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# PARISH



# NEWS

News from  
the Churches,  
clubs, groups and  
societies  
of Ninfield & Hooe

**June 2018**

**50p**





# St MARY's & St OSWALD's



## NOTICE BOARD

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

| Date                  | St. Mary's                                      | St. Oswald's           |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | 9.30 Parish Eucharist                           | 11.00 Family Service   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | No Service. Joint Service with Methodist Church | 11.00 Parish Eucharist |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June | 9.30 Family Eucharist                           | 11.00 Parish Eucharist |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June | 9.30 Parish Eucharist                           | 11.00 Parish Eucharist |
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*Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ [www.ninfield.org.uk](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

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

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Dear Friends,

Have you ever felt alone; felt that you are bearing the burdens of this world on your own with no one to turn to for help or advice? The feeling can be like a huge weight on our shoulders not knowing what to do about it. Perhaps this story can help! It's a legend of a Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage.

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.

It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him.

He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

Although we might not know it, we too are never alone.

Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us!

When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him!

So there is a moral to the story:

Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight!"

May we never feel alone because although we don't always realise it we are definitely not alone.

Paul Frostick



## A prayer for the lonely and lost

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for loving us.

So many people feel lonely and isolated and unloved today.

In a culture that values I above all things,  
help us to look beyond our i- phones and i- pads and selfies.

Help us to see with your eyes, to love with your heart;  
to reach out to the lost and lonely and marginalised with your  
compassion.

Help us to reflect your Kingdom values and, by the way we live,  
enable your love to be experienced by all who so need you.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

### At St Mary's Church

Funeral 4<sup>th</sup> May Pamela Patricia Brockhurst  
who died 17<sup>th</sup> April

*from the  
Parish Records*

**T**HE PARISH NEWS Well I think summer has now arrived! The warm sunny days - even some hot ones - are, as I write this interspersed with some quite cold days, but they are getting fewer and warmer so the weeds can get on and do what they do best - grow faster than the plants we put around them! Apart from that we are very pleased to say that we are planning a special edition of the Parish News for July and we would really like every group and organisation to be included. This is your opportunity to promote your groups and events to a wider audience, so please, please, please send in anything you can - and as soon as you can, to make July a great bumper edition.



Enjoy summer and all the amazing events that are planned

*Nicki and Carol*



**ST OSWALD'S CHURCH**

Invites you to the

**CHURCH GARDEN PARTY**

**In the St Oswald's Church Grounds**

**Saturday June 30th**

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Entry to this garden is £5 and refreshments are available. For more information visit [www.stmichaelshospice.com/opengardens](http://www.stmichaelshospice.com/opengardens)

Closing date for items for the SPECIAL issue of the Parish News

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE,      [ninfieldnews@btconnect.com](mailto:ninfieldnews@btconnect.com)**



## **ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH OPEN DAY**

21st July from 12noon until 3pm,  
With plans to include the following  
Barbecue and teas and coffee

The playing of the old organ in the Chancel

Raffle- proceeds to church funds

Talks on the history of the church including a guided tour

The church burial register which goes back to 1878 will be available for people to look at and find any relevant graves in the north and south churchyard, including the two Commonwealth War Graves

We hope to have representatives of our flower ladies present.

Put the date into your diary, more details next month

### **1st NINFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

are continuing to collect bags of clothes etc to help fund raise toward supplies & equipment and to make trips affordable for all scouts as well as helping the two scouts who have been chosen to go to the World Jamboree in USA in 2019.

The next collection will be in October so start collecting but if you have no space we can accept and store them.

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### **NINFIELD'S BEST KEPT SECRET?**

**THE BLACKSMITH'S INN**

**REFURBISHED RESTAURANT  
AND BAR**

**FRESH NEW MENU**

**TO BOOK 893875**



# HOOE OPEN GROUP

The Hooe Open Group, Ladies Club, met on Friday 11th May to be entertained and enthralled by Brian Freeland, who is a veteran of the theatre, having spent most of his life in and around the profession.

