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NEWS

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May 2019

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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

| Date | St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated | St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated |
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| 5 th May | Parish Eucharist 5.00pm Songs of Praise | Family Service |
| 12 th May | Joint Parish Eucharist | <i>No Service</i> |
| 19 th May | Family Eucharist | Parish Eucharist |
| 26 th May | Parish Eucharist | Parish Eucharist |
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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

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For the Beauty of the Earth!

Dear Friends,

That is the title of the Flower Festival taking place in St Mary's Church and The Methodist Church from 4th to 6th May. There will also be walks in Church Wood, so it should be an exciting weekend. It is quite a few years since there was a Flower Festival in St Mary's and now you get 2, with one part being in the Methodist Church where the refreshments will also be supplied! Having attended the Festival in the Memorial Hall the year before last I know we can expect arrangements of the highest standard! I can't wait! Also, as part of this Festival Weekend, there will be an organ recital on the pipe organ in St Mary's on Saturday 4th May at 7pm and a Songs of Praise at St Mary's at 5pm on Sunday 5th May.

The theme speaks for itself! There is a programme beginning on BBC this week as I write this that is showing views of earth from space. I have seen a preview and it looks fascinating yet in a way it just reminds me of what I already know; that we live in such a wonderful and amazing world. On a clear night I love to sit in the garden and gaze up into the stars and sometimes think that maybe up there, far away someone may be doing the same thing and looking down or up at us!!! We are constantly finding new planets and stars and who knows if there is life on one or indeed some of those planets!

One of the many questions I get asked is for me to prove there is a God! Well to that I say open your eyes, look up and look around. Is that not proof itself! Could all this be a mere accident! Even if it is not proof it certainly begs us to ask some very searching questions! Then having asked the questions we need to make a decision. That is where faith comes in. If we were facing certainties, then that is not faith! Faith is a step into the dark, into the unknown and it is in that unknown that through faith, it will become known.

So, I hope you enjoy the Festival weekend as a lot of hard work has gone into it and maybe join us at the Songs of Praise on Sunday at 5pm as through faith we can praise God for the absolute wonder of creation!

MAY DAY PRAYER

Might of the Triune our shield in distress,
The paschal Christ's might with his peace to bless,
Spirit's might, Healer of salvation's state,
The gracious King's might, precious Father great.

Bless us ourselves, the children that we own,
Our generations bless that shall be sown,
Bless the sire who gave unto us our name,
And bless her, O God, from whose womb we came.

The cross of Christ be our shield down today,
The cross of Christ our shield up on our way,
The cross of Christ round be our shield and stay,
Taking at our hands the blessing of May,
At our hands blessing of the Beltane Day.

An ancient Celtic prayer from Benbecula

THE PARISH NEWS

April for us is a time of change, by now everyone will have paid their £5.00 annual subs to have the Parish News delivered to them and our attention turns to the advertisers. They annually pay their advertising rates to help keep the cost of the News down as well as keeping you up to date with local trades and services, and for that we are most grateful. As always this year one or two chose not to renew for various reasons and that gives us the opportunity to include new ones, so this month you'll find a will writing service and legal advice on page 7, a dental technician on page 8; a gardener on page 22; and others have updated their information.

May looks to be another busy month for us all, the Flower Festival in the two Ninfield Churches, picnics in Hooe, a games afternoon and health walk, not to mention local elections and two annual Parish Meetings as well as all our usual meetings and get togethers, busy busy busy! So enjoy the better weather and the lovely spring flowers, please someone send us a report of what you've done in May!

Nicki & Carol



NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

The quiz on Saturday 6th April was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The questions, set by Jan & Martin Wood were a great mix of topics and difficulty, depending upon whether or not you knew the answers! The ploughman's prepared by Beryl Harmer and her team of helpers was much appreciated and the party atmosphere, with trays of nibbles and the odd drink or two helped everyone's grey cells.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended helping us raise £650 for the Hall refurbishment fund. They would also like to thank Beryl for having organised the supper for many years, it was her last year of doing this for us, Beryl, you will be missed, many many thanks. Our thanks also to Jan & Martin for four years of questions, next year we have a new quiz master, so they also can sit in the audience and enjoy, again thank you.

