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For the Villages of Folkington, Milton
Street and Wilmington*



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WILMINGTON**

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Dates and Events for Your Diary

30th December	Film Matinee - "Vertigo"	3.30pm
10th January	Long Man Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm
11th January	Film Night - "?"	7.00pm
22nd January	Big Quiz Night	7.00pm
January ?(date tbc)	Defibrillator training	tbc
28th January	'Pub in the Club'. Just drop in!	6.00 pm
3rd February	History Talk – Ian Gledhill	7.30 pm
11th February	Family Games	4.00 pm
15th February	Annual General Meeting	7.30 pm
25th February	'Pub in the Club'. Just drop in!	6.00 pm

FROM THE VICARAGE

As I write the Prime Minister has just delivered his 'Booster Broadcast', the national response to the impending tsunami of Omicron infections. I wonder what will be the situation when you read this. The speed at which a virus can spread and infections rise, the exponential growth, is something that's even now difficult to grasp. We know the illness spreads through human interactions and reducing those slows down the spread. But the flip side of this is that all the good and necessary things to our emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing that happen in a human interaction are also prevented. Scientists are now telling us that an act of kindness done without any expectation of reward releases a hormone called oxytocin. And that the release of that hormone is beneficial to the wellbeing of the individual. In addition, the release of the hormone is associated with an individual offering an act of kindness or generosity to someone else. In other words that one act of kindness

can spread, a bit like the virus. But also when acts of kindness haven't been happening because of the lack of interaction the body and mind suffers. What name can we give to this effect? It doesn't have one at the moment.

In the Christian and many other faiths generosity and kindness is a command. It is something people are told they should do. When they do it they discover why, they experience the impact on themselves and on others and that spreads to benefit the whole community. This month we celebrate Epiphany, the visit of the Magi, bearing their gifts, making their offering, expressing their generosity and with no expectation of reward. They do it in response to the gift of Jesus to the world. One gift and act of generosity producing another which gives rise to another..

If we feel impotent and as if there's little we can do to make a difference its worth remembering that one small act can, one interaction can spread beneficially. And if science helps to motivate people to 'love others as you would them love you' then that's just another benefit that it can offer society.

CONFIRMATION COURSE

If you're interested in being confirmed please get in touch as soon as possible - 01323 870512 – peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk . This is open to anyone insider or outside the church. It's a good way of revisiting Christian belief.

BERWICK CHURCH – Phase 2 Building Works.

Building work to construct a small toilet extension, to lower the path and ground level around the west end of the church and to bring out the porch begins on 4th January 2022. We hope to keep the church open and that church services will continue as the building work is exterior to the church. This Phase 2 is a result of the need to find an alternative location for the toilet to the tower space inside the church as originally proposed. The porch extension has been advised by the environmental consultant to reduce air exchange and make the most of the underfloor heating.

Reverend Peter Blee

BENEFICE NEWS

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK, DECEMBER 2021 UPDATE

Dear Friends,

What a year 2021 was! Starting in lockdown and ending with our carol service in Funtington, there were so many changes for us and for our families. But we made it through the year and are now excitedly looking to what 2022 might bring.

December was extremely busy for us – starting with our crowdfunding campaign which incredibly hit its £20,000 target in just two weeks! A huge thank you to everybody who supported the campaign by donating or sharing within their

networks, it really was a fantastic team effort. Those funds will be able to be used wherever we have the most need.

It was wonderful to hold a live carol service in Funtington with Bishop Ruth presiding and the High Sheriff of West Sussex in attendance as well as a number of our Bishop's Champions. We hope to be able to hold a carol service in East Sussex next year.

The rest of the month was spent sorting the incredible toy donations we received from churches across Sussex and from other local groups. Our meeting room looked like a toy shop and everybody was so generous and thoughtful. Every child and parent we support received a gift, and we were also able to provide 150 Christmas hampers and 80 fresh turkeys. It was a really special feeling to know that all of these families would be able to celebrate properly this year, after the restrictions we all faced in 2020.

With the business of Christmas out of the way, we are turning to thinking about how we can serve our families even better in 2022. We anticipate even more referrals coming to us after the Christmas holidays, and families' needs to be extensive.

Thank you to you all for everything you have done, and continue to do, to keep FSW going. We really couldn't provide our vital work without your support, and we are immensely grateful.

November's work in numbers

205 individual visits and 247 support calls with families supporting 33 grandparents, 317 parents and 297 children
23 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
22 face-to-face group sessions held supporting 354 parents and 128 children
152 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Give thanks for a recent significant grant which will support our work in part for the next 3 years.

Pray that all FSW staff and volunteers have been well rested during the Christmas break so that they can start the new year refreshed

Pray for a family we support with a very premature baby, born just before Christmas.

Nikki Kerr
FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



Thank You!

Family Support Work are very grateful for the donations received, which will have helped struggling and vulnerable families over Christmas.

