

THE

PARISH



NEWS

**News from the Churches,
the clubs, groups and**

societies of

Ninfield & Hooe

PLUS A DIARY OF EVENTS

November 2019 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
3 rd Nov	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
10 th Nov	Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
11 th Nov	No Service	10.30 Remembrance Day Service
17 th Nov	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
24 th Nov	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

St. Mary's Open Times

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
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St. Oswald's Open Times

9.00am to 5.00pm daily

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

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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Dear Friend's,

I don't always have the best memory, but Autumn time with its colours and abundance of apples [more apple pie again!] has its own way of reminding us to be thankful for both the harvest of the land and sea, but also for all those who have risked so much for our freedoms.

On 4 August 1918 King George V, the Queen's grandfather, met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament as part of a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later, the war ended on 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Since the celebrations of last year, Christians across the country have been joining together to pray for peace in a world which is still so torn apart by violence.

Sadly, war has been a feature of human history since records began. World War 1 was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars'. I recently found the statistic that since 3600 BC the world has only known 292 years of peace. There have been 14,351 wars since then and as the book I found this in was published 13 years ago... that figure is still increasing!

What shines through the darkness of statistics like this are the stories of courage and the example of those who are willing to bring the light of Christ into seemingly hopeless situations.

It is in hearing these stories that we can remember them with thankful hearts, but also to strengthen our resolve to work and to pray for peace for future generations.

'Love one another as Jesus first loved us. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

Since 1918, this quotation from John 15: verses 12 & 13 began to appear on war memorials, commemorating those who had died. Many had indeed given their lives in battle in the hope that others might be saved.

A century on, these verses can be reclaimed so that we too might be able to live out Jesus' words... but in peace, rather than in war. That instead of dying in battle for others, we might live our lives in service that emulates Christ's life. Our call is to live a life of love, loving one another as Christ first loved us and to pray for lasting peace.

Our annual church joint Remembrance service begins at 10.30 am on Sunday 10 November at St Mary's. There is also an act of Remembrance at St Oswald's on 11th November at 10.45am.

'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

What will that look like for you and for me? Paul Frostick

PEACE

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month
The guns had ceased and peace had come,
Another war with so much loss
As brave men fought and victories won.
We honour those who gave their lives
And took up arms against the foe,
Not knowing if they would return
But faithful to the call to go.
Battles rage throughout the earth,
It seems that wars will never cease
Until the day that Christ returns -
And only then will there be peace.
The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel
Will come to end this world of strife
And as He brings His kingdom in
He'll usher in eternal life.

By Megan Carter

St Mary's

Baptism of Bowie Brian Ronnie Fordwood
on 15th Sept 2019

Baptism of James Peter Allen
on 22nd Sept 2019

*from the
Parish Records*

St Oswald's

Service of Celebration for the life of Arthur Lovatt
on Tuesday 17th September

St Oswald's Church

'Bangers for Bonfire '

Lunch on Tuesday November 5th

in Hooe Village Hall

Drop in between 12 noon and 2pm

No need to book. Donations welcome.

THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR was carried from a French battlefield 99 years ago, to be laid to rest among kings and statesmen in Westminster Abbey. But how did this symbol of the sacrifice of war come to be chosen? The Rev David Railton caught sight of a grave at the Western Front in 1916, with a rough cross upon with the words "An Unknown British Soldier".

That moment of inspiration would blossom into a worldwide ceremony that is still being replicated today - the grave of an unknown warrior, symbolising those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In August 1920 Mr Railton wrote to the Dean of Westminster, to suggest having a nationally recognised grave for an unknown soldier. The idea - which had also been mentioned before - was presented to the government and quickly taken up.

Choosing a single corpse to represent the many unnamed was carefully calculated. Unknown bodies of British servicemen were exhumed from four battle areas - the Aisne, the Somme, Arras and Ypres. These remains were brought to the chapel at St Pol on the night of 7 November 1920, where the the officer in charge of troops in France and Flanders, Brig Gen L J Wyatt, took charge. No one knew where the bodies, laid on stretchers and covered by union jacks, were from. Each body had an honour guard over night.

