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Parish

News



News, events and stories

In & around

Ninfield & Hove

November 24

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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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	St Mary's	St Oswald's
3 rd November	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 <i>Family Service</i>
10 th November	10.00 Remembrance Service in church and on the Rec for 11.00	3.00 p.m. Remembrance on the Green
11 th November	No Service	10.45 Remembrance Day Service
17 th November	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
24 th November	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist

Opening times for Private Prayer

St. Mary's - Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm Where Possible

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

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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PARISH NEWS

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Dear Friends,

November seems to be the month for remembering.

All Souls at the beginning of the month is a chance to remember with thankfulness those whom we have loved but see no more. Then there is 5th November, Bonfire night “Remember, remember the 5th November”. And, of course, there is also our national act of Remembrance, on Remembrance Sunday. I never fail to be moved as the poppies fall down from the roof of the Royal Albert Hall during the Festival of Remembrance. That remembrance is all the more poignant in our own day as the reality of war and its human cost is once again apparent in Ukraine and the Middle East. There will be services at war memorials and in churches across the country as we remember those who died fighting to protect us and bring peace and justice to our world, and we pray for those serving in our Armed Forces today.

Memories, and remembering, are such central parts of our personalities and character, and in many ways make up part of who we are. Being remembered is very important to us, and the thought that we might be forgotten can be heart-breaking. I often read these verses from Isaiah to people who are feeling lost and abandoned for any reason, or who are grieving the passing of years which means that all those whom they knew and loved, and who held the memories of them as younger people, have died:

God says, “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.” (Isaiah 49:15-16a)

For Christians, of course, the most significant act of remembering is when we come together to remember in bread and wine the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus’ willing sacrifice of himself on the cross for the sake of others is, for Christian believers, the ultimate expression of the self-giving love at the heart of God, when Christ’s hands were marked by the nails of the cross.

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

So, in this season of Remembrance, as we remember with fireworks, candles, poppies, or bread and wine, may we all take time to pause, reflect, and be thankful.

Paul

A PRAYER for Remembrance

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

News from St Mary's

Coffee Morning

Following the success of our previous coffee morning, will be holding another coffee morning in St Mary's on Saturday 9th November from 10.30am to 12 noon. It will be free but of course donations are always welcome.

Remembrance Sunday

This year we are holding the first part of the Remembrance Sunday in church at 10am before processing up to the Recreation Ground for the act of remembrance at 11am. It was felt after meeting with some village and Scout representatives that this would help being able to hear better than previous years. We shall see how it works this year.

St Oswald's

September 29th -
Interment of the ashes of Barbara Strevett

*from the
Parish Records*

News from St Oswald's

The end of another summer on 29th September our Harvest Festival was celebrated with a well-attended service followed by lunch. We thank everyone for their generous donations for the Food Bank.

Earlier in the month, a Coffee morning for Macmillan Nurses organised by Jane Fuller was held in the church. It was well supported by the village and raised over £300.

The results from the Church's letter to Villagers has been collated. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be considering the response at our November meeting after which we will have a report ready for the December Parish News.

The PCC had an early thought to share with Villagers and would like to hear your views. As the Church is open every day during the week (10am- 4pm approx.) we thought that we could offer the space as a possible meeting place for any Villagers wishing to get together for a chat and a cuppa. Tea, coffee and parking are all available, along with second-hand books, and plenty of toys for children to play with. Contact Janet 845087 or Jack 892576 for more details.

The toilet extension is moving slowly forward, with a Planning Application to Wealden DC in progress and plans going out to tender from building contractors. We should then have a really good idea as to the cost.

Coming soon, on Sunday 10th November at 3pm on the Village Green there will be a simple Act of Remembrance. On Monday 11th November a Remembrance Day service at 10.45am in the Church.

It is getting closer to Christmas and the Carol Service is on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. The Village Band and a bus, as transport from the Red Lion to church and back, are both booked. Full details next month.

**Closing date for items for the
DECEMBER & JANUARY
combined issue of the Parish News
is WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER please send to
ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

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NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

9.30 - 12.00

MONTHLY MARKET

The Pop Up Cafe will be open for

Bacon & eggs, teas & coffees,

There will be meat from Helen, Cakes from Anne & Jo,

Honey from Fern, Fruit and Veg, bread, eggs and who knows what else, it's always different, so come and take a look!

NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council:

Jackie Scarff 07725 843505 clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

The Neighbourhood Plan- The Parish Council were absolutely delighted that the referendum on the Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan passed and would like to thank all the residents that turned out to vote. The Neighbourhood plan is the culmination of a number of years hard work which has been led by Cllr. John Cheshire. The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to John as without his persistence and determination it would not be here today. Huge thanks also go to Keith Morgan who has given up many hours of his time giving his expert advice. Many thanks to all those who contributed over the years including the steering group.

The plan is recommended for approval by Wealden at its full council meeting on 16th October.

This will formally 'make' the Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan with immediate effect, under section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and Wealden also acknowledges that the Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the statutory development plan for the designated Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan Area. The whole of Ninfield Village.