Tim Berrett/Jane Anderson

WILMINGTON NEWS

Big Quiz Night

We are delighted to be hosting a quiz night in Wilmington Village Hall in aid of **Tearfund.**

Tickets at the door £5 each.

Please bring your own food, or if you already have a team, then food for your table.

Drinks: There will be a bar on the night.

Date: 22 January 2022

Time: 7pm

Please confirm with me at revshirleym@gmail.com or on the village Whatsapp. This does, of course, depend on the Covid restrictions in place at the time.

Shirley Pearce

Richard Durrant Concerts

Just to let you know that the Richard Durrant concerts, on 21st of December, went very well. Turnout was good, when all things are considered, with 60 people (out of 83 tickets sold) arriving for the afternoon and 70 (out of 115 tickets sold) for the evening. That also meant folk could spread out a little.

On behalf of Richard and the other musicians, Louise Durrant has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks for allowing the final day of the tour to go ahead. Richard enjoys coming to Wilmington (where he once lived) and has a special affinity with the church, village and the downs..

Tim Berrett

Flower Arrangements Workshop

There is nothing like pretty flowers, berries and foliage beautifully arranged, to lift the spirits. In our homes and in church it demonstrates care and affection and many view it as a particular skill.

It is interesting to note that many people feel they do not have such a talent. Well, how about coming to our workshop (with tea and cake, naturally!) and exploring your ability? Or come and fine hone your skills and learn about alternatives to using oasis.

This will take place in January or February at Wilmington Village Hall, date and time to be confirmed, so do keep an eye out for the notice. If you have any queries, please email or phone me.

Be assured of a very warm welcome.

Reverend Shirley

The Desperate Publican

Grogshop News



Despite spending a congenial life working in publishing, the mysterious draw of the sleeping giant has given me a thirst for a new challenge, hence, I am now the proud owner of our very own local. Yikes - how did that happen?

Intoxicated by the supportive enthusiasm of Wilmington tippers, plans for regenerating The Giant's Rest are gestating and my architect is at his drawing board as I write. I'm anticipating that the revival of the giant from his befuddled slumber will take a year or so to

accomplish. As I know zilch about life behind bars, I'm hoping that planners, health and safety officials and our national park enforcers won't be too sobering an experience, and that my impending journey will be largely hassle-free and as smooth as a pint of nectar.

Wash your hands and

God save The Queen

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 on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.30pm at Wilmington Village Hall

Those present were: Councillors Pam Merritt (Chair), Tyler Butterworth (Vice Chair), Lizzie Chisholm, Helen Baulcombe, Michael Bridges, Jeremy Christey, County Councillor Stephen Shing, Alison Cotton (Tree Warden) Claire Reynolds (Clerk)

Councillor Merritt Chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies had been received from Councillor Claire Church and District Councillor Michael Lunn. There was no Declaration of Interest and no Public Discussion.

The Minutes of the meeting dated 13 September 2021 were approved and signed as a true record..

Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 - A response had been received regarding the hedge removal issue on the A27 and was read out at the meeting.

Report of the County Councillor – Councillor Stephen Shing

Flooding within the Parish - Councillor Shing requested Councillors to email him with details of any locations of flooding issues within the Parish. Ideas for resolving these issues was also requested. Councillor Baulcombe to email details regarding Milton Street area.

Drusilla's roundabout – Councillor Shing had raised concerns over the size and lighting at the Drusilla's roundabout and the fact that the area adjoins the SDNP.

Report of the District Councillor – Councillor Michael Lunn - Councillor Lunn was not able to attend the meeting but had submitted the following report:

Wealden Local Plan: Progress is being made albeit slowly. We had hoped that sites being proposed would have been published by now, but we are assured that these will be published

prior to Christmas and will be subject to a public consultation. One of the primary and still unknown issues is a question on housing numbers. We are all aware of many houses which have already been approved yet have not been physically been built out. It's the belief of many Members of the Council that these should contribute to the housing numbers. In that regard I have personally spoken to the Secretary of State Michael Gove alongside Maria Caulfield MP to raise these issues and its implications for flooding, and impacts on existing infrastructure.

Water Levels Management Board: As you will recall I noted that the Environment Agency had rejected an application to De-main the Cuckmere whereby the Water Levels Management Board would have taken over responsibility. We have since been told that the Environment Agency will consider outsourcing some

responsibility to the Water Levels Management Board but the devil is in the detail. The EA has agreed to clear some shingle this Autumn.

A27 Roadworks: I have raised a complaint to Maria Caulfield MP regarding the delays of the works on the A27.

Reports of the Parish Councillors

Folkington - 30mph Speed Restriction: Councillor Chisholm was interested in obtaining this in Folkington and will liaise with Cllrs Butterworth and Baulcombe regarding the process they have gone through.

