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October 2023 50p



# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD

### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>St. Oswald's</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
8 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
15 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	NO SERVICE	11.00 Parish Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>

#### **Opening times for Private Prayer**

- St. Mary's - Tuesday and 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](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

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Dear Friends,

So, we are officially into Autumn! You could have fooled me with the heatwave we are experiencing as I write this! Many of us will have our own ways of marking the change in seasons. For some it could be a family anniversary which falls when the days lengthen or shorten or perhaps a sporting event. Well, for me, its geese, conkers and The Last Night of The Proms. It doesn't matter what the official start date is, once these three things are in place it is Autumn. So get out your thermals... Perhaps I should give you a bit more explanation. Well, we have just returned from our annual trip to Scotland. For Scotland the weather was quite good! One thing we did miss this year were the flocks of geese! However, when they are there, it's a bit of an obstacle course as the Canada Geese are normally back in large numbers after their summer break. The geese themselves are not the obstacle but the enormous amount of poo they produce certainly is, still it is a small price to pay for enjoying the company of such lovely creatures. There can be as many as 200 birds bobbing about on the loch or scouting about in the grass, although so many people feed them, that they don't need much grass. I love to watch them take off and land. Why they were not there yet I do not know? Maybe it's another sign of global warming. And so to conkers; apparently the first recorded game of conkers was on the Isle of Wight in 1848. I must say I would have expected it to be a much older game than that as I am sure boys and, it still seems to be mostly boys, would have spotted the potential for a good game well before that. For the last week or so children have been rushing back to school or more accurately rushing towards the Horse Chestnut trees in the churchyard on the way. Sticks are used to try and knock the conkers down and the more adventurous lads climb up to reach the largest ones. I get the distinct impression that boys do not climb trees quite as often these days as their climbing skills are distinctly worrying.

My final sign of Autumn is the Last Night of the Proms. The memory of many Saturday nights on the sofa waving a union flag and singing along to Rule Britannia remains. The Last Night of the Proms still signals the last night of summer for me. Last Saturday we dutifully watched it again. But before we get too gloomy let's just think a bit more about these signs of the time, because I think they all have something to teach us.

We all know the formation that geese fly in, the distinctive V shape; I suppose it is aerodynamic. Whether the geese know that is another matter but what they do know is how to work together. They share the load and if one goose tires the others will lend support through the power of their wings assisting with lift. They also rotate position so that all the hard work is not

And those conkers – obviously the seeds for a new generation as well as source of (fairly) innocent entertainment for generations of children and probably a few adults as well. If you have ever played conkers, you will remember all the mysterious processes involved in getting them ‘battle ready’. Soaking or boiling in vinegar, baking on a low light, painting with nail varnish (borderline cheating) and then the drilling of a hole and the inserting of shoelace – which for some reason was always considered superior to plain old string. Dads and Grandads would help with this and at the same time pass on the benefits of their experience, as well as having a couple of goes themselves. Of course, the Proms just requires us to turn on our TVs but unless we join in with the singing and even get out our flags it is not quite the same is it? The Proms is about enjoying music, trying something different and it’s about joining in. So, working together, lending support, giving encouragement, having fun, passing on skills, trying something different, joining in, that sounds like a pretty good plan for the Autumn and beyond to me, what do you think?

Paul

### **PARISH NEWS**

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### **St Oswald’s Parish Church**

29<sup>th</sup> July - Wedding of Lee Oldridge and Joanne Nesbitt

18<sup>th</sup> September - Funeral of Donna Morris

*from the  
Parish Records*

1 "I am speaking as Vicar of St Oswald's and as someone who loves both the church and the community here and want them both to succeed and prosper. The recent emails that have been circulating in the village and comments I have heard are of some concern to me and I know many others as well! I have read the emails with some sadness and concern for the future. I can understand where both sides are coming from. Sadly, instead of working together for the good of the community we seem to be divided and that cannot be a good thing for any community. We are all I hope concerned for the future of Hooe, but we have different ideas as to how this might be achieved. Our Parish Councillors would not stand if they were not putting the future of the parish as the basis of all they do. It is a thankless task, and I am grateful they have assumed the mantle of responsibility. However, we are only a small village and yes there are rules and regulations, but they can be interpreted not by the letter of the law but by the spirit of the law. I also attend Ninfield Parish Council and the feel of the meeting there is much more relaxed. I hope we can all put the past behind us because if you keep looking back you get a very stiff neck. We need to move forwards, all working together in a hopefully more relaxed way in putting the needs of our community first. Together we can achieve much more than if we are divided." **Paul**

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### The roof at St Mary's

I presume by now most of you know the lead was stolen from the roof at St Mary's! At first the insurance claim was declined because of the 'appropriate signage' for SmartWater not being displayed. They have now accepted that the signage is reasonable and have accepted the claim. Most of the costs will therefore be covered but there will be some items that are not covered. At present I cannot put a figure on it as there are quite a few very damp patches in the church, in particular in the vestry! I have asked for a dehumidifier to be placed in the bad areas. The work will hopefully begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. I will keep you up to date as to how things progress.

**Paul**

## News from St. Oswald's Church

As part of a Grant Application for costs towards church security, we have at last acquired our own Charity number, it is 610345

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH - was held on Sunday 24th September. The 11.00 am service of Thanksgiving was followed by harvest lunch in the church.

BONFIRE LUNCH ! This popular event which ceased during Covid, and last year due to costs of hiring the village hall, returns this year on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8th. No need to book just turn up any time from 12.00 - 1.30. This has been made possible by the generosity of the Hooe Parish Council that has waived the booking fee.

CHURCHYARD CLEAN-UP - SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER. Having failed to have a spring clean up this year due to sickness, by popular demand we would welcome every pair of helping hands possible to volunteer for destroying brambles and nettles in particular. Please bring any tools you may have.

SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER there will be an Armistice Day Service in St. Oswald's Church at 10.45am.

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER there will be an Act of Remembrance on Hooe Village Green at 3.00pm

## Building upkeep and toilet extension

In July we had survey from Bensley's of the Chancel roof (internal) this was because we had found unusual debris on the floor. However it was free of charge and only involved a chap looking at the ceiling from the floor! So we think we should have a proper survey and we have requested one. On the subject of surveys, we have also commissioned a geothermal survey of that part of the north side of the churchyard that will be affected by the toilet and Tea Station extension.

This is all part of the information required by Wealden and the Diocese for the various permission/faculties.

We have received 8 second hand tables from Kent Schools refurbishment programme . They are all in good condition and will help us no end come Garden Party time and for other large events.

From the Visitors Book:

24.7.23 J,D,E. Newport Croydon London. *“A beautiful church filled with history. Clearly beloved by its community. Proud to see our family legacy in this beautiful place”*

1.09.23 Rowan Hastings *“This place gives me a tingly feeling”*

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**St. Mary's**

There was a very enjoyable Organ recital by Paul Abnett on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Numbers were down and the organ managed to stick in a few places but it didn't spoil the event. The organ is being serviced and a new date is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> October in St. Mary's. This will be at 11.45 after the service.

Please come and enjoy the wonderful pipe organ played by our very talented organist..

**Closing date for items for the  
NOVEMBER issue  
of the Parish News  
is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October please send to  
ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

## Editors comments . . . .

As you will tell from this copy of the magazine, Carol who does most of the inserting of articles etc. is away. I haven't done it myself since before Covid so we can blame that for the errors! The page numbers seem to have disappeared in places!! I do apologise and hope that Carol enjoyed her holiday and is rearing to go for the next edition. Sorry!!

We have about 38 families moved into the new development off Manchester Road and we will be delivering the Parish News to them. We will ask if they wish to receive a copy but we will need a distributor for next month. Hopefully someone from the new estate will volunteer but if not.....anyone? Please.



### NINFIELD SURGERY

**Foodbank** - Thank you for your continued support with the donations to the Foodbank basket. We are very grateful for anything you can donate.

**Flu Clinics** - Our Flu Clinics will be Saturday 7th October and Saturday 4th November. Text messages will be going out to all patients.

**Opening Hours** - Please be advised our new opening times are  
8.00am – 12.45pm and 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

Telephone Calls/Nursing Appointments - We are aware that sometimes our wait times on the phones can be very lengthy and we are looking at ways to reduce these. In addition, we are also currently looking at increasing nursing capacity as waits for nursing appointments have also increased more than we would like. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we look into these.

## ***October Diary***

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<b>October</b>			
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### REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS at The Memorial Hall

Mondays	10.00 Movement to Music	1.30 Ladies Badminton (Sept)
Tuesdays	6.00 Cubs	
Wednesdays	9.15 Pilates	10.15 Yoga
	6.45 Dancersize	2.00 Art Group
Thursdays	5.00 Beavers	7.00 Scouts
Fridays	9.30 Cardiac Exercise	10.30 Pilates
	10.30 Crafting & Knitting	
Alternate Fridays	6.45 Ballroom & Burlesque / Explorers	

## **Ninfield Horticultural Society**

By the time you read this, the Summer Show will be a distant memory, but what a show! Despite the threatened storm arriving on Friday night with torrential rain, the exhibitors for Ninfield Summer Show were not deterred and put on a wonderful display of flowers, vegetables and domestics. Visitors to the show were greeted by a display of brilliant display of colour – from huge dahlia blooms to sweet peas, vases of herbaceous and flowering shrubs to herbs. Entries for the flower and vegetable classes were up on the previous year, with new exhibitors competing alongside the more experienced growers. The flower and vegetable judge commented that ‘this is the best show I have judged all year – both on quantity and quality of entries’

Winners on the day were: Brian Fryer, David Walker, Tracey Dixon, D&L Lynch, Jacqui Rutland, Dave Crittall, Amanda Baer, Andrew Smith, Kaye Crittall, Ivan Luck, Pete Saunders, Ray Noble, Pete Austin, Paula Smith, Diana Pilbeam, Sami Guard, Brian Gurr, Nicky Walker, Robin Goldsmith, Joy Hughs, Katie Allen, Donna Powell, Helen Stockton, Sally Parry, Jackie Langley, Ali Walker, Ada Walker and Alana Bates.

Awards went to:

Perpetual Silver Challenge Trophy - Brian Fryer, Harold Morris Memorial Trophy – Brian Fryer, Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup – Brian Fryer, Gordon Cornford Memorial Cup – Brian Fryer, Banksian Medal – Pete Saunders, Parish Produce Award – David Walker, JB Sparke Memorial Challenge Cup – Pete Saunders, National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal Certificate – Pete Saunders, National Dahlia Society Silver Medal Certificate – Pete Saunders, Perpetual Challenge Cup – Nicky Walker, British Gladiolus Society Silver Medal Certificate – Ivan Luck, Eileen Cornford Memorial Cup – Nicky Walker, Perpetual Silver Challenge Cup (Domestics) – Nicky Walker, Joan & Malcolm Moss Memorial Trophy – Donna Powell, Jams & Preserves Cup – Nicky Walker, Ted Ive Shield – Jackie Langley, Pre-School Award – Ada Walker, Childrens Cup – Alana Bates, Jubilee Shield (accumulated points) Alana Bates, Ted Ive Shield (accumulated points) – Ray Noble

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Monday 16th October, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Please come along to have your say on our plans for next year.

