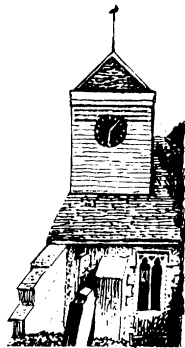


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*News from the Churches,
Clubs, groups, societies
& residents of
Ninfield & Hove*

April 2023

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OF ENGLAND

St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
2 nd April Palm Sunday	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
6 th April Maundy Thursday	7.00p.m. <i>Parish Eucharist</i>	<i>No Service</i>
7 th April Good Friday	2.00p.m. The Final Hour	11.00 Stations of the Cross
9 th April Easter Day	9.30 <i>Parish Eucharist</i>	11.00 Parish Eucharist
16 th April	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
23 rd April	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11,00 Parish Eucharist
30 th April	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

APPOINTMENTS All enquiries about Baptism, Marriages, reading of Banns or any other Church matter should be made to The Church Wardens, details on the back page

An Easter Journey

Dear Friends

Each Easter we are invited to go on a journey with Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his resurrection on Easter Sunday. As we listen to the Easter Story; reflect on it; and pray our way through it, we may find that a particular aspect of the Easter Story resonates with us now. As we enter into His story, we find connections between His story and our story.

We make this journey in different ways. We make this journey through our own prayers and reading the Bible. It will be our personal journey. We make our journey with Jesus at the Stations of the Cross service at Hooe at 11am on Good Friday and we have a more reflective service at Ninfield at 2pm.

On Easter Day, the Easter Candle is lit and then we carry the light into church. This leads into a Holy Communion service which is a real family celebration of Easter. The joy of the Easter event is part of our celebration so please join us either at 9.30 in Ninfield or 11am at Hooe. You will find a warm welcome.

A journey has a beginning and an end as we arrive at our destination. For us as Christians what we do along that journey is very important and very personal. Sometimes we can plan that journey, sometimes events take us in different directions. Whatever our journey, we do not do it on our own, as Jesus walks with us if we ask him to.

This Easter, our hearts are crying out to God for the people of Ukraine in their suffering after a year of war. We are crying out for an end to the violence. We are deeply disturbed by what the invasion of Ukraine means for the peace and stability of the world. Of course, we can pray anywhere at any time, but the important thing is that we pray, thanking God for his love shown at Easter but also praying for peace.

Wishing you God's blessing this Easter.

Paul

Easter Prayer 2023

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be. Thank you for the Bible – your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People. In the name of our living Lord, Jesus. Amen.

News from St Mary's

We are delighted to let you know that our lovely wind organ has now been fully serviced and repaired. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr Christian, who has been servicing the organ for a number of years, for his excellent work on the repairs which has given a new lease of life to our organ. Also many thanks to all those who contributed to our organ repair fund with a special thank you to the Ninfield Carnival Association for their donation.

Our organist Paul is particularly pleased with the repairs and will be playing an organ recital after our joint service with St Oswald's on the 30th April. If anyone would like to attend and listen to the wonderful music it will start at 11.45am and last for approximately 30 minutes. After the recital tea and coffee and other refreshments will be provided

Phil Ringrose

St Oswald's Parish Church

Interment of ashes

26th February 2023 – of Marcus Blaber.

*from the
Parish Records*

St Mary's Parish Church

Interment of ashes

4th March 2023 - of Denis Field

News from St Oswald's

The Repairs to the church have been completed which ends another busy year at St Oswald's. Plans are in place for the improvement of the lighting and the big project the building of an extension for a toilet and tea station. This will take time as we have to follow guidance from the Diocese and Wealden District Council.

The church is in good order as is the churchyard, which at present has a vast covering of snowdrops, harbouring the arrival of the more spring flowers in our Natural Churchyard.

Thanks to those who have already supported our Lent collection for the Food Bank. We have received a Certificate thanking us for donating 137.20kg of food during 2022.

In April we start a new church year with the election of Churchwardens and other members of the PCC. The PCC (Parochial Church Council, not to be confused with the Parish Council) deal with the day to day running and care of the church. The Churchwardens are elected annually and the other members serve a 3 year term.

The APCM (Annual Parish Church Meeting) will be held after the 11.00 am Service on Sunday 16th April. Villagers are able to vote for the Church Wardens. The APCM is made up of 2 meetings.

The first is the Vestry Meeting to elect the Church Wardens. Any Parishioner can attend and vote.

The second is the Annual meeting where reports are presented and the Financial Statement is explained and approved, new members are elected on to the PCC. The Annual Report and Financial Statement are discussed and after questions a vote is taken to accept them.

Only members on the Church Electoral Roll are allowed to vote at this meeting.

The new PCC will then meet to discuss plans for the coming year.

We are continuing our support of Bexhill Food Bank and will be nominating the First Sunday of the month as the day we will be inviting people to donate items of food.

In 2022 we managed to donate 137.20 kg of food. We would like to beat that total this year.

April Diary

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REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS at The Memorial Hall			
Mondays	10.00 Movement to Music	1.30 Ladies Badminton	
Tuesdays	6.00 Cubs		
Wednesdays	9.15 Pilates	10.15 Yoga	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		

Joining and Volunteering!

