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November 2021 50p



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7 th Nov	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
11 th Nov	<i>No Service</i>	10.45 Remembrance Day
14 th Nov Remembrance Sunday	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>
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Dear Friends,

As we enter November beginning with All Saint's Day and then All Souls Day we come to a time of remembering which is continued on the 11th with Remembrance Day.

As the leaves fall off the trees and 2021 starts to draw to a close, we enter what some call the 'back end' and it seems appropriate that we have a time of reflection and preparation.

In our church calendar too we are coming to the end of our lectionary year as we begin a new lectionary year as we enter Advent.

However we in the modern world are often guilty of trying to put a positive spin on everything and rushing past difficult emotions. Perhaps we should allow the weather and the season to influence us to pause and take stock and face some of those difficult emotions that we would sometimes prefer to ignore or rush past. COVID 19 has certainly given us time to reflect, to look back and perhaps reassess our priorities.

Life, as we know all too well, is challenging for many and this can be a time when we decide to be gentler with each other and ourselves and let go of our stiff upper lip and acknowledge the pain and regrets and loss that we carry with us as a very normal part of life.

But we don't have to carry it alone, we can bring it to God who is willing to hear our deepest thoughts and emotions; our grief, our sorrow and our 'remembering's. And as we do perhaps we can draw on memories of good times to give us hope and strength to continue.

So take time to be gentle with each other and share those memories with each other. We don't need to rush on into something new, we can learn to appreciate what we have here and now.

We may also reflect that the world seems a very complicated and conflicted place which also needs our gentleness and our compassionate prayers. As we move on from Covid and perhaps learn to live with it, we also remember that we do not all move at the same pace. Some need longer than others for many different reasons and again that's where our gentleness and compassion comes into play. So as we spend time reflecting, perhaps this will prompt us to look out for those who live alone as the nights draw in and those who seem okay on the outside but for whom the reality of life is far from okay. May we look out for and care for all our neighbours as winter begins to set in. God Bless. Paul

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

We remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,
We never should forget such cost,
Remembering with thankful hearts
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life
To break the chains and set us free,
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross
Paid that price for you, for me.

By Megan Carter



Editors' Note Things are very quiet at the moment as all the groups and societies haven't really got back to any sort of normality. It would be really lovely if you could use this time to write something for the magazine. Our next edition is a double one, combining December/January so this is an opportunity to write something amusing, seasonal, thought provoking, a short story or perhaps something about a charity you are involved with or maybe you have a job that we would like to hear about. The list is endless. We were going to start a message or comments page, perhaps we could give that a go for this edition. So, scribes of Ninfield, please, get writing!



Nicki & Carol

News from St. Oswald's

BELL RESTORATION PROJECT

We are most grateful to several parishioners who responded to our last article about the bells with most generous donations and we are pleased to say that Matthew Higby, the appointed Contractor for this project, is aiming to start work in the tower in the week beginning 8th November.

ONGOING PROJECTS

During the summer months upkeep in the churchyard and church continues as usual and lots of work has been carried out with edgers, strimmers and mowers to ensure that it all looked good both whilst the wild flowers were out and then cut down and tidied for the two recent weddings. For both weddings the offer to do the flower decorations in the church was accepted with couples contributing by buying the flowers and in one case also making a most generous donation. We are lucky to have nine regular flower arrangers and those that are available also turn out for weddings and festivals. We are also fortunate to have the assistance of two, or sometimes three, younger helpers and they are fantastic with their creative, swift arrangements.

BUILDING REPAIRS

We are beginning to look at the last regular report from our inspecting Architect to agree a programme of repairs needing to be done within two

HARVEST

The church looked dressed for the season with pumpkins, fruit and veg providing traditional decorations. Contributions of tinned and dried foods were also donated as gifts for the Bexhill Food Bank. The PCC had decided that the time was not yet right to re-instate our annual Harvest Supper in the Village Hall so instead a "finger food" buffet was provided after the Harvest Festival Service in church. People brought their own plates, glasses and drinks, the food was provided by PCC members. There were about 30 attendees who made a donation towards expenses. It was really cheering to hear the buzz of conversation as people were once again able to socialize. Those we welcomed came mostly from the Hooe regular congregation but we were delighted to welcome a few from St. Mary's and one or two new to Hooe.

