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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

St Mary's

St Oswald's

1 st December	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
8 th December	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 <i>Joint</i> Parish Eucharist
5 th December	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
18 th December		19.00 Carol Service
22 nd December	15.30 Carol Service	
24 th December		
Christmas Eve	18.30 Parish Eucharist	
25 th December		
Christmas Day		11.00 Parish Eucharist
29 th December	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 <i>Joint</i> Parish Eucharist
5 th January	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
12 th January	10.30 <i>Joint</i> Service at the Methodist Church	<i>No Service</i>
19 th January	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
26 th January	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist

Opening times for Private Prayer

St. Mary's - Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm Where Possible

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

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

APPOINTMENTS All enquiries about Baptism, Marriages, reading of Banns or any other Church matters should be made to The Church Wardens, see back page

Dear friends,

Karl Barth once asked, “what other time or season can or will the church ever have but that of Advent?” He was reminding people that Advent names the time between the birth of Jesus and Jesus’ second coming. Until Jesus returns, the Church, in some sense, remains in a suspended season of Advent. The Kingdom of God, which Jesus inaugurated remains in a state of “not yet”. Ultimately, the worst thing has already happened; humanity has killed God. That led to the defeat of evil through the death and resurrection of the Son of God. But whilst the Kingdom of God is brought nearer, it is clear that God’s will is not yet done on earth as it is in heaven. Indeed, we must pray it might still be so.

During Advent, we will hear read parts of Isaiah, and particularly the Suffering Servant passage. The latter part of Isaiah was written as a response to Jerusalem’s fall, and its people’s exile. It was a time characterised by hopelessness and struggle. Into it, hope was sounded by Isaiah, through his disciples, after his death. The exile had caused the Israelites to lose faith in God. Even after pleading for them to return, they remained rebellious. And so God offered a hopeful promise, that something new would take place through his servant.

The Church is the fruit of the fulfilment of God’s promise through Isaiah, arising from Jesus who restored Israel back to God. The promise of Advent is a promise of hope; that God will be present as we journey through the wilderness. Even in the gloom of December and the heart of winter, we can know that all of earth’s longings will be fulfilled in Christ. God’s Kingdom appears patchy on earth; it won’t be fulfilled until Jesus returns. That is why we pray in Advent, “Come, Lord Jesus”.

So we celebrate the birth of a baby for whom we’ve spent a season praying. He comes among us in the Eucharist or Holy Communion, our food for the journey. He comes in nativity plays and, in the gospel. He comes in the babies born on Christmas Day. We see Him coming in a million different ways because of the way he once came into the world through Mary. This is the reason for our hope; the Light of the world was born into our world, remains in our lives through the sacraments and the Scriptures, and will come again in glory. Until then, we are called to be faithful, celebrating Christmas, with joy that, despite it all, amidst it all, God is with us.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Paul

PRAYER

Father, the days are short; darkness deepens in December and this year it seems to reflect the darkness in so many parts of the world. We think especially of the land You came to, all those years ago, and other nearby lands where so many are suffering. Father, thank you that Jesus came into the world as Your Light; that He shines today as brightly and powerfully as He did then, and will do forever. Help us to open our hearts and minds to allow His light to fill us with the assurance that, no matter what is going on, we are safe in Him. Thank you that, in Jesus, You have conquered death and darkness; that one day, everyone will bow before Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose Kingdom shall never end. Help us, in thankfulness and love, to share Your Christmas Light and Hope and Joy. Hallelujah!

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

By Daphne Kitching

News from St Oswald's

The Act of Remembrance held on Hooe Green on the afternoon of November 10th and the Service of Remembrance held in St Oswald's on the morning of Monday 11th November were well supported .

There is to be a slight change in Sunday service times in the New Year. Previously joint services have been at 10.30am . Both Ninfield and Hooe Parochial Church Councils have agreed that it will be less confusing if all regular Sunday services at St Oswald's Hooe are held at 11am and all regular services at St Mary's Ninfield are held at 9.30am. This will begin in January.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday December 18th at 7pm. The Hooe Village Band will be accompanying the singing along with the organ and light refreshments will follow the service. Everyone is welcome to join us.

To help ease the parking, a bus has been arranged. This will leave the Red Lion at approximately 6.15pm, 6.30pm & 6.45pm. and will make return trips after the service. If you are coming by car, please car share where possible. Arrange with friends to come together as this will cut down the number of vehicles in the car park.

On the 18th January, at 10.00am in St Oswald's Church Hooe, there will be a presentation/ training session regarding the use of the Defibrillators in the Village. A Paramedic from Bexhill is coming to explain, "What you Need to Do" in an emergency situation.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES



St Mary's Ninfield

Sunday 22nd December 3.30pm

Carols and Readings (with mulled wine and mince pies after the service)

Sunday 24th December 6.30pm

First Christmas Eucharist

HERBERT CHRISTMAS



St Oswald's, Hooe

Wednesday 18th December 7pm

Carol Service with Hooe Band (with mulled wine and mince pies after the service)

Christmas Day

Parish Eucharist 11am

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
US**

News from St Mary's

Our Coffee Morning on the 9th November was well attended Paul played lovely music on the organ and the singers were in great voice. If you wasn't there you missed out .

See you next time.

Catriona - Churchwarden

From both churches

On Sunday 12th January we look forward to joining our Methodist friends at their church at 10.30am. This will be a joint service with Hooe. Also from 2025 all joint services will be at the normal time for each church i.e. 9.30am for Ninfield and 11am for Hooe. Hopefully this will solve any confusion about the service times.

