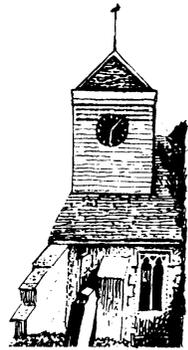


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# News

*News from the Churches,  
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& residents of  
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*May 2023*

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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
14 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist</i>	<i>No Service</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
28 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 Parish Eucharist	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](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

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#### ***PARISH NEWS***

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Dear Friends,

Pentecost or more traditionally Whitsun has never really had the impact of Christmas and Easter. It doesn't have the same traditions or social events around it which make it stand out in the wider culture either. I think increasingly the church doesn't really know how to mark the occasion. Yet Pentecost is perhaps one of the most exciting of the church festivals for it marks the moment when God started the church! It is in effect the Church's birthday, the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower ordinary Christians to do extraordinary things for Him.

The Holy Spirit is given freely to all of us as a free gift from God. Jesus promised his disciples that we would receive this gift so that we might know his presence with us as we live out our faith on a daily basis. *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforter to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you...”*- John 14:15-16

The problem is when most of us think of comfort we think of the luxuries of life, or being wrapped up in a warm blanket or duvet. We also think of comfort as something that consoles us when we are upset or in need. Whilst all these things are true the word used in the New Testament has a completely different meaning to those we might expect. The word comfort is the same word that we find in relation to prodding, strengthening or stirring into action. The Bayeux Tapestry has a wonderful panel of Bishop Odo, forcing his men into battle, at the end of his battle club, with the abbreviated Latin words: which when translated means: “Here, Bishop Odo, comforts his troops.” As individuals we might not find such ‘comfort’ comforting but the Holy Spirit is given to equip and spur us into action! In fact, the word comfort has traditionally also meant to give or add strength to someone or to encourage, urge or exhort. When we see the coming of the Holy Spirit in that way it makes much more sense of both Jesus words and what we see in the book of Acts as the early church begins to emerge. The Holy Spirit also empowers us to be

the people God created and knows us to be, in that sense the Holy Spirit fills us with God's wisdom and power for the tasks which he has called us to. On the day of Pentecost it is the Holy Spirit that takes the group of timid and bewildered disciples and equips them to declare the gospel message. Jesus before his Ascension had promised them that they would receive the Holy Spirit to equip them as His witnesses throughout the world. *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* - Acts 1:8

This power that comes with the Holy Spirit is very real and is available to us just as it was to the first disciples. It is a power that will be prayed for at the Coronation of King Charles. It is power to live our lives as God intended, power to encourage us and to strengthen us for acts of service. It is not to make us feel better, or for our own benefit but it is the power to build one another up and to inspire the Church. So as Pentecost approaches perhaps we need to re-evaluate this slightly misunderstood Christian Festival and celebrate the birthday of the church with a bit more style and flair! Our prayer certainly needs to be 'Come Holy Spirit!' May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost rest upon King Charles and also bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. Amen.

**Paul**

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### **Coronation Prayer 2023**

Almighty God, On the occasion of the crowning of King Charles 111, we, the people, pray for him. We thank you for him and for the calling on his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him. We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as did his mother, Queen Elizabeth. We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation. We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values. May your name be honoured and glorified throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, God save the King!

## News from St Mary's

We are presently undertaking a spring clean of the church. This has thrown up a number of items which are either damaged or surplus to requirements. The main surplus item is an upright piano. This was used by the school during their various services throughout the year. However, it has not been used for a considerable number of years as the school now uses electronic keyboards if required.

As a result the piano has not been tuned or played for a considerable time. Before we dispose of it, we were wondering if there was anybody in the village or beyond who might be able to make use of it. The church is open on Tuesdays or Fridays so please feel free to have a look. If wanted it would need to be collected from the church on a trailer or large van. The gates at the bottom of the churchyard would of course be opened.

If anyone is interested on a first come basis please would the let me know.  
Phil Ringrose

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### Editors' Note .....

So pleased that the sun is finally, well for today anyway, shining, long may it last! It just makes everyone feel happier, lots of smiles about!

April has been busy and we are only half way through, as we write this, Easter, Spring Show, Market and the Quiz Night. And still to come Plant Sale and Organ Recital. Next month, May, is going to be busy too, Election, Coronation with picnics and concert, as well as the return of the pram/soap box races! Open Gardens, Sami's Show.

You really can't say there's nothing to do in the village and with the variety surely everyone will find something to enjoy. So check the diary and read on!

If any of you would like to send us a write-up on the Coronation weekend that would be lovely, or for that matter on any subject.....



*Enjoy spring, the sunshine, the flowers the smiles Nicki and Carol*

## **News from St Oswald's**

### **Easter**

After our Good Friday Service of Stations of the Cross - a quiet contemplative Service in St. Oswald's - our band of nine flower and Easter decorating ladies assembled on Saturday morning to bring some flowers back into the church after the dark days of Lent. By late morning the church was dressed with garden greenery, white lilies, yellow daffodils and brightly coloured tulips. Margaret and Amelie had decorated the prayer tree and constructed an Easter garden and Kobe aged four smiled and swung on the pews. So it is heartening to be able to report that 45 people attended our Sunday morning Service.

