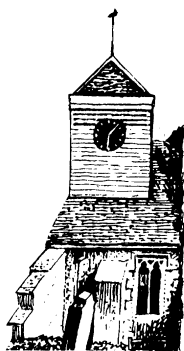


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News

*News from the Churches,
Clubs, groups, societies
& residents of
Ninfield & Hove*

November 2022 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
6 th November	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service*
11 th November Remembrance Day	<i>No Service</i>	10.45 Remembrance Service
13 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.30 Joint Service**	<i>No Service</i>
20 th November	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
27 th November	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist

* A Service of Dedication of the Refurbished Bells and Tower

**We congregate by the gates of St. Mary's at 10.30 and process to the Rec where the Remembrance Service will be held including the 2 minute silence at 11.00a.m.

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

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

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Dear Friends,

I write this as the view from my window is looking very autumnal. The leaves are turning, and the nights are drawing in, the warmth of summer is slowly ebbing away. This time of year also marks a change in the churches year as we move away from Easter and Pentecost and begin to prepare for Advent. In the Church Calendar we have some significant moments coming up and the Kingdom Season as it is called is almost upon us. The liturgists and those who plan our lectionary have created a number of markers along the way that help remind us of the role that Kingdom has in our faith. We have All Hallows Eve (Halloween), All Saints and All Souls and then Christ the King. In between we have Remembrance Sunday and in more recent years Armistice Day has taken on new resonance in society as a whole.

These moments all have something in common in that they are about memory and remembering and they remind us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves.

These church festivals allow us to remember. All Saints reminds us that we are part of a worldwide church which stretches back through history and we give thanks for the ordinary Christian men and women who worshipped and prayed often in the same churches as we do today who have gone before us. There is a strong and unbreakable spiritual bond between those in heaven who have gone before us, and the those of us living in this present time. The Book of Common Prayer refers to those in heaven as the Church Triumphant and those of us who are here and now as the Church Militant. Strange terms in the 21st Century but it captures well the sense that the Kingdom is both here and yet to come. Those who have gone before us are the great cloud of witnesses that cheer us on that the writer to the Hebrews reminds us of, for we collectively are the Saints.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ...” Hebrews 12:1

All Souls allows us a moment of reflection as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died who we love but see no more. It offers us a powerful window into God’s heart of compassion for those who grieve and mourn the loss of loved ones and allows us as a church to accompany

one another on that journey. It reminds us too that we have a Saviour who has overcome the sting of death and fulfilled for us the promise of eternal life.

It is in the festival of Christ the King on 20th November that we are reminded that our faith has a Saviour who will return to wind up history and restore God's Kingdom. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and it is to him and him alone we owe our homage and worship. It marks the end of the Church year with a strong reminder that Jesus Our Saviour is prophet, priest and King.

Ultimately this is a period of reflection, of memories and of thanksgiving. Like the season of autumn, it can feel full of melancholy, but it is also one of joy and celebration. It is good to be reminded that there is life beyond ourselves and that there is an unbroken chain of Christian witness going back through the centuries. Sometimes we need to stop and reflect that there is more to life than this present moment, that things will change, and we will see a new creation. Until then we simply need to share with each other the joys and tears of our common humanity and remember with thankfulness those who have gone before us in faith who have ensured that we can take forward the message of hope for our world.

Paul Frostick

REMEMBRANCE:

There will be a Service of Remembrance on 11th November in St Oswald's Church at 10.45. Also on Remembrance Sunday (13th) there will be an act of remembrance on the recreation ground in Ninfield. We start at St Mary's church at 10.30 and march up to perform the act of remembrance which will be part of a short service including 2 hymns. We will be joined by the cubs and scouts. This will be a joint occasion with the Methodist church.

In the afternoon of 13th November there will be an act of Remembrance on the Green at Hooe. Paul

PRAYER

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 Well another busy month coming up! As well as regular events, coffee mornings, monthly meetings and market, we have Gala Night, Home Made Fayre, Flower workshop and Musical Matinee, so without having to travel miles there's lots to do in the village.

Vacancies - we are looking for someone to deliver the Parish News to the houses in Standard Hill and Moor Hall Drive, and another for Coombe Shaw, so if you like a walk please get in touch, the magazines will be

dropped off to you once a month, about the 25th then off you go!

The Benefits? Exercise and the thanks of those you deliver to!

So what are you waiting for.....? 01424 893867 *Nicki & Carol*

Closing date for items for the combined **DECEMBER/JANUARY issue** of the Parish News is **SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER** please send to **ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com**

News from St Oswald's

Harvest Festival at St Oswald's was celebrated and well supported on 25th September. After the Service, we had a buffet lunch which was very busy and very welcome. Our thanks to all those who supported us in many different ways. We were able to send 36kgs of food to the Food Bank.

Sunday 6th November: There will be a Service of Dedication of the Refurbished Bells and Tower at 11.00am. This will be a Family Service with no Eucharist. Followed by a buffet lunch.

