

The

Parish



News

*News from the Churches,
clubs, groups, societies*

& residents of

Ninfield & Hooe

August/September

2022

50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
7 th Aug	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
14 th Aug	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
21 st Aug	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
28 th Aug	10.30 Joint Service at Methodist Church	11.00 Parish Eucharist
4 th Sept	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
11 th Sept	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>
18 th Sept	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
25 th Sept	<i>9.30 Parish Eucharist</i>	11.00 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

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

Dear friends,

At the time of writing this we are in the second week of Wimbledon, the Lionesses are doing well in the UEFA women's Euro, the cricket season is well under way and schools are holding their annual Sports Days! It's that time of year when, for many, sport becomes even more of an interest and even I can get very attached to certain competitions as I enjoy seeing new names and regular favourites achieve.

To get to the level that some of the athletes and sports people have to get to demands a commitment that many of us would just simply be exhausted to even think of. Yes, they are gifted and skilled in their area, but it takes more than that. Time and dedication to training daily is required and this often means having to sacrifice some of the other pleasures or opportunities that life at that time may be offering. But there is an unquestionable necessity about this if success is to be achieved.

St Paul writes about running a race, but the race that Paul speaks about is the race of life. In a similar way to an athlete, to achieve the best out of life, we have to give our absolute commitment and dedication to whatever we do, and this can demand a lot from us. As Paul writes to the early Christian Church, he is encouraging Christians then, and us now, to maintain this commitment to Christ and the daily training for a Christian is through following the example and teaching of Jesus. If we become lazy in our attempts, then this will affect our growing relationship with God, and we will not achieve the purposes that God has for us.

Just as with athletes training, the Christian journey can be tough work at times. We can feel tired and lacking interest. We can feel it's too much of an uphill struggle and think about giving up. But we must keep going because the reward is great... far greater than even winning a major sporting title...and it is well worth every bit of effort that we put into it.

So, in whatever we do in life, have determination and commitment because if we do, we will achieve so much more.

Every blessing,

Paul

PRAYER

A Blessing Comes

It's good to get away from noise
From chaos and from din,
To seek in solitude and peace
The beauty that's within

To go into a quiet place
Where all is fresh and green,
And contemplate in silent calm
Great truths and things unseen.

The mysteries of the universe
The wisdom of the sage,
Or take some old and lovely thought
From a bygone age,

And meditate upon the good
The honest and the true,
This calms the mind and you will find
A blessing comes to you.

By Kathleen Gillum

St Oswald's Parish Church

Baptism

19th June Kobe Oscar Brian Clift

Interment of Ashes

12th July Martha Morley

St Mary's Parish Church

Interment of ashes

30th June Margaret Winifred Deeprise

11th July Marilyn Sangster

*from the
Parish Records*

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NEWS FROM ST. OSWALD'S.

The two churchwardens have completed a training session led by the Treasurer on "contactless giving". This means that the Church can now take card payments as long as one of them is present.

Biodiversity in the churchyard

We have obtained from Sussex Wildlife Trust records compiled by Sussex biodiversity Record Centre of species that have been recorded as being present in St. Oswald's churchyard at various moments between 2003 and 2017 in which year the last full survey was carried out.

Bells

A small amount of progress has been made in that a Bellhanger recently visited to make the holes in the fabric of the tower to carry the steel beams to strengthen the bell frame. We are told that they hope to complete the job shortly although currently Matthew Higby himself has Covid. The Faculty has been extended until end September.

Deanery synod meeting

On July 5th St. Oswald's hosted the above quarterly meeting which was attended by Bishop William of Lewes and about 30 others from some of the churches in the Battle and Bexhill Deanery. Bishop William talked of his previous positions in inner cities and Dartmouth and commented on the difficulties of taking up a new appointment during Covid including the uses and limitations of zoom meetings as a means of meeting people

St. Oswald's Jubilee Garden party

By the time you read this it will all be over but at present the preparations in a remarkably hot July seem all consuming with the churchyard needing to be cut, raked and hay disposed of, endless baking and constantly having to move stuff to ensure the church remains relatively tidy for Baptism Service (80 present) Band practice and meetings.

From the visitors book

VC Chateauroux France “Lovely feeling of peace. If someone wants to marry me, this is where I want to say ‘Yes’.

Bishop William of Lewes “My first visit, what a wonderful church and location”

AB&SJ “Lovely simple church. V pleased to find open”

Editors’ Note Summer seems to have arrived with a vengeance, the hot weather plays havoc with people, the animals and the gardens, so please keep hydrated, keep in the shade, and perhaps just enjoy not doing anything, because you probably can’t.

We are sorry that although this edition covers the two months as usual, we have had shorter responses from some of our contributors mainly due to the fact that we had to change the closing date for entries at very short notice, which meant some were not ready! All being well, normal service will return for the October issue.

It will be really lovely to have the Flower Festival back again this year, it really is an amazing show of the fantastic talent these ladies and gents have, so please if you do nothing else this month go to the Memorial Hall at the end of August, you really won’t be disappointed!

