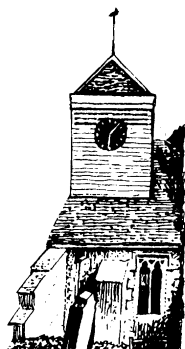


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PARISH



NEWS

**News from the Churches,
the clubs, groups,
& societies of
Ninfield & Hooe**

November 2020 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
1 st Nov	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
8 th Nov	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
11 th Nov	No Service	1045 Remembrance Day Service
15 th Nov	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
22 nd Nov	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
29 th Nov	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

Opening times for Private Prayer

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St Oswald's - Open daily from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

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

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

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Dear Friends,

Well, just when we think we might be able to get back to some sort of normality we find we cannot, as further restrictions are imposed! The one important word that keeps coming back to me is frustration! I am sure we have all felt that over the past months to some degree or another! How we vent those frustrations varies with each individual, as does how we deal with those frustrations. For many the family is a great support, and as we have probably spent much more time in the family circle than we normally would, that support is vitally important. However, sadly for some, this has brought added tensions, as the family is not the support group that they have needed, and for some families it has brought them right to the edge of being able to cope.

For a few years now I have been describing the church as a family. It is not the same as a biological family as we choose to join this family. There are however many similarities.

The sense of belonging is important, we all like to feel that we belong. There is, or should be, support, compassion, understanding, guidance, caring for each other, unconditional love. It is very uplifting to know that you are loved and that is exactly what God does, loves us unconditionally which is why in turn we care for each other, not just the family of the church but the whole community.

However, even within our own biological families there are upsets, and sometimes we just want to be on our own. We need space to ourselves, a place to think, to reflect as the pressures sometimes get too much.

There are also regrets within any family situation and I am sure you could all mention your own personal regrets. A few years ago, I tried to find my birth mother. I was adopted as a new-born baby and literally taken from the hospital by those I call my family. (for a few days my name was Kevin!) I have no regrets there, as I had a wonderful childhood and upbringing. I did not want to start to find my birth mother until my own parents had passed away as I felt it might be a dis-service to them. There was always that niggle though to want to find out. Social services helped me to contact my birth mother. I was not allowed to make personal contact, just write her a letter. In return the social services received a letter from her saying she did not want to make contact as her family knew nothing about my

Existence. She was only 20 at the time. I have respected her wishes, but I do know where she lives. Its great what you can find out through searching records! My regret or perhaps a better word is sadness is that I cannot meet another part of my family who do not know I exist!

Another regret, or rather sadness is that my younger brother died earlier this year and I did not know he had died. There was a rift in the family (not of my doing) and contact had been broken between the family members. They therefore did not let me or indeed my cousins know that my brother had died. My cousin found it out online when she was doing some family research. I hoped and prayed that this rift could be mended but sadly that is no longer possible.

My point in all this is that we need to value each day as it comes along, frustration and upsets included. Life is too short to let these frustrations get in our way. So yes, there are frustrations, upsets and even regrets in by own family situation but as a family we must move forwards and appreciate what we do have. I cannot keep looking back to the past, I must see what I have now and be grateful. The same thing applies to the family of the church. It is what keeps me going, knowing that I belong to the family of the church in these 2 villages. Of course there will be ups and downs, the same as any other family situation but it is a wonderful thing to know that we belong and that our loving Father loves us unconditionally!

Paul

PRAYER War and Peace

War is not a new thing
It's been here from the start,
When Cain slew brother Abel
And their lives were torn apart.

Brother still fights brother
And nations go to war,
It seems these things will never end
Perhaps we need to ask 'what for?'

Man has chosen his own path
Where might and power tell,
But God desires a better way
Where harmony and peace can dwell.

And so a time will come at last
When all man's rule will cease,
Emmanuel will come to reign,
Our Lord and Saviour, Prince of Peace. By Megan Carter

Editors' Note Oh it's so nice to be back in print! That seems to be the most used expression regarding the News in October, and we so hope it will continue, and this month we are really delighted to be in print and so get word out to more people, to be able to say a huge congratulations to Chris Moore and his lovely team who made news for ITV's Meridian News on Sunday!