From Hope Cottage

Hello lovely residents of Hooe and Ninfield, we would like to announce that Hope Cottage is very much open! We have lots of delicious offerings for you including breakfasts, lunches, soups, sausage rolls, teas, coffees and cakes. We are also available for functions and events or just a meeting place with friends. Pop in and say hello, the fire is lit daily and a warm welcome awaits you.

**Closing date for items for the
FEBRUARY
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is MONDAY 13th JANUARY
please send to**

ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

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An Invitation from Ninfield Village Memorial Hall

to

All of the Groups, Societies and Clubs in Ninfield

As you know on the third Saturday of most months there is the Village Market from 9.30 - 12.00, The First Floor Room is not used at that time and we'd like you to apply for one of the Saturdays to run a 'surgery or drop in' type session to introduce yourselves to residents, put on a demonstration or little training session, ask what residents would like, see what they have to offer in an informal setting?

Possibilities are endless! And it's free!

Contact us by email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com or chat to one of

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

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As 2024 moves to a close, it is interesting to review our work around Ninfield in the past year. One of the first events was the Litter Pick to coincide with the National Spring Clean promoted by government and local authorities. A successful event with a good turnout of volunteers. In addition we have dealt with maintenance of footpaths, benches and bus shelters, attended to the overgrown shrubbery at Riddel Gardens and maintained the flower beds and tubs around the village. Two of our volunteers wind the village clock every two days and at the beginning of November two further volunteers fixed the poppy displays throughout the village. We endeavour to support numerous events during the year with our stand promoting our work and we shall shortly be providing and fixing the Christmas tree in the Memorial Hall and fixing the Christmas tree in the Recreation Ground. Regular readers will know the main thrust of our work is in Church Wood and we may be found most Wednesday mornings attending to all that the wood requires, from fencing to ditches, pond repairs to tree felling, improvements to pathways, the list goes on. No matter how tiring, how time consuming, we all look forward to 2025 in our Local Nature Reserve.

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY WISHES THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO RESIDENTS, THE PARISH COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO OUR WORK.

An Appeal for a benefactor!

Not for money into my bank account ! But to be a benefactor for the flags that fly from St Oswald's Tower. The polyester ones serve well but go to tatters easily, even though I sew anti-fray on the ends to take the wind whip. The superior material ones are a joy but very expensive. Hence... does it appeal to anyone to see a flag flying that 'you' put there?! (No climbing necessary) (Peter does that!)(At the moment!)

Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group aims to promote the health and wellbeing of people in the local community. Established in 2018, the NHWG is an umbrella organisation supporting a range of activities.

Ninfield Lunch Club

This is proving very popular and is on the 4th Thursday of each month. There is no lunch in January 2025. Maggie could do with one more volunteer helper. For details, please contact Maggie on: 07985588524 or email: maggiethcook@gmail.com

Book Exchange and Community Café

Methodist Hall 10 – 11.30 weekly on Friday.

First Friday monthly: Book Exchange and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Donations asked for books and refreshments. A wide range of books and good company. Community Café open on all other Friday mornings – you will be made very welcome. For further details contact David on 07989 729123 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

Memorial Hall. Weekly 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. £5 per session. A well established friendly group.

Health Walks

Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour. Meet 11am at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield Recreation ground near the main entrance off Church Lane. A few more walkers welcome. Part of the East Sussex Health Walks scheme. Please wear suitable footwear. For more details contact Robin: 01424 892778 or robin@plowmate.plus.com

Men's Shed

Now an established friendly group meeting at Sparke Pavilion. 10 am last Friday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over free coffee. For more information contact Dave: 01424 892883.

Film Matinees - Memorial Hall Tuesday afternoons. Doors open at 1.30. Films start at 2 pm. FREE entry and refreshments. Dementia friendly and subtitles. **For 2024** - 10 December: The Greatest Showman

Films and dates for your diary for 2025 are as follows:

4 March: Swingtime
8 April: Billy Elliot
13 May: Grease
24 June: The Magnificent Seven
2 September: Chicago
7 October: The Ladykillers
11 November: A Hard Day's Night
9 December: Arthur Christmas

For more information or to book a place (to ensure enough cake!) contact Jackie or Rose: 01424892422 or email: jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

Dark Skies - There have been some amazing skies over the village this Autumn - we are just so lucky. Winter Solstice is the 20th December and, depending on the weather, we may try to meet up on the recreation ground. To find out more, please keep a watchful eye on the community facebook page or join our WhatsApp group. But, most importantly, keep watching the sky and posting your pictures. K.crittell@btinternet.com

Friendly Voices - I hope those that attended the Coffee Morning in Ninfield Church on 9th November enjoyed our singing (despite the interruption from my phone starting to ring mid-song!) and we have been invited back to sing a couple of carols at the Carol Concert in the Church on 22nd December. We are also booked in for Ashburnham Christmas Tree Festival and Little Common Christmas Market (on 8th December) - our fame is spreading. We are not meeting in December, but will start up again from Tuesday 7th January when we will be planning some new songs to learn. Please come along and join us at only £1 a session it really is good value for money. We meet Tuesday evening 7.30-8.30 in the Methodist Hall and Thursday afternoon 2-3pm in Sparke Pavilion. (altogether now) You do not have to be a good singer - just enjoy a good sing!

Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree - Would you like to join fellow residents for carols around the Christmas Tree? On 20th December from 5.30, a group of us are planning to meet up on the recreation ground and sing carols around the tree (donated by Ninfield Carnival and Sports Association), followed by mince pies and something warming to drink. All are welcome, carol sheets and backing music will be provided, just come along with warm clothing and a torch. It was great fun last year and a lovely start to the Christmas weekend. Email me if you would like more information k.crittell@btinternet.com

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk / RFO: Jane Warrener 07548 528754

Email: clerk@hooe-pc.gov.uk **Website:** www.hooe-pc.gov.uk

The services led by the Reverend Paul Frostick, held on the Village Green for Remembrance Sunday and at St Oswald's Church on 11th November to commemorate Armistice Day, were both very well attended.

