A Magazine
For the Villages of Folkington, Milton Street and Wilmington

November 2020
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SAINT MARY AND SAINT PETER
WILMINGTON

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Dates and Events for Your Diary

8th November Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50am
Farewell to The Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson and Jane

Whilst our churches are now open for some services (see last page of this magazine) at the moment, a number of virtual services are still being broadcast, regularly, by our priests over the internet:

Every Sunday at 9.00 am, Morning Prayer on ZOOM

Every Monday at 5.00 pm, A service of Compline on FACEBOOK
Every Wednesday at 9.30 am, Morning Prayer on ZOOM

If you would like to take part, please email the Benefice Administrator to receive notice of each upcoming virtual service:
benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

(If you know anyone who does not have internet access or would prefer a hard copy, please print one off for them)

A Farewell Message From Frank

Many years ago, between the two World Wars, there was one parish magazine for all the villages in this area. From Firle to Folkington, Chalvington to West Dean. Quite an impressive publication but necessarily limited in the amount of news from each parish. Today in our benefice we have the luxury of three parish magazines every month, put together by our dedicated editors and their teams. Each one providing extensive local news, church events and advertising for local traders and craftsmen.
Each magazine does a wonderful job in bringing their community together. Along with other small dedicated teams organising social, fund-raising and sports events. Over many years of parish ministry I have generally found that 90% of the work to organise events and meetings is done by 10% of the local population. The Gospel describes them as ‘a small amount of yeast which can transform a large amount of dough’. With the advent of local breweries, we could perhaps adapt this slightly to ‘putting yeast into the beer’ - bringing a bit of fizz into what is otherwise drab and tasteless.

As a parish priest I have always been extremely grateful to these wonderful local teams of folk, the yeast who make good things happen. In fact it was a major reason I came back to working in the parishes after my first retirement.

Sadly, after five years in the benefice, it is now time for me to retire again. I suppose that most of us in our mid-seventies find a workload which was comparatively easy 10 years ago becomes increasingly difficult. Trying to keep all the clubs in the air at one time results in more being dropped than caught, and eventually it’s time to hand things over.

Needless to say, I have enjoyed my time here enormously. The support of our church congregations and community teams has been wonderful and often heart-warming; not to mention working alongside our Rector Peter - the benefice has received so much from his total dedication and spiritual inspiration - and I, for one, think myself extremely lucky to have been guided to work here.

I wish you all every blessing for the future; and strength in these continuing difficult circumstances to continue to bring our communities together, support our churches, and care for those in trouble.

With my deep gratitude for all your love and support.
Frank

FROM THE PARSONAGE

GOODBYE TO THE REVEREND FRANK FOX-WILSON

As the Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson retires this month after over 5 years service to the local community, particularly Arlington and Wilmington, I would like to acknowledge and thank him for the great contribution he has made to ministry in our five villages. Over and above the services and pastoral ministry which have drawn on his accumulated ministerial experience Frank and have been appreciated by so many, Frank has contributed many other gifts to the churches.
He initiated the formation of Friends of St Pancras Arlington (FoSPA) with the help of Jackie Appleton and Irene Flynn to help tackle the cost of maintaining the magnificent church.

In the past Frank put together his own prayer book and this has been used at Evening Prayer at Wilmington and gathers together a rich variety of prayers, psalms and canticles in thematic groups.

He has held exhibitions of his amazing wood carvings at Wilmington vicarage. Self-taught himself, Frank has shared his skill with others around the world through the publication of a book. At Arlington and Wilmington he leaves behind two meticulously and beautifully created Nativity Scenes.

Another of his passions is playing drums and his improvised jazz accompaniment at concerts he organised at Arlington has delighted audiences. He has also provided a knife sharpening service and raised funds through that.

Of all the services that Frank has been a part of the most memorable must be his marriage to Jane St George. In the long history of our churches this was the first time that a parish priest has married a local farmer and what a happy occasion it was! I hope that the years that lie ahead as they begin a new chapter in their lives in Alfriston will be filled with happiness.

Thank you for all that you have done for our churches.

