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# NEWS

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

**April 2022**

**50p**



# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD

### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
10 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
14 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thurs	7.00pm Holy Communion	<i>No Service</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	2.00pm The Final Hour	Stations of the Cross
17 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Day	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

#### Opening times for Private Prayer

St. Mary's - Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm 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, *A question*

Have you ever wondered: Why was the linen napkin folded, and by itself in the empty tomb?

The Gospel of John (20.7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. An entire verse is given to telling us that the napkin was neatly folded and placed at the head of that stony coffin.

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said: 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!'

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Is that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table until the master had finished. When the master had done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, mouth and beard, screw up the napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table, for in those days, the screwed up napkin meant 'I'm done'. But if the master got up from the table and folded his napkin, laying it beside his plate, the servant would not clear the table, because.....

The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

So, Jesus is coming back!! As we celebrate that fact can I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Paul

# FOR SALE!



It saddens me to say this, but although this is a picture of St Mary's, it might be closer to the truth than we think! The situation cannot continue as it is for much longer! As know I am involved in the village as much as possible and it seems people appreciate that. I am a great believer in the church going out into the community. The problem is they do not come to church.

The church finances are stretched to the limit. We just have had a new boiler fitted which cost over £8000. That is a lot for a small, even minute congregation to find! Last Sunday there were only 6 in church! That was the priest, the organist, my wife, and daughter so there were only 2 other members of the congregation there!

That is quite normal these days. A few have not returned since the lockdown for various reasons. Before Covid struck the situation was improving with more attending. To be totally honest I do not know the answer to this! We all know people want the church to be there for their weddings, baptisms, funerals etc but the church cannot exist just for those functions. It must operate every other day of the week as well. If the church did close then burials would not be allowed in the churchyard! It is not just a matter of finances either. When we held the open-air service on Remembrance Sunday there were over 160 people there! The online services I did during the lockdown had over 150 people using them, and probably more, as many were couples tuning in! That shows there is an interest in the life of the church. So why are there so few attending church? There are many other calls on people's time these days and church is competing with all this. Maybe we are not offering what people want?

This is not just a problem for Ninfield, it is happening in other communities as well. Yet Catsfield and Hooe are doing well. Why?

My purpose in writing this is not to scare monger but to start a dialogue. Please let me know your views, what we can do, what is it we are not doing?

I would not like to be the one on whose watch the church closed. In a way it is coming to the stage of use it or lose it! I love being involved in the village, but the time will come when I have to hand the baton on to someone else. Who knows what will happen next? It is very probable that the villages will be merged with others under one priest. I have no idea what that will be or when, but I am just asking the question at this stage. I would love to see a thriving church, as that would encourage us all. Please email me your suggestions and comments so that I might take them on board as we plan for the future. I would love to be able to say the glass is half full but at this stage it doesn't look like it.

Paul Frostick      paul.frostick@sky.com

### **Easter Prayer 2022**

Dear Almighty, All-powerful Father God,

You brought light and hope out of darkness and despair. You brought life out of death when you raised Jesus that first Easter Day. Thank you that the tomb is forever empty and that Jesus is forever alive! No matter what is going on, no matter how little we understand, help us to hold on to the Easter truth – Jesus is risen! He is alive today and in Him we can put our trust, completely and confidently. Because of Jesus, death is defeated. Because of Jesus, the best is yet to be. Love wins! Hallelujah! We praise you, Lord, in Jesus name, Amen.



*Daphne Kitching*

### **A talk on prayer for Lent by Paul Frostick**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April in St Oswald's Hooe at 11am.

This will be followed by a time of prayer also in church.

All are welcome to join us and there will also be a chance to share your own thoughts on the subject.

### **St Oswald's Parish Church**

Funerals

Hilary Brown, Court Lodge, Kiln Lane Hooe on 16th February 2022

Edward Rewell, Mill Lane, Hooe on 2nd March 2022

*from the  
Parish Records*

## **NEWS FROM ST. OSWALD'S.**

Having battened down the hatches at home and closed every gap in the greenhouse, we left the church to itself and waited for whatever Storm Eunice would bring! On Friday 18th February we ventured down Church Lane (which was still passable but with a leaning hedge) to the Church to find the area around the south porch littered with fallen and broken tiles. Most of the damage must have been caused by flying tiles from the South West corner of the nave roof crashing onto both sides of the porch roof. We now have an area of untilled roof and a lot of broken porch tiles. We reported it to Parkers, who repaired the roof in 2017, and to their great credit someone came out and took photos that evening. We are now awaiting approval from our Insurance Company to go ahead with the repair. So far there is no leakage. In the churchyard an ivy encrusted old hawthorn came down blocking one of the footpaths and several other trees lost small branches. We were very fortunate that a volunteer with chainsaw licence was able to take down what was left of the tree and cleared the footpath- leaving lots to do at the churchyard Spring Clean!

## **BELL TOWER UPDATE**

We should have been reporting lots of progress since work was meant to re-start on last Monday 14th but surprise, surprise, this has been re-scheduled for the end of April due to Covid infections and a delay in the delivery of steel for strengthening the bell frame. Sadly this means we will have no bells for Easter, were unable to ring in support of Ukraine, and a wedding will also suffer.