VISITORS BOOK

We are lucky to be able to open the church all and every day and this clearly welcomed by regular and occasional visitors to the church.

Not everyone writes in the Visitors Book but over seventy entries have been recorded for 2021 already. We thought it would be nice to pass on each month some of the messages left:

“Lovely Church. So old and so cool in both ways” Susie Wells, Florida

“Looking for evidence of ancestry. It’s so good to find the church open” JT/MF, Norfolk

“Have fallen in love with your Parish” - Angela and Ian, Sheffield

“Thank you for being available to visit -a real oasis” Cas Morris,

Book Exchange: remember this is held on the first Friday of the month 10 – 11.30am in the Methodist Hall, Ninfield next session will be 5th November followed by 3rd December.

AND for those who enjoy their coffee on a Friday morning, the Pop-up cafe will be open every Friday 10.00 - 11.30, but without the books - but maybe other things instead! For more information contact

David on 07989729123 or email dj_swales@hotmail.com



NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP are welcoming Brigadier Hugh Willing back for another of his lively and entertaining talks. The subject this time is "The Last Days of Napoleon on Elba". The meeting is on Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall". We do not meet in December, so the next meeting will be 13th January when David Swales will be talking about Noted Individuals of Ninfield. Our archives are open on the last Monday of the month 10am to 12 noon in the pavilion

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of the Parish News is **SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER**
please send to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

Miscellaneous musings on modern life...

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. -
Mark Twain

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished. - Anon

OUR SCHOOL

We've made it safely through the first few weeks of the new school year. Children are mixing together, all bubbles have been burst and a sense of, hectic, normality has returned.

Unfortunately the de-carbonisation project was unable to start over the summer holidays as had previously been planned. This was due to a delay in awarding the contracts and the general lack of building materials which is affecting everyone at the moment. We hope to have some of the work started over the October break.

If you have been past the school allotment recently you may have seen the children from Dragonflies enthusiastically digging away. This is part of their WW2 topic and they are busy 'digging for victory'. They also recently visited the Kent and East Sussex railway to see the wartime steam trains. Real experiences like this help to bring a topic to life. So watch out for the line of evacuee children being led around the village – you may be asked to take a few!!

Finally, as you read month by month how exciting and challenging today's education system is, don't you just wish that you could do your bit to help? As a Governing body we are always on the lookout for new faces and skills to join us and help guide Our School and ensure its continued existence at the centre of our community. If you think that is something you could contribute to, and you have the spare time and motivation to do it, then feel free to contact me to discuss what it is all about. Either catch me as I wander around the village or drop me an email at: imoffat@ninfieldce.e-sussex.sch.uk

Ian Moffat

Member of the congregation to minister: "I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you."

Don't worry about avoiding temptation...as you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill

**In Flanders Fields
John McCrae**

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



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We would encourage those who can, to download the NHS App. This not only allows you to book appointments for flu clinics etc but also has information regarding your Covid Vaccines, general vaccinations, medication etc.

We are now booking appointments for the Flu Clinics. Messages have been sent out to those who are eligible. If you are over 50 and haven't booked yet, please use the NHS App or contact the surgery on 01424 892569, as there are no letters being sent out this year. We would ask all patients to continue wearing a mask when they visit the surgery, including for the flu clinics.

You should be hearing from the NHS directly if you are eligible for the booster Covid vaccination. Patients are currently being contacted at least 6 months after they had the second Covid vaccination. The NHS will contact you either by text, email or letter to book these directly or contact 119 if you need to speak to someone concerning this.

We are now able to have PPG (Patient Participation Group) meetings in person. If anyone would like to be involved, please contact the surgery for further details.

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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Although our numbers remain smaller than before lockdown, it is quite satisfying to have restarted our monthly meetings. Ken Brookes came along and spoke on his favourite subject – Fossil Folklore – in October, whilst November sees the welcome visit of our former Community Beat Officer, Darryl Holter with his insight into Heritage Crime in Sussex. This will take place on Thursday 18th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

DID YOU KNOW... if you recall, last month described the two Tithe Auctions at Saddlers and Broad Green Farms, at which neither of the lots were sold. Here the story continues at the end of the sale at Broad Green Farm...

