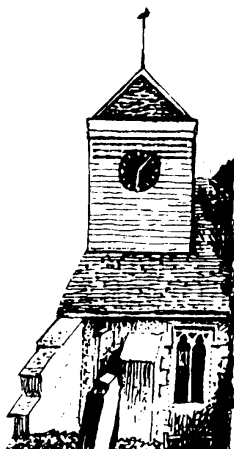


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April 2019

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THE CHURCH
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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
7 th April	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
14 th Apr	Parish Eucharist Palm Sunday	Parish Eucharist Palm Sunday
18 th Apr	7.00pm Maundy Thursday	No Service
19 th Apr	2.00pm Final Hour	11.00 Stations of the Cross
21 st Apr	Parish Eucharist Easter day	Parish Eucharist Easter Day
28 th Apr	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

For St. Mary's

Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Most weeks – please check the weekly sheet in Church

Monday - Thursday open at 9 am and locked 3 pm

Fridays and Saturdays closed

After the service on Sundays closed

For St. Oswald's

9.am to 5.pm

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

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

PARISH NEWS Views expressed in the articles in this magazine are those of the writer and not of the Parish Churches or PCCs unless it so states. This publication is produced and distributed by Members of both Parish Churches.

Dear Fiends,

My favourite season in the church's year is Holy Week and Easter. Not just the celebrations of Palm Sunday and Easter Day but the days in between too - for without them the week as a whole just doesn't make sense. Walking every day of the week in the steps of Christ means embarking on a roller coaster of emotions from celebration, to unease, to fear, to darkest despair, to celebration beyond our wildest dreams. I love the way we strip our churches bare on Maundy Thursday and leave them this way until we gather to celebrate Easter Day when the church is full of flowers and light and joy. There is a deep sense that we are entering into something deeply symbolic, echoing centuries of Christian worship. It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus but it is thought to date back to the mid 2nd century. At first there was just a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow. Over time, this developed into services through Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, Christians shared fully in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. Some significant events of that week that we still mark today include:

The procession with palms (which was being observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century) marking Jesus arriving in Jerusalem welcomed enthusiastically by the crowds but overshadowed by the knowledge of what comes later in the week.

Maundy Thursday with its different themes enacted out of humble Christian service expressed through Jesus's washing of his disciples' feet (practiced since the 2nd century), the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane .

After keeping vigil (living out Jesus' words to his disciple: 'Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its sombre remembrance of Jesus' suffering and death. The church remains stripped of all decoration.

It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation.

But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as Easter draws near. I Finally, on Easter Day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus joyfully. As we worship through the week, we are still using some of the most ancient services of the Church and carrying out rituals from early Christianity as we live out the deepest and most fundamental Christian memories. So a thought for Holy Week and Easter:

God as we walk through Holy week may we remember,
Beyond sin there is love inexhaustible,
Beyond death there is life unimaginable,
Beyond brokenness there is forgiveness incomprehensible,
Beyond betrayal there is grace poured out eternally,
May we remember and give thanks.

Paul Frostick

St, Mary's

Interment of cremated remains of the following

Janice Turner on 20th February 2019

Leonard Henry Bossard on 22nd February 2019

St. Oswald's

Funeral

Ernest Baker on Friday March 8th 2019

*from the
Parish Records*

Please may I though the Parish News thank every one that has saved used stamps and put them in the box provided at the back of St Mary's Church.

The running total raised has almost reached £42.000 !

Please keep them coming Thank you Eileen Proctor

TRADITIONAL PASSOVER MEAL WITH EXPLANATION

Led by Alison Marchant, Lay Reader

in

St Oswald's Church Hooe

Monday 15th April at 5pm

Passover is a fun family event so whole families welcome. As well as enjoying a hot meal together, Alison will draw on her experience working for nine years in Jerusalem.

She will explore some of the history and traditions of Passover and importantly discover why Jesus chose to use Passover as his final meal with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion

Tickets to include meal and wine £6.00 available from Janet Pattisson 01424 845087 jandspattisson@btinternet.com or Margaret Rist 01424 892576 . Children half price.

TICKETS VERY LIMITED

Pancake Lunch Tuesday 5th March

We can report on another very successful and enjoyable "Soup and Pancake Lunch". It was very busy with approximately 50 people enjoying, soup, pancakes and chatting.

There were many new faces present, which is always encouraging, passing cyclists and visitors from as far away as Little Common.