Gen Wyatt selected one body - he may have been blindfolded while making his choice - and the two officers placed it in a plain coffin and sealed it. The other bodies were reburied.

The coffin was taken to Boulogne then placed inside another coffin, made of oak from Hampton Court, England. Its plate bore the inscription: "A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country".

This second coffin had a 16th Century sword, taken from King George V's private collection, fixed on top was then transported to Dover via the destroyer HMS Verdun and taken by train to London.

On the 11 November 1920 - two years to the day after war ended, the unknown warrior's body was drawn in a procession through London to the Cenotaph, which was then unveiled by George V

At 1100 there was a two-minute silence, and the body was then taken to nearby Westminster Abbey where it was buried, passing through a guard of honour of 100 holders of the Victoria Cross. The grave was filled with earth from the main French battlefields, and the black marble stone was Belgian. And at the exact time Britain was interring its unknown warrior, France was doing the same - at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

But while the coffin in London had been laid with great ceremony, no-one was sure how the public would respond. In the event, an estimated 1,250,000 people visited the Abbey to see the grave in only the first week.

HOME MADE FAYRE
NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL
SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

10.00 - 3.00

A beautiful selection of locally hand made items, including knitwear, jewellery, soaps, glass ware, Christmas decorations, wood work and much much more for you to ooh and aah at before you choose!

The Hall will have a table full of home made cakes, pies and preserves for you to take home and enjoy, as well as running a raffle and a tombola while serving teas and coffees from 10.00 and light lunches from 12.00, entry is free, so what's not to like?

Come along, get a present or two and enjoy a fun couple of hours.

If you or anyone you know hand makes items for sale and would like a stall please contact 07858 555 343

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21st December Christmas Market

MUSICAL MATINEE

Another reminder that the final film for 2019 will be Holiday Inn on Friday 29 November. This is another Christmas classic starring Bing Crosby. Do come and join us for this feel good film. Please let us know that you are coming so that we can ensure there is enough cake! Doors open at 1.30 and the film will start at 2 pm.

The films are dementia friendly and have subtitles for those of us who don't hear so well. This is a free film afternoon.

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OUR SCHOOL

We opened the school on Saturday 28th September to give residents the chance to look around the new classrooms and the school as a whole. We had about 35 people come along to see us and it turned out to be a very worthwhile exercise. A number of our visitors had attended the school, some a very long time ago, so it was nice to hear how the site had changed over the years and to get their experiences of life at Ninfield School. That is the nice thing about being a village school, where generations of the same family have come through the doors. Some even remembered when the 'temporary' classrooms were actually installed in order to cope with the growing numbers, so it was great to be able to show them what we had finally replaced them with.

It was also good to see some ex-pupils and to hear how they were getting on and to get their very positive take on their time at Ninfield. We must be doing something right!

All in all it was a very enjoyable and informative morning, so thank you to everyone who came to see us.

Lorna Watson has asked me to put a plea out to all the readers in the village. If you are thinking of buying some new books then please go to: www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost and purchase them on line. Every time that you place an order which is over £10 they will donate £1 to our school to buy books. All you have to do is visit the website and select Ninfield School when you checkout. Please pass the word around to friends and family. With all the electronic gadgetry around it is good to be able to offer the children 'real books' to read.

Ian Moffat

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.

These easy walks are now settled into a regular pattern of 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, starting at 11am. from Sparke Pavilion, Church Lane, No need to book just turn up. So see you there on

Thursday 7th and 21st November

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NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Monday 4th November - Commencing at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, "Workshop" An arrangement from the Flower Arranger, or if you don't have any back issues, please come and do a Christmas Table Arrangement.

Friday 6th December in the Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 we shall welcome Delyth Price with her seasonal demonstration entitled "THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS". Tickets are £10.00 for members and £12.00 for guests, this includes refreshments. All floral arrangements are raffled at the end of the evening, as well as the flower groups raffle. This is a very popular evening, to book your ticket, please telephone Helen on 01424 844816 or Betty 01424 846861.

Forthcoming events: Monday 6th January. Annual General Meeting.