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL AT 2.00 pm - everyone is invited to a meeting in St. Oswald's Church to plan the Church Garden Party on SATURDAY 8TH JULY

### **Coronation**

**SUNDAY 7TH MAY** - after much debate (and confusion as to what the Hooe Parish Council was or wasn't planning) we, the church community, have decided to invite the village of Hooe to bring themselves and friends/relations to St Oswald's after the Sunday Service on May 6th at 12.30 for a giant picnic lunch. Bring your own favourite Coronation food with Cakes, coffee/tea, squash, water provided by the church free of charge. If wet we will use the interior of the church and otherwise picnic in the churchyard and inside. If you walk there will be no need to park but we will ask the Morris's for the loan of the field if not too wet underfoot.

### **VISITORS BOOK**

Possibly deterred by the very cold Spring, we have had fewer visitors in March and April than usual so only one quote:

14.03.23 "Simplicity and Peace" BC and J

## ***April Diary***

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## **NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk to the Council:

Jackie Scarff 07725 843505 [clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk)

Wealden District Council have informed of the results of applications to become a Parish Councillor.

There were 8 applications for 9 seats and therefore all those who applied are automatically elected. The new cllrs officially take office at one minute passed midnight on Tuesday 9th May 2023. The annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place just before the Annual Parish Meeting.

Elections on the 4th May will be contested for 2 people to become District Cllrs. Please remember you must have VOTER ID in order to vote.

The Government have introduced the need for VOTER ID for the forthcoming elections. For the first time this May voters will need an accepted form of ID in order to cast their vote. These include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth Passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers licence and some concessionary travel passes such as an older persons bus pass or an Oyster 60 + card (visit the Electoral Commission's website for a full list of accepted ID and more information about this new requirement.. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anybody who doesn't have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free online from Monday 16th January at <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk> or by completing a paper form. If you need any help please contact Wealden on 01882 602407 or [elections@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wealden.gov.uk)

Please note that the next village event is the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is for the residents of Ninfield so please do come along on Monday 15th May to the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Wine and nibbles available.

This is your chance to find out what the Parish Council have been doing, ask questions of our newly elected District and County Councillors as well as make suggestions to the newly elected councillors for projects and ideas to improve our village

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 friendly<sup>1</sup> 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. It is not too early to book for the June film.

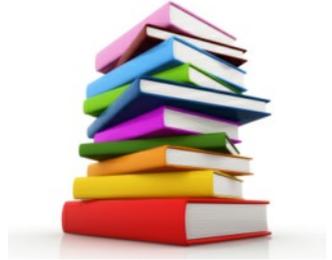
Friday 16 June: Hairspray.

Friday 22 September: Gigi.

Friday 24 November La La Land.

## **Book Exchange/Community Cafe**

The Book Exchange Café will be on Friday 5 May with the Community Café every Friday from 10 to 11.30 am in the Methodist Hall. Although the Book Exchange is still well attended, it would be good to see more people on the other Fridays. You are welcome to come and enjoy a tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat. We sometimes have picture and word puzzles which cause much fun.



For further information please contact David [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com) or 892248.

The group is thinking of offering more films from later this year. The idea is to show vintage films, e.g. classic comedies alternating with the Musical Matinees. Martyn and Robin have volunteered to host these afternoons, but we could do with a volunteer to join them. This would be a commitment to four or five afternoons a year starting this Autumn. If you are interested, please contact me -Jackie Langley as above.

**“The Ninfield Neighbourhood Plan** has been amended to take account of comments made during the recent Regulation 14 consultation. The new draft Plan and the supporting documents have been agreed by both the Steering Group and the Parish Council and all documents have now been sent to Wealden District Council. WDC need to confirm that all the statutory requirements have been met before they move forward to conduct the Regulation 16 consultation but we know they will not start this process until the local elections are over. Hopefully all will be well and the consultation will begin as soon after May 4<sup>th</sup> as possible. We will let you know the consultation dates in the next few weeks.”

## Hooe History Society

This month we welcome back a regular favourite speaker, Ken Brooks, giving a talk about The Voyage of the Sunbeam in 1876. Ken is recognised for his incredible knowledge on local and natural history, but in this new lecture he describes Lord and Lady Brasseys' adventures during a voyage around the world on their steam yacht, the Sunbeam. Between 1876 and 1877 Lady Brassey collected a fascinating variety of natural history and ethnographic objects from countries they visited, and some of these may now be seen in Bexhill Museum. We meet on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. in St Oswald's Church. Refreshments will be available, as usual, after the talk.

