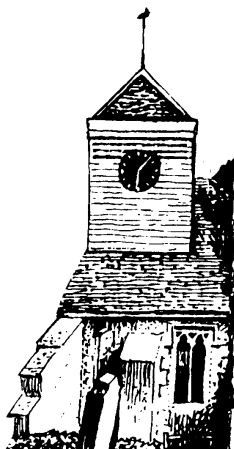


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Aug & Sept 2018

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St MARY's & St OSWALD's



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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's	St. Oswald's
5 th Aug	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
12 th Aug	No Service	11.00 Joint Parish Service
19 th Aug	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
26 th Aug	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
2 nd Sep	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
9 th Sep	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
16 th Sep	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
23 rd Sep	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
30 th Sep	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

For St. Mary's

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After the service on Sundays closed

For St. Oswald's

9.00 - 5.00 Daily

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Dear Friends,

As I write this article we are in a heat wave, I hardly got any sleep last night as it was so hot. Then we are swamped by continuing news about Brexit and World Cup fever and then Wimbledon. Do you ever feel like 'stop the world I want to get off'. I am sure that feeling comes to us all at some point. Last month (July 1st) I celebrated my 40 years as a priest. It does not seem possible that it was 40 years ago when I was ordained priest in Wells cathedral. In the days before that service all priests to be ordained (ordinands) have to go on retreat for a period of reflection. In a way it's rather artificial as we know what will be happening when we come out but it is still a very worthwhile exercise, if only for a few days to be removed from the hustle of everyday life and to simply be in God's presence and to reflect upon the enormous step you are about to take. For me it has been a privilege to serve as a priest in the church. I have not always got things right but hopefully I have served our Lord in a very practical yet hopefully humble way.

Although that was 40 years ago it does not stop me sometimes feeling the need to escape, to take a sort of mini retreat; to simply enjoy being in God's presence without the pressures of daily life hemming me in on every side. I am sure I am not alone in that feeling. You don't have to go away to be able to do that although a quiet place is perhaps helpful.

We sometimes think to pray means talking to God! Well in part it is, but its also listening to God. I am sure you know people who constantly talk but never give it a break to let you have your say! I am sure that God feels like that sometimes! Over this summer why not give silence a try, escape for a while from the rush of life in the 21st Century and find that peace which is beyond understanding! Whatever you do, have a good summer!

Paul

PRAYER

Church Bells

We hear the bells give out their sound
They tell of God's unfailing love
Of Him who sits enthroned on high,
Touching earth from heaven above
Their voice is heard throughout the land,
Let them ring, let them sing
Of One who reigns, always the same,
He is our God, our coming King.
In times of war and times of peace
We hear their chimes throughout the days
And know that God is always near
An ever present help always.
Campanology tells a story,
Bringing hope to those who hear,
The ringing bells proclaim a message
Telling all that God is near.

By Megan Carter

St Oswald's Garden Party 30th June 2018

Another very successful day. The churchyard was bathed in bright sunshine for most of the afternoon over happy people seeking the coolness inside the church to have their afternoon tea or seeking the shady spots to listen to the Hooe Village Band. There was a hustle and bustle around the various stalls of plants, bric-a-brac, home-made cakes, coconuts, competitions and games, bar-be-que, tombola, raffle, and the many options of teas and cake to sample. It was a very good day. We thank you all for attending and enjoying the day. Thanks to all the stall holders and the Band, for their help in putting on the event and helping us to raise just over £1700.

Closing date for items for the October issue of the Parish News
Thursday 13th September, send to ninfieldnews@btconnect.com

THE PARISH NEWS

What a fantastic response to your Special Edition Parish News and our grateful thanks to our benefactor who made it possible. We also would like to thank the distributors, our usual team did more than their normal round and other brilliant volunteers who stepped up to the plate to make it possible for every household in the two villages to have a copy. If you haven't filled in the form in the magazine to get your copy delivered, it is not too late just give us a ring on 893326 (Carol) or 893867 (Nicki) or email to ninfieldnews@btconnect.com. We think we had input from every group in the two villages but please do keep sending in your articles, as we have said before, it is your magazine and we want to know what is happening at all the various clubs and societies, not just as a one-off but all the time.



We know one or two articles got left out, one got 'lost' in the preparation and others. Well we just ran out of space. So a few extras this month for you to enjoy

Nicki and Carol

Coming up over the next few months, so make a note in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised later.