Police intervention

Again the crowd cut short his words and pressed forwards like a great wave towards the auctioneer. With cries of "Stand back" the police rushed to surround Mr. Budd, and for a few moments a free fight seemed likely. Walking sticks were brandished angrily, and a young man with a gaily coloured scarf round his neck brought out a short stick and waved it in front of the police. He then jumped forward, apparently in an attempt to reach Mr. Budd, but his way was barred the police who pushed him towards the ditch. Just when the situation appeared most critical, four more constables arrived. This brought the total to six, and there were also two sergeants.

Auctioneer's dash for cover

An unprecedented scene followed. Headed by the auctioneer, under police escort, the farmers and villagers formed a procession and marched four abreast along the country road which leads to the inn. Singing and laughing, they made their way along the road, their good humour apparently restored. But they branched off from the main road to the inn they made a rush for the auctioneer, who ran at his fastest to the inn, dashed up the steps and entered the inn, closing the door behind him. Police barred the way of members of the crowd who attempted to force an entry. Other constables hurried round to the back entrance and P.C. Walker, of Catsfield, was struck behind the

ear by a missile. The crowd proceeded to form a complete cordon round the inn. No one was allowed inside for a drink unless the police were satisfied regarding his intentions.

The Red Lion Inn was, for the first time in its existence, in a state of siege! Inside the bar parlour, with its low, oak beamed ceiling, farmers discussed the tithe question with heat, and slaked their parched throats with foaming beer. Outside, the one topic discussion was "Where is the auctioneer?" "He's got away," said some, but such a thing seemed, on the face of it, to be impossible.

Acting on orders

An "Observer" reporter decided to find Mr. Budd and eventually he discovered him in a room at the top of the inn, and with him a police constable. Here the "Observer" man obtained an interview, while below groups of people peered up at the window. "Well, we're having lively time," said Mr. Budd, and joked about the whole affair. "These people" he continued, "think that I am attending to-day as a private auctioneer. What they do not know is that I am bailiff to the Eastbourne County Court and I am instructed by the registrar of that County Court, who was asked to employ me by the Hastings County Court. When the County Court employs me I have got to do my job, because I am an official of the Court. I am in much the same position as Mr. Saunders, of the Hastings County Court, who conducted the sale at Sadler's Farm. It is not the farmers who have created the disturbance to-day. It is the rough lot that have caused all the trouble."

Mr. Budd drove to Hooe by car and then sent it back to Eastbourne before conducting the sale. "I did not want the tyres ripped and the car ruined," he said, so one of my men drove it back." By the time the interview was over the crowd was much smaller, and about one o'clock, after having sought refuge in the inn for over an hour, Mr. Budd made his way out of the building at the back door. Escorted by the police, he walked over the fields to a friend's car, and was driven to Sewers Bridge, where he boarded his own car and returned to Eastbourne.

Next month, the alternative view, the comments of somebody who witnessed the event (can you guess who?) and a look at the farmers who may have been involved....

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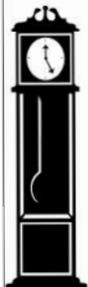


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News, Views and Future Fun - from Sami !!

Ninfield Carnival & Sports Assoc: The AGM saw Committee members and officers re-elected, and discussions start for the Village Fete to be held in June next year as part of the Platinum Jubilee weekend. See below!

Platinum Jubilee 2022: The meeting to coordinate next year's Jubilee weekend events has been difficult so far to arrange but hopefully before November is out! Suddenly everyone, and everything has got really busy; it's amazing after the long lull, but now it's all go, go, go!. Carol Holland and I are looking into grants that we can apply for to fund some of the events. This would be especially useful for the Over 60's Afternoon Tea with Cabaret on the Friday. Other ideas so far are the Carnival's Village Fete and an Evening bar with the Big Party screened on the Saturday, plus the lighting of our Beacon on the Rec. in the National Beacon relay. If anyone would like to be involved with the planning for this once in a lifetime Jubilee, please get in touch!!.

2021 Halloween Event. You should all have your magazine just before this event so here's a gentle reminder.!! Saturday 30th October - 4.30pm meet at Sparke Pavilion, 5pm split into teams- Halloween Trail & Party, for youngsters, and oldsters alike to have fun in a safe, organised event, Trick 'n' Treating around the Village, and ending up back at Sparke 6pm for a Fangtastic Party, with frightening food, manic music and ghoulish games..! Lots of Scary Cave Fun! Fancy Dress is a must, and 'Grand Witch Juju' will be judging the Children AND the Adults for prizes! No tickets - its a Free event!