**DID YOU KNOW**... in the month when we celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, I thought it might be interesting to discover how previous custodians of our village celebrated a similar event. I went back to June 1911 and the coronation of King George V. The following is an edited version of the report in the Bexhill Chronicle. Of course, we must remember that there was no television or radio, the village school had about 100 pupils, there were larger congregations in church, there was very little traffic on the roads and the census in that year listed 449 names in Hooe. It was a time when the people living in the parish had a strong community spirit – they were proud of their village and took every opportunity to celebrate in this way...and it was a very different way of life.

...Every village and hamlet in the United Kingdom of any standing had something in the way of celebrations in connection with the King's Coronation. Little Common, Hooe, Ninfield, Catsfield and Crowhurst all took their share in festive "coronating," and it did one's heart good to know that not only the teeming communities of the large industrial and commercial centres but that those who spin out their lives in humble toil in the heart of the countryside, with one heart and voice acclaimed King George V, their "lawful liege".

Our readers will be interested to know what was done in the adjacent villages, and we have pleasure in dealing at some length with each one. We need only lightly touch upon the fact that the rain came pitilessly down, and if it detracted to some degree from the comfort of the surroundings, it had no material effect on the fervent enthusiasm rampant throughout the day...

HOOE. Lest the day should be forgotten, about four o'clock a.m. the martial strains of Smith's Band (the fife and drum band – Ed) aroused slumberers to a sense to the day's events.

Scholars began to assemble at the School at a quarter to ten. Mr. R. W. Hayward, Miss Horton, and Mr. J. J. Newport, assisted by E. Elphick and Horace Jones, attached Coronation medals on the children's breasts and provided them with flags. The flags were the Union Jack and the Standards of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Canada, and Australia, and red ensigns. A large Union Jack supplied by the local Education Authority was hoisted on a new flagstaff, given by Mr. Hayward, and a Union Jack and Standard were flying from the smaller school flagstaff.

At half past ten the scholars, with an ample following of adults, started for the church. On the way the songs, "Red, White and Blue," "Let the Hills Resound," "Rule, Britannia," "Let the Flag of Britain Wave", and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were sung.

A merry peal of bells rung out from the church tower, and brought a large congregation together. The first part of the special service was used, together with an anthem, "Happy are the people" (Caleb Simper) and the recital of the solemnities, the whole concluding with a special form of the National Anthem.

At half-past two the sports began, and continued until four, when tea was served. The barn at Green Farm had been prettily decorated with flags, mottoes, evergreens, flowers. etc. Some of the flags were lent by Mr. Hayward, others were of paper, and made and mounted by school children, while the mottoes and monograms were also the work of school children. Over three hundred partook of tea.

The number witnessing the sports must have been at least three hundred and fifty. At six o'clock the sports were resumed, and finished with the prize giving at half-past nine. Before going home, buns, cake, oranges, etc., were distributed. In the course of the afternoon there was a scramble for sweets.

The day's proceedings concluded with three cheers for the lady workers and Mr. Grant (who lent his barn, fields, etc.), with the singing of the National Anthem and the lighting of a huge bonfire. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the patriotic concert was omitted.

Note:- The sports included flat races by gender and age group, novelty races, a three mile race, high jump, long jump and a tug-o-war – 26 events in all. It is not clear why the concert did not go ahead, but maybe the weather played a part - Peter Hayward.

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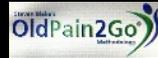
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## From KR

For those few insomniacs relying on my pages to send you to sleep, this is the final part of the King Sampson saga, but linking that family to another eminent one – and telephone kiosks!

**George Gilbert Scott junior** (1837-97) was the eldest son of Sir George G Scott and studied at Eton before being articled to his father and then going to Cambridge. He developed his own artistic personality, preferring late mediaeval gothic as a model and admired the work of Morris and Co, for whom he produced designs for wallpaper. He did his standing in the Church of England no good by becoming a Roman Catholic after his father died, to the strong disapproval of his brother.

During the 1860s and 1870s he worked for his father in his architectural practice. **He married Ellen King Sampson in the 1870s.** He founded Watts & Company in 1874 along with two other leading 19th century architects: George Frederick Bodley (the architect of Washington National Cathedral) and Thomas Garner. Bodley, Garner, and Scott all lived in Church Row in London's Hampstead district in the 1860s and 70s.

**Ellen King Sampson** was born in 1854 and inherited much land around Ninfield, including **Moor Hall** and also **Hollistree Farm**. She lived to almost 100, dying in 1953. Daughter of William King-Sampson and Caroline King Sampson. Wife of George Gilbert Scott, Jr. Mother of Dorothea Marie Scott; Bridget Mary Scott; Christopher Gilbert Scott; Sebastian Gilbert Scott; Sir Giles Gilbert Scott and 1 other. Sister of Sara Jane White; Fanny Elizabeth King Michell and Caroline King Sampson.

**William King-Sampson.** Born: 1805. in Wartling, East Sussex, Death: March 1892 in Eastbourne, East Sussex, Son of **Richard King-Sampson.** Father of Sara Jane White; Ellen King Scott; Fanny Elizabeth King Michell and Caroline King Sampson. Presumably eldest daughter Sara Jane was born before the family inherited the King family name.