Not only but Also - the week before is the Summer Show, when the Memorial Hall is filled with amazing flowers, vegetables and fruits of every size and description, as well as jams cakes, photos and artwork, what’s not to like and there is always lots of home made cake!

Enjoy your summer, sadly it will be gone all too quickly and we’ll see you in the autumn! That year seems to have gone by too quickly!

Please send us your thoughts on any of the events you attend, it might, it just might - encourage some others to go next time, write to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com *Nicki & Carol*



Closing date for items for the **OCTOBER issue** of the Parish News is **TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER** please send to **ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

August/September Diary

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5 th	Book Exchange Cafe	Methodist 9
9 th	Darkside	Sparke 9
11 th	Ninfield History Group	Methodist 14
13 th	Ninfield Market	Memorial 13
17 th	Ninfield Bonfire Society	Working Men's 28
18 th	Health Walk	Sparke 9
20 th	Summer Show	Memorial 16
20 th	Rye & District County Show	Icklesham 32
25 th	Men's Shed	Sparke 9
27 th -29 th	Flowers Go Pop	Memorial 11
28 th	Conquest Garden Fete	Fairlight 13
SEPTEMBER		
1 st	Health Walk	Sparke 9
1 st	Hooe Parish Council	Hooe Church 24
2 nd	Book Exchange Cafe	Methodist 9
5 th	Ninfield Flower Group	Memorial 20
9 th	Hooe & Ninfield Open Group	Methodist 23
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15 th	Hooe History Society	Hooe Church 12
17 th	Ninfield Market	Memorial 13
20 th	Games Afternoon	Memorial 9
21 st	Ninfield Bonfire Society	Working Men's 28
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29 th	Men's Shed	Sparke 9

OUR SCHOOL

It's been quite a busy end to the school year. Unfortunately Mr Brown will be absent until the end of term, we hope that he will manage to get back to say goodbye to everyone but wish him well. Luckily we have been able to secure the services of Mike Taylor as Executive Head to keep us on the straight and narrow. Mike had been due to join us in September as a temporary Executive Head until we were able to appoint a replacement for Chris Brown. Thanks to the Governors of his current school, All Saints in Sidley, we managed to bring that forward with immediate effect.

The day after Mr Brown went off sick we received the dreaded call from OFSTED to say that they were coming to inspect us. I did try and persuade them to postpone the inspection as we were without our Head Teacher, but that apparently is not a good enough reason to postpone. I am not able to tell you the outcome of the inspection as it remains a closely guarded secret until the final report is published – which may be October time! I would however just like to thank all those parents who were so supportive of the school and staff during a very stressful few days for everyone.

Year 6 have had their annual trip to Bewl water to get over the stress of SATs week and now wait patiently for their results. We have had our sports day, which was very successful and suprisingly hot and sunny for once. Class trips are ongoing and rehearsals are underway for the end of year performance. The Friends of Ninfield School are also putting on lots of fundraising events to bolster the coffers ready for the next academic year. So it is a very busy time for all.

We have also had the new parents evening and met with all the children joining us in September. Unfortunately that means that we are getting close to the time when our Year 6 children move on to their chosen Secondary School. It is a big step for them and quite a sad one for the staff, as children who have been with us for 7 years finally leave. At least we know that they will be leaving us well prepared and ready to take those next steps in their educational journey.

And so the cycle of life in a village primary school continues.

Finally I would like to say one last big thank you to Mr Brown and Mrs Sleet who have given so much to the school. You will be greatly missed.

NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP **activities in August and September 2022.**

The Games afternoon is having a break for August but will be back on Tuesday 20 September in the Memorial Hall. Do come and give it a try. Contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or email: jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

The Men's Shed meets on the last Thursday of the month. The next meetings will be in Sparke Pavilion at 10 am on Thursday 25 August and Thursday 29 September. Contact Dave on 01424 892883.

The Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle meets in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall every Friday morning from 10.30 am to 12.30. Contact Jane on 01424 892428.

The Book Exchange Café will go ahead on Friday 5th August but there will be no Community Cafe sessions for the rest of the month. The Book Cafe will be open on Friday 2nd September and Community Cafe sessions will re-start on 9th September. Contact David on 01424 892248

The Health Walks meet at Sparke Pavilion at 11 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. August walks are therefore on 4th and 18th and on 1st and 15 September. Contact Robin on 01424 892778.

The next **Musical Matinee** isn't until 23 September and will be Mamma Mia. Even though you might have seen this do come and sing along with others at our friendly film afternoon. This is a dementia and hearing loss friendly event and all are welcome. Doors open 1.30 and films start at 2 pm. There will be free tea and cake. To ensure enough cake, please contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com to book a place.

The Darkside. Following a presentation at Hooe APM, there is now interest from Hooe residents in our Darkside project. We had a very enjoyable open air meeting and our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th August at Sparke Pavilion. Contact Kaye Crittall on 01424 892883 for more details.

Ninfield Flower Group Flower Festival

'Flowers Go Pop'

Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat 27th–Mon 29th August

10.00am to 4.00pm daily

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Target Ovarian Cancer (Charity No: 1125038)

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Ninfield Memorial Hall Bexhill Road Ninfield

As you enjoy your children during the holidays, remember ...

