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St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



| Date | St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated | St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated |
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| 1 st May | Parish Eucharist | Family Service |
| 8 th May | 10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist | <i>No Service</i> |
| 15 th May | Family Eucharist | Parish Eucharist |
| 22 nd May | Parish Eucharist | Parish Eucharist |
| 29 th May | 10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist | <i>No Service</i> |
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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

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Dear Friends,

I expect like me you are saddened, even appalled to see the pictures on our TV screens of the events unfolding in Ukraine! We are so used to seeing violence in our films at the cinema and on the TV that we sometimes have to stop and think that this is reality, these are not actors, they are real people, real children! My heart goes out to them. Yet my heart is uplifted by the amount of effort and generosity happening across the globe to provide help to these terrified people. Death is a part of life but not this way.

Following a number of tragic deaths in the news, the radio programme I switched on in the car was doing a 'phone-in' feature on how to cope with the death of a loved one or friend. They listed various things people do, such as running the London Marathon for a charity in memory of the one who had died, and other 'coping mechanisms' or therapies. I am sure that, in their own way, they were positive and helpful suggestions, but I was sad to notice that there was not even a suggestion of offering the Christian hope of eternal life. All the suggestions were limited to the acceptance that life was over, and all that was left was memory. Those people in Ukraine need to have hope, they need to be able to look to the future but that's easy for me to write. I am not there. I have no idea how I would cope in such horrific circumstances; I cannot even begin to imagine what they are going through. Thursday 26th May is Ascension Day. Ascension Day affirms the sanctity of life in that God not only became man in Jesus Christ, but that after his death and Resurrection, Jesus took our humanity to 'the right hand of God on high'. Jesus came down to earth from heaven that we might go with him from earth to heaven. But Ascension Day is followed with Whitsunday or Pentecost. Having ascended back to be with the Father, Jesus sent his promised gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. What a transformation!

So if Jesus ascended as the affirmation of his life as God's purposes for life in his world, and if we can worship and pray through the Holy Spirit – then we have no choice but to recognise the sanctity of life, and that the value we place on any other life is the value we place on our own: then it is our duty and our joy to identify ourselves with the work of the Church and humanity in general to go out together in the power of the Spirit to live and work to his praise and glory. My hope and indeed prayer is that this tragedy will be over by the time this letter is published. Sadly, I doubt it. So let us pray for guidance to see the way forward and to find ways in which we can help these poor souls begin to rebuild their lives and their country. There are many acts of kindness happening locally as we try to collect money and goods to send to Ukraine. From a distance we try to do what we can, indeed often going that extra mile. That work needs to continue well into the future

but more importantly we need to work for a worldwide recognition of the sanctity of life. That is the only way we can have a future!

Paul Frostick

PRAYER FOR MAY

Dear Father in Heaven,

As we thank you for May, this most beautiful of months, we are aware that not everything in your world is beautiful; not every attitude or action is beautiful, or kind, or just.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we can sometimes feel overwhelmed. Help us, Lord to remember that Jesus came to bring all this brokenness together, to bring reconciliation and wholeness. Thank you that by His life, death and resurrection Jesus overcame death for ever. Thank you that He ascended into heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come to live in believers, to give strength and power and resilience so that Your work goes on.

Thank you that nothing in all creation – no evil attacks, no illness, no human powers, no circumstances at all – can ever separate us from Your love.

We will not be overwhelmed as we keep our eyes on You.

We may not always understand, but we acknowledge You to be the Lord, who reigns over all – and we are thankful.

In Jesus name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

St Oswald's Parish Church

Funeral of Dick Sargent- April 5th

Funeral and burial of Barbara Payne April 14th

*from the
Parish Records*

FOR SALE The article about Ninfield Church attendance that I put in last month is being repeated this month as this edition is going to every house in our two parishes. Thank you for the replies I have received, which is why I was asked to include it in this edition! .

Paul

FOR SALE!



It saddens me to say this, but although this is a picture of St Mary's, it might be closer to the truth than we think! The situation cannot continue as it is for much longer! As know I am involved in the village as much as possible and it seems people appreciate that. I am a great believer in the church going out into the community. The problem is they do not come to church.

The church finances are stretched to the limit. We just have had a new boiler fitted which cost over £8000. That is a lot for a small, even minute congregation to find! Last Sunday there were only 6 in church! That was the priest, the organist, my wife, and daughter so there were only 2 other members of the congregation there!

That is quite normal these days. A few have not returned since the lockdown for various reasons. Before Covid struck the situation was improving with more attending. To be totally honest I do not know the answer to this! We all know people want the church to be there for their weddings, baptisms, funerals etc but the church cannot exist just for those functions. It must operate every other day of the week as well. If the church did close then burials would not be allowed in the churchyard! It is not just a matter of finances either. When we held the open-air service on Remembrance Sunday there were over 160 people there! The online services I did during the lockdown had over 150 people using them, and probably more, as many were couples tuning in! That shows there is an interest in the life of the church. So why are there so few attending church? There are many other calls on people's time these days and church is competing with all this. Maybe we are not offering what people want?

This is not just a problem for Ninfield, it is happening in other communities as well. Yet Catsfield and Hooe are doing well. Why?

My purpose in writing this is not to scare monger but to start a dialogue. Please let me know your views, what we can do, what is it we are not doing?

I would not like to be the one on whose watch the church closed. In a way it is coming to the stage of use it or lose it! I love being involved in the village, but the time will come when I have to hand the baton on to someone else. Who knows what will happen next? It is very probable that the villages will be merged with others under one priest. I have no idea what that will be or when, but I am just asking the question at this stage. I would love to see a thriving church, as that would encourage us all. Please email me your suggestions and comments so that I might take them on board as we plan for the future. I would love to be able to say the glass is half full but at this stage it doesn't look like it.

Paul Frostick paul.frostick@sky.com

ST MARY'S NINFIELD

We are pleased to let you know that we have had planted a Covid Memorial Tree opposite the south door of the church to replace the tree that died during the pandemic. The tree is a Sweet Gum which when it matures will have some lovely flowers in the autumn.

It is to be dedicated by the Rev. Paul Frostick during the special service for the Queen's Jubilee in June. The tree was kindly donated by Andy Hill of Foxhill Tree Services who undertakes tree work for us from time to time in the churchyard.

We are as a congregation very grateful to Andy for this for this very kind act which I am sure will be welcomed by all who regularly go through the churchyard.

Phil Ringrose

Editors' Note We are so very pleased this month to be able to bring you this special edition of the Parish News thanks to the generosity of Hooe Parish Council and Ninfield Village Memorial Hall and we hope you all enjoy the extra read!

As well as information about all the events taking place in May we have listed everything that we know about celebrating HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee in Hooe and Ninfield, and there's a lot! There's also a lot of preparation, so get those costumes and crowns ready, bake cakes and savouries, volunteer to help on one of the days, putting up and taking down marquees, moving tables and chairs, putting up bunting etc etc etc, there is a very long list!



We'd like to thank all the contributors to this special edition and hope many of you will continue to send in articles from time to time
ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com *Nicki & Carol*

NEWS FROM ST. OSWALD'S.

St. Oswald's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Saturday 16th July 1.00pm-4.30pm

FREE entrance

St. Oswald's was delighted with the response to a coffee morning in the church recently and as a result we have offers of help from at least 30 people.

