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# NEWS

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the Churches,  
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societies  
of Ninfield & Hooe

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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's



## NOTICE BOARD

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	No Service	Joint Parish Eucharist
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

### Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Most weeks – please check the weekly sheet in Church

### 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

#### For St. Oswald's

9.00 - 5.00 Daily

*Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ [www.ninfield.org.uk](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, we have just had New Year's Eve and already the Easter Eggs are out in the supermarkets!! Plus, of course, Valentine Cards and all the bits that go with that day! They don't miss a trick!! All of this seems to make the year rush by even more than usual, they say the older you get the faster the years seem to go by!

Mind you, we in the church are not really that different as we were planning Easter before we had even had Christmas! I sometimes feel like the saying that says "Stop the world I want to get off"! But of course, we can't get off because time never stops, except for Dr Who and having just seen the new Mary Poppins film, for her as well! However, in our minds, time does sometimes stand still as our memories are very important to us and they behave as though time stands still, as we can remember things as though they were only yesterday.

Back in June last year Bexhill Rotary Club took me out for the day for what they call Presidents Day Out! I had no idea where I was going and that's the point! It turned out it was a visit to Chatham Dockyard which was a perfect choice for my President's Day out bringing back so many memories from the past! My Father and both Grandfathers worked in Chatham Dockyard and I was privileged to go as a young boy to the launch of the very submarine we went on. We also passed the Church where Eileen and I were married and also the secondary school I attended until the age of 18. Just about every view from the coach window had a memory for me. Memories are such an important part of who we are, they are what makes us unique because they are our memories and no-one else's!

One of my favourite TV programmes over Christmas was the Dr Who Christmas special. In that episode, an alien was taking away and storing the memories of people the moment they died. They said it was capturing the person exactly as they were. The problem is however, as the Doctor pointed out, that we are far more than just our memories. The point is that creation and everything in it is unique especially human beings. Whether we call it soul, personality, character or whatever other word we use, it's that part of us that makes us unique and our uniqueness is certainly something to celebrate because our memories only belong to us!

My year as President of Bexhill Rotary Club certainly added to my treasure of memories but they are not just stored ready to pull up sometime in the future like a computer hard drive. Our memories are part of what shapes us. Even our bad experiences shape who we are. We learn from them and we grow stronger because of them. Even our mistakes are part of who we are if hopefully we learn from them. In a very real way then, every new day is a second chance!

Finally, a little story: Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max, her husband, 'I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?' 'Aha, you'll know tonight,' answered Max smiling broadly. At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her a small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: 'The meaning of dreams'

May we all dream big but also treasure our memories. Paul

### Prayer

Consider the birds of the air  
They do not store up what they eat  
They need not to worry or care  
Or tweet with a worry-filled tweet.

God looks after them, O it's true!  
He grants them their insects and grains  
He gives all their feathers their hue;  
And shelters them all from the rain.

But at certain times of the year,  
When birds have to eat, or they freeze –  
Though God clearly holds them all dear,  
Assistance from us will Him please.

So think of the birds of the air,  
And, after your breakfast is chewed,  
Get up, get a coat, get out there  
And give the poor darlings some food!

By Nigel Beeton

# News from St. Michael's Hospice

YELLOW WEEK

Monday 4th – Sunday 10th February

Become a Hospice superstar by showing your support for St Michael's Hospice's annual awareness week. What will you do? You could hold a cake sale, host a multi-day, create yellow mocktails and cocktails, raffle or create and sell yellow crafts. The choice is yours, all they ask is you help raise awareness and fundraise in aid of the Hospice. The cost of running the Hospice is £6 million each year, so every donation, however large or small helps us them provide high quality, responsive palliative care and bereavement support across Hastings and Rother. For more information contact the Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email [fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com](mailto:fundraising@stmichaelsospice.com)