The Children's Playground – Ninfield Parish Council was very disappointed that they had to close the children's playground soon after its opening. This was due to the fact that the topsoil used was infected with pieces of pottery and glass as well as a large number of stones. This made it unsafe to use. The council asked the Playcubed to come back and sort this out along with some snagging picked up on the council's independent inspection. All construction projects require snagging work at the end of a project, but the council were disappointed that this work took so long to do. In the end we asked Playcubed to put new turf down to ensure that the area was safe to use. This has been completed and now the only delay to reopening is to ensure that the turf beds in.

The playground will be open for the children's half term holiday.

Sometimes there are comments put on local Facebook pages regarding the council's finances, some of these cause concern for other residents. Please remember that most of the financial information for the council is available to the public, simply email clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk if you have any queries. Information regarding employees is confidential and commercial information during negotiations is confidential.

The Parish Council is audited (independently) 3 times every year and all payments etc are signed of a council meeting.

Grounds Maintenance - You may be aware that the council has issued a tender for the ground's maintenance in the village. All the information needed is on the council's website and if anyone has any questions they should contact the clerk. The cllrs have reviewed the requirements for the future contract following feedback from residents over the last couple of years. For example, we have received complaints when the grass has been long and the arisings have not been collected. This was because the contract didn't include the arisings being collected.

The contract now includes the grass being collected after the first cut of the year, after the daffodils have flowered and been left to feed the bulbs for the following year, (probably the June cut) and the final cut of the year.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – The Parish Council has a vacancy for a new cllr following the resignation of Sheila Collins owing to ill health. If you are interested in contributing to the village please contact clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk to find out more.

Parish councillors have a dual role:-

They represent the views and concerns of the residents of the parish to the parish council itself and, through it, to the district, county or unitary authority;

They report back to residents on issues affecting the parish.

The formal part of these role is carried out by attending meetings and corresponding with the parish clerk. The parish council has committees that you may wish to sit on. Individual councillors do not have, and cannot be given, powers to make decisions on behalf of the parish council (this includes the chair), the council is a corporate body in law.

The less formal part of these roles of listening and talking to people, including the local elected members of the district, county or unitary council, will almost certainly take up more of the councillor's time. There is training provided and more information on the role if you are interested.

The next Meeting of the Full Council is Thursday 15th November the Methodist Hall

Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group aims to promote the health and wellbeing of people in the local community. Established in 2018, the NHWG is an umbrella organisation supporting a range of activities.

Ninfield Lunch Club

This is proving very popular and is on the last Thursday of each month. It is fully booked until the end of 2024.

Maggie could do with one more volunteer helper.

For details, please contact Maggie on: 07985588524 or email: maggiethecook@gmail.com

Book Exchange and Community Café

Methodist Hall 10 – 11.30 weekly on Friday.

First Friday monthly: Book Exchange and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Donations asked for books and refreshments. A wide range of books and good company.

Community Café open on all other Friday mornings – you will be made very welcome.

For further details contact David on 07989729123 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

Memorial Hall. Weekly 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. £5 per session. A well established friendly group.

Health Walks

Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour. Meet 11am at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield Recreation ground near the main entrance off Church Lane.

A few more walkers welcome. Part of the East Sussex Health Walks scheme. Please wear suitable footwear.

For more details contact Robin: 01424 892778 or robin@plowmate.plus.com

Men's Shed

Now an established friendly group meeting at Sparke Pavilion. 10 am last Friday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over free coffee. For more information contact Dave: 01424 892883.

Film Matinees

Memorial Hall Tuesday afternoons. Doors open at 1.30. Films start at 2 pm. FREE entry and refreshments.

Dementia friendly and subtitles.

See below for films for the rest of the year.

5 November: The African Queen

10 December: The Greatest Showman

For more information or to book a place (to ensure enough cake!) contact Jackie or Rose: 01424892422 or email: jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

Dark Skies - due to an amber weather warning we had to postpone our Bat Walk on the 26th September to Spring 2025 (when the bats will emerge from hibernation). However, a small group did get together on the 3rd October for our own informal walk. We didn't see that many bats but did 'hear' a number using our bat meters. Mainly pipistrelles but also (we believe) noctules. Unlike the week before, it was a lovely clear night and we spent a lot of time looking up at the beautiful clear skies over our village. And then we had the Northern Lights on the 10th - I'm sure you all saw the amazing photo's on Ninfield Community Site and hopefully took some yourselves. We keep up to date with what's happening in our skies via the What'sApp group, please email me if you would like to join.

Friendly Voices -

Hopefully you saw (and heard) Friendly Voices at the Michaelmas Fair and have some idea of the fun we all have and the mix of songs we sing. We have been invited to sing at Ninfield Church Coffee Morning on 9th November and will have some new songs to sing (and maybe some old favourites - but still working on the set). Please come along as the acoustics in the Church are amazing. And the cakes and coffee at the Church not too shabby either!

Anyone is welcome to join us on a Tuesday evening - 7.30 at the Methodist Church or Thursday afternoon - 2pm at Sparke Pavilion. You can just turn-up, or call (07707683187) or email (k.crittell@btinternet.com) if you want a chat beforehand. We are called the Friendly Voices because that's what we are - we welcome everyone. Our usual tag line - you don't need to be a good singer, just enjoy a good sing.

" Ninfield Local History Group

The Ninfield Local History Group meet on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, Ninfield. We are really looking forward to hearing the talk by Keith Wells on his family and the bakery in Ninfield. Lots of long time residents have fond memories of the lovely bread and cakes that were baked right here in the village.