Offers range from setting up through car parking duties to running or helping on a stall. We intend to make it a very festive occasion with the church dressed in summer flowers.

There will be a BBQ to stem the pangs of a missed breakfast or as a preamble to a lavish array of delights from the tea stall, Cakes and Jams to take home and a myriad of other stalls ranging from Strawberries and Cherries (NEW) through Plants to an enlarged Bric a Brac incorporating Nearly New and Books. Fun and games will include a Human Fruit Machine, Whack the Rat, Face Painting and Bowling for a PIG (bit of). Not forgetting loads of other opportunities to spend some cash including a Tombola, Raffle, Guess the Weight of the Cake and 50/50.

VISITORS BOOK

"We love this church" AB/NK

"Just visiting" AH

SPRING CLEAN

Forty people turned up to help!

It was great to see so many people, young and older, prepared to give up their Saturday morning to help clean and tidy the Church and grounds.

Outside, fallen branches were collected, dead trees cut down, ground gutters cleared and hedges trimmed.

Inside, among other jobs, radiators were vacuumed, windows, doors and walls were brushed and pew cushions cleaned.

A big thank you to everyone.

From the Churchwardens and PCC of St Oswald's Hooe.

Closing date for items for the **JUNE** edition of the Parish News is **FRIDAY 13th MAY** please send to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

May Diary

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PS, Please check with the organisers for events at Hooe Village Hall as it is currently closed for essential repairs

Regular Weekly Events @ Memorial Hall

Mondays - Movement 2 Music, 10.15 : Ladies Badminton 1.30:

Tuesdays - Cubs 7.00

Wednesdays - Pilates 9.15; Yoga 10.15: Art Group 2.00: Dancercise 6.45:

Thursdays - Mums & Toddlers 9.00: Beaver 5.00pm: Scouts 7.00pm:

Fridays - Fit/Cardio 9.30; Pilates 10.30; Craft & knit 10.30; Ballroom 7.15

Regular Weekly Events @ Methodist Hall

Tuesdays - Legs, Bums & Tums 9.30; Pilates 10.30;

OUR SCHOOL Jubilee Special

As the Jubilee falls at the end of the May school holidays we will be having our Jubilee celebrations before the main event actually takes place.

We are starting our celebrations off with a 'street party' in the playground. This will take place on Friday 20th May and will involve all of the children, their parents and guardians. Traditional party food, flags and bunting will be much in evidence and the children have been asked to come dressed in red, white and blue. During the afternoon, each class will perform their own set piece associated with the 70 years of her majesty's rule.

Afterwards there will be an exhibition in the hall depicting each decade since the Queen came to the throne and showing some of the work the children have produced in class. Each class has been given a different decade to look at so the results should bring back fond memories to those of us able to remember most of them!

Parties are great, but they don't last forever so we also decided to start a project that would give us a lasting memory of the Jubilee. With very little space for individual support and learning in the main school buildings and with limited funds available in an already restricted school budget we have embarked on our challenge to finance and build a safe and secure outside space. As a rural school we felt that a Shepherds Hut would be a suitable building for this and as this is the Queens 70th Jubilee year we thought that it would be appropriate to call it our Jubilee Hut.

You can follow the progress of our Jubilee Hut Project on our School Website (ninfieldceschool.org.uk) where you will also find details of how you can purchase our special Jubilee Souvenir items. So look out for the fundraising events that we will be running throughout the year and dig deep to help us to get our Jubilee Hut up and running before the end of this Jubilee year.

Ian Moffat

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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At a successful parish council meeting funds were allocated to upgrade many of the parish council's facilities, including the village hall, sport's pavilion, sports storage shed, recreation grounds and the allotments to bring them up to standard so they can be continued to be used by villagers. In the interim the village hall and sport's pavilion will be closed to allow for essential health and safety work to be carried out.

The parish council will be holding council meetings at St. Oswald's Church while the village hall is closed, and the next council meeting is to be held on the 16th May 2022. The new parish council is keen to hear your views on improving the village and for the longer term ambitions for the village. Meetings will be held with the villagers during the course of the year where councillors can hear the issues and concerns from local villagers.

A group of enthusiastic villagers have come together with an idea to brighten up the village by making and designing planters to be sited in key locations in the village. If you would like to help with the Hooe in Bloom project, please contact Jeanette on jeannette.austin@me.com who will be keen for some extra pairs of hands.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Hooe

Hooe celebrations will take place on the evening of Thursday 2nd June commencing with a street party outside the Red Lion. The pub will have a BBQ and pizza oven and a mobile bar operating. We will be encouraging residents to bring along salads, cakes and pies for all to share. During the evening we have lots of proposed ideas for entertainments including games old and new, bingo, a small disco, a magician and a history of Hooe quiz before we all head along the road to the Beacon to hear Hooe

Silver Band playing before we light the Beacon at our allocated time of 21.45. More details to follow, lookout for the flyer through your door. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions to make this a memorable evening, or would like to help please contact

Cllr Ann Loyd email: loyd.ann@btinternet.com or 0790 9449447 or contact Natalie and Lee in the Red Lion Pub.

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

will be putting on a display of photos illustrating the different decades of the reign of the Queen. This will be on show in one of the tents on Saturday 4th June. A further chance to see this exhibition will be in the Sparke Pavilion on Monday 27th June 10am to 12 noon. Sparke Pavilion is open every Monday between 10.00 and 12.00 where you'll find lots of information and helpful people to guide you through the history of Ninfield.

We meet monthly in The Methodist Hall where we are entertained by a talk on a varied range of subjects. Our May meeting however, is different, it is a visit to the Mint House in Pevensey followed by afternoon tea at the Castle Cottage Tea Room. This is a unique opportunity to see an untouched Tudor building before it undergoes a major refurbishment. This will be on Thursday 12th May and it is essential that you book, so please call John 892248 if you are interested

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

It seems as if spring has sprung at last and Church Wood is looking fabulous. The wood anemones are looking even better than normal, trees are coming out in leaf, the birds are singing and it looks as if there will be a good show of bluebells in a couple of weeks. We are indeed blessed to have such a wonderful community asset in the centre of our Village. As usual our volunteers have been busy keeping things there in order, safe and accessible for the increasing number of visitors who come to use and enjoy the woods.

You may not know that, with the considerable help of our parish Council, church wood was officially designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) having met the relevant stringent requirements. In order to mark this achievement we are planning to hold a formal opening ceremony of our nature reserve on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 10.30am, meeting at the top main entrance bridge area and you are most welcome to join us for this. After the opening we will be offering free conducted tours of the wood giving some information of the works carried out by the Village Society since it was gifted to the Village some twenty seven years ago. This event is planned to be part of village events being organised for the four day platinum jubilee celebrations.

In the village we volunteers spent a delightful morning with children and teachers from the “Muddy Boots” pre-school planting saplings donated to them by the Woodland Trust. It was hard going on some of the ground but the children’s enthusiasm overcame this and finding the occasional worm, which had to be named of course, proved an added bonus. They are hoping to plant some more saplings around the village and church wood.

A village Litter pick is organised to take place from 10am to finish by 12 noon On Saturday 30th April meeting at Sparke pavilion. As in previous years the society will provide equipment needed ,we just need volunteers for this worthwhile and satisfying job. Children accompanied by a responsible person are especially welcome.