Friday 11th November: Remembrance Day Service at 10.45am. Wreaths will be laid on the Village War Memorial in the Church. To Remember those that have given their lives in Wartimes a 2 minute silence will be observed at 11.00a.m.

Sunday 13th November: Joint Remembrance Service at St Mary's Ninfield starting at 10.30am at the Church and processing to the Recreation Ground.

In Hooe, on the Village Green at 3.00pm there will be a Service to remember those from the Village who died in the two World Wars and to remember all others who have given their lives in other conflicts since.

Advanced Notice

Wednesday 14th December: Carol Service at St Oswald's at 7pm. There will be a bus to ferry people from the Red Lion to the Church. The bus will make 3 trips at 6.15, 6.35, 6.50pm (approx). It will do 3 return trips after the service. Church Lane traffic will be monitored to allow the bus to come and go. It is increasingly more difficult to manage the car park so please, if you are coming by car, give a lift to neighbours or friends and car share where possible.

St Oswald's Parish Church

Funeral and burial

Sheila Winifred Hayler 3rd October 2022

*from the
Parish Records*

November Diary

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October			
27 th	Men's Shed	Sparke	8
29 th /30 th	Art Exhibition	Memorial	
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24 th	Flower Group Workshop	Methodist	28
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HALLOWEEN WALK!

MONDAY OCTOBER 31 ST from SPARKE PAVILION 4.30PM

AN ORGANISED EVENT FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY!

TRICK OR TREAT AROUND THE VILLAGE IN TEAMS

MEET BACK AT SPARKE 6pm

Music and Dancing outside the Pavilion,

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION! FINISH by 6.30pm,

NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

We were not able to hold our September Finance Committee meeting due to the sad passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the law is clear that we cannot legally convene a meeting during days of mourning in our new schedule of meetings October will be a full council meeting.

November 17th Finance committee Meeting 7pm Methodist Hall

December 15th Full Council Meeting

No Meeting in January

16th February 2023 Finance Committee Meeting

16th March 2023 Full Council Meeting

20th April Finance Committee Meeting.

4th May local Elections for Parish and District Councils.

Monday 15th May Annual Parish Meeting Memorial Hall.

Residents are always welcome to come to any of our meetings and there is time for questions on the agenda items before the meeting starts.

This month the Sports Pavilion Recreation Committee met. We discussed the use of the 'new' Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) next to the school play area. The MUGA belongs to the Parish Council and is used by the school during school hours but the residents of the village have access to it outside of school hours. When East Sussex County Council granted planning permission for it to be constructed they added a condition that restricts the hours of use for the first 12 months of its use (Outside of school hours), condition in italics. The Parish Council would like to see this village asset used by residents. If you are interested in using the MUGA for things like setting up a sports club, renting it for a children's party, organising some sporting events or using it for training please contact the clerk clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk to organise.

'Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, the Multi Use Games Area hereby approved shall not be used at any time other than between the hours of:

During term time:

(i) 0900 and 2100 Monday to Friday inclusive; and

(ii) 0900 and 1800 on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays,

Outside of term time:

(i) 0900 and 1800 Monday to Sunday, Bank and Public Holidays;

Subject to a 12 month temporary period outside of normal School hours (0900 - 1800) commencing with the first use of the Multi Use Games Area between the hours of 1800 and 2100 Monday to Friday or 0900 and 1800 Saturday, Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

The Director of Communities, Economy and Transport shall be notified of the date of the first use of the Multi Use Games Area outside of School hours, as set out above. After the expiry of the 12 months from the first use of the Multi Use Games Area, its use shall revert to between the hours of 0900 and 1800 on Monday - Friday inclusive, excluding bank and public holidays, unless varied by another permission.

Reason: To allow sufficient time to assess the effect of noise from the use of the Multi Use Games Area outside of School hours, between the hours of 1800 and 2100 Monday to Friday and 0900 and 1800 Saturday, Sunday, Bank and Public Holidays, in order to safeguard the amenity of neighbouring residents, in accordance with Saved Policy EN27 of the Wealden Local Plan 1998.'

The Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground Committee are also looking at a project to update the children's playground. The playground is inspected every year for safety, but is looking tired. We are looking for residents to give us ideas as to what they would like to see in the playground and the more ideas to mull over and discuss with suppliers of equipment the better. If you have any ideas or would like to work with us on this project please contact the clerk clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

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.

Book Exchange and Community Café

The Community Café meets in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane on Friday

mornings from 10 am to 11.30. Come and enjoy a chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. On the first Friday of the month there is also an opportunity to exchange books. Contact: David Swales: 892248 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle

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

Dark Skies

the next meeting will be 8th November at Sparke Pavilion. The telescope is set up and we are hoping for a clear night to view the stars. All are welcome - we meet from 7.30pm. 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.

