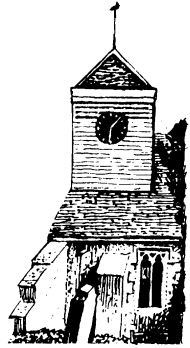


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News

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

June 2022 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
5 th June	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
12 th June	No Service	10.30 Joint Parish Service
19 th June	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
26 th June	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

Opening times for Private Prayer

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

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

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

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

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Dear friends,

This month brings Refugee Week, 15th to 20th June, a festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary; and encouraging understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges they face when seeking safety.

There's a moment in Martin Luther King's historic 'I have a dream' speech when he turns his attention to the White people who, realising their destiny and that of their Black fellow citizens was intertwined, joined the movement for equal rights. "They have come to realise that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom," he said. "We cannot walk alone." of course refugees are in the forefront of our thinking now with people fleeing from Ukraine. Life is tough for many of us right now and especially for refugees and the future feels very uncertain. Looking after ourselves, our families and communities takes time and energy. The challenges of the past 2 years have exposed the deep inequalities between us, including in housing, income and access to healthcare. But the crisis has also shown how interconnected we are – that the wellbeing of each of us depends on the welfare, safety and hard work of others. We are part of a shared 'us'.

Martin Luther King may have been speaking in the 1960s, but his words resonate across space and time. Here in the UK and across the world today, we know that it is only by coming together that we will move forward. That when we choose to walk side by side, we create deeper and longer-lasting change than is possible alone.

'We Cannot Walk Alone', is an invitation to extend your hand to someone new, who is outside your current circle, or has experience you haven't. Now more than ever we need a collective act of reaching out; a space for us all to listen, to exchange and connect. To find out what we can learn from each other, and what we can build together.

As we recover from Covid, we are realising afresh that we cannot walk alone, how much we need those friends and family. But we also must remember that 'we cannot walk alone' in a much wider sense, that wider world of inter-dependence.

This is a time to give thanks, and out of that thankfulness, to make commitments for the future. A time to give thanks for these freedoms restored – and to commit ourselves to not take them for granted, to work for those freedoms for all in our society. A time to give thanks for all those whose work has got us to this point – in the health service, research, transport, hospitality, etc – to recognise what a hard time they have had, and to commit ourselves not to take them for granted again.

It's a time, as we celebrate family reunions, to remember those who still can't see their family and friends – whether for health reasons, or because those dear to them are far away across the world, or have been lost in the pandemic. To continue to pray for and support them, offer our friendship, in whatever way we can. To actively pray for and support the people of Ukraine. We cannot walk alone – and as we walk together in the church, we walk with a purpose, to bring the love of God to those around us. This month we celebrate the lives of a number of missionary saints, all remarkable individuals but who always worked and journeyed together with others.

Greatest of all, Peter and Paul, the fisherman and the scholar who shaped the early church as they journeyed with their companions, including Barnabas. Their lives show us that we don't have to all be alike, or even get on well together, to serve our Lord! And following them, Columba of Iona in the 6th century and Boniface of Crediton in the 7th century, taking the faith to Scotland and Germany respectively, founding monasteries to be their bases and support, to train others to go out in mission. So we welcome those whose lives have been shattered by war and in Christ we offer the hand of friendship and pray for a better future for all. Paul

NEWS FROM ST. OSWALD'S.

Saturday 16th July Garden Party Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, from 13.00 to 17.00hrs

Featuring Hooe Silver Band, The Melodians Choir, BBQ, Plant stall, Cake Stall, Bric-a-brac Stall, Raffle, and other Side shows.

We would welcome help setting up. Thank you for those who have already volunteered. A small group will be meeting on Friday 15th July at 4pm to put up gazebos, tables and chairs etc. If you can help, please come along. Also, if you have time to help after the Garden Party with the dismantling etc, it will make it easier for us all. Thank you.

Contact Jack Rist 01424 892576 or email jamrist@hotmail.com

The bells are back but not yet able to be rung as the steel for strengthening the frame is apparently held up in Ukraine! No definite date yet for work.

From the Visitors book

A.& P.C. Visiting in memory of parents who worshipped here 1970-80s

S.& SC. Absolutely charmed by your personalized prayer cushions

O.L. Fabulous bell tower. Top quality views

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

For seventy years our Queen has reigned
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For this her Platinum Jubilee
And her life devoted to serve this nation.
Elizabeth Tudor, Victoria too,
Great Queens that ruled this island race
But as the one with the longest reign
It's Elizabeth II that takes this place.
Loved and revered throughout the world,
Fulfilling her duties with visits of state,
Wherever she travels her dignified presence
Has served to make Great Britain – great!
By Megan Carter

St Oswald's Parish Church

Weddings

23rd April 2022 Charles Parker and Diane Murphy

1st May 2022 Jamie Porthouse and Poppy Benham

*from the
Parish Records*



Editors' Note What a great response to last month's bumper edition, lots of positive comments and more people signing up to receive a regular copy and others wanting to put adverts in! All good, however on the advert front, just at the moment we feel we cannot accept any more new ones as to do so would mean reducing the articles and information. We are keeping a list of those who contact us and will add them as and when others drop out.

