

The

Parish

News



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

October 2022 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
2 nd October	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
9 th October	<i>No Service</i>	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
16 th October	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
23 rd October	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
30 th October	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	<i>No Service</i>

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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PRAYER

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are frequently asked questions
The ones I'd never ask?
Why do cookies make suggestions
Intruding on each task?
Why does ev'ry Tom and Harry
Assume my phone is smart –
That it's something I must carry
An inch beside my heart?

I prefer to store my files
But that is not allowed
They go ten thousand miles
To somewhere called a 'cloud'.
I do not own my software
Whatever my intent
It's somewhere up aloft there,
And I must pay a rent.

The modern world is bumpy
And hard to navigate
It often makes me grumpy
Despairing of my fate;
And frequently – each hour
I ask the question why
Computers have such power
O'er folk like you and I?

By Nigel Beeton

St Oswald's Parish Church

Funeral

9th September - Stephen Clifton

St Mary's Parish Church

Wedding

6th August - Rhamsi Sturdy and April Ellana Fusco

Funeral

2nd August - Val Masterman

Funeral and burial

17th August - James John (known as Jim) Hoad.

*from the
Parish Records*

News from St Oswald's

Following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we opened a Book of Condolence, lowered the Union Flag to half mast and muffled the bells. Beside the Book was a framed photo of Her Majesty and a lit candle. The Church remained open daily from 9.30 to dusk.,

Quinquennial Repairs

Every five years the fabric of the church building is professionally surveyed. Following the survey the work needed included stone work repairs to South Porch, doorway, stone work and repointing around a number of the windows. Tower roof tiles and lead work and repointing of Chancel Roof tiles. The work will take about 4 weeks and due to start 20th September.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 25th September at 11.a.m. followed by a light lunch. Donations gratefully received, for the Church and the Food Bank.

Bells

The work was finally finished on Thursday 28th July at a cost of just under £30,000. Matthew Higby & Co. will return after 12 months to do a check/service of the work. This is part of the original contract and there is no charge. Thereafter bells should be serviced regularly and if we commission Higby's the charge would be £165.00 + VAT & travel costs.

A plaque will be installed to read:

**THE RING OF FIVE BELLS IN THIS TOWER
WAS OVERHAULED AND TUNED IN 2022
THROUGH THE BEQUEST AND IN MEMORY
OF ALAN AND MARY COLLINGS**

We are planning to celebrate the refurbishment of the Bells and Tower at a Service on Sunday 6th November at 11am. This will be a Family Service without Communion and will be followed by a light lunch. Alan & Mary's daughters along with others who gave donations will be invited. The Bells will be rung

Occasional campers

We have had a number of visitors in camper vans and vans. Our policy now is to welcome the occasional overnight visit, offer facilities (but ask them to dispose of their rubbish elsewhere following the overloading of our dustbin) and to suggest that whilst occasional visits will be welcomed, nothing more permanent. One benefit of a fairly friendly policy was that

someone left provisions for the Food Bank in the basket in church with a note thanking us for allowing them to park up for the night.

Churchyard

Alan Tipping has listed all the wildlife and plants (grasses and wildflowers) he has identified so far from his walks round the churchyard—although it is by no means complete and he hopes to be able to continue. Sussex Wildlife Trust has a list of different years in which different species have been identified in Hooe Churchyard but at present we are unable to access this list. In the meantime, we have bought some Yellow Rattle seeds (to inhibit the grass and promote wildflowers) and Alan will sow these later in the autumn as they require a period of cold before they will germinate. He has already sown some Hedge Bedstraw seeds

News from St. Mary's

As many you will be aware we have had two organs in the church for a number of years a fine Wind Organ and a newer Electronic Organ. Our previous organist preferred to play the electronic organ but unfortunately after the Covid pandemic and lockdown he was unable to continue playing.

Our new organist prefers the wind organ and it has been a delight to listen to the sounds during services, weddings and funerals. As the organ had not been used regularly until recently, we arranged for a survey to ensure it was in good working order. Regrettably this has shown up a number of problems which require urgent attention if we are to continue to use it. The surveyor indicated that if this work is not done, the situation will only get worse and involve far greater expenditure in the future. The cost of the repairs is upwards of £1,500. We have seen a fall in the numbers in the congregation since Covid leaving the church finances in a very precarious state. In view of this we are making an urgent appeal to the village for any donations to help us keep this wonderful organ in good working order.

Donations can be made direct to the church bank account which is

NINFIELD PCC

SANTANDER SORT CODE 09 01 55 Account no 82878608.