Village Gala Night- IT'S BACK!! Saturday 13th November 7pm (doors open)- the traditional Black Tie evening, with Fish & Chips Supper, A Bar, plus Cabaret Show with Deja Revue, a Raffle and Dancing, and I'm so glad it WILL be going ahead, and will be held in CATSFIELD Village Hall!!!! HUSSAH!! Obviously it will be a bit smaller, and therefore tickets will be limited to 60- so, as they say in the trade, 'Boook Early!!' Tickets will be £20 per head to include Fish & Chips (other options available) The Deja Revue gang are rehearsing hard,

laughing a lot and are promising that it will be a fabulous Cabaret- with comedy galore, just before most of us go off into Pantoland.! If you would like to reserve your table now - please do!! Just call me on the numbers at the end of this article - there are posters up, and more social media posts and info going out this week, and, as always, there is the caveat that everything is still subject to change should there be a Covid emergency. But let's keep fingers, toes and eyes crossed that it all goes swimmingly from now on...The Show WILL go on...Oh yes it will!

Christmas Tree: Huge Thanks to Gary Keeley who has offered to find the Village Christmas Tree for Ninfield this year and to put it up on the edge of the Rec. There will be solar lights, as it's quite a long way, and a trip hazard, from the nearest electricity source, but hopefully they will shine brightly for all to enjoy. A Christmas singalong around the Tree is being organised, so look out for details on Notice boards and on Social media.

There will be more updates and reviews in the December edition - just before I head off to Potters Bar, The Wyllyotts Theatre, to start Pantomime rehearsals, playing Malevolent in Beauty and the Beast. There is a Coach Party from Ninfield going up to the 1pm Show on Wednesday 29th December, if you'd like to join in let me or Robin Fookes know!!

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Once the building work is all finished the Committee have the daunting task of washing everything that had been in the cupboards in the old kitchen and is now stored on the stage and in the hall. It is dusty to say the least! We will then have to sort out which cupboard to use for what and clean every where. All the chairs need to be washed and there are still some of the items that were stored in the loft space that need to be sorted, what to keep, what to throw!

If everything goes to plan we will have an official opening when you are all invited, that date and the format of the event is still to be finalised, so watch for posters around the village, on the website and our facebook page.

We are hopeful the Home Made Fayre will go ahead on Saturday 27th November and the only event planned for December is the Christmas Market if all the stall holders are able to attend and we are not living with Covid related restrictions! From January onwards it will be (fingers crossed) business as usual, markets, film shows, games afternoons, all your favourite classes as well as your own parties and events, but more on that next month.

Is there anyone who is a regular facebook user who would like to help us with our facebook page,? Promote our events, make sure all the information is up to date , if so please either message or email us.

As you may recall, the hall was registered with the Charity Commission in February 1921, so Ninfield Village Hall - as it was first known is now 100 years old, and the Committee are still working to the rules set out then . We contacted the Charity Commission and they have given us permission to apply to become Ninfield Village Memorial Hall with 21st Century terms and conditions while keeping the essence of the original document and the wishes of those who wrote them 100 years ago. Terms we have asked to amend include changing the format of the Committee. It should be made up of no

more than 20 villagers with no more than five women! That would require 50% of the committee to resign! How times change! Talking of changes, photos showing our Hall before and now, just the boarding to be put up.



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HOOE OPEN GROUP

We met for the first time following Lockdown on Friday 8th October, there were 16 of us and another 6 people sent their apologies. We have since heard of another 4 people who want to join, so hopefully we will be successful. A vote of thanks will be sent to Edna Wallis who is now unable to continue as Chair. Heather Sinden is taking on the role as Chair and Treasurer backed up by Nicki Murphy as Secretary.

A proposal was made to change the name of the group to 'Hooe and Ninfield Open Group' as it appears an equal number attend from each village. Everyone agreed.

A general discussion was held about what we all want from the Group. Apart from occasional speakers it was suggested that members also come up with ideas of activities or talk about their interests. One idea was to have a 'share a recipe' afternoon which perhaps we could turn into a booklet.

It was agreed that the annual subscription will be £10 payable at the November meeting.

