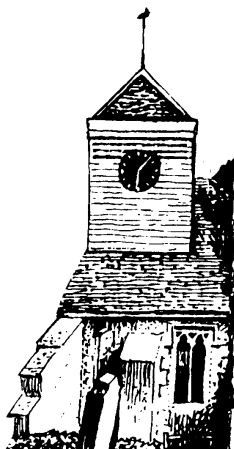


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NEWS

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of Ninfield & Hooe

July 2018 **SPECIAL EDITION**



St MARY's & St OSWALD's



NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's	St. Oswald's
1 st July	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
8 th July	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
15 th July	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
22 nd July	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
29 th July	No Service	11.00 Joint Parish Eucharist

St. Mary's, most Wednesdays, 10.00 am Holy Communion

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

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

For St. Mary's

Monday - Thursday open at 9 am and locked 3 pm

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After the service on Sundays closed

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, The interminable winter seems at last to be over together with our variable spring although as I write this its pouring with rain!! It's interesting how the sunshine seems to bring people out! Its almost like we are programmed to emerge from the winter in the same way as hibernating animals do. Anyway hopefully our summer will be better!

Which brings me to the matter of people going on holiday. However, what is it makes other people travel large distances maybe to a place where we happen to be by the sea and yet people from these places are themselves travelling distances in order to be somewhere else. We end up with a situation where people are escaping to a place others are escaping from!

This shows the reason for going on holiday is less to go to a particular place than to get away from the place we are used to. Holidays are about change. For those well enough (or well enough off!) it is to conquer the staleness caused by being in a single situation. Does it work? Do we come back from wherever fully refreshed and raring to go, in our home commitments or our work? I guess it's a matter of trial and error. Those for whom a spell in the sunshine will cause them to blossom will go again. Those who come away with only memories of long waits at airports or cold British beaches probably won't.

Ideally though, we will find a way to take that little holiday within our own environment (at least to tide us over) by changing our daily routine so that one day really isn't just like another, perhaps by taking up new interests or by getting out to see things that are nearby. Its amazing the number of people that do travel who don't go to see attractions close to where they live simply because they are actually on their own doorstep. There are so many interesting places close to home, lets visit them and appreciate them as we live in such a beautiful part of our country.

We do well though not to spend our lives in a state of partial hibernation but to be awake to God's world around us and to all it has to offer. Whatever your holiday involves, even if it is at home, I hope you find peace and refreshment.

Paul Frostick

Working together for good

Joseph the boy with the multi-coloured coat
Sold by his brothers and made a slave
But he rose and became Pharaoh's right-hand man
And he rescued his family when famine came.

Moses saved from death in the Nile
Raised up as a leader in Egypt's land
Empowered by God to deliver his people
As the Lord brings them out with a mighty hand.

Daniel led captive to Babylon
Became promoted by interpreting dreams
And through visions revealed prophetically
Future events, some as yet unseen.

And can it be whatever befalls
Above it all God has a plan?
What's seen as evil is turned around
And works for good to benefit man.

By Megan Carter

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH OPEN DAY

21st July from 12noon until 3pm,

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 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,

At St Mary's Church

19th May marriage of Thomas Walker and Josie Stonestreet

20th May baptism William Winchester- Daw

15th June interment of ashes Keith Collett

***from the
Parish Records***

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

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THE PARISH NEWS

Welcome to this special edition of the Parish News. We are very grateful to one of our residents who has very kindly paid for a full print run to allow a copy to be delivered to every household in Hooe and Ninfield. We would also like to thank all of the contributors, our regular ones and those for whom this is a first entry, who have pushed the boat out and ensured we have extra copy this month so making it an amazing bumper edition, far larger than we ever imagined, as well as our lovely group of distributors who had rather longer walks this month with a heavier load, thank you.

For those of you who have not seen the Parish News before, or not for some time, you can see that you don't have to travel far to find something to do, be it on a one off basis with the annual events or one of the regular weekly and monthly ones. Articles are written by volunteers of the various groups and individuals who keep us informed and entertained. We would love to receive more articles, so please, start writing! If you would like to receive a regular copy of the News please see page 15, we hope you all enjoyed this special bumper edition. We welcome your comments *Nicki and Carol*



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FRESH NEW MENU

TO BOOK 893875

O UR SCHOOL

It's nice to be able to start with some good news. After many months (or is that years) and plenty of ups and downs, the final paperwork has been agreed that will enable our two wooden huts to be replaced by modern classrooms with running water in the tap and not down the wall! So a huge big thank you to everyone who has made this happen.

With the SATs now out of the way, our Year 6 s children have been on the annual pilgrimage to Bewl Water to learn how to survive without Parents, carers and even IPAD's. The following is an account of their experience as written by two of the pupils:

May I just say that Bewl Water was a fantastic experience and totally unforgettable. Our wonderful week went like this:

MONDAY For our first activity, we split the class in half so that one group canoed to the other side. Whilst they were doing this, the other group walked and searched for mini-beasts. When they reached the other side, the people who canoed, swapped with the walkers. Thankfully, nobody got wet!

TUESDAY On Tuesday, we began by (once again) splitting the class in half, one group kayaking and the other group sailing. We began by kayaking, and went around the perimeter of the reservoir. As we wouldn't be able to return in our kayaks back to Bewl before lunch, we took the (very, very fast!) speed boat back. After our delicious lunch of wraps, we rode the speed boat back to our kayaks. We kayaked through the trees and bushes before playing sharky sharky, fishy fishy. We then blessed our boats and someone fell in. Immediately after, we Seal launched into the water from the pontoon. We all kayaked home, very tired!

WEDNESDAY held team building and teamwork activities. Team building consisted of raft making and trying to make it float - we succeeded. During raft building, we had to wear tomato suits with red helmets. Our teams raft didn't sink whereas the other team had an issue with one of their barrels as Mr Brown decided that it would be funny to untie one of the ropes. The morning was spent doing teamwork activities like climbing walls, obstacle courses and other activities including logical puzzles. Some of these included bridge building, get from one side to the other and a wooden foot game. Getting from one side to the other was where you and your team stand on a platform. The aim of the game was to get everyone in your team from one platform to the other by balancing wooden planks on tree stumps. Wooden foot game was where you tie wooden beams to your feet and try to walk. It is harder than it sounds because the long beams get in the way and if you don't walk in perfect unison, people end up walking backwards.

THURSDAY morning, we put on tomato suits, buoyancy aids and helmets. Then we walked down to where they kept the sailing boats to learn the safety rules of sailing. Once we had assembled our boats we took to the water, sailing in figures of eight. One group accidentally let go of the boat while no-one was on it so it went away by itself. Helen – one of the instructors in a speed boat – had to pull it back to the water's edge! My friend and I were in a boat together and when the boat tipped, she fell out but I didn't! When she got back on the boat, dripping wet and cold, she shoved me off! After that, we sailors all hopped on the speed boats to join the kayakers for a picnic instead of going back to base. Back sailing, we went all the way to the other side of the lake and back. At the end of the day, we got to jump off the pontoon- that's when Charlie Bear lost his trousers and someone lost a shoe! Luckily for the shoeless person, another child managed to retrieve the sinking wet-shoe.