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| 13 Oct Coffee & Danish | 13 Oct Jumble Sale |
| 19 Oct Beetle Drive | 20 Oct Bonfire Night |
| 27 Oct Gala Fish & Chip Supper | 7 Nov Diwali Curry Night |
| 11 Nov Afternoon of Remembrance | 24 Nov The Messiah, |
| 24 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



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O UR SCHOOL

By the time you read this the summer holidays will have begun and no doubt the rain will have returned! Once again our Year 6 children have excelled themselves with exceptional SATs results for which they should all be very proud. They worked very hard this year and we wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Four of our children recently attended a training session to become Junior Science Ambassadors. This is part of a scheme to help raise the profile of Science in schools. The Science Ambassadors learn how to carry out experiments and to present them enthusiastically to others. The following report was produced by one of our new Ambassadors, Ethan.

What happened?

Our day started with us arriving at Battle Abbey Prep School where we met Dr Buxton and Fern who helped us with all the experiments we did that day. After meeting the scientists, we received lab coats which we put on before we did the experiments. Then we started!

Our first experiment!

The first experiment we did was called 'disappearing water' where you would put two tea spoons of aqua gel crystals at the bottom of a cup while the audience is not looking. Then, pour water into the cup and say something to delay the audience while the water soaks into the aqua gel crystals to make a slime at the bottom of the cup. After that, pick someone from the audience and tip the cup over their head and they will find that nothing will come out. How this works is aqua gel crystals are a very absorbent polymer called sodium polyacrylate; they absorb the water making a thick gel.

How to present!

After lunch we learnt how to present our experiments to an audience - interacting with them to make it more fun and exciting and not turning into a 'robotic zombie' while we were talking about the experiment to an audience. This means the audience are far more engaged to listen. When we had practiced, we were allowed to go on to the stage and present our experiment to the other schools at the event. Ours went quite well. I think.

The future!

In the future we wish to do one of our experiments in front of an audience somewhere that would be amazing! Hopefully, we will be able to perform them in assembly, at School Fayres and to the Governors. We are also hoping to watch classes during their science lessons and act as official photographers.

I am looking forward to getting my invite to the first presentation.

St. Michaels's Hospice is so important for all of us, and sadly all too many of us have had to visit, so to help support them here is a list of some of their fabulous events this summer.

Rye and District Country Show

A wonderful day out for all the family, the Rye and District Country Show, Elm Tree Farm, Icklesham, is nearly here! They day features a wealth of entertainment, a traditional horse and dog show, live acts, classic cars, children's games, and much more. There will also be a fantastic selection of food and drink, an opportunity to browse a variety of craft and local produce stalls in the Country Living tent, local business and Trade Stands. Don't forget the live sky dive from The Tigers Army Parachute Display Team! Saturday 18th August, 10am - 4pm. £5 entry, under 16's free. www.stmichaelshospice.com/ryeshow for more information.

Fabulously Vintage Fair

Returning to The Hub, Bodiam, on Saturday 22nd September (10am – 4pm) the Fabulously Vintage Fair. Boasting the best of vintage and retro, this fun-filled family day out includes a Vintage Marketplace and a Craft and Fresh Produce marquee. A children's tent full of old school games and activities is always popular, brilliant live entertainment from local acts, wonderful food and drink, and an array of vintage vehicles. £2 entry, free for children under 16. Visit www.stmichaelshospice.com/vintagefair

1066 Walk

Take part in this year's 1066 Charity Walk in aid of the Hospice and the Rotary Club of Battle. A great family day out, join one of three start points for a 4, 9 or 16 mile walk, enjoy the beautiful countryside and local sights including Ashburnham Forge, Herstmonceux Castle and Battle Abbey. Sunday 30th September. Register today at www.stmichaelshospice.com/1066walk

Jo's Jammies

Do you enjoy singing and want to have fun?
Then join the fortnightly group at the Methodist Hall 7.30 - 9.00
3rd, 17th & 31st Aug; 14th & 28th Sept
An all inclusive group, everyone welcome, £5.00 per session

NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Did you see THE GUYS around the village and on tour?

They were all really brilliant, we had 26 in total, and the imagination was just amazing, from the nosy cow in Bexhill Road, the tin man watching over Ninfield Road, sporty guys swimming, roller derby, karate, dancing; there was the pre school pupil, the parish councillor, and so many more. Thank you all of you for taking part and helping to make the village smile. The winner was the guy we all love to hate, the Health and Safety Officer by Paul Turner in The High Street and runner up, Rose Johnson with Fireman Sam in Millfield. Well done everyone.

Photos of the guys can be found on our website www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk
Should this become an annual event?

Please let us know! Email ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com

FUN AND GAMES CONTINUE IN HOOE!

HAVE ANOTHER EVENINGS FUN AND HELP RAISE MORE FUNDS TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH

The Church Bell Ringing Band are holding a Beetle Drive.