## **CHURCH TOILET PLANS**

We are still in the early stages of planning for a fully functioning toilet for the church with various PCC members visiting other churches for research. The DAC have given their opinion, our architect has produced some ideas but it will be a long process as we will need Planning Permission from Wealden, a Faculty from the Diocese and Environment Agency permission for type of drainage. Archaeologists will be involved throughout in order to protect existing grave sites.

In due course Planning and Faculty permissions and Minutes will be displayed on The Church Noticeboard in the village.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

This will be on Sunday 24th April immediately following the 11am service. All members on the Electoral Roll will receive the papers prior to the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. 6

## VISITORS BOOK

“Took a little detour on our bikes. A perfect Rest bite!” J&K

“We married 60 years ago today in this church” N&BW

### Advance Notice

St Oswald's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party will be on Saturday 16th July from 2pm until 4.30pm

Pease, if any younger bodies, could give us an hour or two of their time to help in any way, we would be very grateful.

e.g. Setting up the stalls, pitching gazebos and preparing the Church from 9.30 am onwards

Help with manning the stalls, Teas, Books, Bric-a-back, sideshows, car parking and traffic assistance on the lane 2pm- 430pm

Clearing away afterwards 4.30-6pm ish.

**Editors' Note** ..... The daffodils all through the village are just wonderful, you can't help but smile as you go by. Thanks from everyone in the village to the Village Society for having planted them over several years, they get better every year.

Thanks also go to the lovely group of distributors who put your Parish News through your letter box and have just collected £5.00 from all of you. If you still need to pay, please put the £5.00 in an envelope with a note of your name and address so we know which round you are on and leave it at The Village Stores. We'd also like to thank all of you who send in your interesting articles and details of upcoming events and please, send in reports of those events so those unable to attend know what they missed!

We are hoping that the May and June editions will be bumper size to accommodate all the information about the Platinum Jubilee events taking place with copies for every household in both Ninfield and Hooe, but to do this we would like sponsors to help with the extra costs. If any group, business or individual is interested in helping, please either email us or phone Carol on 893326 and leave a message if no reply.

ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

*Nicki & Carol*



## ***April Diary***

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30 <sup>th</sup>	Ninfield Village Litter Pick	Sparke's	19

## OUR SCHOOL

Did you notice all the bright yellow cyclists around the village this month? That was our year 5 and year 6 children doing their Bikeability sessions (that used to be called Cycle Proficiency Test in old money). This is normally done in year 5, but as last years year 5 missed out due to covid we also had sessions for the year 6 children. I know that some residents were concerned to see the children cycling down Manchester Road, or the village Truckway as it is now known. Don't worry the sessions are carried out by experienced trainers, everything is fully risk assessed, they wouldn't do anything to put the children in danger. Children start the week with excercises on the playground, if they are proficient enough at that then they are taken out into some of the quieter cul-de-sacs. It is only when they are deemed to be safe and ready to ride in traffic that they are taken out onto the main roads. And to be honest with the speed that some drivers come through the village, cycling down the main road was probably a lot more risky than Manchester road!

Dragonflies did their litter pick this month, five groups of children left school with an empty black bin liner and all five returned just one hour later with overflowing bags. I took one of the groups out and I was really surprised by the amount of litter around the village, it is such a shame that people feel it is ok just to leave it for others to deal with. I know a lot of what we picked up will have been dropped by passing motorists but some of the areas we went to could only be reached on foot. And don't get me started on the amount of dog poo we had to avoid. It really was an eye opening experience and one the children would like to repeat. So thank you to the Parish Council for lending us the litter pickers.

Church woods was again on the agenda this month with a trip by the Ladybirds class to make some art work based around the works of the famous Scottish Artist – Andy Goldsworthy. (If you are impressed by my artistic knowledge, I have to admit that I only found out about him from a 6 year old art critic on my way down to the woods!). He makes art from the natural surrounds, so we had shapes made from twigs, leaf pictures and much more. All very impressive, and to be honest, great fun.

Finally on my environmental theme, can I ask anyone who parks up early to deliver or collect from the school to switch off your engine while you wait. Not only is it better for the environment but with the soaring cost of fuel it will also save you a fortune!

Ian Moffat

## **HOOE PARISH COUNCIL**

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The parish council has received a good response from the public to fill the Hooe parish councillor vacancies, with people offering a wide range of skills to contribute and benefit the local community decision making process.

The new councillors are Cllr Stephen Crawhurst, Cllr Ann Loyd, Cllr Paul Yeeles and Cllr Dick Carey has returned having already dedicated many years to the Hooe parish council.

The next parish meeting is to be held in the village hall at 7pm on the 11th April 2022 and we look forward to seeing you there.

The parish council would like to congratulate the Hooe Football Club under 13s for having won the Rother Youth Football League having been in the bottom teams and after a few seasons rising to the top. Well done !

### **Ninfield Parish Council**

Clerk Jackie Scarff 07725 843505  
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Spring has sprung and walking up to this month's Parish Council meeting there was no need for a torch. Grounds maintenance will begin around the village with areas identified for wildflowers (see the map on the website) being cut and the grass collected. These areas will have a cut area next to footpaths each month to ensure that walking is not impeded. The rest of the verges will be cut monthly until October.