Entry for visitors is £4 but you can still join the group for £10 and get discounted entry for the remaining talks until April see our website for details (just search ninfield local history group). Refreshments provided.

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk / RFO: Jane Warrener 07548 528754

Email: clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk **Website:** www.hooe-pc.gov.uk

To commemorate Remembrance Day, services will be held on the Village Green on Sunday November 10th at 3pm and on Armistice Day, Monday 11th, at St Oswald's Church, Hooe at 10.45am.

The Village Hall is attracting more bookings and potential table tennis evenings are being discussed.

Now autumn is underway, the village planters will be replenished with winter planting.

The next council meeting is on Monday November 11th at 7pm and followed by Monday December 16th in the village hall.

Councillor Gayle Kirk Hooe Parish Council

An Invitation from Ninfield Village Memorial Hall To All of the Groups, Societies and Clubs in Ninfield

As you know on the third Saturday of most months there is the Village Market from 9.30 - 12.00, The First Floor Room is not used at that time and we'd like you to apply for one of the Saturdays to run a 'surgery or drop in' type session to introduce yourselves to residents, put on a demonstration or little training session, ask what residents would like, see what they have to offer in an informal setting? Possibilities are endless! And it's free!

Contact us by email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com or chat to one of the committee at the market on 16th November ,

Country Ways, Geese

My daughter had decided that her dad needed to expand his horizons. For my birthday surprise I was to be taken to watch the last test match of the year at the Oval. Gosh, I have never been to a test match and as it happened still haven't. England lost the test on the fourth day and said tickets were for day five. Still all was not lost!

There was a change of plan and I was taken to Alfriston for a trip out. For most folks down here that would not seem like a trip out, its only just round the corner and I've not spoken to any one yet who has not been there.

Now visiting all over the place does let you see all sorts of things, but so does looking more deeply into your own area. Guess which camp I'm in?

Alfriston is a lovely place, the sort of village where money is required but muddy wellies are not out of place. Their Church is beautiful and they also have an area set aside for wildlife. But it was the sounds I heard off in the distance that really created a special sight. At the rear of the Church there is an open space over looking flat land and the downs. East Sussex is a beautiful county but when there is something you want to see in the distance there is always a tree or hill in the way. This part of Sussex, so I found out has flat lands, marshes and a Haven. I use to live near a Haven in Lincolnshire and next to that Haven was a huge sand hill right by the coast. That was called 'top of the world'. From its summit, probably only ten yards up, you could see twenty miles in any direction. It was from this vantage point that I have watched the migration of the pink foot geese, tens of thousands of them.

Well I heard the geese calling at Alfriston and again the wonderful sight of geese migrating was there to watch, this time though they were Greylags. I phoned Dan the van man and he confirmed that they were most likely Greylag Geese.

It is hard to count birds in flight though there is a technique, unknown to me. My counting usually went, one, two, many! In about half an hour there was about one thousand birds flying past. I was still letting this sight sink in when I was shoved in the car again to visit Cuckmere Haven! This is where my Daughter thought they were going. I was all turned round and had no idea where north was, so where they came from or were going to was a mystery. At night it is easy to find North and during the day in Lincolnshire you only have to know where the sea is and you have east. She was right and at Cuckmere the geese were all settled on a grass field.

The next morning things were back to normal, one mile in the car to walk the dog and open the Church. I still had the vivid memory of the geese on my mind so was elated when I found at least thirty greylag geese sitting on the stubble next to the car park.

Its odd that I mostly don't know what day of the week it is or which bins are meant to go out. I forget names and anything said at an official meeting. I've lost car keys only to find them in the fridge and reading a new book is tricky as I have forgotten what I read the day before! But I have a vivid recollection of every type of wildlife I've seen since I was a boy. So when I hit total dotage I will bang my stick on the floor and shout, Fag, Drink, Geese! AT



Ninfield Flower Group

invites you to

"A Cheshire Christmas"

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Ian LLoyd

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The Reverend Robert Aitken Bennett was vicar in Ninfield from 1877 to 1895. He was born in Dunstable, Bedfordshire 2 June 1838 the 4th son of Benjamin Bennett and his wife Sarah Ann Watts, nee Sharman. Benjamin owned a straw manufactory where, in 1841 he employed 7 men, but prospered later to the extent of employing 26 women and 17 men.

In 1884 46-year-old Robert, by now the vicar in Ninfield, married 20 year old Alice Mary Anstee (or Anstey) in Luton. It was he who planted the many Scots Fir saplings around the village, principally those at the Stocks in Church Lane and by Downsview and elsewhere.

Education: Admitted as pensioner at Clare College, Oct. 17, 1864. Matriculated Michaelmas Term, 1864; Bachelor of Arts 1869; Master of Arts 1873. Ordained deacon (London) 1869; then priest (Ely) 1870. Church of St Saviour's, Pimlico, London, 1869-70. Vicar of St Paul's, Bedford, 1870-7. Vicar of Ninfield, Sussex, 1877 Died May 18, 1896.

In the 1841 Census, Robert was just 2 years old. with an elder step brother, Harold Watts aged 10; and brothers Benjamin aged 5 and John aged 4, at 79 High Street, Dunstable. In the 1851 Census, Robert is living with his parents in High Street, Dunstable, with Henry Watts incorrectly described as son in law, rather than step son, and as a clerk, presumably at the straw factory.