Following court proceedings in 1883, George Gilbert Scott junior's eccentric behaviour caused him to be certified insane and he was put into hospital in Northampton as 'a wandering lunatic' in 1888. He escaped down a laundry chute getting to France and on his return appeared to have recovered somewhat. He died at the Midland Hotel at St Pancras, one of his father's masterpieces. His unfinished work was taken over by John Oldrid Scott, just as George junior had taken over their father's unfinished commissions.

**(Sir) Giles Gilbert Scott** (1880-1960) was the eldest son of George Gilbert Scott junior (see immediately above) and was brought up with his brother A G Scott at **Ninfield in a house belonging to his mother's family**, after his father was declared insane. Although a Roman Catholic following his father's conversion, he is said to have taken great interest in the local churches in the vicinity of the village. He was articled to T Moore, a former pupil and assistant of his father, and was then briefly an assistant of G F Bodley.

However, within a few months he won the competition for Liverpool Anglican cathedral at the age of 23, which set him on the path towards becoming the most prolific architect of his generation. As well as churches, he designed Battersea and Bankside (now Tate Modern) power stations and Waterloo Bridge, London. By the nature of such projects, his role was often that of a consulting architect, mainly responsible for the elevations. His churches were generally his own unaided work; to the end of his life, they were in a simplified gothic and show a love for plain walling, a characteristic which also marked many of his industrial buildings.

### **SCOUTS SPRING WREATH CLASS**

On behalf of the whole 1st Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout Group, we would like to thank all those that came and supported our recent class in March. We had a lovely morning at St Mary's Church, Ninfield weaving a willow base ring and then decorating it with natural foliage and painted Pine cone flowers and ribbons. The hand sewn bunnies were particularly popular and finished the wreaths off perfectly. Together with the usual hood quality home made cakes, Beverages and a raffle the morning raised a whopping £367 for the scout group.

Special thanks go to St Mary's Church for allowing us to host the event there, Sue Edwards, Karen Duval, and Cathy McCann for their constant assistance to put on such events.

Our main Christmas wreath classes already have half the places reserved. We have an evening class on Monday 4th December and a morning class on Tuesday 5th December, both being held at the Memorial Hall Ninfield. Please message Veronica to reserve a place on 07714327117.





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## NINFIELD VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 9.30 - 12.00**

### VILLAGE MARKET

#### What's new at the market?

New for May is a Cheese Stall, with a range of local cheeses and some from further afield.

The meat, regularly pork, lamb and venison, is farmed here in Ninfield and in Woods Corner and shortly beef will also be available.

Maggi will be there with her cakes and pastries - not to be missed

Fresh fruit and veg are there and she also brings fresh bread!

And there's always eggs, honey, jams and preserves

Alan brings a lovely supply of plants ornamental as well as veg plugs

It's become quite a sociable meeting place, somewhere to meet friends and make new friends over a cuppa. Some pop in for a breakfast bacon buttie, or some for cake to go with their mid morning coffee, which do you fancy?

You won't do a week's shop here, but definitely food for the weekend!

# Hooe Village Community Group

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## **A BIG THANK YOU to our Community Volunteers!**

HVCG would like to publically thank those Hooe residents who turned out on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April to help with the Annual Community Clean Up

We met at 10.00am, (returning at 12.00) in The Red Lion Car Park and quickly divided into Teams. Although there were fewer volunteers than in previous years we were able to cover the whole of the Parish from Whydown along both roads through the village to the A259. Wealden DC supplied us with litter picks, High Viz Jackets, gloves and sacks and collected all the spoils from a prearranged site.

It is such a shame more Hooe residents do not turn out to help keep the village clear of rubbish, many hands make light work. Not only is it satisfying to see a clean village, there is also a great deal of camaraderie and boasting about the pickings. In a funny way it is a pleasant way to spend a Saturday morning! We hope to arrange another Community Litter Pick in the Autumn – perhaps you will join us then?



Just some of the rubbish awaiting collection

**A SPECIAL Thank you** to Neil Smith and family who carry out a litter pick nearly every Sunday afternoon. One wonders how much extra there would have been to collect without their regular fabulous efforts.

.....**But now for the BAD NEWS**.....

The day following the litter pick this was dumped at the side of the road in our Parish. Who would have believed it?

Wealden expressed surprise at the volume of rubbish collected from such a small village. We explained that the problem is caused by thoughtless motorists racing through the village using our country roads as a Rat Run, throwing their rubbish from the windows as they go.

**Roads Petition**

A petition, signed by over 300 residents and regular road users, highlighting the dangers of our country roads caused by excessive speed limits, speeding traffic, over large vehicles and thoroughly dangerous driving was presented to East Sussex County Council on 21<sup>st</sup> March. In addition to the signatures the petition pack included a variety of photographs which illustrated our problems, written reports of dangerous incidents involving vehicles and a copy of the poster Willow prepared used to help publicise the petition.

Whilst this was not a HVCG petition we were very happy to actively support it as it fits well into our reasons for existing:

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works**



**Our Next coffee Morning and Community Library** will be held on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am in St Oswald's Church.

