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**SAINT MARY AND SAINT PETER  
WILMINGTON**

**PRIESTS**

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**CHURCH WARDEN**

In A Vacancy

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**Dates and Events for Your Diary**

1st July	MEMORIAL SERVICE for Revd Peter Smith.	2.30 pm
1st - 5th July	ERIC RAVILIOUS: DRAWN TO WAR, Depot at Lewes	
3rd July	RENAISSANCE SINGERS at Berwick Church	3.30pm
9th July	'I spy!' What's outside the church?	2.00pm
11th July	Long Man Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm
13th July	COFFEE CONCERT at BERWICK CHURCH	11.00 am
16th July	Pilgrim Path Walk	8.00 am
17th July	SOBS – Survivors of Bereavement By Suicide	3.00 pm
24th July	'Pub in the Club'. Just drop in!	6.00 pm
20th August	Informal Open Air Jazz Evening	7.00 pm
20th August	'Pub in the Club' and/or Probable Barbecue (tbc)	6.00 pm

**FROM THE PARSONAGE**

**A NEW WINDOW FOR SELMESTON CHURCH**

Leonie Seliger runs the stained glass studio at Canterbury Cathedral where her team works on the conservation of the medieval windows. She is also an artist and designer and was selected from three artists who were invited to submit designs for a new window in Selmeston in memory of June Mockett. She died in 2018 and is buried, alongside her husband and daughter, in the churchyard. The window is being commissioned by two close friends. The window celebrates the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path and the collection of images on the left show some of the inspiration behind her design. The brief asked for a window which was abstract and a contrast to the other windows in the church, that it would still allow light to enter and that it

would draw a contemplative gaze from the viewer. It's a window for worshippers and those walking the path, an offering for all to enjoy. Stephanie Lewis-Grey has been overseeing the project and it will be completed by the time you read this but only revealed at a special service of dedication by Bishop Will at 3 p.m. on 10th July to which everyone is warmly invited. Within the design are three outline figures of Christ to discover based on Crucifixions by Michelangelo – a reference to the Trinity. Leonie has faced and overcome many challenges in the sourcing of her materials and the making of the window and is excited now at the prospect of seeing it in situ. It is a unique design and one which will make people pause, reflect and bathe momentarily in its colours as they make their journey along the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path. From 10th July please do come and see it.

### **CUCKMERE PILGRIM PATH WALK & LAUNCH OF POET IN RESIDENCE**

For one year there will be a Poet In Residence for the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path, Fr Kevin Scully. He will be responding to the route and organising some events to engage local poetry groups and the local community. The Residency is being launched on the walk which will conclude with tea at which Fr Kevin will speak and to which people are welcome who have not walked.

### **Saturday 16th July Departing Berwick at 8 a.m.**

Finishing Berwick at 3.30 p.m. with Cream Tea in The Parsonage Garden. The 'Big Breakfast' at 9.30 a.m. is being hosted by Jan and Pete at Selmeston. For catering purpose please email [janet.matthews1@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.matthews1@btinternet.com) 01323 811380 A guided walk along the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path. People are free to join or leave at any church along the route. Approx timings are Berwick 8 a.m. – Alciston 8.30 a.m. – Selmeston 9.20 a.m. – Arlington 11.40 a.m. – Wilmington 1 p.m. – Berwick 3.30 p.m.

**All Welcome (and dogs).**

**Peter Blee**

## **BENEFICE NEWS**

### **RENAISSANCE SINGERS at Berwick Church**

#### **Music For A Summers Evening**

#### **At 3.30 p.m. 3rd July followed by refreshments**

The popular Renaissance Singers return to Berwick Church for the first time since the completion of the restoration and the end of pandemic.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE for Revd Peter Smith.**

#### **Friday 1st July at 2.30 p.m. at Berwick Church**

#### **All welcome.**

Peter Smith was Rector of the three churches of Alciston, Berwick and Selmeston for 12 years, retiring in 2003. Following the service of thanksgiving his ashes will be interred alongside those of his wife Mary in the churchyard at Berwick. His daughter Alison and the rest of the family warmly invite any parishoners who would like to attend to join them for this celebration of his life and ministry.

**COFFEE CONCERT at BERWICK CHURCH– Dementia Friendly  
Cuckmere Croakers Close Harmony Group  
Wednesday 13th July at 11 a.m.**

A concert of light music in the beautiful setting of Berwick Church to which people can come and relax – including those who may have dementia. Followed by refreshments. For enquiries about access and facilities please contact [peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk).

**SOBS – Survivors of Bereavement By Suicide  
Berwick Church  
Sunday 17th July 3-5 p.m.**

A SOBS meeting at Berwick Church to which anyone who has been bereaved in this way is warmly invited. The afternoon will include a walk, talk and refreshments. If you would like to attend or to find out more about SOBS or this event please contact Peter Bridgwater [peter@onthedowns.co.uk](mailto:peter@onthedowns.co.uk)

## **Job Advertisement**

### **‘Benefice Administrator’ for the Churches of Alciston, Arlington, Berwick, Selmeston and Wilmington**

We are seeking to appoint a Benefice Administrator to support ministry across the five churches of Alciston, Arlington, Berwick, Selmeston and Wilmington and assist in the outreach work at Berwick. In this role you will support the Incumbent Revd Peter Blee, based in Berwick, the Assistant Priest, Revd Shirley Pearce based in Wilmington, the churchwardens, the Safeguarding Officer and PCCs in each parish. The successful applicant will work mainly from home, with occasional sessions at the Parsonage in Berwick.

The workload may vary considerably from week to week and the applicant needs to fully appreciate the need for flexibility. One factor determining hours is the church calendar, e.g. around Easter and Advent and the Annual Parochial Meeting (April/May) workloads are generally heavier. The initial average is anticipated to be 15 -20 hours per month.  
Salary - £12 50 per hour plus expenses

The post requires the ability to work alone and to take initiative. The successful applicant will need good IT skills to maintain online calendars, to design and format documents/posters for print and social media and maintain websites. The individual will need to take initiative in ensuring events/services are prepared for in good time and well publicised. The church uses Eventbrite for some events. They will be responsible for maintaining good communication across the Benefice particularly between churchwardens and PCCs. The church uses Mailchimp and mailing lists in its communication with local community and the wider public and the ability to use these and comply with GDPR is necessary.

Websites: [www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk](http://www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk) and [www.berwickchurch.org.uk](http://www.berwickchurch.org.uk)

An application form and Job specification can be obtained from Janet Matthews on 01323 811380 or email: [janet.matthews1@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.matthews1@btinternet.com)

**Closing date for applications July 18th 2022**

## **WILMINGTON NEWS**

### **'I spy!' What's outside the church? July 9th at 2pm**

Explore the churchyard, and find flora and fauna, particular graves of significance, and other features unique to this little corner of God's acre. Prizes for the fastest to complete the challenge.

**Be assured of a very warm welcome.**

### **Calling all children! Calling all children!**

The Reverend Shirley gave us the most delightful service for children and adults alike for her first Family Service at Wilmington. We had hymns chosen with children in mind and we all sang along heartily. The highlight of this occasion was the puppeteer, plus Malachi, the endearing puppet whose humour added an extra element to this charming service. It was a very happy event and we will all look forward to the next family service on 17th July.