We hope you all get to enjoy the Jubilee Weekend, there is certainly a lot going on, not just in our villages but throughout the Country, and let's hope the weather is good too - not being fussy but, not too hot or too cold would be good, now where's that temperature control switch!!

ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com *Nicki & Carol*



NINFIELD SURGERY We would ask our patients to continue wearing a mask when visiting the surgery (unless exempt). We would also ask patients to use the buzzer to talk to the receptionist, when arriving at the surgery for appointments etc. We would ask patients to continue to use the outside window to collect prescriptions.

June Diary

		Venue	Page
1 st	Messy Church	Methodist H	29
2 nd	Open Church Wood	Church Wood	9
	Afternoon Tea & Cabaret	Memorial H	13
	Hooe Jubilee Party & Beacon	Red Lion	
	Procession of Lights	Rec.	13
	Beacon Lighting	Rec	13
3 rd	Ninfield Open Day	The Village	9/13
4 th	Ninfield Village fete	Rec	13
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	Thanks Giving Service	Rec	14
8 th	Christian Women's Fellowship	Methodist H	29
9 th	Ninfield History Group	Methodist H	6
10 ^t	Ninfield Book Exchange	Methodist H	8
	Hooe & Ninfield Open Group	Methodist H	16
11 th	Hooe Jubilee Coffee Morning	St. Oswald's	20
15 th	Bonfire Meeting	Working Men's	16
16 th	Health Walk	Spark P	8
16 th	Ninfield Parish Council	Methodist H	
16 th	Hooe History Society	St. Oswald's	10
17 th	Musical Matinee	Memorial H	8
18 th	Ninfield Village Market	Memorial H	14
21 st	Games Afternoon	Memorial H	8
25 th /26 th	Hooe Open Gardens	Hooe	21
27 th	Ninfield History Archive	Sparke P	

"The **Ninfield Local History group** meetings over the next few months are as follows:

Thursday June 9th 7.30pm; Ninfield Residents of Note by David Swales, a look at the movers and shakers in the village community in days gone by.

Thursday July 14th 7.30pm; Pevensey Castle by Natasha Williams, a talk on the history of this important local relic. Both meetings will be in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. Refreshments are provided and we continue to run our meetings in a Covid safe way.

OUR SCHOOL

Hopefully everyone is ready to put on their red, white and blue and get out partying over the Jubilee holiday. By the time you read this, our own celebrations in the school will be over and those of us who live in the village will be ready for 'Jubilee Phase 2'. Having been through two years of Covid, I think that we are all ready for a good knees up!

Back in school, 2022 is going to be a year of transition. Chris Brown, who has been with us now for fourteen years, has decided that it is time to hang up his Morter and Gown and step away from education. He has successfully led the school through three Ofsted inspections and two very difficult Covid years, despite his own personal tragedy. He will be leaving us in July, at the end of this school year.

I have worked with Chris for all of those 14 years and I know that this decision has not been an easy one to make. He has made Ninfield School what it is today, a happy and safe environment for children to learn to the best of their individual abilities. He will be sorely missed by everyone, but we must respect his decision and send him away with lots of good memories.

The Governors and I will now begin the process of finding a suitable replacement, someone who is able to maintain the high standards we have all come to expect and someone who understands the importance of a village school to the community it serves.

Sadly, we will also be losing our Business Manager, Cathy Sleet, at the same time. Cathy was here when I first arrived and has been an integral part of the school. Her title is Business Manager but what she does goes way and above that. There is very little that goes on in school that she doesn't have a hand in and her after school Cookery club is always over subscribed. Her knowledge of school finance has kept us out of the red for most years and she always knows who to speak to for that extra little bit of support. It is very difficult to say no to Cathy, I should know!!

Losing one key player in an organisation is careless, but to lose two is just pure negligence. I blame the Chair of Governors..... Ian Moffat

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In the Minute books for 1952 there is a record of a competition for the "Most Colourful Garden" and the prize was £3.0.0. And this year we are again having a "Most Colourful Garden" competition of Open Day.

Colourful could be flowers, bunting, anything colourful, then as you walk around the village make a note of the one you think is the most colourful, pop it on your Treasure Hunt form and the winner will receive £3.0s.0d!

Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group – activities in June 2022.

The Games afternoon will be on Tuesday 21 June from 2 – 4 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or email Jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

The Men's Shed meets on the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be in Sparke Pavilion at 10 am on Thursday 30 June. Contact Dave on 01424 892883.

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

The Book Exchange Café will be on 10 June from 10 to 11.30 am, with the Community Café on other Fridays. The Book Exchange will be back to its usual slot on 1st Friday of the month from July. Contact David on 01424 892248

The Health Walks meet at Sparke Pavilion at 11 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Contact Robin on 01424 892778.