Alternatively, cheques payable to NINFIELD PCC can be sent to me at Fir Tree House The Green Ninfield TN33 9JQ

Any donations would be very welcome

PHIL RINGROSE - CHURCHWARDEN & TREASURER.

Rev. Paul Frostick

We have been asked by Paul to explain a bit about the work he, as a part-time Priest-in-Charge, is contracted to do in our two parishes.

Paul is licensed by the Diocese of Chichester to provide spiritual care to the people of the parishes of Ninfield and Hooe.

His license is for 2.5 days per week only and this includes Sundays. This does not mean 2.5 days in each Parish, it means 2.5 days in total between the two villages!

Recently Paul has felt the strain of attending so many functions and societies in both villages and has been advised by his doctor to lighten his work load which is why he may not always manage to attend all the functions he would like to. So if you don't see him about as often as usual that is why.

He will continue to be available to anyone in need and can be contacted by phone or email.

Janet Pattisson, Jack Rist, Catriona Owen, Phil Ringrose, Churchwardens of St. Oswald's and St Mary's

Re : "Jim Hoad"

Wendy, Chris & family would like to thank people for their support, cards and condolences expressed at the time of "Jim's" death.

The day of his funeral was certainly a memorable one in many ways – including the torrential downpour on the day.

Despite the weather, we feel the Ninfield Community and all family and friends helped to make the day a true celebration of his life.

There were – and are – too many small acts of kindness to list individually but all very much appreciated.

Additional thanks go to:

Rev. Simon Earl for conducting a very personal funeral service

The friends who provided the refreshments

All who organised the teas & coffees in the Hall

and also cleared up afterwards

We are grateful for the generous donations given in his memory which were shared between the Ninfield Memorial Hall & Ninfield Village Society.

Closing date for items for the NOVEMBER **issue** of the Parish News is THURSDAY 13th **OCTOBER** please send to ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com

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OUR SCHOOL

Who's School is it?

On Monday 12th September Parents at Ninfield Primary school were given the outcome of the OFSTED inspection that was carried out in June of this year. The Inspectors have graded the school as inadequate, having serious weaknesses in the arrangements for Safeguarding of Children. The only issue found with the provision of education was an issue with the curriculum which is down to the problems of trying to implement a seven year curriculum in a school with only 6 classes.

Unfortunately, any serious weaknesses in Safeguarding immediately rates the school as inadequate regardless of the educational qualities, and therefore we will be subject to an Academy order.

The Head Teacher, who is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead was unavailable during the inspection and a request to have the Inspection delayed because of this was rejected. The 2019 OFSTED Inspection praised the schools' safeguarding processes and subsequent termly visits by the Local Authority have not highlighted any issues. So, this judgement has come as a shock to us all.

The Local Authority immediately suspended the recruitment of a new Head Teacher and took over financial control of the school after the Inspection in June, but we have been unable to discuss it publicly until the publication of the final report.

The Governing Body were asked to recommend the implementation of an Interim Executive Board to prepare the school to be taken over by an Academy Trust. We do not believe implementing an IEB and seeking Academy status is the right way forward for our village school. We therefore, regrettably, decided to resign our positions with immediate effect on publication of the report. One Parent Governor, Greg Walker, has agreed to stay on in the interim to ensure that all the concerns of parents are raised. We have always acted with the best interests of the children at heart. We would never do anything to put them in danger and we do not believe that anyone has been put at risk because of our actions. We believe that a village school should be a part of the community and should be a place where children can grow both personally and intellectually. We hope that the changes now being implemented do not alter that philosophy and we do not become so risk averse that the opportunities afforded by being a small village school are lost in the regulations.

Thank you for all the support that you have given us in the past and the kind comments I have received for my past scribbings.

Ian Moffat

NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING 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

Womens 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 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 Crittell 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

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 October in the Memorial Hall from 2 – 4 pm with free tea and cake. On this occasion we will be having a Beetle Drive – so do come along. Contact: Jackie on 01424 892422 or jackie.langley1@btinternet.com if you want more information.

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: Robin Goldsmith on 01424 892778.

HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Hooe History Society meeting for October will feature one of our favourite returning speakers, Ian Everest, with his talk “Flanders and the Somme, now and then”. We try to ask Ian back regularly as he has such wonderful stories to tell on a wide range of subjects and he never fails to impress. We are continuing to conduct our meetings in Hooe Church so Thursday 20th October at 7.30 is the designated time and place.

DID YOU KNOW...the “Old Marsh Road” was, in the early 1900’s, referred to as the “Under Lane” between the Lamb Inn and Stone Bridge (which is about 150 yards west of the café at the bottom of Barnhorn Hill).