The footballers are doing more work to improve the pitch during April time as their season comes to an end so don't worry if it looks a bit sandy for a while as new seed is put down. Cricket will start up at the beginning of May and we have two teams alternating their home matches at the recreation ground. You may have noticed them starting to prepare the wicket.

The next parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 21st April, 7pm at the Methodist Hall and you are welcome to come along.

In May we have our Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Please come along to The Memorial Hall to hear what clubs, societies, local schools and churches have been up to this year and their plans for the forthcoming year. It will take place Monday 16th May at 6.30pm. There will be drinks and nibbles and it's an opportunity to ask any questions you have to Parish, District and County Councillors. We do invite representatives from our local police unit who will attend if they are able too.

## HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

As I write this, it is in the knowledge that our attendances are now increasing after the relaxation of lockdown measures. Our February meeting saw a very encouraging 29 attendees. In April we welcome Ray Cade (who is also one of our Wealden District Council representatives) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Ray's talk is entitled "My experiences as a detective in the Metropolitan Police", which I guess is fairly self-explanatory!

When we look back and remember how things were just two short years ago it is so good to see how different it all is now - how something close to normality is returning to our lives. I was reminded this week that it was suggested in the early days of this pandemic and lockdown that I invited HHS members to keep a diary of their experiences as a living record of this quite momentous event. I have been given a written account of life during the pandemic by one of our members, which has led me to wonder if any others in the village have done anything similar that you would like to share with us. It would be lovely to create our own record for Hooe that people can read in a few years' time, that is written with the benefit of first-hand experience. If you have not kept a diary of events, then perhaps you may have a few recollections or thoughts you wish to jot down. I just think that now is the time to do it whilst events are still relatively fresh in our minds and before they become distorted by failing memories...

If so, please get in touch with your submissions – [peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk) or send them to me at The Platt, Top Road, Hooe, TN33 9EJ.

DID YOU KNOW... I came across this heartfelt report regarding the progress of the construction of the "new" Marsh Road from Barnhorn to Pevensey in October 1931.

Removing Barnhorn Hill

Giant excavator's ton bites

NEW PEVENSEY MARSH ROAD.

A Wide and beautifully cambered road, sweeping down from the top of Barnhorn Hill to the Lamb Inn, Sewers Bridge, and then proceeding without a bend across the famous marshes to Pevensey.

This is what is promised to motorists when the new marsh road, linking up with Barnhorn lane near Constable's Farm, Little Common, Bexhill, is completed. It will supersede the winding lane, with its many tortuous turns and narrow bottlenecks and the new road will reduce the distance between Little Common and Pevensey by about a mile. The saving in time will be enormous, for even in its present embryonic state the road looks like being a paradise to motorists and a happy hunting ground for "speed-cops".

## REMOVING A HILL.

The central and most remarkable feature of the road construction is the removal of a portion of Barnhorn Hill to enable the new road to be joined up with Barnhorn lane at a point below Constables Farm, just before the present lane begins its winding way down to the marshes. For months now a giant excavator has been eating its way into the heart of the hill, cutting out nearly a ton of earth at one bite and emptying it into skips, or small trucks. In these skips the earth is taken along a narrow rail track four miles away to Pevensey, to be used for banking and levelling purposes.

"Hungry Harry."

The spectacle of this hungry machine, with its powerful jaws and sharpened teeth, cutting away at the sandstone rock, is most interesting. From his little cabin the man in charge releases the controls, the giant scoop swings round and the teeth force their way into the hillside. The earth heaves and cracks, the jaws of the scoop close, and nearly a ton of rock and soil is caught by the greedy giant. "Hungry Harry" the workmen have christened this excavator, because its appetite never fails.

It was anticipated that the excavator would have cut its way through to Barnhorn-lane by Thursday, having removed 96,000 tons of earth and made a cutting through the middle of the old hill 32 feet in width. The distance from bank to bank at the top is 60 feet. The greatest depth to which the excavator has had to cut is 28 feet and the smallest is ten feet. The average length of hill which has been cut each day is about 16 feet, but this naturally varied according to the depth.

(To be continued – A changing landscape, New bridges and a little train...)

## **NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP**

### **Come over to the darkside**

Following on from the announcement last month, the opening 'Darkside' meeting has been booked for Tuesday 4th April. 7pm at Sparke Pavilion.

Everyone is welcome to come along and help to map out ideas for the latest addition to Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group. As previously advised, we will be expanding on some of the mapping of darkness already completed under the Neighbourhood Plan, measuring dark skies in various locations over a longer period of time (probably a moon cycle) as well as recording wildlife during the same period. There's more, but we need your input - what do you want to know and think could be included. Please come along - there are no restrictions on age or knowledge. You can contact Kaye on 01424 892883 or [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) if you would like to know more.

## NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

### CHURCH WOOD

Wednesday morning dawns bright and cold  
We trudge down the slippery slope to the bridge.  
My friends and me, volunteers we are told,  
Arrive with tools from the shed  
To attend to fallen branches, leaking ponds,  
In fact anything Robin has said.

Fallen leaves block ponds and waterways,  
Treacherous mud slips each and every way.  
Robin fetches his chainsaw to attend  
To trees far too rotten to mend,  
"Watch out" we are taught to cry  
As 60ft of chestnut comes tumbling by !