In later life Brian Freeland has become a professional speaker, specialising in a number of areas of interest, including stories of life in and around the Theatre, Travel, as a member of the British Council, mostly in the Indian Sub-Continent, where Brian had made eight tours, representing the BC.

At the Club meeting on Friday afternoon, Brian gave a most interesting account of the life of women of the different Classes in Indian society. His talk was entitled Women of the Raj and covered the period from before India became colonised by the British, up to its independence.

Of particular interest was the attitude of wives of the colonial administrators, who mostly did not like mixing with the indigenous population or bother to speak even one word of the local language, thereby causing friction between themselves and the native population. It was said that if it was not for the British women, there would not have been a Mutiny.

It was altogether a most memorable afternoon, with a near record attendance.

After refreshments there was the customary raffle with some eight prizes on offer, rounding off the afternoon.

If you are interested in joining a group of lively ladies for a jolly good afternoons entertainment. Why not just come along at 2.30 on a second Friday of the month, to Hooe Village Hall (Opposite the Red Lion) you will always receive a warm welcome.

If you would like any information, call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

## Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be on

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June

The Methodist Hall,

*Ninfield residents are invited to attend*

## Hooe Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

The Village Hall

*Hooe residents are invited to attend.*



Ninfield s best kept secret  
**" THE BLACKSMITHS INN"**

Recently under new management by Jonathan the head chef and his family.

Jonathan has 30 years experience as a chef.

In recent years he has worked at The Squirrel, Battle and The Waterfront, Bexhill.

With a complete renovation and fresh new look our aesthetic brings the pub dining experience to a new level.

Our locally sourced meat, fish and game fills our lunch and evening menus as well as our weekly specials.

The Blacksmiths is also vegetarian and vegan friendly.

We host a popular Tapas night every Thursday and a fish night every Tuesday,

each comes with a complimentary glass of wine.

We do a cracking Sunday roast which has a good selection of meats, roast potatoes, Yorkshire puds and seasonal veg.

Our two course lunch during the week for £9.95 with the baked cod is proving to be a firm favourite.

Our new look paired with a delicious selection food makes for a perfect dining experience.

We cater for all size parties. Hope to see you soon.

**Hooe Village Hall Fundraising Coffee Morning**

**The Village Hall, 10.30am**

**Coffee & conversation**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month**

**9<sup>th</sup> June**

**A good opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours**



## **N**INFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

At our AGM in April we enjoyed a talk on the history of marriage since the time of Henry VIII by Carol Holland. A highly enjoyable evening, Carol explained some of the pitfalls and complexities of being a Registrar.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st June John Cheshire will give a talk about the history of Ashburnham Place.

And remember, Every Monday from 10.00 - 12.00 at Sparke Pavilion come and look through our collection of photos, maps and documents. We often run a slide show of pictures that have been donated to us. If there is a particular theme you would like to see let us know in advance. If you have items of interest which show village life in days gone by please bring them along. We can scan them while you wait. Free tea and coffee available.

## **BUSINESS NETWORKING**

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## **NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

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## **O**UR SCHOOL

It's been a quiet month in school with things returning to normal after all the disruption caused by the recent funding issues. No building work yet of course, hopefully we will see some of that before we break for summer. It will need to happen soon as the woodworm in the huts are beginning to run out of things to eat!

Spare a thought for year 6 who, as I write this, are preparing for a week of SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). I know that Miss Watson will have them relaxed and well equipped for the task in hand but it is still a big week in the school calendar, so good luck to everyone. At least they will have the annual trip to Bewl water to look forward to once the SATs are over and they can let their hair down and enjoy being out of the classroom. It even looks as if the weather is going to stay fair for them this year. (Now that I've said that they will probably be sailing in Force 10 gales and thunderstorms!).

And finally, for those of you who saw the children parachuting eggs from the Pavilion balcony, don't worry, no egg was hurt in the process. My maths lesson were never like that, chalk and blackboard were as far as we got and velocity was measured by how fast the teacher could throw the board rubber across the room when he saw you talking during his lesson.