When: Friday 19th October 2018, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Where: Hooe Village Hall, Denbigh Rd. Hooe

Entry: No teams – just you and your friends. £6 per person

Food: Includes a Ploughman's plate + Tea or Coffee

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On the 2nd Wednesday of September at 2.30 in the Ninfield Methodist Hall (our usual slot) we welcome Ben Pratt for a talk on Bee-keeping. The bees are essential to our lives and will be nectar gathering way into the winter. Their process of converting it into honey is fascinating. Please come and join us! And remember, no meeting in August.

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

On Monday 6th August in the Memorial Hal commencing at 7.30, we shall welcome Sian Tribe with her demonstration entitled "The Container Dictates"

Monday 3rd September ,in the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30, our demonstrator will be Helen Hare, and her theme will be "East to West"

Monday 1st October, in the Memorial Hall we are delighted to welcome the very popular Stephen McDonnell with his demonstration entitled "A Backward Glance"

We welcome non-members at a small charge of £5.00, this includes refreshments. All flowers demonstrated by the above will be raffled at the end of the evening.

SATURDAY 13th October , in the Memorial Hall - JUMBLE SALE
Doors open 2pm entrance 50p. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878

Should you wish any further information regarding any of our events, or would like to join us, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or email ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

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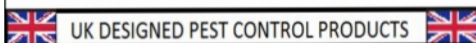
Our entry for the carnival procession, NVS NIMROD, in the shape of a futuristic but somehow dated racing car, won first prize in the adult section. All the hours of work, not to mention several cardboard boxes and a replica V8 engine, brought forth several favourable comments from the crowds and hopefully contributed to an enjoyable day for all. Our thanks to the Carnival Committee.



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A Brief History Of The Hooe Village Band

The Hooe Village Band was formed in 1927 by farm workers in the surrounding area of Hooe village as a Fife and Drum Band.

The Band was disbanded just before the war and restarted after the war as a Brass band. We have about 23 musicians in the band the youngest being my son who plays Euphonium to the eldest player who is in their eighties!

We celebrated our 90th anniversary last year with a band dinner at The Manor Barn, Bexhill on Sea.

There have been four Musical Directors:

Mr Sammy Smith

Mr Arthur Sargent

Mr Geoffrey Lawrence

Mr Hubert McCallum (present day)

During the year we play at a variety of occasions including Saint Oswald's Church garden fete, Ninfield Memorial Hall, Winchelsea fete, Hooe Car Rally, Christmas services at Saint Oswald's church and various Christmas concerts and charity events raising money for good causes.

The money we raise for the band goes straight back into the band to pay for new instruments and music. The price of a cornet is £2000 and for a large tuba can be as much as £8000!

We are looking for new members to play in the band, so if you play a brass instrument, come along to a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and make music with us. Rehearsal is every Tuesday evening at 8pm - 10pm at the Hooe Village Hall. Contact no: 01424844192 you will be most welcome.

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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOC. Report!

After years of worriedly watching weather reports before the big day, making contingency plans for all eventualities – this year's Carnival was absolutely Mediterranean!! In fact, in all the feedback during the afternoon, which was so positive, saying what a wonderful day, the only slightly negative, but completely hilarious comment "...it's just a bit too hot isn't it..?"! Anyway, Friday saw Uncle Bumble at his best, entertaining youngsters with an hour of fun, magic and dancing; then DJ Dan, lit up the Marquee with a wonderful laser-light show and all the best music for a non-stop disco party. Saturday dawned bright and hot again, and all the many and varied stalls, stands, gazebos and arena were set up. Ninfield's Masterchef competition was judged by last year's winner, Clive Scott and special Carnival Guest, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, who had a marvellous time tasting the goodies before opening the Carnival officially, and spending time at the Craft stalls. The Savoury class winner, Mike Dixon with a delicious Smoked Chicken and Asparagus terrine, in the Sweet section, Poppy Forde-submitted Lavender Cake, Lemon Cup Cakes and a baked Blueberry Cheesecake came 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Brill The Procession came onto the Rec. after parading around the Village, the 11 Floats made a beautiful, colourful if slightly flushed sight! Judge Cllr. Pam Doodles was extremely impressed, and said "... a joy to see all the effort put in by the children, and older people who obviously refuse to grow up! I was very nervous at having to decide the winners, but everyone got a certificate which was very well deserved. The whole competition was such good fun, with smiling faces as bright as the sunshine."