Green Lane to Jevington: A lot of work had been carried out on this to fill up the potholes and ruts to make it passable for walkers and riders. Unfortunately motorbikes and 4x4's have since churned it up. Councillor Bridges to follow this up and liaise with Councillor Chisholm as it can be classed as driving vehicles in an unsociable manner.

Traffic lights at Gainsborough Lane: Councillor Chisholm reported that these had been beneficial when trying to exit onto the A27 from Folkington.

Milton Street - 30mph Speed Restriction Application: Further to the application being submitted by Councillor Butterworth and Councillor Baulcombe a Hearing with East Sussex Highways had been organised for the 13 December 2021. Councillor Butterworth and County Councillor Shing will be speaking at the Hearing. Feedback from the Hearing will be given when available. Councillor Bridges suggested highlighting repeater signs.

Theft of cooking oil: Councillor Baulcombe reported thefts of used cooking oil from local pubs recently. These had been reported to the police, but the response had been disappointing. Councillor Bridges to follow this up.

Wilmington - Water leak by Giants Rest: Councillor Bridges is liaising with South East Water, Southern Water and ESCC Highways to try and resolve this as no-one appears to be taking responsibility for it. An update will be given at the next meeting.

Drusilla's Roundabout: Councillor Christey had written to Councillor Shing and MP Maria Caulfield about this.

The Giants Rest Pub: This has now been sold and the new buyer had put an article in the parish magazine explaining his intentions to re-open it as a pub.

Pegasus Crossing: Concerns were raised regarding the new fence rails on the north side of the Common limiting the sight line for cars turning right from Thornwell Road of approaching A27 traffic from the west.

Report of the Tree Warden – Alison Cotton - A delivery of 200 Elms and 160 other native trees will be arriving in January 2022 from the South Downs National Park Authority and all have been allocated throughout the parish. The Elm trees will be intended primarily to enhance the wildlife habitat and will be monitored by SDNPA over time. Discussions have been taking place with Julie Little to replace the Holm Oak that had to be felled in the churchyard. The location of the

replacement trees has also been discussed. Thanks were expressed to Alison for all the work she has done in her role as Tree Warden for the Parish.

ESCC Grass Cutting for 2022 - Information had been received from ESCC regarding the 3 grass cutting options for 2022 and this had been circulated to Councillors. It was agreed that Option 2 is as follows: **Option 2 - Extra Cuts: Parish / Town Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totally six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost the Parish / Town Council a total of £238 for the year.** This has been the chosen option for the last 2/3 years. The Clerk to inform ESCC of this decision.

Corona Virus update - Links to current information are on the LMPC website.

A27 news - Regular updates on the A27 junction improvements are being received and circulated out to Councillors and put on the LMPC website and noticeboards.

Report of the Clerk to the Council

Finance - Finance Report and agree the accounts for payments.

The report was circulated at the meeting which revealed a bank balance of £14,733.76 in the Current Account (as at 29 September 2021). 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. The second half of the WDC Precept totalling £4,444 had been received.

C Reynolds (Clerk's Salary for October 2021 and November 2021)	£742.56
Wealden District Association of Local Councils Subscription 2021/2022	£5.00

TOTAL:

£747.56

Correspondence

Appointment of new Payroll Service Provider: The current provider will be retiring at the end of the Financial year next year. If any Councillors know of anyone who could carry out the payroll for LMPC please let the Clerk know. Two people were suggested at the meeting and will be contacted by the Clerk.

Purchase of mobile phone for the Clerk: It was agreed that the Clerk could purchase a mobile phone on a contract basis for Parish Council use only. The Clerk to research alternatives.

Pruning of tree next to Parish Council noticeboard in Wilmington: A quote had been obtained from the company who had carried out the work before but was thought too expensive. Alternative quotes to be obtained by the Clerk so that a decision can be made by the Councillors via email. Two contacts were given at the meeting and the Clerk will follow these up.

Planning

The following Planning Application was discussed at the meeting:

SDNP/21/05199/FUL – Folkington Manor, Folkington Lane, Folkington, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 5SD.

LMPC had no objections to this Planning Application.

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

South Downs National Park Authority

SDNP/21/02978/CND – TREK END, THE STREET, WILMINGTON, BN26 5SQ
- Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (condition 2) attached to K/62/1563.

LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Approved
07/10/2021

SDNP/21/03972/HOUS – 4 ADES FIELD, WILMINGTON, BN26 5SH - Single storey side extension and replacement roof to rear conservatory. **LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Approved 05/10/2021**

SDNP/21/03758/HOUS – APRIL COTTAGE, THE STREET, WILMINGTON. BN26 5SQ - Erection of a replacement garage with bedroom / bathroom within roof space. **LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Approved 24/09/2021**

SDNP/21/03668/PA3R – FOLKINGTON MANOR FARM, FOLKINGTON LANE, - POLEGATE, EAST SUSSEX, BN26 5SD - Change of use of barn from agriculture to group educational talks. **LMPC had no objections. Decision: Prior approval not required.**

SDNP/20/05746/HOUS – DOWNLANDS, MILTON STREET, POLEGATE, EAST SUSSEX, BN26 5RW - Dormer, roof alterations and external alterations. **LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Pending**

SDNP/21/00846/LIS & SDNPS/21/00845/HOUS – FOLKINGTON MANOR, FOLKINGTON LANE, BN26 5SD - Erection of new ancillary accommodation to the Flint Rooms, new Pool and Gym building, internal to the Stable Yard entrance of formation of a Boot Room within the existing Garage Courtyard (demolish existing redundant structures behind the Flint rooms). Grade II star listed. **LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: 00846 = Pending / 00845 = Withdrawn – 07/10/2021**

SDNP/21/04924/HOUS – TWYTEN HOUSE, THE STREET, WILMINGTON, BN26 5SN Relocate existing oil tank from adjoining outhouse to the rear of the garden. **LMPC had not objection to this application. Decision: Pending**

SDNP/21/05213/HOUSE – ORCHARD END, THE STREET, WILMINGTON, BN26 5SQ Addition of new dormer windows to rear (East) elevation to form new first floor bathroom and additional window to existing first floor bedroom. **LMPC decision to be made.**

SDNP/21/05199/FUL – FOLKINGTON MANOR, FOLKINGTON LANE, FOLKINGTON, POLEGATE, EAST SUSSEX, BN26 5SD Demolition of redundant structures behind the Flint Room, construction of a new ancillary accommodation to the Flint Rooms, construction of a new Pool and Gym building and various internal alterations to the Stable Yard entrance and the formation of a new Boot Room within the existing Garage Courtyard. **LMPC decision to be made.**

Wealden District Council

WD/2020/2388/FA - MILTON GATE FARM, MILTON STREET, POLEGATE, BN26 5RS Description: VARIATION OF CONDITION 4 OF WD/1994/1767/F (ERECTION OF NEW FARMHOUSE) IN ORDER TO VARY THE AGRICULTURAL OCCUPANCY CONDITION TO LIMIT OCCUPANCY TO A PERSON SOLELY OR MAINLY EMPLOYED AS AN EQUESTRIAN OPERATOR OR A DEPENDENT OF SUCH A PERSON RESIDING WITH HIM OR HER. LMPC had no objections to this application.
Decision: Approved 25/03/2021

WD/2020/2408/F – MILTON GATE FARM, MILTON STREET, POLEGATE, BN26 5RS
 DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FARM BUILDINGS AND ERECTION OF A BLOCK OF 10 STABLES TO HOUSE POLO PONIES, HAY STORE, FEED STORE, TACK ROOM, STAFF OFFICE / TEA ROOM AND STORAGE; AND ERECTION OF A WILDLIFE TOWER. **LMPC objected to this application. Decision: Pending**

WD/2020/2407/MAJ – MILTON GATE FARM, MILTON STREET, POLEGATE, BN26 5RS
 CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL LAND TO A PRIVATE POLO CENTRE INCLUDING PROVISION OF POLO PITCH WITH ANCILLARY ENGINEERING WORKS TO CHANGE LEVELS; AND WILDLIFE POND; AND TEMPORARY WIDENING OF AGRICULTURAL ACCESS TRACK.
LMPC objected to this application. Decision: Pending

WD/2020/2265/F & WD/2020/2266/LB – HAYREED BARN, HAYREED LANE, WILMINGTON, BN26 6RR - CONVERSION OF EXISTING BUILDING TO CREATE SELF-CONTAINED ANNEXE. LMPC had no objections to these applications. Decision: Pending

WD/2021/0736/F – THE OLD HIDES, BAYLEY’S LANE, WILMINGTON -
 Conversion of vernacular barn to single dwelling including new access and drive.
LMPC had no objections to this application. Decision: Pending

WD/2021/0664/MFA – LAND AND BUILDINGS AT NATEWOOD FARM, POLEGATE ROAD, HAILSHAM, BN27 3PH - MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO WD/2017/2261/MAJ (PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FORMER FARM BUILDINGS AND REMOVAL OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ARRAY INSTALLATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL UNITS (B1b&c) AND STORAGE AND

DISTRIBUTION (B8), WITH REPLACEMENT ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAY) INVOLVING VARIATION OF CONDITION 26 TO ALLOW FOR ADDITION OF WINDOWS AND PERSONNEL DOORS TO PROPOSED BUILDINGS AND INCREASE IN HEIGHT OF APPROVED ROLLER SHUTTER DOORS. LMPC had objection to this application. Decision: Pending