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

B **OOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ** please don't forget, as always, first Friday of the month 10.00 - 12.00 Methodist Hall. Ninfield.

Friday 1st November and 6th December. Come along , have a cup of tea, a chat and take home a new book, David Swales 892248 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

TRADITIONAL WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

To raise funds for 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout Group

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 10.30-1.30

CATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

£25 per ticket in advance

Refreshments, tea and all materials included. We invite you to join us to make your own Christmas wreaths using traditional methods and enjoy a creative morning in the Christmas spirit with refreshments. Spaces are limited. Tickets in advance from Veronica Sargent 07714327117

Ninfield Parish Council

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This months meeting discussed the usage of the Parish Council sheds on the recreation ground as the bonfire society are keen to be able to store some of their equipment at a site that events are held on. Any all the societies using the sheds have agreed to work together to optimise the storage. Ninfield is lucky to have some very active societies who out on a wide range of events across the year and the parish council support them wherever possible.

A parent at the school was trying to organise for a tractor to be brought up to the recreation ground to support a topic the children were doing. Unfortunately having had so much rain recently the ground is very soft and so the permission was subject to a ground inspection the night before..., the school already had a back up plan however, so the children wouldn't miss out.

Although the cricket season has finished the maintenance if the ground never finishes and you will still see the cricket clubs grounds men working on the pitch on the recreation ground to ensure it is in tip top condition.

The next parish council meeting is Thursday 7th November and the parish council would be pleased to see residents come along. There is always a slot at the beginning of for public questions on the agenda.

INDOOR GAMES AFTERNOONS

The next games afternoon is on Tuesday 19th November from 2.00 - 4.00. Do come and join in with us and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of traditional games: New Age curling, large mat snakes and ladders, skittles, shove halfpenny, bagatelle and scrabble. There will of course be refreshments. Entry is free

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

This is a little out of sequence, but David Martin visited us in September with his wife Barbara and a wealth of knowledge on the construction of some of the older houses, not just in Sussex, but particularly in Hooe. David has been able to survey many historical houses first hand and with his knowledge of construction techniques and computer graphics is able to produce slides showing how each property may have appeared at the time that it was built. It was a truly fascinating evening which the 36 attendees thoroughly enjoyed.

As reported in last month's issue, 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". As many of you know, Ian never fails to entertain us with his knowledge and enthusiasm for all of the subjects on which he speaks. I am sure this talk will be no exception.

DID YOU KNOW ... that on 16th March 1891, St Oswald's Church Hooe was re-opened for services by the Bishop of Chichester (Dr Durnford) following an extensive restoration project. The work was started at the beginning of August 1890 and throughout the closure, services were held in the school building. The roof of the nave was removed and re-tiled, unsightly plaster on the underside was removed, exposing the fine oak roof that we can see today and plaster on the walls was removed, improving the appearance of the masonry. The old chancel floor, which had been full of holes, was removed and re-paved with yellow Deal blocks; In removing the floor nothing of interest was found, with the exception of a few bones and copper coins. The windows, which had been in poor condition, were also replaced. Lastly, the high backed pews, described in the newspaper article as "old-fashioned", were replaced by modern benches of pitch pine – enough to accommodate about 200 worshippers. The newspaper reported that "Prior to the commencement of the service the bells rang out merrily, and long before the hour appointed, the church was filled to overflowing". The work was carried out at a cost of approximately £1375 – The Hon. T.A. Brassey and Sir Alexander Acland Hood, Bart were significant contributors and as well as the many local donors, there were contributions from as far afield as Lowesby (Leicestershire) Herne Hill, Bethnal Green and Tunbridge Wells.



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CARNIVAL !!

Having had a few weeks to recuperate from summer activities, the next meeting for the Carnival committee will be on Wednesday 13th November, 8.00 as usual at the Working Men's Club. If you are brimming with ideas for fun and fund raising then go along and join in the preparations for next years programme,

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THE ANNUAL VILLAGE AWARDS

It's that time of year when you are invited to think about the last year and who, in your opinion, deserves a special thanks.

It could be an individual who helped while you were ill or injured, A group or individual who went out of their way, or just carried on day after day benefiting Ninfield or it's residents.