As usual we will be serving 'proper' coffee and delicious homemade cakes. The Book and Jigsaw Library is worth a visit, with its large selection of jigsaws and, as regular users know, Anne offers a huge selection of books. Hopefully the weather will be kind, it will be pleasant to be able to sit outside in the sunshine relaxing with friends

Details of events are on our website and Facebook page, please check them out. Sadly, our member who prepares our flyers and posters is incapacitated at present, following an accident on a skiing holiday. So there may not be any other publicity available. We wish her a speedy recovery. AND No – the accident was not ski related!

***Hooe Village Community Group working together for the good of everyone***

## Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met last Friday 14th April and we entertained by the very talented St Lawrence Hand Bell Ringers. It was a real pleasure and amazing the variety of music that can be played on the bells. We had tunes which varied from country, popular musicals, Chopin and other classics, opera and ended up with a church rendition of The Dam Busters. We were given some insight into the history of the bells and rounded off with some of our group having a go! We finished a very pleasant afternoon with a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. Our next meeting is Friday 12th May, 2.00p.m. at the Methodist Hall, Ninfield. We are having a talk by Michelle Pannell who is going to tell



us the history of the Food Banks and the reason they are needed so badly. Please remember this is an open group and all are welcome. You don't need to be a member to come along, just turn up and maybe make some new friends.

Nicki & Heather

### 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	
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Alternate Fridays	6.45 Ballroom & Burlesque / Explorers		

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## **News, Reviews and Revues - From Sami Guard**

Quiz Night at the Memorial Hall - The famous Quiz Night, - well, at time of writing, because of deadlines, it actually hasn't happened yet - it's this coming Saturday!! All I know is, we're absolutely booked out, stuffed to the rafters, tables full with extras, and my cooking skills are about to be tested again as I make a spicy Chilli con Carne and Rice for nearly 100!! Oh well- it's a rehearsal for the 27th May, just with different menu! Thank you to all who did go to the Quiz Night - I hope you had a great time! And thanks to all helpers and committee members - invaluable as always!

### **THE CORONATION:-**

**The Saturday, 6th May**, is the actual Coronation of King Charles 3rd, and it was felt that people will most likely want to be left to their own devices, to watch, or not watch, the scheduled television coverage. It will no doubt be another fantastic display of British Pageantry; and maybe another 'once in a lifetime' event for some of us. To note- The Blacksmiths Inn are showing the coverage and doing a Hog Roast, with a live band to follow, which all sounds great!

**Sunday 7th, Memorial Hall** - Doors open at 1.30pm - closes at 4.30pm - and the Memorial Hall Committee have agreed to open the Hall, and lay tables up, decorate with bunting etc, and provide the facility for an Indoor Street Party! This will be for anyone who feels that they would like to come out and do something, but doesn't want to organise it themselves, or who would prefer to be among other people for the day rather than do nothing. Folk could bring a picnic up, or some cakes, and there will be teas and coffees available in the Hall; there MAY even be some Entertainment during the afternoon, and there will definitely be a great, friendly atmosphere!! Do please make use of the facility - it's a great Community day, and we'd love to see people coming together for a cup of tea and a chat! If anyone feels they'd like to bake some cakes for the day - then please let me know! Contact me on 07970650321

**Evening of Sunday 7th** - The Music Concert from Windsor- Memorial Hall - Doors AND THE BAR open at 6pm!! The Concert will be shown LIVE on the big screen in the Hall, and there will be refreshments, nibbles etc for those who would love to 'Go to the Gig' without having to drive/go by train! This will be a FANTASTIC evening - we can make our own Coronation Party!

**CORONATION SOAPBOX /PRAM/CART RACES!**, Bank Holiday Monday May 8th. This idea sprang up between us all, and will be a great reinvention of the Pram Races that used to be held in early May. To be held at the Blacksmiths Inn car park, and with the races down Manchester Road- the road closure will be in place from 11.30am-2pm.!! Just as it used to be! The Pub will be open from 11am-4pm for drinks only, and both Committees will run a BBQ in the Car park, plus a Tote and various other games/events.

Have you started constructing your vehicle? It MUST be Home Made, 4 Wheels, NO engines, People Power - why not use this event to reinvent the Carnival Procession into a Coronation Soap Box version!!! And don't forget the Fancy Dress, there will be Trophies and prizes for both!! Call for more information. There are posters, flyers, and social media posts out with all Race Day information, so get those vehicles and outfits made!

It's BACK! Saturday 27th May at the Memorial Hall!!!!-

**'An Evening with..' Sami- UN-Guarded Show-** hopefully people will want to come out again for Supper, the Bar, and of course some more hilarious stories of my life and times in the Entertainment Industry - Part 1 last year was a sell out 100 people, and a brilliant night...so if you are interested in coming along then please BOOK EARLY!! Now- just to be clear - you DON'T have to have seen Part 1, there are different stories in each, so Part 2 is NOT a sequel, just another show with equally funny and fruity anecdotes from nearly fifty years in the business!! - Posters and posts are up and out, so call me or email as soon as possible, it would be great to have an early idea of numbers!