WD/2020/2680/F – WOOTON MANOR FARM BUILDINGS, WOOTTON MANOR, FOLKINGTON, POLEGATE, BN26 5RY

Description: CHANGE OF USE OF FORMER DAIRY AND TACK ROOM TO CLASS E (G) (i-iii). WORKS TO BUILDING 1 (FORMER DAIRY) INCLUDE THE DEMOLITION OF INTERNAL COW STALLS AND PROVISION OF NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS IN EXISTING OPENINGS, PROVISION OF A WC AND KITCHENETTE, INSULATION OF FLOOR AND WALLS AND NEW CEILING. WORKS TO BUILDING 2 (FORMER TACK ROOM) INCLUDE THE DEMOLITION OF A ROUGH LEAN TO SHED, REMOVAL OF INTERNAL FITTINGS, INSULATION OF FLOOR AND WALLS AND UNDER ROOF USING TY MAWR PRODUCTS, PROVISION OF A WC AND KITCHENETTE, RESTORATION OF ORIGINAL OPENINGS AND PROVISION OF NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS TO MATCH EXISTING. ACCESS TO BE IMPROVED BY THE CREATION OF TWO PASSING PLACES.

LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Pending

WD/2021/2235/FR – LAND ADJACENT TO MILTON FIELD, MILTON GATE, WILMINGTON, BN26 5RS PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE TO SITE 2 NO. GYPSY STATIC UNITS TOGETHER WITH TOURER PARKING, STABLES, FENCING AND SERVICES. **LMPC decision to be made.**

Representation feedback from:

WDALC - Correspondence received had been emailed round to Councillors.

Cuckmere Flood Forum Correspondence received had been emailed round to Councillors. Information regarding the recent flooding in October 2021 had been sent to the Forum as requested.

Date of next meeting Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm in Wilmington Village Hall. This is subject to Government Regulations regarding Covid.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.

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

LOCAL DIRECTORY

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Wilmington Art Group (at Arlington now)	David Wilson	01323 506108
Clerk to Long Man Parish Council	Claire Reynolds	01323 843927
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WILMINGTON, FOLKINGTON AND MILTON STREET VILLAGE CLUB

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & BAZAAR HELD ON SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2021

It is always a busy and anxious time before these events and this year was no different. We are all concerned there will be enough cakes to sell & sufficient Bric-a-brac to keep the table looking interesting. Will the hyacinths be at their best and is the Tombola under control? Are the catering staff organised and has

somebody volunteered to dress the Christmas Tree? (Thank you, Julia) Is the printing and advertising under way? Thank you, John M & Melissa) We all try to make it look seamless but there is much 'paddling under the water' before the big day arrives. Having been unable to have an event like this last year due to Lockdown, we were more excited than ever that it be a great success.

Virginia greeted everybody at the door with masks and gel - it was so important to ensure we were all safe. Everybody wore these masks during the morning.

Within half an hour of this event having started the hall was awash with villagers and friends. Melissa & Abey made a wonderful display on the Tombola stall, a full table with prizes galore. It takes an enormous amount of work to set this up and to make it the success it always is for families and children alike. The prizes were numerous and imaginative and it is always one of the most popular tables in the Bazaar. Well done to this 'deadly duo' for all the banter and fun that they share with their customers.

Another popular Christmas table were Sarah de Belder's Hyacinths. Sold in pottery pots & saucers they make wonderful presents and Billie had included red & white Cyclamen which added enormous colour to this pretty stall. Vicki from Milton Street spent much time with the younger villagers, and their various friends, with Arts & Crafts and a Snowman Game, and selling toys. She created a lovely haven of interest and amusement for the young ones. Thankfully we have a few more children living here now, it is even whispered that there may be another one on the way!! Also, some wonderful wood work from Colin in Ades Field, well done.

The bric-a-brac is always the biggest table here and is very well supported. It's unimaginable how many items appear for this including jewellery, china, household items, unwanted gifts etc - Pari & Belinda Burton work tirelessly throughout the day before setting up, on the day itself selling and when the bazaar is over they spend another hour or two packing up the spoils to take to the local charity shop. A big thank you to them both for their very hard work.

Christine & John were in charge of the Raffle and were delighted with items that were given to help make this as successful as it usually is. People have always been very kind in passing over bottles of wine and seasonal items, chocolates, Pannettones, crackers etc. These gifts go to make really interesting and attractive prizes. We were even, very generously, given a three ring slow cooker which one of the younger residents of the village gleefully chose as his prize and staggered back to his amazed father!! One of the very magical moments was when a very little girl stood holding the foil covered chocolate Santa that she had picked off the table and asked very pleadingly 'Could I buy this please?' In the spirit of Christmas we said Yes. John Marshall with his booming voice was on hand, as always, calling the lucky numbers.