Peter Blee

BENEFICE NEWS

RETIREMENT GIFT FOR REVD FRANK FOX-WILSON

The Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson is retiring on 8th November, Remembrance Sunday. His ministry in our five churches has been greatly appreciated. Whilst we will be sad to say goodbye, we wish him and Jane every happiness as they settle into their new home and the next chapter in their lives at Alfriston. If you would like to contribute towards a gift to express your thanks please either make a cheque payable to “PCC of Selmeston & Alciston” and send it to Stephanie Lewis-Grey, Flint House, Selmeston, BN26 6UD or if you would rather make a bank transfer please contact Stephanie on 01323 811136 or email:

benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

and she will give you details of how to make the payment.

At the presentation, there will be a more tangible gift for Frank’s time with us.
**Family Support Work - Christmas 2020**

**Benefice of Arlington, Berwick, Selmeston with Alciston and Wilmington**

FSW support families and children through difficult times in their lives. Many are on low income, suffering from poverty or have other challenges. The need this year is as great as ever and if you feel able to give, your donation will make a real difference to them this Christmas.

Giving will be in the form of financial contributions only as it is not possible to collect and distribute gifts safely, due to the current climate. FSW will then purchase suitable items on your behalf.

Please donate using one of the following options:-

via the online donation page  
https://www.familysupportwork.org/single-donation/

For direct donations into FSW bank account (which is actually the most effective way as FSW don’t have to pay any fees):-

Sort code: 20-12-75

Account number: 40257133

Account name: Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work (CDAFSW)

For cheques, these should be made payable to Family Support Work or CDAFSW (either is fine) and sent to Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA.

You have been very generous in the past and we thank you again for supporting this charity. If you could donate by 4th December (so that gifts can arrive in time for Christmas), this would be very helpful.

Thank you.

Tim Berrett, Jane Anderson and Christine Skinner

**Richard Durrant Christmas Concerts 2020**

It is with much regret that we have had to cancel the concerts due to be held in Wilmington Church this year.

We very much hope to welcome back Richard & friends in 2021.
Good News: Our Churches Are Now Open For Private Prayer.

We are delighted that Government regulations now permit us to open our church buildings for services and individual prayer and hope that anyone wishing to do so will feel safe to enter.

All churches in the Benefice are open every day and opening patterns are the same as they were previously in each parish.

The term individual is defined as follows: “A person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not part of a group led prayer or communal act.” (Robert Jenrick announcement)

If you do wish to use the church for private prayer, please be mindful of the importance of following government advice in respect of hand washing and social distancing.

Notices have been put up on church noticeboards, on the church doors and at the entry and exit points for each church, to provide specific guidance about the safety and hygiene arrangements in each church, as details may differ slightly due to the differences in the church buildings. For example: in some churches pews may be roped off to limit the amount of routine cleaning required and in some churches there is access to running water. Please read these notices carefully before entering the church.

- Hand sanitiser has been placed in the porch area of each church and also inside the church near the door.

- Please use this before entering and when exiting the church. NB. it is still wise to wash and dry your hands thoroughly with soap and water a soon as you get home, as an extra precaution.

- Please observe the social distancing rules and maintain a distance of 2 metres between yourself and others not in your household whilst in the church. Individual churches may have additional guidance about this so please observe any specific measures which have been put in place in individual churches.

- If the church appears too crowded to facilitate social distancing, please wait outside until it is safe to enter.

Please do not enter the church if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19 or if you have been advised to self - isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.

Cleaning schedules have been revised to ensure door handles, light switches and other areas likely to have been touched by others are cleaned daily.
when the church is opened but please be mindful of the fact that surfaces might have been contaminated later in the day and avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily.

Please note that we now have permission to resume funeral services. Contact the Reverend Peter Blee for further guidance on this. Contact details:

The Reverend Peter Blee – peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk or 01323 870512

WILMINGTON NEWS

POPPY APPEAL 2020

You will not be surprised to learn that things will be different this year. This is the 99th year of the Poppy Appeal and regrettably there will be no House to House collections. However funds are still sorely needed by the Royal British Legion and we will be making efforts to support the Appeal. Subject to changing circumstances and at the time of sending to print, it is proposed that:

Weather permitting, there will be poppies (from stock held locally prior to Covid 19) for sale from manned tables outside New Cottage in Milton Street and Pond House (opposite Adesfield) in Wilmington between the hours of 10.00 am and 2.00pm on Saturday 31st October. Social distancing and hygiene will be observed.