What an amazing day we had at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 4th March when many of the groups, organisations, clubs and societies from around the village came together to advertise themselves to prospective new members, and remind others that they are still there!

I was on the Memorial Hall stand promoting events that the Memorial Hall Committee organise, the events organised by our users as well as the regular weekly and monthly events.

Despite various advertising several people didn't know we had Pilates or Ladies Badminton every week, didn't know about the markets!

We had people sign up for the new creative writing course, the quiz on 15th April, and others said they would be going to Pilates, Badminton, Yoga or Knitting and Crafting, so a good day. Speaking to the others everyone, bar one, signed up new members, so a really good day was had by all

I was also there to promote the Committee for Ninfield Village Memorial Hall. The Hall was gifted to the village in 1921 and belongs to the village, it does not belong to the Parish Council. We are a registered charity and we make an annual return to them.

All of the Committee are volunteers, non of us are paid, we do it because we love the Hall and Ninfield, and yes we do need more volunteers, both to be Committee members but also to join our newly formed Friends of Ninfield Memorial Hall.

At the event on 4th March I started a list, which several people signed up to. The idea being when we have an event, such as the market, the quiz, Homemade Fayre etc we email out to everyone asking for help, but being specific, eg help setting up tables and chairs, or being there to clear them away. Help washing up or making teas, selling raffle tickets, sourcing raffle prizes, making a cake or two. If you think this is something you might be interested in please email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com or see me at the market on 15th April.

We are still looking for volunteers to join the committee, one person spoke to me and we are hopeful that will follow through, Please if this is something you would like to chat to one of us about please either email us or phone Sami Guard Kaye Crittall or Carol Holland 893326

So as King Charles III spoke about volunteering and getting involved and Monday 8th May, a bank holiday, he has named Volunteering Day, what are you waiting for?
Carol Holland

NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council:

Jackie Scarff 07725 843505 clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

The 4th March 2023 the Parish Council hosted a village event at the memorial hall.

Bacon rolls, teas, coffees and cakes were served all day and the local village clubs and societies were able to showcase what they do and sign up new members. With singing and dancing during the event the hall was buzzing with Ninfield residents and the event was a great success. Thank you to all those who set their stalls up and everyone who came on the day.

Please note that the next village event is the Annual Parish Meeting. This is your chance to find out what the Parish Council have been doing, ask questions of our District and County Councillors as well as make suggestions to the newly elected councillors for projects and ideas to improve our village.

So come along on Monday 15th May to the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Wine and nibbles available.

May Elections – District and Parish. Who would you like to represent you or would you like to represent your District or Village.

Thursday 4th May 2023 sees the Parish and District elections. Have you ever thought about being a councillor, now is the time to find out more.

Do you care about your local area?

Do you want to make a difference to local people's lives?

Would you like to offer your skills and experience?

Are you able to attend a monthly evening meeting?

Would you like to work with others to get things done & give something back to the community?

Click here for more information: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

If yes to the above, then Ninfield Parish Council needs you!!

A bit about us....

Ninfield Parish Council is a non-political council. We are a small team of 9 Councillors and the clerk who is also the Responsible Financial Officer.

The Parish Council is responsible for The Sports Pavilion, The Recreation Ground including the children's playground and the two Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA).

As well as meeting for a bimonthly Full Council Meeting, we have 4 Committees –

the Finance Committee

Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground Committee

Highways, Safety and Verges Committee

Planning & Environment (we are statutory consultees on all Planning Applications within the Parish – although the decision on approval or refusal is made by Wealden District Council.)

By becoming a Councillor, you would be able to join in any of the above committees using any skills or experience that you have and work alongside other Councillors.

If you would like more details please contact the clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk or any of the current councillors. If you are interested in becoming a District Councillor please get in touch with Wealden District Council for more information.

For the first time this May voters will need an accepted form of ID in order to cast their vote. These include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth Passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers licence and some concessionary travel passes such as an older persons bus pass or an Oyster 60 + card (visit the Electoral Commission's website for a full list of accepted ID and more information about this new requirement.. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anybody who doesn't have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free online from Monday 16th January at <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk> or by completing a paper form. If you need any help please contact Wealden on 01882 602407 or elections@wealden.gov.uk

NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB

has had a busy winter maintaining the Greens and Buildings thanks to our members.

We now look forward to our Open Day on Sunday 16 April at 2,30 pm. And you are invited to come along and have a go. We have bowls that are available for use and our only request is that you wear flat soled shoes.
Vic Lawrence Captain

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.

Women's 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.

Dark Skies

The aim of this group is to expand on the mapping of dark skies in various locations around the village, increase our knowledge of the stars and understand the impact moon cycles and artificial light can have on wildlife. It is about involving residents in appreciating and understanding the "darkness" in our village. Contact: Kaye Crittall on 01424 892883

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 on 01424 892883.

Health Walks

Meeting at Sparke Pavilion in Church Lane at 11 am. Walks are now every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour at a gentle pace, avoiding mud and stiles where possible. Dogs on short leads are welcome. The walks are part of the Sussex Health Walks and Ramblers Walking for Health Schemes. Contact: Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

Musical Matinee Film

Here are the details of the rest of the films for 2023. As you will see there is a mixture of 'ancient and modern'. We do hope you will come and join us for a relaxed, friendly afternoon. Everyone welcome, whatever age.