You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 telling them to sit down and be quiet.

Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

At the time of writing this, Hooe History Society has no venue for its August summer outing as our original location is no longer considered viable in the current circumstances. Our September meeting, however, will feature David Jones giving a talk entitled "From Scrap to Steam". We anticipate this may take place in Hooe Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 15th September.

DID YOU KNOW...Hooe has seen many characters, not least of which was John Pilbeam, the innkeeper at the Lamb Inn for fifty years. Described as "the looker of the marshes", the following gives a flavour of his local standing, taken from his obituary in the Bexhill Observer in June, 1910:-

"The famous looker of the marshes has gone to his rest. No more will his familiar figure be seen over these far-stretching pasture plains. The little wayside inn on the Bexhill side of the Pevensey marshlands, where a jovial old host has entertained the tired hunter and the weary traveller for many years, is hushed to-day through the calling of the last and inevitable Stranger.

None who knew him – and they were many – can restrain a sympathetic sigh at the passing of this wonderful old man, one of the grand old men of Sussex, and a "character" of these parts known for many miles around. Born at the old inn at Sewers Bridge, where the roads from Bexhill and Hooe converge into the winding road across the marshes to Pevensey and Eastbourne, John Pilbeam died under the same roof on Saturday night burdened with the weight of years. He had spent the whole of his 87 years in this quiet locality, for the last half century combining the callings of innkeeper and looker to very considerable personal advantage. The inn was his own property, besides which he rented over 200 acres of rich marsh land, on which he bred and fatted cattle for himself and other people. Constant exposure to all kinds of weather on open ground had the effect of hardening an already strong constitution, so that John Pilbeam was a fine specimen of a son of the soil – a powerful man of over six feet, with a voice like thunder, and an arm which might fell an ox. Yet withal a man of kind and even gentle disposition, with a benevolent, intellectual face, a high forehead crowned in later years with silver grey hair, and a man possessing generous instincts, and a heart which loved to rejoice and be merry after a hard days work, and to make others joyous also.

Strange how a man living so much apart from his fellows – the nearest house must be more than half a mile away – should have had so many acquaintances. Everybody spoke well of Johnny Pilbeam. For a longer period than any other frequenter he had attended the neighbouring cattle markets

– Pevensey, Hailsham and Battle – where he was a popular figure with all the farmers and dealers. A sportsman to the backbone, he was very careful to preserve the hares on his land, and the Bexhill Harriers never visited Sewers Bridge in vain.

Although so remote from human habitation, the Lamb was a favourite house of call with people driving out of Bexhill and Eastbourne, and cyclists passing between the two towns. Thus, except in the worst days of winter, John Pilbeam was never left isolated from the world for very long. Everybody was attracted by his intensely interesting personality. His good nature made him “hail fellow, well met” with one and all. Until about five years ago, he regularly drove into Bexhill. He pursued his work of “lookering” on the marshes with little relaxation till about a year ago, when callers began to miss him from his accustomed place in the chimney corner.

The news, though not unexpected, has been received with much regret in Bexhill and for many miles around, where the deceased was known and greatly esteemed for his strenuous life and many excellent traits of character. If 87 years unbroken association with this almost illimitable veldt, the home of the gull and the heron, and its water courses of rushes and lilies, had shaped the nature of the man, his life and manners reflected the freedom and freshness of the marshes, which he so much loved; and if spirits are ever allowed to visit their earthly abodes, that of John Pilbeam will often hover over these green familiar lands, from which it drew in mortal life so much of its inspiration and happiness.”

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

13th August

SATURDAYS

17th September

9.30 - 12.00

VILLAGE MARKET

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL PRODUCERS & CRAFTERS

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You will recall last month our Community Table had raised funds for the Jubilee Celebrations, we still plan to keep the table at the market each month with the funds raised going to the Primary School who are looking to buy a Shepherd’s Hut. This will be used for one to one sessions with the children as and when needed as it is light and airy .

So, please, if you have any produce in your garden, lettuce, cucumbers, courgettes, tomatoes, cabbages anything edible, please bring it along to the market about 9.30 on the morning.

THE NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

meet on the 11th August at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. Our speaker will be Melinda Stone who is giving a talk entitled "The Women of Herstonceux Castle". Melinda, who is a guide at the castle, spoke to us earlier in the year and is a very knowledgeable and engaging speaker. We are taking a break in September but resume our programme on 13th October when Harriet Tate will be giving a talk on The History of the Pevensey Mint House. This will be an in depth follow-up to the very interesting tour of the building we had in May.

NINFIELD SURGERY

Masks Again Please

We are now following NHS guidelines and are asking patients to bring and wear their own masks again, unless exempt. We will be asking patients to sanitise their hand again before entering the surgery and not to visit the surgery with any Covid-19 symptoms. We will be restricting the number of patients in the waiting room and would ask anyone collecting medication to only use the outside window. Anyone needing advice about Covid-19 symptoms or needing help with vaccinations, should still contact 119.