**Reverend Shirley  
07880 554750**

## **WILMINGTON, FOLKINGTON AND MILTON STREET VILLAGE CLUB**

The Wilmington Village Club committee met on the 10th of May. We finalised the arrangements for the Jubilee lunch on the 5th of June (see separate article) and confirmed that we had received a small National Lottery grant towards the food, something commemorative and for renovating the boules pitch. We agreed to hold defibrillator training for our renovated defibrillator and looked at other possible events for the summer around the monthly pub-in-the-club events. We're still looking for more volunteers to 'manage' a pub-in-the-club evening (setting up, serving drinks, clearing up – all best done by a team so that the burden doesn't fall just on a couple of people. Stocked bar provided.) Contact me if you're interested.

Further Jubilee event: we will be planting some trees in the village hall grounds in October/November time in honour of the 'green canopy'. These will fill in the gaps in the existing hedges and alongside the boundary on the right. We will be looking to pull together a team to help prepare for this and will make a ceremony of the tree planting. Details will follow nearer the time.

Maintenance: we confirmed that the further work on the electrics would be completed before the Jubilee lunch, to all our relief. This has been greatly helped by a grant from Wealden District Council and means that the hall electrics have now had a complete overhaul and are fully up to date. We also had a first discussion about replacing the disabled access lift by the front steps: that will be our next priority. We will look to see if there are grants available to help with this.

The boules pitch has been renovated and is available for anyone in the three villages to use. No need to book – just turn up.

**Our next meeting will be in mid July.**

## **PUB IN THE CLUB**



We – collectively - will continue to run the "Pub in the Club" on the last Friday of every month from 6 until 10 until the village pub re-opens. So it's a time limited opportunity to go along to an 'exclusive' venue and support our local Village Hall. Don't miss out! And if you fancy running the bar – just let Ruth or Melissa know.

There is a little uncertainty about the "August Get Together" since the Village Club Committee are considering the holding of a barbecue around the 20th August and would probably merge the two events then. As ever volunteers, particularly keen and skilled barbecuers, are very welcome to get in touch over their running bar or barbecue on this occasion.

## **BIG JUBILEE LUNCH**

After the early morning rain, and although the skies looked threatening, by 12.00 midday the clouds had lifted and it became bright enough for us all to breathe a sigh of relief. The marquees had to be left until the last minute to be erected as the weather was less than settled. Alan Ball, Michael, Steve Cook, Alan Norris, Richard, OJ., Belinda, Ruth, Claire, Andrew, Steve Hopkins and others worked hastily on Sunday morning to put them up after they had been delayed by the strong winds. Belinda put in many hours and a huge amount of design work on posters, decorations and organising the marquees. Many thanks to them all.





One of the largest crowds of villagers, families and friends we have seen at the village hall for a long time gathered together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 70 years on the Throne, a most remarkable period of time and one which we all joined together to celebrate.

The atmosphere was amazingly friendly and enthusiastic as we enjoyed setting up the lunch tables. The food was quite exceptional. It must be mentioned that Melissa, Billie & OJ cooked delicious joints of beef, ham and salmon to perfection. Villagers had also contributed with various salads and delicious desserts of outstanding quality. Thank you to everyone who assisted here.



Always, at these events the kitchen is the main focus! There was non stop replenishment of every dish imaginable being brought to the serving table and a non stop queue of hungry people waiting to sample everything. Of course, at the same time the kitchen was in full swing with several cheerful volunteers washing up. Top marks to Brenda, Hillary and Anna (OJ's sister) for all their hard work and anyone else who stopped on their way through the kitchen and picked up a cloth, marvellous work all round.



Richard & Abey were responsible for the bar keeping us all refreshed with Pimms, wine, beer & soft drinks. There's always much fun and a great atmosphere around this area.

Billie had set up a stall of spectacular, colourful plants which she had worked very hard to gather together and was aided by John West selling them throughout the afternoon. Foxgloves, Cosmos, Delphiniums, Verbenas, Geraniums, such beautiful plants at great prices.

Vicki from Milton Street kindly kept the younger children occupied with games, Bubbles, Snakes & Ladders etc. and this was a very popular corner.

Michael & Steve Cook, (the deadly duo) as usual, did a splendid job of selling the £5 squares on the board which Belinda again, had skilfully decorated with the Union Flag, the Crown and the numbers. A great deal of time was taken here. This is always great fun and very tense as we all wait hopefully for our number to be called out. It was Vivi this time who won the prize.

Sadly, Debbie & Darren were forced to stay home caring for their dear dog, Eleanor after she had given birth to 10 puppies! Congratulations to everyone!! Poor Debbie & Darren were on feeding duty and were deprived of sleep for days on end.

A dramatic moment came when, during an exciting auction, conducted by Richard Conway, £725 was raised for the Pub Signs and other donations. The most memorable of these was that original and subtle one by the late Colin Berrett; Congratulations to Edward Whitley on his win!

Everyone agreed it had been a wonderful day and they had all enjoyed the fun of this special occasion. Some non-local people were even heard saying "I wish I lived in this village" and as there is no nicer compliment than that, I think we should all feel truly blessed that we do.

And, lastly, thanks to Ruth, our Village Hall Committee Chairman, who underpins this whole event and the huge amount of work that she puts into it.



**Christine West**

## **Great Turn Out For Our Big Jubilee Lunch.**

Over 100 people from the village and our neighbours joined in with this amazing get together. The weather was kind to us, we had put up 3 marquees in case it rained but luckily it didn't. The National Lottery Funding the Village Club were able to apply for was put to good use and provided the main courses and decorations that helped get everyone in a party mood. A small working party worked behind the scenes to co-ordinate the food that arrived on the day. Salads and puddings a plenty, thank you to all those who co-ordinated this event and all who brought food with them making an amazing banquet. All enjoyed the free Pimms and soft drinks and the bar did very well. It was lovely to see many generations getting together and to catch up with those we hadn't seen for a while too. All the hard work was well worth the effort to celebrate this momentous occasion. Thank you to all those who helped with preparation, on the day to put up and take down the marquees, those in the kitchen who did a sterling job to keep the supply of cutlery and crockery going.



**Claire Church**

## **Save The Date**

**Saturday 20 August - Informal Open Air Jazz evening @ Wilmington Village Hall (with pay bar). 7pm.**

**With the EDJI Little Big Band led by Canadian trumpet star Dave Morgan  
More details to follow. Just turn up**

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Thank you to the 12 people who took part in the defibrillator and basic CPR training on Tuesday 14th June. This was thanks to a chance meeting with the fundraiser of Eastbourne Community First Responders outside Morrisons just before Christmas. Due to Covid the training was on hold for a while.

We had 3 trainers who are volunteers and they brought training aides for all to practice on, we practiced our CPR and then defibrillator training, along with a presentation and chat about various scenarios and what to do to help people. There will be another session organised in the Autumn, so watch this space for more information.

The village hall has a defibrillator situated outside the front door, if you need to use it in an emergency when you call 999 you will be told the combination as it is registered.

The village club have given a donation to the Eastbourne Community First Responders as they are a charity and gave 2 hours of their time to pass on their knowledge.

## A Good Read

### Do You Like Dickens? (With apologies to Françoise Sagan)

I like Dickens enormously. Although I see little purpose in ranking writers, I have to say that he is my favourite English novelist. His warmth, passion, humanity and humour have impressed me for a long time. It probably all began with "A Christmas Carol" when I was young and which I now read every year. Then to the Classics Illustrated version of "David Copperfield" – (do you remember that series? A major novel turned into a comic strip? It was much frowned on by the teachers at my school). When I read the real novel, I realised how good it was. "Hard Times" was an A Level English text and that introduced me to the major later novels. It's a very rich field. I understand that some readers may find his prose sometimes too florid, a touch sentimental even and may regard his characterisation more like caricature but I usually find him convincing.