And a big Thankyou to Kevin Regan, always on the lookout for ways to help or promote Ninfield, Kevin spotted on the CPRE Sussex website they were looking for nominations for people who really made a difference during Lockdown and nominated Chris and his team at Ninfield Village Stores, and everyone is delighted to say they won Gold in the Village Lockdown Hero category. You'll find the nomination on page 11, so many many congratulations and thank you to Chris and his team.

Have always known Ninfield was a lovely village, and it was interesting to see it with a friend on her first visit as I showed her around, to stop and look at the Rec, the Church, the views, Church Wood, Coombe Wood, showing it off to her really was like seeing it for the first time, really made me appreciate it even more.

Nicki & Carol



St. Mary's Parish Church

Baptism of Maya Maskell-Salinas on 20th September.

St Oswald's Parish Church

Weddings of

Brendan Carberry to Marina Livingstone-Learmonth

on 19th September

James Shrubbs to Portia Gape on 26th September

Burial of cremated remains of John Pont on 11th October

*from the
Parish Records*

Closing date for items for the combined

DECEMBER/JANUARY edition

of the Parish News is **FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER** please send to
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OUR SCHOOL

It's School Jim; But not as we know it.

There are no massed crowds of parents on the Rec waiting to offload, or pick up their offspring. The staff room is full of chairs with big X's on to discourage sitting together.

Children can be seen carrying their meals back to the classroom at lunch time and the only way to talk to someone in another class is through the gaps in the chainlink fences. But, there is still lots of laughter, chit chat and general noises of happy, busy children. We always underestimate the ability of children to react and adapt to their new environments. There is no 'new normal' around the corner for them, just a slightly different way of getting things done. We should all learn a lesson from that.

The start of term has been all about testing and assessing, to try and find how much damage has been done by being out of school for long periods. The good news is that there doesn't appear to have been any lasting impact. Any individual gaps that have been identified are not insurmountable and, after all, we do have millions of pounds from the Government to help with that – don't we! (Don't get me started on that one).

Teaching in this new environment is very difficult. Teachers stay with their bubbles (Classes), there is very little down time and most of the time is spent physically in the classroom. We have been lucky with the good weather that classes have been able to get out onto the Playground or the Rec for some fresh air but this will get limited as the bad weather sets in.

Attendance has remained high and apart from a few scares we have not had to deal with large numbers of children who are having to self isolate. But it is early days yet so everyone is planning for the 'what if's' and desperately hoping that they become 'never was's'.

Still the Government obviously have confidence in us as they have now made it a legal obligation on us to provide significant home schooling for anyone who is in isolation. That means if we are unable to do so the Governing Body could be taken to court. Someone tell me why I volunteered for this job?

Perhaps next months article will be written from Wormwood Scrubs!
Ian Moffat

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Hopefully you will have heard that the application by Thakeham Homes to build 80 houses on the field off Downs View has been robustly refused. Thank you to every single one of over 200 residents who wrote in to let Wealden District Council that you did not support this application. We now await the developers response. They have different options. They could walk away, they could appeal the decision or they could put another application in trying to address the issues highlighted in the refusal (they could do both of the last two at the same time).

Parish Council meetings will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future. Full Council meetings will take place on the third Thursday of the month except January and August when we don't meet. Please contact the clerk for a link if you would like to join the meeting. You may remember that the Village Society suggested to the Parish Council that we apply for Church Woods to be designated as a Local Nature Reserve. We are in the throws of going through the required process with East Sussex County Council and Natural England. The ecologist who visited the woods described it a 'a little treasure' and has written a management plan as required for the application. Once designated Church Woods will have a greater level of protection for residents to enjoy for years to come.

A village resident suggested that it would be a good idea to have a bench by the bus stop that has been installed where the old BT phonebox used to be. The councillors agreed and as the bench would sit on highways land we now need to apply for a licence to site the bench.

Our next full council meeting will take place on Thursday 19th November 2020 by zoom. Please contact the clerk for a link, we look

BOOK EXCHANGE

The next session will be on Friday 6th November in the Methodist Hall, Ninfield. Numbers will be limited in the hall to allow for social distancing. All adults, unless exempted for health reasons, must wear a face covering indoors, hand sanitiser will be available on entry via the Church Lane entrance and on exit through the Fire Escape door into Downs View. Any queries please contact David Swales on dj_swales@hotmail.com or 07989729123.