In the 1861 Census, Robert; brothers Benjamin and John scholars, Henry Watts now a Land Holder. In the 1871 Census, Robert is studying for Cambridge, John also at a Wesleyan College and **Benjamin a maltster**. Father Benjamin is also a Wesleyan street preacher. In the 1881 Census Robert is now the vicar of Ninfield. On 4th June 1884 Robert Aitken Bennett married **Alice Mary Anstee** (born 1863) at Luton

In the 1891 Census Robert and Alice are at Ninfield Rectory. Robert Aitken Bennett died in post as Vicar on 2nd May 1895 and is buried in Ninfield Churchyard.

His widow, Alice Mary, meantime moved to "Cheverells", Fairmont Road, Bexhill and on 17 June 1907 she married the **Rev William Hely Saulez**, who had become the vicar of Ninfield in 1904, so she was back there 10 years later for the 1911 Census. When Alice Mary Saulez died in October 1917, she left her estate to Harold Edward **Anstey**, solicitor.

Another link is that Roberts eldest brother, Benjamin (junior) of Bayswater Square, Marylebone, married a **Mary Constance Anstey** on 10th October 1867 in St Mary's Marylebone. Her father was **John Anstee**, farmer.

I have yet to discover any other links between the Bennett and Anstee/Anstey families, but both seem to originate around Luton. It may be connected with Benjamin being a maltster as Mary Constance's Probate named **George Frederick Anstey, brewery director** as Administrator.

Benjamin Bennett, North-Western Brewery, 181-189 High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire. Benjamin Bennett owned an ale and porter brewery at Chamber's Yard, Dunstable, from c.1839. Also a partner in the Bedford Road Brewery, Luton 1864-70 and brewed at Harpenden 1874-93 as well as Redbourn 1882-97.

One of the principal leaders of the English Reformation: Hugh Latimer (1485-1555), a fellow of Clare rose to national prominence as a result of his preaching in favour of reform. He became royal chaplain to Henry VIII in 1534 and bishop of Worcester in 1535, and a strong supporter of the dissolution of the monasteries. During the counter-reformation under Queen Mary (1553-1558), Latimer famously refused to recant his Protestant beliefs.

A link to Ninfield is that after the Great War, Clare's numbers of students grew and further accommodation became necessary. Memorial Court, designed by **Giles Gilbert Scott**, was built during the 1920s and dedicated in 1926 to the Clare alumni who died in the war.

KR

Editors' Comment... The busier all our groups and societies get the less space we have to add any comments! Is that a cheer or a groan we hear!!!!

The Village as a whole is just getting busier, more residents, more cars (definitely not all from Ninfield) more events for us to attend and more groups and clubs for adults and children alike to get involved with. The busier those groups get the busier we are in advertising them, which is good, but sadly many of those events are run by volunteers, many of which are some of our older generation, where the mind is very willing but the body is slowing down. Please go along and get involved so the work done by so many doesn't fail, and things start to close down. \Let's keep this an amazing village in which to live, work and play

Nicki & Carol

Hooe History Society

Our talk this month by Fabian Richter and Matthew Chapman is about “Halls Cross Farmhouse – a piece of Hooe history”. From the earliest records in the 16th century all the way to the present day, Halls Cross Farmhouse at the top of Church Lane has reflected the changes that Hooe has seen over the past five centuries. This talk is based on detailed historical research about the history of Halls Cross, its name, its owners and occupants and how they interacted with their neighbourhood, including even the war memorial in St Oswald’s Church. A number of rare historic photographs and maps will complement the talk and help to illustrate each stage of the history of Halls Cross.

We meet in St. Oswald’s Church on Thursday 21st November at 7.30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW... the Bexhill Chronicle ran the following article in September 1894,

Favoured with fine weather, the Hooe and Ninfield Amateur Athletic Sports were held once again in Mr. Ashby’s spacious grounds at Little Park, Ninfield. For the past five years this annual event has provided sport and amusement to the villagers of Hooe and Ninfield, to whom it has proved a great attraction, the day being set aside almost as a general holiday. Thanks are therefore due to Mr. J.W.M. Ashby, the founder and generous provider of this event, which has now become a formidable institution throughout the villages. Mr. Ashby has always been well supported by his energetic son, Mr. J. W. Ashby and a good working Committee, and this year has proved no exception to the rule. The committee besides Mr. Ashby and his son consisted of Messrs. J. E. Brand, jun., S. Dodson, A. Lemmon, W. Morris, J. Pilbeam, J. Ridel, T. Donald, and G. Wolfe, who had the satisfaction of seeing the long and capital programme which they had arranged, carried out with great success.

As in previous years, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby, the public were allowed on to the ground free of charge, and a large number of the villagers turned out to watch the proceedings. The arrangements on the ground for carrying out the programme were very complete, and reflected the greatest credit on those responsible for them. Owing to the lack of entries last year, the committee deemed it advisable this year to open the sports to Catsfield, and it therefore not surprising to see good entries in almost every race. Through the generosity of many subscribers and others some handsome prizes were offered, including one from the popular member for the Division, Col. Brookfield.