In 1909, the County Council commenced proceedings to impose a speed limit on this stretch of road following a number of incidents and in November 1910 an enquiry was held at the Lamb Inn, led by Mr. R.C. Maxwell, an Inspector of the Local Government Board. He heard from a number of witnesses who gave details of incidents that had occurred along the road. Arthur Lemmon (from Holmes Farm, Hooe) who was the Chairman of Hailsham Rural District Council, said that he lived about three miles from Under-lane, in which there was a good deal of traffic throughout the year, especially in the summer. The road was used by traffic between Eastbourne and Hastings, of which three-quarters of it was motor traffic. Several narrow escapes had occurred in the lane, and the Hailsham Rural District Council was unanimous in making representation to the County Authority on the subject.

Mr. J. Brand, of the Grove, Hooe, who is a member of the County Council, said that in the month of June a motor lorry got too far into the ditch while passing another vehicle, and it had to be pulled out of the ditch the next day. In the same month of June, as his (Mr Brand’s) wife was passing along the lane a motor car struck the wheel of her trap. Witness estimated that he had seen cars pass along the road at the rate of 45 miles hour. Two other

witnesses, including P.C. Curtis of Hooe, gave evidence of vehicles and pedestrians that had required assistance following incidents.

Mr Dean of the RAC opposed the application on the grounds that there were no dwellings in the vicinity and therefore very few pedestrians. To impose a speed limit would set a precedent for other similar roads to be considered in the same way. He suggested that lowering the height of hedgerows would be sufficient to improve the visibility along the road and eliminate any concealed dangers.

In January 1911, the decision of the inspector was published, as follows:-

“The application to the Local Government Board for an order for a speed limit for motor cars has been successful. The Board intend to enforce a limit of ten miles per hour for motor cars over so much of Under Lane, Hooe, as extends for 200 yards in an easterly direction from a point opposite the western extremity of the Lamb Inn; and as much as extends from a point in the lane 20 yards west of its junction with the road leading to Broad Street Green to the boundary of the parish at Stonebridge. The speed limit comes into operation next Monday”.

Bexhill Food Bank

Did you know that in the year ending 31 March 22 we fed 6369 people? We also received (and gave out again) over 7000kgs of food every month. We want to say a massive thank you to you all, as the donations from our churches played a significant part in this.

We hope you can continue to help us, even when things are feeling more stretched right now.

Donation baskets

Hooe - St. Oswald's Church, Elizabethan Cottages (Box by the gate), Lamlash (Box on the door step)

Ninfield - The Methodists Chapel, Ninfield Surgery

The items we most need right now are:

Tinned vegetables

Tinned cold meat - ham, spam, corned beef etc

Biscuits

Multipacks of treat chocolate biscuits

Small jars of coffee

Powdered mash potato

Toiletries - shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, soap and toothpaste

NINFIELD SURGERY

We would like to thank our patients for their kind donations to the Food Bank collection. With the cost of living crisis, we know that times are hard. The food bank are grateful for anything we are able to pass on, so do consider donating when you are collecting your prescription or visiting the surgery.

We are having ongoing issues with the supply of some medications, so have extended the turn around period for processing and dispensing medication to 7 days.

You are now able to book for your flu jab if you are over 65 or have received a text from us. The dates for the flu clinics are Saturday 8th October and Saturday 7th November, both in the morning. Please contact the surgery on 01424 892569 or use the online booking system to book an appointment.

NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

As I write this the hot summer is fading into the past and rain has arrived so we should see our gardens and lawns recovering now. Church Wood has fared well recently with its ponds and streams maintaining a reasonable level but it is apparent that several trees are showing signs of stress. Hopefully the rain has arrived in time and will be in sufficient quantities to prevent major problems arising. However we have had to remove a dangerous tree at Robins Pond, the timber from which will be recycled into future projects.

Regular visitors will have noticed that we have planted a number of young saplings throughout Church Wood, clearly apparent in their plastic tubes to protect them from rabbits etc. In addition, we have created a new picnic area just off the main public footpath, also with access from the fitness trail we had created previously. It has been encouraging to see that this facility is already being used.

Despite water shortages, the pond water seems to readily find ways of creating alternative routes to escape and considerable time has been spent reinforcing the banks and blocking the holes created by creatures or left when dead tree roots rot away. Fortunately we have been joined by three new volunteers so it has made tackling these projects much more straight forward than recently. If you are interested in joining us, please do come along one Wednesday morning.

Sadly, it is disappointing to have to report a marked increase in dog fouling along Church Path and on the path into the wood. Please bag it and bin it, or take it home for your black waste bin.