Keep in touch with St Michael's Hospice

Would you like to keep up to date with the latest events and news stories from St Michael's Hospice? Why not sign up to their newsletter? Sent three times a year by post, it is full of patient and supporter stories, event diary and updates from Chief Executive, Karen Clarke, and Chairman, Irene Dibben. Sign up today at [www.stmichaelsospice.com/keepintouch](http://www.stmichaelsospice.com/keepintouch)

Volunteers needed

St Michael's Hospice are looking for volunteers to join their team in a variety of roles from working in our shops, helping at our events or working in the Hospice - either in the reception area, our offices or directly supporting patients. As well as giving back to your local community, volunteering is great for boosting confidence levels, enables you to use existing skills and develop new ones, make great friends and improve your social life, and even help you gain useful experience towards further training and career choices. If you would like to get involved, visit [www.stmichaelsospice.com/volunteering](http://www.stmichaelsospice.com/volunteering) for more information.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Time for new planning for the New Year with exciting things to look forward to! January is always the time for a very informal AGM, pay our £10 annual subs, give a big thank you to Pam Doodles, the committee (and tea makers!) hope they all stay on and discuss what speakers or in-house events we can come up with.

Already, we can be welcoming Sally Watson to our February get together who will tell us about 'Hearing Dogs for deaf people' and will be accompanied by her dog!

We usually meet on the afternoon of the second Wednesday in the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Ninfield. And although, predominately, a ladies group, some partners have also joined us to hear our lively talks or take part in events. All welcome. Happy New Year

**THE PARISH NEWS** We hope you all had a good Christmas, getting together with family and friends. In the run up to Christmas the villages were very busy and it was really lovely to all the lights and decorations brightening up the everywhere.

In Ninfield the Carol Concert at the Memorial Hall was well attended with the children from Ninfield Primary School in full voice; the Evening Market was busy with lots of shopping going on as well as being a nice sociable evening, despite being a cold night and clashing with other events! The Christmas Tree in the Memorial Hall, donated by The Village Society was really beautiful, one of their best, both tree and decorations were excellent, so many thanks to them.

Christingle at St. Mary's, with the Church lit by candles, well attended by several families was a lovely start, to what was for many, a busy week. The impromptu carol singing around the village with Jo's Jammies and others raised £100 which was given to a local family with a seriously ill child, so thank you to all who supported, plans have already been mentioned for something bigger next Christmas!

Hooe held its second Christmas Market in the village hall, the Christmas tree in the entrance hall was very kindly donated, decorated The room, donned with Christmas bunting and floral arrangements, gave a lovely seasonal feel. Various stallholders a range of goods, including teddy bears, candles, bric-a-brac, cakes, and Christmas artefacts. The Hooe History Society displayed various documents and photographs of yester-year and sold this year's calendar and Christmas cards for. The village Library book exchange was in full swing, with quite a few titles on display, the raffle had some lovely prizes donated including Sunday Lunch for Four at the Red Lion and cream tea for two at Hope Cottage Farm shop. Athelas Plants donated Christmas items. Other donations were greatly received from village societies and members of the community. Over lunchtime, soup was offered along with mince pies and mulled wine. For St. Oswald's annual Carol service with the Hooe Band the church was full to the rafters and the singing a joy, some beautiful descant voices could be heard. Sussex by the Sea should be an honorary carol as the band gave a rousing performance whilst we were enjoying mince pies and mulled wine. Because of the number of cars involved, more than the car park can hold, a mini bus was available from the Red Lion Inn



down to the church. Such a good idea.

St Oswald's Parish Eucharist at 6p.m. on Christmas Eve, was the first time it had been held for many years and was very well attended as was the Christmas morning service. With over 50 at each service.

Rev. Paul Messenger who took the Christmas Morning service is a regular visitor to St. Oswald's and he was presented with a hamper to say 'Thank You' for his continuing support.

To add, after many formalities, the Churchwardens of St. Oswald's are delighted to report that a Faculty has been granted, by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Chichester, for the re-use of a specific part of the churchyard for new graves.

*Carol & Nicki*

## **N**INFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Monday 4th February, in Ninfield Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 we invite you to a WORKSHOP. The theme will be "Twigs and Greenery".