In no time at all the Church clock chimes eleven  
Time to down tools, take a break, eat the cake we are given.  
Peace and quiet and birdsong prevail  
Until Derek remembers a story to regale !  
Aching backs and arms and legs so sore,  
Real fellowship, good humour,  
Fond memories of those gone before.

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Sadly we have lost two of our members since Christmas and our thoughts and love go to their families.

Thought about joining us?

**Our Contacts are** :- . Robin Goldsmith Treasurer/Secretary 892778.  
Roger Saunders Chairman 236920

Closing date for items for the  
**MAY edition**  
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## NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I opened our report last month with the immortal lines 'by the time you read this I hope you would have attended our first meeting of the season' but I spoke too soon and we had to cancel the meeting due to the ongoing issues with water and electricity.

I'm a glutton for punishment though so here we go again. By the time you read this, I hope you would have attended our first meeting of the season and enjoyed our Spring Show, all details of which will be in next month's parish news.

We also have a change to our speaker on 25th April. Unfortunately, Steven Moore is no longer available, but Irene Eltringham Willson will be delivering her cancelled talk on 'All Gardens Great and Small'. It really will be worth the wait.

On 23rd April, we will be holding our annual (well – usually annual) Plant Market and coffee morning. This is always a well attended event, especially as we really don't know what plants will be available on the day. I try to be really strong and discipline myself to having a clear idea of the plants I am looking for and only buying a few plants. However, temptation always wins out and I always leave with a box (sometimes two) full of plants which I then have to shoehorn into the garden.

Plant donations are always welcome, as are cakes as this is also an opportunity to have coffee and cake whilst chatting to other plant junkies. Doors open at 9am

### **Notes from the 1952 minute book.**

The February meeting started with minutes silence in memory of King George V1

In the old age pension class – Mr Morris proposed and Mr Lewis seconded that no entrance fee be charged (yes – there really was a class just for old age pensioners!)

The society must have organised coach trips to Chelsea as the secretary advised the committee that ticket cost would be 7/6 return. An added 6d was added to the price as a tip for the driver (from later minutes it appeared that the society received 6 free tickets each year)

### **FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT**

If you would like to contribute items for the Bexhill-On-Sea Food Bank there will be a box placed just inside the gate to 1 Elizabethan Cottages. All contributions of tins and packages will be taken to the food bank fortnightly. If you have any queries please contact :-  
Sally Durman - 01424 893007 or email - [sally.durman@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.durman@btinternet.com)

**Extract from The History, Antiquities & Topography of the County of Sussex,  
(Vol 1) by Thomas Walker Horsfield". Ninfield in 1835**

**Ninfield** is delightfully seated on a hill, which commands rich and interesting prospects of the vicinity, including Battle Abbey, Ashburnham, Hastings, Crowhurst Park, Fairlight, the English Channel, Pevensey Bay and Eastbourne. From the latter point to Lewes, the South Downs rise majestically, and form a rich background to the scene. Ninfield is 5 miles from Battle, and about double that distance from Hastings; it lies at the junction of the Lewes, Hastings and Battle turnpikes. The population in 1831 was 606. The river Ashbourne divides the parish from Wartling, which, with Ashburnham, Catsfield, Bexhill and Hooe, form its boundaries. The parish contains 2,700 acres, the principal proprietors of which are: the Earl of Ashburnham, A E Fuller, Esq; Richard King Sampson Esq and John King Esq of Blatchington.

The soil of Ninfield is generally sandy, and favourable to the growth of wood and timber. 71 acres of hops were planted in 1833. The highest ground in the parish is the celebrated spot called Standard Hill where according to tradition, William the Conqueror set up his standard before the ever memorable Battle of Hastings. Standard Hill House, modernized within the last few years, was erected about two centuries since. The following inscriptions appear in raised letters on the front of the building:- "God's providence is my inheritance"; "Except the Lord build the house they labour in vaine that build it" and " "Here we have (1659) no abidince" The story connected with this place is, that a former proprietor of the estate having taken offence at the conduct of his heir, determined to disinherit him. The son afterwards by a singular turn of fortune gaining possession, rebuilt the edifice and put up the inscriptions above cited.

The Manor of Nerewelle is mentioned in the Domesday Book, as being a portion of the immense possessions granted by the Norman Conqueror to the Earl of Eu. Blac held it of Edward the Confessor and could change his residence and transfer the lands at his pleasure. In the reign of James the First, Sir Thomas Carrell, was Lord. The benefice is a rectory in the archdeaconry of Lewes and deanery of Dallington, valued in the Kings Books at [illegible]. It is in the patronage of the church of Canterbury, and was formerly appropriated to the college of St Mary, at Hastings. The Rev John Phillips is now incumbent. There are about three-quarters of an acre of glebe.

The church, dedicated to St Mary and seated on an eminence near the village, is unquestionably one of the meanest in Sussex; consisting of a nave and chancel, with a small wooden steeple at the west end and containing

scarcely any object of interest. "Mean structure, where no bones of heroes lie; the rude inelegance of poverty, Reigns here alone." The tenor bell has the following inscription "Martimus quem saluet, trinus et unus hic est" (a later description states: "It reads "Hic Est Martinus Quem Salvat Trimus et Unus" This is Martin, may the Trinity save him). It also appears to be very old, possibly 15th Century.

