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News



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Ninfield & Hove

June 2023

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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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| | St Mary's | St Oswald's |
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| 4 th June | 9.30 Parish Eucharist | 11.00 Family Service |
| 11 th June | <i>No Service</i> | 10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist |
| 18 th June | 9.30 Parish Eucharist | 11.00 Parish Eucharist |
| 25 th June | <i>No Service</i> | 11.00 Parish Eucharist |

Opening times for Private Prayer

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

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

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

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PARISH NEWS

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Dear Friends,

It is always difficult to think of something new to write in the magazine each month and this month is particularly difficult. All I want to say is overshadowed by the loss of our Churchwarden and treasurer, Phil Ringrose a few weeks ago. It was a total shock to receive news of his completely unexpected passing. Our thoughts and indeed prayers are with Ann and her family in their loss. It is also a huge loss for the church as I am sure it will be a long while before we discover all the things that Phil did in the life of the church that I and many others certainly did not know! I am grateful for the part Phil played in the family of the church. That is what the church is, a family who support and encourage each other in our faith. When we lose a member of a family it leaves a huge gap, and the church family is no different. It will be impossible to fill the gap that is left by the passing of Phil.

So part of what I want to say involves looking back, looking back on the tremendous amount of work Phil did for St Mary's church but I often say if you keep looking back you get a very stiff neck, we need to also look forwards. The church has survived for over 2,000 years and will continue into the future! Having just celebrated the Coronation it was a reminder that things continue. They will never be as they were, King Charles III will bring his own ideas and plans for the future of the monarchy in our country and the commonwealth and that is as it should be.

I am now nearing the end of my time as District Governor of Rotary, and it has certainly been a demanding year trying to balance the needs of the two parishes with the needs of Rotary. I have been responsible for 73 clubs from Eastbourne to Dover and up to Medway and Bromley and back to Tunbridge Wells. A lot of travelling but I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I have a lot to look back upon with many good memories and photographs to back up those memories. Memories are an important part of what it means to be human. We are where we are now because of where we were in the past. We cannot change the past, but we can change the future as we learn from the past. I have been enthused by the clubs I have visited as I have seen the tremendous good works that Rotary does in the community.

The Coronation saw the coming together of people in the community in many different ways, such as in street parties. My thanks go to all those in our two villages that helped make the Coronation weekend

something to remember. I do however feel that Covid brought a change in our communities. People seem more reluctant to go out and meet people. The theatres are saying that they are still suffering as people are not returning in the numbers there were before Covid. Organisations are saying they do not have the same number of volunteers there were before covid struck. We need that community spirit, we were born sociable creatures, we need each other to give us purpose and fulfilment. Our often troubled world needs HOPE and that comes by what we do! We need to become a beacon that shines a light into the lives of those who need hope. A quotation I recently found says "We can choose to be affected by the world or we can choose to affect the world". We all need to choose to affect the world and bring hope. We may only hear the bad news on the TV and radio but there is much more good news than there is bad. Good news apparently does not sell papers, but good news brings hope, hope that each of us needs in our life and in our community.

Paul

As you know the congregation at St Mary's has been struggling with numbers for some time.

Following a meeting of the PCC it was decided to take the sad decision to reduce the services at St Mary's to once a fortnight, on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

This will be from 1st June and the list of services appear in the Parish News and on the St Mary's Web Site.

Paul

PRAYER

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, child of encouragement. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a Barnabas to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful. In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching

NEWS FROM ST OSWALD'S

Coronation Celebrations

After a service which included prayers for King Charles, the singing of the National Anthem and a reference to volunteering and helping others, the picnic in the churchyard was enjoyed by 45 people. We were able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine, birdsong and good company, helped by a wonderful selection of cakes and scones.

On May 10th the bell ringers rang a quarter peel for the King so our thanks go to Alan Pink and his team.

Forthcoming Events

Concert

Thursday June 29th at 7pm in the church, a concert of 'Easy on the Ears' music will take place featuring Hannah Latty and Friends. Everyone is welcome. £5 on the door: £2.50 under 16s.

Garden Party

After a well attended meeting on April 27th, plans are well in advance for the Garden Party on Saturday July 8th. The Hooe Village Band is booked and the fun will begin with a BBQ beginning at 12 noon. There will be the usual stalls and side shows. We are beginning to collect items for the Tombola, Raffle and Nearly New and are grateful for any contributions. These can be left at the back of the church.

Visitors Book.

- 1.05.23 'How wonderful to find a church open mid-week'. D.N.
- 8.05.23 'Lovely church, location and people. Sad to leave.' K.

St Mary's Parish Church

24th April the funeral of Marlene Davey

*from the
Parish Records*

Join us at
St Oswald's Church

for the following events

'Easy on the Ears Music'

A Concert featuring
Hannah Latty and Friends

Thursday June 29th 7pm

£5 on the door - **£2.50** under 16s

The Annual Garden Party

Saturday July 8th

from 12 noon.

Featuring: Hooe Village Band.

BBQ, Raffle, Tombola, Plants, Nearly New,
Sideshows, Cakes, Teas, Bell Tower tours.

Parking in the field

Contact: Janet 845087 Jack 892576

News from St. Mary's

Organ Recital – 30th April 2023

Just under 50 of us were treated to an organ recital by our organist Paul Abnett and what a treat it was! It was a varied programme that showed off the capabilities of our newly repaired pipe organ but also showed the versatility of our organist.

Paul has been a church organist in Bexhill for thirty-eight years holding titular positions at St Michael's Glassenbury Drive, All Saint's Sidley and St Andrew's Wickham Avenue. He started his training in Kingston upon Thames, moving on to the St. Giles' International Organ School within London's Barbican Centre. He gained his performance diploma on 2004. He is now organist here at St. Mary's and also at St. Oswald's Hooe.