Poppies will also be available from The Giants Rest (Wilmington), The Sussex Ox (Milton Street) and the Barley Mow (Selmeston) throughout the period 29th October and 11th November during opening hours.

There will be church services in Wilmington and Folkington on Sunday 8th November.

If anyone would like to make donations by cheque they should make them payable to "the Royal British Legion" and may be delivered to:

Lizzie Chisholm - the Old School House - Folkington

Nigel Willson - Pond House - Wilmington

Vicki Claxton - New Cottage - Milton Street

Please note that the above arrangements are subject to change without notice.

Please support the Appeal if you feel able to do so.

Thank you and Stay safe.         Nigel Willson
                                  Poppy Appeal Organiser
CHRISTINGLE SERVICES 2020

Our church’s Christmas Eve Christingle service is probably our most popular event of the year. This year, with many restrictions in place and some people needing to stay away from public events, we need to do things a little differently.

Christingle Service in St Mary and St Peter’s Church and Churchyard, Wilmington at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will be holding a service in church. We are limited to approximately 40 people in church to enable social distancing, but weather permitting we hope that some people will be able to gather outside the church and the service will be relayed by speaker. For those of you who have not attended church since the beginning of the pandemic, you may not know that we are not allowed to sing hymns / carols, but we will provide Christmas music in some way. Please be aware that it is compulsory to wear a mask / face covering in church.

Online Family Christingle Zoom at 5.30 p.m on Christmas Eve. This will allow people to celebrate Christingle in their homes and for family or friends anywhere else in the country, or around the world to share in it. To join the Zoom service you will need simply to click on a link sent to you by email or available on the website (see www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk). Please let us know your email address(es) if you or your relatives/friends would like to join the zoom Christingle and you are not already on the zoom link list by sending an email to: benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk or tel: 01323 811136.

Another change is that we will be providing Christingle Packs for you to make your own Christingles at home. These will include everything you need plus instructions for putting it together. Please let Julie Little know if you would like to receive a pack (one per child). There will also be some left in the church for collection.

You will then be able to bring your Christingle to the church on Christmas Eve, or you can join the Zoom service at home.

This event traditionally supports The Children’s Society, which is a fantastic charity. To donate safely, and especially if you are joining the Zoom service and will not be in church in person, please use this link:

https://donate.childrenssociety.org.uk/page/46932/donate/1

We look forward to seeing you.

Julie Little, churchwarden
julielittle23@gmail.com / 01323 871557
England's Tree Of The Year 2020
The Wilmington Yew

This ancient yew grows in the churchyard of St Mary and St Peter’s Church, Wilmington. However, at an estimated 1600 years old, the yew predates the founding of the church by several hundred years. Yew trees were spiritually important in pre-Christian Britain, and churches were often built on pagan spiritual sites, so it’s entirely possible that this tree was important to the locals of the time in the hundreds of years before the church was built.

Today, the tree’s heavy boughs are supported by a number of wooden props, reducing the strain their weight causes the tree and therefore reducing the chances that one might break. A hefty chain wrapped around the two trunks serves a similar purpose, holding the boughs of this venerable, ancient tree together.

Our Yew was voted a very close third

The professional propping of the tree was well and successfully carried out by R.W. Green after many very generous donations were made towards the cost of maintaining the tree in a very safe condition for decades to come. THANK YOU and please pass this news on to all you know.

GOD’S ACRE
Management of Wilmington Churchyard

In spite of the COVID-19 hiatus, we continue to manage our churchyard as a habitat for wild plants and their associated insects, birds and mammals. Many, if not all, of the churches in the area already do this, including all four of the other churches in the Benefice, and Folkington church.

We allow the grass to grow long, and to have it cut and removed by a contractor in August after any flowers have seeded. Areas to be excluded from this, and still regularly mown, are the new part of the churchyard, a strip either side of the paths, around the war
memorial and a path between the church and the vicarage. If anyone regularly visits a grave in this area and would like a path mown for access, let me, Julie Little, know.