FRIDAY we all went orienteering. We had to read maps to get to a destination where we could earn points. However, not all of the map reading was accurate so some of the groups took quite a while! A different game was we were given an image of a place in Bewl and had to locate it on the map. Again, not all of the coordinates were accurate so some individuals struggled to correctly plot the precise location. Some of the photographs were harder to find than others. Once the game was over we collected our bags, found any missing luggage, lost luggage and piled into cars. We drove back to school and were reunited with our parents.

I think it's fair to say that we all had the time of our lives at Bewl Water and none of us will ever forget it! Brooke and Maddie on behalf of Y6 Wasps

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

has had on it's gate, that many of you will have seen, a planning application notice for the proposed new kitchen and toilets. The plan is to extend the building slightly so as you go in the front door, immediately to your left will be new ladies and gents toilets plus a baby change area, the kitchen will take over the existing ladies toilet so be a better shape, the the existing gents will become a store cupboard for the tables and chairs. The main Hall and committee room will remain unchanged.

At the moment we are waiting for Wealden to give their permission. Once granted we can get estimates for the work that is needed and we will be applying for grants from various organisations, but we will have to fund some ourselves, both with money and volunteers.

If granted the planning permission gives us a three year window in which to start the work, so quite a tight timetable to raise funds and be organised! If think you could help, please contact the Chair Martin Wood 892895

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF ST. MARY'S

It has been a very busy year at St. Mary's. Within the first few days we had the licensing service on 13th June 2017 of the Reverend Paul Frostick as Priest in Charge, presided over by the Bishop of Lewes, the Right Reverend Richard Jackson . The service was well attended with refreshments provided in the Reading Room.

Paul has had a productive year fostering relations with the School, The Methodists and various organisations in the village. Regular services are held for the School at Christmas, Easter, end of year for the leavers and Harvest . Joint services with the Methodists in January, Easter, June and Remembrance Sunday.

We lost 2 stalwarts from the congregation who sadly passed away last year. However we were able to welcome 2 new families to our worshipping congregation. During the year we had 2 weddings, 1 wedding blessing, 2 baptisms and 8 funerals. 6 burials in the churchyard and 3 cremated remains were interred.

One of the primary responsibilities of the Churchwardens is to ensure that the Church and Churchyard are kept in good order. Overall the fabric of the Church is in good order although we have had to repair the buttress in the south west corner and replace some of the lead in the central gully which had become damaged. The gutters and down pipes have been painted. Our intention is to have the eaves painted but this requires specialist equipment due to their height. We have noticed some rot in the eaves which will need replacing. We have replaced the Church sign at the entrance enabling us to give more information on services and other Church events. Internally we have replaced all the lights with new lower maintenance LED lights, saving us money in the long run. The carpet in the Chancel had been down for around 40 years and due to the kind bequest from one of our congregation who sadly passed away we have replaced the carpet but only in the Altar area. We found that the old carpet had covered up a very nice tiled floor and 2 slate covered 17th century graves and felt that these should be seen by the parishioners and visitors. We do have some internal repairs and redecoration to do particularly at the west end where problems have occurred due to water ingress.

On the financial side we are just about keeping our heads above ground on a daily basis with major expenditure paid for out of reserves. Donations to enable us to keep this ancient building going would be appreciated .

We are holding a Church open day on Saturday 21st July when various church documents including the Burial Register which dates back to 1878

will be on display. There will be a barbecue and teas and coffee and other events including the ability to see the 2 Commonwealth War Graves one from the First World War in the south churchyard and one from the Second World War in the north churchyard.

Please come and visit us if you have the time that day.

St. Mary's Church Wardens

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were thrilled to welcome Carol Holland to our June meeting to hear about her amusing experiences as a Registrar. A thoroughly entertaining afternoon much enjoyed by us all.

It seems like only yesterday when I was asked to form and lead for one year only, a new group following the closure of the Mother's Union.

Our first meeting was held on 13th January 1999 since then we have been meeting once a month on the third Wednesday afternoon in The Methodist Hall, except when the weather has beaten us. And I am still leading it! The topics our speakers have told us about have been hugely varied. We have heard about Sam Botes war time experiences in Italy when he was taken in and protected by an Italian family, Life of Grime, which was a pictorial view of some of the situations which can confront a Public Health Inspector, Bee Keeping, the History of Buses and Royal Dressmaking from one of the dressmakers, to name but a few. Occasionally we hold a 'Fellowship Forum' when we decide on a topic and thrash out the arguments strongly but always in a friendly fashion and a Christmas Lunch and Summer Afternoon tea.

CWF adopts a charity each year, I am pleased that over the years we have raised many thousands of £s for a variety of worthwhile causes. We like to put the 'FUN' back into FUNdraising!

Since 1999 our group has evolved into quite a different club from that which opened in 1999. We amalgamated with the Golden Circle a couple of years ago and we now also welcome (well behaved!) gentlemen to our meetings. At first CWF was affiliated to Ninfield Church, now it is independent, our members are made up of C of E, Catholics, Salvationists, Methodists and non believers. It is all inclusive and open to all.

So next month – July 11th: This is the month we hold our annual summer afternoon tea party. We will meet at 2.30 at Catslide Hooe, hoping for a sunny day so that we can be in the garden.

Non members are always welcome at our meetings – do come and join us, just turn up. However, just to ensure there is sufficient food for all please let me know if you intend to come to Catslide on 11th July.

Pam Doodes 01424 892329 pamdoodles@hotmail.com

WILDFLOWER VERGES

We are fortunate to have many flowering roadside verges around the Village, some of which contain quite rare and interesting species, and now there is an opportunity for us to become involved in an initiative launched at Dixter last year which will help to keep them flourishing into the future. Its gathering pace and support quiet well. As a member of the Village Society I have been asked if I can help our Village become involved with this. Amongst others we have an incredible verge in Manchester Road which is already on the list for sympathetic management by Highways. There are about 25/30 Green Winged Orchids growing there, also the verge shows other plants that indicate it is probably a surviving meadow fragment.

Now my Knowledge of wild flowers, and time, is very limited so I am hoping that someone in Ninfield feels able to give their time and effort to finding and reporting those verges that contain rare or special plants .Please phone me for a chat and more details if you think you may be interested.

Robin Goldsmith 01424 89277

NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

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Recently I have been asked why I stopped holding surgeries! My response is that when I did I found them very lonely places as people did not attend!! Why was that? Well – it was because I am always at the end of a phone or an email message; people do not have to wait until a surgery date!

My preferred method of working is to have an open door policy. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think there is something that I can help you with. I am always willing to try, even if it is just to 'sign post' you to someone else who may be in a better position than me to assist with a particular concern.

People have contacted me recently about speeding traffic, closed roads, overgrown hedges, planning matters and dog dirt. I have been pleased to assist wherever I can.

At present I am in the process of arranging a date for our M.P. Huw Merriman to visit and hear from residents. As soon as the date is confirmed I will make sure it is well advertised.

Councillor Pam Doodes

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NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Established several years ago, Ninfield Village Society comprises volunteers who attend to local maintenance items and manage Church Woods, on behalf of the Parish Council.

Most Wednesday mornings we are to be found in Church Woods clearing footpaths, attending to fallen trees, clearing waterways, enabling residents and visitors to enjoy the woods safely. We have created a few picnic areas and new pathways but at all times we seek to ensure that the area remains natural woodland rather than a park.

