles, inconsiderate drivers and more. We will be adding insecure loads to our agenda, we are sure he is aware of this tragic case and will already be attempting to promote Maria's campaign constituency wide.

HVCG Board meeting

By the time you read this we will be back in the saddle after the summer break. At the start of October, we will be meeting to discuss plans for future events, consider charitable donations and hopefully plan the Lottery we hope to hold in aid of St Oswald's Loo Fund. We would like to hear from **YOU**. If you would like us to consider staging an event of your choice, please let one of us know. Similarly, if there is a charity which you would like us to support, please send us your request with details of why the charity nominated is important to you. Although we cannot always meet requests everyone is considered carefully.

And finally

We have been asked how much money HVCG has raised with your help and a list of those charities and organisations which have benefited. The details will be made available at the start of next year. We can envisage many a happy evening going through all our records helped along by a glass or two of red!

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

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MUNN & QUAIFE of NINFIELD

I was born & raised in Bexhill in 1950s. My parents were Marjorie (Madge) Lennard (1915-1974) and William (Bill) Coleman (1910-1969) They both came from fairly large families, Madge one of 8 & Bill one of 5 children. My interest in family history began about 30 years ago when I found the old family Bible, from Dad's side (**Hunnisett**). That's the tree I started on, having got that back to 1600s I then started on the Lennard side; This led me into many families local **to Ninfield, Hooe** & some in **Catsfield**. Namely, **Vitler/Vidler, Prior, Gillham, Quaife, Brett, Munn**.

My interests lie mainly with Munn & Quaife; my great grandmother was Emily Munn, daughter of George Munn (1826-1909) he lived in Brickyard Cottage Ninfield in 1861 and Mary Ann Quaife (1834-1908) 1871-1901 George was shown as living "Marlpits" I believe George was the son of John Munn & Mary Vidler. Emily married Frederick William (Sharpe)

Lennard on 3rd Feb 1879 in St Mark's Church Little Common.

Would love to hear from anyone connected/ interest and happy to share info; Is there still a Brickyard site in Ninfield? Is Brickyard Cottage still standing? I currently live in Telford, Shropshire so investigating the area is nigh on impossible!

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Sunday Services for October 2026:

- 4th 10.30 am HARVEST Parade / Family Celebration with Ninfield
Scouts & Reverend Cynthia Park
- 11th 3.30 pm Circuit United Service @ Emmanuel Centre, Battle
- 18th 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service with Julie Todd
- 25th 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service with Christine
Thacker

Events for October 2026:

- 2nd 10.00-11.30am Book exchange & Café in Hall &
Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café
- 2nd 2.00-4.00pm Church meeting

As usual, at this time of the year we celebrate Harvest-time. We are pleased to be welcoming the Ninfield Scouts to our service celebrations on October 4th. The Reverend Cynthia Park loves drama and she is planning to share with us a story all about 'McMisery Farm!' Sounds good . If you are able to bring any Harvest gifts (Tins etc) they will be shared with the Bexhill Foodbank.

See you on the day.....

Every Sunday we continue to organise a Juniors' group which means that young people who come along for our service at 10.30am can move into our Hall for their own activities, after a short combined time together in Church. Parents can either stay in Church or move with them. On Harvest Sunday we will however all stay together in Church. On Sunday October 11th we will be joining with our Area Churches for a United service at the Emmanuel Centre (Methodist Church) Battle TN33 OFL in the afternoon; so there will not be a morning service at our Church on this date. Everyone is very welcome.

Please continue to remember & pray for all that we are doing to share the love of God in our community.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here.



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



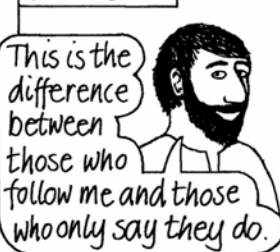
He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said



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