Before this spring I had read all his novels with one exception. I had avoided "The Old Curiosity Shop" largely because of Oscar Wilde's view that the death of Little Nell gave rise only to laughter, but I decided that I should put aside that prejudice and read the book. Did I like it? Patience – we will come to that. First, some background.

In the 19th century it was very common for a novel to appear in weekly or monthly parts. The book could stand alone or, as with *Curiosity Shop*, be part of a magazine. Dickens used this format with his early novels and in the case of *Curiosity Shop* it was issued in episodes in a magazine, all of which he wrote, called "Master Humphreys' Clock." The serial was enormously popular both in England and in the United States. There is a story, probably apocryphal, that the ship carrying the final chapters of the novel was besieged in New York Harbour by New Yorkers anxious to know the fate of the heroine, Little Nell.

The novel is what is often called picaresque – a journey by the main characters and their chance meetings along the way. It was a very popular form in the 18th century. In this case Little Nell – a girl of indeterminate age and her grandfather - flee the Old Curiosity shop to escape the predations of the objectionable Mr Quilp and his cronies. Scholars have traced the journey north wards to Banbury, Birmingham, and ultimately to Shropshire. The contrast between the delight of rural England and the horrors of industrial Birmingham are brilliantly done and it's typical of Dickens' humanity that even in the darkest and most poverty-stricken places Nell and Grandad are given help and support. We might diagnose Grandad as suffering from dementia and certainly his

thought is clouded. The rigours of the journey through cold, rain and snow eventually lead to Nell's physical decline. Although she and Grandad appear to have disappeared a mysterious stranger encourages those who care for Nell to find her. They arrive just too late to find that Nell is dead although the grandfather survives. You may be thinking that all this is a little unlikely – and I'm sorry to say that you may well be right.



I can't deny that some of the writing is wonderful, and the character of the main villain Mr Quilp is powerfully drawn although the emphasis on his dwarf like build might seem inappropriate now. There are some entertaining characters such as Quilp's young servant who irritates his master by standing on his hands but overall, the plot is very creaky and many of the breaks in the serialisation are heavily signalled. Some changes in the characters are at best hard to accept. For example, Dick Swiveller who begins as an evil hanger-on to Mr Quilp changes completely to become a defender not only of Little Nell but also of a timid maid who is being treated like a slave by the accomplices of Mr Quilp. (Whether the name suggested the change or the change suggested the name is uncertain.) The heavy sentiment in the final chapters fully deserved gales of laughter from Oscar Wilde and is hard to take seriously.

Do I like the novel? – it pains me to say no. Would I recommend you should read it? Only if you have read most of his other novels first. Regard it as an unfortunate error by an otherwise great writer. But if you haven't read any Dickens or perhaps only read him at school do ignore the fate of Little Nell and read his other novels. You might

start with "David Copperfield" which is in part biographical. A recent film version turned the book into a comic romp and lost some of the serious themes of the novel. I would also recommend "Great Expectations" with its memorable opening on the Essex marshes and "A Tale of Two Cities", a historical novel about the French Revolution. But my favourites are the two late novels "Bleak House" and "Dombey and Son" and I hope you might try one of that wonderful pair.

**Tony Webster**

## **FAMILY SUPPORT WORK (FSW) JUNE 2022 UPDATE**

**Dear Friends,**

It has been a bit of a whirlwind over the last month as our new practitioners have settled in to their roles. Thank you to everybody who lives in one of our new areas and has made contact or offered support to their new practitioner; it really means a lot to us. As a result, our new colleagues are already building up quite substantial caseloads and it is wonderful to be able to support so many new families who have been needing help. We have also been working with some Ukrainian refugees in certain areas who have been attending our drop-in sessions.

The half term and jubilee celebrations meant some very busy days – we had stands at many carnivals, town fairs and the like and were able to talk to lots of people about our work. Keep an eye out on our social media pages for the photos!

Looking ahead we are planning our summer holiday activities, which this year will include a day in Ashburnham for our East Sussex families. We are also working with Lodge Hill Activity Centre near Pulborough, which offers some incredible opportunities which we hope to be able to access for our families.

We are still in need of donations for our foodbank, particularly jams, sauces and toiletries. With the increase in the number of families we support with food deliveries, our stocks are running lower more quickly so any contributions are very gratefully received.

Please keep Saturday 1st October in your diaries – this will be our AGM which this year will be at Chichester Cathedral and be followed by a full Eucharist and lunch. We do hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of FSW's work.

### **May's work in numbers**

238 individual visits and 724 calls with families supporting 360 adults and 358 children

47 supported meetings with other agencies

35 group sessions held supporting 409 parents and 199 children

185 food deliveries made

**Prayer points**

Give thanks that our new family support practitioners have quickly settled into their new roles

Pray for all of the volunteers who are supporting our busy events schedule over the coming weeks and give thanks for their commitment and dedication

Pray for all the refugee families we support, from Syria, Ukraine and other areas of conflict, that we will provide reassurance and stability for them

**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 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH- ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-LMPC MEETING**

**Held at Wilmington Village Hall on Monday 9 May 2022**

Those present were: Councillors Pam Merritt (Chairman), Tyler Butterworth (Vice Chairman), Jeremy Christey, Claire Church, Lizzie Chisholm, Helen Baulcombe, Alison Cotton (Tree Warden), County Councillor Stephen Shing, Ruth Zacharewicz – Wilmington Village Club, Claire Reynolds (Clerk). Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Michael Bridges and Jeremy Christey. There was no Declaration of Interest.

### **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH-7.00PM**

**The Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish dated 13 May 2019:**

Councillor Merritt explained that due to Covid an Annual Assembly had not been held in 2020 or 2021 therefore the last Minutes were for the last Annual Assembly held in May 2019. After considering the Unadopted Minutes (which had previously been circulated) it was agreed that these be signed as a true record. There were no Matters Arising.

**Annual Report of the Chair - Councillor Pam Merritt:** Due to coronavirus, our last Assembly of the Parish was in 2019. I am pleased to say that despite not being

able to meet in person until July 2021, Councillors adapted to the situation by holding meetings on Zoom, thus enabling the business of the Parish Council to continue. I would like to thank the Clerk for facilitating this and assisting those of us who needed extra tuition!

Since July 2021, our regular 2 monthly meetings have continued in person. The noticeboard in Folkington has been replaced and re-sited in the church porch, ESCC Rights of Way Team have replaced the gate onto the Long Man which was used by an exceptional number of visitors during lockdown and various tree work has been organised. The Parish Council has commented on 21 planning applications made to SDNP and WDC in the past year.

Since 2020, residents have had to deal with a lot of delays and diversions at various times due to National Highways' work on the junctions at Polegate and Wilmington and the enlargement of Drusillas roundabout. A group of Wilmington residents are still in consultation with National Highways to try and make the Wilmington junction safer.

Last summer the Parish Council applied to WDC to make the Giants Rest pub an Asset of Community Value; this was to try and prevent it from being sold for residential development which would have been a great loss for the village. I am pleased to say that we were successful in our application and even more pleased to say that a local businessman has purchased the pub and is in the process of renovating and refurbishing it. We all look forward to its reopening next year!

Finally, I would like to thank the Clerk for all her hard work during the year, thank my fellow Councillors for all they have done on behalf of the Parish and thank our Tree Warden for looking after and increasing the number of trees in the Parish.