Progress is being made in setting up an opportunity to play table tennis on Wednesday evenings in the village hall. We will keep you posted on the start date.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday 16th December at 7pm and on Monday 27th January 2025 in the Village Hall.

The Clerk and Hooe Parish Council would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Councillor Gayle Kirk

Hooe Parish Council

Editors' Comment...

Another year has nearly finished but judging by the heaps of activities that happen in both our villages we are sure you all have a lot of happy memories.

Please carry on writing your articles and telling us all that is going on round and about. As we have mentioned many times it is your magazine.

A very Merry Christmas to all our readers and their families and a very Happy and Healthy New year.

Nicki & Carol



Country Ways Bio-diversity

I have been asked, politely, if I could use this story to highlight the Church's plan for increasing the diversity of life found on our Church yard. Bio-diversity has become a national campaign approved of by the Bishops, Churches are now asked to look into managing their land differently. We have a big tick and smiley face for the things we done already. There will be a 'could do better' on our report but no finance and it will be unlikely to find a Bishop going around with my Poo-per-scooper!

So what have we tried to do. When I moved here five years ago I was greeted by the wonderful sight of wild flower's and drifts of meadow brown butterflies. These have diminished and the church is trying to slow their decline. It is easier to cater for butterflies; all our gardens have plants that attract these insects but without the plants the butterflies lay their eggs on there will be no caterpillars and therefore no butterflies! Here is the problem the caterpillar friendly plants most people name as weeds. The balance of nature was here long before we had domestic flowers.

So we are trying to plan for a mowing system that increases the plants and grasses to accommodate insects. There will be an area where the grass is mown regularly, That grass will have no increase in its bio-diversity, but looks nice. There will be grass that's mown for the Church Fete. This area will have flowers that have finished seeding before the Fete, any plants that produce seed that requires longer for the seed to ripen will die out. There are of course flowering plants that can be mown and if left will come back, daisies and clover are examples; also there are plants that spread out at ground level, buttercups is one that comes to mind. The next area of interest is the land that is not mown until the end of summer, these areas have the most flowers, like the ox eye daisies and nap weed as their seeds ripen late. There should also be areas where no, with exceptions, work is carried out.

So the meadow brown feeds on the flowers, lays its eggs on the softer grasses where they hatch, feed and grow; later in their development they can then eat the tougher grasses. Once at full size they then pupate, that is they form an outer layer attached to the grasses where the caterpillar changes into a butterfly ready to start the circle of life next year. Mowing grasses

will destroy the meadow browns life cycle. It would be possible to go through the same life cycles for all the butterflies but there will be differences. Replace grasses for hedgerow plants or plants of the rough lands. By rough land, that's those corners where nettles and Jack in the hedge grow. Without these feed plants butterflies numbers will diminish and they are diminishing country wide.

Now I can, when my ageing brain is awake, start to understand the needs of the few butterflies we have here. Moths, there will be hundreds of different kinds, are beyond me. Then look a book on native insects and the thousands of different species there. If this hasn't caused a brain burp then bring every other living thing into this web of interconnection!

As a game keeper supporting proper land management is crucial for keeping the game on your land. This is understood and acted upon because the extra yield in game numbers has a financial value.

At the end of the summer I saw a flock of goldfinches on the seed heads found around the oldest tomb stones, there were at least twenty of them. It has been a long time since I have seen finches in flocks! Last week around by the west facing church door, there was a pile of white bird droppings along with dozens of regurgitated pellets. Either an Owl or Kestrel is using the church as a roost. These pellets are the remains of mice, mice who could be eating the grass seeds we left to mature. So how do we put a value on this! AT

PARISH NEWS

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NEWS UPDATE FROM THE SURGERY

As a result of the ever changing NHS climate, and for many of the reasons I outlined in the last Parish News piece that I wrote, the existing partners at the surgery made the tough decision to hand the contract over to a small group of GPs called Vita Healthcare. Vita is a small NHS partnership of 3 GPs who own 4 other practices in Eastbourne, Polegate and Alfriston. Further information at <https://www.vita.healthcare/> should you wish to browse their website. This change took effect from the 1st September.

Neither myself, nor Dr Warden, nor the other two previous partners Dr French and Dr Kochhar have left the practice, and we will continue to see patients at the practice as we did beforehand. We are now employees, rather than employers, and as such we are alleviated of the burden of dealing with HR and other administrative processes, which were taking up ever increasing amounts of time. There is something to be said for economies of scale, and a lot of what we were doing manually/ourselves can now be done by experienced admin teams leaving us to do what we want to be doing – i.e. seeing patients.

At the moment things feel broadly similar to how they did before I became a partner back in 2019, in that I am now focussed once again on simply seeing the patients. I don't doubt that there will be some changes on the horizon, I know the team are wanting to improve patient access and therefore adjust the triage system somewhat....watch this space. With the NHS climate the way it is, change is inevitable whoever is in charge, but hopefully the community feel the benefit of whatever is planned. We have certainly had some good feedback from the way they chose to run the flu clinics this year.

I hope this explains some of what has been happening, there have been notices up on the website and on the door of the building as well, but I do realise it may have seemed quite a sudden announcement, so I hope this explains things further.

I will also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Xmas from the team at Ninfield surgery, the festive season will soon be upon us!

Dr. D. Gooderick

Salaried GP for Vita Healthcare
Collington and Ninfield Surgeries



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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

We meet regularly on the **third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM** at the Ninfield Working Men's Club. New and old members are always welcome—pop in, say hello, and learn more about what we do!