## **Ninfield Health and Well-being Group**

### **Ninfield Village Society**

The Health and Well-being group is affiliated to the Ninfield Village Society whose volunteers have been managing and maintaining Church Wood since it was gifted to the village some 27 years ago. Visitors are most welcome to use and enjoy all the well-being benefits that this beautiful small area of ancient wet woodland, now a designated Local Nature Reserve, offers. Contact: Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

### **Men's Shed**

In Sparke Pavilion at 10 am on the last Thursday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over coffee! Free. Just come along or contact: Dave 892883.

### **Book Exchange/Community Café**

In the Methodist Hall from 10 – 11.30 am on Fridays. Note: After the Book Exchange Café on Friday 4th August the cafe will close for the rest of the month, re-opening with the Book Exchange Café on 1st September.

### **Film Matinee**

Here are the details of three remaining films for 2023. As you will see we have one more musical matinee and are pleased to announce the beginning of our 'vintage films on Tuesday afternoons. See below. We do hope you will come and join us for a relaxed, friendly time. Everyone welcome, whatever age. The afternoons are in the Memorial Hall. They are dementia friendly and subtitles are used for those with hearing loss. The screening and refreshments are free. Doors open at 1.30 and films start at 2.00 with time to chat over tea and cake. To ensure there is enough cake, contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com. It is not too early to book for any of the films.

**Tuesday 31st October:** The Smallest Show on Earth – a wonderful old comedy starring Peter Sellers and Margaret Rutherford.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** the Musical La La Land - an American romantic musical made in 2016 which won five British Academy Film Awards.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street – a Christmas classic about Santa Claus.

From 2024 there will be eight films, all on Tuesdays: four musical matinees and four vintage and four vintage films. Details coming soon. We hope you will support us.

## **Health Walks**

As you may know the Ninfield health walk is run as part of our local health and wellbeing group activities. We run a weekly health walk every Thursday leaving Sparke Pavilion, on the recreation ground, off Church Lane, at 11.00 am.

These walks are run as part of the “East Sussex Health Walks” scheme and each is led by a trained volunteer leader. Ours lasts for approximately one hour at a gentle strolling pace to accommodate slower walkers. Walks are free and friendly with no need to book in advance. Dogs on a short lead are allowed.

Unfortunately during the last few months, we have noticed a large drop in the number of walkers turning up and we would really like to get back to our pre covid levels. If necessary the walk leader will try to match the route to suit the requirements of that days walkers, e.g. no stiles.

The health benefits to both mind and body of walking outdoors are well known, so if you are returning previous walker, or just someone who has been thinking about joining us please give it a try. You will be made most welcome.

For information contact: Robin Goldsmith 01424 892778.

**Dark Skies** - the nights are beginning to draw in and the skies in early September were amazing. We have a planned visit to Herstmonceux on 12th October and will then plan to meet the first Monday in November and the winter solstice - format will all depend on the weather, so please keep your eyes on the community facebook page and Village Voice for updates. Or message [K.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:K.crittell@btinternet.com) and I can add you to our Whatsapp group.

**Singing** - We meet on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall. Fee is £1 only per session and everyone is welcome – no matter what age, gender or ability. As we have said many times before – you do not need to be a good singer, just enjoy a good sing.”

Please contact [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) or call 07707683187 or 01424 892883 for more information. Or just turn up at one of our sessions.

**Womens Crafting and Knitting Circle** - In the Memorial Hall 1st Floor Room every Friday from 10.30 to 12.30.

£5 per session. Contact Jane: 01424 892428.

## HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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We hope everyone had a good summer and enjoyed the hot weather at the beginning of September. At the last Parish Council Meeting, further to requests from a number of residents, we agreed to install additional seating on the Recreation Ground. We are pleased to announce a local business and the Hooe and Sidley Football Clubs have agreed to purchase benches which we hope to have installed in the coming weeks.

There have been long standing issues with parking at both the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall, after discussion at a recent meeting the Parish Council has made an application to ESCC Highways for their views on a potential new entrance into the Recreation Ground from Straight Lane. Also, at the Recreation Ground the new water main to the Sports Pavilion is due to be connected this week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. In August the Statutory Annual Inspections of Fire Safety Equipment and Water Safety Checks in our buildings were completed with no problems.

This summer we took receipt of two large outdoor information signs made for Jubilee Wood some time ago, which we hope to erect in the Wood in the coming months as we continue to review how to make the area a pleasant usable space for residents and visitors. We also installed two new planters, both have been filled and planted, the one outside the village hall has received a lot of positive comments.

Finally, I would like to apologise to everyone who received the unsolicited emails from a few residents who chose to use the Parish Council distribution list to circulate their personal opinions and thank you to all who have voiced their support of the Parish Council and Clerk.

The next Hooe Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr. Ann Loyd – Chairman to Hooe Parish Council

## **NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP**

As I write this on the first Monday of September the weather is glorious and I am looking forward to our meeting this evening when we welcome another marvellous demonstrator who I know will delight us with some really quirky ways to enhance our floral arrangements.

Did the weather remain settled for the Michaelmas Fayre on September 23rd? The Flower Group will have helped to decorate St Mary's Church in traditional Michaelmas, Harvest and Autumnal hues.

On October 2nd the weather may be rather different, the nights will be drawing in, I will be on holiday along with several other members, but Jennifer and the rest of the group will be in the Memorial Hall for a demonstration by Nina Tucknott with her title "When Art Met Flowers". Visitors are most welcome. 7pm for 7.30pm admission £5.

On October 14th we have our Jumble Sale. If you have any saleable items please bring them along to the Memorial Hall from 9.30. We open for selling at 2pm.

Our November 6th meeting is to be a workshop and we will be trying our hands at creating seasonal wreaths. Again visitors are welcome to come along and join in or just to watch.

Friday December 1st is our Christmas evening. The theme of our National Demonstrator Tracey Griffin is "Snowflakes". We hope there won't be any actual snowflakes on the day as it may prevent us all getting there (did happen one year, not so long ago).