On the 4th March we shall welcome to the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30 . Gaenor Circus with her demonstration entitled "Through the Ages". Non members are welcome at a small charge of £5.00 which includes refreshments. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening.

SATURDAY 9th MARCH – JUMBLE SALE – Doors open 2pm, anyone who is unable to attend but would like to donate, please telephone 01424 892878

Forthcoming events – FLOWER FESTIVAL to be held St Marys Parish Church and Ninfield Methodist Church, both in Church Lane in NINFIELD May 4th to 6th.

Do please contact us if you would like any further information regarding any of our events, or would like to join our group please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or emails us on [ninfieldflowers@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldflowers@gmail.com)

### **Ninfield Parish Council**

The Parish Council Meeting will be

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

The Methodist Hall,

*Ninfield residents are invited to attend*

### **Hooe Parish Council**

The Parish Council Meeting will be

on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

The Village Hall

*Hooe residents are invited to attend.*

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## Handel's 'The Messiah'

The Messiah - for many heralding in the Christmas season - was performed in St Oswald's on Saturday 24th November, and what a stunning performance it was!

Everyone, from the choir, soloists, musical director and organist, were sheer perfection. The whole piece was sung with such clarity and emotion and as Rev Paul Frostick said in his closing speech, Nigel Howard even made the organ "sing". The whole company has to be congratulated on giving us a truly wonderful evening's entertainment. On a very dark, wet November Saturday night, it would have been so easy to stay at home to watch 'Strictly' - but how glad we were that we braved the elements to see this exceptional ensemble.

Appreciation must also go to the PCC for providing such tasty "nibbles" and liquid refreshments; also, not forgetting the stalwart car parking attendants for guiding the traffic in and out, in such awful weather!

Well done to all involved for yet another brilliant evening at St Oswald's, and special congratulations to Grace Constable for bringing the event together.

## **B**OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

in Ninfield is on Friday 1st February, followed by Friday 1st March. Do call in to the Methodist Hall in Church Lane to browse and exchange books for 50p each, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, with a biscuit or slice of cake and a chat.

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## **NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION 2019!!**

Well, Happy New Year to one and all! And, lets hope that 2019 sees some fabulous fun, frolics and fundraising once again in this fantastic Village!

This Summer, on the 12th and 13th of July, there should normally be THE NINFIELD CARNIVAL - BUT! - ARE THERE ENOUGH PEOPLE/RESIDENTS WHO WANT IT, AND CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

### **IT'S TIME TO DECIDE!!**

WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY - 8.15 for 8.30pm start - in the WORKING MEN'S CLUB - PLEASE COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!!!

There are lots of options, lots of ideas, and lots of ways to raise money for local projects...we just need lots of enthusiastic people to put them all into action!

Call me, Sami on 07970650321, Robin and Sami on 01424 893699 email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) or - OR JUST TURN UP!!

## **NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP -**

The next meeting of the Local History Group is Thursday 21st February, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, when Kevin Gordon will give a talk about Eastbourne police and Eastbourne murders. All welcome.

A reminder that 2019 Ninfield calendars are available from the Archive Centre at the Sparke Pavilion, which is open Mondays 10-12am.

## OUR SCHOOL

Everyone seems to have survived Christmas so it's back down to the school work and next stop Easter.

2018 finished with the sound of happy excited children; The Wasps represented Ninfield in the Big Sing at the De La Warr Pavillion and they were excellent, all that practice had certainly paid off as they again demonstrated when they sang at the Memorial Hall. This years KS1 Nativity play was staged in the newly enlarged school hall, which despite some initial reservations on my part, worked extremely well. The amount of time saved by not having to walk half the school across the village and back on numerous rehearsal days meant that there was much more teaching time available, something we Governor's are always in favour of!

