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# NEWS

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Ninfield & Hooe

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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-----	7.00pm Carol Service
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 Family Eucharist 3.30pm <i>Christingle &amp; Carols</i>	11.00 Parish Eucharist
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	6.00pm Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day	<i>No Service</i>	11.00 Parish Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<i>No Service</i>	11.00 Parish Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30 Joint Service at Methodist Church for their Covenant Service	<i>No Service</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist

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

St. Mary's - Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm Where Possible

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

*Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ [www.ninfield.org.uk](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

Dear Friends,

At last, this year it looks as though we can celebrate Christmas in Church!! The Christmas Season is quickly coming upon us – it must be so because Christmas cards have been available since September, tinsel and lights have been adorning the shops and public spaces for a while now, and the John Lewis advert has just been released! Seriously, for some – and for me not too many years back – these are the signs that it's 'all systems go' on the countdown to Christmas, Ho, Ho, Ho....

But are these the only signs that point the way to Christmas Day? Surely not... It is true that the secular season of Christmas begins just like this – full-on from the word go with a busyness of shopping, wrapping, partying, planning and prepping that is guaranteed to render us suitably exhausted come the big day!

But there is another way of looking towards Christmas – a way that involves waiting in anticipation of an event that made everything else possible – yes of course, waiting in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. For the Church, the Christmas Season begins on 25<sup>th</sup> December, and the build up to that day – Jesus' birthday if you like – is the season of Advent. 'Oh dear,' you might be thinking – 'does that mean we can't enjoy the buzz of Christmas-planning and partying until Christmas Day??'

Fear not! Of course it's not about being a 'party-pooper', but how about going with the idea that rather than opting out of the pre-Christmas Day festive fun altogether, we find the 'middle-way' and try and give some time to nourish ourselves spiritually on the inside as well as nourishing our wants and must-haves on the outside?

The Church's season of Advent can help us do just that. It can help us to try and stay calm and grounded in the busyness by engaging in a pre-Christmas anticipation of expecting and hoping, and waiting and praying, where we can use the time as a gentler and cosier 'getting-your-home-and-yourself-ready' time as we prepare to welcome a very special guest – JESUS.....Let us try and make these December days of Advent balanced with both busy and quiet times. You will be surprised how making time for God – making time to pause and breathe – will actually give you more energy to engage in the worldly Christmas rush with a little more calm and order.

Maybe you can:

- Set aside a little time each day – even a few minutes of intentional 'pause-and-connect' time as you open an Advent Calendar or light an Advent Candle, giving thanks for the

blessings of being able to prepare for Christmas in whatever way works for you...

- Come along to Church to one of the Christmas services or events (details in this magazine)...
- Say a little prayer for the person whose present you are wrapping and say a little prayer of blessing as you prepare the Christmas food...
- Remember those who are caught up in the sorrows of the world – who might benefit from a prayer, a financial gift via various charities/foodbank – consciously do something that will somehow make a difference, remembering that small acts of goodness go a long, long way...
- Say a prayer for those in need of comfort, strength and hope at this time as they experience illness or caring for someone who is poorly, those who are mourning or who are struggling with life...
- Help out with a local charity who are trying to make Christmas a brighter time for the homeless or the lonely...
- Have a thought – ‘Are my neighbours okay?’ Is there anyone who might be lonely or unable to engage socially or practically in your road and who might be touched by a simple act of neighbourly kindness....
- Give thanks for the birth of Jesus – that from his coming into the world, hope for a peace that can break through all the mess of the world can be ours through faith and trust to join in and be part of the Good News of the Gospel – a gospel of hospitality and welcome and love that is at the centre of the Christian message we proclaim here at your 2 Parish Churches.

So whether your idea of Christmas is about Christmas crackers, turkey and tinsel – or about the quiet and prayerful anticipation of a holy night that saw the birth of no ordinary baby but of a baby who was to become the Saviour of the world – or whether your Christmas has a little bit of both about it, I pray that your Advent and Christmas Season holds promise of love, peace and joy.

I wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a Hopeful New Year. Paul

**PRAYER      Your Gift of Life – at Christmas**

Creaking on the staircase – Noise outside my door –  
A rustle in the chimney – It's 'Santa-time' once more.  
St Nicholas is on his way With all his Christ-life gifts  
To fire every child-light with The loving Christ-mass kiss.

In some he'll place the gift of gold – In others frankincense –  
While others will be given myrrh – All signs of God's presence.

For in each earthly crib or bed In squalor, comfort, splendour –  
The Christ child has been placed again To call the world to  
wonder.

So come you kings, come one, come all,  
Come shepherds to the cradle stall  
And hear the angels sing a-new  
The heavenly song they sing for you.



Your God is in your gift of life – The life He gives with love –  
So take the gift and use it, Use it wisely, don't abuse it,  
Let the Christ-life fire your spirit  
That God in you may LIVE.                      By Sam Doubtfire

**St Mary's Parish Church**

Wedding  
27th October-

Robert Neil Ledsham and Helene Birgitta Wells.

*from the  
Parish Records*

**St Oswald's Parish Church**

Baptism  
17th October - Apphia Amanda de Vert Champ

Funeral  
21st October - Graham Fitzgerald

Interment of ashes  
24th October - Dr Peter Green

28th October - Alan Collings  
31st October - Michael Tweedie

## Hooe, Carols around the Village -

Tuesday 21st December starting at 6.00pm

We will be bringing Carols to you, on your doorsteps, playing Carols from a Van. We will Start from Straight Lane, then Denbigh Road, Broad Street Green, Green Lane, Kiln Lane, The Lamb Inn, and backup Top Road, stopping at various homesteads on route back to the Red Lion at 8.00pm.