Thank you to all those that attended and thanks to the "Team" of helpers.

Please keep a look out for future dates "Harvest Supper" in September and "Bonfire Lunch" in November.

Dates and times will be in the magazine nearer the time.

Poem (bit of light relief)

We seek them here, we seek them there,
We seek those cream eggs everywhere!
Within the church, within the ground
Those hidden eggs which must be found!

The pulpit steps? The hymn book stand?
The lectern we've already scanned
Behind that pew? I'll need a torch!
Perhaps one's hidden in the porch!

Aha! At last! I'm happy now!
No more I search! No furrowed brow!
I found my egg which tastes so good
Within the Vicar's vestment hood!

THE PARISH NEWS

What a strange weather world we live in, over the last month we've had a glorious sunny period when it was unseasonably warm for days on end, now days of strong winds and heavy rain, who knows what next! Not to mention the strange world of politics - and no we won't go anywhere near that! One thing that is constant is the enthusiasm in the villages for all the events that take place, and new ones keep being added to what's available for us all to enjoy. New over the next two months will be the games afternoons, regular walks and possibly monthly film shows - see articles further on in the News. Is there anything else any of you would like to see happening in Ninfield or Hooe?

Why not send us your wish list and we'll see who might like to pick it up! No promises but you never know.

A big thank you to our lovely distributors for collecting nearly all the annual subscriptions and completing the list of addresses you deliver to. If anyone else in the villages would like a copy delivered please let us know.

Nicki & Carol



NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET
NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

20th APRIL

Our next monthly market

9.30 - 12.00

**With lots of stalls offering great foods and more for you to enjoy
New last month, a baker - with a large selection of bread and a new
cake stall - both definitely worth checking out**

And being Easter lots of Easter Eggs along with all your favourites

Future dates for your diary Saturday 18th May, 15th June

Enjoy coffee, cake and a natter at The Pop Up Cafe

Any enquiries to Chris 893388

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We aim to practise once a week and ring for our Sunday service and other suitable occasions as needed BUT we need additional ringers and learners.

Please contact Simon Pattisson (01424 845087) if you might be persuaded to add to our band."

B **OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ**

It's good to see so many people taking advantage of these monthly sessions. In addition to providing opportunities to exchange books they are valuable social occasions. They are held on the first Friday of each month from 10am – 12noon in the Methodist Hall. Ninfield so put these dates in your diary: 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, etc.

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NINFIELD COMMUNITY - **National Dementia Action Week**

is from 20 to 26 May. Ninfield's contribution will be two 'dementia friendly' events that are for everyone and which we hope will become regular activities. The first is an Indoor Games afternoon on Tuesday 21 May in the Memorial Hall from 2pm to 4pm. This will be a 'taster' session and include New Age Curling, Table top Table Tennis, large mat Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble and Dominos. There will also be refreshments. We hope this will become a regular happening and of course ideas for games people would like to play are most welcome. For further information please contact Jackie on 01424 892422 or jackie.langle1@btinternet.com

The second event is a 'Health Walk' on Thursday 23 May. This will be the first of three 'taster' walks in May, June and July and we hope these will become regular and perhaps more frequent events. These easy walks will avoid mud and stiles, last for about an hour at an unhurried pace and be followed by refreshments. Meet at the Memorial Hall at 2 pm. For further information and to perhaps volunteer to become a walk leader please contact Robin Goldsmith 01424 892778.

MUSICAL MATINEE IN NINFIELD.

We had a very successful Musical Matinee on 8th March when 50 people enjoyed 'Easter Parade'. The tea, cakes and raffle went down well too. Our next screening is on 21st June when we will see 'Summer Holiday'- a Cliff Richard classic! If you would like to come to this free event, please contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422.



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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION 2019!!

Well, they say that all good things come in small packages, and the gathering at the March meeting was not large, that's for sure! But! great ideas were forthcoming, lots of new thoughts, with good fun and banter along the way,

The theme for this year's Carnival is "Sensational 60's" and, although the first thought would be the many and varied fashion, music and political changes of the decade - the all encompassing 'Love, Peace and Flower Power' vision- think too of what/where and WHO maybe 60 this year! For instance; Madonna is 60, Kate Bush, Jamie lee Curtis, Kevin Bacon. And - Barbie!, The Mini car, the Triumph Bonneville motorbike, T.V programmes starting 60 years ago include Rawhide, Bonanza, Dennis the Menace and Juke-Box Jury! Films, 'Some Like it Hot', Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty', 'North by Northwest' -SO! Please, when you're thinking of getting your Float together-?!- or just wondering what's in store for this year's event, remember that anything psychedelic, or anything/one 60 years old will be extremely acceptable! On site on the day, there will be photographic tributes to local people's special events, -Diamond Wedding Anniversaries, 60th Birthdays...let us know, and we'll make sure there is a place for you!

