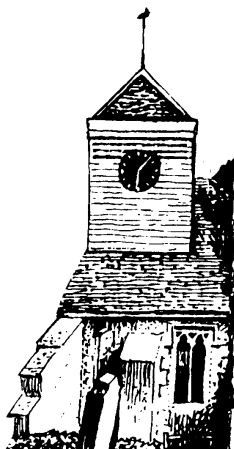


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NEWS

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the clubs, groups and
societies of
Ninfield & Hooe**

PLUS A DIARY OF EVENTS

October 2019 50p



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OF ENGLAND

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6 th Oct	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
13 th Oct	No Service	Joint Parish Eucharist
20 th Oct	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
27 th Oct	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

St. Mary's

Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Most weeks – please check the weekly sheet in Church

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Dear Friends,

Well the holiday season is now over and for most people it is now back to reality. Hopefully we still have memories of the holidays many of us have taken as well as hundreds of photographs! That's the problem with modern cameras, we can take as many photos as we want and I suspect like me, we never take the time to discard the ones we don't want! Some people still send postcards from their holidays and my son's wife sends cards through a website that personalises the postcard with actual photos of them on holiday! With most postcards I have sent myself, I know that many of them will arrive after I return but that is not the point. At the moment of writing, those people are with me in thought and in spirit.

St Paul would have been a keen rival in the postcard stakes had they been around when he was journeying around the Mediterranean.- Ephesus, Malta, Cyprus, Rome...The Acts of the Apostles describe his journeys so vividly. I do not think however that a small postcard space would have been enough for all he wanted to say to the new churches that were springing up. No-there needed to be longer letters and they needed to be read out loud for maximum effect.

Jesus did not have the time to record his own thoughts and his disciples were not skilled enough to write for him. We rely on the work of the gospel writers for the stories of his ministries. His family probably had to rely on word of mouth to know anything about him. This is why the gospel writers are so important to us as Christians.

In virtually every collect or special prayer that we read every week, we ask God to help us to follow his words and to remain strong in our faith. Understanding the words of Jesus is not straightforward, it is not black and white. We need to look at the context of the words and to whom Jesus is speaking. Perhaps it is a good thing that we do not know **how** he says what he does because it gives us greater freedom to look deeper into what he means. We know that He was speaking to everyone – the rich and the poor, the slaves and the free, the powerful and the oppressed, men and women, young and those full of life's experience. When He spoke his words, all those people were all in his thoughts, they were all with him in spirit.

When we listen to the gospel read out for us in church, it is like postcards from Jesus reminding us that we are always with him, as he is with us until, the end of time. They contain messages full of colour and energy and messages that we must hold in our hearts.

Paul Frostick

I love to wander

I love to wander through the woodlands hoary,
In the soft light of an autumnal day,
When summer gathers up her robes of glory,
And, like a dream of beauty, glides away.

By Sarah Helen Whitman

St. Mary's Church

21st August - Funeral and burial of Nicholas Maxwell
Meade-Palmer

18th August - Baptism of Ronnie James Robert Wood.

*from the
Parish Records*

St. Oswald's Church

Saturday 10th August - Marriage of Julie Elizabeth White to Paul
Simon Townsend

Wednesday 21st August - Funeral and Burial of Kathleen Collier

Thursday 22nd August - Service of Celebration for the life of Esther
Mary Collings following cremation

THE PARISH NEWS

Summer is over, the children are back at school and we can look forward to chilly days and nights. Then what happened, the sun shone and we have had a few beautiful balmy days. Lots of events happening in both our villages so much to look forward to.

Nicki & Carol



St. Oswald's Church - Events during November

'Bangers for Bonfire' Lunch on November 5th in Hooe Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm - No need to book.

Armistice Day Service of Remembrance
Monday 11th November at 10.45am.

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Well, autumn seems to have arrived early with cooler mornings and evenings, rainfall and breezy weather. Hard to believe it is just a few weeks since the hot summer days!