If this plan is too ambitious, will make a second trip on Wednesday 22nd December and complete the route so that we each all parts of the Village.

We will have some Carol sheets with us. Make a note of your favourite Carols and hand them to us when we meet you.

We hope to bring you all some Christmas Cheer, after this long and difficult time for us all.

Jack Rist and Dick Carey

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### **ST MARYS NINFIELD CHURCHYARD**

We have recently had a complaint about the churchyard and in particular the mole hills. Rural churchyards are by their very nature uneven and despite regular mowing cannot be kept in the pristine condition which is usually associated with town cemeteries. Whilst there are molehills it is not possible to put down traps or poison as these would constitute a Health and Safety issue. However the primary cause of the holes is down to badgers which as you know are a protected species. We have put a sign up regarding the uneven ground and would ask anyone visiting the graves of friends or relatives to be particularly careful when crossing the grass. This is more relevant in the winter when the ground tends to be wet or frozen.

Phil Ringrose Churchwarden

Closing date for items for the **FEBRUARY** edition  
of the Parish News is **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**  
please send to [ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com)

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

### **BELL RESTORATION PROJECT**

We recently received the good news that the gift from Alan Collings was included in a Codicil to his Will as a legacy of £40,000 to St. Oswald's Church with no restrictions. Those individual local donors had who been so generous have been offered a repayment and the Sussex Churches Bell Restoration Fund have been advised that we will not be claiming their pledged grant. In deference to the family's and our loyal band of bellringers' request we will not be adding a 6th bell to the existing ring of five. Any balance in funds will be put towards the cost of renovating the ruined shed to provide a loo and washing facilities for the church. Alan's gifts will be acknowledged in the Bell tower.

The work of removing the five bells and all fittings was completed this week and we now wait to hear when the Bellhangers will return the newly tuned and refurbished bells, to carry out the strengthening of the bell frame and install a new lower rope guide.

### **SERVICE**

Our annual Armistice Day Service was attended by 24 people and had the added benefit this year of an organist, Paul Abnett who played Nimrod (beautifully) before the Service. Wreaths were laid by Dick Carey for Parish Council and Simon Pattisson for Parochial Church Council.

### **BUILDING**

A group from the Diocesan Advisory Council have arranged a visit shortly to look at our ideas for renovating the shed to provide toilet facilities and this will help us to avoid possible pitfalls when applying for Faculty or Planning permissions. Our inspecting architect has drawn up a schedule of minor works and this is now out to tender

### **CAROL SERVICE**

Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm, with the Hooe Village Band. Everyone is welcome. There will be a bus travelling from the Red Lion Car Park, we hope it will make 3 trips, 1st at 6.15pm, 2nd 6.30 3rd 6.45 (all approximate times). The bus will do the reverse route at the end of the service, another 3 trips. Since the last Carol Service two years ago, there are a number of new families in the Village so here are some helpful tips. It is a popular event, parking is limited. Please car share where possible. Our Volunteers will be there to help and direct you. The traffic will be monitored to allow the bus to drop off and return. You may have to wait to allow the bus time to turn around safely. If you can arrive on foot that will be a great help, but do wear stout footwear and bring torches. Please arrive early if you

have difficulties with mobility. Please bring your face mask with you, if you are at all worried about Social Distancing, we would suggest that you should not attend, however we understand your position and we will be thinking of you and all of our "Absent Friends."

It has been decided, that we will not be supplying any refreshments after the service. We are attempting to follow the current Covid guide lines as best we can.

### An early notice for Spring 2022

We will be having, a Spring-Cleaning day in the church and the churchyard early next year. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, either, inside or outside the church to help in any way, we would be very pleased to see you. There are plenty of jobs to be done by all age groups and some help from some younger, stronger and fitter bodies would be helpful. Date and Time will be confirmed in the New Year editions of the Magazine

### VISITORS BOOK

A couple of quotes written since last month:

"My safe space"- Jennifer P. Eastbourne

"I walked the ancient footpaths, racing the rain clouds to make it here to rest in time, to be greeted by such peace and tranquillity was perfect"  
- Charlotte L. Bexhill.

### **Editors' Note .....**

This month has a really full read for you, which is good, please keep sending us your articles, and now that the Ninfield Village Memorial Hall is open there will be more news coming up on the events that take place there.

Normally in January our lovely distributors knock on your door and ask for the £5.00 to cover the following year's subscription, this will not happen until March, so the new year starts in April, hopefully providing better weather to go door knocking!

We would like to wish all of you a peaceful Christmas, sharing time with your family and friends and may 2022 bring us all a more settled life, better health and happiness.

Take care everyone and thank you for your continued support *Nicki & Carol*



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\* Ninfield Village Memorial Hall

\*\* Sparke Pavilion

\*\*\* Ninfield Methodist Hall 9

\*\*\*\* Hooe Village Hall

# Ninfield Working Men's Club

## OUR SCHOOL

We were able to have our Harvest Festival service back in the Church again this year. It was nice to have parents and children once more able to enjoy a service together in our lovely little village Church. As usual the children all brought in a gift of food to celebrate the harvest and this was all donated to the Bexhill Foodbank – Battle branch.