Owing to the guidance and rules over distancing, the once a month pulling up thistles & any other unwanted plants, keeping graves free of ivy, saplings, etc., and cutting back/strimming and removing any particularly vigorous rough grass has not taken place so far this year.

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORK: OCTOBER UPDATE**

Dear Friends,

I write this just after the Harvest festival for many churches. We have been humbled by the generosity of many parishes who have continued to collect for us (both food and monetary donations). As we enter further into autumn these contributions will be put to very good use with our families.

It has been a challenging month with the return to school bringing positives and negatives for our families. There is relief that children are able to restart their education and socialise again, but the effect of lockdown has meant that some families are struggling hugely with their mental health and their finances. We are also getting new referrals regularly as teachers and other professionals recognise a need for support that has developed over the last six months.

We are trying hard to replace lost income and have a number of virtual events happening between now and Christmas. We would love to see as many people as possible join in – all the information can be found on the Events page of our website. The recent abseil at Peacehaven Cliffs was a great success with over £13,000 being raised, so thank you to everybody who supported that event.

We would normally be in a very busy period of meetings, talks and events in parishes throughout Sussex. In the absence of these we are still very conscious of all the prayer, practical and financial support being given so although we are not able to see you all in person, please know that we are extremely grateful to you all for your continued support of our work.

**Last month’s work in numbers**

242 (socially distanced) visits to families and 134 phone calls supporting 49 grandparents, 318 parents and 305 children
28 supported meetings (virtually via Zoom/Skype etc.) with other agencies
265 deliveries of food and other items (such as children’s activities) made
Prayer points

Thanks for the successful outcome of a large grant application last week
Pray for two young people in families we support who start undergraduate
degrees at Oxbridge this month after overcoming significant challenges at home
Wisdom and strength for our Trustees and senior management team in important decisions over the coming weeks

Nikki Kerr
FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL

Below are the notes taken from the Unadopted Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting. The Unadopted Minutes are circulated to the Parish Councillors and subsequently considered at the next Parish Council Meeting and if agreed, are signed as a true record. The Minutes can only be publicised after they have been approved, therefore in order for there to be no undue delay in keeping the residents of the parish informed about the meetings, the notes are printed in the Parish Magazine. The approved minutes are posted on the notice boards shortly after the meeting in which they are approved.

NOTES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held via Zoom on Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.30pm

Those present were: Councillors Pam Merritt (Chair), Tyler Butterworth (Vice Chair), Jeremy Christey, County Councillor Stephen Shing District Councillor Michael Lunn, Maria Caulfield MP and Claire Reynolds (Clerk). Apologies had been received from Councillors Lizzie Chisholm, Helen Baulcombe, Michael Bridges, and Claire Church, and Alison Cotton (Tree Warden). There was no Declaration of Interest and no Public Discussion. Councillor Merritt chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 13 July 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020 - not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
• The adders nest is still there but they will disappear during the winter.

Report of MP – Maria Caulfield:
i. Junction improvement work along A27 - This has now started, and Maria Caulfield asked if Councillors were aware of any complaints regarding traffic flow along the Long Man Parish stretch of the A27. If there are any please let her know.
ii. Main A27 Project - Highways England have been asked to look at more long-term plans for the A27. A public consultation and public enquiry will need to be held before any decisions are made. No routes have been identified at present. Maria Caulfield is in contact with the SCATE Representative with regards to their concerns of the environmental impact of any major roadworks along the A27. Maria Caulfield will update when further news is available.

iii. Cuckmere Haven - Maria Caulfield met with the Environment Agency last week and they have agreed to a £95,000 - five-year work programme, including regular clearing of the area to avoid a repetition of recent events, and regular maintenance of the sluice gates at Alfriston. Final details are being confirmed in the next few weeks.

iv. A259 Bridge at Exceat - Maria Caulfield reported that the South Downs National Park Planning Authority were not happy with the original improvement plans put forward for this. A second plan will be put forward towards the end of this year. Maria Caulfield had requested temporary traffic lights be reinstated as they appeared to work well last time. A new bridge is needed.