RECIPE

Rhubarb and Orange Slump

Ingredients

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| 900g rhubarb chopped into 3cm slices | zest and juice 2 medium orange |
| 140g caster sugar | 200g self-raising flour |
| 85g butter cut into pieces | 150ml milk |
| 2 tbsps flaked almond | Mascarpone or crème fraîche, to serve |

Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Place the rhubarb in a pan with the orange juice and 50g/2oz of the sugar. Heat gently to dissolve the sugar, then cover and cook for a few minutes until the rhubarb is softened but still holding its shape, about 5 mins. Tip into a 1.5-litre gratin dish.

Put the flour, orange zest and remaining sugar in a bowl, add the butter, then rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the milk to make a soft dough. Drop 8 spoonfuls of mixture over the rhubarb and scatter with the almonds. Bake for 25-30 mins until the topping is crisp and golden. Serve warm with mascarpone or crème fraîche.

Ninfield Parish Council

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April was the last meeting before the Parish and District Council elections. We already know that the parish council is an uncontested election with a notice on the notice board with your elected councillors. The District Councillors will be decided by the election on 2nd May so please ensure you go and vote at the Methodist Hall, you should have already received your polling card.

The building works at the school are almost finished and the sites should be cleared in plenty of time for Carnival. There will be areas of the recreation ground that will be fenced off as it is reseeded to return to grass.

The Parish Council will be starting to look at all the different aspects of producing a neighbourhood plan this summer and are looking for volunteers to help. There will be a working group set up and volunteers to be members of the group are needed. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the clerk ninfieldpc@btinternet.com to find out more.

Finally our Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm in the Memorial Hall and all residents are invited to come along. There will be refreshments available and a chance to talk to Parish, District and County Councillors as well as representatives from the many clubs and societies in the village and from our local schools.

NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET
NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

18th MAY

9.30 - 12.00

**With lots of stalls offering great foods and more for you to enjoy
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cake stall - both definitely worth checking out and have you tried the
delicious meat from the butcher?**

Future dates for your diary Saturday, 15th June

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Any enquiries to Chris 893388

**Why not bring along plastic boxes or tins for your cakes,
pies, meat and other produce?**

Every 3rd SATURDAY of the month 9.30 - 12.00

MUSICAL MATINEE IN NINFIELD.

A reminder that the next film is on Friday 21st June and is 'Summer Holiday', a Cliff Richard classic. Unfortunately there are no subtitles available for this film and we apologise for not realizing this when we booked it.

The film afternoons are becoming very popular so it is important to book a place by contacting Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com.

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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.langley1@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.

BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

As always, first Friday of the month Methodist Hall. Ninfield so put these dates in your diary: 3rd May, 7th June, etc. Have a cup of tea, a chat and take home a new book,
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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Peter Hayward gave us an insight into the old Hooe School last month which brought back memories for several in the audience who added their own recollections of their time spent within its walls. We are always keen to hear from anybody who can add their own stories and photos of the village and the school is one where we have lots of old photos but very few more recent ones. If you have anything that you wish to share, please contact Peter on 893422 or by e-mail at peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk

Our next speaker, on Thursday 16th May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, is Ken Brookes, with his talk entitled "Beside the Seaside". Ken will look at how the coastal areas have changed through the 19th century and into the 1950's. He visited us last year to talk on local geology and fossils then gave us a guided tour of the Fairlight cliffs, both of which were really enjoyable events. We look forward to another enjoyable evening.