**Annual Report of the District Councillor** -There was no report received.

**Annual Report of the County Councillor – Cllr Stephen Shing:** I would like to thank the Parish Council for inviting me to provide a County Report for the 2022 Annual Parish Council meeting. In addition, I would like to thank the residents for contacting me with their concerns and to our fellow Parish Council colleagues for a good working relationship.

**COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 2021** - I was re-elected for Willingdon and South Downs division, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those residents for their support. In addition, to thank all those residents in my division for their support in the last four years.

Since the pandemic in 2020 with the lockdown restrictions, I was in the group which needed to stay at home. Fortunately, Daniel and Raymond are key workers and could continue working from home. Our work as councillors was initially difficult with the restrictions to assist our residents in comparison to pre-pandemic. I continued to resolve residents' concerns and my usual work on local schools, tackling road surfacing, footways and potholes repairs, traffic in Alfriston, Exceat

Bridge, the first phase of the Hailsham – Polegate – Eastbourne movement and access corridor, Dittons Road Roundabout, A2270/ A22 Eastbourne Road have been approved in March 2022. East Sussex County Council approved LOCAL GROWTH FUND FUNDED PACKAGES in March 2022.

A number of the schemes in the capital programme are to be funded from the Government's Local Growth Fund. A total of over £64m of funding has been made available through various rounds of the Growth Fund to fund transport schemes in East Sussex. Funding has been awarded for the delivery of the following packages of local transport improvements which will support the housing and employment growth in the growth corridors around Eastbourne/South Wealden and Bexhill/Hastings: Eastbourne and South Wealden walking and cycling package and

Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne Sustainable Transport Corridor. Locally, proposals for Alfriston traffic management £200,000, Polegate Cross Road Junction Improvements £400,000, Polegate high street 20MPH and footway improvements and Eastbourne Road Bus Lane design work £30,000 have been agreed.

**Annual Report of Planning 2021 / 22:** The Clerk gave a verbal report as follows: **Total applications received = 24, South Downs National Park = 14** - LMPC supported 12, objected to 1, 1 was withdrawn; SDNPA approved 8, refused 4, 1 was withdrawn, 1 prior approval not required. **Wealden District Council = 10** LMPC supported 6, objected to 3, 1 more information requested. WDC approved 6 and 3 are still outstanding, 1 was withdrawn.

## **Annual Reports of the Parish Associations**

### **Wilmington, Milton Street and Folkington Village Club – Ruth Zacharewicz - Chairman**

As Covid restrictions lifted in June 2021, we re-opened the Village Hall (after undertaking a Covid risk assessment of course! – thank you Melissa). First up: the Parish Council met in person - the first 'event' in the Hall since our last film night in early March 2020!

In July we held drinks in the garden – it was lovely to meet people again - and we were blessed with an abundance of fine food, particularly sausages, provided by many villagers.

The highlight for private hire of the Hall came in August with Mark and Jan's wedding.

In September – Annie restarted Film night and managed 4 sessions with a diverse selection of films from "The Joker" to "Military Wives". The new sound system definitely makes it more of a 'cinema experience'. But better (in the Hall you can sit and watch **with** your glass of wine to hand).

Annie was in overdrive in 2021 as she also organised 'Spanish Night' in October. Much food and wine consumed followed by dancing (Annie got a professional dancer to give us all a lesson in Flamenco after the meal). The event was sold out. Rumour has it that the 'hard core' left the Hall in the small hours.

For November we trialed a 'Games Night' organised by Hilary and Claire. Table Tennis, shuffleboard, skittles and cards were on offer. We'll be running more in future but maybe earlier so that it works for the younger children. Many thanks to Mark for the donation of the shuffleboard – which we also used to good effect for the pub night!

Our Christmas Fayre - luckily very early in December – was very well attended, lots of great stalls and tea and cakes. Everyone must have felt like spending because it certainly gave a boost to our finances for the year. Many thanks to Christine for pulling it all together.

Covid intervened again to halt Christmas parties and film showings. We restarted in the Hall with Reverend Shirley's Quiz Night at the end of January in aid of Tearfund. If you didn't manage to make it this time, look out for the next one in the tail end of the year (the questions were very fair which made it more enjoyable than some 'competitive' pub quiz nights).

January saw the 'Pub in the Club' being launched which we'll be running on the last Friday of the month until the Giants' Rest reopens. If you fancy the chance to run a 'pub' for an evening please come and talk to me!

A special mention for Abey for organising the 'tap to pay' gizmo which was used at quiz night, pub in the club and the history talk to great effect. Now you can pay for your drinks with a credit card or phone rather than having to use cash!

The final event before publication was a talk from Ian Gledhill about the origins of the British seaside as a recreational space – all credit to Alan for organising this one and for his ongoing help with the maintenance issues and rewriting our health and safety rules. Alan also organised replacement pads for our defibrillator which is now working again.

During 2020 and 2021, the Hall was empty for a long time. Just before lockdown we put in a new kitchen - a vast improvement on the old one. We have found out though that we need a real overhaul of the electrics – the new kitchen has finally pushed us to do a significant sort out and upgrade to meet current standards. This will take all our revenue for the next couple of years.

During lockdown we also lost – because they moved from the village - our previous Chairman, Tom, and our previous Treasurer, Peter. We owe both of them a great debt for running the Hall so well for so long. I am personally very thankful we still had Claire, our secretary, because without her knowhow and support it would have been very difficult to take over as Chair.

Richard stepped in to fill the Treasurer's shoes and ended up giving our bank account a 21<sup>st</sup> century makeover – so we can make electronic payments and accept them. This proved a lot harder than it should have been – all credit to Richard for his endless patience with Barclays and for Nigel's help in amending the deeds in order to finally get us there.

It's been a difficult time and I'd like to personally thank all those that have stepped up whether by running events, organising the bar, updating the website (thank you Debbie and Claire), managing bookings, cleaning up (thank you Kelly), managing maintenance contractors, generally helping out or providing food and drink for the events (thank you Billy, Tony and Belinda). And I am very pleased that we have such a dedicated committee and representation from Milton Street (Vicky) and Folkington (Katrina).

Given everything, I'm very pleased with how things have gone this past year and look forward to doing more in 2022. My overall approach is to enable the Hall to be used by as many of the residents of Wilmington, Folkington and Milton Street as possible and I'm open to all suggestions that help that happen.

Ruth Zacharewicz – Chairman, on behalf of the committee for 2021:

Melissa Abey, Katrina Best, Richard Catnach – Treasurer, Claire Church – Secretary, Belinda Ferretter, John Marshall – President, Alan Norris, Kelly Quinn, Vicky Ward, Christine West, Sibilla Whitehead, Tony Wilson

### **Long Man Tree Warden – Alison Cotton**

Over the last year it has been concerning to see ash trees within the parish increasingly affected by Ash Dieback disease, leading to the felling of whole areas of ash alongside footpaths on the Folkington estate. There was some consternation from the public regarding this apparently harsh treatment, prompting SDNPA rights of way department to adopt a more sensitive approach to the ash trees along 'Peaches' stretch of the South Downs Way. This resulted in the trees being individually surveyed, facilitated by the cutting of ivy. Interestingly, this also provoked an outcry, in opposition to the destruction of ivy. The subject of ivy is complex and emotive, as this proved. For many it signifies neglect and untidiness, but we know that ivy does not threaten the lives of trees, and provides food and nesting opportunities for birds, and late forage for pollinators. Corresponding with the Rights of Way officer, speaking with the ecologist who carried out the surveys, and also with the furious but well-informed ivy-lovers, afforded me a glimpse into the tricky world of balancing public access to the countryside with nature conservation.