The Marquees are booked, as are the children's rides, Masterchef is back in the main marquee, there will be music during the day, and Uncle Bumble entertaining too. There will be a fantastic inflatable assault course that will run all day, with a final 'Team Event' for the Challenge Cup, the arena will host a 'Hulahoopathon' where all ages can compete for prizes for 'hooping', and all the stalls, stands, Tombolas, China Smash, Coconut Shy, BBQ, Bar, Tea Tent etc. that you'd hope for, and expect, will be there for everyone to enjoy! There will also be a Grand Raffle, two cash prizes £100, 2nd, and £50, 3rd, with a brilliant 1st Prize being a 'Wheelbarrow of Wonder'- full of Wine, and luxury goodies!

On the Friday evening - 12th July, in the Main Marquee, the Carnival will host the popular 'Nearly New Clothes Sale' - with Bar and Food. Following the success of the January event in the Memorial Hall, we are liaising with the Scouts again and will produce a unique and fabulous 'Pop-Up Shop' for the evening, which will then travel to the

Scouts Marquee for the Saturday afternoon. The Saturday evening Band has yet to confirm - but, fingers crossed, we will be hosting a great Local band with a DJ set to follow - an evening not to be missed - So! Watch this Space!

The next meeting is on Wednesday April 10th - 8.15pm in the Working Men's Club - please COME AND JOIN US! It's fun to create this family-friendly, famous Village Carnival and Fete - why not get involved; volunteer - you'll be so welcome, and find such reward! Call me, Sami Guard on 01424 893699 or 07970650321, or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com - for more information, and some not-very-gentle-persuasion!! Thank you!

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our thanks to all who turned up for our annual Litterpick on Saturday 9th March. Over 14 bags of rubbish were collected from all around the village, together with the usual strange array of larger items. Refreshments were provided and the weather cleared after early rain.

Thanks also to those who indicated an interest in continuing to maintain their road or area in the coming months. We have a supply of bags, litterpickers and reflective waistcoats which we shall be pleased to supply to those willing to take on this job. Please call me, Roger, on 893263 so that we might take this further.

ALSO

PLEASE COME TO OUR AGM
ON 11th APRIL , 7p.m., METHODIST HALL.

Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

Thursday 4th April

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be

on Monday 20th May

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051	
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Peter Hayward	893522	Gary Durman	893007
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Hooe Parish Council met on Monday 18th March and welcomed 16 members of the community and as usual there were many routine administrative matters to deal with.

Those present were delighted to hear that Neil and Penny Smith and their family had been presented with an award from Wealden District Council for the sterling work that they do in the village. They can regularly be seen collecting litter from the roadside and all of this on a voluntary basis! They are a fine example to us all. The Parish Council were delighted that their hard work had been recognised and rewarded.

On the subject of litter collection, the annual Hooe Spring Clean. This will be on Saturday 6th April meeting outside the Red Lion at 10am through to midday. This is a great event to be involved in. Not only is the village environment improved but it also a great opportunity to meet up with, and chat with friends. Of course there is also the added incentive of a visit to the Red Lion afterwards! Please bring along High Visibility jackets and protective gloves if you have them, but they will be available to borrow if you have none, along with bags and Litter Pickers.

The plans for the proposed new Village Hall were available for viewing at the recent Coffee Morning. Many constructive comments and ideas have been contributed by residents. Councillors would like to thank residents for their useful feedback. It has been agreed to present these plans to WDC for planning permission. Hooe PC will inform residents of progress made. This is always an agenda item of the Full PC Meetings.

The next meeting of Hooe Parish Council will be on Monday 20th May. This will be the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting. We hope that many of you will be able to attend this meeting. It is a good opportunity to discuss village issues. Southern Water will also be in attendance to report on the progress being made with the improvement of Hooe Water Treatment Works.