Tracey is a highly qualified and award-winning florist. She got the flower arranging bug at an early age as her mother had a flower business. Amongst many accolades she has won gold, silver-gilt and silver at Chelsea florist of the year competitions and in 2017 was judged NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) designer of the year. Tickets for the evening are £12 which includes refreshments. Please contact Helen on 0796 665 9552 to book. All the arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening and there will also be a general raffle.

We welcome new members to our Group. Membership fees are £35 for the year. Affiliation fees are paid from this to NAFAS and to Sussex Area of NAFAS.

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**NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**  
**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
**9.30 - 12.00**

## **VILLAGE MARKET!**

All your favourites will be back, Helen with her locally reared meats, Maggie with her delicious cakes, fresh fruit & veg, eggs, honey as well as a range of locally made crafts and other stalls.

Oh! And of course breakfast! Or at least a cuppa and a chat!

## Ninfield and District Art Society

We meet pretty much every Wednesday afternoon throughout the year in the Memorial Hall from 2pm to 5pm. The aim of the group is to offer a relaxed, friendly and supportive environment where members can create their own artwork at their own pace. It is also to enjoy the freedom of painting or sketching using acrylic, oils, watercolours or pastels or whatever medium you fancy. One member even uses an iPad!

We encourage members of all abilities from beginners to those who have possibly dabbled in the past, to those who are now exhibiting and selling their own artwork. We have found that many of our members like to come as it is a chance for them to have some time for themselves, a bit of “me time”, a chance to get away for busy day to day life we all lead for a few hours to paint or draw whatever they like.

We all support each other over a chat and a cuppa, sometimes more chatting than painting! But the time is well spent picking up ideas, advice and inspiration.

For further information or if you are interested in joining, we have a few places available. You do not need to be a good painter; we are all learners.

Please contact Fiona Stedman [fistedman@gmail.com](mailto:fistedman@gmail.com) or call 07761961585 or 01424 892418.

## Autumn Art Exhibition and Sale

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Looking ahead to October, members of the art group are busily getting ready for the Annual Art Exhibition and Sale which is being held in the **Memorial Hall** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October from **10am to 4pm** each day. This is a chance for the artists to exhibit their own work if they so wish. **Admission is free** and there will be refreshments, homemade cakes etc available throughout each day.

So please come along and enjoy the paintings (no pressure to buy.. but if you can – a bonus for you and for the budding artist!) plus a nice cuppa and a cake, plus a tombola.

All funds raised from the teas and tombola to go towards the new exhibition stands. There will be good access for all visitors around the exhibition so please come along and enjoy the artwork with your family and friends and support the group so put the dates into your diaries.



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## NINFIELD ALLOTMENTS

I'm happy to say that we've now identified all the current plot holders and have allocated plots to 4 people who were on the waiting list. We're also hoping to allocate one more plot in the autumn.

There are still several people on the waiting list who I have tried to contact with the details that I have been given but haven't had a response, possibly old email addresses? Perhaps, if anyone thinks they are in the waiting list and haven't heard from me, could get in touch either by email [toadie21@btinternet.com](mailto:toadie21@btinternet.com) or phone 01424-892294 & leave a message.

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## News, Revues and Reviews from Sami

Well, much like the start of my bit for August/September issue, It's not easy reviewing an event before it's actually happened! We will have had the Michaelmas Fayre by the time you read this - but this will have gone to print 10 days before Michaelmas happened! Hey Ho! At time of writing, all is going according to plan - I think! There's an element of the unknown about it, because we haven't done a Ninfield Michaelmas in this way before, but hope springs eternal, and there are some lovely things in the offing, so hopefully all will have been wonderful with NO wind or rain, and with folk having a lovely day! I'm sure the Bonfire Society will have made mention in their section of the magazine too, especially with reference to the Battle of the Bands and Village Fete which we presented in July, (just after the magazine deadline)!! The weather for that Summer event was EXTRAORDINARY!!! SO windy, with belting rain on the Friday evening, but bright sunshine for the Fete on the Saturday. Both days were still well attended, and successfull, with profits going towards the Bonfire Night on 21st October and to local causes. All details after the Carnival AGM on 11th October at the Working Men's Club, 7.45 for an 8pm start - DO come along and have a drink with us - celebrate the events of the year!.

Talking AGM's - tis the season for them! The Memorial Hall AGM is on Monday 23rd October, and EVERYONE is invited to attend - it is a Public meeting, and a chance for people, local residents, groups, clubs and societies to come and see how the Hall is doing a couple of years after the major build and refurbishment. A lot of time and money was given to the Hall by residents, and they should want to know how their 'investment' is getting on, so DO please come along, 6.30pm.!

The Officers roles will all be up for Election; I have stayed in the Chairman's position all this year...still waiting for someone to leap into the Chair...I'm sure someone very close by is just waiting with bated breath for the opportunity...Carol has said she will stay on as Booking Secretary, but will stand down as Treasurer this year, after many years sterling service! HUGE thanks to her for all she has done in obtaining funding and grants for the Big Build, and keeping all afloat through the uncertain Lockdown phase. Brian Stockton has offered to take on the role, and he will be presenting his vision for how the Hall is to go forward with digital online booking, invoicing services and accounting. The Hire charges will be discussed by the committee after the AGM and all agreed rates will be put into effect from 1st January 2024.

So, that's some News, and Reviews, but what about a Revue, Deja Revue? What's happening this November? The Gala?

Ok - The Anniversary Gala Night - a splendid evening with Entertainment, Fish & Chip Supper, Bar, Grand Raffle, Village Awards, Dancing - you know the drill, all as billed - Black Tie, Sequins - LOADS of fun?!