NVS entered a float in the carnival, featuring the 1966 World Cup or, rather, our version of it. The carnival procession had a welcome increase in the number of floats and the public reaction to it seemed most encouraging. We were delighted to have been awarded second place in our class.

Work continues around the village and in Church Wood. Some repairs to the shelter on the Recreation ground, and further work to the steps leading from the Wood, adjacent to Robins Pond, to connect with the recently upgraded pathways connecting with Moor Hall Drive. If you have not ventured this far in a while I do recommend you take a look !

Ninfield Parish Council

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Kaye Crittall – Chair	892883	Sam Guard –	893699
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This was our first meeting following the summer 'break' at the main agenda item was the leaflet distributed by Thakehams with information on their plans to build houses on the field behind Downs View (South High Street). The council were sent a copy of the leaflet about 10 days after residents and asked to comment. Our response was that we will comment in full once the planning application is received. We recommend that residents who have received the leaflet respond to Thakeham with their comments.

It was requested that a summary update on all the major developments is made available to the village. You should see this summary on the Parish website, Facebook page and the Village Voice.

We are still waiting for the inspector's decision on the first stage of the local plan - decision expected in November, but watch this space.

Also discussed vandalism on the Rec, graffiti mainly, we have a policy in place to report all incidents to the police and will be looking into CCTV to cover the area.

Now, even more than before, it's really important to attend parish council meetings for up to date information.

Next meeting Thursday 3rd October

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Cinema 2019

Saturday 19th October

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MUSICAL MATINEE

The final film for 2019 will be Holiday Inn on Friday 29 November This is a free film afternoon and is a dementia and hearing loss friendly event. Doors open at 1.30 and films start at 2 pm. Entry is free, there is a raffle. The seating is in cabaret style which provides a table for the all important refreshments and makes moving around easier. These wonderful 'feel good' classic films are open to all and we hope you will come and join us.

Please book a place by ringing Rose or Jackie on 01424 892422 or emailing Jackie at jackie.langle1@btinternet.com.

In 2020 the film dates are 6th March, 19th June, 25th September and 27th November. Films to be announced when we meet in November.



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O UR SCHOOL

As I write this, the new school year is only two days old. Everyone has returned to a school, rather than a building site. It is as if all that disruption of last year never took place, but then you see all the weeds growing in the brand new flower beds and realise something has changed and there is a lot of work yet to be done.

The reception children start school this week so then the term really begins and the place will come to life with lots of new smiling faces, and the odd tear or two. I must admit, that was one of the nice things about the first day back at school – there were lots of smiling faces and that wasn't just the parents! You know you must be doing something right when the children are happy to return to school after such a long break.

So here's to another successful year in the life of **Our School**.

Ian Moffat

N IFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

For our 17th October meeting we welcome back Brigadier Huw Willing giving a talk entitled "Colonel Fred, the bravest man in all England ". This is 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

The resource centre at Sparke Pavilion is open every Monday morning between 10am and 12noon.

People are welcome to look at the archives, share stories and work on family history.

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NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

On Monday 7th October we shall welcome to the Memorial Hall and commencing at 7.30 the very talented Robin White with his demonstration entitled "The Link is Green". Non members are welcome at a small charge of £5.00 to include refreshments. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening.

SATURDAY 12th October – JUMBLE SALE. Doors open at 2pm entrance 50p. Lots of bargains. Anyone who wishes to donate and not able to attend, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878.

Monday 4th November. A workshop "Christmas".
An arrangement from the Flower Arranger.

FRIDAY 6th December, our very popular Seasonal Demonstration. This year we shall welcome Delyth Price to the Memorial Hall. Her demonstration is entitled "The Magic of Christmas", tickets available now. Members £10.00 and Guests £12.00 which include refreshments. To book, please contact Helen on 01424 844916 or Betty on 01424 846861, these will also be available on Monday 7th October.

NINFIELD HEALTH WALKS

These free, friendly, and gentle walks lasting about one hour, are run in association with East Sussex Health Walks and the Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group.

As our previous walks have been popular and well supported. The next ones are 3rd October and 17th October both starting at 11am. from Sparke Pavilion, Church Lane, and finishing there.
No need to book just turn up.