The numerous events were well contested, and some capital racing was witnessed. The officials carried out their duties in a satisfactory and creditable manner. Mr. J. W. Ashby acted as starter; Mr. T. Donald, referee; and Mr.

S. Dodson and Mr. J. E. Brand, judges. The founder, Mr. J. W. M. Ashby, was continually on the move seeing that nothing was left undone to make the affair a success, and in providing good sport for the visitors. The handicapping duties were carried out by the committee. The following is a full list of the events and the result:

FLAT RACE, 120 yards Handicap. First prize, six small knives and forks, presented by subscribers; second prize, two small clocks in stand, presented by subscribers; third prize, silver-mounted walking stick, presented by subscribers. First, T. Dunn, 3 yards; second, A. Packham, 4 yards; third, H. Fisher, 2 yards; W. Deeprise, G. Winchester C. Winchester, G. Vidler, T. Veness, C. Munn, C. Morris, C. Little, W. Morris, and G. Munn also ran.

FLAT RACE 100 yards. Boys of 15 and under Handicap. First prize, bat and ball, presented by subscribers; second, book, presented by Mrs. Bennett, and writing case, presented by subscribers; third, book, presented by Mrs. Bennett. First, D. Packham, scratch; Second, A. Sargent, scratch; Third, C. Moore, scratch; A. Ridel, J. Ridel, J. Donald, and A. Hayward also ran. (Race details continued next month). Peter Hayward.

Ninfield Horticultural Society

There's no meeting in November, but our final meeting of the year will be Monday 9th December. This is our Christmas Social with no speaker but it will be a chance to pick up our 2025 schedule and after the success of last year, we will be hosting our Seed Swap again.

If you were carried away and over-ordered seeds from the very tempting seed catalogues we all receive in the late summer (I've gone a bit over the top with pumpkin varieties this year!) and/or have harvested seeds from your own garden, then please bring them along and see what you can swap them for.

I certainly grew plants this year that I would never have attempted usually.

Doors open at 7pm and all are welcome. You do not need to be a member to come along.

Worms Eye View

Autumn has arrived. I am writing this at the beginning of October and the leaves are fluttering down past the window and it certainly has got a bit nippy. The birds are sitting near their table which is placed so that I can see it easily and they are looking towards me anxiously waiting for their breakfast, so hold on, I will go out to feed them.

There they are happy now, quite a variety come each day and this morning I can see several sparrows as well as two magpies. A rook has also appeared, not very welcome I might add, but the hedge that borders the feeding table and the field behind it is a good 'waiting room' as they know the big birds will not stay long on the table as it is too small for them. Looking towards the sea I cannot imagine that there will be many people paddling today but the cattle still enjoy being on the marshes even though it is a bit soggy, it is still dry enough for them to wander there and enjoy the autumn grass. It was nice for us all to enjoy the Harvest Festival and the super harvest lunch afterwards. It was much appreciated by all of us there.

Next week is another special one for me as I celebrate my ninety first birthday. I sometimes wonder what life as like here in 1933. Recently the family drove me back to Horam where I was born and lived until 1938 when we moved to Hailsham, which I might add both towns have altered and grown since I left in 1956.

I wonder what else life has in store for not just me but for all of us, but I must say it has been good to me so far !

Anne

Ninfield Flower Group

Many of our members will be having a rest after our exertions at a very successful Jumble Sale on Saturday 10th October. Thank you to everyone who brought things to sell and thanks to all our customers. We are also grateful to several members of the Bonfire Society who came along to help us clear up at the end of the very busy day.

Our November 4th meeting in the Memorial Hall will be a workshop. Members will be bringing everything they require to design a Christmas decoration; be it a wreath, a table decoration or a swag. Just a few ideas. If you would like to join us please come along for a 7.00p.m. start. Visitors £5.00.

A couple of us will be assisting at the Methodist's Messy Church on Wednesday November 27th. Always a lovely afternoon and we bring along everything the children need to make their Advent candle arrangements.

On Friday December 6th we will be getting into the Festive spirit with our spectacular Christmas event. Where our national demonstrator for the evening will be Ian Lloyd with

“A Cheshire Christmas”.

Ian is a highly creative florist and is much sought after for wedding designs. Do have a look at his website. He was voted one of the country's top ten florists by the Independent newspaper. Tickets for the evening are £15.00 which includes light refreshments. There will also be two raffles; one with seasonal prizes and the other for the floral designs created by Ian. As always 6.30p.m. for a 7.00p.m. start. The book tickets please contact the Chairman on 07966 659552.

Our final get-together for the year will be our Christmas lunch at the Blacksmiths Inn. They have made us very welcome for the last couple of years and the event is eagerly anticipated.

Help Needed

‘Sheila who is our distributor for Potmans Lane feels that because of some health problems she will have to give up her round. She is happy to deliver November and December but not next year. We are very grateful to Sheila and of course all our distributors, they do an amazing job. This of course means we need a volunteer for next year. The round is 16 houses all in Potmans Lane. If you feel able to help please email ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com or ring Nicki on 893867.’

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CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS 2024

(Raising funds for 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout group)

We are very excited to be able to once again host this years classes to make traditional hand tied wreaths for Christmas with all proceeds going toward the scout group.