DID YOU KNOW ... that on 30th June 1966, the same day that England won the World Cup, Russells Green tug-o-war team were in action, winning the Inter-Counties National Trophy for the third year in succession, at Alexandra Park, Hastings, beating Wood Treatment (Bosley) in the final. Russells Green was a team of mostly farmers, based at Hooe, which was one of the most successful teams in the country through the 1960's. Between 1963 and 1966 they won 13 National trophies at various weights and a host of others at local events all over the country, including the Amateur Athletic Association (indoors and outdoors) the National Championships (100 and 104 stone) Inter-Counties (104 stone) the European Championship (Catchweight) and an AAA indoor International event against the USA. These were stunning achievements by a purely amateur club against established sides, many of whom were sponsored works teams. They trained two evenings a week at Akehurst Farm, having done a full days' work in the fields. In 1966, they won both the 100 and 100 stone National Championships at Luton, their trophies being presented by Ted Moulton and Miss World, Lesley Langley. They were complemented on their exemplary conduct by the Tug-o-War Association and were certainly one of the finest teams to have represented our village



Sussex Police

Sheep Worrying

Following local incidents of sheep worrying, PCSO Matthews has an important message to share with you: Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and comes under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, 'worrying' is where a dog attacks or chases livestock causing injury or suffering.

This isn't just a threat to a farmer or land owner's livelihood, it's also a dangerous situation for the animals involved, and could lead to more risk if the animals get onto the road.

A farmer is allowed to kill the dog if it's worrying their livestock.

Remember-always keep your dog under control around other animals, and if you see a dog on the loose worrying animals, contact us on 101 or in an emergency 999.

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP –

The May meeting of the Local History Group is on Thursday 16th, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. Our speaker this month is Dave Hatherell who will give a talk about Bexhill in World War II. All welcome.

A date for your diary - The History Group is holding an exhibition about aspects of Ninfield history, including local farming, trades, businesses and the school, at the Memorial Hall, 11am - 4.30pm Saturday 22nd June, and there will also be tea and cake!

Ninfield Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th May

The Memorial Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 20th May

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

OUR SCHOOL

As I finished putting pen to paper on last month's article I received an urgent phone call from the school, just as we were about to make plans for the move to the new classrooms those nice people at OFSTED decided that they would like to come and inspect us. So on Tuesday 12th March the inspector called. A few days later we received his report, he had decided that "The School continues to be a Good School." He went on to say that he believed that we had improved significantly since the last inspection and was recommending we undergo a further, more in depth, two day inspection within the next two years to establish whether we are now an Outstanding school.

Well done to all the staff and children who, as the Inspector says; "make Ninfield a very happy place for children to learn".

Once the Inspector had left everyone got down to the business of preparing for the move into the new classrooms. Finally on Monday 25th the last few remaining bits were moved from the huts into the new building. That Monday was hectic with staff, volunteers and numerous construction staff all trying to get everything ready for when the children returned the next day. Gradually it all came together and by the end of the day we had two fully equipped and furnished new classrooms. A look around the empty huts left us all wondering how we had managed to exist in them for so long!

By Tuesday morning we had a new way into school, two new classrooms and lots of jealous staff and children who wanted to know when THEY would get THEIR new classrooms!

Then on April 1st the demolition team turned up and started to take down the huts bit by bit. The children looked on as their classrooms were taken apart and thrown into the back of a very large skip. Parents took photos and I'm sure a few even shed a tear or two as the walls came down. Someone's Ninfield school jumper emerged somewhere from the inner sanctum of the building and caused a few cheers as it found its way into the skip. A few days later and we had a flat, nicely manicured area where the huts used to be. It was as if they had never been there in the first place.

There is still lots to do to get all the external areas back to a usable state, but the end is in sight and plans are already underway for the official state opening.