Other volunteers look after the various planters around the village, at bus stops etc., and the Queen Elizabeth flower bed by the stocks has never looked better.

In addition, we periodically attend to broken benches, overgrown pathways, litter picks and, most recently, we "discovered" the original village bus stop seat behind years of bramble growth and one of the benches provided by the Carnival Association, at the top of Catsfield Road. This we have refurbished although we doubt buses will be able to stop there now with modern traffic density !

Do come and see us in Church Woods.....

HOOE LINE DANCE GROUP

The group was form October 1996 by Pat and Cis Wells helped by Jane Fuller and her daughter Melanie following from the closure of the village shop in January 1996.

The village shop and the Red Lion formed a large part of village life. When the shop closed in January 1996 Ruth and Keith Barton managers of the Red Lion, to help keep the community together, held a weekly coffee morning. Here the idea of a Line Dance Club was formulated. Line dancing was at it peek and very popular locally, also Pat was a fan of Country and Western music.

Much to my great surprise my husband David was eager to join. He loved classical music, played the piano and church organ but Country and Western! That is how I became a member and still am.

We chose Wednesday evenings, it's the middle of the week and fitted in with those who wanted to join, and the village hall was available. We could not find anyone to give tuition, as I said Line Dancing was 'the in thing', so we taught ourselves. Pat brought along a large television and video player, he put up a shelf to the left of the kitchen door and mounted the equipment on it. We had several Line Dance videos for instruction and a small tape machine to play the music.

The village hall was full for our first evening. It remained full for a number of years. In the early 2000's Pat and Cis moved to America, others moved out of the village, younger ones married and started their own families, some just got older, membership declined.

We now have ten regular members and still going. We no longer try to keep up with 'new dances' which are far too complex in movement and too fast in tempo. We prefer the slower and simpler older ones.

For many years I selected the music and programme, but now we take it in turns. It gives us all a chance to select our own favourite music and dances. We have started to relearn basic dances long forgotten. Our taste in music has altered over the years and it is not just Country and Western, we dance to the Everly Brothers, Cliff Richards, even Elvis and many more. Our values have also changed; we keep meeting for the friendships we have cultivated over the years. The tea break half way through the evening is most important, (some of us would like to start with one given the chance), and we catch up on the weekly happenings within the family, as with village life.

If you feel you are in need of some light excise in a friendly group where dancing is a pleasure and no one will laugh at you if you have two left feet, we all have at some time during the evening, come along and see if you like our small and friendly group.

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THE NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

are pleased to say that the group is planning a busy year ahead. The 25 members recently contributed many postcard paintings for 'Sophie's Secret Postcard Auction' in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital. The auction, on eBay, has been brilliantly supported by famous and amateur artists. Every one of our members had bids on their work and are eagerly awaiting the final results of their endeavours. Sadly, Sophie, a St Richard's School Student, lost her battle but her wonderful spirit remains with all who knew her and she has left a wonderful charitable legacy. A news report about the Auction was broadcast on BBC South East News. The artists are currently working on their display pieces for The Ninfield Carnival. Their work will be on show in the Arts and Crafts Marquee, do come along and see what we have been up to!

Our Annual Exhibition will be earlier this year and is spread over two days, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th of September. Make a note in your diary! Such was the success of last year's exhibition we decided that a two day event was needed. Hopefully this will encourage an even greater audience to come along. Tea and cake will be available to enjoy, whilst you consider which artwork to purchase! Shop early for Christmas?

If you're interested in joining the group, membership is currently limited to village residents only, there is a waiting list for artists from further afield. We are cautious that, if the group expands too quickly, it may lose its community atmosphere. For information, please contact Jennie Harmer. jjennieharmer@aol.co.uk or 01424 892357

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HOOE'S PROPOSED NEW VILLAGE HALL

Plans are steaming ahead with the new Village Hall Project!

After taking into account all comments made by residents an Architect was engaged and given a clear brief as was another company specialising in sectional building construction. All draft plans have now been received and will be discussed at the next New Village Hall sub-committee meeting.

The sub-committee is made up of parish councillors and residents who have professional skills and experience to offer, we are hugely grateful to them for giving their time to this project.

The next stage will be to invite all Hooe residents to view and comment on the plans before a final design decision is made and the necessary planning application is prepared.

Fundraising for the new hall is already in full swing. We are delighted to report we have received various donations and grants so the pot is slowly growing. Unfortunately most Grant Funding organisations will not consider applications for grants until planning approval is granted but that is not stopping us investigating the many various funding pots. We will have our applications ready to submit immediately we received planning approval.

The majority of funding organisations ask that any grant money is 'matched' by funds raised by the applicants, hence the active fundraising! As volunteer time can be counted at £10.00 an hour, more if professionals are giving of their professional time, we are keeping a detailed record of the hours we all give to the project.

Our monthly coffee mornings are growing in popularity, not only raising money for the hall but also offering a welcome social opportunity. We will also have a presence at the Hooe Motor Show, so look out for us there, and much more is planned.

If you would like more information or can offer to help in any way please speak to any Parish Councillor. Cllr Pam Dodes

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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOC. FINAL UPDATES!

13th& 14th July

In case you've forgotten the Theme is 'World of Sport'!!

All is nearly set...The procession is already looking bigger than last year but there is always space for more floats; riding, walking, cycling – come and join us – the Procession forms up from 10.30am in Lower Street, and sets off at 12 midday.

There will be the welcome return of Masterchef – judged by this year's special guest P.C.C Katy Bourne and last year's winner Clive Scott- all entries should be in the Marquee by 11.30am.

The arena will host a display at 12.30pm by representatives from our chosen Charity – Canine Partners, followed by Twirling Tornados, Jo's Jammies, Fun Dog Show and The Coakham Bloodhounds. There will be live music all day and a wide range of tea and sandwiches in the popular tea tent. Plus the BBQ and The Bar of course! Try out the Climbing Wall, China Smash, Inflatables, Coconut Shy- small fairground rides for the little ones, Bouncy Castle – plus Train Rides, Arts and Craft Stalls, Tombola and The Grand Raffle with £100 First Prize, £50 -2nd and £25 – 3rd; And! For those who like a challenge- why not get a team of 4 for The Tractor Pull, for the Challenge Trophy and Cash Prize!

Friday Night in the Marquee has UNCLE BUMBLE for the youngsters 7.30-8.30pm and then at 9pm it's Disco Party Time - with Curry and a Pint/Glass of Wine, or the traditional BBQ, All ages are welcome to share the Carnival atmosphere and support your local community. The Saturday Night Band is the much loved and very popular 'The Chandeliers'- and tickets will be available from Friday 7pm, so buy them in advance.

And now the plea! If anyone would like to help out during the two days of setting up and taking down please get in touch; or if you could make/donate a cake for the Tea Tent, please bring up to the Marquee on Saturday 14th from 10.30am!

Please Contact Chairman -Sami Guard 07970650321, Sec. Helen Rawlinson 07736660742, Email samanthaguard@btinternet.com or heleniumhc@hotmail.com We will give everyone an update in September, and until then, we wish every one a fantastic Summer- and hope to see you all on the Recreation Ground for...

NINFIELD CARNIVAL 2018 FRIDAY 13TH & SATURDAY 14TH JULY

Coming up over the next few months, so make a note in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised in the combined August/September issue of the Parish News.