Ninfield Memorial Hall



Monday 2nd Dec 7-9.30pm
With complimentary mulled wine,
cheese and nibbles £32

or

Tuesday 3rd Dec 9.30-12.00
With complimentary tea & cake
£27

As previously, all materials including cones, adornments and ribbons will be provided to make a beautiful, hand-woven Christmas wreath. Just bring secateurs, gloves and any special foliage or decorations you especially wish to include. Lots of friendly help available if needed too.

We will have a little raffle on the day, some homemade goodies to buy and a lot of fun to raise much needed funds for 1st Ninfield Scouts.

Places must be booked in advance. Please contact
Veronica Sargent: 07714 327117

VILLAGE SOCIETY

Summer seems a long time ago as I prepare this for publication, the rain is coming down and the nights are drawing in ! We are now experiencing the benefits of last winter's work to the drainage ditches in Church Wood and our subsequent resurfacing work to the footpaths. Whilst we intend completing the wood chipping surfacing to most paths, it became apparent that a hard surface was needed first in a number of locations. We are grateful for the donations of hardcore and road planings which give a secure base for the wood chippings in due course.

Regular visitors will have noticed the felling of three Ash trees near to the entrance bridge. Sadly they were suffering from Ash Die Back which is affecting numerous mature ash trees throughout the UK. We regularly monitor the Wood for such problems and are grateful for the many kind comments we receive from visitors to Church Wood.

Much of the wood we fell is recycled into fencing stakes and recently we have constructed hand rails where the paths pass close to uneven ground to endeavour to ensure all visitors may proceed safely. However, we strive to maintain the area as a Local Nature Reserve and not a park so ask all visitors to use caution when it has been raining.

Finally it is encouraging to report that we have been joined by new volunteers giving us an active workforce of eight or more each Wednesday morning. If you could be interested in our work please come along and chat to the volunteers in their reflective waistcoats one Wednesday morning, no obligation but we shall be pleased to share with you our reasons for giving our time to such a worthwhile cause.

LADIES BADMINTON and TABLE TENNIS

Monday afternoons from 1.30 - 3.30 there is Ladies Badminton and now, a new addition, table tennis. No need to book, just turn up and say hello, you will be most welcome.

it's all very informal, no leagues or competition, just fun and friendship with exercise.

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News, Reviews, Gala Revue and Xmas Disco Night!!

Firstly, Thank you! To all who came to the Michaelmas Fayre on Saturday 28th September! And what a beautiful sunny day it was; such a joy to start all the setting up with bright, early sunlight, then enjoy good weather right through to packing everything away at 6.30pm!

So many people turned out to support the event, and everyone said that the atmosphere was relaxed and happy, the stalls and games varied and great fun, the Raffle superb, the Tea Garden delightful, the BBQ excellent again and the musical entertainment first class. Huge thanks to all the singers, and to all Marketeers, Society members, helpers and especially 1st Ninfield Scouts, who did such a brilliant job with the Portering, Gazebo erecting and many other tasks!!

And, most importantly, St Mary's Church was seen at it's best, and much admired as folk went round, inside and out. Don't forget our lovely Church...it would love to be visited more often!!

For a seemingly 'small' event, there's quite a lot to it, and a bit of work...but, from the immediate feedback, it was a success, and just over £1300 in profits have been thankfully raised - so £435 EACH for the Church Tower repairs, the Bonfire Night and Local Causes.

Many thanks again to everyone!

DISCO NIGHT!!

Thanks for such lovely messages !.. I'm so glad everyone had such a good time !!! The Hall looked amazing, beautifully lit up and with it's very own Mirror Ball, and we were transformed back to the 70/80s for a few hours...

I think it was just a great atmosphere, lots of fun, memory invoking dances...and also lots of chatting and catching up...so many people said that they were 'up the their eyes with 'stuff' and didn't get out much anymore'...!! Hopefully the 'stuffed brains' were all washed out with good music, dancing and lots of laughter...Perfect!

It seems like folk are keen on the idea to do another Disco Night just before Christmas...!

So, in December - the available Friday date is ... the 13th !! Hopefully no one is superstitious!

A welcome de-stressing, Sparkly switch off during the frantic Festive build up!! What are your thoughts?!! Call or text 07970650321 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association:

Next Meeting is Monday 11th November, 7.15pm at the Working Men's Club.

We welcomed Dave and Janet Allen to the Committee, along with Dom Cockerton and Emma Kehoe.

Emma and Dom will lead the organisation for the Pram Races in May.

It'll be the 90th Anniversary next year, 2025, and we'd love your input by looking through your family photos and seeing if you have pictures from Carnivals through the last 9 decades!!! I have the original book of Minutes, with fascinating reports from meetings, starting in 1934 when the first Fête and procession were agreed. Amongst other ideas for next year, we would like to reinvent the Carnival Floats Procession as part of the Celebrations. Dom Cockerton has also volunteered to head this important part of the event, a lot of organisation, and it will need a separate team to put it all together, so if you'd be interested in helping with this, please get in touch!

GALA NIGHT!!!! BOOK NOW!!!

Saturday 23rd November, Memorial Hall, Doors and Bar open 7pm, Carriages at midnight.

It's fabulous that this unique, local Gala is back, and it's a great opportunity to 'posh-up', meet up with neighbours, family and friends and have a brilliant, reasonably priced, night out, on your doorstep - no big journeys or horrendous parking!