For more information on any of the above please contact :

David Swales 01424 892248 secretary,

Roger Saunders 01424 236920 chairman, or

Robin Goldsmith 01424 892778 Treasurer.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

As we slowly get back to some sort of normality and confidence returns, it is nice to see and catch up with friends again, especially as we have been blessed with some wonderful speakers this year. Our attendances are back towards pre-Covid levels and I anticipate that May will continue this trend as Ken Brooks is set to visit us on Thursday the 19th to talk on one of his favourite subjects, Fossil Folklore. Ken is one of those speakers we keep asking to return, as he is always very well received. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

We are always looking out for stories and photos on Hooe from those who have lived here or have something to tell. Please feel free to get in touch – peterhayward1@hotmail.co.uk or call me on 893422. I am sure there are many interesting stories still out there somewhere...

DID YOU KNOW... here is the final part of the story of the construction of the new Marsh Road in 1931. The writer does not appear overly impressed with the new road layout.

A changing landscape.

It is another example of the old order changing and yielding place to the new. The demand for a better and more direct road between Bexhill and Eastbourne is being met but at a cost. Modern engineering has taken up its stand where once the Romans walked, where William and his Normans landed, where for centuries the salt winds have swept across the old marsh, which seemed so remote from that thing called progress.

A landscape is being sacrificed on the altar of the god of speed. Where once the motor car shared with the cow the distinction of winding slowly, perforce, across the lea, the cow will now have to do the winding on its own and raise its puzzled head to watch the cars flash by on the straight, wide way.

Seen from the bottom of the newly cut road, Barnhorn Hill now presents an unusual sight, with high banks, looking almost as if cut with a knife, on either side of the road. A network of little railway lines leads from the excavator, and down them rattle the trucks of earth, drawn by curiously shaped motors fitted with Diesel engines. Twelve trucks at a time are pulled across the marshes right to Pevensey, although at present there is a temporary stoppage, due to the construction of a bridge near the Lamb Inn.

New Bridges

The laying of the foundations of this bridge, which will take the place of the old Sewers Bridge, is the first feature of interest on the way down the road from the hill. The new road intersects the old lane just before it crosses the dyke at this point and starts on its direct course across the marshes. The bridge will be of the box culvert type. A pile-driver is hard at work, being operated by compressed air, and its thumping noise can be heard in almost any part of the marshes.

From this bridge the new road runs south of the old one for about 200 yards, when it intersects it again and then continues westward on the north side to Pevensey. At Middle Bridge a new bridge about 100 yards away from the old one is to be built, and will have a 27 feet span. At Pevensey the old bridge, which carries the road over the dyke into the village, will be rebuilt and widened considerably.

Above flood level

The marsh road will be raised above the highest known flood level, thus making it possible to motor in safety even when the surrounding fields are under water. Much of the earth that is being taken from Barnhorn Hill is being used to help raise the road level.

Work has been in progress on the new road since February, and it is hoped to have it ready for use by the spring of 1933. There still remains an enormous amount of difficult constructional engineering to do, which will take time. In addition, the road which has been cut through Barnhorn Hill has now to be dug to a depth of a foot by means of pick and shovel in order to be cambered, and similar work will have to be carried out all along the route. The length of the road from where it will join Barnhorn-lane to Pevensey is three and three-quarter miles.

What will become of the old road is a question that has yet to be settled.

THE NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY held their first art exhibition in 2 years on April 9th & 10th at the Memorial hall.

Friday 8th was setting up in the afternoon with plenty of paintings going on display both on the central display unit and on tables around the perimeter of the room.

The footfall of the public was down on previous years probably because the weekend weather was sunny and inviting to enjoy the outdoors. The art work is created by local amateur artists using oils, watercolours, acrylic and pencil and ink covering many topics such as landscapes, animals etc.

Quite a few of the group had the good fortune to sell some of their work, but it was a pleasure just to be able to exhibit our art work for what is primarily a hobby

Our charity this year was for the Ukraine appeal and we hope to give £250.00 towards it.

We meet at the Memorial Hall each Wednesday, 2.00 - 5.00pm. Our numbers are down this year so if there is anyone interested in joining us in a relaxed and informal art group please ring the number in the Parish magazine

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NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Ninfield Horticultural Society was originally formed in September 1951 and we will be celebrating our 70 years +1 on October 17th with a talk by a Celebrity Guest Speaker, Juliet Sargeant. Juliet is a RHS Gold Medalist and BBC Gardener's World presenter. This will be a ticketed event and further information to follow.

This year, our regular updates in the Parish News have included extracts from old minutes books (recently donated to the Society). Coincidentally, considering this edition is all about Ninfield's Jubilee celebrations, in 1952 the Horticultural Society received a letter offering a Coronation Prize of £3 to be given to the garden with 'the most colourful effect' I wonder which garden would win in 2022?

With the exception of 2020 and 2021, the society organised two successful shows each year as well as evening talks between September and April. All events are open to everyone - you do not have to be a member, although membership of £5 per year is very good value for money. In addition we run a Plant Market and Coffee Morning in April. We are a very friendly society with everyone willing to share knowledge and experience. At our Spring Show we welcomed new and less experienced exhibitors, all of whom won at least one class, so we would really like to see more of you have a go. The next show will be in August - with flowers, vegetables, pot plants, baking, jams, chutneys and children's classes there will be something for everyone.

Kaye Crittall

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 21st May 9.30 - 12.00

VILLAGE MARKET

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL PRODUCERS & CRAFTERS

April's market was quieter than some, but being Easter and glorious weather there was lots to do, but those there were pleased with their purchases of local beef and lamb, blue cheese, honey and eggs, and Maggie did us proud with even more cakes than before plus quiches and sausage rolls - and she sold out!

The Community Table had various plants donated, which all sold, so 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.

We have tables available for local food producers, especially pies, breads, fruit and veg, drinks - again call 01424 893326 and leave a message.

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Fun, Friendship and Flowers is the motto for all NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) affiliated flower arranging groups and Ninfield is no exception. It is a flourishing, friendly group of people (women and men!) whose love of flowers has encouraged them to develop their creative skills through the art of flower arranging. We will be arranging flowers for the Jubilee celebrations in the Memorial Hall and in St Mary's church and providing a floral element to the Messy Church event at the Methodist Hall on June 1st.

On National Flower Arranging Day, which is May 6th, look out for flowers in the village shop and also a bouquet or two around the village to be taken home.

Our monthly meetings include demonstrations and workshops; there is a sales table selling floral sundries, a raffle and a "50" club. These meetings are held in the Memorial hall on the first Monday of the month from 7pm with a 7.30pm start and our qualified demonstrators create 5 or 6 designs which are raffled at the the end of the evening, much to the delight of the recipients. Additional monthly workshops - "Flower classes for enjoyment" - are held in the Methodist church hall on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7.30pm. Our title for May is "Fit for a Queen".

This year Ninfield Flower Group celebrates its 45th anniversary and on August 27th, 28th & 29th we will hold a flower festival in the Memorial Hall with the title "Flowers go Pop". Over the years we have raised over £45,000 for both local and national charities. Recent beneficiaries include Hearing dogs for the deaf, Bexhill Street Pastors, Sara Lee Trust and Breast Cancer Care. One of our chosen charities this year will be Target Ovarian Cancer in memory of our late Treasurer.