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Ninfield Flower Group

Flower Festival

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at

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10:30am to 4pm Saturday & Monday

11am to 4:30pm Sunday

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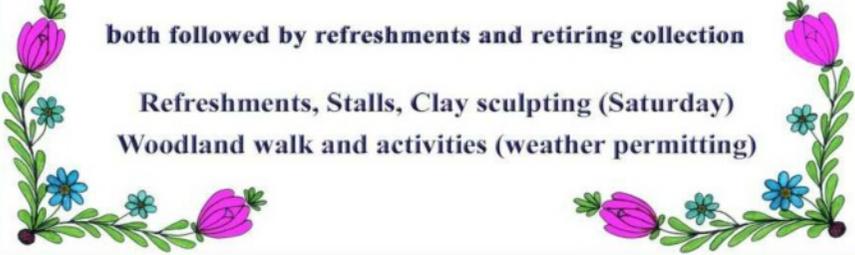
**7pm Saturday: Concert with
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**5pm Sunday: Songs of Praise with the
choir of St Peters Bexhill**

both followed by refreshments and retiring collection

Refreshments, Stalls, Clay sculpting (Saturday)

Woodland walk and activities (weather permitting)



NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Monday 13th May in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 we shall welcome Lynn Carter with her demonstration entitled “Inside Out, Upside Down. Non members are welcome for a small charge of £5.00 to include refreshments. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening.

HOOE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

On a beautiful clear spring morning at least 30 residents met at the Red Lion for the annual clean up. Many were already equipped for the occasion but there was equipment also available for use on the day, provided by the Parish Council.

Groups of people were assigned different areas of the village to ensure that the whole village would be cleaned and the result was extremely pleasing. All agreed that it was good to see the verges litter free, but also it proved to be an enjoyable occasion with much conversation and laughter.

Thank you to all those who participated in the clean-up. Your help is very much appreciated.

Mark your diaries for next spring when it will all happen again!

HOOE MAY FUN DAY

You are invited to join us for a village gathering on Monday 6th May, the May Day bank holiday, at the Millennium Woods starting at mid-day.

Please bring along blankets and seating. There will be a Bar-B-Q and ice-creams available, but if you would prefer please bring your own picnic.

We would welcome any ideas for games and activities on the day, so, if you have any appropriate equipment or ideas please bring them along as well.

We look forward to seeing you there and will keep our fingers crossed for good weather

HOOE OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE AND SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

12 NOON TO 6PM

More information will be published nearer to the event.

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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION 2019!!

This year, the CARNIVAL COMMITTEE are thrilled to be supporting Wealden Dementia Action Alliance again. The £1,500 donation given 2 years ago has helped create and sustain the wonderful NINFIELD COMMUNITY FILM AFTERNOONS, held in the Memorial Hall, and the Committee would love to raise more funds for this LOCAL group. Also, the Carnival will be supporting THE VILLAGE SOCIETY, who's volunteers maintain and enhance our lovely Village, and other fantastic LOCAL PROJECTS.

PLEASE HELP US RAISE FUNDS WHILE HAVING FUN AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT!! Call 893699 Robin/Sami, 07970650321 Sami,- email samanthaguard@btinternet.com,

!NINFIELD CARNIVAL 2019!

FRIDAY 12th JULY -EVENING IN THE MAIN MARQUEE - 'NEARLY NEW CLOTHES SALE' with BAR, FOOD, MUSIC – from 6.30- 10pm – ENTRY only £1! If you have items to donate, please call Sami for more information.

SATURDAY 13TH JULY – DAYTIME EVENT - theme “**SENSATIONAL 60's!**” – Floats, Procession, Fancy Dress Prizes, Bottle Tombola, Uncle Bumble, Dog Show, Crafts, Rides, NINFIELD'S STRONGEST MAN! Masterchef, Inflatable Assault Course, Bbq, Tea Tent, Bar, Grand Raffle + **LOTS OF SURPRISES!!**

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HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED! PLEASE call Sami or Robin if you can help in ANY WAY! Setting up on Friday or Saturday, manning a stall,

Coconut-Shy, Raffle tickets, taking a Bar shift, making a Cake for the Tea Tent, Marshalling in the Procession; – or, If you want to donate a Bottle to the Charity Tombola please call Sami 07970650321 or Veronica - 07714327117, or take a donation up to SAMI at Sparke Pavilion ANY MONDAY MORNING between 7.30-8.30AM!

If YOU have a celebration this year that coincides with our 'Sixties' theme; Diamond Wedding Anniversary, Birthday etc.. please send us photos, old invites, documents etc and we'll put on display in the 'Gallery'!