Talking of 'we Governors', you can't have missed East Sussex's Governor recruitment campaign in the local papers and on the Heart radio station. If any of our readers would like to find out more about the role of a Governor in a small rural school like ours, or better still if anyone wants to volunteer to join us, then please get in touch and we'll show you the ropes, discuss the role and get you to sign on the dotted line over a cup of tea, or something stronger. Being a Governor of a small rural school, where you get the opportunity to know the children and make a difference to their lives is so rewarding, I can wholeheartedly recommend it.

With the Christmas break over, work has re-started on the replacement classrooms and they are beginning to come together nicely. The Teachers, or in the case of Dragonflies class - the children as part of a mathematics project, have been choosing the furniture that will go into them and it is actually beginning to feel like the end is in sight, at last. It's almost time to start planning the opening ceremony.

Here's to another happy and successful year.

Ian Moffat

### **ADULT TAP CLASSES**

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“Just a reminder that the first **NINFIELD COMMUNITY FILM AFTERNOON** in 2019 is on Friday 8th March in the Memorial Hall at 2 pm (doors open at 1.30). This time our film is ‘Easter Parade’.

If you haven’t been before and like the idea of tea, cake and company while watching a classic musical, then do join us. The afternoon is free, it is ‘dementia friendly’ and there is a loop system and subtitles for those with hearing loss. To book a place, so we know numbers, please contact Jackie Langley on 01424 892422 or email

## **Manchester Road Lime Trees.**

It’s just been advised that Wealden District Council have issued a Tree Preservation Order on the lime trees in Manchester Road. They are regularly pollarded by ES Highways but there was no Tree Preservation Order on them, despite them being there well before 1870. As they are very slow growing and dense grained they can live for up to 600 years or so, and probably date back to the original Church Rent tenements (the "church" being St Giles, Cripplegate in London which had bought land round Moor Hall using the Worrall Charity Fund) that used to be along the Back Road (as it was then known) to Ashburnham. You’ll see similar lines of limes at Boreham Street. Some say they are signs for smugglers, but as they are so slow growing it seems strange to have to wait for many years before they are seen as a sign - and the Revenue chaps would know that too! Probably associated with healing so a "good wife" (midwife) may have lived there providing herbs and remedies. They likely predate Bramble and Lime Tree Cottages (you’d name a house AFTER what is already there).

Lime trees are reputed to be beneficial to health and many avenues were planted to help with fumes and noxious odours in cities (in Germany, they are known as “linden – as in Unter den Linden in Berlin. They were also used to make the shields for Vikings and Saxons, as being close grained they can be cut very thin, yet still retain remarkable flexibility, such that an arrow head penetrating the wood would be held by the wood springing back instantly. Happy to have any more village knowledge on these trees etc but let’s concentrate on ensuring these nine survive!

Kevin Regan

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In December the Parish Council were delighted to have PCSO Roy Collins & PCSO John Warman who had come to discuss the spate of vandalism and other reportable crime that Ninfield have been experiencing. The officers encouraged the council and everybody else to report all crimes, no matter how small, as this allows the police to see patterns and build up a picture of whats happening. They explained that the reports would allow them to collate all crimes. He promised to go back to the station and ensure that it is understood that there is a growing issue in Ninfield and try and ensure that the 'late turn' officers could do some patrols through the village. This was welcomed by all.

The Councillors discussed the forth coming elections. There are only 3 meetings now before the elections in May. The council are still looking for people who are willing to become Parish Councillors. Please do contact any of the current councillors or the clerk on [ninfieldpc@btinternet.com](mailto:ninfieldpc@btinternet.com) if you are interested.

The next meeting will be Thursday 7th February 2019 at Ninfield Methodist Hall 7:15pm and all are welcome to attend.

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET**

### **NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL**

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The first Full Council Meeting of the year proved to be a very busy one. Various administrative items had to be dealt with including the review of policies and other official documents.

Also included in the Agenda was a presentation from Justin Bailey, the Wealden Affordable Warmth Strategy representative. This was a very interesting topic addressing fuel poverty, energy efficiency and he also spoke about other incentives available to support those financially stretched. Justin discussed The Big Wealden Switch and advised residents to go on line and register. This is a scheme where cheaper fuel prices may be acquired. This is definitely worth looking in to!