We've just completed open days for prospective children for next years Reception class. It seems odd to be thinking about next year when we haven't even reached the end of term 2, but it is a major decision for parents so it is important that they get to see the school in action before they decide if we are right for their child. Mr Brown did his best not to frighten any of the little ones, or even any of the big ones for that matter! For any of you who did visit, I hope you got a glimpse of what life could be like for your children and we look forward to seeing them all in September.

This time of year is always a busy one in school as thoughts turn to the Christmas season. Just like those adverts on Telly, it seems to get earlier and earlier each year. There is much to organise, a Christmas Service, Nativity, Disco's, Raffles, Parties and of course the school's Christmas Dinner. And while all this is going on, that which must be obeyed – The National Curriculum – also has to be taught.

And talking of Christmas and Raffles, if anyone would like to donate a prize for the School's Christmas Raffle please feel free to drop it in at the office or hand it to me. All the money raised goes to providing the children with those little extras that a School's budget just cannot reach. We are happy to accept anything from a bottle of wine to a holiday for two in Barbados.....

Have a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Ian Moffat

### **NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**9.30 - 12.00**

### **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

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## HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

As we look back on 2021 it is fair to say that it has been a fairly challenging year. We managed to start to re-convene our meetings in September, since when our attendances have slowly increased. At the time of writing we are considering an in-house gathering with nibbles for December and our speaker in January next year is to be Alexis Markwick with a talk entitled Bexhill Mapping in a Digital Age. Those who have heard this talk have said it is a really interesting one, so we are looking forward to a fine start to the year. At the time of writing, we have still to confirm our programme of speakers for next year.

DID YOU KNOW... this month is the summary on the Tithe sales that I have described in the previous two issues. Here is the information from the Electoral Register, an eye witness account and, in the interest of impartiality, an alternative view.

*Peter Hayward comment* – The electoral register for 1932 at the East Sussex Records Office (The Keep) at Falmer lists two sets of inhabitants at Sadlers Farm – Percival and Annie Morris and James and Winnie Luck. Dick Carey has told me that the end of the farmhouse nearest the village was at one time a self-contained cottage, which would explain why two families were housed at the same address. I suspect that the landowners in this case may have been the Morrisises as this family owned the farm until fairly recently.

The owners of Broad Green Farm are more difficult to establish as the farm is not listed as such in the same electoral register. Archie and Lily Hoad are listed at Eatons Farm, but that is on the opposite side of the road. Albert and Sarah Mitchell are listed as living in Broad Street as are Herbert and Lily Sheather, but I am unable to ascertain for sure who may have been the relevant landowners.

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*Mog Ballard*, in writing down some of his own memories of the village a few years ago, gave this account – “I was witness to what was the last Tithe demonstration in the area. The site was in the field next to Sadlers Farm and must have concerned the owner of that farm. I was a young boy of ten at that time and was wondering what all the excitement was about when this poor chap was chased down the road followed by a very angry crowd of people, fortunately finding refuge in the Red Lion. I must say I was very frightened and thought the crowd were going to kill him!”

\* \* \*

Of course, there are always two sides to a story and the following week this letter was printed in the Bexhill Observer:-

Sir,—As I formerly collected the Vicar's tithe in Hooe, I feel I must, in justice, correct the statement that was made on a card exhibited at the abortive tithe sale held in Hooe last week: "Lord St. Audries, approximately £600 a year for nothing. The parson £300 a year. Total, £900, all out of about 20 farmers at Hooe. Is it fair?"

Actually, less than two-thirds of the vicarial tithe is due from farmers living in Hooe, while over one-third is due, chiefly on marshland, from non-resident owners, and the small remainder is due from residents who are not farmers. Whatever Lord St. Audries' tithe may be, it appears that he, as well as other tithe owners, never gets the whole of it, and it should be recognised that recently he paid for very extensive repairs and decorations to the chancel of Hooe Church, which action refutes the statement "for nothing".

Yours truly, (Miss) B. F. HAYWARD. 1, Whydown-cottages Near Bexhill.

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Thus ended another chapter in the story of the East Sussex farmers' revolt against what they consider the "*iniquitous (unjust) robbery*" of the tithe system.

Picture from The Sphere newspaper:- (Caption) Furious Farmers created a scene at two tithe distraint sales at Hooe, Sussex, at one of which an effigy of Lord St. Audries was burned at the stake. The auctioneer is seen getting away from the angry crowd.

Finally, may I wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and thank you for your comments on this column. They are all very much appreciated. Peter.



# **Ninfield Parish Council**

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At the October meeting there was an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which is progressing really well. Cllr John Cheshire has been leading the project for the council and Chairs the steering group. He has done a huge amount of work, with the help of residents who joined the steering group, to get the background evidence together that will support the plan and the policies. The questionnaires that many of you filled in have been extremely useful and have informed the documents that have been produced. The documents have been shared on our website and social media and the Parish Council and steering group welcome feedback from residents.

The Council have received a letter from the Boundary Commission following a request for a boundary review. Here is the content of the letter.

## **NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL: REQUEST FOR PRINCIPAL AREA BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Ninfield Parish Council. Further to my acknowledgement of your client's principal area boundary review (PABR) request, I can now confirm that the Commission Board considered this matter at its meeting on 21 September 2021.