To begin with, the 'Anniversary' bit - and what the plan entailed:- lots of personal things coming to fruition this Autumn, including, 60 years since I did my first ever show, and I have never dropped a year in performing since. - 60 years! And, 50 years since I did my first Professional show, Pantomime at the De La Warr with Kerry Jewel (!!)- that's 50 years in the Professional Entertainment Industry. Oh, and 20 years here as a Parish Councillor too!!!

Well..that's enough of an excuse to do something a bit special - and I put feelers out, before the Summer, to Deja Revue, and my lovely friends Su Pollard and Hilary O'Niel to see if they had the date free, while I checked the Hall hire costs.-

I had booked 18<sup>th</sup> November at the beginning of the year, for after the Market. And here comes the rub -the total Hall hire, plus licence is very high, plus paying for the Artists expenses,food etc, well, it would make the ticket price go up. The whole evening is to recognise unsung heroes in the Village (The Awards), for people to have a great evening out at the Theatre, and for Lost Chord Charity to receive any profits after costs. Unfortunately I don't qualify for any Village user group support - as I am not a user group, I'm an individual. So, I'm afraid I have had to cancel the Anniversary Gala Night at the Memorial Hall in November - I'm really sorry, especially to those who had already reserved places, but it's just not financially viable anniversaries some other time, in some other way, and sadly, in some other place!

**Remembrance Day:** - As yet not finalised - it's a tad early! But I'm sure, after the success and good feelings from last year's event on the Rec, at the feet of our Tommie, with Rev Paul Frostick, Revd Crawford Logan, and the Scouts on parade:- the same format will be put into place and hopefully over 100 people will again come and stand, sing and acknowledge Ninfield's Day of Remembrance.

If you'd like to join people on a trip to the Wylllyotts Theatre after Christmas, to watch Snow White Pantomime, and yours truly as Wicked Queen Narcissia, then get in touch!! It's a FAB show, and a great 'After Xmas' pick me up!! Contact details below

Please contact me for information on all Events in the planning for 2024, and for Dance Classes - 07970650321 - samanthaguard@btinternet.com

### **At a visit to our local church I noticed that:**

On the North wall inside St Mary's Church, there is a brass plaque to Cyril Charles and Norman Alfred Butler, 2 lads with a link to Ninfield. It says they drowned off the Goodwin Sands on the night 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> August 1934. They were living in Ramsgate, where they had been born, although the plaque states they had been baptized in St Mary's. Their mother, Ruth Steer, had been born in Icklesham, but presumably they lived in Ninfield after the children had been born in Ramsgate. Certainly there are Steer family members in the Churchyard, and respected enough to have obtained a faculty permitting the plaque to be installed in the Church, not something easily obtained. The 1939 Register also showed a Mildred Steer living with the parents in Ramsgate, same as Ruth Butlers maiden surname.

**The Background:** On the evening of Monday 13th August 1934, two teenage brothers set off from Ramsgate Harbour on their fateful journey. The two lads, Norman Alfred Butler, aged 15 years and his elder brother, Cyril Charles Butler, aged 17 years, were never seen again. Census records show that both boys were born in Ramsgate, Cyril in May 1917 and Norman in January 1919. This is how the local newspaper reported the incident.....

*"Coastguard stations around the Kent coast are keeping a look out for a rowing boat which left Ramsgate Harbour last night with two brothers on board and has not been seen since.. The boat is painted blue and has a blue mast. It has a lug sail. At 7pm on Monday Cyril Butler, aged 17, and his brother Norman, aged 15, put to sea in the boat.*

*Two young men had been landed from an Ostend fishing trawler but they were not the two brothers. The two young men, whose names were given as Ross and Tom, had left Boulogne on Monday in the yacht Comet. Having met heavy weather they attracted the attention of the Sandettie lightship off Calais and were taken on board. They remained there nearly 24 hours until the weather improved, and then hailed the trawler, which took them on board and took them, with their yacht, to Dover. Meanwhile, the fate of the two brothers remains a mystery. Have two lives been lost at sea owing to delay in the launch of the Ramsgate lifeboat? The Royal National Lifeboat Institution is making full enquiries at the port, while a sorrowing father and mother gaze out at the Goodwin Sands, which may have become the grave of their two sons."*

When the two lads failed to return to harbour within a reasonable time, their father, Mr James B Butler, informed the port authorities. But, he alleges, these authorities did not give the order for the lifeboat to go out in search of the missing boys. Cyril Charles Butler, a wood carver's apprentice, was fond of sketching and oil painting. His brother Norman had been suffering with asthma. It is believed that Norman pleaded with his brother to take him out in the boat, and that Cyril was only too eager to give him a little pleasure.

Due to the dangers, the Goodwin Sands, which also includes Brake Bank, is marked by numerous light vessels and buoys. The boys left harbour in a fair wind without saying where they were going. Once it was dark and out of sight of land or any lights, they would have had no sense of direction and simply been taken by the wind. The boat was last seen under sail near the Brake light ship, off Ramsgate later the same day.

In June 1936 the tablet was dedicated in St Mary's.

Piecing the newspaper reports together, it seems they were allowed the use of a small dinghy/rowing boat with a small sail, by its owner, Mr Robert Gray. They left at 7 pm on Monday 13th August. Sunset at that time of year is at around 8pm, so only an hour of good daylight remained. They seem to have rowed to the harbour entrance as it says "they took the lug sail and mast" which suggests they used the oars whilst in the harbour before inserting the mast and raising the sail. The intention cannot have been to go for any length of time. The Brake Bank lightship is some 6 miles off Ramsgate, so to have seen and identified them as under sail, would mean they had raced that far due to the combined effect of the strong wind and tide, before nightfall. Why they didn't take refuge on the light ship?