Finally, The Society wishes to thank the family of Jim Hoad for their kind contribution to our funds which will enable us to continue our work in Church Wood and throughout Ninfield

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NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite weeks of no rain and then a downpour and floods on Wednesday, exhibitors for the Ninfield Summer Show were not deterred and put on a wonderful display on Saturday 20th.

The weather certainly had an impact on flowers and overall numbers were down on previous years, but the Memorial Hall was full of a variety of flowers, vegetables, fruit and domestics. The society welcomed two new judges this year, both of whom commented on the friendliness of the welcome and quality of exhibits – especially considering the weather we have all been experiencing. Regular judges for the domestic classes were challenged with judging a class pulled from our 1952 schedule ‘a bowl of cooked, home-grown potatoes’ but this was balanced with some very strong entries in the Early Grey Teabread class and excellent meringues!

If you would like to know more about Ninfield Horticultural Society and their events, please email the Show Organiser kaye.crittell@btinternet.com

Class winners were:

Brian Fryer, Jean Sudell, David Walker, Jackie Langley, Ivan Luck, Stephen & Sally Parry, Jane Bartlett, Sami Guard, Natalie Osbourne, Rose Franks, Nicky Walker, Jim Bingham, David Crittall, Maureen Chaseley, Jackie Moore, Robin Goldsmith, Helen Stockton, Shelly Squance, Claire Elms, Arlo Bates, Alana Bates, Erin Elms and Tracey Dixon

Award Winners: Most points Division 1 = Brian Fryer, Harold Morris Memorial Trophy = Brian Fryer, John Cornford Memorial Cup = Brian Fryer, The Banksian Medal = Ivan Luck, Parish Produce Award = Jackie Langley, National Chrysanthemum Society Certificate of Merit = Rose Franks, JB Sparke Memorial Challenge Cup = Ivan Luck, National Dahlia Society Silver Medal Certificate = Jim Bingham, Perpetual Challenge Cup = Ivan Luck, Eileen Cornford Memorial Cup = Brian Fryer, Perpetual Silver Cup = Nicky Walker, Joan & Malcolm Moss Memorial Trophy = Nicky Walker, Jams & Preserves Cup = Jane Bartlett, Ted Ive Shield = David Walker, Pre-School Cup = Arlo Bates, Under 7's Cup = Alana Bates, Under 12's Cup = Erin Elmes, Somerville-Cowan 90th Birthday Award = Erin Elmes, Ted Ive Shield for most points (Spring & Summer Show) = Shelly Squance.

The Horticultural Society are selling tickets for our delayed 70th Anniversary event on 17th October from 6pm at the Memorial Hall including a presentation by Juliet Sargeant on ‘Behind the Scenes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show’. Tickets £5 members, £8 non-members and includes a glass of wine and nibbles. Tickets can be bought from Kaye Crittall (01424892883) or k.crittell@btinternet.com

NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

Annual General Meeting

7.00pm Monday 24th October

Sadly, several members of the Committee are resigning this year and we very much need some new members to ensure the Memorial Hall can continue to function, so PLEASE, come along to the AGM.

For those new to the village, or maybe thinking of volunteering in the village, The Memorial Hall is run as a charity, the building is owned by the village and the rules by which it is run are monitored by the Charity Commission. One of those rules is that we have to have a minimum number of Committee Members to operate.

The committee is made up of representatives of the various groups that use the Hall on a regular basis along with individual members.

We meet every six weeks for an hour or so, so not onerous!

Over the last few years the major project has been to extend and improve the facilities at the Hall and the Cottage, so our main consideration now along with the day to day management, is maintenance, and some fund raising to bring this about.

If you consider you might like to join us and would like details about the work of the committee, please email Ninfieldmemorialhall@gmail.com

Or just come along to the AGM, it's open to everyone.

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The Crown of Scotland

Since the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at her favourite place, Balmoral, there has been much reference to Scotland's role in her life. The Crown traces back to the Stuart kings, when after the death of Queen Elizabeth I, the Crowns of both Scotland and England were united in James VI of Scotland becoming James I of England.

The Crown of Scotland is the crown used at the coronation of the monarchs of Scotland. Remade in its current form for King James V of Scotland in 1540, the crown is part of the Honours of Scotland, the oldest surviving set of Crown jewels in the British Isles. The crown dates from at least 1503 when, in an earlier form, it was depicted in the portrait of King James IV in the Book of Hours commissioned for his marriage to Margaret Tudor.