Our next meeting on May 9th at 7.30pm will be an illustrated talk by the much respected horticulturalist, Jim Buttress. He will be telling us all about the creation of the World Garden at Lullingstone Castle. Tickets are £5 and may be purchased on the door or call 07966 659552.

Future meetings include "Floral Cocktails" with Susan Tausig on Monday 6th June and "More Fabulous Flowers" with Lucinda Knapman on Monday 4th July.

We look forward to welcoming you.

S.C Pass+Move

S.C Pass+Move are an FA Accredited youth focussed grass roots football club based in Battle & surrounding villages, we have 37 teams from the Under 7 age group through to a veterans team (aged 35+), 35 of these teams are youth teams and we offer football coaching and the opportunity to play in teams for children of all abilities and experience.

We've been playing at Ninfield recreation ground for the last two seasons and have enjoyed a lovely welcome from the Parish Council and residents of Ninfield, we also have a number of children who live in the village playing within the club which is great. Our matches tend to be on a Saturday and Sunday morning and we share usage of the football pitch with Ninfield FC men's team who have had a great first season playing back at the Rec.

We'd like to thank the patience and understanding of neighbours and businesses around the Rec on match day, we do ask our members and opposition to park thoughtfully.

We pride ourselves in trying to always give back to our local community, in addition to the pitch improvement work that took place last September we will again undertake a similar programme of work once the cricket season has finished to try and improve the playing surface and have recently purchased a new ride on mower for use on Ninfield Recreation Ground, we have also made this available to the cricket club in the hope that everyone can benefit from this.

We have recently managed to secure an external security cabinet and Automated External Defibrillator via the Premier League's Defibrillator Fund, this will shortly be installed at Ninfield Village Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground, hopefully this will never be used but it is good to know there is one there in case of emergency.

We look forward to continuing to be a part of the wider Ninfield Community and continuing to see children playing football within the village.

Should you or your child like further information on becoming part of Pass+Move you can contact our Chairman, Tony Harris, on 07545 813535 or via email tony.harris@pass-move.com

There's plenty of other opportunity to keep fit with **Susan Trimmer's classes**. At the Methodist Hall you'll find Legs, Bums and Tums at 9.30, followed by Fitness Pilates at 10.30 every Tuesday
And at the Memorial Hall on Wednesdays are Fitness Pilates at 9.15 and at 10.15 Fitness Yoga then on Fridays Fab Fit/Cardio Workout at 9.30 and Fitness Pilates at 10.30 To book a place text 07977 872 284



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SATURDAY 21st MAY

NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

an evening with..... SAMI - un- Guarded...!

Yes, it's 'Head above the Parapet' time! Some may say Brave...some Stupid.. but hey ho, I've been waiting for 2 years to do this Show here, and now the time has come! It's extremely nerve wracking, so listen very carefully, cos I'm only doing this ONCE!!!

You know the format, 'cos you've seen it on TV - 'An Audience with ..' So, basically, I'll tell you lots of fascinating stories, and bits of gossip/scandal from my life working in Film, TV, Theatre and Radio (over 45 years...!!): some funny tales, a bit risqué sometimes, edgy occasionally too...There'll be music, some film clips, lots and lots of memorabilia to look through....and YOU can have some fun, hopefully a bloomin' good laugh, and you can ask questions too..(be nice!)

Oh, and you'll have a lovely Supper before the Show - Creamy Chicken Casserole with Jacket Pots or Rice, and there will be a Vegetarian option, Courgette & Pepper Provencale.

The Licensed Bar will be open from 7pm - Prosecco, Wines, Beers etc and soft drinks....so come on...what's not to love!

Adults only. - Tickets are on sale now - £10 per person, to include Supper - why not get a table together?!

All profits after costs will go towards putting on the Platinum Jubilee Over 60s Afternoon Tea and Cabaret.

BOOK NOW!! You will be surprised.....!

I will be selling tickets at the Village Market too...!

Call 893699, 07970650321 email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

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 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. In June, NBS will be very much involved in the four day event celebrating

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including hosting the procession of lights and lighting of the Beacon on the Thursday night.

We will be having a stall at the Village Fete on the Saturday where we will have lots of games, an information table about NBS and joining the society as a member. We will also be dusting off the 'Human Table Football game' so get your teams ready! More information is available in this edition of the Parish news and more to follow.

If you are a local business and would like to become a Sponsor of the Ninfield Bonfire Society then please contact us at ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com or Sarah on 07809684488.

NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks Display will be held
on Saturday, 22nd October.

Find us on Facebook - Instagram - www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk
Remember, Remember the 5th of November

Ninfield Parish Council

Clerk Jackie Scarff ♦♦♦♦ 07725 843505
e-mail – clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

We hope you all had a Happy Easter and have enjoyed the fantastic daffodils this year, as usual the foliage will be left to die off so that the bulbs are fed for next year's flowers. Hopefully, you will have noticed that the verges have now had the first cut of the year and this will continue monthly until the end of September.

On Monday 16th May we have our Annual Parish Meeting, at the Memorial Hall on at 6.30 pm. Please do come along, there are nibbles and drinks and it's a chance to hear from all the clubs and societies, new and old, in the village as well as our two schools and District and County Councillors. It's also your chance to ask any questions you have of any of the attendees.

As always we will start with a brief full council meeting to go through essential business including electing the Chair and Vice Chair of the council for the forthcoming year. This is the final year in the four year cycle of elections so , along with the District Council elections, there will be Parish Council elections in 2023.

It is almost cricket season and this year Pevensey are sharing the pitch with Herstmonceux who need a ground this season whilst their new home ground is being made ready. The two teams have worked together to get the pitch ready and they always welcome anyone who would like to go and watch.

As always if you need any information please contact clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk (occasionally we do still get people who use the old address which is no longer used) or by phone 07725 843505.

NINFIELD'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS

Thursday 2nd June -

Over 60's Afternoon Tea & Cabaret - Ninfield Village Memorial Hall Doors open at 1.30pm and there will be drinks on arrival -Sherry, Prosecco, Wine, Beer, and of course, Tea and Coffee. A lovely spread of sandwiches, cakes and scones will be on every table, and glasses will be filled for the Loyal Toast to the Queen. A special Jubilee Cake is being created by our lovely local baking hero, Maggie Evans, and it would be great if someone who either celebrates a 70th Birthday, or a 70th Anniversary, on the day or very near to, could cut the Cake in the Hall. At 3pm there will be a Show full of comedy, music and celebratory sketches by Deja Revue, and then more time for chatter, catch up, fun and laughter!

INVITATIONS TO THIS EVENT- Will be hand delivered to all who are in the remit! Please look out for them from 5th May onwards, and please return the RSVP slip to either Carol Holland at Elm Cottage, Marl pits Lane, or to me, Sami Guard at Curlews, High Street by Friday 27th May. (you can also call me, Sami, on 893699 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com) If you need transport to and from the Hall, this can also be arranged for you. This is a FREE event, sponsored by Sami Guard, The Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group and Ninfield Parish Council!

Thursday Evening from 7.30 on the Rec, Ninfield Bonfire Society is organising a Festival of Light, with a fancy dress competition, the theme for which is the 1950's but decorated with as many lights as you can! There will be a bar and bbq then at the allotted time, the Ninfield Beacon will be lit as part of the National Event.