The recital was certainly appreciated by all present and Paul has promised us at least one more recital in the near future. So, if you missed this one we would recommend you keep an eye out for forthcoming dates.

NINFIELD SURGERY

Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support with the donations to the Foodbank basket. We are very grateful for anything you can donate.

Community Garden

Work is still continuing on the community garden, looks great so far. Thank you to the Wellbeing Group for their support.

New Triage System

Due to the continuing pressure on GP appointments we are trialling a new system, whereby anyone who calls requesting an appointment may do so any time between 8am -12.45, and 2-3pm. They will then be placed on a triage list which is reviewed by a GP, and a plan will be communicated with you. This may not always result in a same day appointment, but we hope it will offer flexibility in terms of being able to maintain continuity with the same GP, and also avoids the dreaded phone queues at 8am and 2pm. Thank you for your patience with us at this time whilst we are all getting used to the new system.

You can also continue to book appointments online still via the NHS app, and may also use the engage consult link on our website for any non-urgent medical or administrative issues.'

June Diary

| | Venue | Page |
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| May | | |
| 25 th Men's Shed | Sparke | 10 |
| 25 th Hooe Annual Parish Meeting | Village Hall | 17 |
| 27 th An Evening with Sami Un-Guarded Memorial | Memorial | 23 |
| 29 th Dawn Walk | Lower Street | 9 |
| June | | |
| 2 nd Book Exchange Cafe | Methodist | 11 |
| 5 th Ninfield Flower Group | Memorial | 20 |
| 7 th Carnival Meeting | Sparke | 24 |
| 8 th Ninfield Local History Group | Methodist | 12 |
| 9 th Hooe & Ninfield Open Group | Methodist | 36 |
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| 16 th Musical Matinee | Memorial | 11 |
| 17 th Evening Village Street Market | Memorial | 16 |
| 21 st Summer Solstice sundown | | 9 |
| 25 th Rock n Roll Dance | Memorial | 13 |
| 28 th Messy Church | Methodist | 37 |
| 29 th Men's Shed | Sparke | 10 |
| 29 th Easy on the Ears Music | St. Oswald | 6 |

| REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS at The Memorial Hall | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Mondays | 10.00 Movement to Music | 1.30 Ladies Badminton | |
| Tuesdays | 6.00 Cubs | | |
| Wednesdays | 9.15 Pilates | 10.15 Yoga | 2.00 Art Group |
| Thursdays | 5.00 Beavers | | 7.00 Scouts |
| Fridays | 9.30 Cardiac Exercise | | 10.30 Pilates |
| | 10.30 Crafting & Knitting | | |
| Alternate Fridays | 6.45 Ballroom & Burlesque / Explorers | | |

Ninfield Horticultural Society

It's a quiet month for events for the Horticultural Society, but that's because everyone is so busy with their gardens and keeping those pesky weeds under control - especially the goosegrass which is now everywhere. Apparently, it's a wild edible herb and the seeds have been used to make coffee - and I'm not sure that I'm ready for that yet. But I may ask Jan Black when she comes back to talk to the society as she has an amazing knowledge of herbs and their uses.

So what can you be doing in June? Well - you could be out with your camera and taking photographs to enter for the Summer Show. Classes are:

Garden Party

Harvest Time

Shadows

Butterflies

The Big Dig

My Favourite Local View

(should be within 3 miles of Ninfield and must be named)

and in the garden (apart from regular hoeing and weeding) pinch out side shoots on tomatoes, prune spring flowering shrubs, shade your greenhouse and get ready to harvest those early potatoes

Dark Skies

As we are heading towards the summer and longer days, we will not be meeting at the beginning of June - but keep looking at those night skies!

So what are we doing?

Summer Solstice is 21st June and we will once again meet up to watch the sun go down. Hopefully, we will still be able to meet at the top of the path to Church Wood, but this is still to be confirmed. Sunset is 21.20, so we will probably meet around 9pm, but I will let everyone know - just watch out for the Community Page and Village Voice

Dawn walk - for those mad enough. Monday 29th May, sunrise is at 4.50 and we are planning a Dawn Walk. Starting from Lower Street at around 4am and then to Manchester Road, down Moons Hill and along Marl pits (towards Catsfield) to watch the sun come up over Ashburnham. I will also take the bat meter as we may see bats out hunting. Let me know if you want to join the walk.

Bat Survey - we want to contribute to a national bat survey. If you have bats in your garden (or close by) and are interested in taking part, please contact me. Also if you have hedgehogs, badgers and foxes as the survey also covers these nocturnal animals.

Ninfield Health and Well-being Group

Ninfield Village Society

The Health and Well-being group is affiliated to the Ninfield Village Society whose volunteers have been managing and maintaining Church Wood since it was gifted to the village some 27 years ago. Visitors are most welcome to use and enjoy all the well-being benefits that this beautiful small area of ancient wet woodland, now a designated Local Nature Reserve, offers. Contact: Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

In the Memorial Hall 1st Floor Room every Friday from 10.30 to 12.30. £5 per session. Contact Jane: 01424 892428.

Dark Skies

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

Men's Shed

In Sparke Pavilion at 10 am on the last Thursday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over coffee! Free. Just come along or contact: Dave on 01424 892883.

Health Walks

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

Musical Matinee Film

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

The afternoons are dementia friendly¹ and subtitles are used for those with

hearing loss. The screening and refreshments are free. Doors open at 1.30 and films start at 2.00 with time to chat over tea and cake. To ensure there is enough cake, contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com.

Friday 16 June: Hairspray. **BOOK NOW**

Friday 22 September: Gigi.

Friday 24 November La La Land.

Book Exchange/Community Cafe

This will continue as usual in June and July, but after the Book Café on Friday 4th August will close for the rest of that month, re-opening with Book Cafe on 1st September.