18 Aug Horti Society Summer Show	7 Sep Book Exchange
15 Sep Quiz Night, The Musicals	29/30 Sept Art Exhibition
20 Oct Bonfire Night	27 Gala Fish & Chip Supper
11 Nov An Afternoon of Remembrance	24 Nov The Messiah,
25 Nov Home Made Fayre	

December will see Carol Concerts, Night Market and party time for lots of the groups and organisations, so don't forget to send your information in early to get advertising. Ninfieldnews@btconnect.com

Grace Constable, Emily Steventon, Garry Marriott, Michael White and the Occasional Consort directed by Anne Whiteman accompanied on the organ by Nigel Howard present:

HANDEL'S THE MESSIAH

Saturday 24th November 2018

in St. Oswald's Church Hooe at 6.30 pm

Tickets £15.00 (to include interval refreshments) available from Janet Pattisson jandspattisson@btinternet.com 01424845087; or Grace Constable grace90gcx@gmail.com

BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

People from the Ninfield community have been working with representatives from Rother Voluntary Action to try to take forward some of the ideas shared at village events held in November and February. One suggestion was to have a Book Exchange Café to make up for the loss of the ESCC mobile library service and provide a regular informal social meeting time for the community.

We hope to start the Book Exchange Café on Friday 7th September from 10am – 12 noon and weekly thereafter. The venue will be the Methodist Hall which has good kitchen and toilet facilities and disabled access. However, to make it a success, we need volunteers to run the sessions on Friday mornings. We have been promised several boxes of books to get us started but we will need more book donations to refresh our stock.

If you can offer help in any way but especially by volunteering to serve in the café, set up and clear away in the hall we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email David Swales dj_swales@hotmail.com or call on 892248

NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB

has always been on the recreation Ground and moved to the present site in 1929. We currently have 61 members including social members. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the summer season from 5.30 to 7.30 where members come along for “roll ups” on the rinks with tea and biscuits afterwards. During the winter months when some members play indoors we have social evenings on Tuesdays from 6.30 to about 9.30 where we play whist, have beetle drives and games evenings, darts etc.

During November/December we have a four day turkey and tinsel break at one of the Warner's Leisure Hotels, which all who take part in enjoy. When the summer season finishes and the nights close in we hold a candle lit bowls evening, which again is great fun, with hot dogs to follow. We have a couple of fun afternoons, when there are no matches, a particular favourite is the men v ladies games, this is followed by fish and chips in the pavilion. During the summer season we have over 50 matches against other clubs in the area, with our Captain and Vice Captain ensuring all members have a game. We hold an Open Day in April each year which is advertised in the Bexhill Observer on the Ninfield Page, this page also gives the results of our weekly matches. We are in the Rother League, coming second last year which was brilliant for our club.

All the work at the club is provided by members (including mowing several times a week). The men have been renewing the floor of the pavilion along with fitting a new kitchen. We had new toilets fitted 18 months ago, and all of these changes were paid for from the generosity of members, raffles and fund raising. We are sponsored by Simply Italian.

Unfortunately parking is a problem, not just for us but for visiting teams as we do not like to take advantage of the Public House car park.

We are always interested in new members so come along on a Tuesday or Thursday evening or phone

Are you ready for the THE GUYS

Don't forget Ninfield Bonfire Society is holding a Guy Making Competition, with guys displayed around the village from 1st - 13th July.

Remember to get your entry form from the shop.

Make your guy and put him up in your garden

For ideas on how to make your guy see Ninfield Bonfire facebook page

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 1944.

In the sky over Eastbourne just about 1 30 pm, a Tempest fighter, one of the fastest and newest planes in the RAF, swept down to attack a V1 flying bomb. These travelled at about 400 mph and at a height usually between 1,000 and 3,000 feet. The pilot, Donald John Mackerras, an Australian from a suburb in Sydney, may have been attempting to tip the V1 wing and destabilize the gyroscope controlling the flying bomb. It was hazardous, but probably less than trying to shoot it down. Aircraft with 0.303 machine guns found that most of the small bullets simply bounced off, so 20 mm cannon packed sufficient punch to destroy the doodlebugs. However, they still needed to get within 250 yards in order to explode the 1,000 kg (approximately a ton) high explosive warhead. At 360 mph, that is 6 miles a minute, so just a furlong away means the aircraft immediately flies into the debris cloud of the explosion, with no time really to change course.

Donald Mackerras had already shot down 11 V-1's and shared in 3 more, but that Sunday afternoon he lost control of the Tempest and crashed 10 miles north east of Eastbourne. The map reference was WR1532 and the place was mis-recorded as Minfield.

That's why this has just come to light, as it is of course, NINFIELD. The map reference appears to put it somewhere around Marl pits and Skinners Lane, perhaps by Burnt Barns. Long term residents will realise that that is almost precisely the boundary where the Ashburnham, Catsfield and Ninfield parishes meet, again a reason for possible confusion as to where it precisely crashed.

On 1st August 1944, young Hugh Gordon Tate had been electrocuted when a barrage balloon that had possibly been cut free by another V1 cutting its cables, had drifted over the Ninfield Rec. Several boys had tried to capture it, but the wind blew it towards the road shedding boys as it went. Eventually just Hugh was left clinging to the ropes when the balloon drifted into HT power lines. On the day of his funeral, a V1 exploded in Church Wood. Was that the V1 that Mackerras, the 2nd highest scoring V1 "ace" intercepted?

If anyone has any information perhaps giving a more precise location for the Tempest crash, please contact Kevin on 89386

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MUSICAL MATINEE IN NINFIELD.

As you will see from the flyer included with this edition of the Parish News, there will now be a regular three monthly Ninfield Community film afternoon in the Memorial Hall. This initiative was started by Wealden Dementia Action Alliance, has received generous funding from Ninfield Carnival Committee and is now being coordinated by myself and Rose Franks.

Although providing a comfortable informal setting for people with dementia and their carers, these films are for the whole of the community.

They are hearing loss friendly: there is a loop system in the hall and hopefully the films will have subtitles. There will be cabaret style seating so somewhere to put your tea/coffee and cake while watching the film! The screenings are free, but please book your place through me, details below.

If you like the idea of tapping along to these classic, timeless musicals in a friendly informal setting, these afternoons are for you. If lack of transport is a problem let me know and I will see what we can do. If you are coming to a film and can offer a lift please let me know. Jackie Langley. 01424 892422

I 'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN – BY MM

As we are 'doggy' people around here, it is quite likely you have seen the TV programmes with dog experts Cesar Millan and Victoria Stilwell.

Much dog training and care is common sense; however, these two people are especially gifted. They are always saying they don't train dogs, but train the owners to be calm - assertive, clear and consistent. A dog will try to take over the role of pack-leader if you are not effective. These two trainers show that unkindness and bullying dogs does not work. Dog ownership should be rewarding for us and our dogs.

It is important for a dog to come when called. Clickers, sold in pet shops, seem to be an effective training aid. I find a click of the tongue works well. Even a highly trained dog should never be loose near a road or near livestock – the results can be heart-breaking.