M.C Robin Fookes commentated in the Arena, which had a display by dogs and owners from Canine Partners, the Carnival's charity for 2018, and later the Coakham Bloodhounds, who delighted the crowds with a Meet and Greet; everyone loved the huge hounds and their antics! The Fun Dog show was a winner as always, and the heat didn't stop proud owners and pooches doing their best for Judge Vicky Payne, local Vet and Animal Behaviourist, and, there was almost a prize for most Delighted Owner.. as their lovely dog Millie actually did what she was asked and winning 1st place! The Bar, Bbq, Tea Tent and Pimms Stand did a roaring trade, unsurprisingly! As the evening entertainment was tuning up, people came in for their big night of dancing to popular band, The Chandeliers. Sunday breakdown was full of banter; though minds were willing, bodies were a bit weak! And there it was, done and dusted, and all thanks must go to the incredible Carnival Team, Tracey, Helen, Lynda, Clive,

Ian, James, Poppy, Chris, Julia, Livvy, Ernie, Steve and Sandie, BBQ Dan and Lee, all stalwarts to the end; to All extra helpers, volunteers, Cake makers, 'A Tight Squeeze', The Tombola Team, Raffle prize donators, French's Skips, Sponsors Haffenden Roofing, Sean Kirk Fencing, Parker and Son Builders, International Music Sound, Carters Eggs...and to all the lovely people who came, supported and spent their hard earned cash to raise funds for the Canine Partners, and Local Projects. Thank You!

The next meeting at the Working Men's Club on Wednesday 8th August, 8.30pm, for a wash-up of the event, and to hear the final financial figures. Please come and see how you have helped with this year's fundraiser! Call Sami on 07970650321, email samanthguard@btinternet.com.

'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN – BY MM

If you don't want to talk about compost heaps you had better turn the page! I am not an expert, but I do seem to end up with some delicious stuff. Old pallets make a good structure as the slats help air to circulate. It is better on soil, not concrete.

You need a good mix of textures. Cut up large pieces, especially such as runner bean vines. Mix grass mowings and prunings in with twiggy material. Straw, brown paper and newspaper all help to bulk it up. Some manure, comfrey leaves or nettles help it to rot or you can buy a powder which does. Avoid evergreens, firs, seeding weeds, perennial weed roots or large tough roots. Have a separate wire-netting cradle for your autumn leaf rakings as they need several years to break down. If you use horse manure around your plants it needs to be at least three years old and well rotted.

A dry heap won't rot, so run a hose over it. Several times in the year you will need to turn the whole heap over. This loosens it and lets in air. I find a garden fork easier than a pitchfork and a mattock helps break it up. Whilst doing this make sure you don't stab any grass snakes that may be enjoying the warmth generated by the rotting heap.

Once it has reached a good height, water if dry, then cover with a tarpaulin to keep it warm. You can now let it get on with it whilst you start a new heap. The heap compacts dramatically as it rots and you will never end up with enough! A layer of compost on your beds will work wonders. Always mulch damp ground. Leave at least six inches of the heap to give a new one a good start with insects that will help it rot down.

If you know how to make a 'hot heap' please tell us – I, for one, would like to know.

Answers to the editor!

Russells Green Tug-o'-war club (1959-1967)

Russells Green was formed in about 1959 with a number of pullers from the local area, including Hooe, Lunsford Cross, Herstmonceux, Laughton and Cowbeech. Their first three years gave no indication of what was to follow, although they won their first significant trophy (the Sussex Challenge Cup) in 1960 and as a result they represented Sussex in the Inter-Counties championship the following year (1961) without success. This year also saw them finish in third place at the National AAA Championship when they lost to New Haw, the champions, at the White City stadium.

The following year (1962) they won their first National trophy, at Weybridge in Surrey. The personnel were changing and getting younger. They were nearly all employed in agriculture and not afraid of hard work, training twice a week at Akehurst Farm. Their confidence was growing as they were starting to compete with the top teams on a regular basis and they won two out of the three competitions at their own tournament at Hooe.

The team rose to the top of the sport in 1964, winning events right across the South of England. They finally broke through at national level, winning the National Championships at 104 stone in Willesdon, and the AAA's 100 stone Championship at the White City as well as the Inter-Counties Championship at Ipswich. In all they won 24 competitions that year and many readers of this report may have seen the photo taken outside the Red Lion showing these trophies.

They carried this form into 1965, winning the South of England Championship at Clacton, the National 100 stone at Witney and successfully defending their AAA's title at the White City. They won an International Open competition at Crystal Palace and defended their Inter-Counties title at Felton near Bristol as well as winning an International AAA's event against the U.S.A. indoors at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

Their last significant year of competition was 1966, when they won both the 100 and 104 stone National Championships at Vauxhall Motors, Luton. They also won the Inter-Counties Championship for the third year running, at Alexandra Park, Hastings, on the day when England won the football world cup.