#### Monumental Inscriptions

Mrs Mary Luxford, wife of Thomas Luxford, of Windmill Hill, Esq obiit 18th June 1678. "Here lieth interred the body of John Lvxford, late of Moorehall, in this parish, gent. eldest son of Thomas Lvxford, late of Wartling, in this County, Esq, by Mary his wife, daughter of Mr Meete of Hailsham, in this County, who intermarried with Ann the eldest daughter of John Dvnk, of Vinehall in the parish of Whatlington, in this County Esq and departed this life 19th day of Aprill 1677."

Anne, daughter of John Bowyer } 25 { 167 { 2 (meant to represent 1672 and 1673)

Elizabeth Clerke died November} 28 {        { 3

At the south eastern corner of the cemetery is a remarkably large and ancient yew tree. There are two meeting houses - one for Calvinists; the other for Wesleyans. A school is supported by voluntary contributions. The Registers commence in 1663.

Kevin Regan

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 9.30 - 12.00**  
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We are very sorry that our local farmers were unable to come along in March, sadly he had Covid, but he'll be there in April with his amazing beef and local cheese

At the market we have a table available where we sell raffle tickets and various items - when available and we'd love it if you have items that you would like to donate. This could be seasonal garden produce, jams and preserves, home made crafts, surplus plants. As this is a community table the proceeds would go to the Community, starting with help with costs for the Platinum Jubilee Weekend

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## NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

### Ninfield Needs You!

**The Ninfield Village Society (NVS)** is looking for new members to support its work in and around the village. NVS volunteers maintain Church Wood, a very special village asset. In addition, they carry out some general maintenance work such as clearing paths, repairing benches and looking after flower tubs and the Queen Elizabeth Gardens. Membership is just £2 per year. For further information please contact the NVS Secretary, David Swales [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

or 892248.

The NVS also organise regular **litter picks** around the village. As part of the National Spring Clean, the next village litter pick will be on

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April** starting from the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground at 10am. Equipment and sacks will be provided but you may like to bring your own gloves. Children must be accompanied by

an adult. Light refreshments will be served at the Pavilion. Look out for posters advertising this event. For further information contact Robin Goldsmith on 892778 or Roger Saunders on 236920. We look forward to seeing you then.



### HOOE & NINFIELD OPEN GROUP

We had a very enjoyable meeting last Friday 11th March at Hooe Village Hall. We didn't have a speaker but we had asked people to bring their favourite recipe(s). Nicky Walker started the meeting off by talking about old recipes she had found in recipe books her mother had used all her life. It is amazing how cooking has changed over the years. This opened up an afternoon of chat about food and lots of other things. We had our usual tea/coffee but this time a couple of people had cooked their favourite recipe so we had a taste of banana bread and Jam and almond tarts. Both very tasty. Our next meeting is Friday 8th April at 2.00p.m. when Sami Guard will be telling us about her life in the theatre. Don't forget you don't have to be a member to come along all are welcome.

## **News, Revues and Reviews!**

No more waffle- lets get on with a few notes and reminders of what's coming up over the next few weeks and months!

### **An Evening with - Sami UN-Guarded!**

Saturday 21st May- Memorial Hall- Doors and BAR open at 7pm, SUPPER at 7.30pm and SHOW from 8pm(ish!) - Bar & Doors close 10.pm. It's been a two year wait - but the time has now come, and the nerves are already rising! The evening is very like the TV 'Audience with..' show, where the audience members can ask questions after hearing some very funny, and occasionally slightly risque stories from my 45 years in Showbiz - covering Film, TV, Radio, West End and Cabaret performances. It's very relaxed - for the Audience anyway! - there will be some surprises along the way, some music, and photos and memorabilia to look at...tickets are £10 per head, to include Supper, on sale from me by phone or email; keep an eye out for posters, flyers and online advertisements.

Profits after costs will go towards funding the Over 60's Afternoon Tea and Cabaret for the Platinum Jubilee - **BOOK NOW!** Let's get a full house - 'cos, and 'Listen Very Carefully...' I am only doing this **ONCE!!!**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** The Village will be busy with events over all 4 days; 2nd- 5th June which include two Bank Holidays in the half term week.

**Thursday** Tea and Cabaret afternoon, and the Beacon and Lights Parade;  
**Friday** Open Village, Crown Treasure Hunt, and Vintage Night at the Tin Hut,

**Saturday** Village Fete and the live screening of the Music Party from the Mall in London,

**Sunday** Big Picnic and games on the Rec. Plus planting a Jubilee Tree, and other proposed ideas - well, put it in your diary and why not just decide to Stay Local; don't pay high prices for fuel to travel miles, don't shell out for costly hotels, parking and leisure parks... why not stay local, join neighbours, friends and family and create unique Platinum Jubilee memories right here, on your doorstep!

Next Jubilee meeting is Thursday 7th April, 7pm Sparke Pavilion.

Next Carnival Meeting is Wednesday 13th April, 8pm at the Working Men's Club.

Call 01424 893699, 07970650321 or email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com)

## NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall Committee is so very pleased to say that the re-opening of the Hall after Covid closures and Our Big Build has been a huge success. Most of the groups who were using the Hall in 2019 are back along with several new regular bookings, which is really good for everyone as they provide activities on a regular basis.

The number of children's parties taking place in the first three months of this year equals six months in 2019! We must have got something right! We also have a number of family parties and a wedding booked. So if you are thinking of a big event please contact us and we'll be happy to show you around.