The Board decided that it was not minded, at this time, to proceed with a PABR in the Ninfield area. As stated in our Guidance, we would not normally consider conducting such a review without the explicit support of both the principal authorities concerned (Rother District Council and Wealden District Council). Additionally, as indicated in our Guidance, this scale of change would require assurances from the Section 151 officers of both Rother and Wealden district councils that the proposed change would not have an adverse impact on the efficient and effective service delivery of local government services in the area. On the matter of aligning to Parliamentary boundaries, this is not something we would have regard to, either when conducting an electoral review or a PABR.

In addition to the above, the Commission has a full programme of electoral review work timetabled for the next few years and therefore is not in a position at this time to consider a PABR in the Ninfield area. The Board acknowledges the strong feelings of local residents and would like to thank you for the useful information provided in support of the proposal.

Should the situation change in respect of a PABR for the area, I will notify you. My strong advice would be to approach both district councils to establish whether they wish to make a joint request to the Commission for a PABR. I have attached a copy of our guidance, which you may have already seen, but which can be accessed by contact the Clerk as the link we were given will not print in an acceptably usable format

The Councillors are now discussing the next steps.

The next meeting will be 16th December 7pm at Ninfield Methodist Hall and residents are welcome to come along... there may even be a mince pie... shhh

### **A Small Community Garden?**

The Health and Wellbeing Group members were joined at their recent meeting by Liz Bowler, Assistant to the Practice Manager at Ninfield Surgery. The surgery has a small patch of land approximately 13 ft x 20 ft in total and would like to turn this into a small community garden. Currently it is a grassed patch. The Health and Wellbeing Group is keen to work with the surgery to turn this small space into something that could be enjoyed by people in the village. Does anyone reading this feel able to volunteer a design for this space – possibly a seat, possibly raised herb beds. If you want to see the plot, its possibilities and its limitations, contact Liz at the surgery to arrange to visit – it is visible on the left hand side of the surgery. Liz’s email address is: [esxccg.ninfield@nhs.net](mailto:esxccg.ninfield@nhs.net)- surgery number: 01424 892569. If you want to talk with someone from the Health and Wellbeing group about this idea, contact me at [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com) or telephone 01424 892422.

### **NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

The Ninfield Local History Group do not meet in December but we resume our programme of monthly talks on 13th January 2022 with David Swales presenting research on “Notable Residents of Ninfield”. Our meetings are in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane and start at 7.30. Social distancing is in place and wear a mask if you wish to. Refreshments provided

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## NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP

You will find a leaflet from the Health and Wellbeing Group with your Parish News this month. Many of you know what we do, but for those who don't, we hope there will be something of interest in there for you.

We are a small group facilitating activities for local people, particularly in relation to health and well-being, and hopefully helping some people feel less isolated. Most of the activities are up and running now, but the Games Afternoon does not restart until January 2022 and you will see the dates of the Musical Matinees on the leaflet. We are looking forward to resuming the activities that take place in the Memorial Hall, now that the refurbishment is complete. If you are a wheelchair user or need to use a disabled toilet, the facilities are there for you at last. So please do think about joining us.

You may be put off by the title 'Games Afternoon'. This is a very relaxed friendly occasion with undemanding traditional games like a large table 'snakes and ladders', skittles, bagatelle, shove halfpenny and something called 'new age curling'. There is scrabble for those who want something a little more serious. The afternoon provides free refreshments and it is just a way of spending an enjoyable couple of hours with others. We will make you very welcome, even if you are an observer rather than a participant!

We are looking forward to starting the film afternoons again in 2022 with state of the art equipment. The sound and vision should be enhanced and, as before, the screenings are free as are the refreshments.

The Men's Shed and the Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle provide a valuable space for men and women respectively to meet over refreshments and put the world to rights! Do contact Dave to find out more about the Men's Shed and Jane to learn more about the Women's group.

The Walking for Health is a very successful County wide initiative, run by Robin in Ninfield. This provides for a gentle walk in good company twice a month and is open to anyone and their dogs.

The Book Cafe on the first Friday of each month continues to be popular. Please remind your neighbours and friends about it - all are welcome. The Community Cafe sessions have been running for a few

weeks now but we felt they needed a theme/focus which we have been trying out during November. This is what we have planned for the weeks leading up to Christmas:-

3rd Dec: Book Exchange, 10th Dec: Swap Shop, 17th Dec: FREE Festive Fare - a chance to celebrate Christmas with neighbours & friends. It will also be an opportunity to share ideas for the Community Cafe in 2022! We look forward to seeing you at some, or all, of these friendly, relaxed sessions.

## **NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Hopefully you all remember the pictures and posts from the Horticultural Show in August (it seems so long ago now). We will be returning to the Memorial Hall for our Christmas meeting on 13th December at 7.30. We have no speakers in December – just refreshments and a chance to chat and meet up (and a few games). All are welcome – you do not need to be a member. Do come along – we really are a friendly society!

Thank you for everyone that responded to our post on the Community Facebook page volunteering to help at future events, but we are always on the lookout for more. It isn't a big commitment and you don't need to be a horticultural expert (I'm certainly not!) but we need someone with experience of publisher to update our show schedule each year - commitment about 2 hours per annum

- Young(er) strong arms to help set-up tables and clear down at shows. One Spring and one Summer show - commitment about 2 hours per show

- Tea team members - to help with refreshments at shows and evening talks. We only need 2-3 helpers for each, so it helps to have a few to call on

- Show Marshalls - to help on show day and walk around with the judges. It's a good way to find out what the judges are looking at in a prize winning dahlia, onion or pot plant. Commitment about 2 hours per show

Contact Kaye Crittell ([k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) or 892883) if you are interested or would like to find out more.