These were the last major trophies that came their way, but the farmers from Sussex had made their mark in a sport that was as tough as they come. Tug-o'-war was an extremely popular sport at the time, with well over two hundred teams across the country. They took on these established teams and beat them all, earning them a great deal of respect from their rivals. The book detailing their story in full can be obtained from both Hope Cottage Farm shop and Lower Street stores. ¹⁴Peter Hayward, Hooe History Society

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MUSICAL MATINEE IN NINFIELD.

Just a reminder that the next Ninfield Community film afternoon is on Friday 21 September at 2 pm (doors open 1.30) when we shall all be 'Singing in the Rain'! To book please contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or email jackie.langley1@btinternet.com All welcome.

13th October 2 – 4 pm – a date for your diary. The 'Free Danish and Coffee morning' in 2017 was a great success. It was an opportunity to hear what was already happening in Ninfield, and to also focus on what else could be offered. At its busiest there were 42 people enjoying their refreshments and catching up with Ninfield neighbours! We want to repeat the event, share what has happened since the last one and again discuss what else the village might be able to offer its residents, remembering those who are perhaps lonely or isolated. To this end we are having a 'Free tea and cake' afternoon in the Methodist Hall on Saturday 13 October from 2 – 4 pm. If you are involved in one of the many groups in the village, please come and tell us about it. If you just want to catch up and share your thoughts please come. This event will be publicised again nearer the time, but do please put this date in your diary.

Jackie Langley.

Ninfield Parish Council

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Great news this month.. we have a new Parish Councillor. Kamala Williamson was co-opted at the July meeting. Kamala has lived in Ninfield for 36 years, working as a civil servant and also for Sussex Police. The councillors were delighted to have a new member of the team.

Well July is the last full council meeting until September, although the councillors have lots of other meetings already in the diary since the proposed Wealden District Council Local plan was published. If it is approved at their full council meeting this month they will be issuing it publically for representations before it is passed to an inspector who will judge whether it is sound. There will be more on this once the consultation documents have been issued.

There wasn't much news regarding the school extension project, the county council are looking to start work as soon as school closes for the summer to take advantage of an empty site. There will be work on the recreation ground as they put a temporary road in for vehicles to use for deliveries etc. It is really important that our young people keep themselves safe and do not enter the site at all. As soon as we have more detailed information we will let everybody know.

There was a discussion about parking and driving in Church Lane. Cllr Bill Bentley has been involved at looking for solutions to ease the parking situation. He is particularly concerned with the safety of children walking into school from Church Lane while parents/carers turn their cars to leave the lane after dropping off. After writing to all parents of children at the school he has also engaged a team of people from ESCC Highways department to see what may be possible. This could not be fully discussed at the meeting as it is such a big topic but there will be more meetings between the parish council, the school and other relevant parties over the coming weeks.

Hopefully you had chance to visit the Parish Council Hub at this year's carnival. There are lots of new initiatives starting up for example Men's Sheds, a book exchange café and further classic film screening open to anyone who would like to come which will be dementia friendly as well as using the hearing loop in the memorial hall to name a few. If you would like any more information on these or other projects please do not hesitate to contact the clerk.

The next meeting is Thursday 6th September and all are welcome to join us.

HOOE HISTORY GROUP

DID YOU KNOW ... that since the known written records for St. Oswalds church began in 1609, the highest recorded number of baptisms for a single year was in 1851 (28) presumably following the highest number of marriages in 1849 (13). I wish I had seen that before I did my talk! The largest annual number of burials was equalled in 1639 and 1640, when both years saw 27 recorded. Typhoid and smallpox were both rampant in the country at that time so were probably primarily responsible.

Our photo competition for next year's calendar ("Hooe at its best during the changing seasons") is racing towards its closing date of 31st August. You need to get your entries in to Pam Doodles at Catslide, Denbigh Road, Hooe, TN33 9ET. You may submit up to six photos, 6 x 4" or 7 x 5", landscape format and in a sealed envelope marked "Hooe History Society Photographic competition". The photos may be old or modern, B&W or colour, but must be marked with your name, address, email address, telephone number and where the photograph was taken. The detail should include a suggested title for the photograph.

Brian Braby recently gave us a really interesting talk about Sussex place names – their origins and meaning, whilst Alaric 'Jim' Bond who is an expert on the British Navy in days gone by will have given us a talk on this subject by the time you read this.

Looking ahead to 20th September, Sam Langley will give us an illustrated tour of the interesting and unusual features that make Bexhill such a fascinating place. Even those of you with a good knowledge of the town will hopefully find hidden corners that you did not know about.