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



THE FOX

Things are starting to warm up, thank goodness, and the bio diversity at the Church yard is increasing. I'm not sure what I feel about the actual word bio diversity, it is only a measure of what's there. I suppose it would be more relevant to look at what's happening to increase or decrease the amount of natural life we have.

It is only a small space but there are things we can do. Most people love to see butterflies but are not that keen on the plants the butterflies use to feed their caterpillars on. To give an example, I have seen the first orange tip butterfly and that charming creature will be looking for a plant called Jack in the Hedge to lay its eggs on. The trouble is that plant goes by another name, weed. Now I am more tolerant of rough land than most. There use to be an ongoing debate between the farm and me the game keeper. Game birds are much easier to hold on your land if they have rough areas for them to scratch around in, especially partridge. The vegetable gardener in me does not find much joy in the cabbage white butterfly. There we all have it, we like what does not clash with are view of things.

This is where the Church yard comes into play. We need pathways to get to the Church and the graves that are being tended and nothing around that may be a hazard.

The rest can be left until the back end of the year, giving a chance for wild

seeds to ripen and caterpillars a chance to pupate. The grass land is important, maybe it is the original grass that was there when the Church was built. I have tried to log the life I see there and it is so numerous that its like trying to count stars.

As bird life goes there seems to be an increase, I can't quantify that, it's just an observation. I can say that I have seen more chaffinches, which is a real joy. As a boy I use to see these birds in there thousands along with the yellowhammer. I have not seen a yellowhammer in an age, lets hope their numbers may increase. In the older books the song of the yellowhammer was meant to sound like. 'a little bread and no cheese'.

Last year there was one snakes head fritillary, this year there were four. That corresponds to an increase. These flowers just seemed to pop up out of the blue, makes you wonder if there are any other surprises just waiting.

Lastly we have a fox that's moved in. There is this hole that has been enlarged, I'm sure its not a badger or rabbits. If I still had my working dogs they would have marked it for me, letting me know what's at home. I could get down to it and sniff, foxes are quite pungent. Unfortunately getting down is assisted by gravity, getting up again will require a strong dog walker to help me.

Now the concert, we have a date – Thursday 29th of June at 7 pm. Due to a massive burst of generosity from Hannah and friends we only need to charge £5 a ticket £2.50 under 16's. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance of our Church. I am hoping we can do a ticket on the door system, that cuts down the expense of printing tickets! AT

THE NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The Ninfield Local History Group's forthcoming meetings include "A History of Beauport Park" by Hugh Willing on Thursday 8th June and local lad Robin Goldsmith will present a talk on "The Royal Observer Corps" on Thursday 13th July. All our meetings are in the Methodist Hall and start at 7.30. Refreshments provided.

Our group is planning a visit to a historical site in August (either Scotney Castle or Newhaven Fort). If you are interested in history, especially local history, now is a good time to join the group. We have a varied and interesting programme throughout the year and we open our archives on the last Monday of each month from 10am until noon.

Did you know that East Sussex has a new Digital Demand Responsive Transport (DDRT) service?

This is what I found on www.eastsussex.gov.uk

East Sussex County Council is launching a new bookable on-demand transport service - ideal if you can't get somewhere by bus.

The new service will be a share ride experience and will operate primarily in our more rural areas of East Sussex, and that includes Ninfield and Hooe.

You will be able to book a ride through an app or by calling the new service.

The transport will cost the same as a bus ticket and will introduce a new flexible approach to travel in East Sussex. If you look for **flexibus** on the website, all the details are there, with maps and lots of information.

And speaking to the new drivers who completed their training in Ninfield

The idea is that you book your journey either on the phone 01273 078203 or using the app on your smart phone (as you would a taxi). If you use the app you pay online as you set up an account but if you phone you pay cash, and your concessionary bus pass is also acceptable. The minibuses have wheel chair access by a lift at the rear.

Each bus works within an area, at the moment these areas are Bexhill, Hailsham, Sedlescombe, Stonegate and South Downs. If you want to go to a stop within the area, just get on then get off, but if you want to go to a different area there are hubs, so for example we are in the Bexhill area and you want to go to Eastbourne you have to change at a hub. So from Ninfield we can go to Battle, Bexhill, Hailsham, Stone Cross, so quite a wide area. More routes are planned. Ninfield is a hub, by the Stocks, so I guess in time we should be able to travel North as well.

If anyone uses the service we'd love you to write a short report, good, bad or indifferent, would you use it again, was it easy, did you get to go where you wanted?

**Last Sunday of the Month
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28th May

25th June

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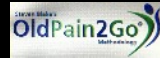
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In 2023, we would provide:

- Dynamo cricket (8–11-year-olds)
- Hardball cricket instruction for 11–12-year-olds
- Training for the disabled division
- Senior League cricket (Sussex Cricket League divisions 5, 10, and 12)
- U14 League cricket
- Sunday and Sunday Development cricket

We are always eager to welcome new members of all levels and abilities at the club.

We also welcome spectators, volunteers to assist with umpiring on game days, and anybody who enjoys gardening and wants to stay active by helping with groundwork, wicket preparation, or general assistance with the ground.

We would also like to welcome the locals to come and watch the games when the sun is shining or support us when it is overcast and we will be playing 7 games at Ninfield, with Pevensey 3rd XI and then there will be another 7 when Herstmonceux 3XI would play. Pevensey 3rd XI take juniors too,

We have BBQ days, mid-week friendlies, and other social events like a 6-a-side.

You can find the details of the club here: <https://pevensey.play-cricket.com/home>

If you have any questions, you can reach us at: pevenseyccinfo@gmail.com

Gaurav Bijlani

Chairman, Pevensey Cricket Club

07702 604293

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 17th June 6.00 - 10.00pm

VILLAGE EVENING STREET MARKET!

NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT

**There will be market stalls in and around the Memorial Hall along with tables and chairs so you can relax and enjoy
live music a light supper
the company of friends and family**

The food stalls will be selling foods to eat now and to take away!

Cheeses, pies, pulled pork, falafel and more

The bar will be open from 6.00 - 10.00

What's not to like ?

NINFIELD BAKING GROUP

After our first inaugural meeting on Saturday 13th May I am very excited to say Ninfield Baking Group is up and running.



We had a great informal meeting and the conversation frequently deviated away from baking so I know we are going to be enjoying some great chats over drinks and bakes in the future.

There were five attendees and five apologies for absence so a very positive and strong start.

It was mixed views whether we meet in person and bake together, or utilise something like Zoom, but for me the purpose of the group is to be sociable and enjoy good company over bakes, so we are looking to meet in person once a month initially and alternate between days/evenings/weekends. We will explore the availability of the Memorial Hall and the Methodist Hall. It was also agreed to charge £5 per person per session to cover the cost of the hall hire.



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The Hooe Parish Councillors have been re-elected following a non-contested election at Hooe Parish Council on the 4th May 2023. The Parish Council has one vacancy remaining for a Parish Councillor and should anyone be interested in filling the vacancy, please contact the Clerk.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7pm in the village hall. The Parish Council welcomes the Hooe residents to the meeting to have their say about issues that are important to them.

The Parish Council will be presenting the Village Hall Options Report to the meeting and is keen to receive the resident's feedback to the report. The Village Hall Options Report is available to read on the website www.hooe-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Council looks forward to seeing you at the meeting.

NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council:

Jackie Scarff 07725 843505 clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

As you will be well aware the Parish and District have had elections this month. There were some residents who expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor but as you will have seen no one new applied.

As there were no more applications the following councillors were elected.

Cllr Kamala Williamson, Cllr Sami Guard, Cllr John Cheshire, Cllr Jackie Langley, Cllr Pete Holland, Cllr Gary Pharo and Cllrs Paul Coleshill, cllr Sheila Collins.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Kamala Williamson was voted in as Chair for the forthcoming year and Sami Guard as the Vice Chair.

Annual Report from The Chair of Ninfield Parish Council.

Following the recent elections, I am pleased to welcome back Councillors Cheshire, Coleshill, Collins, Guard, Holland, Langley and Pharo.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues on the Parish Council for their support, hard work and good humour during the past year.

We say farewell to Kaye Crittall, who stepped down at the elections, and thank her for her 20 years of service to Ninfield, both as a Parish Councillor and a former Chairman.

We congratulate Paul Coleshill on being elected as a District Councillor.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Council and we would be pleased to hear from anyone would is interested.

New Housing in Ninfield

Construction continues on the sites at Manchester Road and Ingrams Farm and please do ensure that if you have any issues email planning@wealden.gov.uk with a copy to our clerk clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk . Despite our planning objections approval was granted for construction of UPTO 65 houses on 20 Acre Field opposite the Memorial Hall. Before work can begin the developer will need to put an application in to agree all the design details.

We are pleased to report that the proposal to build 72 houses north of the High Street was refused.

Parish Council Boundary Review.

In December 2020, a survey of electors in Ninfield resulted in 430 votes 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. The Boundary Commission were impressed with our case and directed us to ask Wealden to state the reasons for their refusal. To date no reply has been forthcoming.

In August 2022, WDC held an online referendum to ascertain voters' wishes. The result was still in favour of moving to Rother.

We remain committed to achieving the residents' wishes.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Preparation of our NDP began in early 2020 just before the Covid pandemic. Councillor John Cheshire has with great dedication led the project team, comprising the Steering Group, Parish Councillors and others residents, working with the community in Ninfield to gather residents' views and to find out what you value about living and working in Ninfield. The aim is to develop a vision of how you would like the Parish to be in the years ahead.

We are now in the final stages of the process, with the revised plan about to go forward to the final consultation known as Regulation 16, organised by Wealden District Council (WDC) who will review the plan for compliance with the relevant section of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. This process includes an online 6 week consultation period, with hard copies available at agreed locations.

We will need the support of residents and business owners to respond to the consultation when it takes place. Ninfield Parish Council will have a link to this consultation on their website.

When the consultation begins, WDC will select a shortlist of independent examiners, but Ninfield Parish Councillors will make the final choice. At the conclusion of the consultation period, WDC will appoint the chosen examiner who will review the Plan, all supporting documents and the results of the public consultation.

The role of the examiner is not to test the soundness of the plan or any other material considerations but to review the written responses to the 6-week consultation and ensure that Ninfield NDP is compliant with the basic conditions, conforms to national and local policies, considers the need to protect environments and habitats, protects heritage and so on.

If the examiner is satisfied their report enables us to proceed to a referendum.

This coming year the Parish Council will be updating the equipment in the children's playground. You may have seen some ideas at the Pram Race.

There will be a new page in the next week or so on the Parish Council website with the ideas and plans.

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 unfailing good humour in going the extra mile for our village. We congratulate her for her achievement in becoming a qualified clerk on passing the CiLCA examination in February 2023.

Kamala Williamson

Ninfield Flower Group

Several members have recently returned from a trip to the Cotswolds organised by one of our members and including members from Bexhill Allotment Society and Little Common Flower Club. We spent five hectic days visiting the gardens of Highgrove, Hidcote, Bowood House and Lydiard House and the towns and villages of Tetley, still tastefully decorated with bunting, Broadway and Chipping Camden. We also visited Gloucester Cathedral where the NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) National Show was taking place. This show is in the form of a competition with 18 different classes and entries from NAFAS members around the UK and abroad. The cathedral was filled with the creations of many talented people and with hundreds of visitors.