Ian Moffat

## **N**INFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Almost half way through the year and Church Wood is looking beautiful with everything in leaf and colours changing from daffodils to bluebells to lilies. We have been busy clearing "the black hole" to the right of the main path, giving more light to this area which has been a dank bog for as long as I can remember. We shall closely monitor changes brought by nature now that sunlight can penetrate.

In addition, our work around the village has included making safe the metal strip at the foot of the skateboard ramp, repairs to the playground gate and to build a low brick retaining wall behind the old bus stop close to the top of Catsfield Road. The wooden seat will soon be attached to the metal frame and a new resting place appears ! Can you spot the date on the metal frame ? Enjoy the summer.



# HOOE HISTORY GROUP

Mike Willis spoke to us in April on his favourite subject, antique maps. Mike is an enthusiast and a collector of old maps with an extensive knowledge of them, which he was very happy to share with us. He was greeted by another large audience, many of whom were keen to engage with him afterwards.

Our May speaker, Ken Brooks, will have visited by the time of this publication with his talk on "Local geology and fossils", which is a subject that interests all age groups, as knowledge of our pre-historic past is constantly evolving and so very interesting.

Our speaker on Thursday 21st June will be Brian Braby with his talk, "Sussex place names – their origin and meaning", always an interesting subject for those interested in local history. The name of our own village, for example, has seen many spellings during its history, reflecting some of the things that have influenced its development.

We are continuing to research different aspects of our village life, from smuggling to sport, the school, farms, church, houses and people who lived here, so we are always happy to hear from anybody who has a story to tell us or a photo to share on any subject. Every so often we receive something new and it all adds to the picture that is slowly emerging. If you have something to tell us about Hooe, please call Heather or Peter on 893422, or better still write it down and send it to [peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk). Do not assume it is "common knowledge" and forget about it as that is how wonderful stories can be lost.

**DID YOU KNOW ...** that the present Hooe village hall was opened by Lady Idina Hythe on Thursday 21st November 1912. It was built by Horace Taylor, a builder in the village, at a cost of £300. The Chairman of the Parish Council at the time, Mr. John Edmund Brand, who acted as architect and Clerk of the works, said that he thought it would stand for at least the next 100 years.

There are still 3 months to go before the deadline (31st August) for our photo competition on "Hooe at its best during the changing seasons", so keep searching for that winning entry.

So remember Thursday June 21st "Sussex Place Names . Hooe village Hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments available. Hooe 2019 Calendar competition. Open to all. [www.hooehistory.wordpress.com](http://www.hooehistory.wordpress.com)



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**T**HE KNITTING SOCIETY continues to grow, we have had two new members this month. If you are on your own and would like a cup of coffee and a friendly chat, we would love to see you Friday morning, 10.30 - 12.30 in the Committee Room of Ninfield Memorial Hall. Bring your knitting, sewing or just come along and while away a couple of hours

**N**INFIELD'S Parish Council, Scouts and Bonfire Society would like to thank all of you who helped distribute their flyers around the village. There are two more flyer drops planned in September and early January so if any other group would like to join in please let us know and if anyone else would like to volunteer to help distribute in their road, again please contact [ninfieldnews@btconnect.com](mailto:ninfieldnews@btconnect.com) or phone Carol 893326

**N**INFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH  
As Neighbourhood Watch I am sent information from Sussex Police and from Action Fraud which can be very useful in helping to avoid being scammed. It also provides information on local criminal activity so that one can be aware. Members of Ninfield Neighbourhood Watch can have these messages forwarded to them. If you would like to receive these messages then please let me know. They can be very informative.

The scammers are constantly coming up with new scams and it is very easy to be caught, hopefully with this information you can avoid being a victim. It is surprising that people are still suffering losses from quite old scams so best be aware. It could be a phone call purporting to be from your bank? HMRC? The Police? Or maybe a knock on the door which may be the bailiffs? It is well worth being aware.