Email Addresses Changing

Also, the email addresses you currently have for the surgery will be changing from 18th July 2022. The emails from this date are:-

Main Ninfield Email Account for general emails:-

sxicb-esx.ninfield@nhs.net

Ninfield Prescription Email Account for Prescription Requests/Queries:-

sxicb-esx.ninfieldprescriptions@nhs.net

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Foodbank basket. We have had our first collection and would be pleased to receive any other donations, when patients are visiting or passing the surgery.

Flu Clinics

We are waiting for the dates to be decided but these are planned for October/November at Ninfield Surgery. We will be in touch with patients once we are able to book appointments.

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NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Are you ready for

THE SUMMER SHOW ON SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST IN THE MEMORIAL HALL?

Last month we included some guidance on showing,
this month a list of some classes novice exhibitors may like to try

6 Salad radishes

Dish of 4 apples – culinary

Dish of 4 apples – dessert

1 vase – 5 mixed garden dahlias

1 specimen rose bloom

My favourite flower – 1 stem

1 vase mixed flowering shrubs

1 vase of herbaceous perennials – mixed

Earl Grey Tea Bread (recipe in show schedule)

6 hens eggs

And for the children (any age from 1-13) A paper plate garden collage

Why not give it a go? Members of the committee are always there to help and give some guidance. If you would like a schedule, please email me on k.crittell@btinternet.com or pick one up from the shop.

But if you are still unsure, just come along on the day. Not only will there be a wonderful display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, photographs and domestics, but we will also be serving lovely cakes. Doors open at 2.30pm

This is also an early warning of our delayed 70th Anniversary event on 17th October. Juliet Sargeant, celebrity gardener and Chelsea gold medal winner will be telling us all about 'Behind the Scenes at Chelsea'. Tickets will be on sale at the Summer Show or from me, Kaye Crittall. Email me on k.crittell@btinternet.com Places will be limited so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Finally, the winner of our jubilee 'Garden with the most colourful impact' was 1 Church Path Cottages. You can't miss this lovely front garden, first house down on the right from the Lower Street entrance to Church Path. Well worth a look over the garden fence!

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

The Ninfield Village Memorial Hall is a charity organization run by committee members who are all volunteer's.

The committee is made up of local residents and members of the regular user groups that use the hall.

We are in desperate need of new committee members.
What will I have to do? I hear you ask.

Well we have meetings every 6 week on a Monday evening at 7pm, these usually run for an hour.

We need help at our Saturday markets, either with the selling of teas and coffees etc. Or the raffle tickets. Markets are held every third Saturday in every month.

We hold various events throughout the year that could require help setting up or closing down.

You would be asked to help out at possibly 4/5 events through the year. If you can.

Obviously, as this is a voluntary committee no payments are made, but in helping you will ensure the continued smooth running of the hall.

If we don't get enough people to join we could be faced with the position of loosing the hall, this would be a real shame for Ninfield as the hall is used by the school, nursery, dance classes, keep fit classes, Art and flower groups, horticultural society, scouts, beavers and cubs as well as all the children's parties and weddings we cater for.

Can you spare a little time?

Please Please help us in helping the Villagers and contact Chrissy 07984721504.

Thank you.

So far so good

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need Your help. Amen



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Reviews and Revues!!

This is always the difficult edition to write for, covering August and September, with a deadline of mid July, as there is actually a meeting just coming up at the end of July which will have bearing on what ideas are in the mix for events in the Autumn! But anyway!

A couple of things to put out into the ether...

Firstly, although the final figures are yet to be discussed, the Jubilee events were all covered financially, and each Society who hosted a specific event, seemed to have great success, and made money for their charities and future projects. This means that Ninfield's Autumn Calendar of famous and fabulous entertainment is on course to thrill and delight once again!!

I'm sure the Bonfire Society have set out, in this edition, their plans for the much missed, and anticipated Bonfire and Fireworks Night in October; the team have worked so hard already to bring it back to the Village.! So that'll be October's highlight!

November will have the Gala Night back at the newly refurbished Memorial Hall , on Saturday 12th; last year due to the Memorial Hall closure, Catsfield kindly hosted the event and 80 people had a marvellous evening there, with Fish and Chips Supper, Bar, Cabaret, and Dancing. So, the pressure is on to take the Gala up to the next level in it's posh new surroundings! Look out for details on posters, social media sites, notice boards and in the Village Stores...it will be a great evening, tickets will be available from mid September, book early cos it's a popular night out, there will be some familiar elements but some fun changes too!!!

December- crikey, we're talking Christmas already! Although details are not finalised yet, there WILL be a Christmas show, in the Hall, in some format, straight AFTER Christmas and culminating in a New Year's Eve party- for ALL ages to enjoy. And for the Show part, the Entertainment, I'd love local people to come and join me, on stage, for some festive fun! So, if you'd like to get involved- ALL ages welcome- please either call 07970650321, or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

Please remember that everything is set out with positive hope and expectation...!..but you know the drill, anything could happen, so things remain subject to (covid) change!!

Have a great summer!