We also now have a room on the first floor which has tables and chairs for 20 people available to hire on it's own for meetings and small classes or together with the main hall and committee room to provide a breakout area for training sessions. Using this room you also have access to the kitchen for teas and coffee.



The main hall is having a new sound and projection system installed which will be available for use at your events.

Plans for the future include re-pointing the outside of the building, re-decorating the main hall which was last done in 2013, and some fencing along the driveway.

We will continue with the monthly markets and get the film nights on a regular basis, what we'd like to know is would you prefer a Friday or Saturday evening? Would you like the new films or some of the classics,? Are you interested in having theme nights with a supper? Say the Italian Job with pasta and/or pizza?

We would rather show something you'd all like rather than sit with a near empty room!

So please let us have your ideas for film nights or other events you'd like, either by email to [ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com) or leave a message on 01424 893326

# Hooe Village Community Group

*wherever you see our banner we will be there!*

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## **Hooe Community Clean Up Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Our Annual Litter Pick is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, we will meet in the Red Lion Car Park at 10.00am. We aim to return to the car park at 12.00 noon having spent 2 hours clearing our lovely village of litter. No doubt we will linger at The Red Lion afterwards to discuss our experiences and boast about our spoils!

We do hope you will be able to join us! If you have strong gloves and high viz jackets please bring them with you as our stock of those items is fairly limited. However we have picks and plenty of sacks which have been supplied by Wealden DC. Our grateful thanks go to Kevin Cornwall for collecting the sacks from Hailsham for us and delivering to Hooe.

We have arranged for filled sacks and any other litter we collect to be picked up by Wealden from the drive at Catslide on the following Monday or Tuesday.

## **Peter Winchester**

We would like to publicly thank Peter Winchester, a community minded Hooe Resident, for his regular litter picking endeavours. He regularly ventures out to the A259 with a group called KLOTS collecting the rubbish thoughtlessly thrown from vehicles by motorists. The last time he was out he collected 15 bags on the stretch of road from The Lamb Inn to Custom Café. Do take care Peter, the A259 is a dangerous road. We really appreciate all you do; we just wish people were more thoughtful making this work unnecessary

## **Coffee Morning for Ukraine**

Thank you to all the wonderful, generous Hooe residents who attended our **Coffee Morning for Ukraine** on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March and so helped to make the morning a resounding financial and social success.

Would you believe just over £462.00 was raised for the Ukraine Appeal, and all raised by a group of people who really enjoyed the social time together.

The money has now been sent to the Appeal, however if you missed out on that morning and would like to contribute, Hooe Village Community Group would love to hear from you.

As always the Community Library, managed and maintained by Anne Bourner attracted a large number of residents who look forward to the opportunity to exchange books. Anne does not restrict the number of books people may borrow and I am delighted to say all are always returned. Anne does not charge for this service and is happy to receive your unwanted, clean, paperback novels

### **Future Coffee Mornings**

Hooe Village Community Group holds a regular monthly coffee morning and community library on the second Saturday of each month. So the next date to remember is **Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>** Hurry, hurry as the home made cakes sell out fast! Hopefully the weather will allow us to sit outside and enjoy much missed sunshine

### **Open Gardens The week end of June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

Plans are well in hand, we are determined the Hooe Open Garden weekend will be even better than before! If one peeps into village gardens one sees folk beavering away, weeding, trimming, planting and generally titivating their gardens ready for us to enjoy in June. One resident, who sadly contracted COVID, decided to use the time of forced isolation to weed her garden without interruption – such is the dedication!

There will be more details about this event nearer the time but be assured there will be numerous gardens to visit, safe parking areas, stands offering plants and locally made crafts for sale and not forgetting homemade, delicious refreshment available all day in an attractive and welcoming country courtyard

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which can then be popped back into the post free of charge ready to be reused. This is such an amazing service, run by a team of dedicated people

## A Big Thank you to Rev Paul Frostick and the Churchwardens of St Oswald's

Who allow us to advertise our events on the Church Notice Board which you will be aware is situated next to the Village Notice Board now managed solely by The Parish Council. Please look out for new postings! Our other contact details above, if you would like to be added to our Community Round Robin email list please email us. Email contact details are always kept confidential

### **HOOE FC**

Hooe Football Club was reformed in 2016 with one youth side after the club was disbanded in 2012. Since then the club has gone from strength to strength. The senior side play in the East Sussex Football League and have progressed through the divisions. After promotion last season the senior side now play in division 2, they are well placed this season to consolidate their place in the division with a mid-table finish. The senior side have also made it through to the semi-final of the Hastings FA Cup where they play Sedlescombe Rangers.

The youth section of the club now has 7 teams, including a girls team, playing in the Rother Youth Football League and Crowborough & District Junior Football League. There are over 120 children all enjoying playing football for Hooe.



The Club has recently received their accreditation from the English FA. As an accredited club it is recognised for creating an environment where young players can enjoy sport and thrive at football. The club also raised over £2100 last year for Breast Cancer Research.

Finally the Club would like place on record our thanks to Hooe Parish

Council for their continued support of the club, it is greatly appreciated.

The Club would also like to thank neighbours of the Club for their patience and understanding on match days when we appreciate the area is busier than normal.