Friday 3rd June -

Open Village Day, this is your chance to walk around the village and look into peoples' gardens as you hunt for Crowns and other items, there will be displays in the Memorial Hall, visit the two churches and / or the two pubs! Competition forms for the Crown Hunt will be at Ninfield Methodist Hall and Ninfield Memorial Hall, both of whom will be serving teas and cakes.

So to make this a really good 'hunt' we need YOU ALL to make crowns that you can put in your front gardens, on pavements, under sign posts, around the Rec - anywhere in the village - BUT we do need you to register with us where those crowns can be found! So either email ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com or phone 893326 telling us your name, address & phone number.

Prizes will be awarded for best fancy dress costumes and best crowns- so get making!!!!

If anyone would like to open their gardens on that day, then that would be lovely too, again just let us know so we can add it to the advertising!

Friday Evening, Ninfield Working Men's Club will be open if anyone would like to wander down for a drink, it will be decorated and have music playing. The "Pub on the Rec" will also be open from 6.00pm and will have a band playing if anyone wants a quiet drink, sitting in the sunshine!

Saturday 4th June

THE JUBILEE VILLAGE FETE - Hosted by Ninfield Carnival Committee. -
On the Recreation Ground

The Marquees will be up, the bunting out, and everything up and running by 11.30am. Taking on the same format as last year, a Village Square feel to the Fete will have the Bar, BBQ, Tea Tent, The Raffle (1st prize £50), The Bottle Tombola, plus Crafts, Games, The China Smash, Coconut Shy, Golf Game, Muddy Boots Children's Activity Area, Anna's Pottery Throw Down, History Group, Flower Group, Horti Society lots of displays... AND the famous FUN DOG Show at 3pm! - look out for the list of classes, there could be a Canine 'Queen' fancy dress..!

Two Bands will be playing live throughout the day, 'Geri and the Atrix' and 'Ricochet'-

then at 7pm the big Marquee will host the screening of the '**Party from the Mall**' Music event in London- with all the big names getting together to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The Bar and BBQ will stay open til late, and everyone is invited to come and enjoy a magical, musical evening!

Pray for Good Weather please!! We are pleased to say that we will be taking Cash AND Cards at the Bar this year!

Donations from any profits will be given to NHS I.C.U Conquest, and towards Ninfield's Children's Playground

SUNDAY THE BIG PICNIC

12 noon Planting the Jubilee Tree near Queen Elizabeth Garden by the Chairman of Ninfield Parish Council.

Big Picnic from 12.30 bring your Lunch to the Rec! , The bar will be open till it runs out!, The Rock Choir hopefully, will be singing at 3pm,

The main event for the Jubilee in Ninfield is the Songs of Praise at Ninfield Recreation Group at 5pm on Sunday 5th June. Thanks giving Service 5pm with United Churches, led by Rev Paul Frostick and Revd Tricia Williams, Music by Hooe Silver Band There will be a variety of hymns accompanied by Hooe Band. Many of the hymns come from the Coronation Service, and the Queens' Jubilee Service plus a few that are apparently the Queen's favourites! A few will have to be played on the organ as the band do not

have the music, such as 'I Vow to Thee My Country' and 'Jerusalem'. It will be a good rousing sing song of many well known hymns together with a little information about the hymns background! *Paul.*

The 4 Day Event ends 6pm...then we break it all down, volunteers needed!! And it all comes down a lot faster than it goes up!!

As always - these events need willing volunteers and helpers to get them off the ground, so to speak! Carol Holland and I really appreciate all the help so far from the committees and groups who have put together their contributions to the 4 day celebrations.

But !- The plea is now out for Bakers and Bottles! If you would like to make a cake, or some scones, or savouries for the Afternoon Tea on the 2nd June, Open Day Friday and/or the Tea Tent for the Village Fete - we would be SO grateful, please let Carol or I know, and please bring them to either the Hall on Thursday 2nd June at 11am, or Sparkes Pavilion on Saturday 4th at 11am; and we are also collecting bottles, all sorts!, for the Tombola, from NOW ON...Drop off points are at Sparke Pavilion - any Monday 12 midday - 1pm, or at the Memorial Hall Wednesday evenings 6-7pm - or any time at Curlews, High Street - I promise I won't drink them!!! - (You can leave bags of smashing old China there too...!!)

Thank you in advance - We hope there is something for everyone in the list of events for this unique, one-off, never to be repeated Platinum Jubilee - memories will be made, snapshots of history will be created - and everything over the 4 days will be here...right on your doorstep...especially for you to enjoy ...no carbon footprint, no travel costs, no parking nightmares ...it's all here...Now, here are the contact details again- Sami 893699, 07970650321,

HOOE & NINFIELD OPEN GROUP

We met last Friday 8th April 2022 at Hooe Village Hall, numbers were down as a certain amount of looking after grandchildren was the order of the day. It was a shame as they missed a most interesting and fascinating talk by Sami Guard. Her early life from how she started dancing at 2½years, went to stage school, and went on to have a career full of dancing, singing, acting and latterly directing. She even went to entertain the troops in the Falkland's and worked in some of the leading theatres in the country. A lot more to tell and she has agreed to continue the story sometime later in the year. In the meantime if you want to hear more of her life 21st May at the Memorial Hall in Ninfield is the place to be. The afternoon ended with the usual tea and biscuits between looking at the memorabilia Sami had brought with her. Next meeting is 13th May at 2.00p.m23 Heather & Nicki

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Throughout her 95 years of life, Queen Elizabeth II has witnessed a number of historical moments in the United Kingdom and across the world. But she's also made history a number of times over her nearly 70-year reign. In honour of her 95th birthday, Royal Central is taking a look at Her Majesty's monarchical milestones.

The Coronation of Elizabeth II

On 2 June 1953, Elizabeth was crowned at the age of 25 following her accession to the throne upon the death of her father, George VI on 6 February 1952. The Coronation was held more than a year later, following the tradition of allowing an appropriate length of time to pass after a monarch dies before holding such a celebration. The service at Westminster Abbey included an oath in which Elizabeth was anointed with holy oil, invested with robes and regalia, and crowned Queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). So, the "platinum" anniversary jubilee is in 2022 for the Queen's ACCESSION to the throne in 1952, but a platinum commemoration of the CORONATION (which seems unnecessary) will be in 2023.

Following a pattern similar to the coronations of kings and queens before her, there were, however, several parts of the ceremony that were noticeably different. Elizabeth's coronation was the first to be televised in full. The event also used experimental 3D technology and was filmed separately in colour. It's said an average of 17 people watched on each small TV. The Coronation was also the first major world event to be broadcasted internationally on television.

One of those attending the Coronation was Sobhuza II, KBE also known as Nkhotfotjeni, Mona; born 22 July 1899 – 21 August 1982. He was the Paramount Chief and later Ngwenyama of Swaziland for 82 years and 254 days, the longest verifiable reign of any monarch in recorded history. When he was only four months old, his father died suddenly and Sobhuza was chosen king soon after that. His grandmother Labotsibeni and his uncle Prince Malunge led the Swazi nation until his maturity in 1921. Sobhuza led Swaziland through independence until his death in 1982. However, in his own right, he therefore reigned for "just" 60 years.

Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II

The year 1977 would mark the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. Throughout the year, the Jubilee was celebrated with large-scale parties and parades across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. In June, the official "Jubilee Days" were held to coincide with The Queen's Official Birthday, which is held on the second Saturday of June.

Various places were named after the Jubilee, such as the Jubilee Gardens in South Bank, London, and the Silver Jubilee Bridge that connects Runcorn and Widnes across the Mersey.

Golden Jubilee of Elizabeth II

In 2002, the 50th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II was celebrated. Despite the deaths of her sister, Princess Margaret, and her mother, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, in February and March, the Jubilee was still marked with large-scale events. Huge crowds turned out despite speculation ahead of the event that it might not reach a wide audience. Over the year, Her Majesty and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, travelled more than 40,000 miles to the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom before ending the year in Canada.

Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II

The year 2012 marked the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II, the 60th anniversary of her accession. The only Diamond Jubilee celebration for any of her predecessors was in 1897, the 60th anniversary of the 1837 accession anniversary of Queen Victoria. In celebration, The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh toured the United Kingdom while other members of the Royal Family toured the Commonwealth as the Monarch's representatives. Numerous events and tributes were held throughout the year across the Commonwealth. A Jubilee pageant was held in London and The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust was set up. The Trust has a mission of leaving a lasting legacy across The Commonwealth.

Sapphire Jubilee of Elizabeth II

On 6 February 2017, the 65th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's reign was marked. This milestone made her the first British monarch to have a Sapphire Jubilee. Unlike her previous Jubilees, there were no widespread public celebrations, and The Queen did not undertake any official engagements. Instead, she spent the day in "quiet reflection" on the anniversary of the death of her father and undertook official work at Sandringham House. Larger scale events took place in June 2016 to mark The Queen's 90th birthday. Extensive celebrations are being reserved for the Platinum Jubilee in 2022. In the same year as her Sapphire Jubilee, The Queen also became the first British monarch to celebrate a platinum wedding anniversary.

Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II

June 2022 will see official celebrations across the UK to mark the 70th anniversary of The Queen's accession. In the United Kingdom, an extra bank holiday has been created, and the traditional May bank holiday weekend will be moved to the start of June, creating a special four-day Jubilee weekend.

A Platinum Jubilee medal will be created to mark the occasion. It will be awarded to people who work in public service including representatives of the Armed Forces, emergency services, and prison services. It is also suggested the Severn Bridge, a motorway between Aust, South Gloucestershire, and Chepstow, Monmouthshire in South East Wales be renamed in honour of the Jubilee. Historic Royal Palaces is also planning a Commonwealth-themed garden in the historic moat of the Tower of London.

In May 2021, a campaign known as The Queen's Green Canopy was launched. Encouraging people across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" to mark the milestone. In a statement, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Boris Johnson said: "As we celebrate Her Majesty's incredible 70 years of service, I encourage everyone to get behind this scheme, and go 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.'" This will be the first time any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee.

Other milestones

On September 9 2015, The Queen surpassed her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, as the longest-reigning British monarch in history. After the death of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia on 23 January 2015, The Queen became the oldest reigning monarch in the world. At the time of his death, King Abdullah was 90-years-old. On 13 October 2016, following the death of King Bhumibol of Thailand, The Queen became the longest-serving current head of state.

In the 70 years of her reign, aircraft moved from propellor power to jet engines, from sub sonic to supersonic. Even civilian aircraft became capable of sustained supersonic flight, but dealing with the sonic boom still causes problems.

Man has moved to land on the Moon, to reach other planets in our Solar System and to map the universe in incredible detail. Households have become almost totally electric, electronic and even Wire Free. Televisions are no longer cumbersome cubes but slim enough to rival art pictures, and many household appliances can be operated by voice or computer controls. Phones no longer are tethered to wall sockets but can even be used by pre school children (sometimes more capably than their grandparents).

Cars no longer rely on hand signals, or tiny flick out indicators (although some drivers still don't know about them); and are reaching the stage of being self driven, truly putting the "auto" into auto mobiles.

No longer do we need paper maps to find our way, SatNav in cars, phones, watches (although the reliance on having a phone (or two) ever in, or to, hand

means that pedestrians don't have a clue as to what is going on around them. I anticipate it won't be long before someone texts their partner to "pass the salt, please" such is the reliance of many on their phones.

Shortly before the Queen ascended the throne, the National Health Service had been created, providing medical care to all, not just those that could afford more than the basic rudiments provided by public Workhouses (that also ended in the late 1940's). The NHS has provided much needed care throughout its existence, although there never seems to be enough money to pay the core staff fairly, and sometimes still seems loaded with layers of management.

Other major aspects of the last 70 years: Joining the European Common Market, which due to changes in its scope and ambition grew to become the European Union, seeking commonality in all things throughout its Member Nations (each of which then chose to ignore regulations that affected them, and where financial scrutiny sometimes fell short of accepted standards. All seemed to want to get more out than they put in, a chaotic financial aspiration, as someone needs to put in more, none seemed to want to do that.

Brexit: Mainly due to the entwining of rules and regulations that never gave the UK due recognition of its potential lead role and whereas Eurovision was at least honest in disregard for the UK, the EU felt that, allowing the UK to leave a club where it paid a lot of the bills, required "dissuasion" rather than co-operation. It was that attitude that probably tipped the balance to a "Leave" vote. Had the EU shown compromise, many Brits would have been happy to Remain, thinking that if they were OK about us leaving, it must be something worth being a part of! Reverse psychology!

The future?

The British monarchy will likely survive and pass to Prince Charles, but which of his names he will take as his title is undecided. He may want to avoid being Charles III in view of the fate of the first two, and Philip could appeal as an acknowledgement of his father's devoted service to his wife and adopted Country. Whether it then passes to William is too far in the future to know. I hope so, it gives a feeling of service and continuity outside of the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Kevin Regan

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And people are still donating, which is an amazing amount.

ALL funds are going directly to DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee).

A BIG THANK YOU to Crispian

Steele Perkins world renowned trumpet player for opening the event and playing the Ukraine National Anthem, all the businesses from Hooe/ Ninfield/ Bexhill/ Eastbourne and friends who donated towards raffle prizes and the auction. Your generosity is so much appreciated.



THANK YOU also to all who attended. We are deeply grateful for your support!

Hooe FC

A successful season has now come to an end for Hooe Football Club. The Youth Section continues to go from strength to strength with lots of local boys and girls enjoying playing football.

The under 13s team won the Rother Youth Football League. The team won 13 out of their 14 games, beating much larger clubs from Bexhill and Hastings. A lot of the boys have been playing at Hooe since they were 7 or 8 so to see them progress so well is really satisfying.

Next season the Club will be promoting girls football more with the introduction of the Hooe FC Martlets Girls Teams. These girls will play under the Hooe FC banner and play their home matches at Claremont School



Last month boys from the under 13s and 14s teams headed down to Hooe Church to help with the spring clean. The boys said how much they enjoyed the morning especially the drinks and cake after!

Finally the Club as ever would like place on record our thanks to Hooe Parish

Council for their continued support of the club, it is greatly appreciated.