A Christmas lunch will be held on the 11th December in place of the meeting. Details to be finalised. Tea and biscuits were provided. The meeting closed with a short talk by Anne Bourner on farming life together with an amusing poem.

We meet the second Friday of the month at 2p.m in Hooe Village Hall. Please feel free to join us on 12th November, we'd love to see you

Heather and Nicki

A few more musings

In filling out an application, where it says,
'In case of emergency, notify': I put 'DOCTOR.'

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

The United Friends Beerhouse.

Beer, or ale-houses were the lower end of the drinking establishments, as a beer licence cost less than those serving spirits. The Kings Arms had always been a stop on the mail and stage coach run from Hastings to London, so as well as serving drinks, provided accommodation, stabling and meals.

A beer house was established by the forge at the junction of the Back Lane to Ashburnham and the "Hastings" Road to serve the populace of Ninfield that didn't mix with the wealthier clientele of the Kings Arms.

It's my belief that there had long been an aleshop in the village by the forge, which would have been a focal point in the village, as well as convenient for a stop coming home from the Church or one of the many farms, or tannery, bakery, shops, dairy, Post Office, tea rooms and cobblers etc. that existed in the village many years ago.

But sometimes, researching local history throws up strange anomalies.

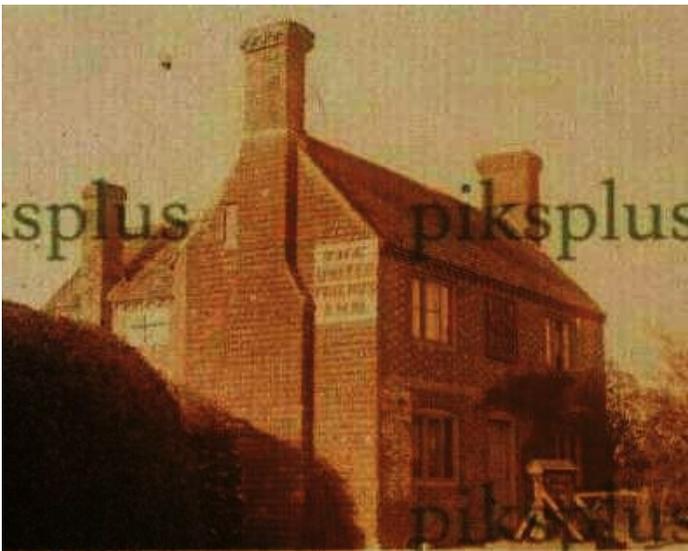
The electricity substation in the Church Path twitten is labelled as "New Inn" when electricity didn't reach the village till the 1900's when the alehouse must have been in existence for many years previously.

The logical explanation has to be that the pub was rebuilt around the time electricity was brought to the village, and likely the same time as the

reservoirs at Standard Hill were built to provide water to Bexhill.

That then ties in with High Knowle being known to produce illicit liquor, of such high potency and aroma as to be known as Stinking Billy around the 1820's.

A postcard from about 1910 shows the United Friends



as a newly built hostelry, with prominent chimney stacks at either end. This may now be Strawberry Cottage, as the site was redeveloped when the forge and wheelwrights closed in the late 1920's. Another, shortly after 1934 when it was built on the present site.

Why "United Friends"? Well, the 1936 H K Bowden pub postcard shows the United Friends with a balcony over the ground floor High Street frontage. On the balcony is a painted sign for the RAOB – The Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes. This began life in beer halls around London in the 1820's and became a popular drinking society. It all stemmed from a music hall song "On the Trail of the Buffalo", with the leader elected as Grand Primo and other "officers" as kangaroos – all exotic animals in the 1820's, and the participants would hop like kangaroos around any initiate, before resorting to a few jugs of beer and jollity, finishing with songs and laughter.

It is likely that the landlord was the Grand Primo of the Ninfield branch of the RAOB, which, sobering up from the rowdy 1820's organized itself into a more decorous Victorian society and acted as a mutual savings club, helping members that fell on hard times, which occurred frequently in the seasonal world of farm workers. He possibly lived in Friends Cottage, which appears of similar age.

At some later date, the RAOB association ended, probably after WW2 and evolved into the Blacksmiths which we know and cherish now.

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Farewell to our Parish Clerk

Our Parish Clerk, Jackie Scarff, who continues to look after Ninfield Parish Council left us at the end of September. We wish her well in the future and will keep in touch via news coming from Ninfield.