The next Musical Matinee is at the Memorial Hall on Friday 17 June and will be the classic musical Brigadoon. This is a dementia and hearing loss friendly event and all are welcome. Doors open 1.30 and films start at 2 pm. There will be free tea and cake. To ensure enough cake, please contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or Jackie.langley1@btinternet.com to book a place.

The Dark Side, has had two successful meetings and are planning a third, this will take place about the time of the solstice, 21st June and will be weather dependent! To sit quietly, watch the sunset and listen to the noise of the night. Contact Kaye 892883

Ninfield Bowls Club

1929 saw the creation of this club and it is still going strong today, although sadly many others in the district have closed. The Club currently has a membership of 40, but only 6 are Ninfield Residents -something that needs to be addresses! and they would love you to go along on Open Day to try your hand, remember you must wear flat shoes.

The Club is also open on a Thursday evening during the summer and anyone is welcome to pop along and say hello, have a go and be assured of a warm welcome

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

Thursday 2nd June is most definitely a date for your diaries !!!

At 10a.m. there will be the official opening of Church Wood as a Local Nature Reserve. We are delighted to be joined by John Feltwell of Wildlife Matters who will perform the opening ceremony. Visitors are then invited to take part in guided tours with our team of volunteers who will explain recent work in the woods and some of the problems we face [and have to overcome !] to keep Church Wood accessible to all.

Come and see the moorhens, a variety of flying insects including Damsel Flies over the ponds and possibly hear our resident woodpeckers at work



JUBILEE CROWNS

So how does it work? We'd like as many as possible of you to make a crown, using any materials you like, small, large or gynomous, these will then be displayed, either in your garden or around the village on Friday 3rd June for everyone to wander around to find. You need to put your crown out before 10.00am that morning.

Prizes will be awarded to the best crowns chosen by those hunting, there will be three categories, children 11 and under; children 12 to 16 adults 17 plus.

You need to tell us where the crown will be sited and the group, the creator is from. We will give you a number to put on it.

Please either email the information to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com or leave a message on 893326 for Carol with name, address & phone number, plus age, if made by children.

Please let me have these phone calls or emails by TUESDAY 31st MAY

If you don't live in the centre of the village or don't have anywhere to put a crown, you can still join in, we'll put your crown somewhere! There are lots of finger posts, open spaces, corners! Just let me know.

Then on the day, go along to either the Methodist Hall or the Memorial Hall and pick up a form, as it's 70 years, the entry fee is 70p, they will also have teas, coffees, cakes, all 70p! Then head off around the village and put the house name or number against the number on each crown, say which one you like best in each category, then return the forms to one or other Hall by 4.00pm.

Prizes for the best in each category will be awarded on Saturday at the Village Fete at 4.30 after the raffle, along with a prize for finding all the crowns!

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Happily, the “new normal” is starting to look a little bit like the old one with regard to the numbers who attend our monthly meetings and it is such a nice experience after the nearly two years of lockdown and uncertainty. Our other recent change is that we have been forced to move our venue for meetings to Hooe church, with the kind permission of our vicar and the churchwardens. We squeeze ourselves in between the bell tower and the main door and it is actually quite a cosy arrangement. Our meeting on Thursday 16th June will be Jan Black, who will be giving a talk on “Sussex Food” – on Sussex Day. The best thing is that she will be bringing along tasters! Does it get any better than that? Hooe church, 7.30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW... that in the latter half of the 19th century the inhabitants of Hooe established a club which supported its members in times of sickness or incapacity. It was variously known as the Hooe Club, Friendly Society or United Benefit Society and was run by a number of prominent villagers including the vicar at the time. Funds appear to have been provided through subscriptions by members and donations given by more wealthy benefactors. The school log books refer to a days' holiday being given every year on “Club Day” and I have picked out a few relevant passages from the newspapers of the time in order to give a flavour of how the Society developed and flourished.

In May 1893 – “Mr. J. Veness proposed “The health of the Officers,” and said the club had been established now something like 39 years, (circa 1854 –Ed) out of which they went on for about 20 years without having an annual dinner, the result of which they got nearly “broke.” He argued that the inauguration of the annual dinner and its attendant amusements had brought young fellows to join the society, and established its success .” Also, “Mr. Eldridge, who responded, said had visited many clubs, but he did not remember ever having been to a club with such a balance-sheet as shown by the Hooe United Benefit Society.”

May 1903 – “After service (in the church) the members paraded the streets of the village, and then proceeded to the marquee erected in the Red Lion meadow, where a capital dinner was provided... Hooe itself is a rather quaint relic of the past, but its Club and its annual Club Day are interesting survivals of village life which are somewhat rare in these days of rural depopulation and decadence. The Club itself is one of the very few village Clubs pure and simple which now exist. Its name, Hooe United Benefit Society, typifies its nature. It is an association of the natives of Hooe for their own help and protection in days of sickness and adversity. Living in the midst of a charming

country, stretching for miles on every hand in undulations of pasture, furrow, hedgerow, and wood, the possibility has not occurred to the members of an epidemic or a pestilence, which might sweep their funds away, so they have no intention of surrendering their treasured independence and boasted isolation to any of the great Friendly Societies, in which many of the old Village Clubs have been merged; Safe in the security of £600 at the bank, the Hooe Uniteds are quite content to rely on themselves and trust Providence to guard them against a great calamity”.