**The Ninfield Village Fete** this year will be over the weekend of 14th and 15th July; Friday 14th will see the Bonfire Society hosting a Music event on the Rec, with a 'Battle of the Bands' competition, for new young bands, followed by a group to play for the rest of the evening. There will be a Bar, food etc; raising money towards the Fireworks night in October.

Saturday 15th July will be the lovely Village Fete day, which has become so popular over the last two years. Although there is no Carnival procession now, the rest of the events on the Rec remain, with the Coconut Shy, China Smash, Tea Tent, Bar, BBQ, Raffle, Bottle Tombola, Dog Show and some special, surprises during the afternoon in the Arena. The Music will keep going through the evening, with the Bar and food available till 10.30pm.

This is the first call for Cakes and Bottles please!! We are always so grateful for the donations that come into the Tea Tent, and we are also discussing whether to do another Village Bake Off competition - Adults and Children, Sweet and Savoury- with all entries, after judging and prizes, being given to the Tea Tent - Watch this space!

As always, Funds raised at the events run by both Carnival and Bonfire societies are used to create more events for the Village, and all profits are donated to local causes.

The Next Carnival Association meeting will be Wednesday 3rd May at SPARKE PAVILION! , 8pm start, getting all the last details together for the Bank Holiday events.If you would like to help out in any way, Please come along to the meeting, you'll be made very welcome! Or call me on 07970650321 - email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com) for more information on all up coming events.

I will keep this in for one more month!! As you may be aware- at the last Memorial Hall AGM (October 2022), after being on the Committee for over 20 years, and recently Vice Chair, I very reluctantly agreed to take on the Chairman role - but only as an interim measure, because we had to keep the Hall open- (I really do NOT have the time needed!) With a new, and permanent Chairman to be looked for at the beginning of this new year. SO! Six months on - and the search is STILL continuing! Are you out there..?! Come on out and show yourself!! If you have an interest in the Hall, how it runs, and also how it is an essential part of the life of the Village, then please call me on 01424 893699 or 07970650321 or Carol Holland on 01424 893326 or Kaye Crittall on 01424 892388 - Your Hall needs You!

## **Ninfield Flower Group**

In April members were challenged at an evening workshop to produce floral arrangements without the use of floral foam. This is a "light-weight, water-absorbent material that can be placed in the bottom of containers to create a foundation for floral designs". It is a plastic and a by-product of the petrochemical industry which cannot be recycled but it can be efficiently incinerated. Flower- arrangers are being asked to use less of it and therefore we need to explore different methods of supporting flowers in an arrangement.

Duncan Ward who led our workshops gave us some superb ideas reusing small, "single-use" plastic containers and the end results were very attractive. We all went away with plans to adapt the designs in many different ways. Floral foam will still be used in certain circumstances but we will all try to reduce our use.

This month our usual first Monday of the month meeting coincides with the May Day bank holiday and our default second Monday with the Coronation. So as a one-off our May meeting will be on Tuesday May 16th 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Our demonstrator will be Sue Thompson with "Inspirations". Those of you who might find an afternoon more convenient are warmly invited to join us for a relaxing and colourful couple of hours of floral art. Refreshments will be available from 2pm. Visitors are charged £5. There is a free car-park adjacent to the hall.

On Monday June 5th, 7pm for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, we welcome back Sian Tribe as our demonstrator with her title "Influential Women". We look forward to your company.

Closing date for items for the **JUNE issue** of the Parish News is  
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## Worms Eye View

A word of advice from my mother, many years ago, but watching Bees active in the garden reminds me of her words.

“If you swallow a bee, mix Sweet oil, Honey and Vinegar in equal quantities and take a spoonful frequently. I just hope I never swallow a bee!”

My bird table is still regularly in use. The woodpecker is a welcome visitor but the two squirrels are not, although it is quite funny watching them. They are not friends and fight over the nut holder especially. They got it onto the grass yesterday, and then both planted a lot of nuts into the lawn, the little rascals and I now wonder how many trees shoots I may see sprouting up as a consequence.

I am sure that you are all looking forward to the Coronation of Charles. It has made me memorize over the past ones I have been able to see in the papers or on the screen. Although I remember George V dying from pictures in the paper and then hearing Edward had resigned, but I do not remember the actual coronation of George VI, but was shown pictures of it the next day in the papers: but the Coronation of Elizabeth II was something I will never forget. A lot of us crowded into an aunt's sitting room where sat a rather small television set. It was wonderful watching it as it really happened. Now I will enjoy watching the actual service in colour and celebrating afterwards.

As I am writing, I've got one eye on the field outside as four rabbits are having a lovely time scampering around in the sunshine and no foxes to be seen. The ewes and lambs are also enjoying the sunshine, we have nearly finished lambing, only five more ewes to go. It has all gone quite well although I should admit that I do not actually help with the lambing these days (getting a bit older and cutting back on what I do) but I do enjoy walking around the fields watching and counting as they, the lambs are skipping and jumping around with each other before finding mum again and having a feed, before setting down for a nap. May this lovely sunshine continue for the sheep and lambs, also the cows and a nice lot of calves which are being born at the moment and of course for us all after a wet and windy March.