If you would like more information on this or other neighbourhood Watch matter email me on [rod@rodders63.plus.net](mailto:rod@rodders63.plus.net) or phone 893635.  
Rod Ffoulkes



# **N**INFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOC. LATEST UPDATES!

**'Over 60's Afternoon Tea and Cabaret'** - What a wonderful success , well over 100 local people in attendance. A shame it started raining at 1.25pm but given most people had already arrived by then, even for a 2pm start, it didn't really matter. The scouts were splendid helpers and the Cabaret raised many laughs ended with a good old sing-along. To quote one attendee " I am always so amazed at what happens in Ninfield, and especially for us oldies...Ninfield should be so proud of how it looks after it's older folk.." Thanks to all those who helped or made cakes. Remember cakes appreciated for carnival or join in with Carnival Master Chef. Yes the clocking ticking, only a month to go. In case you've forgotten

## **Ninfield Carnival 13th & 14th July 2018 theme 'World of Sport'**

We continued planning at our last meeting. As usual many local societies are involved and we have a number of familiar and new craft stalls. The procession is looking bigger than last year but there is still space for more floats, or why not get together with friends and make the most of the sporting weekend with a walking float.

In case you missed other details, the arena will host a Fun Dog Show, Coakham Bloodhounds Display, and Music and Dancing! There will be live music all day and a range of tea and sandwiches in the popular tea tent. For those of you who like a challenge there will be a climbing wall, china smash, tractor pull and other competitive games for children and adults.

A reminder - Friday Night is family night, with a Magician and Disco, adults welcome to share the Carnival atmosphere and support your local community. The Saturday Night Band is the much loved and very popular 'The Chandeliers'- tickets available all weekend so buy them in advance.

## **Why do we do this?**

Remember Carnival is a free event, all run by volunteers, and we would welcome others to get involved. The Ninfield Carnival brings together local people and raises money for many local projects and this year for our chosen charity, Canine Partners, a charity that partners specially trained assistance dogs with people who have physical disabilities.

Please Contact Chairman -Sami Guard 07970650321, Sec. Helen Rawlinson 07736660742, Email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) or [heleniumhc@hotmail.com](mailto:heleniumhc@hotmail.com) If you have any ideas, questions or comments -see you at the next meeting: Wednesday 13th June 8.30pm at the Tin Hut...it would be fantastic to see some new faces!



## Recipe

### One Pot Chicken

#### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 500g boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 300g small new potatoes
- 425ml low-salt vegetable stock
- 350g broccoli, cut into small florets
- 350g spring greens, shredded
- 140g petits pois
- bunch spring onion, sliced
- 2 tbsp pesto

#### Method

1. Heat the oil in a large, heavy pan. Add the onion, gently fry for 5 mins until softened, add the chicken, then fry until lightly coloured. Add the potatoes, stock and plenty of freshly ground black pepper, then bring to the boil. Cover, then simmer for 30 mins until the potatoes are tender and the chicken is cooked. Can be frozen at this point.
2. Add the broccoli, spring greens, petit pois and spring onions, stir well, then return to the boil. Cover, then cook for 5 mins more, stir in the pesto and heat through.

## **C**HRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Methodist Hall will hear a (hopefully) amusing talk from Carol Holland entitled, the Marital Problems of a Registrar! We meet on the second Wednesday of the month and welcome everyone to come along for a sociable afternoon.





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## I'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN – BY MM

There was a young lady from Hooe  
Purchased seeds in good faith – like you do  
Took 'em home and she sowed 'em  
But alas, they were weeds – “Oh, boo hoo!!”

Well maybe I am exaggerating and I know I have grumbled before about seeds not growing so well of late. However, it is still worth growing plants from seed and a heated propagator really helps. As soon as the seedlings show, I move them to a light window sill, away from the heat or they become leggy. I have a propagator with seven separate trays, so moving plants on and sowing another tray is easy. When they have grown on a bit I move them to an unheated greenhouse.

Broad beans are very rewarding and also freeze well. I sow them in individual pots in the greenhouse mid-October and plant them out when they are growing strongly. I spoil them by covering with a fleece, then mesh until they flower the next year. I sow the favourites - Aquadulce and Aquadulce Claudia.