The afternoons are dementia friendly¹ 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 the June film.

Friday 16 June: Hairspray.

Friday 22 September: Gigi.

Friday 24 November La La Land.

Book Exchange/Community Cafe

There will be no Book Exchange Café on Friday 7th April as this is Good Friday. Instead, we will have books available at the Community Café session on Friday 14th April. Donations of good quality paperback fiction books would be most welcome.

The Book Exchange continues to be well-attended but it would be good to see more people on all the other Fridays. You are welcome to come and enjoy a tea/ coffee, biscuits, and a chat. We sometimes have picture and word puzzles which



cause much fun!

Donations are used to cover our running costs but we also support charities and special appeals throughout the year. Earlier this year we were able to send £75 to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Turkey & Syria following the devastating earthquake. Thank you.



For further information please contact David dj_swales@hotmail.com or 892248.

Closing date for items for the **MAY** issue of the Parish News is **FRIDAY 13th APRIL** please send to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

Hooe History Society

Our April meeting will feature a new speaker to us, Graham Bandy, who will give a talk on Military Nursing. Graham has spent most of his life in the army, nursing, or both. He has been collecting military badges and ephemera since he was at school, and is now a much sought after asset at both county and national family history fairs, such as Who Do You Think You Are Live and Family Tree Live and has appeared on BBC's WDYTUA. Graham also gives many talks and lectures on the subject of badge and photographic identification and military history. He sits on the Heritage Committee of the QARANC (Queen Alexandra's Royal Nursing Corps) Association. We meet on Thursday 20th April at 7.30 p.m. in St Oswald's Church. Refreshments will be available, as usual, after the talk.

DID YOU KNOW... we are very grateful for the care and attention we receive today in our local hospitals through the NHS, all of which is financed through our taxes, but do we ever stop to think how these services were run a hundred years ago? Here is an edited report from the Bexhill Chronicle from July 1906 describing how our predecessors in these villages helped to fund the early hospitals.

That the villagers of Hooe, Ninfield and Catsfield are fully alive to their privileges and responsibilities in connection with the East Sussex Hospital was amply demonstrated on Sunday, when, for the second year, the day was set apart for the purposes of a Hospital Sunday. All denominations in the little community, with representatives of the various friendly societies in the district combined to make the event a complete success, and that their end was accomplished none who were present will deny.

The proceedings were timed to commence at 1.30 p.m. and at that hour Hooe Common was quite animated with the gaily dressed inhabitants, who were attired in a manner suitable to the occasion. The old-fashioned smocks of the venerable Ninfield Friendly Society showed up in striking contrast to the more modern apparel and brilliant insignia of the younger institutions. Green mingled with red, and red with gold and blue, while over the heads of the "knights," primos, worthy masters, chief rangers and the rank and file of the brotherhood floated two gorgeous banners, a pair of tri-coloured flags, and the blue ensign of the Ninfield Friendly Society. The scene was reminiscent of the accounts of the doings of one's grandparents seventy years ago, and it was indeed set amid the most favourable surroundings.

The weather was ideal, and more than one of the processionists found it difficult to believe the month of October had been commenced. At the head

of the procession marched the Ninfield Band and the various societies took up the following order: Ninfield Friendly Society, Hooe Friendly Society, Catsfield Friendly Society, Hooe Drum and Fife Band, Battle Fire Brigade, Ninfield Foresters, Herstmonceux Brass Band, Oddfellows Friendly Society, Ninfield R.A.O.B., the Battle Brass Band, the Ninfield Agency of the Equitable Friendly Society, and the Ninfield Branch of the National Deposit Friendly Society...

...The Catsfield societies joined en route at Ninfield and additions were made to the Fire Brigade at Catsfield. The route taken by the procession was as follows: Hooe Common to Ninfield, Ninfield to Catsfield (via Catsfield Stream) Church Road, Catsfield, by Wesleyan Chapel to top of Catsfield Green, Skinner's Lane , Marl Pits, Moon's Hill, Manchester Road, Bexhill Road to a field for service.

The afternoon, until past four o'clock, was taken up in parading the roads of the villages, and all along the route busy collectors gave the spectators little rest. About 4.15 the head of the procession entered Mr Hobden's field at Ninfield, where a space had been roped off for the accommodation of the bands and the waggon from which the service of the afternoon was to be conducted.

The Rev. E. Mortlock, who addressed the gathering as "My brethren of the Ninfield, Catsfield and Hooe Hospital Committee, and my brethren, too, of the friendly societies,"... gave an address complimenting the medical staff then ...gave an instance in which a resident in that immediate neighbourhood was admitted to the East Sussex Hospital as an urgent case, and then told how highly all the patients spoke of the treatment they received in that institution...

...During the singing of the hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," a collection was taken, and the proceedings terminated with the Benediction... The secretarial duties were entrusted to the capable hands of Mr. J. Ridel. The net result of the Committee's efforts amounted to £20.

Note: According to CPI inflation calculator, this would be worth about £3,111 today. Peter Hayward.

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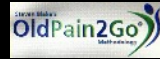
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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

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

NBS will hold a stall at the Ninfield Village Market on Saturday 15th April. Come and see us and have a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! We run tombola and if you need some NBS clothing, we sell a range of merchandise which you can place an order for.