This leaves a vacancy:

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**Further Details from
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Parish Council meetings

11th October: Our meeting on 11th October was well attended; we are always delighted to welcome residents who contribute so much. The main discussions were around the new village hall project, the recreation ground and general maintenance of council assets.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend

Telephone Box – please keep ideas flowing as to the future use of our telephone box

Tree Planting – Hooe Parish Council has taken up the idea from a resident to support and encourage the planting of trees in the parish. Details of the schemes and incentives available are being researched by Cllr David Constable who is leading on this for the parish council. If you have questions, would like to help with the project or would just like to be involved in any way David would love to hear from you. 01424 893632

Speed watch – Cllr Gary Durman reports that he is pleased some volunteers have come forward to join the Speed watch team but there is still room for more. If you would like to join the team please contact Gary

01424 893007. We understand speed watch will be in operation very shortly.

Welcome to the young lady who has volunteered to take on the cleaning of the village hall! We are thrilled someone from the village will be keeping our hall clean for us. We can already see a vast difference so are very grateful to her.

Social and fundraising activities

Beetle Drive: Make sure you reserve Friday evening 12th November as, in response to popular demand, that is when we will be holding our Family Beetle Drive. The evening of competitive fun will start at 7.00pm. The drive will be accompanied by refreshments and if past Beetle Drives are anything to go by, much noise and laughter. Tickets are £8 for adults, £5 for children. Please reserve your place by calling the Doodles 892329 or the Durmans 893007, pay at the door

Monthly coffee morning: Our monthly coffee mornings and book exchanges have resume and are being thoroughly enjoyed. The next one is on Saturday 13th November – we hope to see you there! Our volunteer librarian Anne does not restrict the number of books we may borrow. With the weather drawing in it is comforting to know there is such a wide selection of books to take home to read during the cold dark evenings.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

A reminder that Hooe will, as usual, be participating in the Annual British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Collecting boxes will be situated at The Red Lion (in both bars) and Hope Cottage from the last week of October. We are grateful to Liz Seal who for many years until she moved away from the village recently, organised the Hooe Appeal. If you have any questions about it, would like to give a more substantial donation, or would like to take on the organisation in future years, please contact Cllr Pam Doodles 01424 892329 who has taken the role for this year.

Pam Doodles
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- 20g butter, cubed, plus a little extra
- 4 leeks, trimmed and thickly sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 500ml dry cider
- 400ml chicken stock
- 2 bay leaves
- ½ small bunch parsley, finely chopped
- small bunch sage, leaves picked, 5 left whole, the rest chopped
- 200ml single cream
- 400g Maris Piper or King Edward potatoes
- 400g sweet potatoes

Method

Heat half the oil in a deep ovenproof frying pan, or flameproof [casserole dish](#), and fry the pork pieces over a medium high heat in batches until seared all over, then transfer to a plate. Add another 1 tbsp oil to the pan with a little butter and fry half the leeks with a pinch of salt for 10 mins until tender. Add the garlic, fry for a minute, then stir in the flour. Pour in the cider, a little at a time, stirring to pick up any bits stuck to the bottom of the pan and to combine everything. Add the stock, bay leaves and seared pork, then simmer, half-covered with a lid for 1-1½ hrs until the meat is just tender (it will later cook to the point of falling apart in the oven). *Can be prepared a day ahead.*

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Simmer uncovered for a few minutes to reduce the sauce, if you need to – it shouldn't be too liquid or the potatoes will sink into the sauce. Stir in the parsley, chopped sage, remaining leeks, and the cream, then season well.

Peel both types of potatoes and cut into slices 2mm thick. Alternate layers of potato and sweet potato in circles over the pie. Dot the cubed butter over the top and bake for 1-1½ hrs until the potato is tender. Nestle in the whole sage leaves, brush in a little oil, for the last 10 mins. Leave to rest for 10 mins before serving.



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Worms Eye View

Autumn is certainly here, the wind and rain has sent me indoors again, but I had set off earlier than usual as we had fair warning in the weather forecast and it was certainly correct. The cattle also rushed back into the barn but they had plenty of hay in there to keep them happy. As I had walked around the marsh this morning I suddenly heard the distant honking of the geese approaching, it became louder and there flying in formation came and went 31 geese in total, a lovely sight no matter how many times you see them, and noisy too.