Indoor Games

Very sadly we have decided to end this activity through lack of support. It is a pity because we have had some enjoyable relaxed afternoons, but with only one or two people attending, plus those of us organising it, we feel it is probably time to call it a day. If you did come to the Games afternoon sometimes, do try the Community Café instead as games can be played there over a chat with friends and a cuppa on a Friday morning.

Musical Matinee Film

The final film of the year is 'On the Town' on 25 November in the Memorial Hall. The afternoons are dementia friendly 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.

Health Walks

Meeting at Sparke Pavilion in Church Lane on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. 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 ¹⁰Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Hooe History Society meeting for November will be in Hooe Church on Thursday 17th November at 7.30 p.m. when our guest speaker will be Brian Freeland. His talk is entitled “Sussex Lives – From John Freeland to Rudyard Kipling”. Picking up from the stories of John Freeland, his brother Henry (gamekeeper to the Webster family) Parson William Levett, Thomas Brassey and writer Hilaire Belloc, this talk attempts a personalised look at life in Sussex at that time.

DID YOU KNOW...I was watching the London Marathon last month when it occurred to me that Hooe / Ninfield had until fairly recently a winner of what might be considered its forerunner – The Sporting Life Trophy. Cecil Ballard was born in Hooe (Kimberley Cottage) and his father Harry worked at Grove Farm. Cecil moved to Little Common at a young age and took up distance running, representing Bexhill Athletic Club and quickly elevating to the ranks of one of the top amateur clubs, Surrey Athletic Club, whom he represented for a number of years. When he retired from running he lived at Ninfield and operated a successful market garden and fruit and veg round in the local area, supplementing the crops that he grew with items he bought from local suppliers. I was working for Vaughan Pont at that time and was told that Cecil had been a “useful runner” in his day but it only came to light just how good he was after his van was cleared out following his death.

Cecil was never one to brag or boast but when his van was cleared out there was a hand written piece of card entitled “My golden year (1947)” on which was listed the following races, all of which he had won:-

1st in Sussex 7 mile (competed 5 times); 1st in Cross country championship;
1st in Sussex 20 miles (competed 7 times); 1st in Chichester to Portsmouth
16 miles (competed 1 time); 1st in Kent open 20 miles (competed 2 times);
1st in Sussex 3 miles track event; 1st Windsor to London 26 miles marathon
(competed 1 time); 1st Ruty? (illegible) Marathon (competed 1 time). Three
of these – the Sussex 20 miles, Chichester to Portsmouth 16 miles and Kent
Open 20 miles – took place within a three week period. He was ranked the
top distance runner for England in 1947 and 19th in the world ranking of
marathon runners in 1948.

One of these races was run from Windsor to London. The Sporting Life newspaper had put up a trophy for an annual event due to disappointing showing by British runners in the Olympic marathons. Polytechnic Harriers

were asked to organise it and it took place between 1909-1996. It was probably the forerunner of the London Marathon which started in 1981. His time of 2hr 36min 32sec was the fastest since 1936, although beaten many times since.

Altogether Cecil ran for Sussex over 20 times, and was cross-country champion from 1934 until 1943. Cecil was presented to the Queen before the annual Polytechnic marathon race, on Saturday, June 16, 1962, as a past-winner of the race. A shoulder injury sustained just before the 1948 Olympic trials probably cost Cecil his place in the Games. Tom Richards qualified and finished second in the London Olympics in 1948 - Cecil had beaten him previously. Cecil was a reserve and went to watch the race. In fact, there was only one man in England Jack Holden, of Tipton, Staffordshire, who won Sporting Life Trophy the next three years.

Cecil was subsequently picked to run in New Zealand British Empire Games, but Britain could only afford to send one runner, Jack Holden, who won it.



Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met on Friday 14 th October and after the usual information and notices (mainly that the subs were due!) we had a talk by David Swales on Michelham Priory. It was a fascinating insight into the Priory, from how it was built originally, through the demolition following the Reformation, the rebuilding in Tudor times and many other changes through to the present day. All explained very clearly with help of many photographs shown on the projection screen. Our numbers were down which was a shame, they missed an interesting talk. This was followed by our usual tea/coffee and biscuits.

Next meeting is 11 th November when our speaker will be talking about women in the Home Guard, remember you don't have to be a member to come along. All our welcome.

Heather & Nicki

NINFIELD SURGERY

Telephone System

We are having a new phone system installed this Autumn. Hopefully, there will be no disruption to patients needing to speak to the surgery, but we would ask our patients to please bear with us if there are any issues during the transition.

Flu Clinic

We have our second Flu Clinic on Saturday 5th November. Appointments can be booked online using the NHS App or by contacting the surgery.

Engage Consult

Is available on our website <https://www.drdjwardenandpartners.co.uk>. This is an alternative way of contacting the surgery, without having to phone us. Your message will be triaged and sent to an appropriate clinician and you will receive a reply to your query.

Extended Hours

Our Reception Team are now able to book limited appointments for calls for the Extended Hours Team, if there is no availability on the day. The Receptionist will advise you if there is any availability.