The next item on the Agenda was a presentation from Southern Water giving an update of the Hooe Water Treatment Works project. This has been an area which has raised a lot of interest in the village. The first item was the Traffic Management Plan. It is proposed that all traffic will access the village from the Marsh Road, along B2095, turning right at the garage, onto Denbigh Road and then accessing the site. Work will begin on 4th February. The peak construction period will be during the spring and summer months and the site is hoped to be commissioned in January 2020. If you are interested in more detail please access information on the Southern Water website.

One of the big discussion points of the meeting was the approval of the proposed Precept for the financial year 2019/20. The Precept is the amount of money that is required to run the village for the year. The accounts for the present year have been scrutinized by Councillors along with the future needs of the community. Once the amount has been agreed an application has to be made to Wealden District Council who will also need to approve the figure. Hooe Parish Council is pleased to inform residents that the increase from last year is only 1.65%.

It was reported that some progress has been made regarding the proposed new village hall. Hopefully there will soon be a date for the next village consultation. A newsletter will be sent to all residents with information about this.

The Book Swap has been very successful; in fact 2 more large storage boxes have been purchased to accommodate the books. Books can be borrowed at the monthly village coffee morning on the second Saturday of the month. Do come along and join us for coffee, cakes and of course a good chat to friends and neighbours.

There will, again, be a Spring Clean of the village. A date has not yet been agreed but posters will be put up to let you know when it will take place. This is always an enjoyable activity and so nice to see litter free verges. Do come and join us and, of course, meet up at the Red Lion afterwards!

The next meeting will be on Monday March 19th at the Village Hall. It has been agreed to start this, and future meetings, at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.

## **N**INFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Monday 18 February at 7.30, we welcome a new speaker, Dr John Feltwell with his talk on Butterflies. This should help us think ahead to Spring and Summer. Regular and new members, and visitors are welcome at the Memorial Hall. As usual, we will have refreshments and a raffle.

Any enquiries to Rose (01424 892422 or email: [rose.franks1@btinternet.com](mailto:rose.franks1@btinternet.com)) or other committee members.

All our meetings start at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall and we have always have raffle and refreshments. Do come along. Visitors and new members always welcome.

March will see the regular meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, then on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> the annual plant sale - not to be missed - more details next month

### **HOOE COFFEE MORNING and BOOK EXCHANGE**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
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# **HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our first meeting of 2019, on Thursday 17th January, will feature John Cheshire from Ninfield History Society, with his talk on Ashburnham Place, the centre of one of the most influential large local estates.

On Thursday 21st February we welcome back one of our most popular speakers, Ian Everest, with his talk "From the Sussex ox to the Fordson Major". Ian's family has been involved in farming on the Sussex Downs and he has a wealth of knowledge on all aspects of the subject. His talk is usually accompanied by a short film and always by fascinating pictures. It is one to definitely put in your diary - you will not be disappointed.

Our other confirmed speakers for this year, all on the 3rd Thursday of each month, are as follows:- 21st March, Geoff Hutchinson – Rudyard Kipling; 18th April, Peter Hayward – History of the Hooe Schools; 16th May, Ken Brookes – Beside the seaside(19th century to 1950's); 20th June, Terry Whippy – WW2 recollections; 18th July, Summer outing – TBA; 15th August, Steve Squirrell – Women in the Home Guard; 19th September, David Martin, Historic buildings (1400 – 1750); 17th October, Peter Hayward – What do we know about Hooe?; 21st November, Ian Everest – Commonwealth war graves. All may be subject to change at short notice.

**DID YOU KNOW...** that in the early 1900's two men, Mr Vitler and Mr Freeman, were employed keeping the river, Wallers Haven and surrounding small streams free of weed and reeds. These men were called "Marshers" and could be seen daily carrying their tools and giant umbrellas down to the marshes. The river at that time was very much narrower than it is now, being about 15-20 feet wide, but was widened and deepened over a six-year period in the early 1950's. We can gauge roughly the original width of the river by the bridges that cross it – Boreham bridge, Horse bridge (on the Wartling road) and Middle bridge (the one on the OLD Marsh road) – which all have very narrow spans.