Fish & Chips Supper - (also Chicken, Sausage or Vegetarian option) - then a Cabaret Revue Show with 'Déjà Revue'-and, by invitation, special guest Arla will also be performing. The Parish Council Village Awards will be announced & the Carnival Charity cheques presented. Plus other surprises! There'll be a Grand Raffle, Licenced Bar and Dancing.

Get your tickets NOW- only £20 per head to include Supper and Entertainment!! Please buy tickets, and book your food choice, with Lynda at the Village Stores in Lower Street or please call me to book on 07970650321 or Email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

Memorial Hall : The last meeting was a Financial Report and discussion on future financial requirements: Plus the need for new people to join the committee, or become 'Friends of..' in order for the Hall to survive and thrive.

We need extra helpers to share the work load, and also someone who is keen to take on the Chairman role. At the AGM, which will be in January 2025, I intend to take a step back; I will have done two and a half years as Chair, as well as some few years as Vice Chair before that, and in total nearly 25 years on the Committee: but I will remain on the committee as a trustee, and will

continue to be active, because basically I love our Hall!!! I'd love someone to come forward and see what's going on, with a view to taking things forward. We have fantastic officers who do a huge amount of work, which is getting more technical as time goes on! If you're interested in helping share the load, then please do come and get involved with the workings of the Hall, have your say, and present your ideas.

Hall bookings are already up on last year at this time; any event ideas, or meetings that you want to do, please go to ninfieldmemorialhallbooking@gmail.com and get them in the diary!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Final details. Sunday 10th November.

Revd Paul Frostick to conduct...

10am - Service at St Mary's Church. With 1st Ninfield Scouts, including the newly formed Squirrel Section.

10.40am - All process from the Church up to Tommie on the Rec, to meet up with everyone who would like to join in the Act of Remembrance, laying the Wreaths, the Silence etc.

11.15 - Process down (via pavements) to the Memorial Hall for refreshments, and to see a short film made by the Scouts, showing their trip to Flanders.

12.30 Finish.

Please look out for notices on boards, in the Shop and on Social media for all information on the event. If you would like to lay a Wreath on the day, please let either Paul or I know.

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Dance Classes!!!

The fabulous Monday morning class, Movement 2 Music, 10am, for the older but still active person... continues to gain support and we have 20 fantastic members who enjoy the exercise, and then coffee and biscuits and a chat afterwards. There are still a few more spaces to fill so Please get in touch and come and join us! Look out for notices and posts for extra details, or call me!!

Dancercise Class every Wednesday evening, 6.30pm- we'd LOVE some more people to come and join us, call me for details, and look out for Advertisements!!

Thanks so much to everyone for their interest and support for local events, dance classes and entertainment - please contact me 07970650321, samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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Mobile phone stopped working?

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So what has happened to it?

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What can I do about it?

You may be able to turn on 4G calling if it is in a menu on your phone, but for many including me it's not. My 4G phone missed that final software update that provided 4G calling.

So whilst your phone can do all the text based stuff, you may well have to buy a new phone.

The advantage being that it may well support 5G as well as the now standard 4G, all well and good but the Ninfield area does not have 5G!!

Summary

3G, almost completely gone now in the UK, US and several other countries on route as well.

4G, the new standard throughout the UK, it's faster and calls should be clearer.

5G, coming to a village near you soon, well maybe soon. Very very fast, viable replacement for broadband etc.

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Coffee Morning: It was great to see so many at our Coffee Morning in October. The church was buzzing with over 50 enjoying not only each other's company, but also the coffee and cakes and the lending book and jigsaw free to use libraries. We were so busy in fact we had to send out for more milk! I am pleased to report that nobody went without their coffee or tea! It was good to catch up with the news after our summer break.

One is never too old to learn new skills!



Gary's flower arranging teach in
To an interested student!



Nicky showing her surprise and
Appreciation at skill of happy recruit!

9 th November:

As mentioned in the last Parish News, at the November coffee morning, in addition to all the usual attractions, we will be taking the opportunity to raise awareness of the public defibrillators situated in our community. Whilst many of us know where they are, fewer know how to use them in an emergency. In fact, some fear trying to use them! This initiative is in response to several requests from residents. We intend to provide as much useful information as possible without disrupting the usual flow of the morning.

14 th December: As one would expect our December coffee morning will have a Christmas Theme. Plans are in hand to make this a very special morning with lots for people to enjoy. Further details next month!

Would you like to get involved? As many of you know, HVCG was formed in early 2022 as an Unincorporated Association with a (brief!) written constitution, with the aim to “encourage, promote, and support village activities”

We hold Liability Insurance for the events we organise such as the monthly coffee mornings, the biennial Open Gardens and the annual village litter pick and help out at the annual Church Garden Party at St. Oswald’s.

You may also know that prior to the formation of HVCG the same group of people, with help from others in the village, organised the coffee mornings, previously held in the village hall, which began in early 2018, and anyone who would like to help out at the coffee mornings on an ad hoc basis or provide a homemade cake is always welcome.

The HVCG Committee is comprised of 8 people, and several current Committee members have decided that it is time to step back and give others the opportunity to take up the reins and bring new ideas.

Being a Committee member requires a certain amount of commitment to organise and participate in the monthly coffee mornings (usually 9 per year as we don’t have them in the months of July - September), the biennial Open Gardens, and the annual litter pick - and any other events which may come in the future.