## Short Story

The year was 1980. She was 19 years old and working in a nursing home for the elderly. Full of fun but at times, a little short on patience, which is not an uncommon thing in a 19 year old. Every day her job was different, never a dull moment due to the variation of the residents, some of whom suffered from dementia. It was for this reason that the bathroom situated at the bottom of a long hallway outside room 9 was locked from the outside.

The house, as I shall call it, was a grand affair if somewhat gloomy at times, situated down a long sweeping gravel drive, that in the spring and summer would fill your senses with the perfume of roses and lavender thanks to the lavish attention of old George, the gardener. The day in question she arrived for work full of good humour as her shift would finish at 2'o'clock Whereupon she would meet her latest boyfriend who said he had a surprise for her. The morning passed uneventfully .2'o'clock arrived and she made her way to the bathroom outside room 9 so that she could change and shower in time for her date. Just as she was admiring herself in the mirror she heard a familiar shuffling noise moving towards the door, and the slow laborious sliding of the lock from the outside at the top. It must be Mavis from room 9. How on earth could she have moved the stiff old bolt.

"No Mavis" she cried" undo it I'm in here, you have locked me in!" Then the slow shuffle back along the hall as Mavis with her dementia was happily unaware of what she had done.

After a few attempts at calling for help she realised it was useless, no one would hear her down this isolated part of the building. She was becoming increasingly agitated, imagining herself missing her date. Praying for a solution came in the form of an open window. She didn't really consider the possible consequences when she made her next decision. But in her impatience to escape she had underestimated her true size, which was larger than the size 8 she saw staring back at her when she glanced in the mirror! So with all the effort and determination she could muster she stood on the toilet seat and shoved herself, saying a prayer to the almighty as she did so, through the window. The sound of her dress ripping made it obvious that the unthinkable had happened. She was stuck fast. Now with her dress caught up and ripped with all her underwear showing she was hanging precariously upside down on the outside of the window struggling in her attempt to free herself from falling on to the gravel some distance below.

Suddenly there was the sound of heavy footsteps on the gravel, though from her position it was impossible to raise her head to see who it was, she thought it must be George the gardener, this was no time for modesty. Well she had prayed to the almighty and her prayer had been answered by none other than the vicar himself, looking splendid in his cassock who had come to minister communion to any resident wishing to receive it. There was the most embarrassed hesitancy in his voice asking what he should do. "Pray to the lord I land softly when you cut me down she replied". HJ



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## **Sami's Reviews, Revues and a little bit of News!**

Firstly...what a Fantastic Weekend -13th and 14th November! It all went brilliantly well on Gala Night at the Village Hall Catsfield! A SOLD OUT sign meant that 60 beautifully dressed up ladies and gents, were happily seated at decorated tables, eating delicious Fish and Chips from Stavros at Merinos, Bexhill, and then delighted by the hour long Cabaret show provided by "Deja Revue". The bar was well attended, the atmosphere lively and chatty, and the disco enjoyed by quite a few revellers up to close down at 11.30pm. After the show, a special Thank you award was presented to Carol Holland, in appreciation of all her diligent hard work in securing grant funding and donations to make sure the Memorial Hall in Ninfield got it's extension built, then the grand raffle was drawn. A very good night was had by all- much laughter, many lovely comments and a lot of goodwill from everyone...a fabulous evening, and huge thanks to all who helped make it happen. Debbie, Rachel and Angie, Maggie, and of course Robin Fookes. SO pleased it went so well...it was a late night after clearing up ...but, 3 hours sleep later...and..

**Remembrance Day** : Sunday, 9.30am in Church for the lovely, poignant service given by Rev Paul Frostick, and then, at 10.30 the congregation joined 50 scouts, cubs and beavers with their leaders, and many parents and residents, to process up to Tommie on the Rec. Rev Paul was amazed when we arrived to find even more people already in situ; a quick head count made a rough gathering of 150 people, who all joined in the short service and appreciated the Act of Remembrance. The youngsters from 1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scout group again were superb, with Violet Newnham reciting 'In Flanders Fields', and two tiny young ladies (aged 6 and 7!) clearly read a poem called 'Why are they selling Poppies Mummy?' - the round of applause was duly deserved! The feeling afterwards was that this open air, by Tommie, service was really gathering popularity, and plans will be made for it again next year. Thanks to all who participated, and thanks to Paul and Bette Burson and the team at the Methodist Church for providing refreshments afterwards for so many people!

Now - **The Village Christmas Tree!!** At time of writing- it is still under discussion re Solar or Electricity for the lighting, but It will be decided by the time you read this and it will be up before you know it! Watch out for notices re a possible 'Carol Singing' gathering around the tree, it would be lovely to make it happen after having to cancel it last year!

**Dancing** - will keep your mind, body and spirit alive...It's true.

We will continue with classes until the end of November, when I go off to Pantoland!. Then we move back to the beautiful, renewed, refurbished and rebuilt Memorial Hall, where there will be a grand restart of the Movement 2 Music classes on Monday 10th January 10am-, Dancercise 12th at 6.45pm, and the Ballroom/Burlesque Fridays at 7pm. We will keep our very lovely Adult (over 50's) Ballet Class at the Methodist Hall on Thursday mornings, 9.30am for the time being- unless it becomes even more popular!.