Just a reminder that Parish and District Council Elections will be taking place on Thursday 2nd May

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Plans in the making... the parish council are looking at neighbourhood planning for the village. By the time you read this the first event will have taken place as a drop in afternoon for residents to find out more information. If you didn't manage to get there here's a few things you should know.

A neighbourhood plan is a way of developing a shared vision for the village which will help to influence the planning in our village. It starts with assessing what residents consider to be important and is something for everybody to get involved in. There are lots of opportunities for residents to help with aspects of the neighbourhood plan and we are looking for residents to help the Parish Councillors. It doesn't matter if you don't have much time available even a small amount of time would be really useful.

If you think you may be able to help in any way or if you are not sure and would like some more information please get in touch with the clerk ninfieldpc@btinternet.com or call 07725 843505.

We were delighted to have members of Hellingly and Pevensey Cricket clubs come to the meeting to discuss a proposal to share the cricket pitch for the forthcoming season. You may have noticed that cricket square has already had some much needed attention. We look forward to having cricket on the recreation ground again this season.

The next meeting will be the last one before the parish and District Council elections and will be on Thursday 4th April and all are welcome.

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Flower Festival at St Mary's & the Methodist Church 4th, 5th and 6th May 2019.

This Festival is being organised by the Ninfield Flower Group. The theme for the Festival is taken from the lovely hymn written in 1864 by Folliott S Pierpoint, "For the Beauty of the Earth".

Club members will not be extending their floral offerings to global settings, but more to the beautiful countryside around us all here in Sussex.

On Saturday, only, Anna Thomson, a local potter will be on hand in the Reading Room to offer assistance to those children, young and old, who would like to make a sculpture from air-drying clay.

On Saturday evening there will be an organ concert given by Jonathan Marten who was for over 20 years Director of Music at St Peter's, Bexhill and a driving force in the foundation of "Hastings International Piano Concerto Competition".

On Sunday at 5pm the choir of St Peter's Church, Bexhill with their Musical Director Anthony

Wilson ARCO, will lead "Songs of Praise", chosen by the congregation of St Mary's and to include the anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth", music by John Rutter.

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend in the Methodist Hall along with stalls, a tombola and a raffle in the Reading Room.

Visitors will also be guided to Church Wood, four acres of ancient woodland; a local treasure, waiting to be discovered or rediscovered.

The Festival will be open on Saturday and Monday from 10.30am until 4.30pm and on Sunday from 11am until 4.30pm.

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP –

The next meeting of the Local History Group is on Thursday 18th April, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. The Group will hold its AGM followed by an interesting and informative talk about Medieval and Tudor English Cookery by Jan Black, in costume and with samples! All welcome.



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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our thanks to Geoff Hutchinson who gave his talk on Rudyard Kipling in March. Geoff, as always, provided us with a very entertaining evening with his nicely researched recollections of the famous local writer.

Peter Hayward is in the hot seat on Thursday 18th April at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, with his talk on the Hooe schools (plural!). Peter is a member of Hooe History Society and has had access to the school log books from when they started in 1871 until it closed in 1963, when he was a pupil there. His talk will explore how the school interacted with the village, the teachers and the multitude of problems that were faced on a regular basis and is accompanied with a slide show of pictures and photographs, many from the very earliest days. It is a fascinating story.

My DID YOU KNOW this time completes the story from 1858 that started last month, when the winning cricket team from Ninfield were leaving the Red Lion, to go home after a long evening....

... Unfortunately, however, whether owing to a re-actionary estimate of their own powers or to "potations pottle deep" - things were not fated to pass off so smoothly - and the poet tells us -

The Ninfield party began to Bounce,
Hooe, hearing of the sound,
that 7 of Ninfield against Eleven of Hooe
would play them for a pound.
Surprised was Ninfield! - Hooe gents were redy -
ten shillings were put down,
on Thursday next the game to play
each side for a pound.

The Ninfield heroes are described as not only surprised but as wishing to take "their money up again;" but Hooe, having pressed upon them much,
The game it should be played,
They were compelled to come to the scratch.

At this interesting point, however, we are obliged to break off, from sheer inability to discover, with any certainty, from the "heroic verse" of the Poet Laureate which party were the victors. As, however, he tells us that "when the game was wone," the "Hooe gents claime the stake" - and that

they beete them Nine an thirty runs
with single innings beside.

we are driven to the conclusion that in spite of their "Bownce," the "Ninfield gents" got the worst of it, and that they would have shown more discretion had they drowned the memory of their first defeat in the "song and toast" above referred to, instead of allowing the beer and punch of the "worthy host" of the Red Lion to render them pot valiant*, and challenge their opponents before the latter were out of earshot.