Anne

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We hope everyone had a lovely Easter.

The local elections will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, this year and everyone will need to bring with them a form of photo identification when attending the Polling Station to vote. If you need more information, please contact our Clerk as we have some 'Everything you need to know Guides' we can distribute.

Later in May we have the Parish Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Hooe Village Hall and the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at this meeting there will be a small buffet and refreshments and we are waiting for confirmation of a number of Presentations including one from the Powdermill Trust giving details of the Bogs and what makes it a special place plus an update on the village hall project.

All Welcome

**Ann Lloyd**      **Chairman of Hooe Parish Council**

## **An Organ Recital by**

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**11.45am on Sunday 30 th April**

**following morning service due to end about 11.30am**

**All welcome**

## **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 Saturday 20th May. 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:

King's Coronation - 'Coronation Soapbox Race' we are teaming up with Ninfield Carnival for this event. It will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, Bank Holiday Monday, and will take place on Manchester Road. There will be a road closure and The Blacksmiths Inn will open the bar and Carnival and NBS will be organising street food. All carts must be home-made with 4 wheels, somewhere for the passenger to sit, and a way for someone to push. That's it! The rest is up to your imagination. We also have a Hobby Horse race for those who want to take on a smaller project. Happy building!

- **Ninfield Carnival Weekend** – Joint event with Ninfield Carnival on the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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.

**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](mailto:ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com) or Sarah on 07809684488.**

**NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks 21st October  
Remember, Remember the 5th of November**

## **Ninfield Horticultural Society**

A wet March and heavy rain on the last Friday of the month did not deter exhibitors for the Ninfield Horticultural Society Spring Show. The Society were very pleased to receive 283 class entries from 87 exhibitors (including 30 children) and the judges commented on the quality of exhibits. The daffodils, spring flowers, shrubs and flower arrangements made a beautiful display and visitors to the show were greeted by the wonderful fresh scent of spring flowers plus a display of pot plants, handicraft, baking, lego animals and hedgehogs.

**2023 Spring show class winners:** Brian Fryer, Ivan Luck, Robin Goldsmith, Carol Holland, Rose Franks, Jackie Moore, Paula Smith, Veronica Sargent, Tracy Dixon, Diana Pilbeam, Katie Allen, Beryl Harmer, Nicky Walker, Mrs J Dixon, Helen Cunliffe, Sally Parry, Ray Noble, Jackie Langley, Primrose Slidel, Millie Holloway, Briony Joynes, Noah Joynes, Alana Bates, Hannah Joynes, Marion Davies, Jacqui Rutland, Jane Dommerson, Jo Halftide, Pat Calver, Gary Pharo, Annabelle Sargent, Donna Powell.

**Award winners:** Maurice J Cornford Memorial – Bryan Fryer, Society Shield for Best Exhibit – Brian Fryer, Doug March Trophy – Bryan Fryer, Society's Award for Pot Plants – Nicky Walker, Vi Simmonds Shield – Nicky Walker, Perpetual Challenge Cup – Helen Cunliffe, Cynthia Pettet Memorial Award – Helen Cunliffe, Ted Ive Shield – Ray Noble, Handicraft Cup – Marion Davies and Jane Dommerson, Cookery Award – Katie Allen, Pre-School under 2 – Primrose Slidell, Pre-school under 4 – Millie Holloway, Most Points age 5-8 – Alana Bates, Most Points age 8-13 – Hannah Joynes

And our tips for May: Feed your daffodils to build up next years flowers. Dig up and store tulips after flowering. There is still a chance of late frosts so keep an eye on the weather as you don't want frost to damage your newly emerging dahlias and annuals. And how about No Mow May – leave your grass longer and let the wildflowers in your lawn grow free to provide food for pollinators.



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## DID YOU FEEL IT!

Its seems that other folks are wondering about spring this year! I managed to confuse myself in mid February when I found a patch of Daises. The saying went ' if you can put your foot over six daisy flowers its spring'. Well something like that! That said it seems a chap with a size 10 welly will be in spring before a lady with a dainty foot. Not only did spring not happen but the daises vanished, probably embarrassed about jumping to soon.

The spring equinox was the 20<sup>th</sup> of March this year. I didn't feel it, it came and went without even putting a ripple on the numerous puddles. There were black birds building nests in February, they saw the daises too!

I have had my bit of 'bread and cheese', the first green leaves on the Hawthorn; not to bad a taste but not worth bothering with unless eating the first leaves has become a bit of a thing! There is also quite a bit of 'April snow' those white flowers on the Black Thorn.

The garden birds are nesting, so at this time of year I leave out the hair groomed from my dog. It is very pleasant watching the robins and sparrows flying off to their nests with beak full of ginger hair. It is also a bit of a challenge to find the nests and see if the hair is there. But garden birds can cause some grief, if you care for them.