Community Pharmacy Referrals

We are now able to offer a referral to the Community Pharmacist team for any conditions that would require over the counter treatment. Please contact our Reception team if we can help you.

Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support with our collection basket, it is very much appreciated.

Ninfield Village Macmillan Coffee Morning

At the coffee morning at the Methodist hall on 12th October we raised over £850! That's down to a fantastic joint effort and lots of villagers kindly popping in for coffee and cake and supporting this very worthy cause. In addition to the wide range of home made cakes we had lovely Jams, Chutneys, hand made cards, flower bulbs, seeds, large raffle, quiz and a quality bring and buy selection.

It was amazing for so many to support the charity and donate some lovely items. A very big thank you to everyone that helped on the day and before to make it possible and the Methodist hall for the kind loan of the hall for free.

Look forward to organising another next year,
Many thanks, Veronica Sargent



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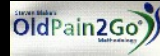
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OAK TREES

Isn't it strange how one year a tree will produce fruit and other years will produce little to none. We think mostly of trees like apple and pears, this year being not so good for pears and good for apples.

The Oak Tree seems to be governed by a cycle that is not that obvious, well at least to me.

As a boy, unfortunately a long time ago, I can remember oak trees shedding their acorns and producing a carpet of them on the ground. My pockets filled with conkers, feathers, shiny stones and acorns still in their cups. I don't know why I picked them up apart from they felt nice in my hand. Strange then that my pockets are still filled with such items, and I still don't know why!

In my adult years I did have a reason for collecting acorns, I kept pigs. Not many, just two or three at a time. It probably was not cost effective but I enjoyed raking and shovelling acorns into sacks. The pigs loved them and I had the pleasant feeling that, just maybe, the meat would be better. There is a long history of turning pigs out to fatten on acorns and bracken roots. In the New Forest they still do, although this is mainly down to the fact acorns are not good for horses.

Well a long time has passed since those days of acorn glut. I stopped foraging for them years ago, there just seemed to be no acorns produced. Last year, grand children in attendance, we hunted for acorn cups for a school Autumn project. Now there are a lot of Oak Trees in this area and we could not find even one acorn cup.

Well this year something has changed, the cycle for acorn production has returned, and the trees responded to this. The tree that overhangs the Church car park has shed so many acorns that carpeted is a realistic description. All the Church oaks are the same, bar one. I can sympathise with this tree, I to can utterly miss the obvious.

Its not just the church, its all over the county. We are back in a cycle we have not seen for years. I was a free range boy in the sixties and kept pigs from the early eighties and what do those times have in common? Well this is just an observation and can be contradicted without any offence being taken, it was snowy and cold in those winters.

My old fishing pall was driven mad by my predictions of bad winters, which over the last couple of decades didn't happen. I shall ring him up and point out that those decades were no acorn years, and this year a bet on 'snow on the town hall roof on Christmas day' could be a good move. That should set him off as he has already lost money on previous tips!

If my memory serves 1976 had a cold winter, does that correlate with a bumper acorn year? Lincolnshire is a county of mostly Ash trees so my theory may come apart in an Oak area sneaking out bumper acorn harvests before a warm winter!

For the first time this year I was able to watch a Jay stocking up on this years bounty. In all the bird books it mentions Jays eating and storing acorns. No competition this year then, plenty to go round. I did find a somewhat poorly squirrel under an oak. It tried to climb the plastic temporary loo with out much success when my old dog sniffed it. Squirrels are tough little critters and I hope it was only suffering from over indulging, whilst neglecting to stash away acorns for the winter.

There is one other thing I have been pondering, as I walk around the Church with my dog. All these acorns crunching under my feet are a massive source of food for those that can stomach it. That will be rats then! Their numbers will increase, rapidly given a substantial food source. When its gone, so will they be. Expect to see them checking to see what's on the bird table this winter.

As a game keeper I was unable to control the weather, much to disappointment of my boss when he turned up on shoot day to find the wind blowing from the wrong direction. Spinning a coin was as reliable as a weather forecast and that can be fact checked! Rats, on the other hand, did come under my control.

AT

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL'S VERY OWN ANNUAL HOME MADE FAYRE

**SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER
10.00 - 3.00**

Lots of beautiful, locally made goodies for Christmas Presents, cakes, puddings, mince pies, many of your favourite stalls and many new ones.

We will have a 'Home made table' run by the Hall with cakes, preserves, plants and it would be really great if you would support us by adding a cake or two, a jar of jam or marmalade, anything you have made!

There will be a tombola and if you are able to donate a bottle or a small item, that really would be appreciated.

If you have anything to donate please bring it along to the market on 17th November, on the day or email us to arrange.

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What we are all about

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Hastings RLNI

With this in mind we were delighted to provide a much needed washing machine to Hastings RLNI.