Nomination forms from Ninfield Stores

A HUGE thank you to all that attended and helped support the Macmillian coffee morning at the Methodist hall on Friday 27th September. We reached a total of £930 with extra sales of jam etc after the day. That's an excellent result for a little village. It was a lovely morning, very relaxed with refreshments, a tempting range of Home bakes, book stall, hand made goodies, gifts, candles, clothes and more. An excellent team effort. Well done to everyone involved

A NAMED PCSO FOR EVERY LOCAL COMMUNITY

starting from next month, Sussex Police has announced.

The confirmation follows an investment in 100 extra PCSOs secured through local funding by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner – bringing the total number to 296.

Assistant Chief Constable for Local Policing Julia Chapman said the decision will put 'eyes and ears' into every part of the county and give local people a direct point of contact for local policing issues and concerns.

"When a new local policing model was introduced three years ago, we said it would be scalable. Now, thanks to this additional investment, we're in a position to strengthen local policing and we know this is what local communities want to see," she said.

"Our PCSOs do an incredible job, every day, working alongside their police officer colleagues to prevent and detect crime and tackle anti-social behaviour in local communities.

"This change means communities will soon begin to see and feel the benefits of their investment as new PCSOs are deployed over the coming months, where they will provide a visible policing presence and be a point of contact for local policing issues."

Ninfield Parish Council

Council Meeting

Thursday 7th November

The Methodist Hall,

Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

Council Meeting

Monday 18th November

The Village Hall

Hooe residents are invited to attend.

HOOE OPEN GROUP

The October meeting of the Hooe Open Group, which was very much a family affair?

Edna Wallis introduced her husband David, (who usually attends HOGS meetings and looks after the Bring & Buy Table). David's talk was the City of London. Both Edna & David are Free of the City of London and belong to the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers as well as the much older Spectacle Makers Company. David was made a Freeman of the City in 1963 and slowly progressed through the ranks, to eventually becoming Master of his Company in 1995/6. There so much to tell about. Both the history of the City and the ceremonial customs, which govern the protocols and responsibilities, as a senior member of the greatest City in the World, one does not know where to start or finish. David did his best to cram 2000 years of history into just 45 minutes, which meant only a brief mention of some of the most importance pages in the development of our Capital City. The City has many strange customs, adopted from time immemorial and reflected in the traditional roll of many of the 109 Livery Companies that make up both ancient and modern trades and professions, with new trades, such as the Information Technologists, being formed. Most of the older companies either have their own Livery Hall or share a Hall with others. Most of the Halls are shared with three or four Companies, such as David's own Hall, situated at the South End of London Bridge, overlooking the River Thames. Most of the Halls were destroyed, either during the Great Fire in 1666 or in the Blitz in 1942. These Halls stand on very valuable Real Estate, as such they are in many cases the Landlords for some of today's Skyscraper Office blocks.

The afternoon closed with tea & biscuits, as well as the well supported raffle. The next meeting will be held at Hooe Village Hall on Friday 8th November at 2.30pm.

MEN'S SHEDS

they meet at Sparke Pavilion at 11am on the last Monday in each month, so Mondays 28th October and 25th November, got a query? Contact Dave Crittall on 01424 892883.

.....Continued from last month

WHAT DID THE NORMAN'S EVER DO FOR US?

What else? Well, the word "Sterling" first appears as a unit of money in 1078 as "sterilensis". The whole system of 240 coins derives from the Roman Libra Ponda where we get the word "pound" and also the symbol for weight "lb", as one pound weight of silver produced 240 denarii, corrupted over the centuries to "penny" and 12 penny weights equalled a solidus, giving rise to the symbols "LSD (libra Pond; solidus and denarius, or £, s and d).

The standard metal for coinage was silver, not gold, so when a regular fineness of silver was agreed, that became "sterling silver".