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT! - THANK YOU!

NEXT CARNIVAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY, 8.15pm
WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Your vote counts

By now, we've all given up on Brexit, people deemed fit to rule our Country being shown up as unable to even rule lines on a page. If the Houses of Parliament caught fire would any find an exit? For all our sakes, probably not!

But local elections can still put people who do care about what those electing them want and think, so now is the time to look to the candidates that you want to support.

Wealden Council is under continual pressure from developers who use the argument that Wealden don't have a 5 year housing supply (partly as until recently WDC didn't include "windfalls" where houses were built that weren't included in their housing totals, usually small developments either from past Permissions eventually being built, or ones built quicker than expected).

Yet, having been forced to give Outline Applications the "go ahead" those developers then sit back and don't build those houses! Why? Because then they would help Wealden reach the 6 year housing supply target, so there's no incentive, or penalty, to force them to actually go ahead and build! The land owner is usually happy, as the value of land with housing permission granted is many times that of agricultural land. Many are Pension Funds, so they are happy with the apparent increase in the value of their assets, so nothing is done except blight the village and house prices of the areas affected.

Nor do Wealden help, as it has been decided that no development shall take place north of the Ashdown Forest. Why? It's closer to many larger towns, good road and rail links for commuting, but that makes no difference, Ashdown Forest has to be protected from traffic fumes, but the wiser amongst you will realise that people buying houses to the south will still have to travel through the Forest.

Eventually, if the South of Wealden does have all these houses built, there will be all those attractive acres to develop north of the Ashdown Forest, at an even higher premium and more attractive and shorter commuting times. Then look at the other important Site of International importance, the Pevensy Levels. Virtually every field surrounding it is under threat of development with housing, from Bexhill through Little Common, Sidley, Potmans Lane, Ninfield, Boreham Street, Lime Cross, Herstmonceux, Hellingly, Hailsham, Stone Cross and right back to Pevensy. Doesn't that make you think that the Ashdown Forest gets the Winnie and we get the Pooh?

Talking of which, where will all the fresh and foul water be treated? Even the one development put forward in Hooe to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment plant was hotly contested and plans amended, yet no such defence took place for Ninfield over grossly enlarged suburban estates being proposed.

You now have a chance to make your decision as to whether you want the same old same old to continue or elect people who will do their utmost for your village. We've listened for too long to "Softly, softly, it will work in our favour, don't rock the boat" and where has that got us? Almost 300 proposed houses..... Is that what we really want?

Kevin Regan

HOOE OPEN GROUP

The Hooe Open Group met at Hooe Village Hall on Friday 12th April, well supported by the membership, to listen to David Langworthy, who is an historical lecturer and guide to Bodium Castle.

The subject chosen by David was the City of London; he took everyone on a guided tour of the streets and sights, with interesting historical associations and events, both past and present. Some of which were generally unknown to those who attended the meeting, which added to the interest of the members, prompting a number of questions.

The Club has a reputation for inviting good and interesting speakers, covering many aspects of life. Next month the speaker will present a talk on visiting the Arctic and encountering Polar Bears.

HOGS ladies club is always ready to welcome new members, so if you would like to be part of a group of lively ladies, why not come along to Hooe Village Hall (Opposite the Red Lion Pub.) on the second Friday of the month, at 2.30pm, you will find a warm welcome awaits you as well as a cup of tea and bickies.

Do you know your hymns?

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away

Hey Clay! in Ninfield

In the coming Months of May and June there are many exciting opportunities for all ages to get creative with Anna Thomson, a ceramicist living and working at the North end of Ninfield village. Pottery Club 2019 for Ninfield's children is underway again this spring with huge thanks to Ninfield Flower Group for helping support this group to make it an affordable opportunity for our budding young creatives. The Club runs from February to July with four groups of four children learning skills in clay. A selection of their work will be on show at Anna's Open Studio event in June(See below).