This Winter we have once more taken part in SDNPA's tree planting project Trees for the Downs, researching which elm cultivars are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease, and provide habitat for wildlife, e.g. the White Letter Hairstreak butterfly which relies on elm trees. This is our third round of planting since February 2019. This February 19 recipients have received and planted 200 elms and 190 natives such as Sessile Oak and Hornbeam. The elms will be monitored over time, so all their locations have been logged and photographs by planters. I have recently collected and shared this data with SDNPA.

In January I submitted an expression of interest to SDNPA for their 'Call for Nature' initiative, to improve the Wilmington Junction with planting, and possibly to restore the pond. They offer specialist guidance to develop projects, and to act as a 'matchmaker' to connect projects with one or more appropriate funding opportunities available. I have been notified that our application is through to the next round, and that an officer will be in touch to begin discussions on progressing our project. I am keen to assemble a small steering group for this, to represent interested parish residents.

**Public discussion:** There was no public discussion.

**There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 7.30pm.**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL-7.30PM**

**Elect a Chairman and receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** Councillor Pam Merritt was willing to stand as Chairman for the forthcoming year -This was unanimously agreed

**Elect a Vice Chairman and receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:**

Tyler Butterworth had agreed to stand as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year This was unanimously agreed.

**Register of Members Interests:** There were no changes to the current information supplied.

**Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 May 2021:** This was approved as a true record.

**The 2021 – 2022 Annual Accounts and Annual Governance Statement (Section 1)**

The audited Annual Accounts and AGAR Forms had previously been circulated to the Councillors and copies were made available at the meeting.

Councillor Merritt explained the requirements of the External Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2022. Part of these requirements was to approve the Annual Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR)).

The Annual Accounts and Section 1 of the AGAR Statement were approved.

The audited Accounts and Annual Report were approved. Thanks was expressed to Mr James Stephens who had acted as LMPC Internal Auditor.

**The Accounting Statements (Section 2):** Section 2 was approved.

**The Exemption Certificate to be sent to the Auditors:** The Exemption Certificate was approved.

**Representatives on other bodies:**

**Wealden District Association of Local Councils:** - Minutes for this are received via email at present and it was agreed that this would continue for the forthcoming year.

**East Sussex Association of Local Councils (2 Councillors for November AGM):** Minutes for this are received via email at present and it was agreed that this would continue for the forthcoming year.

**Cuckmere Flood Forum:** Minutes and correspondence for this are received via email and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate out this information for the forthcoming year.

**There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 7.45pm.**

## **LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-7.45PM**

Councillor Merritt Chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Alison Cotton (Tree Warden) gave her apologies for this part of the meetings. There was no Public Discussion.

**.Minutes of the meeting dated 14 March 2022** were approved and signed as a true record

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2022**

**Milton Gate Travellers Site:** Correspondence had been sent to Wealden District Council as requested.

**Stile repairs in Milton Street:** No response had been received from ESCC to date. The Clerk and Councillor Baulcombe to follow this up.

**Report of the County Councillor – Councillor Stephen Shing:** Councillor Shing had given his annual report at the Annual Assembly meeting held earlier this evening. He thanked Long Man Parish Council for its continued good working relationship with him. Nothing else was reported on this occasion.

**Report of the District Councillor – Councillor Michael Lunn:**

**Waste Issue -** Councillor Lunn gave an update on the current industrial action being taken with Biffa and will keep the Council informed of any developments. Weekly updates are being circulated by Wealden District Council and information is on their website. Recycling and garden

waste collections are being curtailed at the present time to concentrate on general waste collections. Councillors reported that waste bin collections had not taken place in the parish since the start of the industrial action. Councillor Lunn noted this and said he would report this back.

He also stated that waste bin collections will not be made if bins are overflowing. Councillor Lunn also encouraged Councillors to inform him of any other issues within the Parish.

**Ukrainian Refugees -** Councillor Lunn reported that Wealden District Council has taken a large proportion of refugees. Concerns had been expressed regarding the impact on the educational places being allocated in September. Councillor Lunn reported that it will have no impact on the places available. Wealden District Council are working with other support organisations regarding the various aspects of the refugee situation and stated that there will be challenges ahead.

**Wealden Local Plan** - Councillor Lunn reported that Wealden District Council are actively lobbying the Government regarding the new housing numbers they have set out. The District does not have the necessary infrastructure in place to cope with the numbers stated. The Local Plan cannot progress until this issue has been resolved. Councillor Lunn will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress.

**South Downs National Park** - Councillor Lunn continues to sit on the National Park Board and reported the following:

**Rewilding Project:** Concerns had been raised from landowners regarding this project.

**De-shingling of the Seven Sisters area** – Councillor Lunn expressed concern about the non-committal of the relevant agencies of doing this as it could prove detrimental to flooding, tourism, etc.

**Water Levels Management Board** - Councillor Lunn reported that the Environment Agency and Wealden District Council are in communication with each other to discuss related issues within the area. He also reported that if de-shingling of the Seven Sisters area is required next year that funding is available.

**Report from Maria Caulfield MP:** Maria Caulfield MP had submitted a report which was read out at the meeting and covered the following: A27 meeting, Bin Strikes, Scrapping Tip charges to prevent fly-tipping, £4.1 million funding for better bus services in East Sussex, £150 Council Tax Rebate, New Family Hub in East Sussex, over one million half price rail tickets to benefit people in the Lewes Constituency. A copy of the full report is available from the Clerk.

### **Reports of the Parish Councillors**

**Folkington** - Councillor Chisholm expressed concern regarding the new cycle path along the A27, pointing out that both cyclists and motorists need to take extra care and be prepared to stop where side roads join the A27 to avoid accidents.

**Milton Street** - Nothing to report.

**Wilmington** - Councillor Church reported back on the meeting she had attended regarding the dualling of the A27 from Berwick to Polegate. Fact finding is currently taking place with a view to a Public Consultation being held next year. More information to follow when available.

Councillor Church reported that the Village Club have organised a Big Lunch to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. This will take place on Sunday 5 June at Wilmington Village Hall.

The Village Club have also successfully applied for funding to plant a mini copse in the Village Hall grounds which will be made up of Silver Birch, Dog Rose and Rowan trees. A memorial bench is also being made and a competition for the children of the parish to design a plaque for the bench which will be placed in the Village Hall grounds. A memorial tree planting for Peter Toynton will also take place.

**Report of the Tree Warden – Alison Cotton:** See report submitted for the Annual Assembly Meeting also held this evening.

**A27 news :** Minutes of the meeting held in April with Highways England, Maria Caulfield MP and

Wilmington residents had been circulated. Currently awaiting a response from Highways England. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

### **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 £16,171.81 in the Current Account (as at 06/05/2022). This figure included the £5,000 ring fenced for emergencies, £2,500 designated for grants and donations and the £250 for the Milton Street Phone Box Fund. It also included the £4,725 received from Wealden District Council for the first half of the Precept for 2022/2023.

#### **Cheques:**

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance (2022 / 2023 donation agreed 14/03/2022)	£250.00
Simon P Goacher (Payroll Services for 2022 / 2023 agreed via email)	£163.90
East Sussex Associations of Local Councils ESALC (Subs for NALC & SAL)	£132.13
East Sussex County Council (2022/2023 Grass Cutting – 4 addtnl cuts)	£285.60

**TOTAL:** **£831.63**

**Correspondence:** A donation request of £80 had been received from the Cuckmere Flood Forum. After discussion it was agreed that the donation be sent..