At our club meeting on 5th June we welcome a very talented demonstrator as Sian Tribe takes to the stage of the Memorial Hall with her programme "Influential Women". Refreshments from 7pm for a 7.30 start. Visitors £5. We also raffle the arrangements at the end of the evening and we have a sales table selling flower arranging accessories.

Do come along and join us for the evening.

SINGING:

the singing group has moved to weekly sessions throughout May and June (dates have been on the Community Page and Village Voice). Tuesday evening at the Methodist Hall from 7.30pm and Thursday afternoon at the Memorial Hall from 2pm. As I have said previously, all are welcome. You don't have to be a good singer - just enjoy a good sing! There is a small fee of £1 per session to help cover the cost of hall hire

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News, Reviews and Revues - From Sami Guard

First! In case this gets to you before Saturday 27th May...

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Coronation Reports!

The Ninfield Pram and Kart Races event, on Coronation Bank Holiday Monday, was brilliant: the weather held up and the crowds came out!

Lee Astbury, Dan Sowden and Lidja Newton were flat out at the BBQ under the veranda at the Blacksmiths Inn, and the Pub was amazed at the crowds cramming the Bar.

M.C 'King' Robin Fookes held order at the start line , and then had everyone laughing in the car park.

Lots of fabulous Homemade Karts appeared from all corners of the Village, and memories were jogged at the fun from past years .

Everyone was in great spirits, and many expressed a wish that the event become a yearly thing once again.

In the afternoon, youngsters from Ninfield School, King Rafferty and Queen Sophie were Crowned, they will be at the Fête weekend, 14th & 15th July.

Special mention must be made of Charlie and Archie Telford, raising money by using their skills on the Race course, and promoting their impressive selection to represent Great Britain at the Roller Derby World Cup in France this Summer.

Both the Carnival and Bonfire Societies are honoured to be sponsoring the young men, helping with the multiple costs of their trip to the Championships, and we wish them the best of luck...bring back that Gold Medal Team GB!

Huge thanks to the sponsors for the Pram Races event: Athelas Plants and Rutherford Rare Books.; and to all helpers from both societies.

Winners... Juniors- Orlando and Thea 'Their Kart!'

Seniors - Charlie and Percie- 'Team Champion'

Adults - Russ and Nick-'This Outfit'

Fun/Mixed - Thomas and Lily - 'Mini Life Crisis '

Hobby Horse - Roko&Josh- 'Gabe'

Best Kart- 'The Crown'22Fred and Ralpie.

.The Memorial Hall was beautifully bedecked in the appropriate Coronation red, white and blue, with bunting and flags galore. Tables were set for folk to come and have an Afternoon Tea or Lunch, and, along with several others, the invitation was joyfully taken up by Jayne Knight. She, and husband David, created a magical, Ritz style, Full Afternoon tea with vintage china and glass, fabulous food and Champagne flowing. Their guests Katie and Jon also brought vases of spring flowers and their camera - Jon is a very skilled photographer, and the collage of pictures he put together is delightful! The atmosphere was superb, the shame was that more people didn't make it: unforeseen fine weather encouraged people to stay in their gardens and catch up with delayed planting!

Watching the amazing Concert from Windsor in the evening, on the big Screen in the Hall, was just breath taking. Everything was at the highest level of professionalism in Windsor, and the Hall's sound, lights and visuals are now also top quality: those of us gathered -again a pitifully small number - thoroughly enjoyed the enhanced experience.

Just a note here., regarding YOUR Ninfield Village Memorial Hall... PLEASE remember that, apart from all the classes, meetings, parties etc, the Hall CAN do this sort of thing .. relay national or global events on the big screen, provide a Bar, food etc..or there's the use of the facilities as a Conference centre, linking up if necessary with others. Just email ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com we can help you!!!

July Summer Special!

The Village Fête weekend. Friday 14th & Saturday 15th July. on the Rec

Battle of the Bands -Friday 14th July- Music Event, on the Recreation ground - Hosted by Ninfield Bonfire Society. Plus a Group to round off the evening in the marquee- BBQ, Bar, . All details in the Bonfire Society section of this magazine!

Village Fête;- Saturday 15th July again, on the Rec, Including the Village Market and 'Ninfield's Bake-off' - Hosted by Ninfield Carnival Association.

Market open from 11am, BBQ, Bar, Tea Tent,

Fête attractions from Middy.-Bake off, Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Crafts and Societies stands, China Smash, Coconut Shy, Golf game, Welly Wanging, Children's play area, Fun Dog Show 3pm

Music throughout the day...

12.30 - Geri and the Atrix, fabulous fun local band bringing sunshine, songs and laughter!

4pm in the Arena,- tbc but hopefully a local Choir,

5.30pm - HAPPY HOUR at the Bar with a Jazz pianist to entertain.
7pm - STORMY T AND BLUESMAN'S LANE - we're SO pleased to announce that they will be closing the Weekend's events; this Band were a smash hit at the Blacksmiths Inn on Coronation Saturday night, and we're so lucky to have them play us out, til 10pm.

The call/plea is now officially OUT for Bottles and Cakes for the 15th July, and for any new helpers who would like to get involved on the day...all help is very gratefully received!

A Heads Up! It's Never too early to let you know about another great joint venture between the Bonfire Society and Carnival Co.!

The Ninfield Michaelmas Fayre! Saturday 23rd September, centred around, inside, and flowing out from our wonderful Village Parish Church - St. Mary's. There will a full day of events, everything you would expect to find at Michaelmas, plus an evening get together afterwards. More details to come, but keep the date free! Rev. Paul Frostick is very pleased to be involved with this event which coincides with his Harvest Festival in the Church the next day, Sunday 24th September.

Next Carnival meetings:

7th June at SPARKE Pavilion 7.45pm

14th June at TIN HUT (Working Men's Club) 7.45pm

Call Sami 07970650321 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

Editors comments It was with great sadness that we heard about the death of Phil Ringrose, he was so supportive of what we do for the Parish News, including delivering to houses on the Green, he had an aim to try to get every house signed up to receive a copy. He just about made it. Along with all his family, church family and friends we will miss him.