Yesterday I looked out of the kitchen window and there was a sparrow hawk having a fine time eating one of the blue tits. I went into stealth mode and started to creep up on it. It knew I was there and watched me edge closer and closer until I was within two feet of it. It must have got fed up with being watched because it picked up it's meal and flew up to the roof. What is it with Hooe and birds of pray, first the merlin and now a sparrow hawk both tame enough to pretty well pat on the head.

The hawk took another bird today and I worry that it will keep doing this until the small birds are gone. But what to do about it. It is my actions that have allowed the number of garden birds to increase their numbers thus attracting the hawk, they like the food left out and the nesting potential. But what to do! I could find my sons old pea gun, I'm sure its here somewhere. I could creep up again and draw the gun, ' go on punk make my day'. Can't do that because its probably against the law to threaten a protected bird with a child's toy. It is within my abilities to actually catch it and release it, maybe Kent. But what have the small birds in Kent done to me. Mind if a pea gun is riding close to the law, catching a protected bird is darn right naughty.

The mass of yellow flowers around the Church yard are now fading, being replaced by the first blush of green on the hedges. The horse chestnut has its leaves opening and the elm has its flower on the leafless twigs, so is it now spring. 'Never cast a clout till May is out' the pessimist will say and there are a lot of pessimists in Lincolnshire<sub>3,1</sub>

## VILLAGE SOCIETY

Well it was most encouraging to see a better turnout for our AGM on the 21st March, attracted no doubt by a splendid presentation by Kim Parks with numerous amazing photographs of local wildlife. As usual we made the business side of the meeting as brief as possible, but it was an opportunity to report our progress in Church Wood and around Ninfield and to thank the volunteers who not only work so hard but also maintain the flower beds around the village too.

Church Wood continues to be a challenge with recent heavy rainfall washing away several paths and making the main access path very uneven. We are still seeking hardcore and are hoping to embark on substantial resurfacing once weather permits. In the meantime we are maintaining and replacing sections of the boundary fence, planting fresh saplings and endeavouring to ensure the water remains in the streams !

Our work at the Doctor's surgery Community Garden continues and hopefully better weather will enable us to finish this soon. In addition we have had a visit from a representative of Sussex Wildlife Trust who commented very favourably on our management of Church Wood and the wildlife therein. We have been most pleased to acquire a wildlife camera for the woods and are grateful to the Carnival Committee for their gift.

By the time you receive this issue we will have held a village litter pick and hopefully we had an opportunity to meet the local volunteers who seem to come forward for this event each year. Forthcoming events include a "Tree Trail" including guided tours of Church Wood on the Monday 8th May, the Coronation Weekend. Tours will commence at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. from the bridge at the foot of the slope down to Church Wood and we very much hope to see family groups and others who are interested in exploring this great community asset.



The first meeting of the new **Ninfield Baking Group** will be on Saturday 13th May at 10am in the upstairs room of the Memorial Hall.

All welcome so if you are interested please come along and let's see if we can make Ninfield Baking Group a reality.

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### Sunday Services for May 2023:

7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Coronation Café Family Worship with Dawn Novis
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Service & communion with Jill Sayers
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Worship & Praise Family Service with Julie Todd
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	PENTECOST Worship & Praise Family Service with Steve Wise

### Events for May 2023:

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange & Cafe in Hall and
Fridays	10.00-11.30am	Community Café
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 – 4.00pm	Christian Women's Fellowship
24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 5.30pm	Messy Church – 'Wesley's Wise Words'

We look forward to celebrating the Coronation with a Family Café worship on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May which will be special. A warm invitation to all.

Our own Messy Church in May will look at a famous quote by John Wesley who was the founder of the Methodist Church. He said: *'Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.'* These are some amazing words & can be an inspiration to the way we try & live today. We will look forward to sharing some of these thoughts with our young people.

On Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> the President of the Methodist Conference, the Reverend Graham Thompson will be leading a service at 4.00 pm at Winchelsea Methodist Chapel. This small gem is a lovely historic chapel in our area, has its own special atmosphere of peace, and still has the pulpit from which John Wesley preached. The early history of Methodism in South-East Sussex starts in 1756 and after this John Wesley made many visits to the area from 1758. His first very successful visit to Winchelsea was on 30 October 1771, arriving on foot to preach to "a considerable number of people".

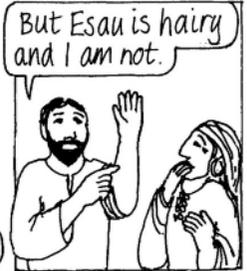
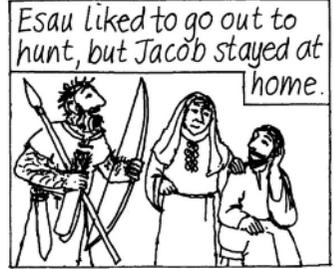
Do come along & worship with us whenever you can .... We will be pleased to welcome you.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

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

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...



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