We'll also have a **stall at the Ninfield Village Market on Saturday, 21st December**. Come by for a chat, learn how you can get involved, and explore our merchandise. We'll also be running a tombola!

We very much enjoyed Bonfire night with a spectacular display of Fireworks! This year's event was only possible thanks to the hard work of our committee members, sponsors, and supporters, who came together to raise the necessary funds to host our Torch lit Procession, Bonfire, and Fireworks Display on Saturday, 19th October.

We're immensely grateful for the commitment and support that made this community celebration a memorable one. We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed:

Haffenden Roofing	Skinners Sheds & Log Cabins
Four Seasons Holistic Veterinary Care	Athelas Plants
TOP PLANT	Brewers Decorator Centres
Wealden Drainage Ltd	Little Stars School of Dance
Coleman's ABC	Meridian Marquees
Gary Keeley	Parker and Sons
Ninfield Carnival and Sports Association	
Ninfield Working Men's Club	Ninfield Bowls Club
Ninfield Village Stores and Post Office	Blacksmiths Inn
Kings Arms	Ninfield Parish Council
Co-op Local Community Fund	Wealden Community Lottery
Safer Rother Partnership	Safe waste Solutions

We also want to thank our talented musicians:

Whiskey Business, Benita Johnson, Arron the Loop Guy, Thin Disguise, Billy Burt, Beth Elliott, Ellie Valentine, Groove UK,

Grand Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 18th December at the Blacksmiths Inn! Tickets are available now for just £1 each.

Prizes include:

- £250 cash
- Gift hampers
- Christmas food hamper
- Vouchers and many more!

Contact the Bonfire Society to get your tickets and a chance to win big this festive season. Good luck!

Looking forward to **2025**, we need to keep this **Sussex tradition alive**. Organizing the procession, bonfire, effigy, and fireworks takes time and funding, and we need your support!

This is a **free event for the local community**, but if you enjoyed this year's bonfire, please consider **becoming a member**. Your involvement can be as much or as little as you can manage—whether it's helping with fundraising events, making torches or faggots, or just collecting donations on the night. Membership also gives you the chance to join our procession and others across Sussex!

You can **join online** or visit us at one of our **meetings or market stalls**.

If you're a **local business** interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us at **ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com**.

Bonfire, Parade, and Fireworks Display

Find us on **Facebook, Instagram**, and **www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk**

Remember, Remember the 5th of November!

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER
9.30am - 1.00pm



CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Pop Up Cafe will be open for

Bacon & eggs, teas & coffees, mince pies and more!

There'll be your Christmas meat, cakes & pies,

Honey, Fruit and Veg, bread, eggs and who knows what else,

Christmas gifts and decorations, a raffle, it's always different,
so come and take a look!

Please remember - no January Market! See you in February

Bexhill Macmillan Support Committee are holding two Christmas Concerts at Little Common Community Centre given by The Friday Singers on December 14th at 3pm and 7pm. With Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Tickets £10 Tel220875 or 07866425146 or on the door.

Hooe History Society

As in previous years, we will be holding a Social Evening at “Catslide” on Thursday 19th December for members and non-members. This has proved a popular event in the past, when we can look back on the year just gone and forward to what is yet to come. For those who wish to attend, please let Pam or Peter Doodles know as soon as possible. Our speaker in January will be the Rev. Crawford Logan, with an intriguing talk entitled “Why does the Devil have all the best tunes?” In this informative, at times funny lecture, the Rev. Logan tells us of the history of the Salvation Army, with props and some personal history. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in St. Oswald’s Church, Hooe.

We have an exciting programme of speakers for 2025. Details as follows:-

18th Jan -, Rev. Crawford Logan – Why does the Devil have all the best Tunes?;

20th Feb. Melinda Stone – Women’s Lives in the 17th Century

20th March, Gary Newport – Unsolved Mysteries (of the universe); 17th April, Peter Hayward - The Hooe Common Smugglers;

15th May, Jan Meek – Journey to the North Pole;

19th June, Ken Brooks – First Life Forms;

17th July, To be arranged;

21st August, Peter Doodles – Hooe, Certainly not the everyday story of a Country Village;

18th Sept., Matthew Chapman – The Snail and the Ginger Beer: the singular case of Donoghue v Stevenson;

16th Oct. David Clarke – The Ogre of Brede;

20th Nov. Dr. David Alderton – Gypsum Mining in Sussex;

18th Dec., Christmas Social Evening.

DID YOU KNOW... following on from the athletics event described in last month’s issue of Parish News, here are just a few more of the events that took place and the prizes that were given to high achieving competitors.

HURDLE RACE, 120 yards handicap - First prize, tankard, presented by Mr. J. W. Ashby; second, butter dish, presented by subscribers; third, silver-mounted walking stick, presented by subscribers.

Final: First, B. Smith and C. Munn, dead heat; third, C. Little. The race, for first prize, was decided later on in the afternoon, when Smith proved an easy winner by five yards.

HIGH JUMP, handicap - First prize, six large knives and forks, presented by subscribers; second, hand-beg, presented by subscribers; third, inkstand, presented by Miss Ashby, and half-bushel bread, presented by Mr. Simmons

First, C. Fuller at 4ft. 3in.; second, C. Munn at 4ft. 2in.; third, c. Little at 4ft. 1in.

FLAT RACE 440 yards handicap. - First prize, butter dish end knife, presented by subscribers; second, jam pot and spoon, presented by subscribers; third, two salt cellars and spoons, presented by subscribers, and one cwt. coal, presented by Mr. Fairall. First, C. Fuller, scratch, second, T. Dunn, scratch; third, H. Fisher, 5 yards; Time. 1m. 7secs.