Contact for the Club is Jay Skinner-Swain [jay19942009@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jay19942009@hotmail.co.uk) or 07713 950161

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**David Sanger** is the latest in a long line of horse drawn circuses in the UK, his great grandfather the famous Lord Sanger started the horse drawn circus many years ago. Some of the original horse drawn and steam drawn vehicles are still in a private collection. This is David leaving Tanyard Fruit Farm on his way to events in Worcester, they will be walking for about six weeks to get to their final destination where the shows start. David has been on the road since his early years and totally enjoys the freedom that it affords him and his entourage.



Only a few months ago a farmer in West Hoathly showed David a building where Lord Sangster overwintered his elephants, where the lower walls were about two foot thick. Whilst he was here he built a new cart and stage for his upcoming shows, using oak spindles left over from an oak staircase made for Grace and David Constable.



David has many friends and acts he can call on around the country to put on spectacular shows, all of which enjoy the life and can turn their selves to many skills giving enjoyable shows. The horses are for pulling the wagons rather than performing and enjoy their meandering through the country side. David starts the journey with walks of about four miles building up to twenty miles per day, at night they pull up on large verges for their rest and feed. Interestingly David's horses are not shod as their feet are exceedingly hard as is the way with many horses that undertake a lot of road walking.

Dick Carey our local wheelwright was able to sell him a new steel wheel rim to take a rubber insert the correct size which was assembled and welded onto the original wheel by David Constable prior to David setting off. Whilst on his stopover David undertook a number of repairs on his trailers, and undertook various jobs for different villagers around Hooe. He was most great full to Geoff Adams for inviting him to stay on his land and let the horses roam free and eat to their hearts content.

## **NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**

**meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Working Men's club. If you would like to join or find out more about the Society then please feel free to drop in and meet some of us...**

It is that time of year for us at Ninfield Bonfire Society when we are looking to get our torch bats cut for our torch lit procession and to cut the wood brush to make faggots for the bonfire. A torch is a rod-like piece of wood with the rag wrapped around one end, dipped in some flammable fluid and lit. If the fluid is a mixture of sulphur and lime that torch will not extinguish if put into water. Ancient Romans invented and used that kind of torch. Torches were often put into sconces to serve as fixed lighting in crypts and castles. Except for lighting indoors, they were also used in processions and parades. A torch was used as a symbol of hope, life and enlightenment and, if turned upside down, of death and mourning. Each year we cut about 300 torches, these are cut to approximately three feet in length and then stored for a few months. We use hessian strips which are wound round the heads of the bats and fixed into place with nails. These are then later dipped in an oil mixture and drained, a process that takes about three weeks, ready to be lit on bonfire night. Also, in April we prepare the brush faggots. In Bonfire terms a brush faggot is "A bundle of sticks, twigs or small branches of trees bound together". These are used to form our bonfire each year. The brush is cut into approximately four foot lengths and tied together and left to dry out over the summer. The reason for this is that the faggots allow for a quick lighting fire, with lots of light that burns through quickly, so we can then have the fireworks, and they do not leave too much ash. If you would like to join us making either of these then please keep an eye on our facebook page and Ash will post dates.

**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 will be held on Saturday, 22nd October.**

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**THE ELM** was a part of my youth and it went the way of the rabbit, an accidentally introduced disease! Dutch Elm disease changed the landscape on the Midland farms, I spent so much time on.

It now is reduced to a hedge row existence, its suckers coming up only to die off if they gain enough height. It is said that the bark beetle that spreads the fungal disease flies at a height which leaves the hedge rows untouched. Certainly it is still common to see dead trees of about fifteen feet.

The Elm does not produce much fertile seed and tends to reproduce vegetatively. This seems to be why it was so decimated, all the genetics were almost the same. But not all the English Elms were destroyed, some survived and I hope one of them is in the Hooe Church yard.

The Elm has very similar leaves to the Hazel, so sometimes identification is difficult. The Elm does have some small red flowers on its twigs, yes they are small and hard to class as a flower. It was satisfying then to see these flowers on the tree in the Church yard.

The wood of the Elm tree is very, shall we say particular. It is a dull firewood and its large boards of wood were not generally used in furniture making. The grain in the wood neither goes one way or another which makes planing it very difficult. It has a wonderful grain pattern, but that was not its real strength. Its tight twisting grain made it traditional for Windsor chair seats, you could bore a hole for the legs very close to the edge of the seat. Elm is very hard to split as anyone trying to split Elm logs will know.

I did for many years make Windsor chairs and brought many large boards from local timber mills. When fresh Oak is cut it has a wonderful smell, Elm on the other hand smells like cat pee.

The historic uses of Elm have mostly passed on, but in its day there were many uses. It is very resistant to rotting when wet so lock gates, coffins and the hubs of cart wheels were all examples of its usage.

It is a point of argument whether the Elm is a true native species. Some say it was always in the south of the country; others that the Anglo-Saxons imported it! The thing that baffles me is how a tree that doesn't produce seed well got into every field in the country.

Perhaps it is a wonder of creation that a Church Yard has an Elm tree still hanging on to life. If we just see the tree as wood, or a wonderful addition to the views our countryside offers then we miss its primary function. It use to support eighty two species of insect and one hundred and eighty seven Lichens. These are just the living organisms we know of; we are starting to understand the complex links to trees and the underground mycelium of fungi. It is a shame then that I could fairly reliably identify the cut wood of Elm but find it harder to identify the living tree.