We have some 'Dates for the Diary' with some exciting events planned:

- King's Coronation - 'Coronation Soapbox Race' a joint event with Ninfield Carnival, Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May. The event will take place on Manchester Road. There will be a Road closure and The Blacksmiths Inn will open the Bar and Carnival and NBS will be organising street food.
- Ninfield Carnival Weekend – Joint event with Ninfield Carnival on the 14th/15th July. NBS will be hosting the Friday night with 'Battle of the Bands', BAR, Food and lots of Live Music!
- Michaelmas returns to Ninfield Saturday, 23rd September

There will be lots of information coming on all of these events, so keep an eye on Social Media, the Village shop and posters.

The Bonfire night, torch lead procession, effigy and fireworks display that we put on for our community, 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? As a member you need only put in as much time as you can spare, any help is much appreciated. You can join in during any part of the year from helping at one of our fundraising events, to making torches or brushwood faggots for the bonfire or even just walking with a collection bucket. You also get to join our own procession as well as others around Sussex that we attend as a society. Join online, at one of our meetings or visit us at one of the monthly Ninfield Village Markets to pay your membership.

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 or Sarah on 07809684488.

**NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks Display
21st October 2023
Find us on Facebook - Instagram -
www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk
Remember, Remember the 5th of November**

Ninfield Surgery

New Assistant Practice Manager

We are welcoming a new Assistant Practice Manager to Ninfield Surgery. Steffie Ringer has now joined us and Liz Bowler is moving to our Pebsham and Sea Road Surgeries in the next few weeks.

Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support with the donations to the Foodbank basket. We are very grateful for any donations to pass on.

Community Garden

As you will see, the work has started on the community garden! Thank you once again to the Wellbeing Group for their support.

THE NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The Ninfield Local History Group AGM will be in Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. There will be a short business meeting followed by a social with refreshments and a quiz. On 11th May our meeting will be on Thomas Brassey and is presented by Lucinda Fraser and Alan Judd. Lucinda is a direct descendant of this fascinating Victorian gentleman did so much for people in the Ninfield and Catsfield area. Meeting venue and time as for April.

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A gesticulation is any movement made by a foreigner.

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NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL SATURDAY 15th April 9.30 - 12.00 VILLAGE MARKET

Why should you go to the Village Market?

It's become quite a sociable meeting place, somewhere to meet friends and make new friends over a cuppa. Some pop in for a breakfast bacon buttie, some for cake to go with their mid morning coffee, which do you fancy?

Support our local farmers / producers who supply local lamb, pork and venison; eggs, honey, fruit and veg, cakes, jams and preserved, and plants. You won't do a week's shop here, but definitely food for the weekend!

There is a variety of locally made crafts, great items for presents or for yourself!

So, hopefully, we'll see you at the next market

Enquiries to ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com

CONCERT

Now I am quite happy to wonder around the Church yard every day, looking for the wild life that lives there, even opening the Church each morning. It even fits with the old Lincolnshire saying, 'never join two pieces of string' and the more common saying, 'twos company threes a crowd'. It is the way.

But there is a problem with this stance. Every morning, when I open the Church, there to welcome me is a warm space that has meant so much to untold thousands of people over the centuries of the buildings existence. When I turn up on a Sunday its easy to forget the amount of work that has gone into keeping the Church in such good shape. So I joined the PCC and I'm assuming one of the C's stands for Church. That's one of the time honoured sayings ignored!

Now I know very little about formal meetings, I did use to wear a tie on shoot days but that is the limit to my compliance. I had braced myself for reporting that I had seen a merlin, very small bird of prey, sitting on one of the grave stones. What I was given was a piece of paper with the amounts of money needed to keep the Church open. How much, was my first thoughts.

As the discussion developed I had a thought, it seemed a good thought, so I mentioned it but without thinking about the ramifications speaking out would have. ' How about organising a concert'. So I was left with the task of organising a concert and no amount of Merlins was going to get me out of this.

Working on the principle that the Rolling Stones are more than likely to be a tad busy I went to plan B, local acts. Now it just so happens I have seen a likely candidate for the Hooe Church concert party. A very lovely lady called Hannah who sings her own songs, her music I found spellbinding. Now there are a few things to my advantage when trying to make contact with this young lady. She is a friend of my daughter, comes from Lincolnshire and works at Ashburnham House. Once a week I volunteer to work in their walled garden.

It will be a bit of a coup if I can convince her to sing for us, she is very good and therefore in demand. Perhaps it was not the best idea to meet over lunch!

I had spent all morning in the rain and mud so gave the appearance of a weather beaten Gnome. It was hard to concentrate, she is a very attractive lady and I desperately wanted to avoid losing some of my lunch in my beard. Still my battle plan worked, 'I know nothing, please help'!

So I have a date which I can't give out until the PCC meeting next week. I hope we can fill the Church, which will mean saying number two will be ignored.