On Saturday 4th May Anna will be running a free drop in clay workshop for all ages, exploring textures and imprinting in clay at Ninfield Flower Group's Flower Festival. The Flower Festival is open all bank holiday weekend from 4th- 6th May 10.30 - 4pm at Ninfield Methodist Church and St Mary's Church.

In May the Craft's Council are running a national event called Hey Clay! from 17th-19th May with venues across the UK offering free pottery workshops to the public. As part of this event Anna will be running a limited number of free taster workshops throughout the day on Friday May 17th at her studio in Ninfield. The workshop is titled 'All about Slip'. Participants will learn about the satisfying process of slip-casting and try out slip decorating techniques. You will decorate a mini cylinder vase with your newly acquired skills which can be fired and glazed for you for a small charge. Booking is essential.

For more information about Hey Clay! visit www.craftscouncil.org.uk/hey clay. Booking for Anna's free workshop can also be made via Anna's website www.annathomson.co.uk.

In June Anna will be opening her studio as part of South East Open Studios demonstrating processes as well as having a selection of her work on show and for sale. Children's work from Ninfield Pottery Club can also be admired! Tea and cakes will be available to help raise money for leukaemia charities. Anna's studio is located at the end of Cookstown Close. A private road at the North end of the village next to the reservoir. Open 8th - 23rd June 10.30am - 5pm every day except Fridays. There are 200 Artists in the South East taking part in this event. A group of 4 have created a local trail around Battle, Ninfield and Heathfield area. Pick up a flyer from Anna's studio.

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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Worms Eye View

“Good Morning, Missus & Master,
I wish you a happy day.
Please to smell my garland,
Because it’s the first of May”.

I understand this very old rhyme is sung from the top of Magdalene Tower, Oxford very early on the morning of May 1st. All celebrations for May time are very old indeed. They often centre on a female figure which in the past was a pagan goddess. For today’s Christians it is Mary the Mother of Christ. There are so many May celebrations in Britain, a favourite, when a young girl is picked to be May Queen and then crowned surrounded by her attendants, all dressed for the part.

The flower we call May is Hawthorn blossom, but we have many other flowers that bloom in May. My Gran thought it brought bad luck to bring Hawthorn blossom into the house. I still respect her advice!

Another tradition is to dance around the Maypole. It is actually a Pagan custom and symbolises an ancient fertility rite. Banned in Cromwell’s day, but bought back joyfully with the restoration of the Monarchy. It is great fun to watch and many schools do organise it. I cannot say I was ever picked to dance. But my children certainly did, with my son causing chaos by going the wrong way round (he was only 5!)

The feast of the Visitation honours Mary’s role in the Incarnation. The feast is on May 31st and leads to women visiting friends throughout the day and enjoying each others company. May 31st is known as Rowan Tree Day and sprigs of mountain ash (known as Rowan) were taken indoors, to protect against the Devil, witches and disease. People suffering from rheumatism carried sprigs of Rowan in their pockets to relieve pain.

There are a collection of Feast Days in May known as Ice Saints Days, one of which we farmers respect is St, Gervatius Day, May 13th, when it is said “He who shears his sheep before St Gervatius Day, loves his wool more than his sheep.

Meanwhile “A swarm of Bees in May is worth a load of hay”.

Anne

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No more news this month other than to remind you all that the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM will be held at the Village Hall on Monday 20th May when you are all welcome to come along and get to know what's going on in Hooe.

Manchester Road Lime Trees (continued...)

I read, with interest, the article by Kevin Regan in the January 2019 edition of the Ninfield Parish News about the pollarded lime trees in Manchester Road asking for more village knowledge about them. Last year Gary Keeley of The Timber Yard (Standard Hill) spotted that one lime tree, in the row located across from London House, had been chopped down. Gary brought it to my attention and mentioned that local folk-lore had it that the trees were originally in situ for smugglers as a sign that there was a safe house for them located nearby in our Village.

There is a similar row of pollarded Lime Trees (believed to be used for the same purpose) located outside the Red Lion pub in Hooe, nearby. Gary suspected that more of the trees would be removed causing our Village to lose some of its natural local heritage.