A slightly more modern DID YOU KNOW ... that in 1966 a Luscombe single engine float plane made a forced landing on the Wallers Haven below New Barn Farm at Hooe, owned at that time by Doug Clay. The Norwegian Pilot, Martin Knutsen and his co-pilot had become lost on their way to the Farnborough air show, from Oslo. They rested overnight at the home of former Air-Commodore D'Arcy Greig in Bexhill before undertaking a very tricky take-off along the meandering river next day, to continue their journey.

Hooe History Society summer outing - Thursday 16th August. Following on from Ken Brookes' popular talk in May he will be conducting a fossil walk (up to 1 mile) along Pett Level Beach, nr. Hastings. This includes viewing fossils, dinosaur toe prints and the possibility of a footprint! Meet 7.15pm at the Smugglers Inn car park, Pett Level beach. Free parking. More details can be found at www.hooehistory.wordpress.com

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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The July meeting of the Parish Council unfortunately takes place after the closing date of the Parish News, so a report of that meeting will be in the October issue, as there will not be one in September.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 17th September and 19th November, 7.30pm at Hooe Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Although meetings are only bi-monthly the Councillors are always busy in between and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact one of them or the Clerk.

HOOE OPEN GROUP

Yet another successful meeting of the lively ladies of the Hooe Open Group, who met together last Friday afternoon at Hooe Village Hall, on a beautiful summer day, to be entertained by Denis Langley, who compiles programmes of musical entertainment, based on snippets from shows, associated with both stage and screen.

The music was pitched to entertain the average age of the club membership, in order to awaken the memories of yester year, when one was in their youth.

In August we will be gathering at Ashburnham Place, where the members and guests will be partaking of a Cream Tea in the Orangery, enjoying the wonderful vista across the parkland and lake, created by Capability Brown.

On 14th September we will welcome Sam Langley who will talk about Happy Memories, see you there.

If you fancy joining in with a lively group of ladies, why not just drop in a Hooe Village Hall, at 2.30 on the second Friday of the month (except August) you will be made very welcome.

For more details call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

**Hooe
Village Hall
Fundraising Coffee
Morning**

**The Village Hall, 10.30am
Coffee & conversation
11th Aug & 8th Sept**

THE QUESTIONS MANY HAVE about the scientific facts of Climate Change and ongoing environmental plastic pollution are, "Is there hope? The problems are so big, can I make a difference?"

The answer to both is "Yes" and the easiest way to make that difference is to ask another question, "What do I care deeply about that is being affected by a changing climate or pollution? Is it my children, grandchildren, or my interests such as walking or fishing? Are the lack of pollinators causing concern or the increasing incidents of flooding?" And when you have the answer, take any action that you can.

I want to make the world a better place for my grandchildren. To live in an environment where their health is not at risk from air pollution, where the extremes of weather are being recognised and combatted. Where waste disposal and water pollution are no longer problems, where repairing, reusing and recycling is mainstream. Where the products we buy are not made in inhumane conditions by people treated like slaves, where Fairtrade is accepted as the norm and where the earth is not considered as a financial resource to be abused and plundered by the few to the detriment of the many. Perhaps these are your concerns also. The main power we have for change is in our purses and wallets. The cheapest energy supplier, according to Martin Lewis, is from a renewable (wind and solar) energy company. LED bulbs use up to 90% less energy than those they replace. Electric cars are now mainstream, and the third quarter of 2017 saw the share of electricity generated from renewable sources reaching 30 percent.

It is estimated that for every £1 spent in a local store, local farm shop or on local plant sales etc, 80p is spent in the local economy. While for every £1 spent in a supermarket chain, 80p leaves the local economy. So perhaps, as in the past, supporting all those involved in a more localised economy, producers and retailers alike, with its lower food miles, pollution emissions, and especially the benefits for local employment, is actually the future.

The answer to the question "can we make a difference?" is then most certainly yes! None of the environmentally positive changes that have occurred of late, major or minor, would have happened without individuals making conscious decisions and actions in their lives, we are actually the leaders, we are in the driving seat.

Amazing solutions are available, we can all make a difference and however small these differences are they will help towards making the world a better and more stable place.

Rev Peter Doodes

As the heat increases, so does the amount of water we all use. To cope with this, South East Water is producing an extra 100 million litres a day across its supply area - the equivalent of 40 Olympic swimming pools of water.

High demand for water is often caused by garden watering - on a normal day it makes up six per cent of water use in the home, but on hot days this can soar to 70 per cent, mainly due to garden sprinklers which use as much water in an hour as a family of six uses in a day.

During this period of high demand some people may experience lower than normal pressures during times of high demand such as breakfast and dinner time so everyone is being asked to reduce garden water use during these times to try to make sure there is enough water for everyone.