Lively dogs enjoy using up excess energy in agility training. Puppy socialising classes are brilliant. Youngsters need to learn how to behave in the home. Vacuum cleaners, hairdryers, thunder and fireworks can all be very scary. Petting your dog to comfort him just reinforces frightened behaviours. Your vet can advise you of a good canine behaviourist if you need expert advice. You can also get advice from Battersea Dogs Home or The Dogs Trust.

Youngsters should not be over exercised as it can harm their growing bones and joints. Nor should puppies climb stairs. Play is a good way of teaching a pup what is acceptable behaviour and what is not – such as chewing fingers. Growing pups need a huge amount of sleep in a quiet corner with a cosy bed.

We all know chocolate is bad for dogs, but there are other killers such as: grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, yeast dough, garlic, onions, Xylitol sweetener, pips of apples, plums, pears, peaches, apricots, rhubarb leaves, broccoli, tomato leaves, potato peelings, caffeine. Some of these are accumulative poisons.

Much to think about with dogs but aren't our darlings worth it!

Hooe Village Hall Fundraising Coffee Morning

The Village Hall, 10.30am

Coffee & conversation

2nd Saturday of the Month

14th July

A good opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours

Ninfield Parish Council

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This month it was lovely to see some new faces and the Councillors were delighted that some may be interested in becoming Councillors in time.

Really great news that the negotiations on the lease for the school extension are all completed and the councillors were able to sign the legal documents. We are now awaiting news from the project team at East Sussex County Council as to when the work will begin.

The Councillors are embarking on a project to move the red telephone box that is currently down near Lunsford Cross up on to the recreation ground. This project is of great interest in the village as the design of these boxes was the brainchild of a resident of Ninfield Village. At the Parish Council hub on Carnival day there will be the opportunity to put forward ideas for how we could use the telephone box so please do visit if you have any ideas. There will be plenty of other things at the hub and a chance to speak to councillors so come along.

At the planning meeting this month the councillors were discussing the proposed expansion of Hooe Water Treatment Works. The application can be found on East Sussex County Council planning applications site under the reference WD/806/CM and there is still time to comment. The comments from Ninfield Parish Council can be read there and as you will see we are very concerned about the amount of very heavy traffic that this would create coming through the village. Southern Water are proposing that the lorries will travel from the A269 Bexhill Road along the B2095 and back for access, with 60 lorry movements per week for 2 years or more. If you would like to comment on the application please so using the reference number above and click on comment on this application, or email the address given.

The next meeting is Thursday 5th July at 7:15pm in the Methodist Hall and all will be welcome.

HOOE HISTORY GROUP

Membership of the Hooe History Society remains very strong since we started in 2012. This year we have 40 members, with an average of 32 coming along to our meetings. We meet at the village hall on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. and have published a full programme of speakers for this year ranging from a talk on our TOW team to the Sussex resistance movement in WW2 and local geology and fossils. We have had some really interesting speakers, Ian Everest (life in Sussex) and Geoff Hutchinson (Mad Jack Fuller) especially coming to mind, but although we have had many other interesting contributors, good speakers and interesting subjects are not easy to find.

This year we are running a Countryfile-style photo competition for next year's calendar on the lines of "Hooe at its best during the changing seasons". Closing date for entries is the 31st August. Please see our website (hooehistory.wordpress.com) for full entry details or phone Heather on 893422.

We are continuing to research and document the history of the village. It is mostly kept electronically, but we are starting to create a physical library of photos and documents. Two books have been written, on the Hooe Bonfire and Tug-o-war, and one other is in progress, on the Hooe Smuggling gang. We have also documented all of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in St Oswald's from 1609 to the present day.

Our June meeting features Brian Braby talking about Sussex place names – their origins and meaning, whilst looking forward, July 19th sees the visit of Alaric 'Jim' Bond who is reasonably well known locally for his former tea-room in Boreham Street with its fascinating 'museum' of naval artefacts. Alaric is also an expert on the British Navy in this period and prolific author of novels with this setting. Expect a fascinating and interactive talk with some surprises!

Hooe History society. Thursday 19th July at 7.30pm "The British Navy 1793 - 1815" talk by Alaric 'Jim' Bond. Refreshments available. All welcome. Hooe 2019 Calendar Competition still time to enter, open to all, details on www.hooehistory.wordpress.com.

MEN'S SHED held their first meeting on 14th June at Sparke Pavilion. Not a huge turnout, but those that did come along were interested in more meetings being arranged. So to that end Dave and Robin will be arranging another date in July, so please keep an eye on notice boards, the village voice and the parish news for details, and hopefully a full update in next month's edition of the News.

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051
Revd Peter Doodles	Vice Chairman	01424 892329
Pam Doodles	892329	Robert Pilbeam 844365
Peter Hayward	893522	Gary Durman 893007
Parish Clerk Sally Durman 893007		

On Monday 21st May Hooe Parish Council held their AGM and APM.

The Chairman welcomed 53 members of the community to the meeting.

A representative of Southern Water was expected to attend to speak about the proposed improvement of the Hooe Water Treatment Works but unfortunately the clerk received communication during the afternoon stating that they would not attend as their plans had to be revised. Once these revisions are in place another public meeting will be arranged.

There was much lively discussion about the subject. Facts and opinions expressed gave residents a greater insight to the proposals. Councillors Bill Bentley and Pam Doodles have already done a great deal of work concerning the Planning Application and continue to work for the best outcome for both Hooe and Ninfield.

The AGM commenced. Councillors Dick Carey and Peter Doodles agreed to continue in their roles of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Meeting dates for the next year were agreed as follows:- Mondays , 7.30pm at Hooe Village Hall, 16th July, 17th September, 19th November, 21st January, 18th March and the AGM and APM will be held on 20th May.

Councillor Gary Durman was pleased to be able to report that road improvement works on the B259 would be taking place for 3 weeks in June when drainage and crumbling road edges will be worked on. Hopefully by the time you read this the work will have been completed and we will be driving along a much improved road.

Councillor Pam Doodles advised a Parish morning being organised to be attended by our MP Huw Merriman and East Sussex County Councillor Bill Bentley. Still early planning stage and information will be circulated nearer to the event.

The APM followed. The Chairman gave a resume of the year which had been eventful with the passing of Cllr Barbara Strevett , the resignation of 2 Councillors and the addition of one new Councillor, a vacancy existed and invited interested people to apply for the post. All Parish Land is now registered with the Land registry. He expressed disappointment that the proposed new Village Hall was making such slow progress and explained

the issues surrounding the Ashdown Forest and Pevensey levels were the main cause. Hopefully more progress will be made over the coming months.

Following comprehensive reports from both Councillors Bill Bentley and Pam Doodles residents were invited to discuss any concerns they have. Most had been covered at the opening discussion about the Water Treatment Works, although concerns were raised about the length of grass in some verges, especially the poor visibility at the junction of the B2095 and Marsh Road.

The meeting closed with some very complimentary comments about the work done by the Parish Council by a resident. This was much appreciated by all Councillors.

The next meeting of Hooe Parish Council will be on Monday 16th July, 7.30pm at Hooe Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend

Hooe Emergency Plan

Could you help?

As required, Hooe Parish Council is in the final stages of preparing a Village Emergency Plan which will give direction in case of a local emergency in the village – such as prolonged power cut, major road traffic accident, roads blocked by fallen trees, fire or flood. It is comforting to know there is a plan but hopefully it will never be needed!