“Thursday was universally observed as a holiday within the parish of Hooe, and foreign folk hastened from their labours at the close of the day, and flocked to the field at the back of the inn as if they envied the Hooe people their good fortune. Picture a huge marquee, in which hundreds of young and old are seated around a rough platform on which a military band discourses sweet music, the youngsters sitting in open-mouthed amazement at the volumes of sound, the young men and maidens ogling each other and the old men quaffing copious draughts of beer from capacious pots - outside a small and compact fair, sweet stalls, with the famous gingerbread and stickjaw glued on sticks, dispensed by a loquacious lady who maintains a fusillade of shouts at her offspring in the distance while she disposes of her goods; a counter of marvellous toys, behind which sits a smart frizzled haired young lady; a stall of squirters or lady teasers, half a dozen swings, a shooting "gallery," ring-throwing stands for walking-sticks and clocks, an Aunt Sally up to date, in the shape of wonderful faces, through the mouths of which you are invited to send a wooden ball; with the inevitable cocoanut shy and the caravans in the background—place these things on the canvas of the mind, and it will give a fair idea of the Club Day festivities at Hooe”.

By 1911, the Hooe United Benefit Society had 154 members, £720 14s 6d in the bank (valued over £90,000 today – Ed) and the Rev. Cuthbert Routh described it as the most important institution in Hooe. There were, however, momentous events to shortly follow, which would cause serious divisions in the village as to the viability of this 57 year old institution.... which I will continue in next month's issue.

NINFIELD CO-OPERATIVE

Would you be interested in joining a Co-operative to grow fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers for sale at the monthly Ninfield market every third Saturday in the month from February to July and September to December? £10 per year to cover the cost of the table. Sell as much or as little as you want.

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NINFIELD CELEBRATES JUBILEE WEEKEND

Here's the full list of Ninfield's Celebratory Events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - June 2nd- 5th and to help you remember Banners and Posters are up throughout the Parish!

WEDNESDAY 1st June - 4.00pm Recreation Ground-

all Marquees TO BE ERECTED! 7.00pm - All Bunting to go up! Any willing helpers will be made very welcome!! Meet at Sparke Pavilion!

THURSDAY 2nd JUNE

10.00am.. The Official Opening of Church Woods as a Local Nature Reserve.. by Dr John Feltwell, followed at 10.30am with short guided tours.

2.00pm - Afternoon Tea & Cabaret with 'Deja Revue' at Ninfield Memorial Hall

7.30pm - Procession of Lights - Recreation Ground. Refreshments Fancy Dress competition . See page 16

9.45pm - Beacon Lighting in line with National timings.

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

10.00am - 4.00pm Open Village Day - Methodist Hall & Memorial Hall displays by local groups and societies with tea, coffee and cakes. Try your hand at bowls at Ninfield Bowls Club - flat shoes only! (See page 8)

'The Crown Treasure Hunt'. - through the centre of the Village (see page 9)
Choose the "Most Colourful Garden" (see page 7)

6.30pm- 10.30pm - "The Jubilee Pub-on-the-Rec" - Main Marquee Bar, BBQ, live music from "Ricochet"

SATURDAY 4th JUNE

11.30am- 5.30pm NINFIELD VILLAGE JUBILEE FETE. Recreation Ground.

3pm Fun Dog Show (see posters for full itinerary)

6.30pm - 11.00pm Main Marquee.. LIVE SCREENING OF THE MUSIC PARTY FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE. BAR and BBQ open.

SUNDAY 5th JUNE

10.30am -RECREATION GROUND Breakfast & "The Pageant" from Buckingham Palace - Live Screening Main Marquee.

12 midday- Queen Canopy Tree Planting. - Queen Elizabeth Garden followed at 12.30pm -THE BIG PICNIC on the REC. Bar open.

3.00pm- The Rock Choir entertains

5.00pm- 6.00pm- THANKSGIVING SERVICE with HOOE SILVER BAND.
Led by Rev Paul Frostick and Revd Tricia Williams.

6.30pm...Well, that's when the 'break down' begins....it's quicker than putting it all up...but all help would be very welcome!

Any offers of help, Baking of Cakes, Bottles for the Jubilee Tombola.. please contact Sami or Carol... or bring up to Sparke Pavilion! Thank you!