In September I sow onions, also covered over. Radar is a good variety and stores better than some. The loose leaved spring greens and dwarf green curly kale are useful as you can just pick a few leaves and they will keep growing on. Of the spring greens – Excel, Advantage and Hispi are lovely cabbages. I always cover with mesh or the wood pigeons and caterpillars will get them before me!

The pests don't seem to like Chard or perpetual Spinach much so I don't have to cover them. Also, I just tidy them in the Autumn and they keep growing. In April, I sow Runner Beans in pots in the greenhouse and plant out in May, those string wigwam supports are so easy to manage and last many years.

## **N** INFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

next meeting will be finalising plans for carnival and Proms & Gig, so come along and get involved, Working Men's Club  
8.00pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June



# Ninfield Parish Council

## ***Parish Councillors***

## ***Phone***

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|---|--------|
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At the AGM on 16th May all of the above Councillors agreed to stay in post for another year, but the Chair pointed out that this was the last year. In May 2019 there will be Parish Council elections and at least two if not (more) would not be standing for re-election. There are currently seven of them doing the work of nine - the number of Councillors there should be for this Parish. So now really is a good time to go along and get involved. Please go along to the next meeting, 7th June, 7.15 at the Methodist Church Hall and find out more,

A planning application has been submitted to ESCC by Southern Water (SW) to upgrade the sewerage works at Hooe. The proposal is to build a new facility alongside the existing one and then refurbish the existing one so capacity will be almost doubled.

Ninfield has not been consulted on this as the works are not in our parish and information on the application was sent to the wrong Hooe Parish Council email address!.

SW proposes that all traffic movement to and from the site to be down Lower Street, approximately 30 movements per day for 20 months (That is for the new build, there will then be the refurbishment after that). Some of the items being transported will be oversize and need escorting! You can find the application on ESCC website under reference WD/806/CM. This will be discussed at the June meeting, meanwhile any queries please contact Pam Doodles or Jackie Scarff.

Currently most people do not know where the existing site is, as it is surrounded by high leylandii hedging which keeps the visual impact, noise and smell to a minimum. That hedge is being removed and as ESCC have a ban on leylandii it will not be replaced, holly has been proposed instead. The new building will be 7m high - much higher than the current one, but the big worry for Ninfield is the impact of traffic movement. After the AGM and refreshment, the Annual Parish Meeting heard from many of the groups and societies in the village



Roger Saunders for the Village Society reported that they now had 30 members and had joined the Small Woods Association who offered advice, such as to clear a patch of undergrowth away and just see what happens, go and have a look! They are currently working on uncovering the set for the old bus stop at the top of Catsfield Road along with maintaining the flower beds and planters.

Jackie Langley spoke about the 'What would Ninfield like?' Meeting held earlier in the year which has led to the singing group starting up, A Men's Shed initiative is a possibility, along with a weekly coffee / book exchange, morning/afternoon starting probably Fridays. And a dementia friendly film show to be held which will be open to all on a quarterly basis.

The Chief Executive of Action in Rural Sussex spoke about local business, see page 9.

The School was praised by Ian Moffat for being the top 10% in the Country from reading and writing and the top 20% for maths. As well as doing very well academically sport and music were high on the agenda as well with football trophies for both the girls and boys teams. Building work internally started last October and they were looking forward to the new build starting when ESCC cancelled the project and they were very grateful for all the active support received from the Parish Council, MP, parents and villagers as a whole who wrote so many letters and got the building work back on track. Power to the People. Thank you everyone.

The Horticultural Society would encourage anyone new to gardening as well as those who just like gardens to join the society. The monthly meeting throughout the winter have a guest speaker, there is the annual plant sale as well as the Spring and Summer Shows. Membership is just £4.00 which also entitles you to go on the annual summer outing.

Ninfield Action Group Chair Paul Coleshill explained Nag had been quiet of late as there had not been much activity on the development front and that their aim was to see if developments were in the right area, sustainable and suitable for our village.