The warm sunny weather is so nice now, the lovely soft green of all the trees is just enchanting, sadly the weeds have found extra vigour but guess you can't have everything. Enjoy the start of summer and keep your articles coming. You may have noticed, this is a bumper issue, 4 extra pages as so much is going on in these two amazing villages. Well done everyone, your hard work organising, attending and writing is much appreciated by all.

Nicki & Carol



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Hooe History Society

Our speaker this month is Steve Hall who is giving a talk on a subject that is high on manyve is a 'Sea Champion' for the Marine Conservation Society based in Bexhill and provides a presentation which covers the background to the society and current MCS campaigns, and how the society has influenced government on environmental matters through providing information. MCS works with the fishing industry, and the talk covers this with a look at immediate problems and ways forward. This talk is interactive. The society is a charity and receives no government funding. Steve is a cartoonist and will bring cards and other items for sale, a proportion of which will go to MCS. Leaflets and literature are free. We meet on Thursday 15th June at 7.30 p.m. in St Oswald's Church. Refreshments will be available, as usual, after the talk.

On a personal note, I would like to offer thanks to one our number, Pam Doodles, who has also been, until last month, our District Councillor at Wealden for the last 24 years. During that time Pam has been a diligent, steadfast supporter for both of our villages in very many ways and I would like to, in these pages, offer sincere gratitude for all of her tireless work and accomplishments.

DID YOU KNOW...during her studies at university my daughter Joanna wrote an essay entitled "Life for a Victorian child in Hooe" as part of her course, using the census, school log books and other sources. I have edited out some of the general statistical information and, with her permission, reproduced her essay across this month and next. I think it's a thoughtful insight into life in our village at that time but my view may be a little biased!

...Hooe is a small, sparsely populated parish in Sussex situated near the coast. During the Victorian period there was a centrally populated area around Hooe Common with some houses spread over the rest of the parish amongst farmland.

The village was self-sufficient since most of the supplies used by families were made and grown within the village. Massive amounts of farmland owned by farmers provided the many impoverished inhabitants of Hooe with poorly paid agricultural jobs. Unfortunately this meant that many people remained in poverty.

School Life

Hooe was fairly lucky to have its own school, since many parishes in England were not so lucky. The school itself was a National School which was built between 1865 and 1871. Before this date it was likely that the

children of Hooe travelled along the road to Ninfield School or didn't attend school. The Elementary Education Act (EEA) 1870 made school attendance compulsory for 5 – 13 year olds. Until 1891 education was not free, therefore parents were forced to send their children to school and pay for their education, which many could ill afford. The layout of the school consisted of two main rooms; the smaller of which was used for the infants (Standard I) and the larger used for the rest of the children (Standards II-IV).

Two open fires that were situated in each room were the only form of heating. Unfortunately the Winter months brought harsh North-Easterly winds that blew smoke back into the building. Windows would have to be opened or the school evacuated, which wasn't particularly favourable in the cold weather. The actual building itself was of poor quality which reflected the wealth of the village quite accurately. Children had to sit in cramped noisy conditions on benches and did their work on slate. Paper was quite a rarity due to its expense. Most of the children walked in to school and for many the journey was long. Clothes in the 19th century were very heavy and soaked up water, therefore many children did not attend school during times of bad weather. peoples' agenda, Marine Conservation. Ste

Children at the school were divided into Standards: I, II, III, IV, V and VI. This split was probably organised by age. The Standards apparently reflected the level of knowledge that was required by the end of each school year by the scholars. Hooe School had a School Master who organised the classes and also taught some of the subjects. He also wrote in a logbook which was made compulsory after the EEA 1870 regarding the day to day activities of the school. Interestingly the vicar played a very important part in the school. He visited at least once weekly and would express his views on the behaviour and progress of the children. Additionally there were a couple of teachers who taught the children and supplied them with work. The School Master appointed several older scholars as pupil teachers. They helped teach some of the younger scholars and many would later become teachers themselves. The main subjects taught in the school were known as the three R's: reading, writing and arithmetic. The scholars were examined in arithmetic once monthly and it was generally considered to be the most important out of the three since it would have been needed by the children in various jobs when they grew up. Singing was an important part of the curriculum; each week a new song was learnt and sung by the children to the vicar. The girls also learnt needlework and sewing. Most of them would aspire to get married and then become housewives. The boys learned other subjects such as Geography and Science which were relevant to the work they would eventually end up doing. Homework was set once

weekly, however somewhat unsurprisingly this was unpopular among many of the parents. Poor families needed their children to earn money and help out with housework after school rather than do homework. Additionally, the majority of the children would not go to college or university so education was seen by many to be a waste of time. School attendance fluctuated a lot throughout the year due to different factors, however it mainly exceeded 100. Even with

the introduction of the EEA 1870, many children were off school in the Spring and Summer for tasks such as hop pole laying, potato picking, blackberrying and bird tending. During the winter months attendance was poor due to bad weather and illness. The school holidays during the Easter and Christmas period were only a few days long usually. An 8 week summer holiday appears quite appealing, however, the children were expected to work during these times.

Hooe had fairs each year during the Spring and Summer which were always official school holidays. On Hooe Club Day villagers would bring their livestock to Hooe Common where they would buy and sell them, stalls would be set up and activities such as a coconut shy would be set up. Entertainers would also perform throughout the day. Children and work Hooe was almost entirely poverty stricken during the Victorian times. Families relied heavily on sending their children as young as 9 to work the fields to earn money. The EEA 1870 was supposed to take children of school age out of wage labour, however the introduction of the Act does not seem to have made much of a difference to the amount of children employed. *To be continued* - Peter Hayward.