#### **Planning**

Two Planning Applications had been received and were discussed at this meeting as follows:

#### **SDNP/22/01768/FUL – The Giants Rest, The Street, Wilmington, East Sussex, BN26 5SQ**

Refurbishment and alterations to existing pub. Rear extension on first and second storeys, removal of the rear yard and the construction of plant / storage building to the rear, landscaping and associated works. **After discussion LMPC supported this application.**

#### **SDNP/22/01707/HOUS – The Granary, Milton Street, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 5RJ**

Rear extension. **After discussion LMPC had no objection to this application.**

**Applications and Decisions received and observations made since the last meeting.** The following report was circulated:

**South Downs National Park Authority**

**SDNP/21/00846/LIS – FOLKINGTON MANOR, FOLKINGTON LANE, BN26 5SD**

Description: 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: Refused 09/03/2022**

**SDNP/21/05199/FUL – FOLKINGTON MANOR, FOLKINGTON LANE, FOLKINGTON, POLEGATE, EAST SUSSEX, BN26 5SD**

Description: 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 had no objection to this application. Decision: Refused 09/03/2022**

**SDNP/22/01149/HOUS – STREET BARN, THE STREET, WILMINGTON, EAST SUSSEX, BN26 5SL**

Description: Erection of a greenhouse to the west of the house. **LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Approved 06/05/2022**

**SDNP/22/00596/LIS & SDNP/22/00595/HOUS – THE CHANTRY, THE STREET, WILMINGTON, BN26 5SW**

Description: Installing a traditional 75cm cannon head chimney pot to terminate the flu linter above roof level. **LMPC supported this application. Decision: Both Approved 22/04/2022**

**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: Approved 03/05/2022**

**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: Approved 03/05/2022**

**WD/2020/2680/F – WOOTON MANOR FARM BUILDINGS, WOOTON 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: Approved 24/01/2022**

**WD/2021/2235/FR – LAND ADJACENT TO MILTON FIELD, MILTON GATE, WILMINGTON, BN26 5RS**

Description: PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE TO SITE 2 NO. GYPSY STATIC UNITS TOGETHER WITH TOURER PARKING, STABLES, FENCING AND SERVICES. **LMPC responded with various comments.**

**Decision: Pending**

**WD/2022/0181/F – THORNWELL LAKE FARM, THORNWELL ROAD, WILMINGTON, BN26 6RN.** Description: PROPOSED MENAGE FOR PRIVATE USE. **LMPC had no objection to this application. Decision: Approved 06/05/2022**

#### **Representation feedback from:**

**Wealden District Association of Local Councils** - Correspondence received had been emailed round to Councillors.

**Cuckmere Flood Forum** - Councillor Tyler had attended the last meeting of this Forum. Areas discussed were mainly Chiddingly, Hellingly and Bull River.

**Date of next meeting** - Monday 11 July 2022 at Wilmington Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. **There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm.**

## The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council is:

**Claire Reynolds, 32 St Mellion Close, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 3UY**

**Email: [longmanclerk@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

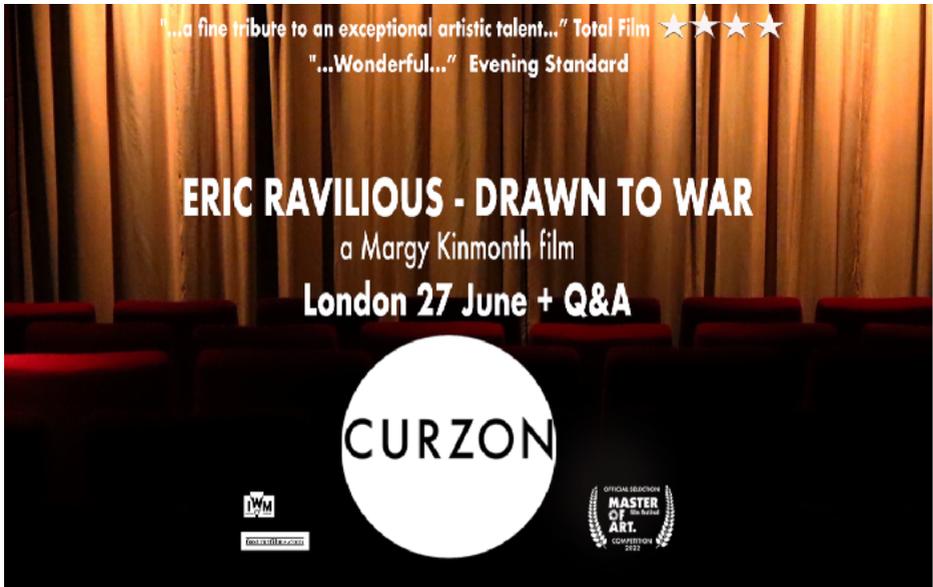
**Please let the Clerk know if you need the contact details of your local Councillor.**

## LOCAL DIRECTORY

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**ERIC RAVILIOUS**  
**From 1st July**  
**DRAWN TO WAR, Depot at Lewes**

<https://lewesdepot.org/film/eric-ravilious-drawn-to-war>



This is a true story. Eric Ravilious is as compelling and enigmatic as his art. Set against the dramatic wartime locations that inspire him, Margy Kinmonth's film brings to life this brilliant but still grossly undervalued British artist. Caught in the crossfire of war 80 years ago, Ravilious's legacy largely sank without trace, until now.

Made with the blessing of the Ravilious Estate, this first full length feature documentary about Ravilious unfolds in his own words, through previously unseen private correspondence and rare archive film.

Shot entirely on location in the UK, Portugal and Ireland, the film features Ai Weiwei, Alan Bennett, Grayson Perry, Robert Macfarlane with Freddie Fox, Tamsin Greig and many more.

## The Belligerent Publican

### Grogshop News 7

*As soon as you're born, they make you feel small  
By giving you no time instead of it all  
'Til the pain is so big you feel nothing at all  
A working class hero is something to be  
A working class hero is something to be*

**John Lennon**

When I arrived at Brighton Art College in 1971 at the wise old age of 20, shy but desperate for the unconventional, I took a part time job as a barman at the White Horse in Rottingdean to supplement my full local authority grant. Those were the days!



Three nights in and after being told to wear a tie -

which I didn't own - I refused and promptly got sacked. I picked up my calculator (no automatic tills then), walked forlornly back to my bedsit, drank some Leibfraulmilch, accompanied by cold baked beans out of the tin, and congratulated myself on defending the rights of an art student to be belligerent and unemployable.

My second brush with the hospitality trade was more newsworthy and made the front pages of The Farnham Herald. Halfway through eating an extremely tasty bacon baguette (I didn't know what a baguette was then), I was thrown out of The Bush Hotel for 'nose-bagging' - a colloquial term for eating food purchased elsewhere. This all came as a surprise to an innocent abroad but, blushing with hurt pride, I went to the local rag and they reported my story as working class hero versus the entitled establishment. Power to the People right on!

Neither story bodes well for my forthcoming role of 'mein host' at our Long Man Inn but fingers crossed that with 50 more years of life experience under my belt, I'm better equipped to deal with the cut and thrust of life behind bars. You're banned!