**Ninfield Carnival Association** - next meeting is on Wednesday 12th January at 8pm in the Working Men's Club, and the Village Fete for the Platinum Jubilee in June will be discussed. If you'd like to be involved with this event, please come along to the meeting, it would be lovely to see new people! email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) for more information.

**Platinum Jubilee:** Hopefully, in January, Carol H and I, plus all groups who would like to get involved, will be getting together to see where we are with fundraising, and formatting!! More news in February's edition !

So, may I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas - please let's hope it is an 'Unlocked' one this year!! - and all good wishes for 2022 - I'm off to the Wylyotts Theatre, Potters Bar to play Malevolent in Beauty and the Beast, yes, 'Boooooo'!! - and there IS going to be a Coach trip going up from Ninfield to see the 1pm Matinee on Wednesday 29th December - There are 20 seats booked, and available to buy, so if you are interested in an hilarious day out between Christmas and New Year, then call Robin on 07970184858, or me, Sami on 07970650321...It would be great to see you!!

## **HOOE & NINFIELD OPEN GROUP**

Our second meeting took place on Friday 12 th November, we had about 16 people and with apologies from four it looks as though we may be successful. Membership fees were collected. We had a very interesting talk on archery by Steve who is a Bowman with a group who meet at Michelham Priory. He was dressed in a handmade medieval costume which had been dyed using only natural resources. He explained the history of bows up to the those used in the Olympics, followed by the history of arrows. We learned a lot. This was followed by tea and biscuits with a chance for a 'chat'.

Instead of our December meeting we are having a lunch at the Blacksmiths in Ninfield (to get the date right this time it will be on 10 th December at 12.30p.m.!)

Our next meeting will be at Hooe Village Hall on January 14 th January 2022 at 2.00p.m.

Heather & Nicki

## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY**

As summer turns to autumn and we see the glorious colours of the trees in Church Wood before the leaves fall, we reflect on our endeavours to make the woods safely accessible and our other work throughout 2021.

Much of the early part of the year was lost to Covid and the lockdown but we have since worked hard to keep paths open and safe. The heavy rainfall during what is usually the dry season exacerbated the leakage from Moor Pond into Church Pond but fortunately our new dam seems to be holding satisfactorily. Unfortunately we had to dismantle the Cynthia Pettet seating area but this has now been rebuilt on higher ground overlooking Church Pond.

Fortunately there has been little storm damage but a fallen tree at Robins Pond gave us material for our other work. Most recently we have built an improved access at the entrance to the woods for the equipment we need.

Finally we have been delighted to see school groups and others visiting the woods more regularly and have been heartened by the favourable comments we have received. If our work could be of interest to you please stop and speak to us...no obligation !!

Merry Christmas to all who share our enjoyment of Church Wood.

## **NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY**

would like to thank everyone who supported our event at The Blacksmiths last month we had a great night and met lots of new people. We now have our new committee in place and following our first meeting are making lots of plans for fundraising events next year to ensure we have enough money for a fantastic bonfire in 2022! You can still join the Society to either be an active member or simply to support us and help fund bonfire. Please see our website for more information [www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk](http://www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk) or our Facebook page.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th December 7.30pm at The Tin Hut, this will be a very short meeting to confirm dates for events in 2022 followed by a Members Christmas social. Hope to see you there.

# NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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We made it, after a rather frenetic couple of weeks of unpacking, cleaning, sorting, everything was ready, and on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November we opened!

The comments from the many people who attended started with “wow” as they entered the front doors, to “so much space”, “so welcoming”, “oh good, you’ve not changed the hall - but it looks bigger”

The regular groups at the hall put on a displays and attracted new members, one said “I didn’t know so much went on here!”

Jim Hoad, as the longest serving Committee member from the 1950’s and Beryl Harmer, representing the many residents who contributed to the fund cut the ribbon and declared the hall open, and a fantastic new beginning.

The sincere thanks of all the committee go to everyone involved in this project, the fund raisers, the builders, those who donated time or equipment, it’s now up to you, so come along and enjoy it!

The following was sent to us and really sums up Ninfield and our Hall.

25 years ago, we moved to the village. Not knowing anyone, I popped into the post office and Sophie recommended the toddler group. I remember nervously entering the hall with my newborn baby and as I entered I could never have anticipated the positive impact to our family the hall and it’s community would provide.

Toddler group: where I met some of my best friends      Preschool: where my children met some of their best friends      school nativities, plays, annual events      scouts, explorers, Sami’s dance clubs : where the children have ignited passions, developed knowledge, skills and independence that they carry with them today

The horticulture Spring plant sale, has always been one of my favourite village days of the year and now that my children have flown the nest I will definitely be joining the society this year.

The New Year’s Eve and Halloween parties; the village and various societies parties; the Galas; the Barn dances (please can we have one soon!), the flower and horti shows, the markets, the christenings and family celebrations, the list in endless!

But one thing for sure this hall has provided an abundance of joy and happiness for my family and provided us all with a true sense of community.

So thank you to all committee members and groups , past and the present may this hall and it’s community continue to provide the love and support for all      Wishing you all a wonderful day of celebration

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Third Covid Vaccinations continue to be booked either by phoning 119, booking online or checking the NHS website for walk-in clinics in the area.