In January 1540, King James V commissioned the royal goldsmith, John Mosman, to refashion the Crown of Scotland. The existing crown was delicate and had been repaired at least twice in the previous 30 years, including the loss of a fleur-de-lis. The crown was melted down, and Mosman added 41 oz. of Scottish gold mined at Crawford Moor in Lanarkshire.

Constructed of solid gold, the crown consists of a base with fleurs-de-lis alternating with crosses fleury. The arches of the crown are decorated with gold and red oak leaves. At the intersection of the arches is a golden monde, painted blue with gold stars. The monde is surmounted by a large cross, decorated in gold and black enamel with pearls. The crown is encrusted with 22 gemstones, including garnets, amethysts, 20 precious stones and 68 Scottish freshwater pearls.

James V ordered a purple and ermine bonnet from tailor Thomas Arthur of Edinburgh to fit inside the crown. James VII ordered the colour of the bonnet be changed to red. The bonnet has been replaced several times, the present bonnet in 1993. The completed crown weighs (3lb 10oz). The bonnet is also called a cap of maintenance, from its use in maintaining the heavy crown from being uncomfortable.

The last times the crown was used was for the Scottish coronations of both Charles I in 1633 and Charles II in 1651.

The symbolism of the Crown of Scotland being placed prominently on Queen Elizabeth's coffin may signify it perhaps being used to crown King Charles III

It's perhaps easy to forget that from at least the time of the Normans, efforts had been made to subjugate the Scottish monarchy to England. But it took the death of Queen Elizabeth I for the Crowns to be united, not through war, but by diplomacy. And far from England conquering Scotland, it was Scotland that emerged with the monarch to unite both Countries.

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Too Hot

My goodness it's hot, it's now a race to see who falls over first, me or my dog. I shall put it down to the heat, but I have been waving at Spitfires again.

My morning walks are at least at the coolest time of day, but are lacking in any form of wild life. The grass is dried to a crisp, what flowers remain are way past their best and the birds have all but stopped singing. With clear blue sky and an ever present high pressure, it is a good time to be by the water. Not the sea though, I fell for that once. I have learnt a new word down here, that is not used in Lincolnshire, Rammed. This is a good descriptive word describing well the total shutdown of parking places and people playing sardines on every square inch of beach. Looks like the river then.

My grandson is keen to try and learn how to fish, so an evening session was planned. I have seen plenty of small roach swimming around the bridge at horse walk, so there is the spot to go. Yes I do have a licence and permit.

Now high pressure and heat is not good for fishing, but not being after large fish I thought we might have a chance. It was not to be, for three hours we watched a stationary float, not even a twitch. The young lad tried to stay focused, but I could see his mind wandering. It was then I heard the Spitfire.

The sound was a long way off, but ever coming closer. Then we saw it, no more than a field away. It was a spontaneous thing, we both waved at once. I'm not sure if it is out of respect for the plane and its pilots or some subtle response to the sound of pure power that makes us stand and wave. I like to think it's a little of both.

The response came as the Spitfire did a perfect loop and carried on it's way. But that was not the end of it, the sound of the Spitfire diminished and then came back. With a huge rush of sound the plane came on us at tree top height. So close it seemed to blot out the sky. How can you possibly top that, the fishing ended and home wood bound.

There are a lot of trees in East Sussex, not that many in Lincolnshire so driving into a setting sun here is different. Lincolnshire has vast sky's and if you adjust the sun visor you can cope with a setting sun. Here you are dealing with the darkness under a canopy of leaves and suddenly a totally blinding light. So a note to self, don't drive at sun set unless going west.

A short one this month, its 30 C in my hut at this moment and some bright spark has just said we will have this for at least another four days. We had it like this in 1976, possibly even hotter. The leaves dropped in late August. Still that was in my motor biking times, every mile an hour you go over sixty it drops one degree. 'Speed kills, so ride a BSA and live', so goes the saying. I had a choice, except the heat or vibrate my fillings out pushing the old BSA beyond its happy limits.

AT

Not an easy story

The day had gone well, I coped with the route march around Rye and had settled down of an evening to watch Lord of the Rings with my grand son. The phone rang and what I heard next struck me really hard. 'The Queen is dead, Long Live The King' It was my son, Queen's Company Grenadier Guards, retired on a war pension.

With that dear lady's last breath the continuity of our country moved to its next phase. Within a blink of an eye Queen's company will have become King's company and the pledge of loyalty to the monarchy upheld.

The whole of my life there has been but one Queen, always there. At times not really thought of, at others a figure head for our happiness or grief. As someone said on the news last night, 'the glue that kept us all together'.

I was 16 and in the queue for school dinner when the word got round that Hendrix had died. I had just got home for some lunch after a long mornings game keeping when I heard Princess Diana had lost her life. My dad passed and that day will not be forgotten. Now our Queen dies on my birthday.