Report of District Councillor – Councillor Michael Lunn

Wealden District Council Local Plan - Councillor Lunn reported that the process of drawing up a second Local Plan is now underway and has a 2 year timescale. They are also looking at what the possible implications of the Governments Planning White Paper will have on the Local Plan. The Call for Sites has now closed and sites are being reviewed by Planning Officers. Concerns have been raised regarding the delivery of infrastructure to support new build homes. Councillor Lunn will update when more information becomes available.

Councillor Butterworth queried the link between the Planning Developers and infrastructure. Councillor Lunn explained that all housing developments have to make a contribution to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). That contribution depends on the number of the houses being built. That contribution then goes towards the infrastructure required to support the development being built. The District Council works closely with the Housing Associations, etc and annual reports are published. Parish Councils affected by housing developments also receive a proportion of CIL money.

Seven Sisters Country Park transfer of ownership - The transfer of ownership from Eastbourne Borough Council to the South Downs National Park Authority is waiting on approval from the Secretary of State. If approved, it will result in major investment into the Seven Sisters area. It will include a dedicated SDNPA office at this end of the County and funding towards the work of the National Trust, Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. Councillor Lunn will update when a decision is known.

Biffa Waste Recycling - This appears to be going well.

COVID Recovery Grant Fund - This has received positive feedback. We are not out of the woods yet and it will take time.

Reports of the Parish Councillors

Folkington - The new Parish Council Noticeboard is now in place and being used.
Some of the stiles are in need of repair around Folkington. ESCC Rights of Way Department contact to be given to Councillor Chisholm to report which ones require attention. They will then liaise with the relevant landowner.

**Milton Street** - Nothing to report.

**Wilmington** - Nothing to report.

**Report of the Tree Warden – Alison Cotton** - The 2 holm oaks, one in the churchyard and one in the Priory in Wilmington, were cut down in the first half of September. A resident had reported damage to young trees within woodland in Milton Street that has a footpath running through it.

**Report of County Councillor – Councillor Stephen Shing**

**Alfriston Traffic Management** - Councillor Shing reported that the County Council had met with Alfriston Parish Council and a proposal is due by the end of the year. There will then be a consultation.

**East Dean Doctors Surgery** - There is a proposal to close the surgery. Councillor Shing is working to try and avoid this on behalf of the patients.

**Corona Virus** - Regular updates are being received from the Wealden Community Hub and there are links on the LMPC website.

**Wealden District Council Recognition for Service to the Community Nominations** - Nominations to be forwarded to the Clerk for submission before the deadline of 21 October 2020.

**Woodland Trust – Tree of the Year Competition Finalist – The Wilmington Yew** – The Wilmington Yew tree is in the final ten of the above competition. Councillors to encourage parishioners to vote for the Wilmington Yew. Details on how to vote are on the LMPC website. The winner will be announced in October 2020.

**Report of the Clerk to the Council**

**Finance Report** - The report was circulated at the meeting which revealed a bank balance of £11,397.14 in the Current Account (as at 31 August 2020). This figure included the £3690.95 which had been transferred into the account from the closure of the LMPC Savings Account and £250 for the Milton Street Phone Box Fund.

**Accounts for Payment:**
- C Reynolds (Clerk Salary for August and September 2020) £719.54
- STRIPES (half yearly grass cut of the Triangle in Wilmington) £150.00
- Mr Gary Sutton (new Parish Council Noticeboard in Folkington) £530.09

**TOTAL:** £1,619.54
Correspondence
Highways England – notification of white line and stud replacement works to be carried out
the last week in September and first week in October 2020 finishing on the 8
October 2020. Cuckmere Buses – update regarding their services had been received.
ESRFS – information regarding free online fire safety training and advice for all live in or
visiting carers.
All of the above will be displayed on Parish noticeboards and on the LMPC website.

Planning: Applications and Decisions received and observations made since
the last meeting.