In taking leave of the Poet Laureate of Ninfield and Hooe, and thanking him for his communication, we can only express a hope that he is at least equally great with his bat as with his pen, and as successful with the ball as with the Muses.

** Bold or courageous under the influence of alcoholic drink - Ed.*

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our much awaited Plant Sale and Coffee Morning is on Saturday 13th April in the Memorial Hall. We will be selling from 9 till 11 am and regular visitors know to get there early for the biggest selection of goodies.

Delicious homemade cakes too for you to enjoy while you make your purchases. Donations of plants gratefully received from 8.30 am.

Our last evening meeting of the season is on Monday 15th April at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Our speaker will be Anne Watts from the Woodland Trust. Raffle and refreshments as usual. All welcome!

And then it will be time to think about the Summer Show on August 17th!

OUR SCHOOL

It's been a busy time in school this past month; we've had a brand new folding door installed in the hall to separate what will be our new library and work area from the actual hall itself. Where the old open plan library was, there is now a smart looking office and work area for our Inclusion Manager to work with individual children and small groups. With the two replacement classrooms also imminent, things really are beginning to look up. All we need now is for the Government to fund rural schools properly and we'll be well and truly on our way. (Sorry far too political for the Parish mag!)

Talking about the new classrooms; the staff have been thumbing their way through multiple catalogues this month, to choose the new furniture and ensure it all arrives in plenty of time for the big move. By the time you read this we should already be fully installed in the new building and will finally be able to say farewell to the wooden huts.

But while all of this building work reaches its climax, education must go on. As part of their Egyption topic some of the Year 4 and 5 Children (Dragonflies) went on a trip to the British Museum. These brave souls, and their minders, travelled to London by Train, no not a Camel Train but the one that takes Mummies (and Daddies) to work each morning. Seats were difficult to come by so the group spent the trip to London standing or sitting on the floor as best they could. All good training for any budding future commuter!

The trip itself was a great success and helped to reinforce a lot of the theory learnt in class. These educational visits are always very time consuming with all the risk assessments and planning that has to be done these days. Gone are the days when a teacher was allowed to take a whole class out on their own. Now we rely heavily on parents and helpers to make sure that we have enough adults to be able to offer these educational trips. But as they say, if a picture is worth a thousand words then seeing the real thing must be priceless.

Ian Moffat

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Are planning to bring you regular film shows,
and provided all the licenses are granted we hope

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The Committee are very pleased to say that we are now ready for the next phase in improving our lovely Hall. Planning permission has been granted and the building notes all prepared which means we can now get proper estimates rather than the ball park figures we have been working to.

On Saturday 20th April at the Village Market the plans will be on show for you all to come and look at. Pete Holland and Richard McAfee from the committee will be there to answer any queries you may have, to listen to any ideas you might have about fund raising, helping in any way or giving us ideas as to what we might have forgotten!

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

NINFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

1st April - a big day!

The day tickets go on sale on-line and at the Village Stores

The Proms will again have the **Eastbourne Concert Orchestra**
on Friday 26th July

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Worms Eye View

It's been raining here and the wind is blowing at a near gale force. You have guessed I am writing this in early March. After the beautiful days in February it's a bit hard to accept, although I did think it was a bit early then to have the postman in shirt sleeves and shorts!

Very soon now we will be lambing in earnest. But you may have seen lambs in the field nearest the road as you have gone past. Yes we have had 5 ewes lamb and nine lambs are chasing each other and having great fun. Somehow one of the rams had got out and these lambs are the consequence. They look great and to reassure you they can get inside a barn whenever they want, like this morning but they really do like to be outside.

Besides the lambs, we have already started calving and this was expected. We have three born so far and they too like to run around in and out of the cows who take it for granted but the bull, Morton looks on disdainfully, as if they were nothing to do with him. All the cattle are nicely tucked up in their barns and will not be going out for a good while yet.

Thinking about the calves, I happened to mention to a friend that I had just applied for their passports. First of all he laughed and thought I was joking. But I explained that all cattle are individually numbered, ear tagged and have passports, with their breed, number, sex and Dams (mothers) number recorded. This has to be completed within 27 days. I was then quickly asked if we had to send a photo?!