So Next meeting Thursday 21st February at Hooe Village Hall. "From the Sussex Ox to the Fordson Major" a talk by Ian Everest. The use of oxen, horses and steam power on Sussex farms, their impact on the countryside and the modernising of agriculture with the arrival of the first tractors. Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available. All welcome.

## **NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**

Will be starting preparations for the events coming up during the year so now is a very good time to get involved.

We are hoping to run another dog show in the spring, the Music Festival is booked for the end of July, Michaelmas in September and of course Bonfire Night itself in October

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm at the Working Men's Club. Membership is £10.00 per year, this is to cover your insurance when you process at any of the bonfire celebrations that we attend, like Hastings and Battle.

You don't have to process, we know it's not everyone's cup of tea, but if you're like to help with faggot making, cooking sausages, making tea or cakes, running a tombola stall, putting up tents or just having fun being with like minded people, then please come along and get to know us.

## **Face book**

For those of you who use Facebook did you know that there are a number of groups dedicated to Ninfield, so a good way to find out about what's going on in Ninfield and for you to advertise your events and concerns as well.

Some you need to request access to before you can see them, all you need to do is message them and they will respond,

Ninfield Community Group - a closed group with posts having anything to do with Ninfield

Ninfield Action Group - a closed group with posts relating to building etc in Ninfield

Ninfield Parish Council

Ninfield Memorial Hall

Ninfield Bonfire

Ninfield Flower Group

Ninfield Carnival

Ninfield Local History Group

Ninfield Music Festival

If there are any facebook pages for Hooe groups or societies please let me know for next month!

**Another First for Ninfield!** As many of you know the Scouts have been collecting clean clothing over the last couple of year to sell on and raise badly needed funds and it was decided several month ago to try something new, organised by Veronica Sargent and Sami Guard, this time as the items came in they were sorted, then on Saturday evening the doors of the Memorial Hall were opened to the public for three fun hours.

Rails were hung with some lovely ladies, gents and children's clothing. Some of the better pieces were priced, others left for donations. There were also piles of clothes for everyone to rummage through in proper jumble fashion.

There was a fashion show with a number of 'models' displaying various outfits that were available to purchase.

Wine and nibbles were served along with teas and coffees so creating a very sociable and friendly evening.

The evening was enhanced with the presence of one of Norman Hartnell's models who brought along a display of memorabilia.

The evening was very well attended and raised £750.00 which went to the Hall refurbishment fund.

Watch out for next year, plans have already been mentioned ..... so keep those special items for then!!

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# **HOOE OPEN GROUP**

On Friday 14th December, the lively Ladies of Hooe Open Group gathered together at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Little Common, for their annual Christmas Luncheon. The event was a great success, with everyone in party mood. The management of the Wheatsheaf made certain that it was in every way a festive occasion, with fancy hats of every style, together with Balloons, Hooters and Crackers, giving it a real start to the Christmas Festivities. Each member and their guest partook of an excellent three course meal, backed by well organised service, conducted by Laura, the manager.

As the custom demands each lady received a gift of a boxed Panettone cake and each man a small bottle of Famous Grouse Scotch Whisky.

Friday 11th January 2019 was the group's AGM, not the most entertaining of events which do not always attract a good response from the membership. HOG's has a good record regarding its support for local charities. Over the past year the Group has donated £300 to three charities, Bexhill Care in the Community, St Michel's Hospice and the Dragon Fly Cancer Trust. The Group also received an award from the South East Air Ambulance Service, in acknowledgement of their donation of £121, after the members dug deep into their pockets following a presentation by one of their members.

To liven up the meeting members put their heads together for a very Christmassy Quiz, leading on to tea, raffle and chat.