A godsend for us all though is Jayne, my trusty manager. She will be the face and voice of a more empathetic style of grogshop management and I, the occasional and probably unwanted, inane comic turn. Last orders please!

Plans for the pub's refurbishment are in the SDNP planning system ( <https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=R9WQNQTUJVY00> ) and Colin, my surly builder will soon be spinning gold from chaff. Fingers crossed, we're still on target for opening all hours from March 2023.

If the plan doesn't work, change the plan but never the goal!

**Wash your hands &  
God save The Queen**

**Peter Bridgewater  
Long Man Inn  
0771549009615**

## DRUSSILLAS'



### What to do if spider season has you caught in a web of fear



As the warmer weather arrives, so does the inevitable influx of eight legged visitors, as the UK enters the much-maligned spider season. At Drusillas Zoo Park in Sussex however, it's an exciting time of year, as 'Spiderwoman' Angela Hale and her husband, Ray - both of the British Tarantula Society - prepare to deliver a number of unusual, life-changing courses that confront spider phobia and can cure someone of their fear once and for all.

As we approach the summer, there's a good chance you'll start seeing a lot more spiders in and around your home, in particular lots of baby spiders around at the moment, as garden spider egg sacks will have just hatched. The weather is warming now so insects are breeding like crazy, meaning there is a very rich food source for spiders, so they are able to thrive.

Lovingly known as "Tarangela" amongst her colleagues, Angela knows almost all there is to know about arachnids. Having recently retired from full time employment at Drusillas after 22 years, she now concentrates on studying and identifying our native eight-legged friends and she even boasts a collection of over 100 spiders at home in her spare bedroom!

Ray commented: "It's spider season again and as the days get longer it seems everyone thinks that spiders get bigger. In reality they are no bigger than last year it's just that having not seen them during the winter months we all jump when we see one. Although for me it's a jump for joy! Why? Because spiders are our friends and do an amazing job at ridding us of those annoying flies that buzz around our heads and help to protect our much-needed crops against insects intent on munching it all."

Angela commented: "Even as a child I loved spiders. They have fascinated me for over thirty years. Something some people find strange is that I'm a woman. They are often surprised and ask if I go on expeditions to Borneo with my husband and do I look for spiders? The truth is that I lead the expeditions and I'm often the first one into a cave or a rainforest to find them. I have found a number of new species and cannot wait to get back out there"

Angela continued: "Here in the UK we have over 800 different types of spiders, none of which are dangerous to humans. On the contrary, spiders are actually extremely helpful and harmless creatures, but despite this fact, they instil fear in many and have a terrible reputation."



"What people don't always realise is that spiders are an integral part of the ecosystem and are working to help us. These little wonders consume countless crop-destroying, disease-carrying insects annually, saving both livelihoods and lives."



"There is no good reason to be afraid of them. The vast majority of the world's spiders are harmless and extremely beneficial invertebrates. There are no dangerous spiders in the UK. Even the big spiders such as tarantulas don't want to hurt you. They are very docile and quite friendly if you give them a chance."

However millions of perfectly rational people have an irrational fear. But do spiders deserve such a wicked reputation? Drusillas want to change that reputation and as such, in partnership with Angela and Ray, have developed a four-hour course that aims to assist the arachnophobe to not only overcome their fears, but to leave with a better understanding of these misunderstood creatures.

Throughout the day participants will learn all about spider biology and behaviour, be taught how to face their fears, and even handle some new spider friends. The day is managed under very calm, controlled conditions, and with experts on hand at all times.

Angela Hale continued: "We've held many spider phobia courses in the past and we see such wonderful results; everyone that attends leaves their phobia at the door and goes home feeling much more confident and less afraid. It can be hard for people, especially those who are terrified, but the more time you spend in a spider's company the more you realise there really isn't anything to be afraid of. It's just Hollywood that's made them scary!"

"If you do find an unwanted guest, please bear in mind the wonderful work they do. Take the time to remove it humanely by gently placing a glass over the spider, then carefully pushing a piece of paper underneath; you can then move it outside and let it go."

The courses will run on various dates between July and October at Drusillas Zoo Park. To find out visit [www.drusillas.co.uk/spider-phobia-course](http://www.drusillas.co.uk/spider-phobia-course).

Located just off the A27 in Alfriston, Drusillas Park is open daily from 10am. For more information please telephone 01323 874100 or visit [www.drusillas.co.uk](http://www.drusillas.co.uk)

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## **About Drusillas**

Make memories that last and enjoy a great family day out at the award-winning Drusillas Park. Drusillas offers a loving home to over one hundred exotic animals, including sloths, meerkats, monkeys, penguins, red pandas, giant anteaters and more!

However, animals are only half the fun! Make like a monkey and swing, jump and climb your way across Drusillas large adventure play areas, get lost in Mungo's Maze and take to the skies on a whole host of amazing children's rides including the Hippopotobus, Flying Cheetahs, The Rainforest Carousel and new for 2022 The Rainforest Adventure. There's even a chance to grab your swimming costume and splash about on the Get Wet! splash pad. And when you fancy a break from all the running around, sit back and relax as you journey deep into the heart of the zoo on the Safari Express train.

Tiptoe through the jaws of a mighty T-rex and bravely step into dinosaur territory...Once you are over the threshold get ready to ROAR and CLAW your way through the prehistoric walk-through. Keep your eyes peeled as you adventure through the jungle; look out for the friendly family of Triceratops, be wary of the spitting Dilophosaurus and duck to avoid the flying Pterosaur... Welcome to Drusillas Park, a land that time forgot.

Harnessing the very latest in immersive technology, SPARK is the UK's largest immersive play experience. Extensive 360° projection software transforms an ordinary space into an extraordinary world, offering a highly unique, interactive, sensory space. See little eyes marvel in wonder as they discover a magical world where reality and technology collide, in an explosion of colour and light. Explore the vibrant jungle walls, touch and play with the wondrous watery floors, slide into a magical seabed, visit the plains of Africa, and get lost in the enchanted forest.

Drusillas also offers great disabled access and recently opened a Changing Places toilet as well as supporting the Sunflower Lanyard hidden disabilities scheme. For full details regarding accessibility please view the access statement on the Drusillas website.

Drusillas are champions for conservation and as part of their Conservation in Action programme they are currently fundraising for and supporting The Sloth Conservation Foundation.

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## PUZZLE PAGE for JULY & AUGUST 2022

### A WORDSEARCH PUZZLE & 2 SUDOKUS

**The Wordsearch : Finding Members of the European Union**  
**There are 26 words to seek within the Grid :**

Austria  
 Belgium  
 Bulgaria  
 Croatia  
 Cyprus  
 Denmark  
 Eire  
 Estonia  
 Finland  
 France  
 Germany  
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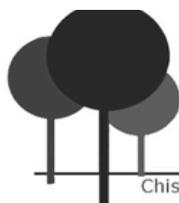
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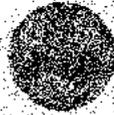
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**NOTES FROM SAINT PETER AD VINCULA - FOLKINGTON****Church Wardens****Mrs Sabrina Harcourt-Smith****01323 482 036****Mr Alan Best****01323 487 754****SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST**

**Sunday July 3rd ~ 10.30am ~ Trinity 3 ~ Holy Communion with the Benefice Team - The Reverend Stephen Stuckes / The Reverend Christyan James/ Mrs Kelly Ellis, Lay Pastoral Minister ~ Organist Mr Tim Berrett ~ Refreshments after the service - all are welcome**