Today is the 9th of September and this morning I walked the dog around the Church as usual. I am not an emotional sort of chap but today I seem to be wearing my emotions on my cuff. There was Simon on the Church spire setting the flag to half mast. This tiny Church down a long narrow lane, out in the fields on its own has been touched by the Queens passing. So then will have every inch of this land and the Commonwealth. Perhaps she was the glue that bonded us all together.

I really don't have any more words except ' God save the King'. AT

Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

Unfortunately our September meeting had to be cancelled but we are back for October.

We will be having a talk about Michelham Priory by David Swales who is a volunteer there. This will, of course, be followed by our usual tea and biscuits.

The date of this meeting is Friday 14th October at 2.00p.m. at the Methodist Hall in Ninfield. Please remember you do not have to be a member to attend, all are welcome.

Nicki & Heather

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Jane Warrener 07548528754
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Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Like the rest of the nation, on hearing of the death of the Queen, our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this very sad time. In respect of her Majesty the flag has been flying at half-mast on the Hooe village green and residents have been laying flowers. Our book of condolence has been open daily in the village hall and along with the rest of the country on Sunday 11th September Cllr Ann Loyd, our new Chairman read the proclamation and welcomed our new King, Charles III with many residents in attendance.

What's Happening in Hooe

Hooe parish council would like to welcome our new chairman, Cllr. Ann Loyd who is enthusiastic and keen to listen to the views of the villagers. Cllr Ann Loyd is looking for everyone in the village to be part of a positive community spirit to move the village forward.

Cllr Steve Crowthurst whose daytime job is a planner is working hard to bring the village hall project plans forward to the residents for a decision later in the year. The residents of Hooe shall decide if the parish council should embark on building a new village hall or refurbish / extend the existing village hall. The parish council will keep you posted.

The essential work to the village hall is now completed and will be open to the public for hire from 1st October 2022. If anyone would like to book the hall, please contact the Clerk.

The sports pavilion is due to open in a couple of weeks and Hooe and Sidley football clubs are looking forward to using the new improved facilities. Hooe Football Club has successfully applied for a grant from the Football Association for a defibrillator to be fitted at the sports pavilion and will be operational in the next couple of weeks.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Hooe Parish Council is looking to attract a new parish councillor who is interested in making a difference to the running of our village. If you are interested in making a positive impact in the local community and becoming a parish councillor, then please contact the Clerk at the above email address for more details.

Parish Council Meetings

All parish council meetings are to be held in the village hall starting at 7pm. The next parish council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 27th September 2022, which is followed by a parish council meeting on Monday 24th October 2022.

Should any resident wish to be added to the emailing list to receive parish council meeting information such as dates of the council meetings, agendas, minutes etc, please contact the clerk on the above mobile number or by email.

Residents may contact any parish councillor at any time on:

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Finally can you help ?, does anyone have any nostalgic photographs that can be displayed in the village hall to show the history and character of the village, if so, Cllr Ann Loyd would very much like to hear from you.

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The Hospice would like to thank St John's Church for allowing them to use the church free of charge, to all the choirs who will make the day so wonderful for Hospice supporters, and all the fabulous volunteers without whom the event would not be possible.

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NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

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Our October meeting will be a workshop and some members have been busy making clematis vine wreaths which will be decorated for Autumn or maybe even Christmas. If you would like to join us come along on Monday 3rd in the Memorial Hall. £5 for visitors. Bring scissors, wire and decorations for your wreath. Assistance at hand if necessary!

On Saturday October 8th we hold our next jumble sale. Saleable items may be brought to the hall from 9.30am. We open for selling at 2pm.

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.

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Worms Eye View

We recently sent a batch of cattle to market, Hailsham market that is or to call it by its professional name South East Marts. On this occasion I went to see them actually being sold and after checking that all was well after their short trip in a cattle lorry, I settled myself down on seats round the ring where I could keep an eye of the auctioneer and possible buyers. As I waited for the sale to begin, my mind went back to the first time I visited the market: It was 1939 and the people of Hailsham had been instructed to go to the market to be fitted with gas masks. Mum, Gran and I joined the queue to be fitted and the right one for me was packed into a cardboard box and hung from my shoulder. Mum and Gran followed me with Gran muttering that she was not going to wear that 'awful thing'. In fact none of us actually had to wear them, despite the many air raids over our heads in Hailsham there were thankfully no gas attacks.