It is hoped that in future we may eventually be able to have many and more regular walks, but in order to do this a few more volunteers who are willing to be trained as walk leaders will be needed.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Thursday 17th September Peter Hayward looked back at some of the interesting events that have happened in the village. Entitled "What do we know about Hooe?" the talk included articles on smuggling, the church, school, farming, the Tithe disturbance and others, with information he mostly found in old newspapers.

One of our favourite speakers, Ian Everest, visits us again on Thursday 21st November at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall, with his talk entitled "Commonwealth War Graves". This is a little different subject for Ian, who has previously covered many local farming topics, but is one he has researched diligently and will no doubt give us another evening of rich entertainment, as he always does.

DID YOU KNOW ...that the first recorded miller at Hooe was Nicholas Barnes in 1670, although the mill is said to have been in existence soon after the Norman Conquest. In total, there are 27 known millers between Barnes and the last one, Stephen Cuthbert, over 200 years later. The mill was situated on the corner of what is now the recreation ground, on the plot of land where "The Retreat" now stands in Mill Lane and is understood to have been demolished, at a cost of £5, after the owner's daughter was hit and killed by one of the sweeps. John James Newport in his book "Records of Hooe" includes a pencil drawing of the mill having just two sweeps instead of the normal four and his account says that it was demolished in 1899 and the house built by Miss Hannah Routh for her faithful servant, Miss Elphick. Unfortunately, we have not been able to locate any photographs of the mill to date, which is very frustrating.

Hooe Parish Council

Council Meeting

Monday 18th November

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

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Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association:

At the AGM in September I stood down after 8 years as Chairman, and gave my last report thanking the Committee, and helpers, who had made such a great 2019 Carnival. We had agreed our donations of £1000, split between The Community Film Afternoons (£500), The Health and Wellbeing Group (£250) and The Village Society (£250).- and we had already given £350 to The Oxhey & Vines Cross Ladies Tug of War Team to help fund their participation at the British National Championships in Ireland - the Ladies were representing England and won a Bronze Medal, which we were thrilled to hear. So, the Committee all stood down and 5 members agreed to continue, with Robin Fookes staying as Vice- Chairman, and Kaye as Treasurer. Paul F, Ernie and I will also keep going and I was asked to continue as Press Secretary! There are also, in addition, 4 'Friends of the Committee', who make the meetings as and when they can and in that vein, Veronica has said she will take on the Minutes Sec. Is there anyone who would like to take on the Chairman's role for the forthcoming year?

The main conversation after the official bit, was as to whether there should be a Carnival in July next year or not. And, at the moment, the answer is most likely NO. There are other ideas forthcoming already, that are really interesting, completely different, and will enable the small number on the team at present to try and (hopefully) re-enthuse people to join in the fun!

The next meeting is at the Working Men's Club on Wednesday 13th November at the slightly earlier time of 8pm. Do let me know if you'd like to come; there will be decisions made for next year, and I'll report them in the December magazine.

'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' - Memorial Hall- Saturday 19th October - doors open at 7pm.- and it's a Film Night with SUPPER!! - The Films have been great at the Hall over the last few months, and this one is going one stage further by adding FOOD into the equation! It's a big fundraiser for the Hall, and it's hoped that lots of people will come and 'Do the Timewarp!' (I'll give a bit of 'coaching' beforehand!!) - and if you fancy a bit of Fancy Dress that's also fantastic!! The Bar will be open, the decorations up, there will be a fabulous Raffle. The meal for the evening will be Chicken Bhuna Curry and Pilau Rice with a Vegetarian option available too (from a popular restaurant in Bexhill). All this for a ticket price of only **£10!!** To reserve places in advance, please call me on the numbers at the end of the article or put your names down at the Village Stores. Tickets will be sold on the door but advance notice helps the catering orders!!

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samanthaguard@btinternet.com

2024 is now the year.