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL VILLAGE MARKET

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Message from Sami.....

"The rule is- you have to Dance a little bit in the morning before you leave the house, because it changes the way you walk out into the world..."

Well - as you will see from the quote above... this is my mantra, and one I love to pass on!!!

Although there is no new news, to save me waffling on for no good reason...!.. I'll just reiterate the schedule of classes, and what availability is left.. and hopefully you'll get the complete phone numbers etc at the end of the article this month! I think they missed the box last month!

So - For my Dance Classes, here's what is happening from now on!!

Monday Mornings 10-11am - we have the Movement 2 Music Classes - Chair based and Standing Exercises, for the Older but Still Active Person! - At the moment nearly 20 lovely ladies AND gentlemen come to stretch, swing and sway, and generally loosen up the limbs, strengthen the torsos and cores, and have a good old giggle all at the same time! There are ONLY 5 spaces available - if you would like to come and try a class - please call me on the numbers below!

Monday Evening 6.45pm- 7.30pm - TAP Dancing! Classes for Beginners, and those who would like to brush up former skills! Time to find your inner Fred or Ginger, have lots of fun, raise the heart rate and get fit!! Call to book a place!

Wednesday Evenings - 6.30-7.30pm - its -Dancercise! 2 Warm ups, plus great routines with different styles from Disco, Jazz, Salsa, Cha Cha, Modern, Swing, Lindy, Charleston..all the fun is in learning new steps and dance styles, while exercising the body and brain!

Friday evenings 7 - 8pm - Alternate weeks - Wk 1 - Show Dance/Burlesque- Think of shows/films like - 'Chicago', 'Cabaret', 'Moulin Rouge' and that's the sort of style we work in! I have been a professional dancer for over 40 years - yes, still doing it!- and, from my time in the West End, and in Films, I can pass on a LOT of gorgeous original, show routines that work the body, brain and feel good factor! - There are a just couple of spaces left - so please get in touch!!!

Wk 2- 'Strictly Ballroom!' Yes!! This is Fabulous!! Have some fun learning how to do the basics of the Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Quick Step - chasing the Strictly T.V Series ^{as}₁₀ it goes long, and having YOUR

opinion as to how THEY are doing !! I will be teaching the different styles as if everyone is a Solo dancer, to fit in with social distancing -couples can apply to join, they will be counted as 1, in a bubble - so everyone will feel included! Do call me for further information, the first class is now FULL - But! A second class is now being started!!!

These are strange times that we are living in, and we are finding that trying something new; learning a new skill, and getting fitter in mind body and spirit is keeping us going!!

So let's get together and DANCE!!

Sami Hughes-Guard - A.I.S.T.D.Hons. Call 01424 893699, 07970650321 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

This is Kevin's nomination for a **Lockdown Hero Award** which has received a Gold from CPRE Sussex.

Village Lifeline in Lockdown

Ninfield Village Stores in East Sussex is a small business which has been making a big difference to its local community this year.

The village is home to a high percentage of elderly and vulnerable people who would have been left high and dry during the lockdown without the help and support of the shop and its staff.

The store's proprietor, Chris Moore, quickly adapted to the situation, providing free deliveries to those who needed to isolate, and keeping the post office running for essential business.

'He and his small staff have been instrumental in ensuring that the extremely vulnerable and self-isolating can obtain the necessities they require,' says the grateful customer who nominated him for a CPRE Sussex Award.

'They have been delivering personally up to 5 times a day rather than forcing the elderly high percentage of the population to travel further, especially those without any private means of transport

Without the Village Stores, the village would lose a vital part of its spirit and character. He is a worthy candidate, no, WINNER.'

Polite church "The congregation was wonderful," said the minister after the Zoom service. "They were so polite that they even covered their mouths when they yawned."

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

November is the month for Remembrance, with ceremonies observed at Church Memorials. When we first came to Ninfield, that's what we believed, that the Memorial Hall was simply that, erected after the Great War in honour and Memory of those from the village that went off to fight, with many not returning. When serving on the Committee I heard from Jim Hoad that the reason the Hall had prominent buttresses outside and rods internally was due to the weight of snow during construction that had caused the walls to bow outwards. Sometime later I realized that the Hall had been built EARLIER than after the Great War, so set out to research its true age.