We would ask our patients to think ahead over the Christmas period and place any prescriptions requests in plenty of time. Our opening times over the Christmas New Year period are:-

Monday 20th Dec– Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Open as usual 8am-1pm & 2pm-6pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Open as usual 8am-1pm & 2pm-6pm

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day - Closed**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day Closed**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December Bank Holiday Closed**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December Bank Holiday Closed**

Wednesday 29th December – Open as usual 8am-1pm & 2pm-6pm

Thursday 30th December – Open as usual 8am-1pm & 2pm-6pm

Friday 31st December – Open as usual 8am-1pm & 2pm-6pm

**Saturday 1st January – New Year's Day - Closed**

**Sunday 2nd January – Closed**

**Monday 3rd January – Bank Holiday – Closed**

Tuesday 4th January – Open as usual 8am-1pm & 2pm-6pm

Anyone needing medical advice during the festive period when we are closed, should phone 111 or in the case of a medical emergency phone 999.

We would like to thank our patients for their continued support and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## **Dick Carey**

Dick has decided to stand back from Hooe Parish Council. After over 30 years on the Council, over 22 of those as Chairman, he has retired.

At our meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November warm tributes, led by Peter Hayward, were made to Dick and his huge contributions to every aspect of the village life was acknowledged. We thank him sincerely.

However, every cloud has a silver lining! Dick has indicated he still wishes to play an active part in the village and intends to help and support the Parish council in the future. Indeed he was at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November and contributed strongly from the floor. Since he 'retired' he has been as busy as ever assisting wherever he can. We hope our association will continue for years to come, his detailed knowledge of the Parish and his unique talents and skills will prove invaluable.

## **Welcome to our new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer**

We are delighted to welcome Jane Warrener who joined us on 15<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to a long and happy working relationship. Her first 'public appearance' will be at our December meeting, although she has already attended 2 meetings 'under cover' to check us out!

## **December Parish Council meeting...**

... is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Hooe Village Hall at 7.00pm. Following the meeting we will be serving light refreshments to give an opportunity to celebrate Christmas and socialise together

## **Village Hall Project**

The Working Groups are diligently working on plans for the new hall and investigating thoroughly the availability of funding streams. A huge amount of work is happening behind the scenes, reports received at each Parish Council meeting. A reminder that all decisions are made at full council meetings in public and residents will continue to be consulted as has happened in the past.

## **Existing Village Hall**

I would like to remind everyone that the hall is available to book at the very reasonable rate of only £6.00 per hour. Sally Durman 01424 893007 is our volunteer booking contact, she will be pleased to hear from you. If you haven't visited the hall recently I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how clean and fresh it is – Lexie is doing a grand job!

## **Planting Trees**

Our Tree Planting project, led by David Constable, is progressing. Do contact David for further information.

## **Hooe British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Everyone must have noticed and admired the amazing display on the Flag Green which was in place for a number of days each side of Remembrance Sunday. We owe a huge debt of gratitude for the skill and work Jenny and friends applied to provide this outstanding tribute to the fallen.

On Remembrance Sunday at in excess of 50 residents congregated at the Flag Green to take part in a service conducted by Rev Paul Frostick. Paul introduced this service last

year; we all hope it will become an annual event. It is much appreciated.



Jenny, with the assistance of Elaine, also provided us with a Memorial Corner in the Village Hall,

## **Hooe Community Group**

The Group has been very active this month. The Beetle Drive held on Friday 12 th November was a great success and enjoyed by all. The monthly coffee morning and Community Library on Saturday 13 th was well attended and buzzing. More than one person was heard to say that as these coffee morning were so popular 'We really could do with a larger hall' Funnily.....

Grand Christmas Draw at the December Coffee Morning

A reminder that the Hooe Grand Christmas Draw will be drawn at the Coffee Morning on 11 th December, we hope to see you there! Our prizes this year are amazing! The first two are cash prizes - £100.00 and £75.00. The other 5 are all donated by our local businesses to whom we give our grateful thanks. It is still not too late to purchase tickets, available from any Parish Councillor. We are looking forward to a vibrant and celebratory coffee morning in December, not to be missed – and the opportunity to stock up on Christmas holiday reading – Anne does not limit the number of books we borrow, on the understanding we return them!

## **The Parish Council**

At present we are six members. I have taken the Chair and am pleased that Robert Pilbeam has agreed to take the role of Vice Chairman. Ross Clifton, David Constable, Gary Durman and Peter Hayward complete the Team

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## Rod Ffoulkes

I first met Rod back in 2011 shortly after we moved to Ninfield. Rod had called a meeting in the Reading Room for people who were interested in local history. There was a really good turn out and after some enthusiastic discussion the Ninfield Local History Group was formed with Rod at the helm as Acting Chairman. [He would never “push” himself ] He led the group until he stood down due to ill health in April 2019. During his time as Chair, the group were successful in getting a Heritage Lottery Fund grant (Rod spotted that they were awarding money for local groups to do oral history projects) and as a result the group was able to buy audio/visual and display equipment to enable us to run exhibitions and our monthly lectures. History was not his only interest though and I came to realise that Rod was involved in many other groups in the village.

Almost as soon as they moved in to the village he agreed to take part in the Arthritis Research Campaign’s local activities. He and Pat were very hardworking committee members. Pat regularly managed a cake stall. He attended Parish Council meetings, and was interested in all that went on in the village.