The market was an interesting place to walk around, to see all the animals duly penned in groups, cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens already to be sold. In actual fact Gran did buy some poultry that day which we kept at the bottom of the garden together with pens of rabbits. These were not for pets but to help bolster our food rations and it was in those days I learnt to pluck poultry and skin rabbits etc, all of which was very useful when I became a farmer's wife.

Also at the market in these days were stalls of vegetables & fruit & clothes, of course these disappeared when rationing began, but then I stopped reminiscing when a loud bell rang out to gather people round as the sale began. It was a little nerve wracking as the various lots of cattle made their way into the ring and bidding started. Mine came in about half way through and sold well with the auctioneer keeping his eye on me as well as the buyers, making sure I was happy with the price before the hammer fell. It was a good morning and I came home well pleased to pass the results onto son, But no other stalls to browse through these days however there is still a good cafe on site ready to provide coffee and food to enjoy and compare notes with the other people at market. It was a good morning but as I came home I wondered where my gas mask went to all those years ago!

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Anne



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- **Sian Gerrard**
- **Frank Kingshill**

Many thanks to those who donated their winnings to HVCG, raising money for good causes - and to all who purchased tickets

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is on Saturday 8th October at St Oswald's Church. We look forward to welcoming new friends and old. With seasons changing the Library will be even more popular – there's no restriction on the number of books borrowed at a time, and the jigsaw offer is proving a game changer! All Anne asks is that should there be a piece of jigsaw missing you let her know.

If you need a lift to get to the church please contact us, we will do our best to help!

Well – it proved to be a busy summer! Who knew so much went on in Hooe!

1) Open Gardens June 25th and 26th was well attended and much enjoyed by all. It was pleasing so many local residents turned out to help – without help life would have been tricky, especially at the refreshment centre. We hope you enjoyed working with us as much as we enjoyed having you on board.

2) St Oswald's Church Jubilee Garden Party 16th July and HVCG was delighted to help the set up of this magnificent event on the Friday as well as on the Saturday. The church family planned and managed the event calmly and efficiently, resulting in an enjoyable day for people of all ages. We understand the financial result was also pleasing! If you were unable to go and would like to contribute to church funds I am sure the church wardens will be pleased to hear from you. We look forward to future events.

3) Hooe Motor Show Sunday 7th August After a shaky start due to the lack of the promised electricity supply our refreshment centre was in full swing! When the going gets tough the tough get going – and before long an alternative electricity supply was



arranged and we opened. Many thanks to Jenny and Peter who let us tap into their electricity supply via a long extension lead, Nicky and Roy who provided a generator and Paul and Tracey who brought a fridge down to the recreation ground.

At the start of the day we were overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of donated sausage rolls, sandwiches, scones, homemade cakes etc. We were concerned there would be insufficient freezer space to freeze that which we did not sell. For an example – we had 16 loaves of bread made into sandwiches with 4 different fillings! Amazingly, by 4.00pm every single offering had been sold, even those extra items donated during the day. Hot and cold drinks flew – we had to raid our Bric a Brac stall for cups because our supply of disposable cups, over 600, was insufficient.

Our marquee provided seating and shade from the heat of the day was much appreciated, we received many compliments on the set up

Alongside the refreshment centre we ran a very busy, popular Bric a Brac stall. It took 5 people to man it. Folk were thrilled with the bargains they were able to pick up and we were all delighted to meet so many cheerful people dead set on having a great day out.

None of this would have been possible without the generous help of so many people who showed up on the day and got stuck in. Too many to mention but they know who they are and that we appreciate what they do for the community.

However the day's real heroes, the people who organise the Annual Hooe Motor Show. The show has been running on the Recreation Ground at Hooe for well over 50 years and, if possible, seems to further improve every year. More than one person told us that, in their opinion, it was the best show in the South East – and we can only agree. We thank them for letting us use their show to provide refreshments, the sale of which provides funds to donate to local good causes

Richard Sheppard

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of our friend and neighbour Richard Sheppard. Our thoughts and prayers are with Leisa and the family and close friends at this difficult time.

Many will not know – Richard did so much for this village – giving of his time and professional expertise freely, generously and quietly without fuss.

In 2012 he helped to start and run the Hooe Youth Club. Then about 2014 he supported the previous parish council, becoming involved with planning a community centre for Hooe, giving expert advice, drawing up plans for a new hall, obtaining quotations for the overall project. Over the years he gave hours of advice, free of charge, we valued his input hugely. I have recently heard how he also helped a local resident with a building defect issue, again resisting any financial reward. Knowing Richard there will be other acts of kindness which will gradually come to light. Richard was also a regular member of our annual litter pick team and kept the authorities on their toes by reporting pot holes, overgrown hedges, speeding traffic and more – his emails were legendary ! Every village needs a Richard – we were fortunate he decided to live in Hooe

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 15th October.