Could you help? We need:

Volunteers to act as Area Co-ordinators to take responsibility for an area of the village

- * Doctors, Nurses, First Aiders - Those with medical qualifications and skills who would be prepared to be called if required
- * Those with skills and/or equipment useful in time of emergency – eg. Chain saw operators; Four wheel drive owners; Generator owners etc.

* Volunteers to help prepare hot drinks etc
should there be a need to open a Rest Centre

If could help, or would like further information please contact:

Councillor Pam Doodles

01424 892329 pamdoodles@hotmail.com

Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be on

Thursday 5th July

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

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The Village Hall

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ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH HOOE

A little bit of history if you have never discovered our church in the middle of the fields. St. Oswald's is a Grade 1 listed building, mentioned in the Domesday Book, standing on an ancient site where it is believed that a Saxon Church was founded by Wilfred of York. Built of Wealden sandstone from 12th century, the vestry is 13th century but most of what you can see today is 15th century. The view from the tower is such that watchers might have seen the Spanish Armada sailing up the channel. Approached down a single track lane the church is open every day and is a hub of five footpaths. With the appointment last year of Rev. Paul Frostick Priest in Charge of St. Mary's and St. Oswald we continue to offer regular Sunday services, either Eucharistic or Family Service, prayer meetings, social events, concerts and a place for private prayer. We have a peel of five bells rung by a loyal band of regular ringers who are always looking for new members and a Tower that welcomes visiting Bands.. Whenever we can find good reason, the church is decorated with flowers – so more work for our volunteer cleaners for both flower arranging and cleaning, we welcome new volunteers. (contact a churchwarden). For a wedding in May the church was filled with cow parsley and other spring flowers. We may be able to help with flowers at funerals –it's always worth asking. A little known fact, by custom no flowers in churches during Advent or Lent but, if asked, the Priest-in-Charge may allow it.

Thanks to many generous donors and ambitious fundraising events, last year the north and south slopes of the nave roof were repaired and in July the interior walls will be re-decorated. This might mean occasional mid-week closures but Sunday and other services will go ahead. If you would like to use the church or churchyard for a social, educational, musical or other type of event, please ask a churchwarden.

Two active projects seeking Diocesan authorisation are a) the use of ancient areas of the churchyard for future burials and b) the replacement of the path to the church with a path that is more “wheel-chair” friendly.

We have been very fortunate this year with a family of volunteers who regularly mow and strim the churchyard and in future years, as part of our care for the environment, we are planning to conserve and encourage the wild flowers whilst maintaining mown areas for access and activities.

Each April we have an Open Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council (a group of 10 elected members) and anyone in the Parish can attend. People who live in the Parish or who attend St. Oswald's regularly are entitled and welcome to join the Electoral Register of the Church and stand for election to the Council. If you would like to see a copy of 2017 annual report please ask one of the Churchwardens.

A few examples of events that might have been of interest are: Soup and Pancake Lunch in the Hooe Village Hall; A Church and Churchyard Spring Cleaning day; Ninfield CE Primary School Concert in St. Oswalds; sponsored Carriage Drive by Dick Carey to 20 churches in Bexhill finishing at St. Oswald's and raising over £700.00 for the roof repair fund; Churchwarden talk on the history of the church to U3A Uckfield Branch.

And finally going forward, we have: Prayer meetings on last Monday of each month; Sunday Services; Church Garden Party 30th June (see page 5); Harvest Festival in church and Harvest Supper in Hooe Village Hall; Bonfire Bangers lunch in Village Hall (date tba); Armistice Day Service; Handel's Messiah in the church; Advent, Carol, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services.

From the Church Wardens

NINFIELD WORKING MEN'S CLUB CHARITY EVENT

In aid of St. Michael's Hospice

21st JULY

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THE KNITTING SOCIETY

now has a lady making her Christmas cards, some sewing as well as others knitting so it was decided at the last meeting to rename the group **CREATE AND CRAFT**.

We continues to grow, two new members this month and have fun, so if you would like to join us feel free to come in for 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.

For further information call Jane 892428

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Are you interested in plants and gardens?

* Have you recently moved into the village?*

Have you questions about your garden?

* Can we help?

The 'Horti' has been in existence for over 65 years but we are not past our sell by date! And we need you.

This friendly group is interested in anything to do with plants and gardens, ranging from pot plants to window boxes and allotments. Our monthly evening lectures from October to April are on a variety of topics, not all about gardening. We are happy to share years of gardening experience and are always willing to learn something new.

Our two Shows each year – the Spring Show in March and the Summer Show in August are well supported and colourful events which draw in visitors and entrants from a wide area, as well as Ninfield and Bexhill. Do come and see us at our next Show on 18th August. You can enjoy homemade refreshments while you look around. All our events are in the Memorial Hall.

Our recent Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning raised over £500 for our funds to pay for our events and provided local gardens with lots of colour from the wide range of plants on sale.

Our members also a summer outing to a local garden - this year to the Walled Nursery in Hawkhurst. Cream tea, an essential part of the afternoon too.

Annual Membership is just £4 giving free entry to the Shows and lectures.

Many of you may have visited our Shows. But do think about joining the Society. We need more paid up members. If you come along this August, you can pay your £4 membership fee which will cover you for all the 'Horti' events up to October 2019.

Do come along to our Show on 18th August. Look for our posters around the village, in Village Voice and the Parish Magazine.

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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

having reformed in 2009 has put on an annual bonfire and firework celebrations each year. This event is free to all who come along with the costs raised by events such as the Proms and Gig. Our costs for all our events are, as you will realise are high and we are very grateful to the businesses and individuals in the area who sponsor us or make donations.

If there are any other businesses or individuals who would like to advertise with their banners on the night, place an ad in the programme or even sponsor a barrel of beer! Please do contact the Chairman, Pete Holland 893326.

On a simple note, we run a tea tent at the event and any donations of cakes, pies etc that we can sell would be very much appreciated.

We have volunteers to help and if anyone would like to do so, please let us know. One area where we really need help is with running our First Aid Tent, we have to have qualified people in attendance throughout, if you think you could help, again please let us know, or come along to our next meeting at The Working Men's Club on Wednesday 18th July to find out more or ring 893326.

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NINFIELD ACTION GROUP – from the chair Paul Coleshill

At the time of writing there is still no Wealden plan. One is promised this Summer. The third set of proposals in three years. The plan, we were told, was ready to emerge early last year. It did not. We were told it would come out for public gaze – last spring, and council officials and elected spokespeople told individuals in Ninfield and Hooe, all would be well, all would be revealed with relatively good news for Ninfield. These have not been made available for public consultation, nor passed by the full council, and therefore certainly not passed by the central government assessor, who has to be convinced it meets national criteria, which themselves

are changing. The plan is due end of June/early July. We must be ready.

Rumours of a development boundary round Ninfield (adding Ingrams and the 20 acre field but excluding the rest of the surrounding area) is hopeful, potentially keeping the density of houses in 20 acre lower than some have touted, and back from the road - would be positive. All this has been hinted to me (unofficially and with the seventh veil) as likely to be in the plan.