ALE AND BEER OAST

In the Middle Ages, sugar was an almost unknown item. Sweetening was usually by using honey, and most drinks were made by brewing, as the boiling killed off most germs found in river water or in towns. Mead was a staple drink, as was fermented grains to make ale. Anyone brewing their own beer will know that the wort or fermented liquid does not have a pleasant enough taste to drink without some additional flavouring, known as “bittering” (hence the word has become synonymous with beer as “bitter”). Less bittering agents would therefore produce a “mild” tasting ale. Herbs would be used such as heather, ground ivy, horehound, mugwort sweet gale, rose hips, rhubarb, yarrow, and sometimes rosemary, sage and bog myrtle, as these also have antiseptic properties to extend the “shelf

Ale was an important source of nutrition in the medieval world. It was one of three main sources of grain in the diet in fourteenth century England, along with pottage and bread, accounting for around 80% of the calorie intake of agricultural. Even nobles received around 65% of their calories from grains. "Small" beer was highly nutritious, with just enough alcohol to act as a preservative and provided hydration without intoxicating effects. Small beer would have been consumed daily by almost everyone including children.

Ale is an alcoholic fermented liquid brewed from grain WITHOUT adding hops. By adding hops, the drink changes from an ale to a beer. As you can imagine, collecting all these different herbs, drying them etc. took a lot of time, but when hops were used, they were cheaper, easier to grow and harvest and simply needed drying. Which is where Oast houses come in! An Oast house or hop kiln is designed for drying hops as part of the brewing process. They are found in hop (or former) hop-growing areas and many redundant Oasts have been converted into houses. Typically a two-storey building (the "stowage") and floors on which the hops were spread to be dried by hot air rising from a fire below. Fresh green hop flowers have a moisture content of some 80%; this needs to be reduced to 6%. The green hops were put into large hessian sacks called pokes and each picker would be paid on the amount of pokes they filled and a tallyman would weigh and count each poke. The green hops were then spread out on the upper drying floor, generally thin square battens at right angles across the joists, with a similar gap between each batten, all covered with a horsehair cloth. For the heat to escape the roof had an angled conical cowl which turned away from the wind.

The freshly picked hops were spread some 12 inches deep, and the furnace lit. When the hops were judged to be dried, the hops were removed using a scuppet, a large wooden framed shovel with a hessian base. The hops would be spread out to cool, and then pressed into large jute sacks called pockets. Each pocket contained the produce of about 150 imperial bushels being 5,500 litres of green hops. It weighed a hundredweight and a quarter, or 140 pounds and was marked with the grower's details, this being required under The Hop (Prevention of Fraud) Act, 1866. The pockets were then sent to market, where the brewers would use the dried hops in the beer-making process to add flavour and act as a preservative.

So that's the difference between ale and beer! And lager? From a Dutch word meaning "to store" and used in WW2 to denote where tanks stopped for the night. Most are produced using a formula using only pure ingredients, without all the additives that some beers have, added to keep a head, or to give you a headache in the belief that you don't think you've had a good night out unless you feel wretched the next day.

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Worms Eye View

“A good leak in June, sets all in time”

Well this rhyme might mean well, but I only hope that we do not have too much rain in June. I know that the rain is good for farm crops and in gardens as it helps promote good growth, but I am sure, like me, you are all looking forward to a warm and sunny June.

It is said that this month is named after the Roman Goddess Juno, the queen of the heavens and protector of the new moon. She was also known as the goddess of fertility and childbirth. It was customary after the birth of a baby for a place to be laid for her or him at the family table.

I must say we have already had a lot of blossom on the various trees and bushes and so will be ready to go fruit picking for jam, jelly and wine or my favourite Sloe Gin.

It has been lovely again to see the lambs growing quickly and gathering in groups to go dancing around the fields and then stopping to watch me as I walk around the field checking them (and their mothers) each day, as well as looking out for the new calves and their mothers.

Shearing wont be long with lambs bewildered at first by their mothers appearance wool less, but they really soon find Mum and have a good feed.

On St Barnabas day, 11th June, it is reckoned the first crop of hay will be ready for cutting. This was a hard task before the advent of mechanical mowing. The grass was cut with long handles scythes, then left in the field to dry, as if it had been stacked green it risked getting hot, and would spontaneously combust. During drying it needed to be turned by hand every couple of days. Then once dry it was loaded onto carts and made into large haystacks. Gosh it was hard work.

By the way, if it rains on St Johns Day, 23rd June, we may expect a wet harvest. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a Lovely warm dry summer.

Anne

Closing date for items for the **JUNE issue** of the Parish News is
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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

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

NBS will hold a stall at the Ninfield Village Market on the evening of Saturday 17th June. Come and see us and have a chat about what we do and if you like, join as a member! We run tombola and if you need some NBS clothing, we sell a range of merchandise which you can place an order for.

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

- Ninfield Carnival Weekend – Joint event with Ninfield Carnival on the 14 th/ 15 th July. NBS will be hosting the Friday night with 'Battle of the Bands', BAR, Food and lots of Live Music!

- Michaelmas Festival returns to Ninfield on Saturday, 23 rd September. This will be a joint event with Ninfield Carnival and Rev Paul Frostick of St Mary's Church, on Church Lane, Ninfield.

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

The Bonfire night, torch lead procession, effigy and fireworks display that we put on for our community, costs in the region of £10,000.

It is a free event for the local community. So if you've enjoyed Bonfire night last year in the village, then why not support Ninfield Bonfire by joining as a member? Join online, at one of our meetings or visit us at one of the monthly

Ninfield Village Markets to pay your membership.