He was a key person in the Speedwatch Group and he also ran the Ninfield Neighbourhood Watch, calling meetings, liaising with the police and publicising scams. Rod was also an active member of the Horticultural Society which reflected his keen interest in gardening, he organised their programme of speakers and helped with the shows. At his side (until just over a year ago) was his lovely wife Pat, together they both got stuck in and did what needed doing in the village, both were people with a real community spirit.

Rod passed away very suddenly at the end of September, a great shock to his family and to those of us in Ninfield who knew him. However, he had been physically fit until the end (I saw him walking home from Lidl in Sidley only a few weeks ago!). We were all pleased that he had had a very happy gathering in his garden to pick apples just the day before his death. He even produced a picnic tea: he enjoyed baking!

Rod was a previous winner of the Village Award for his dedication to our community but he was always very modest about his achievements. We will miss his cheerful chat at village events and his energy and ideas in the organisations he supported.

*John Cheshire and Ann Martyr*

Ninfield Village Memorial Hall is very grateful to Rod’s family for arranging for donations in memory of Rod go to Our Big Build fund, It was very generous of them to think of us at such a sad time, Thank you



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## Worms Eye View

As the New Year approaches, its time to think about your New Year resolutions. But it is also traditional to predict the weather for the coming months. I will add here that I'm writing this after doing the looking in a fine but a very cold morning. We have certainly had some different weather these past few days: Very windy with sheep turning their backs to the wind. Very wet and cold, and the cattle rushing to get out of the rain into their barns. At the moment they are not shut in or shut out but can do whatever they like. There is plenty of hay inside for them, but there is also still a lot of lovely green grass outside which they enjoy. All the animals like the sunshine and we have had some really lovely sunny weather for them and me too walking around the fields and also whilst I have been doing a little tidying up in the garden. A never ending job!

Well whatever New Year Resolutions I make it is interesting to note the weather at the turn of the New Year, an old verse predicts some help:

If New Years Eve night wind blows South,  
If betokenth warmth and growth.  
If West , much milk also many fish in the sea.  
If North, much cold and storms there will be.  
If East, the trees will bear much fruit.  
If North-east, flee it man and brute.

I have been told that St. Hilarys, 14<sup>th</sup> January is the coldest day of the year and often coincides with a plunging of the thermometer. On this day in 1205 the river Thames in London froze over and ale and wine turned to solid ice, so watch out.

But let us turn to warmer thoughts. Christmas is coming and it will soon be time to think of decorating with holly (there are lots of lovely red berries this year)and mistletoe, both guardians against evil. However it is bad luck to keep them up after Twelfth Night.

I hope you have chance to stir the Christmas pudding whilst it is being made and make a wish which if you do not repeat it to anyone it should come true.

I hope that you al have a Happy Christmas, enjoy the Pudding and keep well.

*Anne*

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## Services for December 2021:

5th	10.30 am	'FINDING HOPE' Musical Play & celebration with Christian Voices
12th	10.30 am	United Service at Little Common Methodist Church
19th	10.30 am	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE with Rev. Tricia Williams
24th	4.00 pm	CHRISTINGLE CANDLELIGHT ...'LIGHT UP THE WORLD'
26th		No service at our Church today but service at St. Mary's.

## January 2022:

2nd	10.30 am	Café 'New Year' Worship with Deacon Jean
9th	10.30 am	United Covenant Service with St. Mary's Parish Church
16th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Clive Redknap
23rd	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise
30th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Margaret Bickerdike

## Other Events:

3/10/17 Dec & Jan. Fridays 10.00-11.30 Community Café including

3 Dec / Jan 7 10.00-11.30 Book exchange in Hall.

see separate notices Christian Womens Fellowship.

We are looking forward to decorating our Christmas Tree which will be on display outside of our Church for all of December. We invite you to write a star, or heart, & tie this onto the tree in remembrance of a special person (or people). If you would also like to give a donation to support the ongoing work of St. Michael's Hospice this will be much appreciated. Stars & information are available in our Hall entrance area.

We look forward to all of our special services in December & January as shown above. Do come along & celebrate the message of Christmas with us. On December 5th the local Music group Christian Voices will perform their Christmas play 'Finding Hope'. Then on Christmas eve there will be a Candlelight Christingle Carol service for us all to enjoy.

In January we will unite at our Church for our annual Covenant service when we join together for this 'Act of Commitment for 2022'. Reverends Paul Frostick & Tricia Williams will lead the service.

We wish you all a 'Very Happy Christmas & God's blessing & peace for the New year'. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events detailed above.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt 14:13-21, Mk 6:30-44, Lk 9:10-17, Jn 6:1-15

Jesus and his disciples went by boat to a quiet place to have some time alone, but the crowds noticed, and followed them.

Jesus felt sorry for them so he taught and healed them.



It was now late afternoon, so Philip spoke to Jesus



This is a remote place. Send them away.

They can go and buy something to eat.



You give them something to eat.

There are thousands of them! Half a year's wages wouldn't be enough!



(So what do you have?)

Andrew brought a boy to Jesus.



He has 2 dried fish and 5 small loaves.

Get everyone to sit down in groups.



Jesus blessed the bread and fish and the disciples gave them out.



Everyone ate all they wanted.



Jesus told them to gather up the leftovers.



there were 12 baskets full!

Jesus sent the disciples off in the boat and stayed to dismiss the crowd.



We will make him become our king!



He can get rid of the Romans!

Free food!

But Jesus knew what they planned..



and had already gone.

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