**Sunday July 10th ~ 10.30am ~ Trinity 4 ~ Mattins for Sea Sunday ~ Collection for the Mission for Seafarers ~ priest tbc Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday July 17th ~ 10.30am ~ Trinity 5 ~ Mattins for Rural Missions Sunday The Reverend Neville Manning ~ Refreshments after the service .All are welcome.**

**Sunday July 24th ~ 10.30am ~ Trinity 6 ~ Mattins ~ The Reverend Malcolm Elwis~ Church Tourism Week Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday July 31st ~ 11am ~ Trinity 7 ` United Benefice Service of Holy Communion with the Benefice Team ~ The Reverend Stephen Stuckes/The Reverend Christyan James/ Mrs Kelly Ellis, Lay Pastoral Minister Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday August 7th~ 10.30am ~ Trinity 8 ~ Holy Communion~ Benefice Ministry Team / The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes or The Reverend Christyan James Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday August 14 th ~ 10.30am ~Trinity 9 ~ Mattins ~ The Reverend Neville Manning Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday August 21st ~. 10.30am ~ Trinity 10 ~ Mattins ~ The Reverend Malcolm Elwis Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday August 28th ~ 10.30am - Trinity 11 ~ Mattins ~ The Reverend Chris Macdonald Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

**Sunday September 4th ~ 10.30am Trinity 12 ~ ~ Holy Communion ~ The Benefice Ministry Team ~ start of the Creation Season Refreshments after the service ~ all are welcome**

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

## Mid - Summer News

### From Saint Peter's Church, Folkington



Two happy events have taken place recently within the church community of St. Peter's. The first one was that on Thursday June 16th the two Churchwardens, Alan and Sabrina, went to the lovely parish church of Saint Mary the Virgin at Barcombe, where together with many other local church wardens they renewed their vows and pledges to continue in their posts for another year. They took part in the Visitation by The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, who took the service. The parishioners of St Mary's welcomed everyone to the evening with great hospitality and delicious refreshments in the church hall.

Archdeacon Martin opened the service with the ever-popular hymn 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven...', a Thanksgiving and prayers. The Rector of St Mary's, The Reverend Sam Carter, gave a reading from the Gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 9. The service continued with prayers and more hymns. The singing was resounding, with terrific acoustics. Archdeacon Martin gave an excellent address, where he gave us valuable guidance on duties, thanked everyone for serving as Churchwardens and regaled us with some good stories. We were most grateful to Marc Sacher of the Archdeacon's office, for organising many aspects of the evening and for ensuring that all the paperwork ran smoothly. Altogether, it was a really lovely evening.

On Saturday June 18th the marriage took place at Saint Peter's between Darrell John Hammond and Leah Nicola Diane Hiller. Our Rector, The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, conducted the marriage and the organist was Mr Timothy Berrett from Milton Street. The bride entered the church to 'Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring'. The hymns included 'All things bright and beautiful' by Mrs C.F. Alexander and 'Give me joy in my heart' (Traditional). A Personal Message was given by Nicola Hiller and a Reading by Diane Barclay Barnard. Stephen gave the Address. Darrell and Leah walked down the aisle together accompanied by the famous Wedding March by Felix Mendelssohn, played on the organ by Tim. The flowers outside and inside the church looked beautiful. We were really happy to welcome Darrell and Leah and their families and friends to Saint Peter's Church and we sincerely wish them a happy life together.



On Sunday June 5th, we celebrated not only the feast of Pentecost or Whit Sunday, but a service with special prayers to honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth,

for her Platinum Jubilee. The Reverend Christyan James, the Benefice Associate Priest, led a lovely service of Holy Communion. After the service festive refreshments were enjoyed and everyone wished Her Majesty well. Garlands of Jubilee bunting decorated the porch and the altar flowers of red, white and blue looked lovely .

### **Dates for your diaries.**

On Sunday July 10th we will celebrate our annual Sea Sunday Service, inspired and guided by the Mission to Seafarers with whom we have had a Parish Link for many years. We continue to support the Mission and the valuable work that their wonderful Chaplains and colleagues do all over the world for men and women who work in ships

**The Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday September 10th,  
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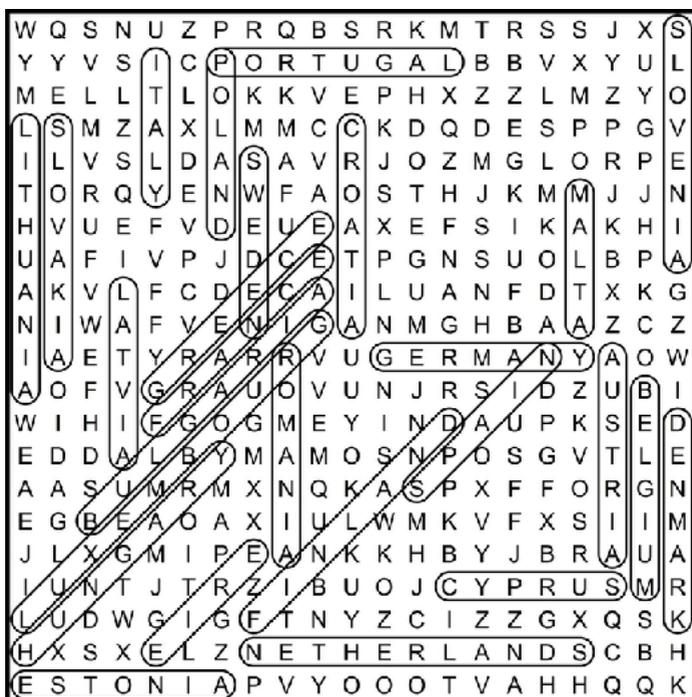
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# Benefice Services Continued

**August 14th**

**Trinity 9**

**9.30 am**

**Alciston ~ Book of Common Prayer**

**Peter Blee**

**9.30 am**

**Arlington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**11.00 am**

**Berwick ~ Holy Communion**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Wilmington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**August 21st**

**Trinity 10**

**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 ~ Family Service**

**Shirley Pearce**

**August 28th**

**Trinity 11**

**9.30 am**

**Arlington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**9.30 am**

**Alciston ~ Book of Common Prayer**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Berwick ~ Holy Communion**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Wilmington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**September 4th**

**Trinity 12**

**9.30 am**

**Arlington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**9.30 am**

**Selmeston/Alciston ~ Harvest Festival**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Berwick ~ Holy Communion**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Wilmington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**Please note that these service details might well change!**

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# BENEFICE SERVICES AND NOTICES

**July 3rd**

**Trinity 3**

**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**

**July 10th**

**Trinity 4**

**9.30 am**

**Alciston ~ Book of Common Prayer**

**Peter Blee**

**9.30 am**

**Arlington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**11.00 am**

**Berwick ~ Holy Communion**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Wilmington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**3.00 pm**

**Dedication of Selmeston Window**

**Peter Blee**

**Shirley Pearce**

**July 17th**

**Trinity 5**

**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 ~ Family Service**

**Shirley Pearce**

**July 24th**

**Trinity 6**

**9.30 am**

**Arlington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**9.30 am**

**Alciston ~ Book of Common Prayer**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Berwick ~ Holy Communion**

**Peter Blee**

**11.00 am**

**Wilmington ~ Holy Communion**

**Shirley Pearce**

**July 31st**

**Trinity 7**

**10.00 am**

**Arlington ~ United Benefice Service**

**Peter Blee**

**Shirley Pearce**

**August 7th**

**Trinity 8**

**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**

**Benefice Services continued over page**