As I specialise in disputes that often involve trees I checked to see whether or not a Tree Preservation Order had been ignored, only to discover that they were not protected at all! This prompted me to email my contact at the Local Authority and I requested that they issue a Tree Preservation Order to protect the remaining trees.

There has been good support for their preservation and the Local Authority agreed to apply some existing law to save them. This means that they should now remain preserved in our Village without any further interference. Fiona Duff LLB (Solicitor Advocate)

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We don't very often get the chance to hear from our speakers about real life dramas in which they have personally been involved, but at our April get-together, Ray, who named his talk 'My life as a Metropolitan Police Officer and in retirement a street pastor, and more', forewarned us that we were in for a very enlightening afternoon about crime, villains and offers of help.

Ray was a constable at 19, specialised as a Detective in the CID office then on to Scotland Yard on to the Serious Crime Squad dealing with organised crime and contract murders. The best way to explain his job was to give us details of a historic mafia contract killing, it happened in gangland Soho, not done by the man who wanted to take his revenge for the killing of his brother, but by the two people he paid, not in his own gang, but had serious notoriety in being a shooter and a minder. Shooters are the part of the team that dispatches the target by whatever means and his minder makes it possible taking on all comers that stand in their way, an equally highly regarded job!

Ray made us a street plan to bring it all in context of the movements of the victim and his assassins. A long story of the years that followed of trying to bring people to justice, and finding unshakable evidence where, he said, that a lot of despicable crimes detection gets unstuck as not being able to get anything to stick. In this case the contractor was Ronnie Knight (Barbara Windsor's husband) instructing Bradshaw and Gerard to 'illuminate' another gangster, Zomparelli, for the murder of his brother. The case eventually ended successfully after a lot more atrocities.

Ray's retirement interest as a street pastor also brought him facing drug abusers, weapon users, rapists and their victims. As if one career wasn't enough but he knew the street scene well.

Next month, our May meeting, on the second Wednesday at the Ninfield Methodist Hall is going to be devoted for our own chatter. A chance to catch up over our afternoon tea. We hope to welcome you.

HOOE COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Saturday 11th May , The Village Hall, 10.00 - 12.00
Please do drop in a say hello, we'd love to see you.

Legal Fact No. 2: A legal right to cross a neighbour's land cannot always be stopped.

I received a visit from a couple who had moved into a cottage in the middle of a row in the Village. They had been told by the solicitor, that helped them to buy their new home, that they were able to cross the back garden of one neighbour with their wheelie bins and walk down that neighbour's drive to put their bins out on the main road for the bin men to collect. Two years later, when their neighbour told them that he was building a car-port across his drive and blocking their access across his back garden, and he could do as he pleased on his property, they had tried to take their two wheelie bins through their home to the front of their cottage. This became a hygiene and cleanliness problem for them. They came to see me, when they heard about my experience, for some help. They received legal advice and the important bit of information that in this particular case a legal right to cross their neighbour's land could not be stopped. A formal legal letter was sent to their neighbour's solicitor and happily this case was resolved without further fuss.

I am an independent Solicitor Advocate that means that you do not need a barrister, should it come to that situation. This saves time and trouble for you. I have been fully qualified for over 17 years and am a concerned local resident in the Battle area. My experience of land, boundary and neighbour issues (both private and business) is extensive. Any problems that you care to mention, I will find a way to help. Why not call, text or email me on: 07796 783513 or fiona.duff@lkllegal.com for a discrete and helpful chat. Look out for my next article about another legal situation that needed my help to be resolved. To see some of my areas of work, why not take a look at: www.legalknowledge.net

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.



Do you want to be healed?

I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



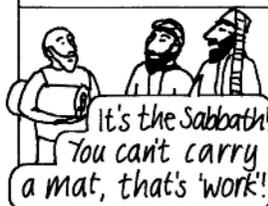
Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the Law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex20:8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?

I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



You were working on the Sabbath!

My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!