Slow-cooked pork, cider & sage hotpot

4 tbsp olive oil, plus a little extra
1kg diced pork shoulder
20g butter, cubed, plus a little extra
4 leeks, trimmed and thickly sliced
4 garlic cloves, crushed
3 tbsp plain flour
500ml dry cider
400ml chicken stock
2 bay leaves
½ small bunch parsley, finely chopped
small bunch sage, leaves picked, 5 left whole, the rest chopped
200ml single cream
400g Maris Piper or King Edward potatoes
400g sweet potatoes

Method

- Heat half of the oil in a deep ovenproof frying pan, or flameproof **casserole dish**, and fry the pork pieces over a medium high heat in batches until seared all over, then transfer to a plate. Add another 1 tbsp oil to the pan with a little butter and fry half the leeks with a pinch of salt for 10 mins until tender. Add the garlic, fry for a minute, then stir in the flour. Pour in the cider, a little at a time, stirring to pick up any bits stuck to the bottom of the pan and to combine everything. Add the stock, bay leaves and seared pork, then simmer, half-covered with a lid for 1-1½ hrs until the meat is just tender (it will later cook to the point of falling apart in the oven). *Can be prepared a day ahead.*

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Simmer uncovered for a few minutes to reduce the sauce, if you need to – it shouldn't be too liquid or the potatoes will sink into the sauce. Stir in the parsley, chopped sage, remaining leeks, and the cream, then season well.

Peel both types of potatoes and cut into slices 2mm thick. Alternate layers of potato and sweet potato in circles over the pie. Dot the cubed butter over the top and bake for 1-1½ hrs until the potato is tender. Nestle in the whole sage leaves, brushed in a little oil, for the last 10 mins.

Leave to rest for 10 mins before serving.

Ninfield Horticultural Society

By the time you receive this magazine our Spring Show would have come and gone. The first quarter of the year completed already and we are on our way to summer. Now's the time we wander around the garden, finding gaps from plants lost last year or plan a re-design and new borders - and what better place to find good quality, reasonably priced plants than at the horticultural societies annual plant market. Held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd April - opening at 9.30am, we recommend getting there early as plants are snapped up pretty quickly.

We never really know what plants will be on offer as it is a mix of those we have cultivated ourselves plus donations from other generous gardeners, but there is always a good mix of perennials, shrubs and vegetable plants - plus a few surprises!

Tea and cake (and cheese scones) will also be available, so you can have a refreshment break before coming back and buying even more plants.

Donations of plants and cakes are always welcome (from 8.30 onwards)

With climate change, there doesn't appear to be a 'usual' gardening year, but we are going to try to share with you some gardening tips for each month. Key tasks for April: Sow hardy annuals and climbers outdoors where they are to grow, don't forget to pinch off spring bulb heads, feed and mulch your roses. Sow French beans under glass, sow peas and keep sowing at regular intervals (and a tip from Carol Klein - cover with holly sprigs to keep the mice away!) and most importantly - attend the plant market on 22nd April

So, now, thinking caps on, after a three year break the popular annual

NINFIELD QUIZ is back, Saturday 15th April,

doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start.

£7.50 per person to include a hot supper!

Teams of 6 per table - but if you're a couple or on your own come along and make up a table with others!

Bring your own drinks, there will be a Raffle, £30.00 cash prize for the winning table. Call Sami 07970650321 or Carol 01424 893326 or email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com to book your places. See you there!

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News, Reviews and Revues - From Sami Guard

I'm sure there is notice elsewhere in the Magazine about the Quiz Night at the Memorial Hall - but just to reiterate here- Yes! It's Back!! The famous Quiz Night, which has been on hold for 3 years, and the details are as follows - Saturday 15th April, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tables of 6 please - but don't panic if you're not a six, you can come and make tables up with other folk! Ticket price is £7.50 per person which INCLUDES a lovely hot Supper! Bring your own Drinks, there will be the usual Raffle too, and the prize for the winning table will be £30 Cash. Call me on 07970650321 or Carol on 01424 893326 or email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com to book your places. See you there!

So, since the last edition, the Carnival Association have met, again with the Bonfire Society, to discuss the first joint event of the year - the Coronation Soap Box Races, on Bank Holiday Monday May 8th. This idea sprang up between us all, and would be a great reinvention of the Pram Races that used to be held in early May. So the big news is ..It WILL be held at the Blacksmiths Inn, and with the races down Manchester Road- the road closure will be in place from 11am-2pm.!! Just as it used to be! The Pub will be open from 11am-4pm for drinks only, and both Committees will run a BBQ in the Car park, plus a Tote and various other games/events.

Now is the time to start thinking about constructing your vehicle - why not use this event to reinvent the Carnival Procession into a Coronation Soap Box version!!! And don't forget the Fancy Dress, there will be prizes for both!! Do come to the next Carnival meeting on 5th April, or call for more information. There will be posters, and social media posts going up with all Race Day information in the next few weeks.

More on the Coronation:- The Saturday, 6th May, is the actual Coronation of King Charles 3rd, and it was felt that people will most likely want to be left to their own devices, to watch, or not watch, the scheduled television coverage. It will no doubt be another fantastic display of British Pageantry; and maybe another 'once in a lifetime' event for some of us. However, on the Sunday 7th, the nominated 'Big Lunch' day, the Memorial Hall Committee have agreed to open the Hall, and lay tables up, decorate with bunting etc, and provide the facility for an Indoor Street Party! This will be for anyone who feels that they would like to come out and do something, but doesn't want to organise it themselves, or who would prefer to be among other people for the day rather than do nothing. Folk could bring a picnic up, or some cakes, and there will be teas and coffees available in the Hall; there MAY even be some Entertainment during the afternoon, and there will

definitely be a great, friendly atmosphere!!