So, from 1066 our way of life changed, from society, religion and coinage. More obviously, it also brought a change in architecture, with stone being a prized building material for castles of the motte and bailey type and the Romanesque style of cathedrals and churches. It also ushered in the age of chivalry (fighting on chevals or horses) and heraldry to distinguish who was on your side in battle. We even got a town nearby, thanks to the building of an Abbey with homes initially provided for the craftsmen and labourers becoming a market town for villages in the area. And the irony is that the Normans were from Viking stock "Nordmen" and thus had far more in common with the North of England (the land of the Angles, fisher folk from the Baltic area) than they did with France, where the King of France only loosely held a small area around Paris.

Kevin Regan

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Cinema 2019

Saturday 16th November

FISHERMAN'S FRIEND

7.30 start Cert 12 Tickets £5.00

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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

10th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the residents and visitors who came out in the rain to support us.

Everyone we spoke to said how much they had enjoyed the event and thought the fireworks were just brilliant, so a big thank you to the fireworks team.

The pirate ship effigy with the seagull, built by members of the bonfire society over several weeks captured everyone's imagination; one little boy was very concerned that it might be damaged by the bonfire!! But the sheer delight on his face at it's explosive destruction was a joy to see!

We'd also like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all our sponsors for all their help and support through out the year which enables us to provide this free amazing event

I would also like to thank all the members and supporters of Ninfield Bonfire Society who put in a lot of time and effort to bring our events to fruition
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NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our November evening meeting is on Monday 18th at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. The speaker is Katherine Lynn who will be helping us to 'Love your Weeds' This promises to be more than how to cope with being overrun with buttercups and bindweed! As usual we will have a raffle and refreshments and it is not too late to join or renew your membership. We look forward to seeing you there.

MANCHESTER ROAD

As most of you are aware, the developers have submitted the final plans for the site on the fields behind Sparke Gardens and Manchester Road. Outline permission had been granted in principle for access and up to 80 houses This applications gives the details of the actual design of the estate and the layout and design of the houses.

Members of the Parish Council have spent a huge amount of time putting together reasons why this proposed development is totally unsuitable for the site or for the village with the added pressures it would put on to the School and Doctors' Surgery as well as the increased traffic both during and after the construction period.

Their excellent response, along with letters from concerned residents can be seen on the web site together with the reports from other agencies such as Southern Water, The Police, East Sussex County Council to name but a few.

www.wealden.gov.uk/planning Application WD/2019/1859/MRM

So what happens next, all of these reports should be read by the Planning Officers and the Wealden Planning Councillors who will be discussing the matter at a meeting, possible in November or December.

At that meeting three people from Ninfield will tell the committee why this is unsuitable for Ninfield and our District Councillor will also speak for us. The developer is given the opportunity to speak after which the Councillors will discuss the matter, ask any questions they may have and then vote for the decision.

As a concerned resident I would like to thank all those who have spent time and energy trying to keep our village the village we all know and love.

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Worms Eye View

Somehow, I always dread November, to me it spells long dark nights and often the days are dark as well. However, a nice fire to sit by in the evenings is cosy and time to catch up on mending, knitting etc. And it is said "A cold November, a warm Christmas".

At the moment my daily walks have been forbidden due to a nasty fall and injuries. However, my writing arm is free, and the views of the farm, fields and river are very good from my windows. Also, I can watch the bird feeders and the many 'visitors' who enjoy them. They also have unexpected callers, a beautiful male pheasant, the occasional fox and for the first time ever a pair of rabbits come and scrummage around the foot of the bird table. I'm not quite sure what they are enjoying and I'm sure they do not realise I like rabbit pie!

Some unwelcome visiting birds are loads of rooks who persist on sitting on my chimney stack making a very loud noise whilst poking sticks down the chimney. There are about twenty of them and they alternate between me and the farm cottages and they are very persistent.

Much more welcome are the wood pigeons. There are lots of them around the farm. Back in the 1950's the government paid subsidies to cull the wood pigeons and many were shot, however they are a very amorous bird and breed throughout the year and one can find squabs (pigeon chicks) every month off the year. A pigeon's romantic courtship and cooing gave its name to the term. Lovey-dovey. Another reference to the wood pigeon is the term pigeon-holes for storing letters and other items, referring to the entrance holes in dovecots the shelter for domestic pigeons.

The Anglo-Saxons called November Blodmonath, the month of sacrifice, because they slaughtered cattle and preserved the meat for winter.