The main clue was that it had been built on land donated by the Brassey family of Normanhurst from part of their holding at Ingrams Farm, one of many farms they bought from the Fuller family when creating the Normanhurst Estate. Normanhurst Court was completed by 1870, so I assumed the Hall had been built afterwards, from materials left over. But I couldn't trace any bad winters, severe enough to have such substantial falls of snow to cause damage.

So, I went searching through meteorological records back in time to find severe winters.

11th January 1866: A notable snowstorm which is mentioned in "Meteorology of England" has the following general quote –

"10-11 January: notable snowstorm-blizzard conditions.

Westerly situation, very dense heavy snowfall 8-15 inches, with 15ft drifts, transport disrupted, widespread damage to trees and telegraph poles, great loss of life on coast, many sheep buried in snow."

The January 1866 event looks the most widespread and significant. A book by John Kington titled "Climate and Weather" notes significant weather events, for January 1866 had the following:

"10 January: cyclonic northerly situation, heavy snowfall, roads and railway blocked, Dover, Deal and Brighton cut off;"

The records for Uckfield also details a rare but severe "thundersnow" event, with large amounts of overnight heavy rain suddenly turning to snow.

If Ninfield village folk lore is correct, this has to be the snow storm event which caused damage to the walls, and therefore places the construction of our Drill Hall to late 1865, as a recently started building

would not have sufficient fabric to be severely damaged, only one near or just completed. There is still the possibility that January of 1867 also produced heavy snow, but in either case, it would seem that the hall was largely built by January 1866 or January 1867. Even accepting the January 1867 date, as perhaps fitting more neatly with the formation of the Ninfield and Pevensey Battery (as one could argue that it may not have been formed UNTIL a Drill Shed had been built, not that the unit formed first and then had to build a base!)

The year 1858 saw the creation of the National and Constitutional Defence Association, a pressure group for a volunteer military rifle corps, designed to resist invasion. The Volunteer Force took form in 1859, as a Citizens Militia. The Cinque Ports formed as an Artillery Volunteer Corps (AVC).

- 1st (A Bty) Cinque Ports AVC – raised at Dover as 1st Cinque Ports AVC 6 January 1860;
- 1st (B Bty) Cinque Ports AVC – raised at Folkstone as 3rd Kent AVC on 7 November 1859) then transferred in April 1860 and renumbered as 1st Cinque Ports in May 1860;
- 1st Cinque Ports AVC – at Ramsgate as 2nd Kent on 2 January 1860,
- 2nd Cinque Ports AVC at Sandwich as 2nd on 13 February 1860;
- 3rd Cinque Ports AVC –at Walmer as 3rd on 6 February 1860;
- 4th Cinque Ports AVC –at Hastings on 23 February 1860;
- 5th Cinque Ports AVC –new corps raised at St Leonards-on-Sea 2 October 1867
- 6th Cinque Ports AVC – at Margate 26 June 1861
- 7th Cinque Ports AVC – at Ninfield and Pevensey April 1866, and later increased to two batteries in 1874

Hastings Chronicle Archive items:

Rifle Volunteers Launched May 5, 1859: *A group of local men willing to take up arms against the French was launched. The First Company of the Cinque Ports Rifles was formed in John Banks' schoolroom at a meeting organised by Hastings News owner William Ransom, Mr A Amery and Mr Banks, and backed by Frederick North MP. The government, however, saw little value in arming civilians and it was not until November 1859 that the Company was given that official title coming under the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The name 'Cinque Ports' was suggested by well-known local historian Thomas Cole who*

had played a prominent part in setting up the Corps. Their first rifle practice took place on 31 May at Rock-a-Nore, with targets fitted to the bottom of the cliffs. Initially they used the Market Hall in George Street for lectures and drills, and most had to provide their own rifles.

The Company also had to supply its own uniforms, (which kept it out of the financial reaches of the common working man, and was thus more available for those with leisure time and funds to do so) and grey cloth with red facings was bought.