If you are new to the village, or have been here forever, and have thought about volunteering, or just getting to know other people in the village, this really is the ideal time to come along, yes we need some muscle to put up the marquees and gazebos, put gentler jobs include putting the plastic chairs around the tables, putting up some bunting. And one thing we really need is bakers! How much cake, biscuits, sausage rolls etc do you think we are going to need? Starting with the afternoon tea for about 100 on Thursday, refreshments on Friday at the Memorial Hall and Methodist Hall on Friday, the Fete on Saturday..... Then there's making cups of tea, and of course washing up, clearing up, please if you could possible manage a hour or so any time either just turn up; email ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com or leave a message on 893326 giving your name and phone number and which day or days you might be available and we'll call you back

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 18th June 9.30 - 12.00

VILLAGE MARKET

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL PRODUCERS & CRAFTERS

The May Market went ahead after we went to print so we can't comment on how busy - or otherwise - it was, nor how many items were delivered to the Community Table, we already have promised coriander plants, penstemons and various plants, quite excited to see what comes in! If you have any plants or local produce you'd like to donate please bring them along, proceeds from the table are going to the Platinum Jubilee costs and after that we will choose another local project to support - perhaps you'd like to suggest one.....

We have tables available for local food producers, especially pies, breads, fruit and veg, drinks - call 01424 893326 and leave a message or email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com



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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

meet regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Working Men's club. If you would like to join or find out more about the

Society then please feel free to drop in and meet some of us...

NBS will hold a stall at the Ninfield Village Market on the third Saturday of the month. Come and see us and have a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! We always run a tombola so come and try your luck and if you need to replace any of your Bonfire attire then we sell a selection of merchandise or you can place an order with us for hoodies, beanies etc.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Thursday June 2nd –

NBS will be hosting the 'Festival of Lights procession' and lighting of the National Beacon on the Ninfield Recreation ground, in the evening.

From 7.30 - 9pm there will be a 'Family Fun night' to include a children's disco and a Jubilee themed fancy dress competition.

The Jubilee theme is Royalty or 1950's covered in plenty of lights!

At 8.15pm the best outfit will be judged!!

At 9pm the 'Festival of Lights procession' will leave the recreation ground and return for the lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm.

Saturday June 4th – NBS will be holding a stall at the Ninfield Village Jubilee Fete between 11.30am – 5.30pm.

We will have lots of games, an NBS information table and we will also be dusting off the 'Human Table Football game'.

Its 5 aside so get your teams ready!

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HOOE & NINFIELD OPEN GROUP

We met last Friday 13 th May at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield as the Hooe Village Hall is closed for the foreseeable future. We were down on numbers as a few people were unwell or having their booster Covid injection. Still, we had a good afternoon talking about our next meeting which will have the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee as the theme. We had a couple of rounds of bingo using an old Lotto box that had been found with all the necessary bits and pieces. A simple bar of chocolate for a full house! The usual tea/coffee and biscuits followed. It was a fun afternoon.

Our next meeting is June 10 th at 2pm, again at the Methodist Hall. Please come and remember you don't have to be a member to attend.

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Join together with family and friends to celebrate life, love and friendship under the light of the full moon. Light up the Hospice gardens with special paper lanterns which you are welcome to decorate at home before the event and while the tea lights flicker, take time to pause and remember your loved ones. No matter your age or ability, everyone is welcome to take part and share in this time of reflection.

Early bird tickets on sale from Thursday 9th June:
www.stmichaelshospice.com/moonlightmemories

Open Gardens 2022 booklets available now The St Michael's Hospice Open Garden season for 2022, kicks off with a visit to Mountfield on Tuesday 10th May, followed by Benenden on Tuesday 17th May. There will also be visits to Sedlescombe and Hawkhurst later in the month. This year's Open Gardens span the breadth of Hastings and Rother, and 55 spectacular gardens will be opening their garden gates until August 2022.

Pick up your copy of the Open Gardens 2022 booklet from any of the Hospice's shops, or from the St Michael's Hospice Reception in St Leonards on Sea, for just 50p each. Alternatively, view the full calendar at www.stmichaelshospice.com/opengardens22

Gardens in Ninfield will be open on Tuesday 12th July, with refreshments, plant and other stalls at Elm Cottage, Marlpits Lane

A quick message from Sami!

Too early to review the Show on 21st May, because printing deadline is 7 days before the event!!!

But just to say, at time of writing, the nerves have kicked in... the food has been 'rehearsed'...the tech side is still being finished..and the tickets are SOLD OUT!!!

More news next month...

Fingers crossed...

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will be celebrating the Jubilee at the

June 11th - Coffee Morning

at St Oswald's Church

The proceeds from this event will go to an organisation supported by our Queen. Bearing that in mind and the fact we are situated close to the coast our proceeds will be donated to

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution

There will be everything you expect from our coffee morning including the community library- and a whole lot more.....



Change of Venue

The Village hall is no longer available to us so please note the change of venue for our monthly coffee mornings - we are delighted to be able to hold our events at St Oswald's Church. This beautiful venue has the added bonus of a large car park, something much appreciated and longed for!