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Anticipation is mounting among NFG members as we all prepare for our Flower Festival to be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 27th - Monday 29th August in the Memorial Hall. The title of our show is Flowers go Pop and a wide range of popular song titles has been chosen by members around which arrangements of beautiful flowers will be created, from "Everything's coming up Roses" to "Candle in the wind". And as this it's our 45th anniversary year there will of course be "Congratulations".

As Always we will be supporting several charities and these are Air Ambulance, Kent, Surrey and Sussex (AAKSS). Care for the Carers (CftC) an Eastbourne based organisation and Target Ovarian Cancer, this is memory of our late treasurer Pauline Parks who died in 2020 who we remember with great fondness and miss very much.

There will be refreshments and stalls, including a plant stall hosted by Ninfield Horticultural Society, a raffle and a tombola.

Refreshments will include coffee ? Tea, cake and light lunches. Entrance is £3.00. Please come along and support this local club and do your bit to raise funds for three amazing charities.

If you like what you see do come along to our next meeting on September 5th in the Memorial Hall where a warm welcome awaits. Gaenor Circus, shortly to become chairman of the Sussex Area of NAFAS, will create her designs under the title "A Woman's Place" Intriguing! Our meeting starts at 7.00pm and the demonstration starts at 7.30. The floral designs are raffled at the end of the evening and it is always a thrill to be taking one home.

So save the dates and make your way to the Memorial Hall, What you find may surprise you!

Garden Fete

For Conquest Hospital

Sunday 28 August from 10.00am Fairlight Hall

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Ninfield Mills:

The earliest forms of mills were waterdriven, using easily accessed rivers and streams, but occasionally purpose built channels or leets were built to bring the water to the millponds.

The simplest were undershot, where the stream of water turned the wheel from below, but this was fairly inefficient as the water level often fluctuated. It then became common for the watermill to be overshot, where the millpond was higher than the water wheel and turned it by flowing over the buckets and providing gravity as well as water power.

You can often see where undershot mills were rebuilt as overshot, needing the water wheel to be lowered in the mill pit or race. Because of this extra power, the wheels did not need to be so wide, and therefore the channel is often built out with brick sides.

In about 1,000AD wind mills became more common, not because wind had suddenly appeared, but the techniques for constructing efficient sails evolved from sailing ships.

In Sussex the windmill sails were commonly called “sweeps” presumably because they sailed close to the ground, sweeping the unwary off their feet, or simply the noise they made.

The earliest form took its name from having a huge central post about which the entire mill structure and stones turned into the wind. A later variant was the smock mill, where the entire sides were strongly constructed and only the sails on the top or cap, revolved, the rest of the mill staving fixed in place. Because the mill sails turned from the cap, they were often taller and so the miller needed staging around the mill body in order to reach the sails to alter the amount of canvas or adjust the wooden blades (much as we do mow with Venetian blinds).

Ninfield had examples of both, the one on Standard Hill (originally sited at Boreham Street but then brought on ox wagons (without apparently being totally dismantled!). Oxen have a steady pull, as opposed to horses, which tend to start off with quite a jerk, thus unbalancing delicately poised loads. That was a Post Mill, with the entire body moving around the high brick built base. This was needed because for whatever reason that mill had always been difficult to start, not catching sufficient wind, even when raised 2 storeys high on its base. A motor was needed on most days to start the sails or sweeps turning. Once going, the wind then seemed sufficient to keep it turning.

It is often known as the Ashburnham Mill, despite being at the furthest

southern tip of what was Ashburnham Parish until the late 1880's when the Parish boundary between Ninfield and Ashburnham was redrawn, to bring Marlpits (except the house where the Ashburnham church warden lived); Coombe Hill, Manchester Road and the part of Coombe Lane up to the twitten, into Ninfield, Footpaths often formed the Parish boundaries, thus the line of rear gardens on the south side of Standard Hill appear to follow an old footpath and boundary, re-emerging in the High Street and the twitten by Jubilee Cottage.

The other mill, is Thorne Mill, and that was a smock mill, so was much higher with the sweeps rotating on the capstone.

And of course, we all remember that “thorn” is the Anglo Saxon letter now dropped from our English alphabet... It was signified by a letter looking much like a lower case “b” or lower case “p” as the loop was central and indicated the two letters “th”. When written in Latin, the “thorn” was replaced by an upper case “Y” so where the word “the” was written, it looked like Ye, with the “Y” replacing the “thorn” symbol. That’s why many faux Olde Worlde signs read as “Ye Olde Worlde” computer shop etc.... That’s possibly why “our” Thorn Mill has an added “e”! Simply “the Mill”..... Oh, Eth, Oh, Wynn

Kevin Regan

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met last Friday 8th July in the Methodist Hall in Ninfield. Our speaker was Celia (one of our members) who gave a very interesting talk on how as a young girl left Sheffield as a secretary, moved to London and became a Travel Rep. She started to learn Spanish with a hope to be based in Spain. The description of the resorts were slightly different to what we know now, a lovely quiet beach with 2 or 3 hotels does not sound like the Benidorm we have visited or seen the brochures. Celia also told us how she met her first husband who was a yacht skipper. She had gone out with him one day, a storm raged and the yacht hit some rocks. As the boat was sinking a Navy helicopter saw they were in difficulties, arrived and winched them off to safety. Pretty scary. She then told us she had never learned to swim!!