By mid-summer there were 70 members. Then Lady Waldegrave, owner of Ecclesbourne Glen, gave permission to set up a range firing across the valley, which was to remain in use for many years. By the autumn of 1859 the Company was so well established that the government gave it official recognition, although many people still ridiculed the idea of them actually facing a foe.

Volunteer Artillery: December 16, 1859 *A local Volunteer Artillery Corps was to be formed, because of the imminent fears of war with France.*

New Drill Hall June 7, 1861: *A new drill hall was created in Middle Street, Hastings, for the Volunteer Artillery Corps and Rifles to share.*

Seven Drill Halls which were built prior to 1880 are included in the Historic England National Heritage List for England, all Grade II. The Drill Hall on Armoury Road, Selby, North Yorkshire is the oldest Listed Drill Hall in the Country, with a hall 80ft by 40ft wide and built in 1864. The York Road Drill Hall in Great Yarmouth was built in 1867.

Chester has a part of a Drill Hall built in 1868 that still survives, though the Hall itself has been demolished.

There are also several early Unlisted Drill Halls. Castlebergh Lane in Settle has a Drill Hall built in 1864, as was the Londesborough Barracks in Hull. In Keighley, the Drill Hall dates to November 1867. Closer to home, the Drill Hall on the Quay at Sandwich dates to 1869, and was built for the 2nd Cinque Ports Artillery Volunteers. (The Drill Shed at 55 Middle Street, Hastings was built in 1861, but was demolished after later serving as a cinema, and the Priory Meadows Shopping Centre now occupies the site).

Thomas Brassey married Anna Allnutt on 9th October 1860 2 days after her 21st birthday, they then leased Beauport Park from Archibald Burgess (who changed his name by Royal Licence to Lamb) in 1860.

He became a 2nd Lieutenant in the CPAV in 1861 in Hastings, and by 1865 he had 2 young children. With accommodation being available at Park Gates or Normanhurst, and being promoted to Captain, having a Drill Shed and command of a battery at Ninfield would be very convenient. 1866 would therefore be the earliest likely date for a Ninfield Drill Shed.

Ninfield therefore appears to be the **earliest surviving** example of an **Artillery** Drill Shed.

The reason why in the 1850's there was fear of a French invasion was due to the ability of the new fangled steamships to disregard wind direction, so whereas it had been possible to blockade vessels and get the weather gauge, French steam ships could be across the Channel and landing troops on the Sussex shores in a matter of hours, regardless of prevailing winds. This was heightened by the resurgence of the Bonapartist Second Empire of Napoleon III, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte. Kevin Regan

THE NINFIELD ALLOTMENTS

It's been really interesting and fun to watch the activity in the allotment this year. Several of the long abandoned plots have been reclaimed, cleared of years of brambles, nettles etc., and planted up. Also several little potting sheds and greenhouses have appeared. Existing plots have been producing a wonderful variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Sadly, The School plot and Scouts' plot haven't been quite so busy this year for obvious reasons.

While my grandchildren were staying in August, we had fun measuring all the self seeded sunflowers to see which plot had the tallest, fortunately the winner was working in the plot at the time and was awarded with 2 of my granddaughter's delicious homemade cookies!


Now it's coming towards the end of the growing season but activity continues. There are crops to be harvested and ground to be prepared for autumn planting. Let's hope that all the plots can have bumper crops next year. S.T.

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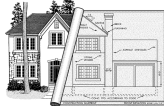
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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY (November 2020)

Hooe History Society continues to follow national guidance and that of Hooe Parish Council by not holding monthly meetings. We will continue to be led by these bodies in the hope that the current situation shows early signs of resolution next year.

DID YOU KNOW... that in the early days of Hooe school the children had many more reasons to be absent than they do these days. The school log books reveal this with many interesting entries regarding absence from school.

The children who attended were from largely poor families, many of whom worked on the land. In those days farming relied heavily on manual labour to plant, tend and harvest the crops and this in many cases involved the older children. Attendance at school in the early days was not compulsory so many of the parents would keep their children at home during busy periods in order to get the work done as it was considered to be more important than their education. There are numerous references to school numbers being down as a result of hop tying and gathering, haying, fruit picking, pea picking, blackberrying and collecting chestnuts.