South Downs National Park Authority:
SDNP/20/01898/TCA – 2 Street Farmhouse, The Street, Wilmington,
Polegate BN26 5SJ - Proposal: Aesculus Hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut) –
reduce crown by 1/3 - Decision: Raise no objection – 24/07/2020

SDNP/20/02217/HOUS - Winkhurst Milton Street Polegate East Sussex
BN26 5RP - Proposal: Erection of a garden room - Discussed with LMPC
Councillors via email who supported the application - Decision: Approved
30/07/2020

SDNP/20/03390/FUL – Old Barn Studio, Milton Street, Polegate, BN26 5RJ
- Proposal: Refurbishment and renovation of existing redundant barn to form an
art studio - and associated works - To be discussed at LMPC Zoom Meeting on
14 September 2020.

Wealden District Council
WD/2020/0646/F – Landing View, Milton Gate, Wilmington, BN26 5RS -
Re-consult for new porch as change of name of dwelling - Discussed with LMPC
Councillors via email who had no objection to the application - Decision:
Approved 09/07/2020

WD/2019/2285/O - CROSSWAYS HOTEL, LEWES ROAD, WILMINGTON,
BN26 5SG - Description: THE ERECTION OF TWO NEW TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS
CONTAINING TOTAL OF EIGHT SELF-CATERING TWO AND THREE-BEDROOM
APARTMENTS - Additional highway details and Heritage Report received 2 July 2020
- Decision: Pending

Applications received too late for the agenda.
SDNP/20/03390/FUL – Old Barn Studio, Milton Street, Polegate, BN26 5RJ
- Proposal: Refurbishment and renovation of existing redundant barn to form an art
studio and associated works - Councillors discussed this application and
comments will be submitted to SDNPA.

Representation feedback from:
Wealden District Association of Local Councils - Nothing to report.
Cuckmere Flood Forum - Nothing to report.

Date of next meeting - Monday 9 November 2020 starting at 7.30pm.
Dependent on Government advice this will either be via Zoom or held in Wilmington Village Hall. The Clerk will confirm nearer the time.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.

The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council is:
Claire Reynolds, 32 St Mellion Close, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 3UY
Email: longmanclerk@gmail.com   Tel: 01323 843927

Clerk’s hours are part-time (7 hours a week) and that generally she will be working for LMPC on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays.

Please feel free to email at anytime but please note they will only be picked up during working hours.

No phone calls after 6.30pm please.

Please let the Clerk know if you need the contact details of your local Councillor.

CoronaVirus Parish Assistance

If anyone is requiring assistance during the current situation please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Claire Reynolds, Parish Clerk, Long Man Parish Council in the first instance
This month we offer you two Sudoku Puzzles to ponder over. These are graded as: 1: EASY & 2: HARDER
LOCAL DIRECTORY

Arlington P.C.C. Secretary  Diana White  01323 870680
Wilmington P.C.C. Secretary  Ian Coombs  01323 870638
Chairman, Village Club  Tom Jones  01323 871644
Wilmington Village Hall Bookings  Christine West  01323 870426
Wilmington Art Group  David Wilson  01323 506108
Clerk to Long Man Parish Council  Claire Reynolds  01323 843927
Long Man Tree Warden  Alison Cotton  01323 871581

Police Cover Team - Hailsham  Sgt. Howard Nevill  0845 6070999
Fly Tipping Inspector(?) Connects to Wealden Reception 01892 653311

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County Councillor  Stephen Shing  01323 489265
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ESCC Highways  0845 608019310
Sargeant Mark Ritchie, Local Police (mark.ritchie@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

Police: non emergency 101, emergency 999, voice mail 101 ext. 19028
PCSOs Janine Daly and Liz McDonagh  07787 685751 or 101 or 01273 470101

YOGA YIPPEE!

JEVINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Mondays:  6-7pm – Beginner’s/Gentle
           7.15-8.30pm – Intermediate
Tuesdays:  9.45-10.45am – Beginner’s/Gentle
           11am-12pm – Beginner’s/Gentle
           7-8pm – Beginner’s/Gentle

Also:  private 1:1 classes, workshops, holidays
       and Thai yoga massage

PLEASE RING JO FOR DETAILS
07729 686777  www.wildyogis.co.uk  jo@wildyogis.co.uk
Welcome to Drusillas zoo news! Sue Woodgate, Drusillas Zoo Business Manager, gives us the inside scoop on the zoo! From new babies to funny animal stories and more, Sue takes us behind the scenes and giving us an exclusive glimpse into life at Drusillas.