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## Fox calling

I remember commenting on a hot summers day in June, that this could be one of those years where Summer came only in June. Well I wasn't far off as I've been clumping around in wellington boots of late. As I wonder the Church yard each day, I of course keep my eyes and ears open looking for any change in the wild life that lives there. It was on one of these walks that I noticed the game keeper side of my make up going into automatic mode. We have three rabbits that are usually hopping around a hundred or so yards from the car park, I use yards as a measure as my gun only used to shoot in imperial! I have watched them for ages, they minding their own business as I mind mine. It has been quite a while since I shouldered a gun and made such a shot and I find I don't miss shooting at all. So I was quite surprised the other day when I saw them chomping on a crop, and that I was assessing 'Windage and elevation' to have a crack at them. I have also found a land drain that has been cleared of soil by a fox. The fox is more than capable of getting into a rabbit hole, or under a shed with only a few inches of ground clearance . This land drain is large and the tile pipes are over six inches in diameter. More than large enough for the fox to have her cubs there. I kept an eye on it and found many signs the fox had been there, but not to breed. It really is an odd feeling seeing all these fox signs and knowing I could catch it with ease. Its like that knowledge shouldn't really be there in my life now, it is without purpose. Having a purpose in retirement is something I struggle with; that and a body that does not respond to orders any more! Staying with the fox stories, I was at the shed at the end of the car park when a fox trotted over the field with a baby rabbit, or large rat, in its mouth. With out thinking I brought my knuckle to my mouth and sucked on the skin, making a squeak like a baby rabbit in distress. You can do this with the gun ready to shoot with the stock in your shoulder. Scent and movement are what the fox first senses. I make a strange noise nowadays having lost quite a few teeth, still it worked. The fox dropped its dinner and ran straight for me; it was only ten yards away when it sat down watching to see where the sound came from. I suppose I could have lured it even closer, but I had messed with it enough so wished it a good morning. Off it went, picking up its dinner on the run. It was a good looking fox, but I doubt it was really that wild. It was too easy to call it in and when it eventually twigged what was going on lacked any real survival instinct. But it made a nice story!

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# Hooe Village Community Group

## Contact us:

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**Email:** hooevcg@gmail.com

**Chairman:** Chris Bloor

**Treasurer:** Peter Cosham

**Secretary:** Elaine Bloor

If you would like to receive news and regular updates about our forthcoming events please email us your contact details HVCG exists to Encourage, Promote and Support Village activities and charitable works

## Footpath Walk and Cream Tea

We were all so looking forward to the walk and cream tea, but sadly the weather beat us! We gave the decision to postpone a great deal of thought and concluded traipsing along muddy footpaths then sitting eating cream tea with torrential rain running down our necks was not the best way to spend the afternoon! It will now be held in the Spring of next year. Gary has the route finalised, the bakers have the menu fine-tuned, and all other arrangements are in hand so, once the date is fixed it will be all systems go!

## Well – what have we been up to in the summer months?

We may have seemed quiet, but we haven't been idle.....

- All the **Bric-a-Brac** donated to us has been carefully sorted, some sold at Boot Fairs, other donated to a variety of charities for sale in their retail outlets. This was a huge undertaking; we have made the decision not to deal with Bric-a-brac in the future as, not only is it heavy work and time consuming, but storage also proved to be a real problem.

We assisted with St Oswald's Garden Party. In addition to helping set up the event and clear away we manned the Burger BBQ Stall, the tombola, the Quiz and tried a knobbly knees competition, which was a complete and utter failure as not one person had the courage to enter! Well, that competition might have been a failure, but the Garden Party was a most fabulous success. Our grateful thanks and admiration to the Church Family for staging the event, for creating a most welcoming atmosphere and allowing us all to help.

Arranging the presentations of our funds proved slow due to holidays etc but we did manage to meet up with Homecall. Homecall is a registered charity who offer a free home visiting scheme for the visually impaired. Their volunteer visitors help the substantially visually impaired maintain their isolation. If you would like further information about this much needed service, please visit their website [www.Homecall.co.uk](http://www.Homecall.co.uk).



Of course, we have also been planning our future programme. Please make a note of these dates as we would love to welcome you.

ü October 14th – Coffee Morning

ü November 18th – Coffee Morning

ü December 16th – Coffee Morning

Hooe Open Gardens will take place over the w/e of 15th /16th June next year. We are told the attraction of our Open Garden Event is the sheer variety of the gardens opened. We have formal, Country Cottage, overgrown, kitchen and all things in between. Of course, the home-made refreshments served are very welcomed. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Gary 01424 893007 for further details.

Details about our other events, dates of which have yet to be finalised, will appear in the next Parish News.

Your suggestions, which we are considering, have included: A repeat of our popular Beetle Drive, a Musical Evening, Bingo Night, Quiz Night, Formal Supper event. Please keep your suggestions coming as variety is the spice of life, something for everyone.

..... and we will be repeating our Annual Christmas Draw. So please don't be surprised when you find an envelope drop onto your door mat containing books of raffle tickets and details of the charity we are promoting.

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

# Simple but Tasty Recipes

## LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

6oz Self Raising Flour

4oz Caster Sugar

4oz Margarine

2 Eggs

4tbs Milk

Mix together until smooth and place in a lined bread tin.

45 minutes – 180C/Gas4

### Topping

4oz icing sugar mixed with juice and zest of a lemon

Prick cake whilst still warm and pour over topping

## BANANA CAKE

4oz Self Raising Flour

¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 ripe banana

1 egg

2oz soft butter

5oz sugar

½ tsp vanilla extract

¼ tsp salt

Liquidise egg, banana, sugar, butter, vanilla and salt

Sift flour and bicarb and add to liquidised mixture

Mix to combine. Place in 7" square lined tin and bake for 25mins 190C/Gas5

## APPLE CRUMBLE

8 oz flour (plain or s/r)

4 oz sugar

4oz butter

2 oz walnuts (crumbled into small pieces)

6 medium sized cooking apples

Peel and slice apples and gently cook in a little water and sugar.