Interestingly, the main holiday that we now call the Summer Holiday was then known as the Harvest Holiday and lasted anything up to eight weeks, depending on how long the harvest took to complete. It was not for them an exotic holiday somewhere, a visit to the local shops or even time when they could have a lie in – they were expected to get up and work in the fields, the farm or around the house, for the whole of the holiday. The name (Harvest) described perfectly the reason for its length and existence. This term was last used in the log book in 1904 and the new description of “Summer Holiday” was adopted in 1909, both when J.J. Newport was in charge. In between, it was just called “a holiday”.

There are two entries in particular relating to the picking of blackberries, both in the autumn of 1918 close to the end of the Great War. The first on Friday 4th October John James Newport wrote:-
“During the past fortnight the older children have had six afternoons from school to pick blackberries for the Ministry of Food” and he followed it up about three weeks later with the following quite remarkable entry: –

“For the last time the older children were allowed to gather blackberries this afternoon. By their efforts 2 1 / 2 tons were completed, which with other made a total of 3 tons for Jam”. It is not clear where all of these blackberries went or whether the jam was made in the village. Either way, it was a considerable achievement by the village.

One of the most regular entries for giving holidays was for Ninfield Wesleyan Sunday School treats, anniversary teas or excursions. There is little other detail on these events but there appears to be a complete acceptance of their value to the children, presumably because of their religious perspective and the fact that they were probably well attended. There could be several of these held throughout the year.

Other local villages also affected attendance at the school. Ninfield Club day was an annual event whilst a Grand Fete at Ninfield and an annual Hospital Fete at Ninfield (both 1914) were granted holidays, as were the Catsfield Races in 1896. These were all quite large scale events with stalls and sideshows, which gave many village families the chance to get away from their normal everyday routine. Ninfield Forrester's

Fete was also mentioned several times in the logs, half-holidays being given. All of these events were held on week days rather than at weekends.



*School Photo
1895*

Another annual ritual during April between 1886 and 1901 was the gathering of wild flowers by the school children on behalf of Mrs Brand who lived at Grove Farm and was the wife of Mr John Edmund Brand,

one of the school managers. The flowers were gathered and sent to several (unnamed) London hospitals. I suspect that they were probably dug up and potted because picked flowers would have been in very poor condition when they reached London! Interestingly, one child on an unconnected nature ramble in June 1901 collected 21 different varieties of flower. I wonder how many could be found today? *(to be continued...)*

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Following our Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats survey we have held a couple of on line workshops to identify the next steps for developing our plan.

The next stage will be to review 6 areas and begin to develop policies. These are:

- Infrastructure/economy
- Transport & travel (including parking)
- Local character/heritage
- Design and development
- Green spaces/environment
- Social cohesion/resilience

There will be an opportunity to get involved in workshops and surveys around these you can see the dates and times for the workshops and register to join them on the Ninfield Parish Council website.

The first one is Village Character and Heritage at 7pm on Tuesday 20th October.

Alternatively email: ndp@ninfieldpc.co.uk or call John on 892248."



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- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- ½–1 tsp hot chilli powder or smoked paprika
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 300ml/10fl oz chicken stock
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp dark brown muscovado sugar
- 1 tsp dried mixed herbs
- 2 bay leaves
- 3–4 fresh thyme sprigs
- 100ml/3½fl oz red or white wine (optional)
- 400g tin butter beans or mixed beans, drained and rinsed
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- rice or rustic bread slices, to serve

Method

1. Heat 1 tbl spn of the oil in a large non-stick frying pan and fry sausages gently for 10 minutes, turning every now and then until nicely browned all over. Transfer to large saucepan or flameproof casserole dish and set aside
2. Fry the bacon in the frying pan until starting to brown and crisp and then add to the dish with the sausages.
3. Add onions to the frying pan and fry over a medium heat for 5 minutes until they start to soften, stirring often. You should have enough fat in the pan, but if not, add a little more oil. Add garlic and cook for 2–3 minutes until the onions turn pale golden brown, stirring frequently. Sprinkle over the chilli powder and cook together for a few seconds longer. Stir in the tomatoes, stock, tomato purée, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar and herbs. Pour in the wine, or some water if you're not using wine, and bring to a simmer.
4. Tip tomato mixture carefully into the pan with sausages and bacon, reduce the heat, cover the pan loosely with a lid and leave to simmer very gently for 20 minutes, stirring from time to time. Stir the beans into the casserole, and continue to cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is thick.
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**Ninfield Memorial Hall
Tuesday 1 st December
2 – 4 pm and 7 – 9 pm**

As previously all materials including cones, baubles and ribbons will be provided to make a beautiful, hand woven Christmas wreath. Just bring secateurs, gloves and any special foliage or decorations you wish to include (and a big smile!).