Speaking on behalf of the Art Group Jane Dommersen said they were now full with 25 members and a waiting list. They had held an on line auction of postcards to raise funds for a young cancer sufferer. They would be exhibiting at the Carnival and would be holding their show on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Jane carried on to say that the Knitting Society, re-born from an old Ninfield newsletter met on Friday mornings in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall at 10.30 and had several members, any one was welcome, with or without knitting or sewing in hand, just enjoy coffee and natter.

Martin Wood thanked the committee of the Memorial Hall for their work, the various events over the year had done well with funds raised going to the Hall. Grants had been obtained that had allowed them to buy the chairs, hearing loop system, windows in the kitchen and insulation in the roof due to the hard work done by Kevin Regan and they were very grateful to him. Plans had been prepared and submitted by Pete Holland to Wealden Council for a new kitchen and toilets. The sad loss of Adrian Dommersen who had been Chair and booking secretary for many years was keenly felt as his expertise and knowledge would not be easy to replace, but Jane had stepped in and carried on with the bookings.

John Cheshire said that the Ninfield Local History Group started 6/7 years ago and now had quite a selection of archive material that was available to local residents who had an interest in local history. This was housed in Sparke Pavilion, thanks to the Parish Council and grant from Wealden Council, which was open to the public on Mondays from 10.00 - 12.00. There were over 3000 photos, records of births, deaths marriages as well as census returns. The held monthly meeting in the Methodist Hall and continued to work with various projects at the School.

The new singing group, Jo's Jammies had held two sessions and were already singing in harmony. They meet fortnightly at the Methodist Hall from 7.30 - 9.00

Ninfield Bonfire Society had several new members and lots of ideas were coming forward, starting with the Guy competition - see page 24





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The Proms and Gig were on track, and as there was an improved sound system, the Eastbourne Concert Orchestra should sound fantastic. Tickets at the Stores. Bonfire night - subject to school building works would be on 20<sup>th</sup> October, monthly meetings are held at the Tin Hut, each third Wednesday, - come along and join us.

The Parish News has increased it's print run again this year, but still needs the input from everyone in the village, adverts of things in the future as well reports on what happened, please keep them coming in. The July issue is to be a special edition and we'd like every group and society to have a piece in it, so please get writing!

Men's Shed. An Australian concept that has been doing well in Herstmonceux and other places in the UK was explained by Dave Crittall as being somewhere men could go and remember how good they used to be as football! A base for making drinks, utilising their skills, generally keeping out of trouble. If interested talk to Dave or meet with him at 11.00 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Neighbourhood Watch Sadly very few people now attend, but the number of scams increased, they idea of going along is to get to now what these scams are so help you avoid them

Sam Guard for the Carnival Association spoke of the Over 60s tea and that comments of Fantastic Village with great events was often said. Ninfield Rocks! But like all organisations, needed more members to help run events. Carival was coming up, Friday night was family night with children's entertainment and a disco. Gala Night was coming back 27<sup>th</sup> October, with fish and chip supper, along with the Village Awards and the Roger Kent trophy for the unsung hero of the village.

Ninfield Scouts now had 120- 130 children from Ninfield and around aged 6 - 20. Helpers were all volunteers taking them camping, kayaking etc, Last weekend saw a group on them on survival camp, making own shelters, gutting fish, having fun!. Two of them were selected for World Jamboree next year so were fund raising £2,500.00 each. The bag collection was helping send many of them to Belgium for 4 days in November, They do the D of E award and had 3 gold awards

Last two reports will be in next month's edition.



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THE GUYS**

Ninfield Bonfire Society is holding a Guy Making Competition,  
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On Carnival Day the Guys will all go onto the Bonfire float for a jolly  
before being returned to you.

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October, and a year's membership of Ninfield Bonfire Society

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## **Worms Eye View**

At last I have heard the cuckoo calling. This morning May 1st as I walked around the fields looking at the animals in lovely sunshine I suddenly stopped. Was it or wasn't it? Yes it was the faint call of the cuckoo in the midst of the lambs bleating. A lovely sound and rather late for me to hear it, although I know some others had already heard the call.