The Music Concert from Windsor- on the evening of the 7th, will be shown LIVE on the big screen in the Hall, and there will be a Pay Bar and Food for those who would love to 'Go to the Gig' without having to drive/go by train! This will be a FANTASTIC evening... so put the date in your diaries!

Saturday 27th May!!!- I have re-booked at the Hall for Part 2 of my 'An Evening with..' Show. It's all confirmed now, and hopefully people will want to come out again for Supper, the Bar, and of course some more hilarious stories of my life and times in the Entertainment Industry - Part 1 last year was a sell out 100 people, and a brilliant night...so if you are interested in coming along then please BOOK EARLY!! Now- just to be clear - you DON'T have to have seen Part 1, there are different stories in each, so Part 2 is NOT a sequel, just another show with equally funny and fruity anecdotes from nearly fifty years in the business!! -Call me or email as soon as possible, it would be great to have an early idea of numbers!

Heads Up! The Ninfield Village Fete this year will be over the weekend of 14th and 15th July; Friday 14th will see the Bonfire Society hosting a Music event on the Rec, with a 'Battle of the Bands' competition, for new young bands, followed by a group to play for the rest of the evening. There will be a Bar, food etc; raising money towards the Fireworks night in October. Saturday 15th will be the lovely Village Fete day, which has become so popular over the last two years. Although there is no Carnival procession now, the rest of the events on the Rec remain, with the Coconut Shy, China Smash, TeaTent, Bar, BBQ, Raffle, Bottle Tombola, Dog Show and some special, surprises during the afternoon in the Arena. The Music will keep going right through the evening, with the Bar and food available til 10.30pm.

The Next Carnival Association meeting will be Wednesday 5th April at The Working Men's Club (Tin Hut), 8pm start .If you would like to help out in any way, Please come along to the meeting, you'll be made very welcome! Or call me on 07970650321 - email samanthaguard@btinternet.com for more information on all up coming events.

As you may be aware- at the last Memorial Hall AGM, after being on the Committee for over 20 years, and recently Vice Chair, I very reluctantly agreed to do the Chairman role - but only as an interim measure, because we had to keep the Hall open- (I really do NOT have the time needed!) With a new, and permanent Chairman to be looked for at the beginning of this new year. SO! The search is now ON! Are you out there..?! Come on in and show yourself!! If you have an interest in the Hall, how it runs, and also

how it is an essential part of the life of the Village, then please call me on 01424 893699 or 07970650321 or Carol Holland on 01424 893326 or Kaye Crittall on 01424 892388 - Your Hall needs You!

Worms Eye View

“Oh to be in England, now that April’s here”, so said Robert Browning in his poem “Home Thoughts from Abroad”. Well we are here and wonder what April will bring us. Early spring can have changeable weather; we can be plagued by wintery weather conditions or weathered in sunshine. It is said that whatever March did not want April brings it along, and cloudy April during May.

Regarding arrivals and the weather what ever is predicted by cows, they really do have good sense and come rain or shine they generally stand up to eat in the morning and in the evening and then lie down for anything up to twelve hours and chew the cud for the rest of the day and night. Being herd animals what one does all (or most) do, so when you pass a field of cows you are very likely to see them all eating or all chewing. Cattle chew the cud to get maximum benefit from hard to digest grass using their four stomachs in turn.

Some forms of cow behaviours are believed to predict the weather: for instance if cows bellow at night, expect snow. Another says if a cow scratches its ear a shower is near.

Personally I look back on April with pleasure as Peter & I were married in April 1956 in Hailsham Church, which I can see from my bedroom window. A happy, busy life followed, milking cows rearing pigs and chicken, and children and then a good move to Hooe, with sheep joining us here.

Finally a good move by the Council erecting posts along our busy road warning of the many bends, I hope it does help to slow the traffic down! Only time will tell.

Anne

GO!

A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, “That’s easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator.”

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Yes? Well here are five new ideas for you to think about.

1. Village Baking Group

Would we bake in our homes via Zoom for example and then meet up with our bakes and share them with friends over a hot drink?

Could we organise it so we baked together in one location?

Would we eat our bakes or share the surplus with those in the village who live alone / older couples?

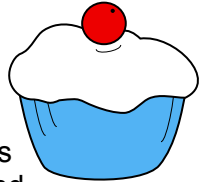
Maybe we could organise one or two technical challenges a year for fun so we can get outside our comfort zones and learn new skills?

Could we organise guest speakers or demonstrations?

How about a visit to a baking experience day once a year as a group?

Could we bake care packages for those in the village in need, i.e. illness, bereavement, in need of a smile?

If this sounds like something you would like to be part of you can call or text me – 07812 670435 or email me – donna.powell@live.co.uk



2. Creative Writing with Ninfield Writers

I get pleasure in doing writing that is for me, whether that is creative writing or writing that is specifically intended to improve my wellbeing through journaling techniques. I also write books and articles and I wondered, therefore, if there might be any interest in holding a face-to-face writing course in Ninfield. The upstairs room at the Memorial Hall looks like the perfect spot. We could do any aspect of creative writing, perhaps a beginners' course, or a writing for wellbeing course, whatever people are interested in. I do charge, as this is my business, but my fees are reasonable, if you are interested please get in touch. My mobile is 07784538965 and my email is helen@writethistime.com. If you want to know a bit more about me, my website is www.writethistime.com.