Then there was Belinda Ferretter on the cake table with a marvellous selection of colour and taste, everything from coffee sponges, chocolate brownies,

fruit cakes, lemon & orange cakes and more, including some beautifully decorated cup cakes. There were delicious, professional home made chocolates by OJ & Ruth, jars of home made Medlar jelly (Ruth & Andy) and local quail eggs from Jane Hooton. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very important table. Thanks to all the Milton Street cake bakers and the ladies in Wilmington, we couldn't have managed without you and apologies for not mentioning you all by name. And now the kitchen, Claire with her team of helpers, Hilary, Hilary's sister, with her Niece & Nephew busily serving cakes, mince pies & sausage rolls - non stop but always with a smile and a happy remark. Michael Bridges, always with a tea cloth in his hand, but willing to help anywhere that was required. (Is he always like this at home, Belinda and if so, please send him round!!) These kitchen helpers work very hard with the serving and washing up and the refreshments are always one of the most important areas of the hall.

And last, but certainly not least, Tony Wilson headed up the delicious Mulled Wine - He was responsible for this popular alcoholic area, a welcome change, some felt, from the tea & coffee.

It is also of great importance to thank all those who helped set up the tables and more importantly still, those thoughtful people who stayed behind to help clear up in true community spirit. We all valued those extra pairs of hands.

This Coffee Morning & Bazaar was a roaring success and a great credit to everyone who supported it.

Christine West

From Ruth, Our Chairman

Hello Everyone,

We have started to get back to normal this autumn, **although all fingers crossed for Christmas and New Year restrictions not getting any tighter.** We've managed four film nights, a Spanish evening, a Games evening and the Christmas Bazaar (read a great write-up above).

Beyond these events the committee have been actively looking after the Hall on your behalf: conducting a risk assessment, writing a health and safety policy and procedures to bring us in line with legislation, updating our hiring agreement, updating our banking arrangements to bring them into the electronic age and working on the website to make it useful. We are also removing dead trees in the grounds and assessing the electrics in the Hall as they need upgrading.

We have ordered new pads for the defibrillator and that should be up and running again soon. We will be running defibrillator training sessions for anyone interested in January – watch out for information on dates.

Whilst we are without a pub we also want to run pub evenings in the Hall – we've had positive feedback on this. So mark your calendars for the last Friday of every month starting in January. And please think about volunteering here: we are going to need people to help out on the night. Our idea is that a different group of volunteers run it each time. Please contact me if you are willing to help. Abey and Melissa have kindly agreed to source wine, beer and soft drinks for each session.

Forthcoming Events

January ?- dates tbc	Defibrillator training
January 28th 6.00 pm – 10.00pm	'Pub in the Club'. Just drop in!
February 3rd 7.30 pm	History Talk – Ian Gledhill
February 11th 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Family Games
February 15th 7.30 pm	AGM - All villagers welcome. This is when you get to elect the Chair and others on the Management Committee. Details will follow
February 25th 6.00 pm – 10 pm	'Pub in the Club'
March 25th 6.00 pm – 10 pm	'Pub in the Club'
April 29th 6.00 pm – 10 pm	'Pub in the Club'
	(and so on until the pub opens)

Season's Greetings to all!

Ruth Zacharewicz
ruth@rawzac.com.

HISTORY TALK

THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

WILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL
7PM FOR 7.30 START

TICKETS (AT DOOR) £7.50 PER PERSON

SPEAKER: IAN GLEDHILL

TITLE: OH WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE

A light-hearted look at seaside entertainment over the years, from bathing machines to end-of-the-pier shows and "What the Butler Saw" machines, including a brief history of the seaside itself. We look at the specialist buildings that proliferated at the seaside in the 19th century, such as piers, towers and aquaria - not to mention that legendary breed, the seaside landlady!

CHRISTMAS MATINEE: 30th DECEMBER

Very Sadly, this performance has been cancelled - for Coronavirus reasons.

Look out for emails that will advise on future Film Nights.

Bringing Back Elms to the Downs

Would you like to receive free disease resistant elm trees to plant this winter?

During 2019 and 20 we have planted 120 Elms in Long Man parish, that are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. This is a South Downs National Park project, attempting to replace some of the elm trees we have lost, and that are continuing to die from the disease. There is a research element to it too, as the various elm cultivars planted will be monitored as they grow.

The SDNP biodiversity officer Sonia Lorenzo-Martin has recently visited the parish to see how some of our young elms are doing. She was impressed with our efforts and is offering more elms to plant this winter. These are available for free to any Long Man resident/land owner, whether in or outside the SDNP boundary, provided recipients agree to nurture and protect the trees and allow future monitoring. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this project and receive elm trees to plant this winter.

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

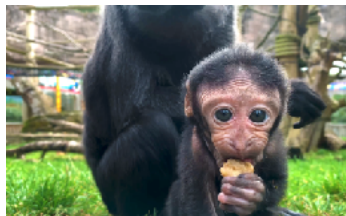
We are all encouraged to plant trees between this October and March 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> You can add any trees planted to a nationwide Queen's Green Canopy map. The Woodland Trust is giving away tree packs to community groups and educational establishments.