We are grateful to the St Oswald's Church Family for welcoming us all and their thoughtfulness in providing a portaloos –such a relief for us all....

HVCG purchase walkie-talkies

As there is just a single track to the church the **Hooe Village Community Group** decided to purchase a set of walkie-talkies, the use of which will assist in traffic flow management to and from the church. We will be using these at events we hold at the church and will be happy to lend them to the Church and to any village club or society. Please contact us by email for further details

Summer Lottery

As always we are very grateful to the band of friends who deliver information about our events and activities to every house in the village. An envelope will be dropping on to your doormat shortly containing details of our Summer Lottery, and we will also enclose 2 books of 5 tickets each, should you feel the urge to have a punt! Tickets cost just £1.00 each and additional tickets will also be available at the June Coffee morning and on application via our email address. The draw will take place at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th August, and this time all the prizes are cash prizes, ranging up to £100. Proceeds from the draw will be donated to local good causes.

Open Gardens The week end of June 25th and 26th

The growing season is in full swing – everything has burst into life and our village gardens are looking amazing! Sadly the weeds are also enjoying the warm weather, but I am pleased to tell you our gardeners are winning the battle against them! The gardens which will be open during the w/e of 25th and 26th June are already looking stunning, promising a spectacular show in June. This is certainly not an event to be Missed!



Hooe Gardens are full of surprises

As mentioned before, in addition to tending the gardens the organising committee is busy arranging safe car parking facilities, undertaking risk assessments, and planning for the provision and serving (all day) of delicious homemade refreshments! Stand holders are booking their pitches to enable them to offer plants for sale and also a variety of locally made crafts. Tickets will cost £5.00 for a whole day, children go free. Well behaved dogs, on leads, will be welcomed at most gardens. Tickets, maps showing the location of open gardens and more details will be available very soon. Keep a look out for our signage and please go to the Open Gardens website www.hooe-open-gardens.com for up to the minute information.

Hooe Village Community Group is very grateful to



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St Oswald's Church Jubilee Garden Party 16th July

We have this date firmly set in the diary. The Church family has been so generous in their welcome to us we hope to repay their kindness by helping them out with some of the donkey work at this event. I am sure Paul, Jack and Janet will welcome all volunteers

Hooe Motor Show Sunday 7th August

Sunday 7th August is the day to keep free of any other engagements – the Hooe Motor Show is a fabulous day out for the whole family to enjoy! **Hooe Village Community Group** will be providing a wide range of refreshments so there is no need to pack a picnic! This is a lot of hard work, but extremely rewarding, spending a day with people who are hell bent on enjoying themselves is a tonic. If you enjoy a laugh and good company, and don't mind a bit of hard work why not join in and help us? You will be very welcome!

Whilst at the Show dip into our Bric a Brac stall. What do they say – Pile it high and sell it cheap!! I am sure you will find a bargain or two or even three.

Our lottery tickets will also be on sale – the last chance to buy before the draw on August 13th

and finally.....over to you.....

We are open to suggestions of local good causes which HVCG could support, and would also like to hear suggestions of activities/events in which residents would be interested

Hooe Village Community Group working together for the good of everyone

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

AWealden Local Plan

Our councillors scrutinised the supporting reports and presentations, offered factual argument against the erroneous categorisation of our village as a sustainable settlement (eg a village with a much greater level of amenity) but to no avail.

Ultimately the WLP was rejected in 2019 by the Inspector, who cited Wealden District Council's failure to comply with the terms of reference and for placing too much emphasis on the exclusion of the Ashdown Forest area. WDC continue to work on the plan but completion of a draft plan is not expected until 2024. This puts Ninfield at a disadvantage. We will continue to be a target for developers who will exploit the lack of an identified 5-year land supply.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Work on the NDP is led with great dedication by Cllr John Cheshire in conjunction with our consultants, AiRS. and co-ordinating the work of the volunteers from the village to bring together the many elements of the document. Stage 1 is now complete. We await the result of the 2021 census to compare growth of the village from 2001, 2011 and 2021.

Improving and promoting Community Wellbeing

Led by Councillor Jackie Langley who with much enthusiasm started the Health and Wellbeing Group. Their activities are open to all ages with health walks, coffee mornings, games afternoons and film evenings to mention but a few of their events. The latest addition to this group is *the Dark Skies Group led by Kaye Crittell*,

In the two years since the last Annual Parish Meeting we have:

Three new Councillors - Kamala Williamson, Sheila Collins and Gary Pharo.

Two new committees - The Recreation Ground Committee, led by Sami Guard, working to improve equipment and use of the recreation ground and playground.

- Highways and Traffic Committee to look at issues that came out of the survey for the Neighbourhood Plan.

New Housing in Ninfield

Since our last AGM, construction has started on Ingrams Farm and Manchester Road developments.

Parish Council Boundary Review

In December 2020, a survey of electors in Ninfield resulted in 430 vote in favour of a move to Rother District Council with just 27 residents voting to remain under the jurisdiction of Wealden District Council.