I am so pleased to announce that Drusillas first ever Virtual Race for Conservation has raised over £5,000! Between Monday 5th – Sunday 11th October, over 100 people raced a combined total of 800k to raise money for our conservation Charity of The Year, The Sloth Conservation Foundation (SloCo).

The Sloth Conservation Foundation is a non-profit UK registered charity based in Costa Rica, that aims to protect sloths in the wild through conservation initiatives and scientific research.

We are so proud of everyone that took part in our first ever virtual race for conservation! We are ecstatic to have raised so much money! We can’t believe we have managed to smash past the five-thousand-pound barrier, especially with all the chaos there has been this year. I just want to say a massive well done everyone who took part; staff and members of the public alike, what an incredible effort and an amazing thing to do for conservation.

We were working in association with England Athletics and Run Britain and the race was open to anyone who wanted to take part - there are no entry requirements so it didn’t matter your age or ability, anyone could get involved. We had people running, walking, cycling, toddling, swimming, scooting or wheeling, a distance of 2.5k, 5k or 10k and what a fantastic job they all did.

Drusillas has been working hand-in-hand with SloCo over the past few months to help them work towards achieving their conservation goals. The foundation was created by Dr Rebecca Cliffe, one of the world’s leading experts in sloths.

Sloth populations are in decline throughout South and Central America as they struggle to adapt to the urbanisation of the rainforest. Saving the world’s
slowest mammal from extinction now requires innovative and long-term conservation solutions that target both human and sloth populations.

One person at a time, one day at a time, and one project at a time, we all have the ability to make a serious difference that will leave a lasting impact on the world. We are at serious risks of pushing our sloth species to extinction, it is heart-breaking to see the impact we are having on these amazing creatures.

The Sloth Conservation Foundation has seven primary conservation programs that help to protect sloths in the wild, to read all about these programs please visit www.slothconservation.com

Sloths need our help now more than ever, so by donating even a little you can help us make a huge difference to the survival rates of sloths in the wild. Let us learn lessons from everything that has been going on globally and use it as motivation to take positive action and save our wildlife before it is too late.

And once again we would like to thank everyone who helped us reach this amazing goal, the difference these funds can make is huge. Thank you!!

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A DATE for YOUR DIARIES!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8th

There will be a Service of Commemoration and Remembrance at Saint Peter’s Church on Sunday November 8th at 10.45am ~ to co-ordinate with the Cenotaph. The Service will be taken by The Reverend Malcolm Elwis; hymns will be played on the piano by Dr Harry Brunjes.

ALL WELCOME!

Royal British Legion poppies will decorate the altar and the window sills, but will not be available to buy as they were last year. However, donations for the Royal British Legion can be accepted and will combine with our usual joint offering from the three villages of Wilmington, Milton Street and Folkington, to be collected by Mrs Elizabeth Chisholm, Folkington and Mr Nigel Willson of Wilmington. Please give your donation to either of the St Peter’s churchwardens.

NEWS from FOLKINGTON

The ‘Indian Summer’ with it’s unending days of sunshine through this autumn in our South Downs village, has offered an abundance of flowers, birds and butterflies in gardens, fields and hedges. A frequent visitor to northern Folkington has been an exuberant Hummingbird Hawk Moth with gossamer wings whizzing like a tiny helicopter, while enjoying wild azaleas, roses and lavender. Village gardens have provided flowers and greenery enough to decorate St. Peter’s Church, and the open days of Wednesday, Friday and Sunday have continued to be successful, thanks to the generous help of neighbours. Our two or three services a month are
being well-attended. On Sunday October 4th The Reverend Neville Manning took a Mattins with eighteen worshippers and Lula the dog, enhanced by the surprise arrival of a magical organist - Dr Rupert Sheldrake - who played two hymns that Neville and he sang. Neville celebrated our Dedication Festival and World Animal Day, with all animals represented by Lula. By the time parishioners read this, our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will have happened with The Reverend Malcolm Elwis, so read about it in the next issue.