We definitely have to kill him.

NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services for May 2019:

- 5th 9.30 am Flower Festival Service @ St. Mary's -
5.00 pm - Songs of Praise with choir of St. Peters Bexhill
- 12th 10.30 am Worship, Praise & Communion with Rev. Cynthia Park
- 19th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise
- 26th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Alan Hurrell
- 2nd Jun 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast

Events for May 2019:

- 3rd 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe
- 4-6th see posters Flower Festival Weekend with Ninfield Flower Group
- 4th 7.00pm - Concert @ St. Mary's with Jonathan Marten & friends
- 8th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship 'Coffee & Conversation'
- 18th 3.00pm Musical Play with Christian Voices drama group
- 29th 1.30 – 3.30pm Messy Church ½ Term / 'Wonderful World' to Church Wood

We look forward to the Flower Festival Weekend at our two village Churches, with the Ninfield Flower Group. This will take place over the May-day holiday weekend of 4-6th May (Saturday – Monday). We invite you to come along and enjoy the festival and participate in the Saturday concert & the two services @ St. Mary's on Sunday May 5th. Refreshments throughout the weekend will be served in the Methodist Church Hall. This will be a great weekend celebrating the Festival's theme 'For the Beauty of the Earth'.

On Saturday May 18th the Bexhill Music group, Christian Voices, will present their drama 'Justice from the Judge' in our Hall. The story is about a widow and her determination to get justice for being wronged. Refreshments will be available.

Messy Church on May 29th (½ Term) will start at 1.30pm & enable us to visit Church Wood & explore the theme of a 'Wonderful World'.

We look forward to seeing you.

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!

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| 8 th - 23 rd June | Open Clay Studios |
| 15 th & 16 th June | Open gardens event. Hooe. |
| Fri 21 st June | Musical Matinee |
| Sat 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 |
| Sat 19 th October | Rocky |
| 25 th - 27 th October | Art Exhibition |
| Sat 23 rd November | Gala Night |
| Sat 31 st November | Home Made Fayre |

don't forget to send your information in early to get advertising. Ninfieldnews@btconnect.com and of course to ensure other groups don't book something that might conflict with yours!

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

is **Monday 13th May** please send to

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A mother's poem

"Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow.
Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep
I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!"

DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Weekly Events

- Mondays** Hooe - Senlac Bells
Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, Badminton,
- Tuesdays** Hooe - Hooe Band
Ninfield - *Cubs*; Dancercise
- Wednesdays** Hooe - Line Dancing
Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Tap
- Thursdays** Ninfield - *Toddlers*, Pilates, *Beavers*, *Scouts*
- Fridays** Ninfield - Crafting,
Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammies & Burlesque
(*Being school holidays no meetings last week of May!*)

Monthly Events for May

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| Thu 2 nd | District and Parish Elections | |
| Fri 3 rd | Ninfield Book Exchange | P 9 |
| Sat 4 th | Clay workshop | P20 |
| 4 th - 6 th | Flower Festival, | P14 |
| Mon 6 th | May Day Funday | P15 |
| Wed 8 th | CWF Meet | P25 |
| | Carnival Meeting | P18 |
| Fri 10 th | Hooe Open Group | P 6 |
| Sat 11 th | Hooe Coffee & Books | P25 |
| Mon 13 th | Flower Group | P14 |
| Wed 15 th | Ninfield Annual Parish Meeting | |
| Thu 16 th | Hooe History Society | P10 |
| | Ninfield History Group | P11 |
| Fri 17 th | Hey Clay! | P20 |
| Sat 18 th | Village Market | P 7 |
| | Musical Play | P28 |
| Mon 20 th | Hooe Annual Parish Meeting | P24 |
| Tue 21 st | Indoor Games Afternoon | P 9 |
| Wed 22 nd | Ninfield Bonfire Meeting | |
| Thu 23 rd | Health Walk | P 9 |
| Sat 25 th | Mary Poppins Returns | P21 |
| Wed 29 th | Messy church | P28 |

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