Alison Cotton
Tree Warden for Long Man
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Drusillas Commence Zoo Annual Stock Take

It's that time of year again when the staff at Drusillas Park commence the biggest job of the zoo calendar - counting each and every animal for the New Year stock take.

The annual count is one of the biggest jobs in the diary and is undertaken by keepers around the country at this time of year. It is completed as part of compliance with zoo legislation, which requires zoos and aquariums to keep precise records of every animal birth, death, arrival and departure.



A lot has changed over the last twelve months, and Drusillas has welcomed many new arrivals. Quite a few new faces can now be found around the zoo, including critically endangered macaque baby Kiwi born in July, beautiful baby Arlo the colobus monkey, and super cute otter baby, Pickle. All the new arrivals

must be accounted for and checked in the annual stock take.

Of course, the keepers at Drusillas are fully aware of how many animals they have in their care, especially the larger species such as the penguins, lemurs and camels. However, the annual stock take provides an opportunity to ensure that all their records are up to date and reflect accurately the number of residents at the zoo.



Zoo Animal Manager, Mark Kenward, is overseeing the task this year and he certainly has his work cut out. With hundreds of individual animals, the process can take several days; counting some of the smaller creatures also takes a great deal of patience and plenty of double-checking.

Each of the animals must have their own record card, holding details of parentage and other important information. Drusillas' Zookeepers will be taking particular care to ensure all their details have been recorded correctly.

Once completed, this information is submitted to a central database and used by organisations such as the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) to manage conservation. The inventories are also available to local authorities who issue and renew the licences for zoos and aquariums.

Zoo Animal Manager, Mark Kenward, commented: "Of course we know what animals we have at the Park but the annual stock take is a chance for us to ensure that all our records are spot on. There's an awful lot to do and it can be very time consuming, but I really enjoy doing it. It makes a nice change to my usual activities at the Park."

Located just off the A27 in Alfriston, Drusillas Park is open daily from 10am. For more information, please telephone 01323 874100 or visit the website www.drusillas.co.uk

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Monday	27 December 2021	➔	Tuesday	28 December 2021
Tuesday	28 December 2021	➔	Wednesday	29 December 2021
Wednesday	29 December 2021	➔	Thursday	30 December 2021
Thursday	30 December 2021	➔	Friday	31 December 2021
Friday	31 December 2021	➔	Monday	3 January 2022
Monday	3 January 2022	➔	Tuesday	4 January 2022
Tuesday	4 January 2022	➔	Wednesday	5 January 2022
Wednesday	5 January 2022	➔	Thursday	6 January 2022
Thursday	6 January 2022	➔	Friday	7 January 2022
Friday	7 January 2022	➔	Saturday	8 January 2022

Seasons Greetings
Thank you for all you have recycled this year!



Garden Waste collections are suspended from Monday 27 December 2021 and resume on Monday 10 January 2022.

- ▶ Please ensure that your bins are put out **at the edge of your property by 7am** on the day of collection.
- ▶ **Extra recycling** can be put out in non-black plastic bags next to your recycling bin.
- ▶ Place your **Christmas cards and wrapping paper** in your recycling bin (except foil and glitter).
- ▶ If you do not have a garden waste collection service, you can recycle your **real Christmas tree** at your local Household Recycling Site.

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A Seasonal CROSSWORD and SUDOKU for January and February 2022

CROSSWORD CLUES

We offer a WordSearch for JANUARY 2022 : and then two SUDOKU puzzles. One of the latter is graded as EASY and the other MEDIUM.

See if you can hold off and leave some to do in February!

WORDSEARCH Theme : FAITH and the BIBLE

There are 59 Words to locate : With horizontal; vertical; or diagonal text flows within the Grid :

Aaron
Galilee
Herod
John the Baptist
Lent
Manger
Moses
Paul
Repent
Angels
Salvation
Simon
Star
Elohim
Torah

Faith
God
Holy
Judas
Lucifer
Man's Law
Myrrh
Peter
Saint
Baptism
Samuel
Sin
Ten Commandments
Esau
Verse

Fast
Gold
Jacob
Kings
Luke
Mark
Nativity
Priest
Adam
Betrayal
Sanctify
Breaking of Bread
Cross
Eternal Life
Yaweh

Free Will
Hell
Jesus
Laws
Magi
Messiah
Old Testament
Religion
Altar
Biblical
Satan
Contrition
Easter
Evil



There is also a text hidden in the unused squares. Clue : This is a Phrase from Psalm 150.