So far WDC have refused to carry out a boundary review, however the Boundary Commission, impressed with our case, directed that we ask WDC for a statement of their reasons for refusal. We await their reply.

Our priorities for year ahead:

To continue to represent the best interests of the residents of Ninfield

To complete the Boundary Review and transfer Ninfield to Rother District Council if the residents still wish to do so.

To receive the inspector's approval for the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To resist overdevelopment of our village and loss of our cultural heritage an identity.

My report would not be complete without taking the opportunity to thank my friends and colleagues on the Parish Council for their support, hard work and good humour during the past year:

Kaye Crittell - for supporting me, the new chairman, sharing her vast knowledge of Ninfield matters and representing the council at away meetings.

Sami Guard - sharing years of experience, being involved in all areas of council work, with sports events teams, organising entertainment

John Cheshire - for his dedication and hard work on the NDP and prior to that leading Ninfield's planning committee

Paul Coleshill - for his help with the boundary review

Jackie Langley - for her work setting up the health and wellbeing group as well as representing the council at Wealden's Planning Committee meetings.

Pete Holland - for his valuable planning advice when considering applications

Sheila Collins - taking over leadership of the Ninfield's planning meeting and representing the council at WDC's planning panel meetings.

Gary Pharo - for his work with the recreation committee and being heavily involved in speedwatch and his can-do approach to many practical matters.

Last, but by no means least, I am sure all councillors will join me in thanking our Parish Clerk, Jackie Scarff, for all her hard work during the past year, her dedication and her willingness always to go the extra mile for our village.

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Worms Eye View

This worm has been doing a lot of thinking about the Coronation and all the events surrounding it. My first recollection was that I had been living through four different Monarchs. My first was George V with Queen Mary. At that time I, with Mum & Dad, was living at Horam. One day Dad came home and told us that the King & Queen would be driving slowly through the village the next day. The whole village turned out and the lovely large car slowed right down and we all cheered as the King & Queen waved to us and nodded their heads. I remember asking why they hadn't got their crowns on. I didn't know that the king was ill and recuperating in Eastbourne, but sadly died the next year. The next King was of course Edward, we never saw sight of him and he was never actually crowned. George VI and Elizabeth came to the throne: we were living in Hailsham by them and I was lucky to see them at Royal Ascot having gone by coach to the races with my Mum. Everyone liked them a lot, but all too soon the King died by which time I was working in Eastbourne Public Library and the council decided to give us the day off to watch the Queens Coronation. Well we had not got a television set so we invaded my aunt & uncle who had got a small black & white set. A good number of us went to share the happy occasion. Afterwards Hailsham Young Farmers held an exciting cricket match on the recreation ground. It was lads' verses ladies and great fun, but I really cannot remember who won. I'm sure if my husband was still alive he would remember or at least say it was the men, whatever we all enjoyed ourselves. Then to round off the day we went to a super dance at the Pier ballroom in Eastbourne with Gordon Rider and his band, a popular band in those far off days.

It was back to work the next day but all the people who came plus the staff, twenty five of us in those days, shared happy memories of Coronation Day and how proud we were of our Queen Elizabeth and her husband Philip.

Now we look forward to the many events in June, celebrating the seventy years of the Queens reign and I sincerely hope that she will enjoy them as well.

God Bless the Queen

Anne

Closing date for items for the **JULY issue** of the Parish News is
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YARROW

There was a time in this country when all the land was subject to the enclosure act; villages were removed if deemed to be in the wrong place and common land taken. It was a time of acute poverty in this land, where a rural worker did not earn enough to feed his family. The only access to the country side was the rights of way leading to a church. The land owners were powerful, but not enough to restrict the Church.

This all seems a tad far fetched until you read some of the writers of the time, William Cobbett is possible the most forceful in highlighting the sufferings of the rural poor.

During the black act you would be hanged for taking a rabbit, repealed to being deported after poachers started to fight back. There is a bit of a grim history here for game keepers. Mind the first keepers were little more than thugs with big sticks and bigger dogs.

Strange the things you think about whilst wandering around a Church yard, walking the dog in the quiet of the morning.

I had eaten the first green leaves from the hawthorn, bread and cheese as the old name went. I do it every year which seems strange for a chap who is not keen on eating most things green.

There is a fascination for me in learning some of the older ways, herb law being one. There is a slight problem here though, I find it all too easy to dismiss. I was once told that the name of the plant I was looking at was lung wort, because of the shape of the leaves being lung like. Interesting old name; I was then told it helped with lung issues because of its shape. That was a step to far.

I was offered a spring tonic, wild sorrel, goose grass and dandelion, never ever again. It even put me off a salad sandwich. I do understand that some of these wild plants do have a huge amount of vitamins and minerals, it must be what makes them taste so bad.

So the bridleways and Church yards were a source of food, all low in calories if high in vitamins and old school medicine.