Being water savvy in the sunshine will help ease pressure on the company's extensive network of 9,000 miles of pipes, pumping stations and treatment works which are working at full pelt around the clock to keep taps running.

Despite the recent dry spell, reservoir and ground water levels are as expected for this time of year.

Saving water means saving money too and top tips and free water saving devices can be found at: southeastwater.co.uk/savewater.

BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

There has been a positive response to this idea but we have decided to try it out as a monthly session on the first Friday of the month from 10 – 12. The first session will be on Friday 7th September. Do call in for a cup of tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat. Browse and exchange books too for 50p each.

We have had several offers of books but will probably need some more so do let us know if you have any we can add to our stock. Also, if you are free to help in the café please contact David Swales 892248 or email dj_swales@hotmail.com



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Why not enter this year? Schedules with all details available in the Village Stores.

Entry details in by Wednesday 15th August please.

Advice from and queries to Rose (892422 or email: rose.franks1@btinternet.com).

Don't miss the Show this year!

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

is very pleased to announce that **Planning Permission** has been granted so allowing the new kitchen and toilets to be built.

Next we have to obtain estimates for the work and decide on a time table of when to start and how to keep the hall open as much as possible.

We also now have the hard work of raising funds and researching grants.

If you would like to join the fund raising team, or just be on our list of helpers we can call upon from time to times, please call Martin Wood, Chairman 892895

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Any enquiries to Chris 893388

Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be on

Thursday 6th September

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

on Monday 17th September

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

Worms Eye View

Although the moles which were being a nuisance in my garden earlier in the year have either succumbed to my mothballs or holly leaves in their runs and made a “run” for it or just disappeared, but thank goodness they have stopped digging up the lawns.

But now I am being invaded by similar mammals but smaller, shrews. I can hear you saying how they can be a problem, and I have to say it isn't really their fault. My nearly full grown kitten delights in catching them and to show me how clever she is, she brings them indoors. Sometimes they are dead, other times they are still alive so that Tabitha can still play “Cat & Mouse” before killing them and eating them or if I am not indoors she hides them under my rug so that I find them the next day when I shake the rugs in the morning.

They are the common shrews which spend most of their brief lives underground or in ground cover hunting for invertebrate food. I think they look quite sweet and am certainly not scared of them, but do not want them in my living room.

However thinking of them it is interesting that their name has lent itself to several meanings, for instance a bad tempered or mean spirited woman is known as a shrew. Another word, shrewd can relate to a person who is astute or artful.

Fables have it that shrews had the power to harm cattle and other beast by running over their backs and feet causing the animal to become lame, but then the same animals could be cured by applying twigs of the Shrew Ash Tree to the beast. The tree would have previously had a bore hole put in it, and shrew would be thrust into the hole, which was then plugged up.

It was said that it was unlucky to encounter a shrew when beginning a journey. What a lot of news about such a small animal/.

Here are a couple if weather quotes to see you over the summer holidays.

“If on St Lawrence’s Day, August 10th the weather be fine,
A fair autumn and good wine can be expected”

&

“Fair in September 1st, fair during the whole month

Anne

NINFIELD ACTION GROUP

The Proposed Wealden Local Plan went before the Local Plan Sub Committee and Joint Planning Committee before going to full council, and will then go for consultation from 13 August to 8 October – 8 weeks in total.

The village boundary as proposed includes areas for 1) Field off Manchester Road (up to 80 houses); the 20 acre field opposite the Memorial Hall and towards Bexhill south to about where the car wash is situated (45 houses proposed at the moment). It also includes Ingrams where the 55 houses have yet to be built, add those to the 125 "new" homes, we have 180 and if we add in so called "windfall" development in the village (Potmans lane, Moons hill etc) there are planned to be around 200 more homes, a 25% increase in the 2013 Ninfield housing stock.

Manchester Road has plenty of grounds for objection, being a constricted road with no footpaths for pedestrians and heavily used by horse riders and dog walkers (as well as the local school run avoiding the busy A269). The density at some 31 houses per hectare may be "similar" to Coombe Shaw and Millfields, but they are far smaller "estates" with affordable housing, flats and smaller properties for downsizing and retired.

The 20 acre field is a large extension to the village development boundary but supposedly the low density of 20 houses per hectare, stipulated at this stage, leaves scope for more houses to be built, perhaps as a second phase, once the Planning Approval has been gained. Planners discussed the possibility of many more than 45 houses on this site in the past.

Could all NAG members read the Wealden Local Plan. At least look at the Ninfield pages. The plan is based on questionable assertions. The Ashdown Forest is the only environment that seems to count. In addition the "sustainable" label given Ninfield is very questionable. How can the transport links be considered sustainable if there is no return bus after 6pm?