Hooe Village Community Group

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Saturday 14th May at 10.30 am

*We are delighted to announce that all
proceeds from this event will be donated to*

St Oswald's Church Toilet Appeal

*More information about the appeal may be
obtained from Revd Paul Frostick or the
Churchwardens*

*We hope to see you at the Coffee Morning
let's all help to make this Appeal flush with
success!*



An addition to the Community Library



In response to popular demand

Anne has introduced a

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there is a piece of the puzzle missing

Summer Lottery – Coming soon

Very soon details about, and tickets for, our Summer Lottery will be dropping onto door mats in Hooe. Tickets, at £1.00 each will be available from the end of May. The draw will take place at the monthly coffee morning on Saturday 13th August. The prizes will range up to £100.00, so it is certainly worth a punt! Proceeds from the draw, and all other events, will be donated to good causes. Suggestions for worthy local causes are always welcomed.

Hooe Community Clean Up Saturday 2nd April

More than 25 residents turned out on Saturday 2nd April to take part in the Hooe Community Annual Litter pick. Hooe Village Community Group, who organised the event this year, was delighted with the terrific response and support received. Many of us congregated in the car



park of the Red Lion at 10.00 am. Then, armed with high visibility jackets, litter picks, strong gloves and sturdy refuse sacks teams of three and four spread out across the whole parish and spent the next 2 hours clearing litter, thoughtlessly dropped by people who give no thought whatsoever to who will clear up behind them.

The youngest litter picker and probably the most excited, was just five years old. Accompanied by his Mother, he did a grand job litter picking on the recreation ground, away from dangerous traffic. The other volunteers ranged in age from teenagers to those in their 80s. All were enthusiastic and pleased to be making a difference. Wonderful community spirit!

We alerted Wealden DC to a pile of tyres, far too many for us to remove ourselves.



Fewer bags of litter were collected this year than in the past. This is not because less litter is being discarded; in fact the problem is getting worse. It is due to the fact a number of residents go forth weekly to litter pick their patch of the village.



This is much appreciated by all and, by setting this example more and more are getting actively involved throughout the year.



**Hooe Village
Community Group**

will be celebrating the Jubilee at the June 11th Coffee Morning. It has been decided that the proceeds from this event should 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 in June – and a whole lot more.....

Open Gardens Weekend of 25th & 26th June

There is quite a friendly rivalry in the village! The gardeners who will be welcoming us into their gardens are working hard. The competitive, friendly, spirit is there for all to see, we all want our gardens to look at their best.

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. More details will be available nearer the date but rest assured our Open Garden Event will again offer a great weekend, not to be missed! Will two days be sufficient time to take it all in?

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 an eye on the website www.hooe-open-gardens.com The excitement is mounting

Hooe Motor Show Sunday 7th August

Hooe Village Community Group is delighted to be providing a wide range of refreshments at the Hooe Motor Show this year. 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.

Many hands make light work – so if you would like to help out on the day we would love to hear from you!

In addition to the refreshments we will again be manning our magnificent Bric a Brac stall and our Lottery Tickets will be on sale – the last chance to buy before the draw

The end of day sees a group of very tired folk who somehow find enough energy to enjoy a very social evening together.

..... and finally.....

Hooe Village Community Group is always delighted to **Encourage Promote and Support** village activities. This month we congratulate:

- St Oswald's Church and all who turned out on the Saturday of their Church and Churchyard Clean up – a great response, wonderful result and much fun
- The Ukraine Afternoon Tea organised by Jeannette, Mair and their band of helpers - This was a magnificent event contributing much needed funds to a very worthwhile cause

Hooe Residents all working together for the good of everyone

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Things will be back to normal for July with Book Café on Friday 1st.

Please do come along to these Friday morning sessions to exchange books and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Donations of fiction books are welcome. For further information please contact David Swales dj_swales@hotmail.com or 892248.



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Worms Eye View

Welcome to May or 'Thrimilce' as the Anglo-Saxons called it. This named came from when the cows were being so well fed on fresh spring grass that they would need to be milked three times a day. Twice a day was quite enough when we kept a dairy herd, especially as our milk was collected in churns between 7.30 and 8.00 am and taken down to Horam station ready to send off to London on the 9.00 am train. Gosh how things have changed, no milk churns these days to be taken next to the road and lifted onto the wooden platform ready for collection. Just before we changed to bulk milk tank, 18 churns had to be out ready for the milk lorry. But we liked it all really and the cows with their own names, such as Beauty, Darkie, Lovely Beatty, Magpie etc. Those were the days.

Back to May on Rowan Tree Day, May 3rd, sprigs of Rowan, also known as Mountain Ash used to be taken indoors to protect the buildings and its occupants against the Devil, witches and disease. Sprigs were also placed on the thatched roofs so as to protect them against fire. People carried sprigs to ease the pain of rheumatism, whist twigs were also hung around cattle necks or horns to protect them from the evil eye.

A saying for May was that he who shears his sheep before St. Gervatius Day (May 13th), loves his wool more than the sheep. I must remind son of that saying!

I had rather a surprise recently when I went to my garden water tub to fill up the watering can, As I begun to lower the can, two little eyes glared at me. I stopped and stared as there was a rather pretty lizard looking at me, about 5 inches long with 4 legs, a tiny head and a bright red back and tail. It disappeared down under the water and so I carried on watering but I did see it again later, quite briefly, obviously it was suspicious of me. I cannot find out what it really was or how it got there into a big round tub. I have seen it again but when I try to show it to others it will not appear causing comments such as "What have you been drinking" Really!

Weather lores for the month of May

- I. A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.
- II. A hot May makes for a full church yard! (I'm assuming that means full of wild flowers!)

Whatever the saying, I enjoy May with warm longer days, and I hope you will too.

FOOD BANK FACTS

WHAT IS THE FOODBANK?

The Bexhill Food bank is opposite Sainsbury's car park in Station Road. The Bexhill and Battle foodbanks are part of the Trussell Trust network which is a National Charity aiming to end hunger in the UK. The aim is to provide emergency food and support to local people locked in poverty. The Trussell Trust campaign for change and lobby parliament to end the need for foodbanks in the UK. In the last year, Bexhill has provided the food for 14,454 meals and Battle has provided 4,458 meals. Each person who comes to the foodbank must be referred to us by a trusted agency such as a health professional, school, job centre coach, CAB, church or approved charity and be given a voucher. This means that they are connected to a service that can help them gain access to other resources with the aim of them not needing to rely on a foodbank. We have seen the use of the foodbank grow in both Bexhill and Battle and expect this trend to continue as the cost of living rises. Even people who are working but on low wages, have needed support.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

By donating tinned food such as baked beans, fish, meat, soup, fruit, vegetables, custard, rice pudding, dried goods such as pasta, rice, noodles, long life milk, juice and squash; toilet rolls, soap, shampoo, deodorant. When the food arrives at the foodbank, it is sorted and shelved in date order and cannot be given out if it is out of date. Smaller packets are more useful than large sized items. Donations of money are a great help as this enables us to buy bread, pay the rent and pay the cost of maintaining the van. We can also purchase items of which we are short.

LOCAL COLLECTION POINTS

HOOE : St Oswald's Church,

Elizabethan Cottages (box by the gate).

Lamlash (opposite the Red Lion Park; box on the door step).

NINFIELD: St Mary's Church and the Methodist Chapel.