Next month the guest presentation will be Keep Moving with Juliet Hammond, ideal for losing all those Christmas pounds. If you would be interested in joining please come along to Hooe Village Hall at 1.30pm and join in the fun and receive a very warm welcome.

For further information contact Edna Wallis 01424 842591.

**Over the night** of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday morning, what was described to me as "21 hours of fun" took place at the Memorial Hall. The Beavers Scouts had a sleep over, then early Saturday morning they helped cook and serve about 170 fried breakfasts. One of their busiest Fry Ups they've done there and so helped to raise £500. £250 of which they very kindly donated to the Memorial Hall refurbishment fund. Many congratulations to all of them.

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## **Worms Eye View**

Well into the New Year now and February 1st is St Bride's Day, St Bride of Ireland who lived around 500, and was born near Kildare. She became a nun at an early age and she founded the monastery of Kildare.

There are many miracle stories about her, a lot emphasized the multiplications of food, either increasing butter for the poor, or changing her bath water into beer to satisfy the thirst of unexpected visitors. Another said that her cows gave milk three times a day to enable the Bishops enough to drink.

Come forward to today, when St Bride's Day is a signal to many people to start gardening. It is a good time to sow all manner of garden seeds, especially peas, lettuce, cabbages and even sweet peas. However in some parts of England planting is postponed until the arrival of the yellow wagtail which is usually Mid April.

A very old saying for February is: -"Better a wolf in the fold than a fine February", which sounds rather strange today but in a way it makes sense as despite the world meaning a loss of a few sheep, a too mild winter could ruin a farmer's entire harvest as early warmth encourages growth prematurely, only to be damaged if seasonal cold returns and brings hard frost.

Another saying goes "If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow." Also "when gnats dance in February, the husband becomes a beggar".

The latter saying about gnats means of course that they breed in warm weather and is further evidence of disastrous consequences of early mild weather, early in the year, for farmers whose harvest would be ruined if crops come up too soon and were later killed off by frosts and snow. Other brief sayings about February weather are "Year of snow, fruit will grow" and "Snow year, a rich year".

Well we will see and hope for the best.

*Anne*

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**L**egal Fact No. 1: Did you know that there is no legal right to a view?

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As her own garden was badly overgrown, to be able to maintain it the following year, in the Autumn shrubs were hard pruned and two Leylandii trees removed. Everyone said how much they liked the new look of the garden but her new neighbour, when no-one was around, became aggressive. She came into the old lady's garden and told the old lady that they were in the Country and she wanted a Country view! She said to the old lady that she had better not cut her shrubs because she did not want to look into the old lady's garden and see the car, the bins nor the telephone lines to the house. The following Spring when the old lady's gardener pruned her shrubs again, the aggression continued. The old lady became so upset she contacted me as she had heard that I was a Solicitor Advocate with a vast experience of dealing with neighbour disputes. She received legal advice about her rights and the important bit of information that there is no legal right to a view. A firm and robust legal letter was sent to the new neighbour and peace was instilled into the neighbourhood once again.

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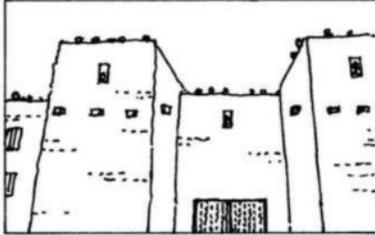
It can be read in the Bible in  
Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

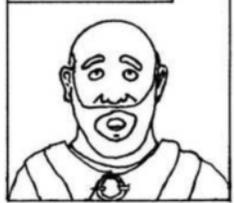
The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



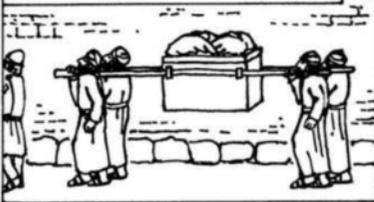
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



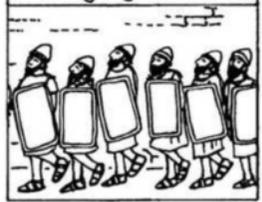
On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