November 25th is St Catherine's Day and they say whatever the weather on November 25th, so it will be next February. Of course, we think of St Catherine with Catherine Wheels, a popular firework. This of course reminds us she was a martyred on a spiked wheel.

I must try to enjoy November and then look forward to December, although really, I do not like the years passing by so quickly.

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Jo Dix	892905	Ross Clifton	893206

Parish Clerk Sally Durman 893007

Councillor Pam Doodes organised a meeting of local Parish councils on Thursday 3rd October at Hooe Village Hall. Our MP, Huw Merriman, attended the meeting discussing issues relating to roads in the area, focussing on speed, safety and general road conditions. Huw will be including many of these ideas and comments in the Transport Select Committees ongoing inquiry on Road Safety. Representatives from East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council were also in attendance along with Parish Councillors and members of the public.

The Community Fundraisers were very disappointed that the Michaelmas Fayre was cancelled due to awful weather conditions but were able to meet at the Red Lion with the Michaelmas Committee to continue with the Grand Prize Draw. The winner of the £200 prize was William Harrison, the second prize of £50 was won by Edan Mulvey, Sunday Lunch for 2 at the Red Lion was won by Heather Sinden, the Hamper was won by the Hooe Band and finally the canteen of cutlery was won by Gary Clifton.

Prizes were also awarded for scarecrows. Headstart School won Best Recycled Scarecrow, David Knight was awarded the prize for Best Scarecrow and the Band family received the prize for the Best Group Scarecrow.

Results for the Art Competition are as follows:- Class 1: 1-2 year olds, 1st prize Jack Ripley. Class 2: 3-4 year olds, 1st prize Amy Ripley, 2nd prize Cassie Cartwright. Class 3: 5-7 year olds, 1st prize Etta Cartwright, 2nd prize Elisha Podmore, 3rd prize Ava Stevens. Class 4: 8-12 year olds: 1st prize Kirindi Kilonzo, 2nd prize Erin Elmes, 3rd prize Flo Scanlan

Congratulations to you all.

Next meeting, Monday 18th November, 7.00pm Hooe Village Hall

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our talk for November is 'a Snapshot of Hooe from the Parish Registers' by Peter Hayward on Thursday 21st November, 7.30pm, Methodist Hall, Church Road. All welcome.

The Archive Centre at the Sparke Pavilion is open on Monday mornings 10am – 12. Come along if you would like more information on local history, old photos or family history. We cover Ninfield and the surrounding area.

We have the following publications for sale:

Ninfield Historical Walks £2.50

Ninfield Shopkeepers and Traders (1840-1940) £7.50

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MICHAELMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

Guess what? we got rained off again,
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we have extracted two elements from the event to run on

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

ROAST SALMON WITH PEAS, POTATOES & BACON ·

500g baby new potatoes, halved

2 tsp oil

150g pack smoked bacon lardon

whole piece skinless salmon fillet, about 700g/1lb 9oz

200g frozen pea, defrosted · 4 spring onions, sliced

splash white wine vinegar · small handful mint, chopped

Method

1. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Tip the potatoes into a large shallow roasting tin and toss with 1 tsp olive oil and some seasoning. Roast for 20 mins until just starting to colour, then scatter over the lardons and return to the oven for 10 mins to crisp up.

2. Remove the tin from the oven, push the potatoes and bacon to the sides and lay the salmon in the middle. Brush with remaining oil, season, then return to the oven and cook for 20 mins more until the salmon is just cooked through. Meanwhile, cook the peas in in boiling water for 2 mins and drain.

3. When the fish is cooked, lift it to a serving dish. Stir the peas and spring onions through the potatoes, drizzle with a splash of vinegar, stir through the mint and season to taste. Spoon around the salmon and serve. Enjoy

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Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.

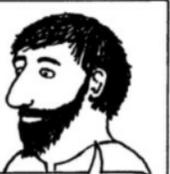


I need that bread!



Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,



'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?