We had our usual tea/coffee but with cake this time to celebrate Celia’s birthday.

We don’t meet in the hall in August but will be back on Friday September 9th 2.00p.m. We have a speaker whose topic is ‘Women in Dad’s Army’. Remember you don’t have to be a member to come along.

Nicki & Heather

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Jane Warrener 07548528754
Email: clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk

New Parish Councillor

Hooe Parish Council would like to welcome Gayle Kirk as our newly appointed councillor to Hooe parish council. The parish council is looking forward to working with Gayle in delivering services to the local community.

What's Happening in Hooe

Work is well underway with the renovations to the village hall and the sport's pavilion and we look forward to opening our facilities very soon.

The parish council is embarking on a number of other projects to improve the facilities provided to the community, this includes the removal and the replacement of the storage facility building used by the Stool Ball Team, Hooe and Sidley Football Clubs to help support the sports clubs.

As requested by the regular dog walkers on the recreation grounds, an additional dog bin has been installed to meet the demands of our four legged friends. Work is due to commence this week to clear the allotment paths and a long term maintenance plan is to be drawn up to ensure the allotments are kept in order good order.

Also tree maintenance work is due to be carried out in September around the recreation grounds, Mill Lane and the foot path by the allotments to make it safer for the users of these locations.

Next Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 1st August 2022 at St. Oswald's Church, Church Lane, Hooe at 7pm, followed by a Public Meeting on Monday 22nd August 2022 at the same location and time whereby the residents can have their say. Don't forget to come along !.

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FOOD

It's good to see the Church used in so many ways. Being set in such an idyllic spot it isn't surprising folks wish to be married there; but all sorts of meetings are held at the Church.

The other day I was able to go and listen to a lady giving a talk on the history of local foods. Thanks to the Hooe history group for that.

All manor of boiled puddings were talked about and the Sussex way of doing it, boiled in a cloth. But no mention of a pig.

Being from Lincolnshire it is not easy finding local food that does not have some part of a pig in it. The farm workers in the past needed 6,000 calories per day to fuel their efforts. That is why pork fat was so essential, fat has twice the calories of carbohydrates and protein. Those old drawings of pigs showing a huge pig with tiny legs and head were more accurate than we may think. At that time fat was more valuable than the meat.

In my prime, only a distant memory now, I used to eat fat bacon. The rashers were at least four inches wide with only half an inch of meat in the middle, the rest was fat. Best not to eat that unless you intend doing twelve hours of manual work. There was also Haslett, brawn and of course sausages.

Onions and beets were widely used and these had a high sugar content. I don't think future health issues were much considered, getting through the week came first.

Like all good talks this one fired up my interest, so a bit of delving was done in some of my old books.

If, prior to refrigeration, if you lived near the coast then sea fish could be in your diet. If not then it was fresh water fish that people eat. During the 17 and 1800's rural poverty was grinding people into the ground. Fish was not brought but poached. Nets were dragged along narrow waterways, eel pots were tucked into weedy margins; they used a type of spear with a many pronged head, even a snare attached to a long pole to slip over the heads of pike. As was so often the case between the entitled rich and the poor was the keeper.

I have eaten perch and greyling, very nice and better than trout. Eels are nice if smoked and pike is only just worth eating. Carp are meant to be good eating but in the 1700's were not wide spread. They even eat small fish like the gudgeon and cooked them like sprats. Then we sink down to the silver fish like, roach and bream. The nick name for a bream is a snotty which might effect your desire to eat one.

I did find instructions for the cooking of a fish called a Chub, which showed the value of this fish as a food source.

Take one two pound Chub, slit its belly and remove the guts. Pack the cavity with parsley.

Place the fish between two boards of cedar, thinly sawn, and bind together with string.

Place the prepared fish in a fish kettle and steam for two hours. Apple, onion and bay leaves can be added to the water.

When the two hours is up cut the string binding, remove the fish and then eat the boards of wood!

Lets hope the problems with our food supply are sorted out. What was considered food in our history will take some eating in today's world.

We seem to have become very precious! AT

NINFIELD'S OPEN GARDENS

On Tuesday 12th July four gardens opened on behalf of St. Michael's Hospice, although a hot day! A lot of people came along to enjoy the spaces filled with flowers and vegetables, relax under the trees with a cream tea and purchase raffle tickets, cards, plants and various other items that were on sale. The garden owners would like to thank all of you for your support raising much needed funds for the Hospice.



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NBS hold a stall at the **Ninfield Village Market** on the third Saturday of the month. 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 then we sell a range of merchandise.

NBS Dog Show and Badge Night -

Saturday, 24th September.

NBS will be hosting a Dog show during the daytime at Ninfield Memorial Hall. This will be followed in the evening by 'Badge Night' to include a Bar, Food and music from local Bands.

This is where you can renew your membership for the coming 22/23 season or join as a new member of Ninfield Bonfire Society.