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Jenny and Peter Cosham were delighted to present the machine and enjoyed meeting the Hastings Team at their training day



Jenny with the washing machine already plumbed in



Hastings Crew meet the Coshams

Coffee Mornings

8th October: Our coffee morning, held on 8th October was, as usual, well attended and much enjoyed. Our thanks to all who helped run the library, the raffle and the refreshments. It was pleasing that some folk were still lingering over coffee at 12.30 – a warm, friendly place to meet up with friends and neighbours

12th November: Coffee Morning, book and jigsaw library in the church. Homemade cakes and fresh ground coffee!

10th December: Christmas themed Coffee Morning, offering all the usual attractions with a seasonal touch. Come and chose your books and jigsaws ready for the holiday season!

Coming shortly.....

We are planning a social evening to take place shortly – details later

We continue to be grateful to St Oswald's Church for permitting us to use their beautiful building and, of course, the very useful car park, for our events.

Litter picking

Residents turn out in force for the Village Spring Clean every year. It is a great social event which starts outside The Red Lion and finishes inside the same establishment. Some people have suggested to us that

we organise another litter pick to take place in November. Would you be prepared to help us? If there is sufficient interest we will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements

However, we are aware that residents regularly litter pick their specific section of the village, thus keeping litter at bay and the village clean. If you are one of those people, or are thinking about carrying out some litter picking please remember we have some litter picks and high visibility jackets which can be hired free of charge and we will be pleased to supply refuse sacks.

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The Battle of Hastings (or Battle of Battle) 1066

We all know our local history and why Harold lost the Battle of Hastings in 1066 – or do we? Why did he lose?

Part of the answer is that William of Normandy had promised all his supporters they would be granted land in England – if he won. He also recruited most of the professional (i.e. proficient) warriors from all parts of Europe.

As for Harold Godwinson, he was the eldest of a large family sired by Earl Godwin. But Edward the Confessor had been in exile in Normandy for most of his adult life and there were also Viking claims to the throne of England, a rich and prosperous country, whose economy was the envy of Europe.

When Edward died on 5th January 1065 (in the Julian calendar, which only had a New Year on 25th March – in order to allow the Virgin Mary to give birth 9 months later on 25th December) Harold was chosen by the Witangemot (the forerunner of Parliament) as the new King, even though he did not have 'royal' blood.

So, Harold inherited a troubled realm. Many had distrusted Edward for his preference for Norman priests, architecture and practices and so welcomed a return to Anglo Saxon (or Anglo Danish) systems.

But England had only recently shed the Danish influence of King Canute and his sons, so there was an immediate challenge from Harald Hardrada (the stern) who, with the help of Harold's own brother Tostig, had rampaged along the south and East coasts of England.

Eventually, the two forces of Danes and Saxons met in battle at Stamford Bridge (before Chelsea stole the name).

Harald Hardrada was said to be at least 7 feet tall, so in the opening skirmishes, Harold said to Harald "Why are you here?" and as met with the response "To claim England" and Harold said "You can have as much as would need to bury you" so the battle commenced. Initially the English attack was stalled by the river crossing over the river Derwent. Harald had defeated the Mercian troops outside York and expected their surrender. So, the Danes were relaxing on a sunny day and seeing a body of men approaching assumed these were the burghers of York surrendering the city.

To their astonishment, it was the Saxon army led by Harold who had force marched from London in 4 days. Despite being weary from the march, the Saxon army at once deployed and destroyed the Danes on the west side

of the Derwent. But that was only a small proportion of the Danish army, which had left most of their mail armour and weapon back on their ships after defeating the Mercian and Northumberland earls.

After a tough fight to cross the bridge, defended by a Dane defying all comers until pierced from below by men who had crossed under the bridge, the Saxons surprisingly broke the Danes shield wall, and Tostig and Harald (finding that his height was his downfall) was killed by an arrow through his neck.

Arrows therefore were a strong part of Harold's army, so why did they not feature at the Battle of Hastings?

To that answer we have to look at Eystein Orre, Hardradas prospective son in law. He had remained with the ships at anchor at Ricall. Hearing that the battle was in full force from Danes fleeing to the ships to either escape, or don armour, he led a force back to Stamford.

This was the pivotal moment, the Danes had broken and were fleeing back to their ships. Archers were only lightly armed, relying on that to escape mail clad warriors when challenged. But seeing the Danes fleeing in panic, they charged after them, leaving the weary mail clad Saxons to follow. So they harried the fleeing Danes, firing arrows into their backs and stopping to finish off the wounded. In this way they were far ahead of Harold's Saxons, and suddenly they were then confronted by furious Danes, now in armour heading back to the fight.

They stood little chance against fully armoured Danes and were thus decimated. Only when the rest of the pursuing Saxons came upon Orre's Storm as it was called, did they managed to rescue some of their archers. So badly defeated were the Danes that from a fleet of 300 ships, only 24 had sufficient crews to straggle back to Denmark.