Meanwhile mix flour, sugar and butter into a fine crumb, add walnuts.

When the apples are cooked and cooled a little add to dish and place the crumble mix on top.

Cook for approx. 30 minutes at 180C/Gas4 or until the crumble is slightly brown.

# **NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**

We regularly meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, at the **Working Mens club**. New and old members are very welcome to pop in and say hello.

## **BONFIRE SEASON IS UPON US!**

Our Bonfire Night will be held on Saturday the 21st October on Ninfield Recreational ground. The procession will start at approximately 7.30pm from Church lane and will work its way up through the village towards the Blacksmiths Inn, turning onto Manchester road, along to Coombe Lane and back along the High street to the Recreation ground. There will be road closures in place during this time; we ask that you are patient while everyone passes through. Once all the societies are back on the Recreation Ground, the Bonfire chant will take place:

**Remember, remember the Fifth of November  
The Gunpowder Treason and plot,  
I see no reason why Gunpowder Treason  
Should ever be forgot.  
Guy Fawkes, Guy, 'twas his intent,  
To blow up the King and the Parliament,  
Three score barrels were laid below,  
To prove old England's overthrow.  
By God's mercy he was catch'd,  
With a dark lantern and lighted match.  
Holler boys, Holler boys, let the bells ring,  
Holler boys, Holler boys, God save the King.**

Then the Bonfire will be lit, and the Fireworks will commence shortly afterwards. There will be food and drinks available to buy if you want them and we will have members going round with collection buckets so we can raise money for local charities, so please give what you can. The Bonfire night, Torch lead procession, Effigy and Fireworks Display that we put on for our Village, costs in the region of £10,000. It is a 'Free Event' for the local Community. So if you've enjoyed Bonfire night last year in the village, then why not support Ninfield Bonfire by joining as a member? If you are a local business and would like to become a sponsor of the Ninfield Bonfire Society then please contact us at [ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com) or Sarah on 07809684488. NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks Display 21st October 2023 Find us on Facebook - Instagram - [www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk](http://www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk)

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### **2023-10**

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DID YOU KNOW... following on from the last issue of Parish News I will try to explain a little more about the data contained in Domesday Book regarding the village of Hooe. The following information is taken from the Domesday book of Sussex (Phillimore). One regional return from Ely Abbey that survives, copies out the Commissioners' brief. It is reasonable to assume that the brief was similar across the country. They were to ask:-

The name of the place. Who held it, before 1066, and now. How many hides (or virgates) (1, 2)? How many ploughs, both those in lordship and the men's? How many villagers, cottagers and slaves, how many free men and Freemen? How much meadow, woodland and pasture? How many mills and fishponds? How much has been added or taken away? What the total value was, and is? How much each Freeman or free man had or has?

All threefold, before 1066, when King William gave it, and now; and if more can be had than at present?

(1) Hide – a land unit reckoned to be about 120 acres.

(2) Virgate – a unit of land usually understood as equalling one quarter of a hide (about 30 acres).

Sussex was divided into six North-South divisions called Rapes, which were all named from fortified centres – Chichester, Arundel, Bramber, Lewes, Pevensey and Hastings. Each Rape was placed under a magnate, a relative or trusted friend of the king, each of whom held all of the lay land in the rape. Our two local Rapes were held by the Count of Mortain (Pevensey) and the Count of Eu (Hastings). Each Rape had its own Sheriff and the Rapes were further sub-divided into areas called Hundreds. The Hastings Rape contained twelve Hundreds, one of which, the Ninfield Hundred, comprised the villages of Catsfield, Ninfield and Hooe. The other Hundreds in Hastings Rape were Baldstrow, Battle, Bexhill, Foxearle, Gostrow, Guestling, Hawkesborough, Henhurst, Netherfield, Shoyswell and Staple.

The following information has been taken from the website (opendomesday.org) which has been compiled by Anna Powell-Smith. Hooe, as a settlement had a recorded population of 73 households in 1086, putting it in the largest 20% of settlements recorded in Domesday, and is listed under 3 Tenants-in-Chief in Domesday Book– Battle Abbey, Robert Count of Eu and Robert Count of Mortain (King William’s half-brother). These powerful men were responsible for administration of the lands under their control, including the collection of taxes. There is not much known about the individual land occupants listed beneath the Tenants-in-Chief, but this website does identify the following:-

Reinbert was the Sheriff of Hastings Rape. He was associated with nil places before the Conquest; 24 afterwards.

Robert was associated with nil places before; 251 afterwards.

Osbern was associated with 22 places before; 59 afterwards.

Alfred was associated with 33 places before; 24 afterwards.

Gerald was associated with nil places before; 17 afterwards.

Ingelrann (of Eu) was associated with nil places before; just 6 afterwards.

Withbert is described as a Man-at-arms. He was associated with nil places before the Conquest and just 1, in Hooe, afterwards. Where Domesday refers to Waring, this website gives the name Werelc. He is stated as having nil places before and just 1, in Hooe, afterwards. (Another) Robert was associated with nil places before; 18 afterwards. These were almost certainly knights and barons who were rewarded for their loyalty to King William. I will try to explain further how this Feudal system of administration operated in the country in general and Hooe in particular, in the next issue of Parish News...

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## Worms Eye View

Ah, October is here again. Forgive me as I look back with happy memories stemming from October 1933. Yes I was born then in Horam, known as Horeham Road in those distant days.

My dad worked in the local grocers shop so we had all the local news from him. On one occasion he came home quite excited to tell us that the King and Queen, that is George V and Queen Mary, would be driving slowly through the village the next day. This was great news and I remember a lot of us waited in the middle of Horam High Street to wave and cheer as their car slowed right down and we were all able to see them and cheer. The King actually was very poorly by this time but still smiled and waved to us.