3. Padel Tennis

NINFIELD PADEL CLUB

I'm a local Ninfield resident and have recently got into playing Padel Tennis, currently the fastest growing sport in the UK. It's described as a cross between Doubles Tennis and Squash - a lot easier to play in my opinion (and more fun) as the ball stays in play for longer as you can play off the glass back walls and sides which are a mix of glass and mesh.

It is played by all ages (from 4 upwards and having spoken to a number of more senior players, it's a lot easier on your knees than Tennis or Squash)

The rules are very similar to Tennis but you can hit the ball off the back and sides wall (so long as it bounces first) and serves are taken underarm. You can find out more about Padel here <https://www.lta.org.uk/play/ways-to-play/padel/> and where to play.

The current closest courts to Ninfield are in Rye (which is a 45 minute drive) and I would love to explore the option of building a public court in Ninfield.

As to where this would be located in Ninfield or how it would be funded is yet to be determined but I am keen just to see if there is interest in making this happen.

If you would like to see a padel club in Ninfield please follow our ninfield padel club Facebook page or email me on Nigel@indiefarmer.com and I'll add you to our list of interested members.



4, Stoolball comes back to Ninfield

Exciting news for the 2024 spring and summer! The lovely game of stoolball is coming back to the village!

The season runs from May - August and if anyone wants to play, know more or even support the team as a “friend”, the team invite you to come to the meet and greet at Sparke Pavillion on the 13th April at 6.30pm for tea and cake and the chance to have a play and sign up! If you have any queries 07565010647 and follow us on facebook ninfieldstoolballteam



5. Singing - would you be interested in becoming part of a signing group? It will be completely informal, just a group of people coming together to sing. All ages and abilities are welcome. We had a lot of interest from the event on 4th March and the first dates have been booked.

Memorial Hall Thursday April 13th and 27th from 1.30pm AND
Methodist Hall Tuesday April 11th and 25th from 7.30pm

Just turn up or contact Kaye Crittall (k.crittall@btinternet.com or 01424 892883) if you would like to know more.

How are you going to choose which one to go to? They all sound interesting and lots of fun, not to mention a great way to meet new people, but, is there something else you'd like to see ? If yes email us ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com and we'll see if we can see if there's anyone else interested, if you don't ask - you won't know!!

Musings on daily life

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

I am having an out of money experience.

What's the leading cause of dry skin? Towels.

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met last Friday at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield, owing to a change in plan we didn't have a speaker, so instead we had a general knowledge quiz. Judging by the comments overheard all were grateful that the answers were multiple choice. The winners got 15 out of 20! Not brilliant but it didn't matter and we all got a chocolate egg. Lots of chatting went on over tea/coffee and biscuits and a decision made regarding our summer outing. Details to follow.

Our next meeting is Friday April 14th when a group of Hand Bell ringers will be visiting to entertain us, talk about the bells and hopefully allow us to have a go as well.

Heather & Nicki

Editors' Note Don't all the daffodils look lovely, lining the roads and spread amongst the gardens? Such a cheery sight to brighten our day as we walk or drive around the villages. Well this is another packed edition of the Parish News showcasing most of the events that take place during the month. We say 'most events' because there are always things we don't get to advertise, either because they are arranged at very short notice or the organisers just don't tell us! One thing that has always been a puzzle is how do you advertise to everyone? Ask some people did you see? No I didn't know, shame I missed it! Articles in the News and Observer, posters on notice boards, web sites and facebook don't help. One person said, I never walk through the village so don't see notice boards, I don't take News or Observer, throw all flyers put in my letter box in the bin, Does anyone have any idea how to get the message across? We'd love to hear from you. So those of you who do take the News or Observer and walk through the villages please, mention things to your friends and neighbours, it might be them that don't know what they are missing! Just a thought!

And now, a BIG thank you for our distributors for getting nearly all the subscription money in so promptly, well done, and thank you to all of you for continuing to support us, makes it all worth while.

Nicki & Carol

Present

For their elderly vicar's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. The vicar was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."



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Part 4 (continued from last month)

A new Workhouse was built at Hellingly to gather them all the poor together. The site was where the roundabout on the A271 meets the road to Hailsham, opposite the petrol station. But the Workhouse principle of breaking up families remained and the shame is the main reason why the workhouse was so feared. You only went there in desperation when all other avenues had been exhausted, even prostitution being preferred. That inevitably meant only the worst of the worst ended up there, giving "good" cause for the resentment of the rest of the population who had to pay for their keep.

It's estimated that between 1831 to 1834 the annual expenditure on poor relief had been £18,351 being £1 and 11 shillings per head of population (that's everyone, children included) and when you consider that families of up to 10 were common, including aged parents and grandparents, that was a costly burden for each family. A system therefore developed of "outworking" so that when labour as needed on farms etc, paupers would be sent on a temporary basis. When not required, they were simply thrown back into the Workhouse, a completely unsatisfactory way of coping, as each time the poor diet and onerous conditions affected even the healthy the most.