Where is the village we held so dear ?
Let's take a stroll down our pleasant lanes,
And see what of Ninfield still remains.
Take an amble through old Ingrams farm,
A public footpath so where's the harm.
Fifty houses all spanking new,
Near to the wood where the bluebells grew.
A little stream at which to rest,
No longer where the wildlife nest.
Houses built with insufficient drains,
Now Ninfield floods when it rains.
Lower Street is now afloat,
And you've swapped your car for a boat.
Along Church Path the view can't last,
Lego land is growing fast.
Old oaks in the wood once creaked with age,
Now shaded from the sun they crave.
Next along is the Blacksmiths pub,
Once a thriving village hub.
On a bus no need to hop,
It's now a Tesco one stop shop.
What's become of the school once C of E,
Refashioned into an academy.
The lanes of the village choked with fumes,
Wealden planners must be loons.
No where left to ride your bikes,
Church Lane now has traffic lights.
Look to the left it's very high tech,
They have now built houses on the Rec.
So ask yourselves who decides its fate,
The answer is all of us, it's not too late.
Go not gently into the fight,
Say NO NO NO with all your might.

H. Johnson

HOOE OPEN GROUP

August is the one month of the year that the members of the Hooe Open Group ladies club have an away day at a venue that is both interesting and can provide a good standard of hospitality. On the 9th August the members gathered together at the Lime Cross Nursery for a look around and a most convivial high tea. The tea that was provided for the club was quite exceptional, similar to one that one would expect in a good traditional restaurant or tea shop. The fruit scones were freshly cooked, served with a small mountain of clotted cream and two separate dishes of strawberry and damson jam, followed by a wide selection of cakes, sufficient in number to feed twice as many guests. The tea and coffee was in constant supply, served by very attentive members of staff. When everyone had their fill, a large number of cakes remained on the five china towers. The members were then given boxes to fill with the remaining cakes to take home.

On Friday 13th September we met as usual at Hooe Village Hall to listen to Naomi Lane who gave a fascinating presentation on the subject of 'Handbags through the Ages', commencing with the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1st when only ladies of high society had anything of value on their person. Moving up through the ages, showing the changing fashion in carrying essential items about one's person, to keep them safe and handy. There were examples on display as well as on the screen, which depicted the innovations in handbag design, up until the present day. This included handbags that had been custom made for super rich ladies in Society, such as Princess Grace of Monaco and Diana, Princess of Wales. These distinctive handbags marked the owner's persona, such as Margaret Thatcher, marking her place in history, these handbags became highly collectable and therefore astronomically expensive, reaching hundreds of thousands of pounds, when they came up for sale. The afternoon was not complete without the usual tea break and multi prize raffle. The Bring & Buy Table included home grown Bramley Apples and Rhubarb.

The next meeting of HOGS will be Friday 11th October at 2.30pm.
For information about the club's activities call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

Our great torchlit procession will leave Church Lane at 7.15pm
Follow the usual route of The Green, Manchester Road,
Coombe Lane, Standard Hill, High Street, The Green,
Church Lane and onto the Recreation Ground
Please not park on these roads.

The Bonfire will be lit and once it has died down
the fireworks will start!

You are welcome to follow the procession, but please stay behind
the rope for your own safety

There will be glow sellers along the way, please only buy from those
who are marked with Ninfield Bonfire Society, the others are not
invited and will not contribute to the village

If any one would like to help with a collection bucket on the night or
serve on the tea stall or be in the procession, please contact us
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from 2 -4 pm at the Ninfield Memorial Hall on Tuesdays 22nd
October, 19th November and 21st January 2020.

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traditional games: New Age curling, large mat snakes and ladders,
skittles, shove halfpenny, bagatelle and scrabble. There will of course
be refreshments. Free entry.

HOOE COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Saturday 12th October, The Village Hall, 10.00 - 12.00
Please do drop in a say hello, we'd love to see you.

**NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY
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Ninfield Village Memorial Hall

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Saturday 23rd November, doors open at 7pm - Fish & Chip Supper - (other options available!) - Cabaret with 'DEJA REVUE', - Comedy, songs and sketches - and the first Stage performance **ever** of a famous Radio Sketch - written by Spike Milligan and played in 1956 on The Goon Show - the story actually revolves around the Residents of Ninfield!! I've adapted it for part of our Show at the Gala - and I can tell you it's an hilarious sketch!! I hope that current residents of Ninfield, and others, will flock to see it!! There will be Surprise Guests, Bar, Dancing, Awards, A Grand Raffle and all this Fun, Food and Entertainment for a ticket price of only **£15 per head**. Why not get a table together? It's a great night out - over 100 people came last year, and already reservations are coming in for this coming November's Gala Night!! Book Now to avoid disappointment!! Call or email me, or look out for the tickets that will be on sale in the Village Stores soon.

Any queries contact all Sami Guard on 893699, or 07970650321 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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Worms Eye View

October is a month when we remember several special days. October 2nd honours our Guardian Angels, these are the special angels that God assigned to look after us and sometimes we each have an angel guarding us and sometimes we become aware of them, perhaps, in the dark or being in a strange place. But also walking in the fields alone one can often feel a sense of wellbeing a very good feeling. In October we often get a spell of warmer weather around St Luke's Day, October 18th. For many years, St Luke has been regarded as the Patron Saint of Doctors and it has become a good day for praying for Doctors and all who care for the sick. By the time you read this, harvesting will be nearly over the fine warm summer meant that we were able to get the crops cut and stored for the winter. I found it very interesting recently to come across a statue of the Roman Goddess Ceres. She was the daughter of Saturn and became the goddess of agriculture grain and the love a mother bears for her child. She was a kind and benevolent goddess to the Romans and was involved on a day to day basis in the lives of the common folk. Her statue portrays her holding a farming tool in one hand and a basket of flour, fruit and grain in the other. I really had not known much about her but seeing her I have tried to learn more, and it seems many of the harvest customs go back to classical times and involve Ceres the goddess of the harvest. She was said to be present at every harvest as the corn spirit and it was Ceres who gave us our word cereal. Our harvest celebrations with corn dollies are really to honour Ceres. I am really pleased I saw her statue and consequently learned a lot about her.

October's Party by George Cooper

“October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.”

Anne

Here are a couple of sayings for October: -

“in October dung your fields”

“There's always twenty-one fine days in October” Here's counting!

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Dick Carey	Chairman	01424 892051	
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The allotments have some very enthusiastic people gardening there now. An extensive variety of crops and flowers have been grown this year and it has been delightful to see and hear the chickens that reside there. The allotment holders have the opportunity to meet monthly and share successes, skills and ideas.

Allotment tenancies are due for renewal on 1st October. If you are keen to be part of this community please contact Gary Durman on 01424 893007. The cost of renting an allotment for the year is £40, a half allotment is £20 but if you would like to have a smaller commitment why not participate in the Community Allotment. The Chairman reported that there are now two football clubs playing matches regularly at the Recreation Ground – Sidley FC and Hooe FC. They welcome residents to come and watch their games. Refreshments are available which may be particularly welcome on a cold day. The Stoolball club have been playing during the summer months. Several comments have been received praising the condition of the Recreation Ground. The only criticisms are the amount of dog fouling evident.

Dog fouling is a prevalent problem, not just in Hooe, but in surrounding areas. We are very grateful to a resident who has volunteered to do spot marking of incidents of fouling. The majority of dog walkers in the village are extremely responsible and use 'poo bags'. Thank you for your consideration to fellow residents.

A Rural Road Safety Meeting has been organised on 3rd October in Hooe Village Hall starting at 2pm. This will be attended by our MP Huw Merriman, County Councillors, District Councillors and Parish Councillors from all 6 Parishes within Herstmonceux and Pevensy levels. If any residents would like to attend please contact either Cllr Doodles or Sally, the Parish Clerk.

The Community Fundraisers have been very busy during the summer months. Community Coffee mornings continue to take place on the second Saturday of each month starting at 10.30am and we look forward to welcoming you at the Michaelmas fayre when we will be doing refreshments at the Village Hall. Any donations of cakes would be very gratefully received. There will also be a Lottery with first prize of £200 plus other prizes. These will be available at the Fayre or from Pam Doodles or Gary Durman.