Around this time, we, Mum, Dad and I would catch the train on nice Sundays and travel to Eastbourne in order to spend a few hours on the beach and enjoy a paddle and making sandcastles. These were happy days until one Sunday when we reached the seafront, only to find rolls and rolls of barbed wire stretched right along the beach with no access for any public to go near the sea. This was our last trip to the seaside until the end of the war.

However there was a distraction, we had three evacuees billeted with us, two girls and a boy. They were a part of a whole school from the East End of London. I was thrilled, not having any brothers or sisters; it was great to have them living with us. One of the girls, Iris, was my age and her sister Violet, three years older. Their brother Jimmy was fourteen. Their parents came down to see them several times and we enjoyed seeing them. Unfortunately as the war progressed the powers that be decided they had not been sent to one of the safest places in England, so they were all moved to Wales. We heard occasional news from them. The saddest piece was that Jimmy signed up and had joined the Navy. Tragically his ship had been sunk and all souls were lost. A happier note is that Violet always sent my parents a Christmas card and she really had been happy staying with us. My grandparents had a farm on the outskirts of Horam, which I loved visiting and which obviously gave me the love of farming which has remained with me ever since. How lucky I was to meet and marry a lovely farmer!

*Anne*

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY**

As I prepared these notes for this Parish News I was lamenting the passing of our summer, then summer returned and currently we are facing temperatures up to 30 degrees ! The unpredictable weather in the UK is occasionally a problem but compared with the problems faced in other areas of our world we are very, very fortunate. Our work has continued in Church Wood and around the village. We have virtually completed the renewal / replacement of the fence around the wood, with one short stretch to be checked once the hornets depart! We have resurfaced a number of pathways in the wood, cleared fallen and dangerous trees and attended to debris thrown into the ponds. Around the village we have cleared the overgrown path at the junction of Church Lane with Downsview and cut back the shrubbery at Riddel Gardens which, for those not familiar with it, surround the notice board close to the Stocks.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES PLEASE - 21st OCTOBER –LITTERPICK.**

Meet at 10am at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground and equipment will be supplied to enable us to clear our village of the accumulation of waste spoiling the paths and principal roadways. Our last Litterpick was well attended and all the volunteers were making their way home by about noon so if you could spare a couple of hours please come along. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.**

## **Hooe & Ninfield Open Group**

We met on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield. This time our talk was by Carolyn Band and her colleague Sally who make yoghurt at Court Lodge Organic farm in Wartling. They talked us through the process from the milk being pasteurised to the adding of the fresh fruit used to flavour the yoghurt. They also make yoghurt cheese. There were interesting slides of the equipment used and we were introduced to the cows who provide the milk. We were treated to a taste of the yoghurt and the cheese. All delicious!

Our next meeting is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00p.m. at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield. Our speaker will be Trish Jones and the title is 'The Little Coffee Shop in Rouen'

All our welcome. You don't have to be a member just come along we are quite a friendly bunch!

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### **Sunday Services for October 2023:**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 10.30 am | Café Worship with Revd. Philip Wagstaff               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 am | HARVEST PRAISE with Revd. Malcolm Peach               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 am | Worship & Praise Communion with Revd. Neville Barnett |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.30 am | Worship & Praise Family Service                       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 am | Worship & Praise Family Service with Alan Hurrell     |

### **Events for October 2023:**

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| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00-11.30am | Book exchange and           |
| Fridays          | 10.00-11.30am | Community Café              |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2.30 – 4.00pm | Christian Womens Fellowship |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00- 1.00pm | Away Day ... see below      |

We look forward to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ninfield Scout Group joining us for our Harvest Festival Parade Service on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. This is always a special time with many young people and a time when we give thanks to God for our world and all that we share. You are all welcome. Light refreshments will be available after the service in our Hall.

Anyone is also welcome to our Church Away Day which will now be on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> when we will focus on any new ideas for our Church over the future months and enjoy a social time together. (Our September date for this event was postponed). The Emmanuel Centre in Battle is booked from 10.00 am – 1.00. A childrens' play area will be organised so that all ages are included on the day. Do let us know if you would like to come.

We especially remember the life of Joy Simmons and all that she shared with us in Ninfield and the wider community. It was wonderful to share in her 'Celebration of Life' service at St. Mary's on September 3rd. 'Thanks be to God for all her love and memories'.

Many thanks to Veronica and her team for hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on 8<sup>th</sup> September. By mid-September they have raised around £560 .... A splendid result and more may come!

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Genesis chapters 39: 20-41:44

Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave  
and he had ended up in Egypt. Then he was  
wrongly accused and was sent to prison.



Joseph was trusted to look  
after the other prisoners.

Then Pharaoh's butler and baker were sent to  
the prison. One night they had strange dreams.



.. I made  
juice from the grapes  
and gave it to Pharaoh..

.. all the  
bread in my baskets  
was eaten by birds.

God knows what your dreams mean -  
you will be pardoned . . . but you won't.



The two men  
left the prison.



Don't forget me!

But they did

Two years later  
Pharaoh had a dream

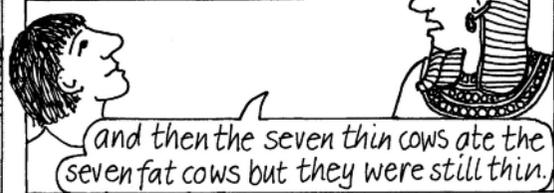


None of his advisors could  
explain it . . .



.. then his butler  
remembered Joseph.

So Joseph was cleaned up  
and sent to Pharaoh



and then the seven thin cows ate the  
seven fat cows but they were still thin.

God says there will be  
seven bumper years, then  
seven years of famine.



You must choose someone  
trustworthy to store the  
spare food in the good years

Pharaoh was so impressed  
he gave Joseph the job!



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