BICYCLE RACE. 2 miles handicap - First prize, cup, presented by Col. Brookfield, M.P.; second, pair salt cellars; presented by subscribers; third, 5s. ticket for goods, presented by Mr. Wickens. First, A. Packham, 440 yards; second, T. Pont, 490 yards; third, W. Sargent, 440 yards; fourth, E. Parker, 250 yards; fifth, T. Sheather, scratch.

LONG JUMP. Handicap. - First prize, biscuit box; second, pair carvers; third, 5s. ticket for groceries, presented by Mr. Bourne. - First, C. Fuller, pen. 6in.; second, B. Smith; third, W. Sargent; G. Wolfe, c. Munn, and C. Little also jumped. Fuller made a jump of 14ft. 11in. Sargent and Smith went to a tie, and on re-jumping, Smith was given second prize with 13ft. 11in.

FLAT RACE. 1 Mile handicap. - First prize, cup presented by Mr. J. W.M.Ashby; second, cruet stand; third, toast rack. First, W. Deeprise, 250 yards; second, C. Morris, 120 yards; third, W. Morris, 150 yards.

FLAT RACE. 880 yards Handicap. - First prize, tankard, presented by Mrs. Ashby; second, butter dish; third, six Pairs socks and a pair of gloves. - First, W. Morris; second, T. Pont; third, G. Winchester, scratch.

We wish all our friends, supporters and readers a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Peter

Ninfield Horticultural Society

The 2025 schedule is now complete and will be available at our Christmas meeting on Monday 9th December and in the Village stores from late December. We do not have a speaker at the December meeting - this is a social event - a little food, some mulled wine and conversation. We also have the seed swap, so please bring along any spare seeds you may have and/or be ready to rootle through the varied mix of seeds donated - who knows what you may find. Doors open at 7 and all are welcome. There's no meeting in January, our first 2025 event will be a Coffee Morning on 17th February 11.30am-1pm in the Memorial Hall. Book the date in your 2025 diary.

Worms Eye View

It seems quite strange this morning. It early November, quite warm, no wind, no rain, but a little misty. The cattle are still outside, but can go inside if they want to, however they really do like wandering and grazing the fresh grass in the fields and I expect they enjoy the great outdoors. We have got one hen that is also extremely happy, she had seven baby chicks hatch out at the beginning of the week. They are very active, rushing around the shed and well out of the way of the foxes.

After the clocks went back last week it seems strange when it gets dark so early, and then we have such long evenings but it does mean that I am getting more knitting done and also reading more, the books coming from the library which is held on a Saturday morning, at the monthly coffee morning, which is held in the Church. It also incorporates a mobile library which has started again in the church. I've also got a puzzle on the go which also comes from the monthly get together at the church. I might add that I run the library, with a little help from my daughter, so it feels that my life has come full circle, starting as a librarian all those years ago and now helping in the community. If you haven't popped down yet to one of the coffee mornings please do, they are held on the second Saturday of each month. You never know I might let slip a few more views from the worm.

It has seemed quiet this past week; the road has been closed for a few days for repairs to be carried out. Heaven to not have all the traffic thundering past, but I do hope they have mended all of the pot holes. Like many roads in East Sussex it's a non stop job with all the traffic that is now using our roads. I got to thinking when we first moved to Hooe, the road was a joy both to walk along and indeed to ride my bicycle up to the village shop and post office. Gosh I wouldn't dare to cycle even up to the post box these days even if I was young enough!

But having said that I only need to look out of the back windows and the marshes look the same, with the animals making the picture perfect.

I wonder how much longer they can go out for. I'm not very good at forecasting the weather but once it does start to rain they will be kept inside in the dry.

But for us, will it be a white Christmas? I am sure there will be stories to tell in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all

Anne

Ninfield Flower Group

Depending on when you read this magazine there may still be time to come along to Ninfield Flower Group's Christmas meeting on Friday 6th December, 6.30pm for 7pm. Our demonstrator will be Ian Lloyd and I have no doubt that the stage of the Memorial Hall will be ablaze with wonderful Christmas colours and flowers. Tickets on the door are £15 which includes light refreshments. There will also be flower arranging accessories for sale as well as crafts made by the members of St Peter's craft group. Raffle tickets will be on sale for seasonal prizes and also for the arrangements created by Ian. We look forward to welcoming you.

In January we take a break before our AGM in February.

Our first demonstrator of 2025 will be Jennifer Thompson on March 3rd, 6.30 for 7pm. Visitors £5. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. Try something new in 2025 - come and find out what we get up to.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good health in 2025.

Helen Cunliffe

Chairman

Help Needed

Sheila who is our distributor for Potmans Lane feels that because of some health problems she will have to give up her round. She is happy to deliver November and December but not next year. We are very grateful to Sheila and of course all our distributors, they do an amazing job. This of course means we need a volunteer for next year. The round is 16 houses all in Potmans Lane. If you feel able to help please email ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com or ring Nicki on 893867.'

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or

Tuesday 3rd Dec 9.30-12.00

With complimentary tea & cake £27

As previously, all materials including cones, adornments and ribbons will be provided to make a beautiful, hand-woven Christmas wreath. Just bring secateurs, gloves and any special foliage or decorations you especially wish to include. Lots of friendly help available if needed too.

**Places must be booked in advance. Please contact
Veronica Sargent: 07714 327117**

Bubbles - the Mother and Toddler Group who meet at the Memorial Hall on Thursday Mornings from 9.00a..m would like some help .

There is always the setting up and clearing away, but where they would really like help is during the morning, completing the register as families arrive, serving the refreshments, helping the children with their activities, perhaps reading a story.