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Sunday Services for November 2019:

3rd 10.30 am Café Worship, with breakfast, with Rev. Tricia Williams

10th 10.30 am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – United Service at St. Mary's

17th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Malcolm Peach

24th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Christine Thacker

1st Dec 10.30 am Advent Sunday Worship

3.00 pm United 'Lights of Love' Service at St. Mary's

Events for November 2019:

1st 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe

13th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship – Games afternoon

27th 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church – 'Trusting in God...'

We invite you join us at St. Mary's Parish Church on November 10th for the united Service of Remembrance.

We are grateful that the Reverend Malcolm Peach travels all the way from Canterbury to lead our worship. Malcolm is a 'semi-retired' Methodist minister, who lives near Canterbury, but enjoys coming along to this area to take services when needed. That seems to me to be a wonderful example of 'going the extra mile!' and we really enjoy having him with us at Ninfield.

Messy Church will be a lot of fun in November when we will look at 'Trusting God's Promises'.

Lights of Love 2019 takes place again at St. Mary's on Sunday December 1st followed by the lighting of the tree, & refreshments, at Ninfield Methodist Church. This service gives us an opportunity to make an act of remembrance for loved ones no longer with us by dedicating a star or heart, on our Lights of Love tree, & attending the remembrance service. Whether your loved one received the care of the Hospice or not, young or old, local or further afield, all can be remembered. Every year hundreds of people join together in writing a personal message on a star. Please ask at our churches for a remembrance star or contact St. Michael's Hospice.

We look forward to seeing you

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!

Fri 6th Dec Ninfield Flower Group Christmas Open Evening

Tue 10th Dec Carol Concert, Memorial Hall

Wed 11th Dec Wreath Making Workshop

Wed 18th Dec St Oswald's Carol Service with Hooe Village Band

Sat 21st Dec Village Christmas Market

Sun 22nd Dec St. Mary's Christingle and Carol Service

Sat 28th Mar 2020 - St. Mary's Quiz night

Sat 4th April 2020 - Memorial Hall Quiz Night

Sun 19th Apr 2020 - Ninfield Bonfire's, & Hooe's Spring Special

Sat 20th Jun 2020 - Carnival's Summer Solstice Event

Sat 11th Jul 2020 - Church Open Day and BBQ .

Sun 6th Sep 2020 - Michaelmas Fayre

Sat 19th Dec 2020 - Carnival's Winter Solstice Event

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!

If you are planning an event and need to book the Memorial Hall,
check the diary on the website

www.ninfieldmemorialhall.co.uk

There is also a booking form there and details of events booked that are open to the public on the events page

Closing date for items for the **DECEMBER and JANUARY edition** of the Parish News is **Wednesday 13th November** 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 - *Cubs*; Dancercise, Bowls Club, Fusion Yoga

Wednesdays Hooe - Line Dancing

Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Fusion Yoga,

Thursdays Ninfield - *Toddlers*, Pilates, *Beavers*, *Scouts*, Bowls

Fridays Ninfield - Crafting, Strength Class

Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammies & Burlesque

In italics = term time only

Oct 26 th - 27 th	Art Exhibition	P 6
Mon 28 th	Men's Sheds	P 17
Nov Fri 1 st	Ninfield Book Exchange	P 11
Sun 3 rd	Fun Dog Show Table Top Football	P 25
Mon 4 th	Ninfield Flower Group	P 11
Tue 5 th	Bangers for Bonfire	P 4
Thu 7 th	Health Walk	P 9
	Ninfield Parish Council	P 12
Fri 8 th	Hooe Open Group	P 17
Wed 13 th	CWF Meet	P 28
	Carnival Meeting	P 15
Sat 16 th	Village Market	P 8
	Film Night - Fisherman's Friend	P 18
Mon 18 th	Hooe Parish Council	P 23
	Ninfield Horticultural Society	P 20
Tue 19 th	Games Afternoon	P 12
Wed 20 th	Bonfire Meet	
Thu 21 st	Health Walk	P 9
	Hooe History Society	P 13
	Ninfield Local History Group	P 24
Sat 23 rd	Gala Night	P 15
Mon 25 th	Men's Sheds	P 17
Wed 27 th	Messy Church	P 28
Fri 29 th	Musical Matinee	P 8
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