I really hope so. However, I don't trust Wealden to deliver on timetable, with reasonable proposals, using fact based evidence, on plans robust enough to withstand scrutiny and challenge, in other words proposals that reach a level of professional output yet to be demonstrated by Wealden. A major problem for us is how robust the plan could be in defending these proposals against National Planning Guidelines. How the plan is substantiated with strong evidence is important. What council officers have confirmed is that (judged against the "Objectively Assessed housing Need" - or OAN), the proposed plan will worsen Wealden's 5 year land supply problem, (they had 4.16 years) they would have less than 2.5 years. With no 5 year land supply, Wealden must presume any application should be granted. Only if it is overwhelmingly proved to be detrimental using national (not local) planning guidelines may it be refused.

The pollution levels in the Ashdown forest and the drainage issues in the Pevensey levels, make development in and around those places difficult in the national planning guidelines. That could mean any shortfall could land right here! One bit of good news is that, in Potman's lane – an application (amending the recently approved development) with totally different housing stock and no affordable homes, has recently been turned down by the planning committee. This is good news if it sticks on possible appeal. Without an approved plan, who can say?

What we must do is be ready. To that end I am calling a NAG meeting with a prospect of actually having a plan to consider, for July 3rd at 7.30. Watch the Ninfield Action Group (three separate words) Facebook page for updates, or call me on 01424 893138

HOOE OPEN GROUP

What a wonderful day, with blue sky and pleasantly warm weather, when the ladies of the Hooe Open Group met last Friday at the Village Hall to listen to Sally Watson and her team, giving a presentation of the work of the charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf, People, complete with Dogs.

It was wonderful to listen to how dogs can be trained to react to almost any situation, be it a front door bell or a Smoke Alarm or the distress of the owner.

It takes almost two years to train a dog to a standard when it can be handed over to a profoundly deaf person and then the time it takes for both dog and recipient to work confidently together, this process costs in the region of £25,000.

Two of Sally Watson's team are profoundly deaf, who were able to demonstrate the wonders of how a dog reacts to almost any situation and communicate with its owner.

The best dogs to train are in the main cross breed Spaniels and Labradors. Who have the right level of intelligence and are easy to look after. Once a dog is fully trained and handed over to its recipient, the Charity looks after the welfare of the dog for the rest of its life, including all Vets charges.

The ladies of HOGS were so taken with the presentation that the Charity "Bucket" contained a large amount of "Paper".

The afternoon ended with the tradition tea and biscuits followed by a malty prize raffle.

If you would like to join in with the members of HOGS, just come along to Hooe Village Hal on the second Friday of the month, you will be made very welcome.

For further details telephone Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

For our May meeting we were called upon by our speaker, Allison Caffyn, to be the jury in a famous Burwash murder trial of 1826, hearing the same evidence that was presented to the jury at the time. Allison also gave us an interesting insight into the social, legal and medical issues affecting the outcome.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th July when Helen Poole will give a talk on Lewes Priory. Don't forget the History Group Archive in the Sparke Pavilion, open every Monday 10.00-12.00. We have a large collection of documents, maps and photos, and volunteers on hand to help with your enquiry. We welcome additions to our collection and can scan items of local interest while you wait. Our popular Monday slide shows will start again later in the year.

The group has ten meetings each year with a speaker on many history fairly local subjects, tea /coffee and biscuits are provided. Membership is £10 per year and £1 per meeting, non members it is £4 per meeting. Our program for this year has a number of known speakers who have been found to give very interesting talks on previous visits, well worth coming

Worms Eye View

July is with us and Summer already, how fast the year goes by. Traditionally July is the warmest month of the year and probably has the hottest day, a “scorcher” in fact. I wonder where that word came from, some say it was first heard in July 1976 that very long hot summer when the temperature rose to 35.9 c on the 3rd July, but it was used way before then. Will this July be a scorcher? Of course it can be very wet causing many problems with haymaking and the beginning of the harvest, so watch out for St. Swithin’s Day, July 15th. St.Swithin lived in the 9th Century and was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 AD. He was a gentle and humble man and made it clear that when he died, he wished to be buried somewhere in the graveyard not in the church. His wishes were remembered and a simple gravestone erected where his body was laid to rest. However in 971 AD the local monks thought that this was not the right resting place for him and decided to remove his body and put it in the Cathedral. But then as they started to exhumate St. Swithin’s body, a great torrent of rain poured down and continued for forty days, postponing all the ceremony. It did take place eventually and his remains are in a magnificent shrine in Winchester Cathedral, and of course we still watch the weather carefully on St Swithin’s Day:

“Saint Swithins Day if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain.
St Swithins Day if thou be fair,
For forty days t’will rain no mair.”

Another Saints Day, July 26th, is the feast day of St Anne & St Joachim who are known as the parents of Mary, mother of Jesus.

“St Anne, St Anne, she sits on the sun.
As fair as a lily, as while as a swan”

It was thought at one time that the rhyme referred to the English Queen Anne who ruled in the 18th Century. But it is much older than that. St Anne was seen as the model of a good mother who trained her daughter in wisdom. Their names were linked together in Medieval England as Mary-Anne and known today as Marian.

We have Dog Days from July 3rd until August 11th; these are known for being very hot. They were named this by the Romans who thought that Sirius the Dog Star rose and set with the sun and gave extra heat during these days. Enjoy July because it is said “The English winter ends in July and begins again in August!” 36

Anne

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

in 2017 celebrated its 40th Anniversary, is affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

Fun and Friendship with Flowers

We meet at Ninfield Memorial Hall on the first Monday evening of most months, presenting a programme of quality demonstrations, workshops – to learn new skills and techniques – and the very popular Christmas meeting presented by a national demonstrator, over 150 members and guests attended in 2017. The monthly meeting provides a relaxed and enjoyable time, a chance to meet friends, watch the demonstrator produce their imaginative and colourful designs and maybe win an arrangement in the raffle to take home and enjoy.

Our monthly “beginners and beyond” class at the Methodist Hall, run by two of our very experienced arrangers, where those attending interpret a given title (recently “a summer celebration and a favourite book title) the finished results are then admired and discussed over a cup of tea.

We also arrange away days – in the past to Chelsea & Wisley – this year is to Winchester Cathedral flower festival in September.

In May we hosted a successful evening with the gardener and broadcaster Jim Buttress who regaled us with stories of his working life in the Royal parks and gardens.

Our bi-annual flower festivals draw large numbers of visitors and give members a showcase for their skills. The money raised from these events is distributed to chosen, local charities, last year to Bexhill Street Pastors, Hearing dogs for the deaf, and a young man from Hastings who has spastic diplegia cerebral palsy and epilepsy and requires regular physiotherapy. We also support the Memorial Hall.

Two years ago we sponsored local artist Anna Thomson and her after school pottery classes for young people from the local school. In April she visited our meeting with some of her students and we marvelled at the range and standard of their designs.

You will also find us with a floral competition at Ninfield Carnival.

You do not have to be a “flower arranger” to come along to the club. If your idea of arranging flowers is to pop them into a beautiful vase that is a good starting point. Join us for an evening – ladies and gentlemen; we have several gentlemen members - and see what is on offer.