The membership money goes towards our fantastic Bonfire Night to include an amazing show of Fireworks! As a member you can join the procession, with other visiting Bonfire societies, walking around the village finishing at the 'Fire site'!

The procession is led by the Ninfield Drummers and the NBS banner. Members walk behind carrying torches, shrouded in black with painted faces and usually a top hat with pheasant feathers.

As an NBS member you can come on out-meetings visiting other village society's bonfire nights and joining their procession. Bonfire season starts in September finishing at the end of November.

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Planning Applications: Ninfield is a statutory consultee for any planning applications within our Parish Boundary but hold no more weight in the decision making process than residents. If you comment on a planning application, it is important that your comments relate to planning matters, the parish council are always happy to help with this, simply email the clerk clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk We would like to encourage residents to submit their views whether it is in support of an application or to object just send your comments to planning@wealden.gov.uk

The majority of planning applications are determined under delegated powers by the Head of Planning and Environmental Services. However, certain applications are considered by a Planning Committee. When applications are reported to a Planning Committee, the Council operates a scheme where applicants, supporters and objectors can address the Committee. It is really important that we use this opportunity and the Parish Council always try to have a representative to attend. We are only give 1 weeks notice as to whether one of the applications concerning the village is going to be on the agenda and we need resident volunteers to also attend to help show the committee how the village feels. Again the council will help write a submission which can be read out at the committee. Please if you are able to help with this email the clerk so that we can pro-actively contact you when needed. The meetings are usually on a Thursday at the Hailsham offices and we can often help with transport too. It's also worth remembering that any applications, especially if they are larger affect the whole village not just the immediate location.

In order to ensure that a planning application can be considered by the planning committee (if we think that is preferable) we need the support of residents writing in to Wealden District Council. Wealden count the number of representations by household address, no longer from individuals from the same address.

Wealden Local Plan

The Parish Council have received the following information from Wealden
'Since the Local plan Direction of Travel consultation concluded in January 2021, we have been working to progress a new Local Plan. We have updated Local plan evidence bases (many of which are now published) and we have also progressed many key topic areas of our plan.

The Local Plan is an important document and we have set out from the very start that we wish to progress its production and consultation as quickly as we can. In accordance with our Local Development Scheme (LDS), we were due to consult on a Draft Local Plan in spring 2022. However, there is currently too much uncertainty in relation to plan-making to go out to consultation on a Draft Local Plan at this current time. This includes matters around our housing requirement and the continued lobbying to central Government by Wealden District Councillors and Parish and Town Councillors on housing numbers. It has also recently been announced that a National Planning Policy 'prospectus', is due to be published in the near future, which will set out the direction for changes to national policy. We consider it really important to understand these matters ahead of any consultation as these matters will directly affect our Local Plan Strategy and the content of our Plan.

Given the above, we are writing to let you know that the Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation will be reviewed. Once we have considered the nature of planning reform, we will set out an updated timetable via an updated LDS and we will publish this on our website once it has been approved.

Further detail is provided on our Wealden local Plan webpage. If you have any further questions then please contact the Planning Policy team at planningpolicy@wealden.gov.uk

The next meeting will be the Finance Committee meeting Thursday 15th September 7pm at the Methodist hall and you are warmly invited to attend.

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Worms Eye View

I'm just back from my walk after checking on all the animals on the farm. It is a lovely morning in early July but once again the wind is blowing quite hard especially on the marshes. However it doesn't stop the birds singing. I just wish I could identify their various songs. I have to confess even after sixty six years of walking the fields in Hooe and previously in Heathfield, it's no good asking me "what's that bird who is singing?" It makes me realise how hopeless I would be on many quiz programmes on the TV. So, getting back to my walk today, it was lovely to see two hares playing or were they fighting? They are quite tall when they stand up on their hind legs. As I stood a short way off watching them, they suddenly stopped, were quite still for a moment, then they were gone. Was it me? No, I realised a fox was approaching them, quite ignoring me. He chased them but soon gave up: they really are very fast. I'm glad the fox was thwarted for once!

As usual the months seem to rush past and the school holidays are here again. This reminds me of lovely trips to the seaside when we were on holiday for school. A great treat after being kept away during the war years. We really did appreciate it.

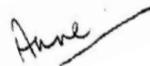
The birds still look for food on my bird table. I know really and indeed I am frequently told that I need not feed them at present, but I cannot resist putting a little food out for them because I enjoy seeing them. However not only birds grace my bird table, but two squirrels that come and fight over any titbits they fancy: Plus a family of pheasants find their way up from the farm buildings. Even the noisy country road does not put them off from visiting, thank goodness.

A rhyme for August is "So many August fogs, so many winter mists"
On to September now: There are several conflicting reports on the weather for September. One weather lore says "Fair on September 1st, fair during whole month" But then September can be marred by wet and windy rolling in from the Atlantic.

Traditionally birds, like the swallow leave the British Isles in September and fly to warmer climes. But sometimes they wait around here for quite a long time and then suddenly they are gone.