Refreshments will be available if restrictions allow.

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**Workshops will be arranged to allow full social distancing
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NEWS from NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

On Monday 12th October we held our AGM, Chrissy McAfee remains as Chair with Sami Guard as Vice Chair and Carol Holland as Treasurer. Jane Dommersen and Janice Wood stood down with Issie Pickup and Katie Lear voted in as Bookings Secretary and Secretary

So if you'd like to book the Hall please contact Issie on 07809 413 159 or better still, look at the website www.ninfieldmemorialhall.co.uk where you'll find our diary so you can see what's available, then fill in the enquiry form and Issie will get back to you.

As we said last month we have lots of physical activity for you to choose from, with a new addition this month of tap dancing, check them out, get fit and make friends. All the classes are well spaced maintaining social distancing and following Government guidelines.

Mon 10.00 Movement to Music 1.00 Badminton 6.00 Tap dance

Tues 10.00 Line Dancing

Wed 9.30 Freedom Pilates 10.30 Freedom Yoga:
6.30 Dancersize 8.00 Cardio- Conditioning

Thurs 1.00 Line Dancing

Fri 9.30 Fitness Yoga 6.30 alternate weeks

Burlesque 13th & 27th; ballroom dancing 6th & 20th

Take a look at our website www.ninfieldmemorialhall.co.uk for more details of who to contact as you will need to book in.

Please remember, things change very quickly and bookings can get cancelled at very short notice.

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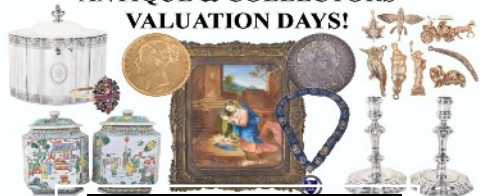
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Worms Eye View

I am just back from my daily walk-around. After a very wet and blustery day yesterday obviously at the beginning of October, it made today's walk much nicer, even a hint of sun and blue sky.

There are still quite a few berries to be seen, we haven't picked them all for wine making or cooking, it really has been a bumper year for berries, and today I spotted another bush with masses of fruit still tempting me. These are rose-hips and I must admit that I have never made rose-hip wine, but I shall have a go this year. However I understand they should have a frost on them before picking, this applies to all sloes and I shall with the rose-hips.

Actually seeing them brought back memories of the Second World War, in a particular way. Obviously all things became short and hard to come by, and so we, at Junior School, had to go out in school time and pick rose-hips which were then sent off and made into rose-hip syrup, which we eventually had to queue up for, for a spoonful of the syrup, which actually was very nice. It was apparently good for us, and was one of the nicer events to remember from during the war years.

November itself starts off with All Saints Day on November 1 st ; this is a day to honour those Saints for whom there is no special day. This is followed by All Souls Day on November 2 nd , when prayers are said for the dead. In some parts of the country people used to celebrate Parkin Sunday, which is a Sunday near to All Saints Day. It was traditional to eat Parkin on that day. Parkin is a traditional pepper cake made from treacle and ginger. I have never tried it, or indeed seen it in any of the shops I frequent.

November 5 th, I imagine will be a lot quieter this year due to Covid19, but other cakes eaten on the 5 th were called Tharf cakes. These were made from oatmeal, butter and treacle. Again I have to say I haven't partaken of this delicacy, but I understand they originated to honour the Scandinavian God, Thor.

Just remember when you are shivering in November, that 'A cold November, a warm Christmas'.

I hope that we shall be able to appreciate that.

Anne

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Hooe Parish Council continues to meet by Zoom. During these times, when communication is more difficult than usual, the Council is meeting monthly instead of by-monthly. This helps to keep the work of the council up to date and Councillors aware of what their colleagues are doing. If you would like to join a meeting of the Parish Council please let our Clerk, Jackie, know. She will be pleased to send you the Zoom link. The date of the next meeting has yet to be agreed.