The Foodbank is manned largely by a team of volunteers but we are always glad to hear from new people

Contact: Food Bank Manager: Michelle Pannell

Food bank number: 01424 736515

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manager@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

Website:

www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

THANK YOU

NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP is

an umbrella group for a growing number of activities which aim to promote health and wellbeing in different ways. Although some have older residents in mind, they are all open to everyone.

Games afternoons – every third Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm. The next games afternoon is on Tuesday 17th May. This really is a lovely relaxing afternoon. If you don't think playing games is for you, please come and join us for a cuppa and a piece

of cake and watch what is going on. The games are about having fun rather than being competitive. We have board games like snakes and ladders and scrabble. We have bagatelle, skittles and new age curling. It doesn't matter whether you are young, old, fit or unfit, there is hopefully something for you. If you would like to bring along your favourite game or card game, please do. We know it can be hard to come along to something for the first time, but you will receive a warm welcome. Please contact me if you want more information: Jackie Langley 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

Men's Shed – Sparke Pavilion 10 am last Thursday of the month. Ninfield is a little different from other Men's Sheds groups. We don't make things, just conversation and friendship. It's a chance for men to get together and talk – about anything and everything – with the added bonus of tea and biscuits. We meet inside Sparke Pavilion, but as the weather improves, maybe outside of the pavilion. No booking required, just turn up. If you would like to know more you can contact Dave Crittall on 01424 892883 or davecrittall@gmail.com.

Crafting and Knitting Circle – a women's group meeting in the Memorial Hall Committee Room on Fridays from 10.30am – 12.30. Please contact Jane on 01424 892428 for more information.

Book Exchange Café and Community Café, Methodist Hall. The Book Exchange Café will be open from 10 – 11.30 and the Community Café continues on all other Fridays. Please note, however that there are some changes in early June during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Methodist Hall is being used to serve refreshments for the Family Treasure Hunt on Friday 3 June so no Book Café that day. Instead, we have Book Café on 10 June with Community Café on all other Fridays. Things will be back to normal for July with Book Café on Friday 1st.

Musical Matinees – Memorial Hall. The next Musical Matinee will be on 17 June and will be the classic musical Brigadoon. These afternoons are dementia and hearing loss friendly and all are welcome. Doors open 1.30 –



films start at 2 pm. This is a free afternoon and includes tea and cake. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with new and old friends. To ensure enough cake please book your place contacting Jackie or Rose on 01424892422 or Jackie.langley1@btinternet.com

Health Walks. These popular and relaxing walks take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month – meeting at Sparke Pavilion at 11 am. They are free and led by trained local volunteers. These are gentle walks and last about an hour. Dogs on short leads are welcome. Contact Robin for more details: 01424892778.

Dark Skies. This is the latest group under the Health and Wellbeing umbrella. It is about involving residents in appreciating and understanding 'darkness' in our village. The aim 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. We do have some other ideas, but they are all in the early stages at the moment. All age groups are welcome. Our next meeting is planned for 10 May, 7.30 pm at Sparke Pavilion, when we hope to have a telescope set up. Please come along. For more information contact Kaye Crittall on 01424 892883.

NINFIELD SURGERY

Covid Guidelines - Thank you to all our patients for their continued support. Although the Covid guidelines are now easing, we would continue to ask our patients to wear a face mask and we will continue to limit the number of people we have in the waiting room at any one time, as per NHS guidelines. We would ask patients collecting medication to continue to use the window for this purpose.

Dr. Singh - Dr Singh is planning to retire in 2023, and as part of his retirement process, from this autumn onwards he will mainly be working from our other sites. Dr Warden, Dr Gooderick, Dr Mangiri and Dr Preye will continue to be available at Ninfield, and Dr Singh may occasionally still be seen here if he is covering any leave. We would continue to ask patients to contact us at either 8am or 2pm to have a call back, or use our online booking system, engage consult (both via website) or use the LIVI app

Community Garden – We are hoping to obtain a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Green Canopy Scheme. We are also hopefully getting a bench too. If anyone is willing to help with this project in the next few weeks or anyone who has any ideas for the space, please contact Liz at the surgery.

Ninfield Methodist Church

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Sunday Services for May 2022:

1st 10.30 am Café Worship with Alan Hurrell
8th 10.30 am Worship and Communion with Revd. Neville Barnett
15th 10.30 am Worship and Praise with Revd. Peter Doodes
22nd 10.30 am Worship and Praise with Julie Todd
29th 10.30 am Worship and Praise with David Hanson

Events for May 2022:

Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café including
6th 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall.
11th 2.30-4.00 pm Christian Womens Fellowship
Wed. June 1st Messy Church Crafts event

Easter '22 ... We enjoyed a lovely service of celebration on Easter Day which included an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt. This search expanded the theme of 'looking for Jesus' and the empty cave as we 'scrambled' for eggs around a garden. The collected 'chocolate' eggs were then shared with our congregation. It was also good to join with St. Mary's for their reflective service on Good Friday.

Messy Church ... This was amazing in April when 25 children and adults came along for our 'Spring into Action' programme. Thanks to the Ninfield Flower group who helped the children to make Easter posies. Our next Messy Church will be a 'special' on June 1st for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event We will have loads of craft activities for all ages ... 'Make a date in your diary!

Café Worship ... we continue to be encouraged by this informal service on the first Sunday monthly. A light breakfast is served and whilst sharing a meal together we are able to sing, reflect and worship God. A TV monitor screen has also been installed in our Church so that Hymn words and pictures can be viewed.

We are grateful that our Methodist Church Circuit arranges for our services to be led by ministers and local preachers from around this area. Our services are varied and inspiring. We thank everyone who supports our events and organises other activities in our Hall. We invite you to come along and experience more about God's love for our world..... 'Just turn up!'

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

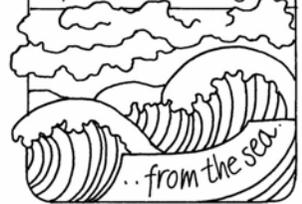
This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...

When God first made the universe it was empty and shapeless. God said...

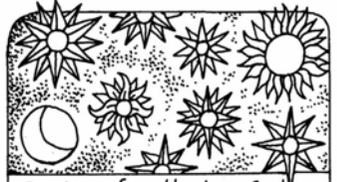
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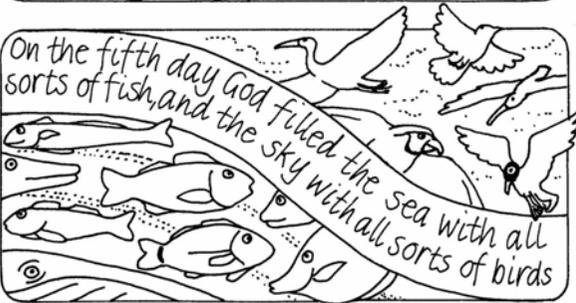
On the next day, God separated the sky...



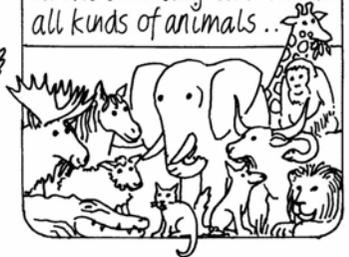
On the third day God separated the sea...



On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.



On the sixth day God made all kinds of animals...



and then He made people, men and women.

God told the people....

Take care of all I have made.



God saw that everything He had made was very good.

On the seventh day God rested...



and so did everyone else!

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