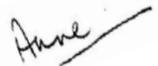
I missed put on picking the elderflower this year, but now its time to pick the berries, and stock up on elderberry wine. I have recently tried a new recipe in one of my cookbooks for apple chutney. I found it, the recipe in one of my old cookery books, when I was tidying the pantry. It was marrow and apple chutney and it tuned out well, apparently a little hot for some, but I like it and it's nice to have a change. Thinking of books, it is lovely to have the monthly coffee morning back again with our good number of books to borrow, If you haven't visited before do come and enjoy the company and choose some books for the darker evenings.

We only have three Wenslydale ewes in our flock and they are black and stand out from the others. Now one in particular has a very strong character, she does not like to be anywhere near any of the other ewes and takes herself off to a quiet corner where she sits and meditates. She stares me out when I get near, but she is easy to count! Now that we have reached October, the rams will soon be joining the ewes. All the sheep look well and certainly ready to mate.

I must deviate from mating to shearing for a moment as I have just heard of an old custom enjoyed by shearers in the past. In the middle of shearing all of the men would pause for a "feast" which consisted of rum & sugar. Apparently the rum was poured onto lumps of sugar and handed round to be sucked by the shearers, it sounds good to me.

A hard frost in November before St Martins Day (November 11th) is said to be a bad omen that the winter will be a wet rather than a very cold one, hence the rhyme

'Ice before Martinmas enough to bear a duck
The rest of winter is sure to be muck'



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Sunday Services for November 2021:

7th	10.30 am	Service of Worship & Praise with Rev. Clive Redknap
14th	10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday Worship at St. Mary's Parish Church
21st	10.30am	Service of Worship & Communion with Rev. Tricia Williams
28th	10.30am	Service of Worship & Praise with David Hanson

Other Activities:

Fridays	10.00-11.30am	Community Café including
5th	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange in Hall.
10th	2.30-4.00pm	Christian Womens Fellowship
24th	3.30-5.00pm	Messy Church – 'Love in a Box' – Christmas Shoebox preparations

We are pleased that the Ninfield Health & Well-being group have started a Community Café in our Hall every Friday morning from 10.00-11.30am. Do come along and enjoy this new venture which will include the popular Book exchange on the 1st Friday of every month. We are so grateful to everyone who is helping to run this event.

The Christian Womens Fellowship also re-started in September so this is another regular monthly event for further fellowship. Anyone is welcome.

We were thrilled that the Scouts joined us for our Harvest-time in October & participated in a parade & sing-a-long outside of our Hall. We had a lovely time together when Revd. Tricia Williams & David led the service. We enjoyed refreshments outdoors & then some of the group joined us in Church for the continuing Harvest Thanks. All our Harvest gifts were given to the Bexhill Foodbank. Thanks to everyone.

It's getting closer to the time of year when we prepare Christmas Shoeboxes to be taken abroad & this will be the theme of our Messy Church on November 24th when families can prepare & fill boxes. If however you would like to fill a box at home please bring to Messy Church on this date or deliver to our Church by the end of November at the latest. Simon from Computers for Charities, in Hailsham, will be driving abroad with the gifts in December.

Don't forget that copies of our '**Telling Our Story**' booklet, a History of Ninfield Methodist Church 1871 – 2021 are still available. If you would like a copy for a donation of £5.00 please contact Paul or David.

Do come along & enjoy any of our worship services & the refreshments & fellowship that we all enjoy after the 1 hour serviceall ages are very welcome.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 14:13-21, Mk 6:30-44, Lk 9:10-17, Jn 6:1-15

Jesus and his disciples went by boat to a quiet place to have some time alone, but the crowds noticed, and followed them.

Jesus felt sorry for them so he taught and healed them.



It was now late afternoon, so Philip spoke to Jesus



They can go and buy something to eat.



There are thousands of them! Half a year's wages wouldn't be enough!



Andrew brought a boy to Jesus.



Get everyone to sit down in groups.



Jesus blessed the bread and fish and the disciples gave them out.



Everyone ate all they wanted.



Jesus told them to gather up the leftovers.



Jesus sent the disciples off in the boat and stayed to dismiss the crowd.



We will make him become our king!



But Jesus knew what they planned..



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