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18th November at the Village Hall starting at 7pm. All residents are invited to attend.

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As I write this, we have just had a really successful Summer Show. Were you there? Hope you came to our September Meeting too!

On Monday, 21st October at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, it is our AGM. The agenda will be short and attenders will be rewarded with another local selection from Kim Parks . Do come, pay £4 annual membership fee and find out what interesting speakers have been booked for the season. Refreshments and raffle too of course.

CWF has a usual spot on the second Wednesday of the month (2.30pm at the Ninfield Methodist Hall) and at it's last meeting in September we had Easy Delights. Cake and Conversation! On the theme of "My Favourite Holiday Memories".

Our usual friendly welcome always awaits anybody who would like to join us, along with the tea, of course.

Back to normal for October with a probable guest to chat about a subject of interest. And more tea!!!!

Pam Doodes Leader CWF 01424 892329.

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MICHAELMAS FAYRE
SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
RED LION, HOOE

Last year we got rained off, so we packed away all the goodies we had planned for you and they are ready for this year with extras!

The roads in front and along side the pub will be closed, parking will be in the field clearly sign posted with events taking place all around

From 11.00 till 4.00

Fun Dog Show Human Table Top Football!!

Train Ride Horse & Carriage Ride Bell Ringing

Craft & Food Stalls Teas in Village Hall BBQ

Musical Entertainment Games Tombola

Come along and enjoy a family afternoon of fun

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Ninfield Bonfire Society and Hooe Fund Raising Committee

Full details at

www.hooeandninfieldmichaelmasfayre.co.uk

Facebook: Ninfield & Hooe Michaelmas Fayre

SCARECROW COMPETITION

There is still just time to get your scarecrow out by 23rd September

Details & forms at Ninfield Village stores or www.ninfieldbonfire.org

Entry £2.00 - make sure you label your scarecrow and it should be on the theme or Bonfire or Countryside Good luck!

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Entries invited on the subjects of

BONFIRES or COUNTRYSIDE

Classes 1 - 2 yrs; 3 - 4 yrs; 5 - 7 yrs; 8 - 12 yrs

Entries, with name, age and contact details on the back

may delivered to Ninfield Stores; Catslide, Hooe or on 29th September before 11.00am to Hooe Village Hall. Entry Free,

Judging & Prizes Sunday 29th September

Legal Fact No. 4: The law does protect you from aggressive neighbours.

A young mother in the Village was having difficulty with one of her neighbours who was a very aggressive individual. The more she avoided that neighbour the more aggressive they became. When her neighbour stood in their garden and shouted at her calling the mother names she ignored it. When the neighbour sent confrontational texts, she blocked the texts. When her neighbour telephoned her to shout at her, she blocked the neighbour's telephone number.

One day when this mother was walking home on the school run with her children, her neighbour saw her in the street and insisted on a confrontation threatening to 'come and see her' in front of the children. This upset the children so much they became frightened and could not settle at night to go to sleep.

This is when she decided that all this harassment and intimidation just had to stop! So she came to see me for advice and help. She learned the important bit of information that not only was her neighbour's behaviour a criminal offence it was also a civil offence punishable by compensation payable to the mother. I sent a letter to the neighbour's solicitor setting out the law and the consequences of breaking it and because of the current laws regarding this kind of behaviour the police were definitely interested. Happily this young mother no longer lives with intimidation and is able to go about her business in peace.

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.

WHAT DID THE NORMAN'S EVER DO FOR US?

Well, it's that time of year again, when the Normans arrived and brought their feudal system to replace the old Saxon ways. The word Saxon derived from the weapon they used, a Sea Axe, and they became known as the Sea Axe Men. The seax developed from its initial shape of a long knife with a small axe head projection on the back (useful for cutting rigging, and even better to hook over a shield rim to pull the shield away from your opponent) into a more practical short knife. It still exists in the form of a roofers zax. The coat of arms for Essex and Middlesex are meant to depict sea axes, but the artist didn't have a clue and therefore drew them looking like scimitars!