So if you are interested in becoming a Committee member please either email us at: hooevcg@gmail.com or speak directly to one of the current Committee members.

Hooe Village Community Group, enjoying working together for the good of everyone.

A date for your diary: Our next Open Gardens will be in June 2026. It is never too early to start thinking about opening YOUR garden in 2 years' time!

Thank you too for.....

..... sending in your suggestions as to the type of future events you would like us to arrange for us all to enjoy, to give us an opportunity to meet as a community and to enable us to continue to raise money for local good causes. Please keep the suggestions coming. We would also encourage you to submit suggestions of your favourite worthwhile charities/organisations for us to consider supporting.

*Hooe Village Community Group,
enjoying working together for the good of everyone.*

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met on Friday 11th October in the Methodist Hall in Ninfield and we were given a talk by Sally one of our members. The title was 'Her life in France'. The story started whilst skiing in Italy with friends she met her future husband Stephen. They married in 1985 and Stephen who always had an interest in designing computers (he had even made a basic one at school!) was working in Birmingham when he was offered a job in Paris. Sally jumped at the chance as she had spent a year or two in France and loved the country. They moved to a flat in Paris and Sally went to work for Laura Ashley. Stephen and a colleague met with the Head Umpire at Roland Garros (home of the French Open tennis tournament) to discuss the design of a new and more sophisticated scoring system.

The one at the time relied almost on paper copies and walkie-talkies. The bid was successful and the system designed and incorporated.

Wimbledon heard of this and Stephen's company were asked to design a similar scoring system. It was sold to Australia also and by this time a more sophisticated one had been designed.

In the meantime their two daughters were born and Sally explained the schooling system in France. They returned to England as both daughters were at university over here and beginning their careers. It was a fascinating insight into her and her family's life.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 8th November in the Methodist Hall at 2.00p.m.

All are welcome. Nicki & Heather

The Ninfield Neighbourhood Development Plan is now made and will be an important consideration in any planning decisions going forward. Thank you to everyone who helped with getting the plan done and to those who voted in favour (91% of votes cast).

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Sunday Services for November 2024:

- 3rd 10.30 am Café Worship for all the family with Revd Jonathan Todd
10th 10.30 am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY United Parade on Village
Green
11.00 am with Revds. Paul Frostick & Crawford Logan
17th 10.30 am Worship, Praise & Communion with Revd. Cynthia Park
24th 10.30 am Family Worship & Praise Service

Events for November 2024:

Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café including

1st 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall

13th 2.30 – 4.00pm Christian Women's Fellowship

27th 2.15 – 4.30pm Messy Church Advent

Wow, what a Harvest Festival celebration in October. 35 people came along to Harvest Messy Church & then 70 for the Sunday Praise & Parade service.....we didn't have much space but it was all great. Many thanks to Alan, for leading our worship, & the Scouts. All food items given were donated to the Foodbank. Thanks to all.

The village United Remembrance Service is on Sunday 10th November. A Parade will start at St. Mary's at 10.30 in readiness for the 11 o'clock silence on the Village Green. Do come along & support this special time together.

Once again, we are supporting the Shoebox Appeal launched by Computers for Charities. The prime project this year is a special needs school in Bulgaria catering for girls and boys aged 7 – 18. Staff there work for very little money to give the youngsters as much care and attention as possible as life can be tough as they move into adulthood. If you would like an information leaflet giving more detail please contact David via email: dj_swales@hotmail.com.

Our village deadline will be Wednesday 27th November. You can drop your gift box/bag into the Methodist Hall at Community Cafe on Friday mornings from 10-11.30 on Wednesday 27th November when we have Messy Church.

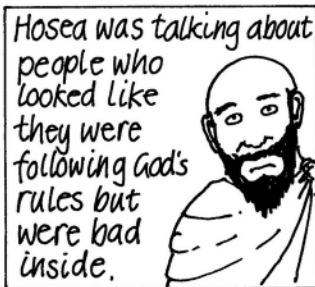
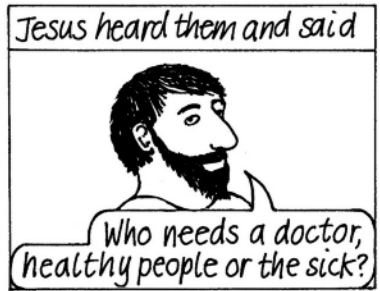
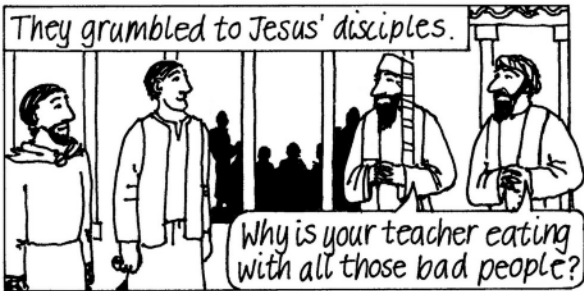
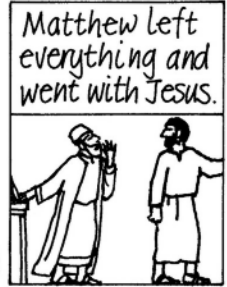
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



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