If you feel you could lend a hand please contact

Beverley on 07388 471171

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met on Friday 8th November in the Methodist Hall in Ninfield and we were treated to a talk by Philip Elms. The title was 'a shilling in the metre and other anecdotes'. Being all of a certain age we didn't have to ask what he meant by the shilling in the meter!! Philip has been to the club before and we were delighted to have him back. He has written many books mainly on and around Little Common and Bexhill and apart from his time as a journalist with the Bexhill Observer he was involved in Amateur Dramatics from acting to directing, both in Little Common and Bexhill. This was of great interest to Marie, one of our members, who was one of the founding members of Ninfield Amateur Dramatics (NATS) He became very well known in the theatre world and was asked by Bexhill Council to produce an evening in the De La Warr pavilion to raise money for the Princess Diana Memorial Fund. It was such a success that he was asked to do more shows. Realising the work involved he declined and suggested perhaps someone else 'should have a go!'. He amused us with many stories and ended with telling us about the chance he had to interview an amazing lady called May Wallis, then 110 years old. He met with her a few times and her stories are now in a book called 'Zeppelins & Potholes' which we hope Philip will talk about next time.

Next month is our Christmas lunch at the Blacksmiths Inn, Ninfield.

Friday 13th December 1p.m.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 10th January in the Methodist Hall at 2.00p.m. All are welcome.

LADIES BADMINTON and TABLE TENNIS

Monday afternoons from 1.30 - 3.30 there is Ladies Badminton and now, a new addition, table tennis. No need to book, just turn up and say hello, you will I be most welcome.

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"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas !

DISCO NIGHT!! XMAS party! Friday 13th December!

Ninfield Memorial Hall, doors open 7pm, Dancing 7.30-10.30.

Following the fab success of the first evening in October, it seems like folk are very keen on the idea to do another Disco Night just before Christmas...Hopefully no one is superstitious!

A welcome de-stressing, Sparkly switch off during the frantic Festive build up!!

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Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association:

Next Meeting is Monday 13th January, 2025- 7.15pm at the Working Men's Club.!

It was discussed at the last meeting, and decided, that we will create a Christmas newsletter from the Carnival Association – with information on the success of 2024 events, money raised and upcoming village fete '90 years', and asking if residents would like to help in general? Would you like to help with a procession / parade? We will need answers by our meeting in February 2025, because there's a lot of booking of stuff to be done, and insurances to finalise!!!

We NEED you!! To come and promote your group, dress up and walk in the parade, show off the history of your group.

It'll be the 90th Anniversary next year, 2025, and we'd love your input by looking through your family photos and seeing if you have pictures from Carnivals through the last 9 decades!!! I have the original book of Minutes, with fascinating reports from meetings, starting in 1934 when the first Fête and procession were agreed.

LSo, PLEASE look out for the Christmas Newsletter... and please get in touch - it would be awful if the proposed celebrations are curtailed, or even stopped, through lack of support!!!

GALA NIGHT!!!! Well, at time of writing... it's next Saturday!!! So I'm just hoping everything has gone according to plan, and rehearsal, and that everyone had a fantastic time!! The Awards winners will be posted on notice boards and in the Shop, as well as on social media pages .

Memorial Hall : Updates from our Financial meeting ; the Committee agreed that all Hire Tariffs will be frozen for 2025. We also agreed to place £20k into our Reserves to prepare for the necessary Roof repairs that are earmarked for 2026.

We'll be having a short meeting on Monday 25th November, 6.30pm to discuss the last events of the year, then there'll be a Christmas drink and nibbles for those who would like to join us. You are very welcome! We have a couple of new helpers, or 'friends of the Hall', and if you're interested in adding to these we'd love to hear from you! Please contact me on the numbers, email, below!

We need these extra helpers to share the work load, and also someone who is keen to take on the Chairman role. At the AGM, which will be in January 2025, I intend to take a step back; I will have done two and a half years as Chair, as well as some few years as Vice Chair before that, and in total nearly 25 years on the Committee: but I will remain on the committee as a trustee, and will continue to be active, because basically I love our Hall!!! I'd love someone to come forward and see what's going on, with a view to taking things forward. We have fantastic officers who do a huge amount of work, which is getting more technical as time goes on! If you're interested in helping share the load, then please do come and get involved with the workings of the Hall, have your say, and present your ideas.

Hall bookings are already up on last year at this time; any event ideas, or meetings that you want to do, please go to ninfieldmemorialhallbooking@gmail.com and get them in the diary!

REMEMBRANCE DAY REVIEW

- it was amazing to see St Mary's Church absolutely full to the rafters for the Service of Remembrance. Scouts, parents and friends joined both congregations, from the Methodist and Parish churches, and all appreciated Rev Paul Frostick's commemorative service. It was also a great chance too for people to meet up again after the success of the Michaelmas Fayre. So many people had expressed interest in the Church and it's history; some newer residents hadn't known the Church was there. But the idea is now

Dance Classes!!!

The fabulous Monday morning class, Movement 2 Music, 10am, for the older but still active person...!.. continues to gain support and we have 20 fantastic members who enjoy the exercise, and then coffee and biscuits and a chat afterwards. There are still a few more spaces to fill so please get in touch and come and join us! Look out for notices and posts for extra details, or call me!!

Last class for 2024 is Monday 16th December, with a restart in January on Monday 6th at 10.00am!

Dancercise Class every Wednesday evening, 6.30pm. Last one for the year is Wednesday 18th December, and restart on Wednesday 8th January. We'd LOVE some more people to come and join us, call me for details, and look out for Advertisements!!

Ballroom and Show Dance/Burlesque fortnightly classes - Friday 29th November will be the last ones this year, as the 13th December is DISCO NIGHT and we'll all be there!!! Classes restart 10th January.