The Sudoku puzzles are graded as :

(1 : JAN) MEDIUM

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(2 : FEB) EASY

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Sunday January 2 - 10.30am . Holy Communion- The Reverend Neville Manning

Sunday January 9th - 10.30am- Mattins for the Feast of Epiphany - The Reverend Neville Manning

Sunday January 16th - 10.30am - Mattins for Epiphany 2 - The Reverend Stuart Baker

Sunday January 23rd - 10.0am - Mattins for Epiphany 3 - The Reverend Colin Pritchard

Sunday January 30th - Epiphany 4 - United Benefice Service - Priest to be confirmed

Sunday February 6th - 10.30 am - Holy Communion at St Peter's - The United Benefice Team

Sunday February 13th - 10.30am - Mattins - The Reverend Neville Manning

Sunday February 20th - 10.30am - Mattins - The Reverend Stuart Baker - Creation Sunday

Sunday February 27th - 10.30am - Mattins for The Transfiguration -The Reverend Malcolm Elwis

Saint Peter's continues to be open for prayer on Wednesday/Friday and Sunday, and for part of Saturday.



Mid Winter News From Saint Peter's Church, Folkington

Advent at Saint Peter's Church

On November 28th the first Sunday of Advent was celebrated at our village church. This was a happy event

which had not happened since 2019. It is one of the most important feasts of the church year, being the start of the Christmas season.

A large congregation welcomed Lay Reader and old friend, Mr Alan Packard, who took the special service of Advent hymns, anthems, Readings and prayers. He began by lighting the first candle of the Advent Ring followed by a welcome. The highlight of the day was the return- for the eleventh year! of our dear friends Alan Keen with Sylvia Trench and her Singers, including Des, Sally and Glenys. They sang a cappella (unaccompanied) four beautiful anthems which included "Adoramus Te" by Palestrina , Dixit Maria by Hans Leo Hassler and O Magnum Mysterium by Tomas Luis de Victoria. Nathaniel Best played the organ for four Advent hymns including the moving ' Come thou Redeemer of the Earth ' the words from Saint Ambrose and the melody by Praetorius. Six parishioners gave readings from Isaiah, with Alan reading the



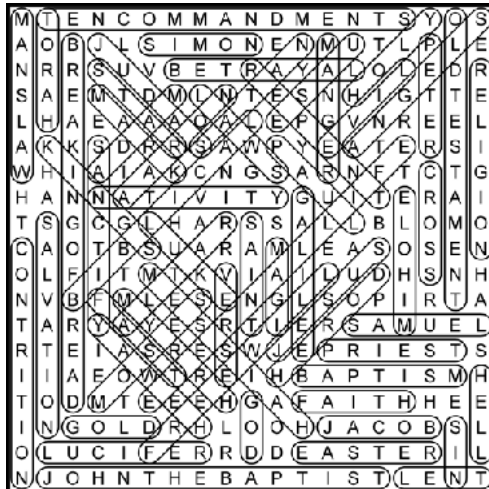
seventh. In his talk Alan said ' this is all about Isaiah ' and compared the original foretellings of the great prophet to the problems of today's world. He gave a tribute to the creator of this service of some years ago, our good and old friend The Reverend Canon David Gutsell who took it for the last time in 2019.

After the service everyone enjoyed the exchange of news over mulled wine, mince pies and other festive snacks. We all felt glad that this special Advent celebration could take place in our small and ancient church, inspired by the ' From Darkness to Light ' services which are held in so many of this country's great cathedrals.

News of all our Christmas events including the Carol Service and Christmas Day will follow in the next edition of this magazine.

We are continuing to save milk bottle tops, ribbons, cartridges and stamps for the Friends of Eastbourne Hospitals. Boxes can be found by the organ. Many thanks.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



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BENEFICE NOTICES AND SERVICES

(Service dates and times start on the rear cover of the magazine)

Pastoral Prayer or Talk

I am available to speak to people on the phone and I am also able to pray with people on request in church at Morning or Evening Prayer but keeping Covid restrictions and with no other people present. If you are struggling and would find either helpful please get in touch to arrange.

If anyone needs help of any kind -practical or spiritual - please get in touch: Tel: 01323 870512

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests please pass them on – they can either be kept confidential or included in intercessions at our online services.

Suggestions or Comments

Suggestions and comments as to what is offered online or what might be offered in addition are welcomed.

The Reverends Peter Blee and Shirley Pearce are available to talk and to offer help in any way possible; telephones: 01323 870 512, 01323 318 231. or emails: peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk revshirleym@gmail.com

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:

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Our churches remain open for private prayer and reflection every day.

Benefice Services for Late February and Early March

February 20th

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee

February 27th

8.00 am	Alciston ~ BCP	Peter Blee
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce

March 2nd

7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday	
	Berwick ~ United Service	Peter Blee
		Shirley Pearce

March 6th

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
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Please note that these service details might well change!

Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9.00 am.

**You can be sent a link to join all weekday Zoom services.
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Benefice Services for January and Early February

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January 9th

8.00 am	Alciston ~ BCP	Peter Blee
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce

January 16th

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
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January 23rd

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11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce

January 30th

11.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Peter Blee
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February 6th

8.00 am	Wilmington ~ BCP	Shirley Pearce
9.00 am	Zoom ~ Morning Prayer	tbc
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February 13th

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9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee
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