So, on 14th October 1066 the Normans beat the Saxons (NOT the French beating the English!) and everything changed. Gone was the traditional tribal family unit, owing allegiance to the head of the family and tribe, each head accepting a higher thegn or earl up to the King, anointed by God as being special above ordinary men. In its place was the top down system where the King bought and removed power from his nobles, often family or marriage related, who then had absolute power in the name of the king over those below. It became a very rigid society where it was difficult to move away from whichever class you found yourself in. Serfs were the lowest, akin to slaves; then villeins who held land free of payment to the Lord of the Manor, and burghers were in towns, not baps!

The Normans were closely allied to the Pope in Rome, whereas the Saxons had a looser, more natural Christian religion of Celtic origin. In fact, the Cross of St George which became the symbol of England, may have derived from the Banner which the Pope gave to William when told that Harold had broken his sacred oath to ensure William was Edward the Confessors successor, which gave almost a Crusade approval. When the Pope learned that the oath was made under duress (you can see that even in the Bayeux Tapestry where William is sitting on a throne with a drawn sword). He commanded William to build an Abbey on the site of the battle.

To be continued.....

Kevin Regan

NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services for October 2019:

6th	10.30 am	Café Worship, with breakfast
13th	10.30 am	HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Praise
20th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Derek Brice
27th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Barry Turnwell
3rd Nov	10.30 am	Café Worship, with breakfast

Events for October 2019:

4th	10.00-12noon	Book Exchange cafe
9th	2.30pm	Christian Womens Fellowship
23rd	3.30-5.30pm	Messy Church – ‘God’s Armour of Light’

We look forward to our Harvest Praise on October 13th when we welcome the 1st Ninfield Scouts with their families & friends. This should be an amazing time of celebration together so do come along & enjoy this special occasion with us. Any Harvest gifts that are given will be shared with the Bexhill Foodbank. The service will be led by Mrs. Topsy Brice.

We enjoyed a lovely United service with St. Mary’s & St. Oswald’s in September at our Church. Many thanks to the Reverend Paul Frostick who lead our worship & communion. It was great to have you all with us. Our next United Service will be at St. Mary’s on Remembrance Sunday in November.

Messy Church will be a lot of fun in October when we will discover ‘God’s Armour of Light’ & get involved in some ‘Messy’ activities.

We welcome you to our Church.

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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!

Sat 16th November Village Marker
Film Night - Fisherman's Friend

Tue 19th November Games Afternoon

Sat 23rd November Gala Night

Fri 29th November Musical Matinee

Sat 30th November Home Made Fayre

Fri 6th December Ninfield Flower Group Christmas Open Evening

Tue 10th December Carol Concert, Memorial Hall

Sat 21st December Christmas Village Market

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!

BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ please don't forget, as always, first Friday of the month Methodist Hall. Ninfield. 4th October, 1st November and 6th December. Come along, have a cup of tea, a chat and take home a new book, any queries contact David Swales 892248 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

Closing date for items for the **NOVEMBER** edition of the Parish News is **Sunday 13th October** please send to ninfieldnews@btconnect.com

DIARY DATES FOR OUR TWO VILLAGES

Weekly Events

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

September

Sun 29 th	Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe	P25
Mon 30 th	Men's Shed	P7
	Memorial Hall AGM	P19

October

Thu 3 rd	Ninfield Parish Council	P13
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Mon 7 th	Ninfield Flower Group	P12
Wed 9 th	CWF	P24
Sat 12 th	Flower Group Jumble Sale	P12
	Hooe Book Exchange	P18
	Bonfire Night	P18
Thu 17 th	Hooe History Society	P13
	Ninfield History Group	P10
	Health Walk	P12
Sat 19 th	Village Market	P9
	Rocky Horror Picture Show	P7
Mon 21 st	Ninfield Horticultural AGM & Meet	P24
Tue 22 nd	Games Afternoon	P18
26 th - 27 th	Art Exhibition	P19
Mon 28 th	Men's Sheds	P7

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