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NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks Display 21 st October 2023

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Coronation Celebrations

A huge vote of thanks is due to the Church Wardens and St Oswald's Church for organising a Coronation Picnic on the Sunday of Coronation weekend. We were all able to sit outside, enjoy the sunshine and relax in beautiful surroundings with friends. We brought our own picnic but there was hardly a need to do that as the Church provided endless hot drinks and mountains of delicious homemade cakes which we all thoroughly enjoyed. So thank you – for arranging the only Hooe village event for Coronation weekend

It was wonderful to hear the Bells. Our Bell ringers responded to the call and joined in with the whole of the country to **Ring for the King**.

By the way – they are always looking for new folk to join their team. Why not give it a go – one is never too young or too old to learn!

.....and if you were wondering who made the amazing Crown which was displayed on the Flag Green – wonder



no more! As usual Dick (Carey) stepped up and created the Crown for us! We were able to display it again at our May Coffee morning where it was much admired by one and all. To slightly misquote Margaret Thatcher - Every village needs a Dick! We are fortunate indeed that he continues to play such an active part in the community.

May Coffee Morning

May coffee morning and Library was, as usual, well supported. What is the attraction? Perhaps it is the delicious homemade cakes and ground coffee on offer, or the vast selection of books and jigsaws available to borrow free of charge. It could be the fact one can chose to sit inside the church or outside, enjoying the countryside with family and friends, new and old. The car park is much appreciated too as is the fact one can walk via the many footpaths that lead to the church. HVCG may organise the monthly coffee mornings but it is the folk who attend who make the events so enjoyable

But now for the BAD NEWS.....

You may recall that last month we reported on the Community Litter Pick which look place in Hooe recently. We mentioned that litter that had been dumped at the side of the road the very next day following the Community event. There was no room in the Parish News last month for the photo but we were so disgusted that some thoughtless person should empty the contents of their vehicle onto our verge we thought it important to show you. Who would have believed it?



HVCG was delighted to present

Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team

a cheque to the value of £250.00

Following the presentation we were able to hear so much more about their invaluable work

As many of you may know Peter Doodes was a Beachy Head Chaplain for many years. He would be very happy to talk to you about their work and to answer your questions



Coming up.....

June 10th Monthly coffee morning: – by popular demand! Enjoy all the usual attractions!

Community Footpath Walk and Cream Tea

This will be held on a Saturday in July, date to be confirmed. Plans are well in advance for the walk which will be guided by Gary (Durman) Gary will be the perfect guide. You will recall that, when he was a Hooe Parish Councillor, he took over the responsibilities of footpaths. He walked them regularly, keeping them clear for us all to use and ensuring the styles were in good order, reporting those which needed repair.

If the walk does not attract you we can wave the walkers off and then enjoy the delight of the Durman's garden, great company and a special afternoon cream tea. When the walkers return we can hear all about their adventures and perhaps partake of an additional tea! Further details next month and, in due course, on our website

Details of events can be found on our website and Facebook page, please check them out. As always, please suggest possible future events and also charities you would like us to consider for support

Hooe Village Community Group working together for the good of everyone

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met on Friday 12th May at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield.

Our speaker was Michelle Pannell who is manager of the Bexhill & Battle Foodbanks. She enlightened us about the role Foodbanks now have in the community as opposed to probably most people's view of them just handing out food for the needy. They still do, of course, supply three days of food per person but now the emphasis is trying to find ways of helping people manage their finances or put them in touch with charity groups who can help in practical ways which will hopefully mean they will no longer need to rely on the help of the Foodbank in the future.

We finished the afternoon with cakes and a glass of wine to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 111.

Our next meeting is Friday 9th June 2.00p.m when we will be visiting Athelas Plant Nursery for a guided tour followed by a light tea at Hope Cottage.



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Sunday Services for June 2023:

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| 4th | 10.30 am | Café Family Worship with John Troughton |
| 11th | 10.30 am | Worship & Praise Service |
| 18th | 10.30 am | Worship, Praise & Communion with Revd. Neville Barnett |
| 25th | 10.30 am | Worship & Praise Family Service |

Events for June 2023:

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| 2nd | 10.00-11.30am | Book exchange & Cafe in Hall & |
| Fridays | 10.00-11.30am | Community Café |
| 14th | 2.30 – 4.00pm | Christian Womens Fellowship |
| 28th | 3.30 – 5.30pm | Messy Church – Theme: ‘Breakfast on the Beach’ |

We look forward to our services & activities shown above.

Community café continues to be very popular on Fridays weekly so any of the ‘helpers’ will be pleased to see you.

Our Messy Church in June celebrates the theme of ‘Breakfast on the Beach’ when Jesus appeared to the disciples after Easter, & His resurrection. It is a lovely ‘gem’ of a story which is recorded in St. John’s Gospel chapter 21. You will remember that some of Jesus’ disciples went out fishing one evening. But that night they caught nothing until this stranger on the beach, in the morning, called out & suggested they try again by casting their net on the right-hand side of the boat. When they did this the net was full of a large number of fish. Peter then realised that this stranger was Jesus. They went ashore & all then shared breakfast together on the beach.

What a lovely story to share ... do come along & worship with us whenever you can We will be pleased to welcome you.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis ch 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Jacob had cheated his father and brother, and had run away to stay with his uncle Laban. On the way there..

Jacob saw angels and heard God.

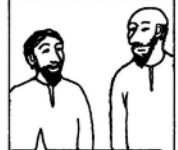


At Laban's house, Jacob met his cousin Rachel



Work for me for 7 years and you can marry her

7 years later



Can I marry Rachel now?

But Laban tricked him into marrying her sister Leah



So Jacob worked 7 more years to marry Rachel



Then he said to Laban

As you aren't paying me wages, can I have the black sheep?



Laban agreed, but that day he moved all the black sheep far away



But God blessed Jacob and his black flock grew



Laban became very jealous of Isaac



Your father doesn't like me any more. We need to go back to my home.



They waited until Laban was away..



but he was told ...



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