Our meeting on Monday 2nd July, in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 we shall welcome Maggie Hayes with her demonstration entitled “Anytime, Anyplace, Anywhere”. We welcome non members at a small charge of £5.00. to include refreshments. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening. ³⁷For more information email ninfieldflowers@gmail.com or phone Jennifer on 01424 892878

NINFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Ninfield Neighbourhood watch has been having meetings every three months; unfortunately attendance at these meetings has been very poor only five or six people including officers have been there. For this reason we have not had a meeting for some while, my intention is to have another meeting towards the end of July beginning August. I shall advertise this meeting with posters, in the Village Voice or you can contact me via email on loftus9me@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch receives information on a regular basis from Sussex Police which contains much information on scams and recent criminal activity, if you wish to receive these e-mails then we can arrange for them to be sent to you, provided that you can receive e-mails. If you decide to take up this offer and change your mind later then you only have to let us know. I am very keen to help people avoid being caught by scammers which can be very distressing.

We have considerable amount of information and some documentation on scams of many types. For example the on line, e-mail, telephone and personal callers, information about which will hopefully enable you, your friends and family to avoid being caught.

In particular older people in their 70s are particularly vulnerable so you may be able to keep them aware and thereby save them becoming victims.

Very large sums of money may be lost through these scams, in fact over the course of the year two billions pounds are lost.

I have a presentation and talk which is fairly comprehensive and covers many aspects of scams. I can give this presentation which takes about an hour to small groups by arrangement. Please do consider joining Neighbourhood Watch or at least come to our meetings, it might save you a lot of money

If you would like more information on this or other neighbourhood Watch matter email me on rod@rodders63.plus.net or phone 893635. Rod Foulkes

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Sunday Services for July 2018:

1st 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

8th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Mr. Tony Collins

15th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Tricia Williams

22nd 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Malcolm Peach

29th to be announced – see posters

5th Aug 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

Events for July 2018:

11th 2.30pm Christian Women's Fellowship – 'Afternoon Tea in Hooe'

18th 5.00 – 7.00pm Messy Active Teens – B.B.Q. @ Church Woods

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our services & events at Ninfield Methodist Church. We have just celebrated the 147th anniversary of the building of our Church in the village, which is an amazing record. It seems incredible to think that Christian worship has taken place in our small country chapel for nearly 150 years! In 1979 a new Hall was added to the Church to provide us with the building that we see today. As you know our Hall is used by us & many community groups throughout the week. It is a wonderful story that so many people have shared their Christian witness over all these years. We remember & give thanks for them all.

In June we had a lovely United service with St. Mary's & the Rev. Paul Frostick to celebrate our Anniversary (see above). Rev. Ian Pruden, our area Superintendant minister, spoke about the story of Jonah and the way in which he was reluctant to carry out God's call. This story however encourages us to keep 'trusting' even when things get tough. A memorable service.

We look forward to seeing you at Ninfield Methodist Church – come along if you can!

Please note that the Methodist Circuit publishes a local magazine 'Spotlight' with news from all the churches. /www.hbrmethodists.org.uk/ The Christchurch / Bexhill, & Ninfield Churches issue a monthly Newsletter (available on request). /www.christchurchmethodist.org.uk/

The Widow's little coins



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS WAS WATCHING PEOPLE BRINGING GIFTS TO THE TEMPLE

HE SAW THE RICH PEOPLE BRINGING THEIR MONEY



THEY MADE A BIG FUSS

THE PROUD PEOPLE WANTED EVERYONE TO SEE HOW RICH THEY WERE.



THEY MADE SURE EVERYONE COULD SEE THEM PUTTING THEIR MONEY IN THE BOX



BUT THEN JESUS WATCHED A POOR WIDOW CREEP UP TO THE TEMPLE...

...AND DONATE TWO SMALL COPPER COINS.



"THE WIDOW HAS GIVEN THE GREATEST GIFT", EXPLAINED JESUS. "IT IS WORTH SO MUCH MORE THAN ALL THE RICH PEOPLE'S GIFTS!" see Luke 21:1-4

Ninfield and Hooe, we don't have a supermarket or a hospital, we don't have a train station, secondary school, college or even a good bus service, but what we do have is the most amazing community. A diverse collection of people who all come together and provide company, entertainment, enlightenment and a life style that is the envy of many town and city folk. Our little ones have the Pre School, Toddlers or Muddy Boots Childcare, going on to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, with Messy Teens on a monthly basis, and a little school in between!

If you like exercise there is weekly Pilates, dancercise or line dancing with fortnightly burlesque and in the winter months, badminton on a Monday afternoon, bowls, cricket and football: Hooe Band if you play an instrument or singing with Jo's Jammies on a Friday night, there's bell ringing at St. Oswald's and the Dewby Hand Bell ringers. Friday sees the Create and Craft group beavering away and Wednesdays the artists prepare beautiful paintings for us to enjoy at their open days. There's the monthly Horticultural Society and Flower Group meeting, coffee mornings, the two History Groups, Neighbourhood Watch, Hooe Open Group, Christian Women's Fellowship and Village Market

We are lucky to have four village halls, of varying sizes, offering different facilities, three churches, an excellent primary school, two great recreation grounds and two sets of allotments, three pubs and the Working Men's Club and nearly a Men's Shed! all set in the glorious country side that is a joy to walk in and look at. We also have Chris and his team at Ninfield Village Stores and Post Office. Open all day for us to collect life's essentials and have a chat. Always someone you know in there! And don't forget Hope Cottage Farm Shop, Athelas Plant Nursery, the Petrol Station and two garages. There are working groups at the churches and the Village Society that volunteer to help maintain different areas in our lovely villages.

Most of these groups are run by volunteers, people who live in the community and care about the community, hats off to them for all their hard work and enthusiasm, and of course we have two very hard working groups of people who spend much of their time for the benefit of the our villages, the two Parish Councils. You may only see them at the monthly and annual meetings, but they are working hard all of the time, so a very big thank you to them and to all of those who run the various groups. **THANK YOU**

All of these groups would love to see more members, so from the list above what takes your fancy? Art and craft or getting your hands dirty in the woods? There really is something for everyone, and if what you really like isn't here, why not see about setting up your own group?

My apologies to those groups or organisations I didn't mention, I ran out of time and space, so why not contact me so I can put your details in next month.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sun.
					30th June St. Oswald's Garden Party P5	1st
2nd Pilates P14 Flower Group P37	3rd Open Grn P27 Cubs Bowls P19 Dancercize NAG P33 H. Band	4th N.Village Soc P11 Art Group P15 Networking P5 Line Dancing P13	5th Pilates Toddlers Beavers Scouts Bowls N.Prsh Cncil 23	6th Knitting P27 Jo's Jammass P20	7th	8th
9th Pilates	10th Cubs Bowls P19 Dancercize H Band	11th N.Village Soc Art Group CWF Tea P10 Carnival Meet Line Dancing	12th Pilates Toddlers Bowls Beavers Scouts	13th Knitting HOGS P34 Family Fun P17	14th H.Coffee AM P22 Carnival P17	15th
16th Pilates Hooe P Coun- cil P25	17th Cubs Dancercize Bowls H.Band	18th N.Vilage Soc Art Group Messy Teens P39 Bonfire Meet P32 Line Dancing	19th Piales Toddlers Bowls Beavers Scouts H. History P24 N. History P35	20th Knitting Jo's Jammass	21st N.Market P11 St.Mary's Open day P4 Charity Event P29	22nd
23rd Pilates	24th Bowls Dancercize H.Band	25th N.Village Soc Art Group Line Dancing	26th Pilates Bowls	27th Knitting N. Proms P27	28th N. Gig P27	29th

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