It was also a completely unachievable aim to make conditions "worse" than outside! Nearly all agricultural labourers lived a subsistence lifestyle, so to make it worse would actually require starvation rations, and even the worst Commissioners couldn't stoop to that level. But having "idle" people was undesirable, especially for those that wanted to work but simply couldn't find it in the area they were. And they couldn't move to find work, they had to find work to be able to move away, and that was impossible when you had no money and no way of travelling far. It did at least provide shelter, food, warmth and rudimentary care, but often the conditions were little better than prison.

By 1777, there were Workhouses established at Hooe (30 places); Ninfield (15 places); Herstmonceux (45 places) and Wartling (40 places). In part, the higher the number of places the probability was of more "seasonal" agricultural work, as often workers were unable to gain an income once the harvest was over, until the next spring required more workers for ploughing and planting. A highly unsatisfactory system, leaving people unable to find secure long term employment or improve their condition. Some workhouses had punishment regimes that equalled or surpassed those for slaves in plantations, being forbidden to wear shirts, just waistcoats, heads shaved and whipping for minor infringements.

An example of how people were treated is: April 13 1848: *Gilead Streeter, of St Mary Magdalen Hastings: aged 48; was married at Sedlescombe on 15 Apr 1820 to William Streeter of Ninfield, who died on 21 Dec 1842. In 1822 William Streeter (WS) was committed for three months to prison for poaching. During that time she received poor relief for herself and her husbands illegitimate child, and after those three months WS was sent on board a Man 'o War for two years. In 1833 they moved from Ninfield to Hastings and in Aug 1836 she and her two children were removed from St Mary Magdalen to Ninfield and placed in the workhouse at Hellingly; child Phoebe Elizabeth (13 years).* Statement by Henry Coussins of All Saints, relieving officer for St Mary Magdalene, Hastings.

There was some attempt to attract people into indentures, where they would be apprenticed for at least a year with just bed and board, or there were moves to transport some overseas as labour to be released from contracts of bondage in a specified time period. In this way, it was not just convicts that were transported although often hard to distinguish between the groups, except where families could be sent together.

Even in the last century such old fashioned customs existed. Correspondence relating to the investment of £250 received from the trustees of Lord Brassey for the enfranchisement of eight freehold tenements of the manor of Moorhall in Ninfield. Date: Mar - Apr 1921. ESRO reference: ACC 11252/4/8: William Augustus Raper writes that he still has sufficient money from the redemption of heriots seized on Brassey's death to pay for the fence at the Workhouse Farm, 1 March 1921. Heriot was the right of a lord to seize a serf's best property, animals etc upon his death. It arose from the tradition of the lord and by extension, the King, who "paid" for his nobles to be well armed and armoured, the better to protect him in battle. Heriot is one of the many curious laws from feudal times that started because of a logical need between two parties. It was legally abolished in Britain in 1922.

Had the Brassey Estate waited one more year and no heriot would have been due! It's also likely that the "eight tenements" referred to would be properties in Manchester Road, as those were held as Church Tenements by the Worrall and Fuller Exhibition Fund, a charity run by St Giles, Cripplegate, London, hence why Church Farm is there, NOT by St Marys. Eventually the Workhouses would be assimilated into the National Health Service, completing the cycle from "hospitals" in the mediaeval sense of shelter to the hospitals for medicine we have today

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Sunday Services for April 2023:

- 2nd 10.30 am PALM SUNDAY United service & Communion with
Revd. Crawford Logan**
- 9th 10.30 am EASTER DAY Worship & Praise & Café breakfast
with Alan Hurrell**
- 16th 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service with
Revd. Cynthia Park**
- 23rd 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service**
- 30th 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service with
Revd. Crawford Logan**

Events for April 2023:

- 12th 2.30 – 4.00pm Christian Women’s Fellowship**
**Fridays 10.00-11.30am (No café on April 7 Good Friday) Community
Café including**
- 14th 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall**
- 26th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church – ‘Lost and Found’**

A Very Happy Easter to you all.

On Palm Sunday April 2nd we look forward to a United service, at Ninfield, with our friends from Little Common Methodist Church. There will be a Palm Sunday Triumphant Archway (constructed by the young people at our March Messy Church) & the service will be led by our minister Reverend Crawford. Not to be missed....

Then on Good Friday we will join with our friends at St. Mary’s Parish Church for a Good Friday Reflection at 2.00pm.

On Easter Day our Family Service will include an Easter Breakfast, Communion and an Easter Egg Hunt. The service will be led by Alan Hurrell.

Do come along whenever you can We will be pleased to welcome you.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it as Jesus had said



Why are you taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and waved them.

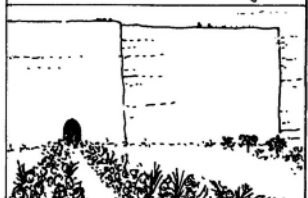


They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast

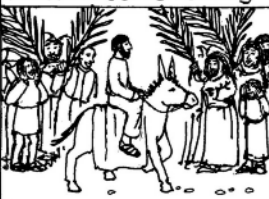
God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew



Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the laws were angry



Teacher, you should stop them calling you 'king'.

But Jesus replied



What they say is so true that even if I made them stop, the stones would shout!

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