I reassured him that we did not, but did point out the passport always goes with the animal if it is sold or moves to another farm.

Two old sayings about April;-

"April showers bring forth May flowers".

"On the 3rd of April come the cuckoo and the nightingale"

Anne

HOOE OPEN GROUP

Last Friday 8th March, members of the Hooe Open Group were entertained by Brian Freeland, who had spent the last fifty years in the theatrical profession, being involved in all aspects of production and back stage management.

Brian's theatre career started in 1959, direct from National Service, as Trainee Manager at the London Palladium, which has taken him to forty-three different countries including three residencies in the Middle East; and eight tours of the Indian sub-continent.

Brian's talk took us back to the days of the real Variety Theatre with recollections of many of the well-known personalities from the past. Such as Tommy Trinder and Flanagan & Alan, as well as the real entertainers from days gone by, like The Crazy Gang.

It was a great pleasure to have had Brian Freeland to entertain the club members with his reminisces from the past. During Tea break there were many questions for Brian, which showed just how the members appreciated his talk.

The next meeting of the Hooe Open Group, Friday 12th April. Why not come and join the lively ladies of HOGS. Just turn up on the second Friday of the month at 2.30pm, at the Hooe Village Hall (Near the Red Lion Pub) and you will be welcomed by the "Lively Ladies of Hooe" Any further information contact Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY

**Sunday 14th April
2.15 pm**

Why not come along and have a go?
Instruction will be given throughout the afternoon,
just make sure you wear trainers or flat shoes.
Everyone is welcome to come along and see what goes on,
and enjoy tea and refreshments as you watch.

Don't know where the Bowls Club is?
It's behind the high hedge on the Recreation Ground next to
Kings Arms Car park. Entry on the Rec.

Chicken Tartiflete

- * 700g charlotte potatoes
- * 1 tbsp olive oil
- * 2 large garlic cloves
- * 2 tbsp plain flour
- * 200ml double cream
- * 370g leftover roast chicken (or poach 3 breasts in stock for 10 minutes until cooked through), shredded
- * 250g Reblochon cheese, rind removed, chopped
- * 300g baby spinach
- * 1 large onion, finely chopped
- * 200g smoked bacon lardons
- * Butter for greasing
- * 200ml chicken stock

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan180°C/gas 6. Slice the potatoes 3mm thick and simmer in salted water for 5 minutes until just tender. Drain. Put the spinach in a colander, pour over freshly boiled water from a kettle to wilt, then refresh under cold running water and squeeze dry. Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and soften the onion, stirring, for 8 minutes. Stir through the garlic and cook for 2 minutes more, then remove to a bowl. Add the bacon to the pan and fry until starting to crisp. Add to the onion, then stir through the flour.

2. Lightly grease a large ovenproof dish (about 2 litres) with butter. Mix the cream with the stock and season.

3. Layer the potato, onion and bacon, spinach, shredded chicken and half of the cheese, pouring over the cream sauce as you go. Finish with a layer of potatoes. Season with salt.

4. Bake for 30 minutes, then scatter over the remaining Reblochon and return to the oven for 10-15 minutes more until golden and piping hot.

A bit fiddly to prepare but well worth the effort and I used Camembert Cheese as it is the wrong time of year for Reblochon

The annual Hooe Spring Clean will be held on Saturday 6th April meeting outside the Red Lion at 10am through to mid day. Please bring High Visibility jackets and protective gloves. If you have none they will be available to borrow along with rubbish bags and Litter Pickers. We look forward to seeing you there.

It's time to dust off the grey cells ready for

The Annual Village Memorial Hall

Quiz

Saturday 6th April

7.00 for 7.30

£6.00

Cost includes a ploughman's supper.

Bring your own cutlery, glasses, drinks and nibbles

Tables, max 6 people

For tickets 892878

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem..

The Chief Priests were plotting



How can we get rid of Jesus?
He always has crowds around him.

Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



I could help you.

We'd be happy to pay you



How much?

30 silver coins



30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex. 31:32



I'll let you know when Jesus is alone.

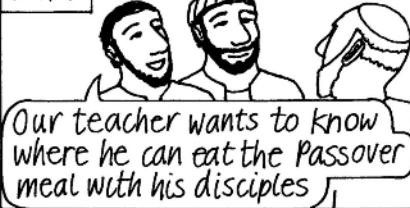
Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?