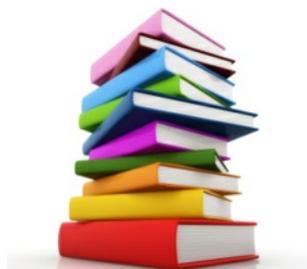
Perhaps if we look at one creature that had its life so intertwined with an

Elm tree. The White-Letter Hairstreak is now a very rare butterfly, its population has dropped by 98% since the Dutch Elm disease. The two life forms were designed to go together and we changed that.

There are people who are trying to save the Elms by propagating them from the disease resistant surviving trees. So if you have space for a huge tree what a wonderful thing you could do by planting one. **A.T.**

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**The Book Exchange Café** continues to be a popular source of reading material and a welcome opportunity for a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Generous giving last month enabled the Ninfield Health & Well-being Group to send a donation of £100 to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal. Several people also donated emergency supplies of toiletries and warm clothes for the many displaced people.



**Future Book Café** sessions will be on the first Friday of each month from 10-11.30am. At the Methodist Hall. Book donations are welcome. The Community Café will be open from 10-11.30am on all other Fridays. Do call in for refreshments, chat and some puzzle/ table game fun!

For further information please contact David Swales [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com) or 892248.

**AND** if you enjoy **BOARD GAMES** along with a cup of tea and some company, go along to the Memorial Hall on Tuesday afternoon 2.00pm 19<sup>th</sup> April where there's lots of fun to be had!

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## Worms Eye View

Excitement down on the farm, we found our first new born calf of the year, whilst looking today. She (it a heifer calf) was lying contentedly, having been licked dry by her proud mum, who was grazing nearby, We were not really expecting the cows to start calving until the middle of March and today is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The cows and sheep are all due to start at about the same time, so the cows have beaten the sheep this year.

I thoroughly enjoyed the talk about Herstmoncux Castle that we had at History Group last month. It has certainly seen many changes and owners and of course it's so near us in Hooe. Actually I can see one of the large towers situated in the grounds from my kitchen window, which makes it all seem near. The tower itself is not part of the castle itself, I know they are part of the times past when the Royal Greenwich Observatory was working from Herstmonceux Castle.

In April of course comes Good Friday, a day of mixed feeling with it being observed by many as a day of sadness and penitential observance. For other folk it has meant in the past a days holiday to indulge in traditional games such as marbles for the men and skipping mainly for the women, who used their own clothes lines for the purpose and it was group skipping. The long line would be swung by two people and it started with two women starting to skip in the middle and be gradually joined by more and more until the whole rope was skipping in unison.

Another must for Good Friday is the Hot Cross Bun; it used to be a firm belief that Hot Cross Buns and all bread baked on Good Friday had curative and protective powers,. In many households a Hot Cross Bun would be kept for a whole year, hanging up near the hearth where it was said to protect the house from fire. A few crumbs were sometimes grated off the bun and given as medicine for the sick.

I also remember God Friday was the traditional day to plant potatoes and peas. My Dad always kept the traditions and believed with others that Good Friday was the day when the Devil had no power and so it was the safest day to plant potatoes.

Listen out for the Cuckoo on 14<sup>th</sup> April when it is supposedly released from its safe keeping from the winter and Known as Cuckoo Day.

I'll be listening!

Anne

# Ninfield Methodist Church

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## Sunday Services for April 2022:

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Café Worship with Barry Turnwell
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION with Revd. Tricia Williams
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	EASTER DAY FAMILY PRAISE with Dawn Novis
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with John Berryman

## Events for April 2022:

Fridays	10.00-11.30am	Community Café including
1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange in Hall.
6 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm	Messy Church 'Spring into Easter' .... See below
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-4.00pm	Christian Womens Fellowship
15 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Good Friday Service at St. Mary's

**Ukrainian crisis appeal.** Computers for Charities, in Hailsham, is offering a practical response by appealing for Survival Boxes to aid the Ukrainian people. Boxes will initially be distributed to displaced Ukrainian Citizens across Poland, Slovakia, Hungary & Romania. We are encouraged to let you know that we have already taken 30 'Survival' shoeboxes filled with essentials to Simon, in Hailsham, If you would still like to give please contact us (892192) for the information & we will organise.

**Messy Church ... 'Spring into Action'.** We have organised our next Messy Church during the Easter school holiday & all ages are invited to come along. The Ninfield Flower group will be helping to make spring posies and there will be other craft activities & refreshments. We suggest that you email David ([dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)) to reserve a place as we hope this will be a popular event with local families.

**Easter 2022 ....** We are so pleased that we can celebrate Easter again with no Covid restrictions. We encourage you to join in the Good Friday reflection and our service on Easter Day which will be a Family celebration, include an Easter Egg Search & other activities.

A Very Happy Easter to you all ... see you soon.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.  
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?



But when they got there ...

the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel.



Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.



They fled to tell the others...



but they didn't believe them.

Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

Why are you crying?



I don't know where his body is!

Someone behind her asked  
Who are you looking for?



Have you taken his body?

Mary



Then she recognised Jesus!

Teacher!



Don't cling on to me - I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!



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