But the casualties in the force of archers was instrumental in Harold,s defeat just 3 weeks later. He seems to have scouted the potential battle field, partly from his knowledge of the many manors he held in the area, but also Battle (as it became) was a meeting point for routes from London and Kent.

When William started the battle, he knew he had to win. Harold was entrenched in a strong position on a hill crest with boggy land below which hampered the famed Norman cavalry. William tried time and again to slog uphill, first one side then another, in an attempt to find any weak spots.

The Saxons, fresh from their victory at Stamford would no doubt feel invincible, despite Harold having suffered losses amongst his own

professional body guards. But a static army is hard to control and at times would rush down on what they thought were fleeing enemies.

This is where the balance swung in Williams favour. His infantry and cavalry were having no real impression on the Saxon shield wall, but his archers were inflicting losses. By the nature of firing uphill, the arrows had the effect of plunging fire, descending at speed from above, not directly into shields. This is where the absence of a strong body of archers hampered Harold. Archers not only relied on their own arrows, but would re-use those fired against them. With few Saxon archers, the Norman archers ran out of arrows and had to send back to Ninfield (OK, Pevensey, where they had landed) for fresh supplies, no doubt also calling on any manning the ships to come with them.

By the time they returned, the battle had been raging all day, probably with similar casualty numbers on both sides and heading for a defeat for the Normans as they would have also been cut to pieces in any retreat. But the Saxons had only a small number of professional soldiers, bulked out by poorly armed levies of farm hands.

When the Norman archers then started firing again, the effect on the now poorly protected men in the packed shield wall was greater. With a setting sun, arrows fired from the westerly Ninfield direction would be hard to see. It was then that an arrow probably struck Harold either in or just below his eye. Seeing that Harold, together with his brothers was now dead or injured panicked the Saxons who started to leave as best they could, finally allowing the Norman cavalry to charge unhindered into the last remnants of the Saxon army on the hilltop. The Saxons then suffered the heaviest casualties and the dead from both sides were probably buried under what is now St Mary's, Battle.

So 14th October 1066 changed the entire world of England.

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Only a couple of weeks to go and then it's Gala Night! Saturday 12th November at the Memorial Hall - Please see the full page advertisement for this annual event - tickets are selling well, and it promises to be a fun evening, as always; those of you who came to my 'Evening with...' show in May, now know that there are a lot of funny stories from my life in the entertainment industry- and for this Gala Night I'll find some more suitable extracts in 'A Soupcon of Sami- Unguarded!'; and then we have the wonderful 'Rock Choir' who will raise the rafters with some fabulous songs. If you saw them at the Jubilee weekend, you will have seen only a taster of what they can do, they're great! Also, during the evening we will be giving out the Village Awards. Hopefully you will have seen the posters and Facebook posts re voting for your 'Unsung Hero' and 'Outstanding Achievement' in the Village over the last two years. The voting slips and box are in the Village Stores, Lower Street- Bimal and Lynda will be happy to point you to them!. So - please call me, or email, to book your seats/tables and with your food orders - Stavros at Merinos is doing our Fish and Chips again - it was a 100% thumbs up for him by all attendees last year! Book Now to avoid disappointment!

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Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association:

We had our AGM last month, and we have all stayed in our posts - Myself as Chairman, Robin Fookes- Vice-Chairman, Kaye Crittall -Treasurer, Veronica Sargent - Secretary, plus we have Paul Frostick, Ian Smith, Catriona Smith, Rachel Taylor, Julia Hurrell, Livvy Hurrell as continuing committee members. We have decided on our Village Fete Date for 2023, which is back to our usual 2nd July weekend, so will be on Saturday 15th July. We have had a fabulous meeting with the Bonfire Society representatives and have asked if they would like the Friday 14th evening to run a Band night, for their Fireworks Night fundraising; as all our Marquees are up, and the Bar is in. We are all so pleased to be able to work together on events for the Village, and more ideas are in the pipeline - so watch this space!

At the AGM, The Carnival Committee agreed donations to the following groups and societies: £700 to Conquest I.C.U, £100 to Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group towards the Christmas Lunch, £150 to the Village Society and the Surgery Garden, £200 to the Darkside Group for a Bat detector and Wildlife Camera, £500 to St Mary's Parish Church Wind Organ repairs, £750 allocated to the Children's Playground upgrade(seating or equipment) - we are also hoping to fund some new storage for our, and the Bonfire Society's equipment;there is a lot of 'stuff' that has been bought by the Village over the

Last 10 years for all these events, and the aim is to get it all under one roof - saving lots of members' spare rooms, garages and stables!

Lastly, but by no means leastly!- NEW YEAR'S EVE! Well, let's face it- once again this year has been more than a little mixed in it's fortunes; more than a little drenched in sadness, worry and sheer uncertainty. Every event this year has been run with the cost of living crisis in mind - keeping costs down to an absolute minimum, but still trying to keep the entertainment values high, and the community spirit up! This New Year, we are providing a Village New Year's Eve Party, at the Memorial Hall, ALL ages welcome - make it a family event; there will be nibbles and bits of food, a Licensed Bar, a Disco and Light Show, and tickets will be on sale from Gala Night (12th November) onwards. It WON'T be expensive, It WILL be local, fun, safe, and put together with love and a sense of community...Hope you can make it..!