But now, on to June. The month of June is named after Juno, the faithful and much loved wife of Jupiter, she was also known as the protector of women.

We do seem to have a lot of moles making a nuisance of themselves again this year, so now I must either put mothballs in their runs, apparently they hate the smell and scuttle away or I could put holly leaves in the runs so that they prick the moles noses. Perhaps I should do both and make sure they go!

Another tip I have been told for gardeners is that if you remove weeds on St Albans Day, June 21st, either in the afternoon or at full moon, they will never reappear. Also do not cut thistles before this day or you will have two thistles instead of one. Hence they rhyme:

“Cut thistles in May, they'll grow in a day,  
Cut Thistles in June, they'll come again soon,  
Cut thistles in July, they will surely die”

What a wonderful show there has been this year of primroses, bluebells and blackthorn. The latter makes me rub my hands in anticipation for all the sloes that will be waiting to be picked and made into sloe cordial or sloe gin later in the year.

But for now it's on with the tidying up the garden after the recent strong winds and having a bonfire, which I enjoy. An old custom was to light a bonfire on Midsummer's eve, after nightfall or at midnight and then as the bonfire died down leap through the flames which would bring you good luck. By the way the word bonfire was originally spelt bone fire as there bonfires were made up of bones!

I can assure you my fire is only garden rubbish, weeds etc of which I have masses

Anne



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Hooe Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to all those who took part in the Annual Hooe Spring Clean. We were very lucky with the weather. The sun shone for us. It was a great opportunity to not only make our village a much cleaner and tidier place but also to appreciate the beauty of our surroundings and the lovely flora and fauna in the hedgerows and fields.

Our AGM and Annual Parish Meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, too late for a report to go into this edition, so full details next month.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## **N**INFIELD FLOWER GROUP

On Monday 4th June, in the Memorial Hall and commencing at 7.30, we shall welcome Nina Tucknott with her demonstration entitled "Come Fly with ME". All flowers demonstrated will be raffled at the end of the evening. Non-Members are welcome at a small charge of £5.00 which includes refreshments.

Forthcoming events: Monday 2nd July Demonstrator Maggie Hayes "Anytime, Anyplace, Anywhere".

Monday 6th August Demonstrator Sian Tribe "The Container Dictates".

Do please contact us if you would like any further information regarding our friendly club, either telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or by email. [ninfieldflowers@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldflowers@gmail.com)



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## Sunday Services for June 2018:

- 3rd 10.30am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.
- 10th 10.30am United Church Anniversary celebration  
with Rev. Ian Pruden & Rev. Paul Frostick
- 17th 10.30am Service of Worship & Praise with Margaret Bickerdike
- 24th 10.30am Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Clive Redknapp
- 1st July 10.30am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

## Events for June 2018:

- 13th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship – talk with Carol Holland
- 13th 5.00 – 7.00pm Messy Active Teens
- 22nd 2.30 - 4.00pm Pop up Cafe
- 27th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church – ‘A Whale of a time!’

On Sunday 3rd June Revd. Tricia will lead our café worship – so do come along & enjoy this informal time with us, including breakfast .

Then on June 10th at 10.30am we welcome the St. Mary's congregation for our Church Anniversary celebrations with Reverend Ian Pruden, our Methodist area Superintendent minister, & Reverend Paul Frostick.

The young people & families are in for ‘a whale of a time’ on 27th June at Messy Church. The activities that go along with this theme could be amazing!!

We look forward to seeing you at Ninfield Methodist Church.

The Methodist Circuit publishes a local magazine ‘Spotlight’ with news from all the churches. /[www.hbrmethodists.org.uk/](http://www.hbrmethodists.org.uk/) The Christchurch / Bexhill, & Ninfield Churches issue a monthly Newsletter (available on request). /[www.christchurchmethodist.org.uk/](http://www.christchurchmethodist.org.uk/)







## JUNE DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Anyone have any more dates for this page?

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