Go into the city and follow the man carrying a water jar to his home

They did, and asked the house owner



Our teacher wants to know where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples

The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.



NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services for April 2019:

7th 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast – ‘Love in a Box’.

14th 10.30 am PALM SUNDAY Worship & Praise with Mrs. Jill Sayers

21st 9.30 am EASTER BREAKFAST followed by:

10.30 am EASTER PRAISE with Rev. Derek Brice

28th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Margaret Bickerdike

5th May t.b.a United Flower Festival Services @ St. Mary's.

Events for April 2019:

5th 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe

10th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship

19th 2.00 - 3.00pm GOOD FRIDAY Reflection at St. Mary's

24th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church – ‘For the beauty of the earth...’

May 4-6th Flower Festival Weekend with Ninfield Flower Group

We wish you all a ‘Very Happy Easter.

At our April Café Worship we welcome Simon Rooksby from Computers for Charities in Hailsham. Simon is going to tell us all about his travels in December when he delivered many shoeboxes (including some from Ninfield) to families in Eastern Europe.

At Easter we look forward to uniting at St. Mary's Church on Good Friday for their reflective service at 2.00pm. Always a very meaningful event so do come along if you can.

Then on Easter Sunday our worship & praise will be preceeded by Easter Breakfast (bacon & eggs etc)

in our Hall & an Easter Egg Hunt for the young people. A lovely celebration of this very special day.

Messy Church's theme in April is ‘For the beauty of the earth’ & some of the activities will be planned by helpers from the Ninfield Flower Group. This will be in readiness for the special Flower Festival weekend which will take place at our two churches in May (dates above).

Church Hall Bookings: David Swales 892248

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,

so make notes in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised later. Please, all groups, let us know your plans asap!

Thursday 2 nd May	District and Parish Elections
4 th - 6 th May	Flower Festival, St. Mary's & Methodist Church
Monday 6 th May	May Day Funday – Millennium Woods, Hooe.
Wed 15 th May	Ninfield Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday 18 th May	Village Market
Monday 20 th May	Hooe Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 21 st May	Indoor Games Afternoon
Thursday 23 rd May	Health Walk
15 th & 16 th June	Open gardens event. Hooe.
Friday 21 st June	Musical Matinee
6 th July	St. Oswald's Garden Party
12 th & 13 th July	Carnival
26 th & 27 th July	Ninfield Music Festival
Sat 17 th August	Horticultural Society Summer Show
Sun 29 th Sept	Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe
Sat 12 th October	Bonfire Night
25 th - 27 th October	Art Exhibition
Sat 31 st November	Home Made Fayre

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

is **Saturday 13th April** please send to

ninfieldnews@btconnect.com

HOOE COFFEE MORNING and BOOK EXCHANGE

Saturday 13th April 10.00 - 12.00

Hooe Village Hall

DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Weekly Events

Mondays	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, Badminton,
Tuesdays	Hooe - Hooe Band Ninfield - <i>Cubs</i> ; Dancercise
Wednesdays	Hooe - Line Dancing Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Tap
Thursdays	Ninfield - <i>Toddlers</i> , Pilates, <i>Beavers</i> , <i>Scouts</i>
Fridays	Ninfield - Crafting, Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammies & Burlesque

(Being school holidays no meetings 1st or 2nd week April)

Monthly Events for April

Monday 1 st	Ninfield Flower Group	
Thursday 4 th	Ninfield Parish Council	P14
Friday 5 th	Ninfield Book Exchange	P 7
Saturday 6 th	Memorial Hall Quiz	P26
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Wednesday 10 th	CWF	
	Bonfire Meet	P10
Thursday 11 th	Village Society AGM	P11
Friday 12 th	HOGS	P24
Saturday 13 th	Hooe Coffee & Book Exchange	P12
	Ninfield Horti Plant Sale	P18
Sunday 14 th	Ninfield Bowls Club Open Day	P24
Monday 15 th	Passover Meal	P 5
	Horti Meeting	P18
Wednesday 17 th	Bonfire Meet	
Thursday 18 th	Ninfield Local History Group	P15
	Hooe History Society	P17
Saturday 20 th	Village Market	P 7
	Display of Memorial Hall Plans	P21
Wednesday 24 th	Messy Church	P28
Saturday 27 th	Film Show	P20

Directory of Groups & Clubs

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