Many will not even have noticed the damage to the wall around the corner of the Flag Green. The tyre marks on the road indicated a driver had misjudge the corner, or diverted and swerved left at the last moment. The result was damage to the wall. I am pleased to tell you this was repaired within a few days, I am not so pleased to tell you that the cost of the repair has to be borne by us all as the driver failed to stop and there were no witnesses to the incident.

Litter continues to be thrown from passing vehicles, and local volunteers continue to pick it up. Wealden reported that 20 parishes joined the Great September Clean up, (Hooe was one of them) together collecting just over 1 and a half tonnes of rubbish. A great result, but surely those individuals who discard their rubbish through the windows of their vehicles should show more respect?

If you would like join Hooe Speed Watch please contact Jackie, our Clerk. Speeding traffic through our village continues to be a problem. With the onset of the dark evenings and adverse seasonal weather conditions the danger to residents increases. The more people who take part in Speed Watch the stronger the team.

Today the signage on the door of the village hall was replaced. The original sign, in place for such a long time had faded and was illegible. The Parish Council is sadly unable to open the hall this year. It is only now when we have no hall in which to meet in the village do we really appreciate how much of an asset it is to the village.

Lastly – if you remember back in the summer the Hooe Open

Garden weekend was cancelled. Photographs of our gardens were taken during the week end of the cancelled event and now, if there is sufficient interest, an Open Gardens Calendar 2021 will be produced. Please contact Peter Doodles 01424 892329 who has agreed to produce the calendar or Gary Durman, Chairman of the Open Gardens, if you are interested in purchasing a calendar – or a few to give to family and friends at Christmas

Pam Doodles
Vice Chairman
Hooe Parish Council

Worry not I have a friend,

In this old age with time to lend.
She keeps me company when I'm down,
Sometimes even acts the clown
With a tendency to talk too much,
She can make me feel out of touch.
A habit I don't find awfully funny,
Is that once a year she asks for money.
She has zero listening skills,
And cannot cure my many ills.
Without her lonely life would be
Daily, few other souls I see
My home an unwanted prison,
Without my friend the television. HJ

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Nov 8th 10.30 am Remembrance Sunday @ St. Mary's, Ninfield

Nov 15th 10.30 am Worship and Praise service

Nov 22nd No Service at our Church

Nov 29th 10.30 am ADVENT Sunday celebration

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Nov 6th 10.00-11.30 am Book Lending Library

We look forward to uniting at St. Mary's for the annual Remembrance Sunday worship. Do come along if you can.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal / 'Love in a Box' – We were pleased that Simon Rooksby, who organises this invaluable initiative, spoke at our service on 18 October. He is planning a trip to Europe in December and we would love you to pack shoeboxes, as before and bring them to our Church by Advent Sunday (November 29th) so that they can be included in his delivery. You can decide whether you would like to support the elderly, teenagers or Children at home or abroad. Then mark the box with the category, and Male or Female. You can wrap the box if you wish but remember to leave it so that it can easily be opened and checked. Close with a rubber band or string. Have fun and please contact us if you need any additional information.

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Advent and Christmas 2020 - Our Church Council met in October and agreed to plan weekly services in December as we all prepare for the Christmas celebrations. Things may need to be a bit different this year but please watch this space for more news.

Best wishes & look after yourselves.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...

Please come! If you touch her she will be healed.



Jesus went with him.

In the crowd was a woman who had been ill for 12 years.



If I touch his cloak I will be healed

Jesus felt power go out of him



Who touched me?!

Jesus waited...



and the woman knew she had to tell him.

She knelt at Jesus' feet and told him everything



Go, daughter.. Your faith has healed you.



Then Jairus was told his daughter had just died.



But Jesus said



Don't be afraid, just believe and she will be healed.

When they got to Jairus' house, it was filled with people mourning.



She is not dead, but asleep.

They laughed at Jesus. He sent them out of the house.



Little girl, get up!



At once she stood up!

Her parents were amazed.



Give her something to eat, and don't tell anyone what has happened.

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