Thanks so much to everyone who has supported the Carnival Committee this year, if you'd like to be involved with the events for the rest of this year, and into next, please call me on 01424 893699, 07970650321 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

Next meeting is on Wednesday 16th November at the Working Men's Club 8.15pm -after the Bonfire Meeting!! See you soon!



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NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

Members enjoyed a very productive and creative workshop at our October meeting decorating vine wreaths for the season. The decoration on the wreaths can be dis-assembled and re-designed with Christmas foliage, pinecones mini-lights etc. all at very little expense.

Also in October members enjoyed an afternoon tea in celebration of the Group's 45th anniversary.

If you would like to join a small group for a "have-a-go" session come along to the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday November 24th when members will be creating designs using a candle or candles, perfect for winter / Christmas. Bring a suitable container, candle(s) and "winter" foliage - fir, ivy, holly etc. Fee £3.50.

On November 7th Gill Homer makes a welcome return visit with her demonstration "Seasonal Delights". Gill is a highly experienced and innovative flower arranger and we are assured of a most enjoyable evening. Refreshments from 7pm, demonstration 7.30pm. Visitors £5.

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas open meeting which takes place on Friday December 2nd at 7.30pm. We are very pleased to have with us Jacqui Arnold, a renowned floral designer, national demonstrator and Chelsea gold medal winner, with "Jingle all the Way". Always an enjoyable and festive evening, tickets are £12 and include light refreshments. We also have a Christmas raffle as well as raffling the beautiful arrangements created by Jacqui.

To book tickets call 0796 6659 552.

We take a break in January and then start our new year on February 6th with our AGM.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING CLASS

In aid of Ninfield and Crowhurst Scout Group.
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Classes at 9.15 and 12.15

We are delighted to be hosting this event again this year and hope you can join us. We supply everything to make a beautiful traditional wreath.

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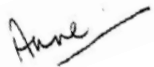
Worms Eye View

My goodness October already, autumn is here already without a doubt, There is a gale blowing and not very nice to be outside, but the weather can certainly change quickly. One evening last week, I went to bed with a warning to be careful next day, high winds and rain forecast. However I woke early as usual and thought I cannot hear the wind and fortunately when I was up and ready for looking, it was a lovely day, sunny and quite warm. I soon set off around the fields, the animals, cattle and sheep were all grazing quietly and so easy to count and make sure all was well. Back home, having enjoyed the walk around, I sat down with my mid morning coffee then I realised that the sun had disappeared, the wind had got up and it was raining: how quickly things change.

I was told this week that the May Garland Inn in Horam had closed permanently. You may wonder why I was interested as it wasn't exactly on our doorstep, but for me it had family history. My father the youngest of ten children had been born there in 1900, my grandparents were the landlords for some years, I was also born in Horam and although we moved to Hailsham in 1936, we still visited there having several members of the family living in Horam. When I met my husband to be we discovered that my grandmother and his grandfather, who farmed opposite to the Inn were well known for dancing the sailors hornpipe together on the top of the bar!! so that and many other tales of what happened there meant that it has always had memories for me, but time moves on and it will be interesting to see what happens to the old building now,

I am writing these notes whilst recovering from Covid, rather exasperating really, because despite having had my fifth Covid 19 vaccine, two days before going on holiday to Yorkshire I was laid low with Covid. I was doubly cross because I had succumbed to it and missed my trip away. But I was lucky in that my daughter, who was going to take me away, came and looked after me and I was spoiled.

But covid is still doing the rounds which is nasty. Hopefully you are all keeping free from it (and the flu). Stay safe everyone and enjoy Bonfire night.



NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

By the time you read this, we would finally have had our delayed 70th Anniversary Event (and eaten all of the cake!).

The next meeting will be our AGM - Monday 21st November 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Please come along for an overview on the past year and our plans for 2023. The AGM will be followed by a presentation from a local wildlife photographer



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What's Happening in Hooe

The next parish council meeting is to be held on Monday 24th October 2022 and followed by a parish council meeting on Monday 5th December 2022. The parish council meetings start at 7pm at the village hall, Denbigh Road, Hooe.

Have Your Say

Hooe parish council is keen to hear the views of the local community and will be holding a public meeting on Monday 14th November 2022 at 7pm at the village hall. If you have any issue to raise, or have any ideas on how to improve your local community, you may contact the clerk with your ideas or questions, if not please come along and join the meeting. Tea, coffee and cake will be available too.

The parish council will be looking at setting next year's budget soon, and the aim will be to look at reducing the council tax (precept) for 2023/24. The parish council's objective will be to ensure the funds are directed to the right place and value for money is achieved for the residents of Hooe. Hooe parish councils aim is to draw up a short and long term plan for the village based on the views and feed back of the residents and users of the parish council facilities. Please come along and have your say.