Thanks so much to everyone for their interest and support over the last year! For local events, dance classes and entertainment - please contact me 07970650321, samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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NEWS FROM HOOE

There will a Table Tennis evening starting in the new year in the HOOE Village Hall, on a Wednesday Evening 7-9pm. It is for all abilities, and is for the Village Community. Come along and have a fun evening. More information in the February magazine

TIME

The origin of the duodecimal system could possibly be traced to a system of finger counting based on the knuckle bones of the four larger fingers. Using the thumb as a pointer, it is possible to count to 12 by touching each finger bone, starting with the farthest bone on the fifth finger, and counting on. In this system, one hand counts repeatedly to 12, while the other displays the number of iterations, until five dozens, i.e. the 60, is reached. This system is still in use in many regions of Asia.

Thus we get 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour and 24 hours in a day.

There are twelve signs of the zodiac, twelve months in a year, and the Babylonians had twelve hours in a day. Traditional Chinese calendars, clocks, and compasses are based on the twelve Earthly Branches or 24 Solar terms. There are 12 inches in an imperial foot, 12 troy ounces in a troy pound, 12 old pence in a shilling, and many other items are counted by the dozen, gross (144, square of 12), or great gross (1728, cube of 12).

The Romans used a fraction system based on 12, including the uncia, which became both the English words ounce and inch. Pre-decimalisation, Ireland and the United Kingdom used a mixed duodecimal-vigesimal currency system (12 pence = 1 shilling, 20 shillings or 240 pence to the pound sterling), the remnants of which persist in many places.

Time uses a duodecimal system. The first sundials were simply stakes placed in the ground that indicated time by the length and direction of the resulting shadow. As early as 1500 B.C., the Egyptians had developed a more advanced sundial. A T-shaped bar placed in the ground, this instrument was calibrated to divide the interval between sunrise and sunset into 12 parts. When sundials were first used, Egyptian astronomers also first observed a set of 36 stars that divided the circle of the heavens into equal parts. The passage of night could be marked by the appearance of 18 of these stars, three of which were assigned to each of the two twilight periods when the stars were difficult to view.

The period of total darkness was marked by the remaining 12 stars, again resulting in 12 divisions of night. During the New Kingdom this measuring system was simplified to use a set of 24 stars, 12 of which marked the passage of the night. So, once both the light and dark hours were divided into 12 parts, the concept of a 24-hour day was in place. But fixed-length hours, however, had to wait until Greek astronomers began using such a system for their theoretical calculations. Hipparchus proposed dividing the day into 24 equinoctial hours, based on the 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness observed on equinox days.

The Babylonians made astronomical calculations in the sexagesimal (base 60) system they inherited from the Sumerians, who developed it around 2000 B.C. Although it is unknown why 60 was chosen, it is notably convenient for expressing fractions, since 60 is the smallest number divisible by the first six counting numbers as well as by 10, 12, 15, 20 and 30. Hard to imagine, but both the circular face of a clock and the sphere of a globe owe their divisions to a 4,000-year-old numeric system of the Babylonians.

The Greek astronomer Eratosthenes used a sexagesimal system to divide a circle into 60 parts in order to devise an early geographic system of latitude, with the horizontal lines running through well-known places on the earth at the time. A century later, Hipparchus normalized the lines of latitude, making them parallel and obedient to the earth's geometry. He also devised a system of longitude lines that encompassed 360 degrees and that ran north to south, from pole to pole. Claudius Ptolemy explained and expanded on Hipparchus' work by subdividing each of the 360 degrees of latitude and longitude into smaller segments. Each degree was divided into 60 parts, each of which was again subdivided into 60 smaller parts. The first division, *partes minutae primae*, or first minute, became known simply as the "minute." The second segmentation, *partes minutae secundae*, or "second minute," became known as the second.

So, it's now TIME for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

KR

Ninfield Art Group News

We are so pleased to report that our recent Art Exhibition was a great success, and we would like to give a big 'thank you' to all who came along to enjoy the atmosphere. It was a very memorable event that highlighted the talent and creativity within our group.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and support from our local community, the public, friends and family, the exhibition saw impressive sales and commissions. It was lovely to see so many pieces of art finding new homes!

Several visitors also expressed interest in joining our art group, which is wonderful news and directly from this exhibition, we now have two new members! None of this would have been possible without the help of our volunteers who went above and beyond in setting up, running the tombola and helping in the kitchen and to the final clean-up.

A special thanks to all who brought delicious cakes and donated tombola prizes. The treats were enjoyed by all, and the tombola added an extra layer of excitement to the weekend.

By supporting this event, whether by attending or simply showing an interest has encouraged our members to continue painting and creating!

We can't wait to see what the next one will bring!

Our doors are always open if anyone wants to join our friendly and supportive art group on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 to 5.00 pm at the Memorial Hall. If you would like to come along and see what we do and for any further information please contact:-

Fiona Stedman 07761 961585 or email: flstedman@gmail.com

The Bells of St Oswald's desperately need to have a happy band of Bellringers to keep them going. We are so lucky to have these bells in our village church and although learning to ring can take a variable amount of time it will be a skill that gives you a passport to join in with a lot of welcoming bands all over the country. A good way to meet people of all ages and it is free!! If you are interested in keeping the tradition of Bellringing alive at St. Oswald's please come along to a practice on a Saturday at 9.30 for a chat and 'taking hold'. Please call one of these numbers before you come. We hope to meet you...and show you the ropes!