We don't have an extensive range of shops or employment potential, mainly those connected with rural services e.g. fencing, tree surgeons.

The Hooe Waste Water Treatment plant is expanding to cope with "9%" growth until 2037 - perhaps greater capacity means it could deal with more homes in Ninfield. Three other water treatment plants all surrounding the Pevensey Levels will also be expanded.

Strangely, although the northern edge of Wealden is much more convenient to good travel links, (air rail and road) there are currently NO new homes being built there. Ostensibly to protect the Ashdown Forest from increased dioxide and nitrogen pollution, ignoring the fact that traffic will stay NORTH of the Ashdown Forest if the northern fringe was developed.

Planners apparently fondly believe no one South of the forest travel through the forest to work!

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HOOE FUND RAISING GROUP**

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NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

does not have a meeting in August but on September 20th Colonel Fred – Bravest Man in All England by Brigadier Huw Willing. The Resource Centre will be closed throughout August, reopening on Monday 3rd September.

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Aug 12 10.30am. Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Peggy Heim

Aug 19 10.30am. Service of Worship & Praise with Mrs. Topsy Brice

Aug 26 10.30am Service of Worship & Communion

with Rev. Tricia Williams

Sep 2 10.30 am. Café Worship

Sep 9 10.30 am. Service of Worship & Praise

Sep 16 10.30 am. Service of Worship & Praise

Sep 23 10.30 am. Service of Worship & Praise

Sep 30 10.30 am HARVEST CELEBRATION with Ninfield Scouts

Events for September 2018:

Sep 12 2.30 pm Christian Womens Fellowship: Ben Pratt 'Beekeeping'

Sep 26 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church

Sep 28 am McMillan Coffee Morning

We hope that you will enjoy the August 'holiday' time; do come along to any of our services if you are free; we will be very pleased to see you.

Please also note that the Methodist Circuit publishes a 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/)

Our Messy Church now has a Facebook page so do look us up for all the information & news. Just search on 'Ninfield Methodist Church'.

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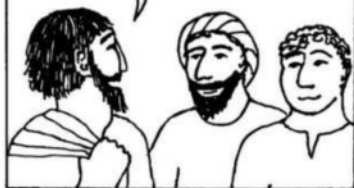
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:23-27, Lk 8:22-25

Jesus had spent the day teaching big crowds by Lake Galilee, and when evening came he told his disciples..

We'll sail over to the east side of the lake



Suddenly a massive storm blew up



Even the experienced sailors panicked



But Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat



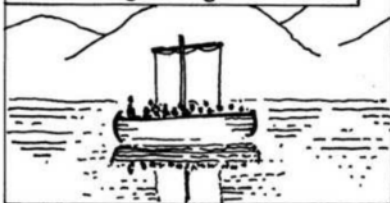
Master Lord, save us!
we're going to drown!

Teacher, don't you care
we're going to drown?

Be quiet!



Immediately the wind stopped and everything was calm.



Why were you afraid?
Don't you trust me?

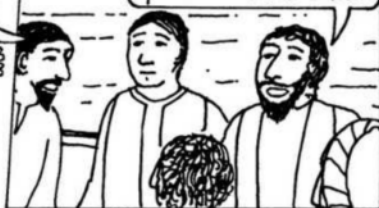


Now the disciples were even more afraid.



Who is he? Even
the wind and sea
obey him!

Only God has
power like that!



DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

July 31st Ninfield Action Group Meet P26

August

3rd Jo's Jammies P 7

6th Ninfield Flower Group P 98th Carnival Meet P1311th Hooe Coffee & Conversation P1812th Ninfield Village Market P2416th Hooe History Group Outing P17

17th Jo's Jammies P 7

18th Ninfield Horticultural Summer Show P22

31st Closing date for Hooe Photographic P17

31st Jo's Jammies P 7

September

3rd Ninfield Flower Group P 9

6th Ninfield Parish Council Meet P16

7th Book Exchange Cafe P208th Hooe Coffee & Conversation P18

12th Christian Women's Fellowship meet P 78

14th HOGS P18

14th Jo's Jammies P 8

15th Ninfield Village Market P2415th Quiz Night -The Musical P1017th Hooe Parish Council P18

19th Ninfield Bonfire Meet

20th Ninfield Local History Group P27

20th Hooe History Group P17

21st Musical Matinee P1523rd Michaelmas Fayre P27

28th Jo's Jammies P 7

29th/30th Art Exhibition P23

There are lots of events booked over the next few months, dates can be found on page 5, and full details will appear later.

Directory of Groups & Clubs

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