September 20th, Michaelmas Day or the feast of St Michael was a day when rents were due (and still are). Also it was tradition to eat goose that day. Apparently this was because Elizabeth I was eating goose when she heard of the defeat of the Spanish Armada and ever since it has been celebrated by eating goose on September 29th.

So what will we all be eating this year in that day?



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Rye and District Country Show 2022

Returning to Elm Tree Farm in Icklesham on Saturday 20th August is the popular Rye and District Country Show. From 10am – 4pm, come along and enjoy a fun family day out, with a Horse Show, Dog Show, Classic Vehicle Display, Country Fair and much more! Entry is £5. Free for under 16s. This event is kindly hosted by the Rye and District Country Show committee in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Entries for the Horse Show and Classic Car Show are now open, visit www.stmichaelshospice.com/ryeshow to register.

Retail on the Road: Donation drop-offs

If you have good quality, sellable donations sitting at home, why not bring them along to a St Michael's Hospice's donations drop-offs? All donation drop-offs will run from 10am - 12pm and the Hospice's Retail on the Road team will be accepting clothes, shoes, accessories, small items of bric-a-brac and small items of furniture.

Please note there is limited capacity available in the van therefore, they may have to leave the donations drop-off locations before midday. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Donations drop-offs will take place on Wednesday 6th July at Jempsons Rye, Thursday 21st July at Jempsons Peasmarsh, Thursday 28th July at Sedlescombe Village Hall, Wednesday 17th August at Jempsons Rye and Thursday 25th August at Sedlescombe Village Hall.

Wedding favours now available from our Lottery team and they are delighted to be able to offer the chance to buy scratch card and pin badge wedding favours, to add a touch of fun to their celebration tables. The wedding favour holders and envelopes come in white or Kraft, with a Hospice scratch card attached, for just £2 each. Alternatively, you can buy scratch cards without the holders and envelopes for just £1 each, or St Michael's Hospice pin badges are available for a suggested £1 donation. The wedding favour holders feature a red heart and the phrase "Lucky in Love".

Ninfield Methodist Church

Minister: (from 1st September) Reverend Crawford Logan

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sunday Services for August / September 2022:

7 th	10.30 am	Café Worship with Reverend Jonathan Todd
14 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with Alan Hurrell
21 st	10.30 pm	Worship & Praise Service
28 th	10.30 am	United Worship & Communion with Rev. Dr. David Hinchliffe
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4 th	10.30 am	Café Worship with Dawn Novis
	& 4.00 pm	'Welcome' Service for Revd. Crawford Logan @ St. Leonards Methodist Church
11 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Service
18 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with John Troughton
25 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with Steve Wise

Events for August / September 2022:

5 th Aug	10.00 -11.30am	Book exchange in Hall
2 nd Sep	10.00 -11.30am	Book exchange in Hall
Fridays	10.00 -11.30am	Community Café during September
28 th Sep	3.30 – 5.30pm	Messy Church

We look forward to a United Service with St. Mary's, at our Church, on August 28th when the Reverend Dr. David Hinchliffe will lead our service. David is the 'Chair of the South-east area of the Methodist Church' so we very much look forward to welcoming him to Ninfield to lead our worship. Do come along.

Then on September 4th (see above) we welcome the Reverend Crawford Logan as our new minister following the recent retirement of the Reverend Tricia Williams. Crawford's welcome service will take place at St. Leonards Methodist Church in Bohemia Road but anyone is welcome to join us. During September he will then be coming to Ninfield to get to know us all & will lead his first service with us in early October.

Finally we have planned a new Messy Church at the end of September.

All exciting new changes.

Enjoy the summertime.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 6:9 to 9:17.

Everywhere God looked, people were hurting others, fighting, lying, cheating and stealing. Only Noah was good.

I'm going to send a flood to get rid of the bad people



You must build a big life raft



So Noah built the life raft to God's plan - a huge box with a roof and a door



He got the animals ready to go on board with all their food.



All the animals, all the food and all Noah's family were packed on board...

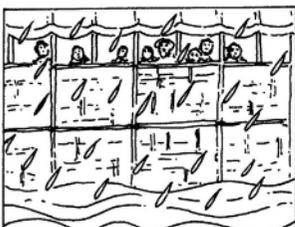


...and God closed the door.

The rain began to fall

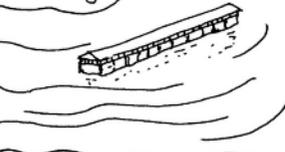


for 40 days and nights



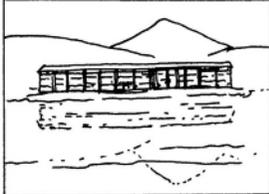
but the life raft floated.

The flood continued for 150 days



then began to go down

The life raft grounded near Mount Ararat



Noah sent a raven to look for dry land, but it came back



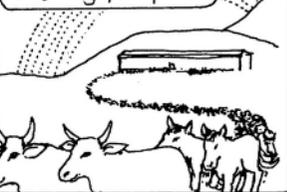
so he sent a dove to look

The second time it came back with a leaf



Trees are growing again - we can get out!

I am your God and you are My people.



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