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Coffee Morning - 14th December:

The run up to Christmas will be well advanced by the time we meet for our December Coffee Morning. As one would expect we plan a Christmas Theme – the Church will look very festive, there will be seasonal table decs and music, our refreshments will nod towards Christmas goodies and our raffle will include Christmas items. I have heard many folk will be dressed in their Christmas finest - Not only Christmas jumpers but more! (What about YOU?) Plans are also in hand for visitors to pop in to wish us well (sadly Santa is unavailable) Our free to use library will be popular as we can stock up with reading for the festive holiday and I am sure the jigsaws will fly! This will be a very special morning with lots of people to enjoy. We will set the foundations – you all set the atmosphere and create the fun.

Future Coffee Morning Dates:

11th January 2025

8th February 2025

8th March 2025.

Public Defibrillator awareness

We took the opportunity at our November morning to raise awareness of these of our public defibrillators. It was useful to refresh our knowledge/learn how to operate them in the event of a medical emergency. This initiative was in response to several requests from residents who have told us that whilst many knew of their existence fewer knew how to operate them, and some were even fearful of trying. We are grateful to the church for allowing us to use the vestry for showing the video, which enabled us to share as much information as possible without disrupting the usual flow of the morning. Following the video Rachel, a qualified nurse and a regular at our coffee mornings, did a grand job, giving us a demonstration, teaching us the hands-on technique on a dummy and a teaching defibrillator she brought with her. She was able to answer the many questions we fired at her and so we all left feeling very much more confident. Thank you, Rachel.

Litter Pick

We will be arranging our Annual Litter Pick again in 2025, we hope the date will link to the National Campaign. Just as soon as the dates are released, we will let you know when we are out in force! However, if you feel the urge to pick up litter in the meantime, we have picks which can be borrowed and will provide litter sacks for you to fill.

Road and Rural Issues

We are pleased to report our invitation to MP, Dr Kieran Mullan, to meet with

HVCG has been accepted, a meeting will take place in January. On the agenda will be all matters relating to roads and rural issues in general. If you have a particular concern which you would like us to raise, please speak to one of our Group.

Recording the History of the Hooe Parish Council

As we know he would never blow his own trumpet, we would like to tell you about the mammoth task finally completed by Peter Hayward.

Peter has typed up all Parish Council minutes and produced 4 fabulous books of records: Volume 1 1894–1919; Volume 2 1919–1938; Volume 3 1938–1972; Volume 4 1972 –1994. This is a priceless record available for years to come. Thank you from us all Peter

Remembrance at Hooe

HCVG was delighted to be able to help Dick Cary and Jane Vitler prepare and dress the Flag Green ready for the annual time of remembrance. We are all very proud of our Remembrance Display which is admired and appreciated by many who pass by. The whole display has been made in Hooe which celebrates not only the skills of Hooe residents but also their commitment to the village. A tradition we hope will be repeated in years to come. The high point of the weekend is the annual open-air service of Remembrance which takes place on the Flag Green at 3.00pm on the Sunday nearest to 11th November



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Services for December 2024:

- 1st 10.30 am Advent Café Worship with Steve Wise
- 8th 10.30 am Advent Worship; Communion with Alan Hurrell
- 15th 10.30 am Advent Worship & Praise with Revd. Philip Wagstaff
- 22nd 10.30 am Christmas Praise & Carols with Revd. Crawford Logan
- 24th 3.00-4.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE - FAMILY 'MESSY CHRISTINGLE'
- 25th 10.30 am CHRISTMAS DAY UNITED PRAISE @ Christchurch Methodist Church, Bexhill with Revd. Crawford Logan
- 29th 10.30 am United Service @ Little Common Methodist Church with Revd. Philip Wagstaff

January 2025:

- 5th 10.30am NEW YEAR Café Worship with Jill Sayers
- 12th 10.30 am NEW YEAR United Covenant Service with St. Mary's with Revd. Philip Wagstaff; & Revd. Paul Frostick
- 19th 10.30 am Family Service of Worship & Praise
- 26th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Neville Barnett
3.00 pm Methodist Circuit United Service @ Battle Methodist Church

Other Events:

- 13/20/27 Dec & Jan. Fridays 10.00-11.30 Community Café including
- 6 Dec / Jan 3 10.00-11.30 Book exchange in Hall.
- 15 Jan 2.30-4.00pm Christian Womens Fellowship.
- 29 Jan 3.15-5.30pm Messy Church

We are pleased to share our programme of family services & activities for Christmas time & January. Do come along whenever you can.

We invite you to our Candlelight 'Messy Christingle' celebration on Christmas Eve. We will start by preparing Christingles at 3.00pm (all welcome); & then enjoy a special Family celebration in our Church at 4.00pm. From early December our Christmas Tree will be decorated outside **of our** Hall. We invite you to tie any Remembrance 'Lights of love' stars onto the Tree.

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas & New Year.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 1-7

The Roman Empire charged the countries it had invaded taxes, based on the number of people and what they earned.

Emperor Augustus gave orders that all people in the Empire were to be registered so they could be taxed.



This census was before Quirinius became Governor of Syria* (* whose own census started riots - Acts 5:37)



When the order came, Mary and Joseph were living in Nazareth.

But Joseph was descended from King David, who had been born in Bethlehem...



so Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem to stay with his family.



Come and meet everyone!

A normal home in Bethlehem.



Stable with mangers

Animals were kept inside at night

Everyone lived and slept in the living room.

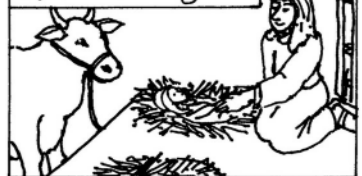
Room added for guests and visitors.

While they were staying there, Mary's baby was born.



There was no space in the guest room to put a new baby!

So they made a snug bed for Jesus in one of the mangers.



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