Looking into the crystal ball of November, highlights include organist Tim Berrett at the Eucharist Service with the Rector on November 1st, our usual lovely Remembrance Sunday Service on November 8th with The Reverend Malcolm Elwis and Dr Harry Brunjes at the piano and a United Benefice on November 22nd at Alfriston. On November 29th, our Advent Sunday Service with its lessons from Isaiah will be taken by The Reverend Neville Manning. Some Advent hymns will be played by a mystery pianist/organist ...... It is hoped that as many members of St.Peter’s church community as possible will come to this special service. We can all distance in the space available - pews, the chancel, the aisle!

In last month’s Magazine we wrote about the Marriage of Peyten Newbury and Jacobe Handford on September 19th. We would like to add to our report that the music for the Bridal Procession into St Peter’s was Le Onde by Ludovico Einaud, played on the piano by Tim Berrett. The hymns were Lord of the Dance and Jerusalem; Peyten and Jacobe walked down the aisle to Charpentier’s Te Deum. Readings included ‘Love’s Persistence’ (based on I Corinthians 13) and The Apache Wedding Blessing.

Details of December and Christmas Services will be announced in November. On Christmas Day there will be a morning Service at St Peter’s with The Reverend Malcolm Elwis.
Services for November and Early December

Services at Saint Peter ad Vincula, Folkington from Sunday November 1st until Sunday December 6th

Sunday November 1st ~ 10.30 am ~ Holy Communion
The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes
The Reverend Christyan James, Associate Priest
and Kelly Ellis, Lay Pastoral Minister

Sunday November 8th ~ 10.45 am ~ Remembrance Sunday Service
The Reverend Malcom Elwis
piano Dr Harry Brunjes
Donations to the Royal British Legion

Sunday November 15th ~ No Service at St. Peter’s.
Church open for visitors and prayer

Sunday November 22nd ~ United Benefice Service for the Cuckmure Churches ~ to be held at Saint Andrew, Alfriston with Lullington at 10.30 am (Check time) ~ The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, The Reverend Christyan James and Kelly Ellis, our Lay Pastoral Minister

Sunday November 29th ~ 11am ~ ADVENT SUNDAY Service
with The Reverend Neville Manning
lighting of the Advent Candle and Readings

Sunday December 6th ~ 10.30 am ~ Holy Communion
with The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes and the Benefice team

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Benefice Services for November and December

1st November
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer - please request the link
10.00 a.m Arlington – Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m Selmeston – Holy Communion
3.00 p.m Alciston – Commemoration of The Departed

8th November
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer please request the link
9.30 a.m Arlington Morning Prayer and farewell to Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson
10.50 a.m. Wilmington – Act of Remembrance and farewell to Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson
10.50 a.m Act of Remembrance at Selmeston War Memorial
10.50 a.m Act of Remembrance at Berwick War Memorial

15th November
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer - please request the link
10.00 a.m Arlington – Morning Prayer
10.30 a.m Berwick – Morning Prayer
22nd November
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer – please request the link
10.00 am Wilmington – Morning Prayer
10.30 am Selmeston – Morning Prayer

29th November
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer – please request the link
10.00am Arlington – Morning Prayer
10.30 am Berwick – Morning Prayer

6th December
8.00am Alciston – Holy Communion

Advent 1
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer – please request the link
10.00am Wilmington – Morning Prayer
10.30am Berwick – Holy Communion

The times of the services are subject to change. Please look at the website (www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk) and check carefully on the Sunday link emails. If in any doubt please contact Stephanie Lewis-Grey on 01323 811136 or email at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

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ZOOM SERVICES
Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9am from 6th September. You can be sent a link to join these services - please contact the Benefice Administrator at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk to be added to the mailing list to receive this link.

Wednesday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9.30am each Wednesday in September. Please request a link as above.

BERWICK CHURCH
We're hoping that the restoration work at Berwick will have been completed during September and that we will be able to hold our first services in October (see above). If you'd like to be on a mailing list and receive information about the restarting of services please contact the Benefice Administrator on 01323 811136 or email at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

If you have any queries please contact:

Reverend Peter Blee on 01323 870512 – he is available whether you are a member of the church or not. (This includes face to face contact - but at a safe distance.) Reverend Frank Fox - Wilson is on 01323 871148. Please respect Frank’s need to minimise contact and that he is off-duty Tuesday to Friday.