There are two remedies I have come across which I actually found worked. Yarrow, which is very wide spread, and grows on most verges. I have found another, older, name for it – blood wort. There are many stories about herb use but this one seems to be at least, interesting, from a historical point of view.

Apparently, and all stories about herbs should start with apparently, when the British marched off to war in 1914 the amount of injuries expected were small compared with the slaughter that actually happened. So the medical preparations were massively under prepared. There then is a story that foragers were sent out to pick yarrow. Yes the old blood wort lived up to its

name, it actually does congeal blood - stopping the bleeding. I have used it for years to staunch the blood from all manor of cuts, some actually quite nasty. It even works on the cuts dished out whilst unhooking pike; the pikes bite prevents blood clotting. This herb is so effective that I always have some growing near the back door.

If anyone is keen to try using yarrow on cuts, please check carefully you are picking the right plant, and don't believe a word I say, always double check.

The yarrow also has another name, Ladies Herb, and that's no place to go for an old gamekeeper.

The other concoction I have used is a mixture of equal parts plantain leaves and young oak leaves. This is then all boiled together and when cooled the liquid is wiped on unbroken skin to deal with sores and itches. It worked so well I took some to my doctor, easier thing to do back then. He said that there were so many tannins in that mix, one at least had to work. I suppose it was a bit like coal tar soap.

So what can we take from all this? well just perhaps that little piece of rough grassland is of more value than we give it credit for. I don't know half enough to start naming all the creatures that live in wild grassland. I also wouldn't doubt that some of the life going on there is actually unknown to science.

When I was a boy June was usually a wonderful month, sunny and warm. It was then that I use to help on the small farms around me with hay making. Cut the hay before it went to seed so it was more nutritious for the cows. This is what the old boys said to me, apparently it was true.

Rough grass needs to be cut at 'back end', that's the end of summer for all those unfamiliar with Lincolnshire speak. Here the wild flower seeds need to form and ripen so that next year there is life to carry the cycle onwards.

Its not easy, we have a natural desire to be neat and tidy. We all do it with our mowers and strimmers, not forgetting the hoe to remove annual weeds/wild flowers from the borders and vegetable plots. So if we have a bit of rough grassland that can be left until the end of summer perhaps we could try leaving it scruffy. If you have no space to leave to nature come and see the ox eye daisies this summer they grow in the long grass in certain areas of the church yard. Who knows what you may find, Janet the Church warden, found one single snake's head fritillary just this week and had not seen one here before!

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Sunday Services for June 2022:

5 th	10.30 am	Pentecost - Café Worship with Revd. Tricia Williams
12 th	10.30 am	Worship & Communion with Revd. Neville Barnett
19 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with Mrs. Drina Hampson
26 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Service

Events for June 2022:

Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café (3rd June – see below) including
10th 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall.

1 st	1.30-3.30 pm	Messy Church Platinum Jubilee Celebration
3 rd	10.00 -4.00pm	Village 'Crown' Hunt & refreshments in our Hall
5 th	5.00 pm	Jubilee Celebration Service on Recreation Ground
8 th	2.30-4.00 pm	Christian Womens Fellowship

Many congratulations to our Queen on the celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. What an occasion for us all to share. Thanks be to God.

We look forward to the events of the Jubilee weekend in this country, in our village, & including the above in our Church.

Messy Church on June 1st ... All young people are welcome, including parents & friends as we celebrate the Queen's jubilee. We will have lots of activities, a buffet tea, & think about the ways that God has guided her throughout her reign.

Village Crown Hunt on June 3rd ... Our Church will be open for refreshments during the day & will include a small Platinum Jubilee display.

Jubilee Celebration Service – June 5th ... at 5.00pm on the Recreation ground with Hooe Silver Band, Reverend Paul Frostick & Reverend Patricia Williams. Some of the music selected will come from the Queen's Coronation Service in 1953.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch. 3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...

God made Man and a garden for him to live in and care for.

You can eat anything but the fruit of this tree



God made all sorts of animals and brought them to Man to name...

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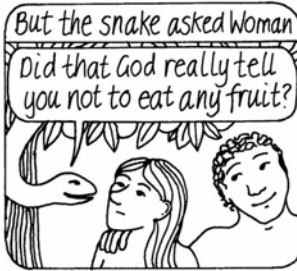
but he needed a human partner

Wow! You are called 'Woman'

So God made Woman



But the snake asked Woman Did that God really tell you not to eat any fruit?

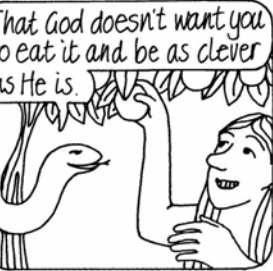


Yes, and that God told us if we touch it we will die!

Surely not!



That God doesn't want you to eat it and be as clever as He is.



Go on, try some!

Alright.



Oh no! What have we done?



They made clothes from leaves.



They tried to hide

Where are you?



It was the woman's fault

It was the snake's fault



They had disobeyed, so they had to leave the garden.



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