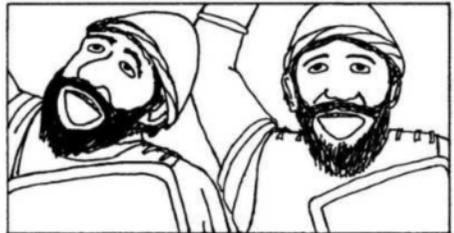
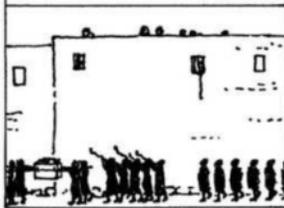
The army followed not saying a word.



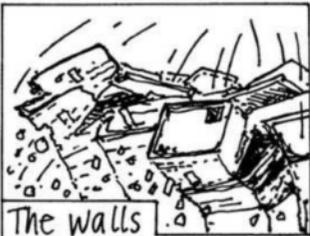
They did this for 6 days.



On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.



The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.

The army rushed into the town and captured it.



Jericho was destroyed.

# NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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- 3rd 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.
- 10th 10.30 am Worship & Communion with Rev. Cynthia Park
- 17th 10.30 am Worship & Praise with Christine Thacker
- 24th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise
- 3rd Mar 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

## **Events for February 2019:**

- 1st 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe
- 13th 2.30pm Christian Women's Fellowship
- 27th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church – 'Where I Belong...'

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Christmas & New Year services, & events, so special. It was also good to welcome the St. Mary's congregation to our Church for our Covenant service in January.

We will be pleased to welcome you to any of our services & events in 2019 & we also look forward to uniting with St. Mary's for special services during the year.

Our Messy Church re-started in January with the theme 'David & the Giant' & then our February group will be on the 27th – 'Where I belong...' Another great opportunity to share together in an informal style. Messy Church is open to all.

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## **COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,**

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Film Matinee

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March Flower Group Jumble Sale

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April Memorial Hall Quiz

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Ninfield Bowls Club Open Day

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May Flower Festival, St. Mary's & Methodist Church

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Funday – Millennium Woods, Hooe.

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June – Open gardens event. Hooe.

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July - Ninfield Music Festival

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Bonfire Night

## **Smile and the World Smiles with You**

Smiling is infectious

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When someone smiled at me today

I started smiling too

I walked around the corner

And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised

I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile

And then I realised it's worth

A single smile like mine

Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin

Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic

And get the world infected. Spike Milligan

## DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

- Fri 1 Crafting, N.Book Exchange; Burlesque  
Sat 2  
Sun 3  
Mon 4 Pilates, Badminton, Flower Group; Senlac Bells, Archive Cntr  
Tue 5 Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band  
Wed 6 Village Soc, Art Grp, Line Dancing, Carnival Meeting; Tap  
Thu 7 Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts, N.Parish Council  
Fri 8 Crafting, HOGS; Jo' Jammas;  
Sat 9 H. Book exchange  
Sun 10  
Mon 11 Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells; Archive Cntr, Horti  
Tue 12  
Wed 13 Village Soc, Art Grp, CWF; Line Dncng, Tap  
Thu 14 Pilates, Toddlers, Beavers, Scouts,  
Fri 15 Crafting, Burlesque  
Sat 16 Village Market  
Sun 17  
Mon 18 Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells,  
Tue 19 Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band,  
Wed 20 Village Society, Art Grp, Line Dancing; Tap: Bonfire Meet  
Thu 21 Pilates, Hooe Hist; N.History Group  
Fri 22 Crafting, Jo's Jammas  
Sat 23  
Sun 24  
Mon 25 Pilates, Badminton, Senlac Bells,  
Tue 26 Cubs, Dancercise, Hooe Band,  
Wed 27 Village Society, Art Grp, Line Dancing; Messy Church; Tap  
Thu 28 Pilates, Hooe Hist; N.History Group

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