The Village Hall Project Committee meeting is to take place on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7pm in the village hall. The purpose of the meeting is to agree the broad outlines of options for the village hall, including building a new hall on the Recreation Ground or refurbishing and improving the existing hall.

Subject to the committee's approval, the options will be discussed with Wealden District Council with regard to their views on the planning issues and any constraints involved in development on the Recreation Ground and at the Denbigh Road site. The Parish Council is undertaking a feasibility study of the options in order to assist with the decision making process. The Council's intentions subject to approval, is to send a summary of the feasibility study to every householder in Hooe to solicit their views on a preferred option. The parish council is keen to engage with the residents of Hooe, and its objective is to complete the exercise by the end of this financial year.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Hooe parish council has a vacancy for a parish councillor, should you be interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the clerk for more details

.NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

We meet regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, in the **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 19th November. 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.

By now we would have had our Bonfire night. Looking towards the 2023 event, we will need to raise necessary funds to keep this Sussex Tradition going. You will have seen the Procession, Bonfire, Procession torches, Effigy and Fireworks display. This all takes time and money to organise and we need to raise funds in the region of £10,000 to put this event on once again.

It is a free event for the local Community. So if you've enjoyed Bonfire night this year in the village, then why not support Ninfield Bonfire by joining as a member? As a member you need only put in as much time as you can spare, any help is much appreciated. You can join in with any part of Bonfire year, from helping with one of fundraising events to making torches or brushwood faggots for the Bonfire, or even just walking with a collection bucket. You also get to join our own procession as well as others around Sussex that we attend as a Society. Join online or come to one of our meetings or Village Market stall to pay your membership.

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NBS Bonfire, Parade and Fireworks Display

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Remember, Remember the 5th of November

A BIG thank you!

Only problem is, knowing who to say it to!

It's to the person who very kindly re-delivered a very large box of dog biscuits, that had gone to the wrong address, to a house in Kiln Lane

You left the very big heavy box on the door step and vanished without knocking - but thank you.

You have made a great impression on Sue and Paddy who had just moved into their new home, and to have received a copy of the News they felt this the best was to contact you, and they signed up to have a regular delivery, so wins all round.

Ninfield Methodist Church

Minister: (from 1st September) Reverend Crawford J. Logan

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Sunday Services for November 2022:

6 th	10.30 am	Café Worship with Revd. Jonathan Todd
13 th	10.30 am	United REMEMBRANCE Sunday
20 th	10.30 am	Worship & Reflection with Deacon Jean
27 th	10.30 am	Advent Sunday Worship & Communion with Jill Sayers

Events for November 2022:

Fridays	10.00-11.30am	Community Café including
Fri 4 th	10.00-11.30am	Book exchange in Hall
Wed 9 th	2.30-4.00pm	Christian Women's Fellowship
Thu 30 th	3.30-5.30pm	Messy Church

We enjoyed some lovely Harvest 'Praise & Thanks' events in September / October, firstly with Messy Church when 38 people came along. Then on Sunday 2nd October another 40 people came to Church, including the Ninfield Scouts for a parade. Many thanks to everyone who helped including Reverend Crawford Logan, all the scouts & Helen & Jennifer from the Ninfield Flower group. It was great to welcome many families on both occasions.

Thanks also to Veronica & her team for organising a MacMillan Coffee Morning in October. We look forward to them publishing their fundraising results.

The Community café on Fridays weekly continues to be very popular so if you haven't yet been we know you will be made very welcome.

We hope you will join with us & St. Mary's for the Remembrance Event as shown above. A parade will start from St. Mary's at 10.30 am in readiness for the reflections & 'silence time' at 11.00 am by the Queen Elizabeth Garden, on the Village green.

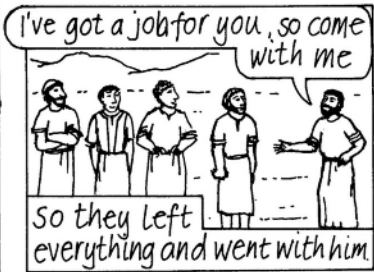
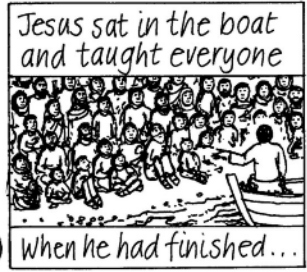
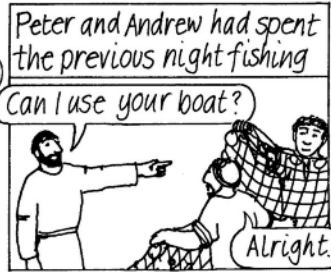
It's Messy Church time again on November 30th so do put this date in your diary.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.



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Treasurer: Mr Phil Ringrose

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