This will be one week before our Bonfire night where you can still join as a member. We run a tombola and if you need some NBS clothing then we sell a range of merchandise.

BONFIRE SEASON IS UPON US!

After a few years away due to a global pandemic! Ninfield Bonfire is finally back to provide a free torch lit procession, bonfire and firework display for you all. This will be held on Saturday the 22nd October 2022 on Ninfield recreational ground. The procession will start at approximately 7pm from Church Lane and will work its way up through the village towards the Blacksmiths Inn, turning onto Manchester road, along to Coombe Lane and back along the High street to the Recreation ground. There will be road closures in place during this time; we ask that you are patient while everyone passes through.

Once all the societies are back on the Rec, the Bonfire chant will take place

**Remember, remember the Fifth of November
The Gunpowder Treason and plot,
I see no reason why Gunpowder Treason
Should ever be forgot.
Guy Fawkes, Guy, 'twas his intent,
To blow up the King and the Parliament,
Three score barrels were laid below,
To prove old England's overthrow.
By God's mercy he was catch'd,
With a dark lantern and lighted match.
Holler boys, Holler boys, let the bells ring,
Holler boys, Holler boys, God save the King.**

The bonfire will then be lit, with the fireworks commencing shortly afterwards. There will be food and drinks available to buy if you would like them and we will have members going round with collection buckets so we can raise money for local charities, so please, be generous and give what you can.

Please check our Facebook page for up to date information and if you would like information on how you can help your animals, we do have an article written by a vet on our website <http://www.ninfieldbonfire.co.uk/> Facebook/ Instagram. If you are a local business and would like to become a Sponsor of the Ninfield Bonfire Society then please contact us at ninfieldbonfire@gmail.com or Sarah on 07809684488.

News, Reviews and Revues - but first - how to put into words the tremendous feeling of loss and sadness following the passing of our beloved Queen; it's been an amazingly harrowing, but poignant and heartwarming 10 days, with so much history suddenly being written and enacted, on a minute by minute basis. So much to take in; I did do the Queue for the Lying in State, on my own- but not on my own, all 11 hours of it, overnight, and it was extraordinary. I hope we all remember these days for the rest of our lives. Farewell Ma'am - Long live the King!

In the next few months all of the best Village events are back for everyone to enjoy! And every society and group putting on these events is more than conscious of the rising costs of energy and living, so will be doing all possible to keep prices low. Bonfire Night on the 22nd October will be amazing, and the Village will be so looking forward to standing in awe at the procession and fireworks.

Then November 12th sees The Gala Night return to the Memorial Hall - after last year's trip to Catsfield as our Hall was shut for refurbishment. This year there will be the fabulous Fish & Chip Supper (with other options) plus the Licensed Bar, the Grand Raffle, and Cabaret this time will be some fun with 'A Soupcon of Sami..Un-gaurded' and Music from special guests, The Rock Choir. The Village Award will make a welcome return, with residents of Ninfield able to nominate their unsung Heroes of the Village:- forms will be available from the beginning of October. Tickets are £20 per head to include all food and entertainment, and are on sale from me, Sami, please email samanthaguard@btinternet.com, call 893699, 07970650321 Look out for posters and notices on social media for more information nearer the time.

December- 31st - A New Year's Eve Village Party! At the Memorial Hall, Licensed Bar, Disco and Light Show - For EVERYONE to enjoy! , all ages welcome, a family event! Hopefully, there will also be a 'Local Cabaret', with supper, before the big Party, and if you'd like to join in, do a song, a dance, a reading, anything, please contact me, or turn up to the Castings on Friday 30th SEPTEMBER 7pm Methodist Hall - about the time you're reading this!!

At our last Carnival Meeting it was agreed that the full £3,000 profits from the Village Fete in June be donated to different causes. I.C.U Conquest will get the £700 Raffle money, the Ninfield Health and Wellbeing Group £100 towards their Christmas Lunch, and the Children's Playground will get some new seating. If your Group, Society or Club would like some financial funding towards a specific project or local cause, please get in touch with me, or come to the next meeting. The next Carnival meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday

October 12th, At the Working Men's Club, 7.45pm for an 8pm start and there will be food and drinks available. Do come and join us- and if you have an interest in joining the happy band of the Carnival Co. now's the time to do it!

Thank you - Sami xx 07970650321 samanthaguard@btinternet.com

NINFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Many of you who attended this year's Open Gardens in aid of St. Michael's Hospice helped raise nearly £2000 for this very worthy cause.

This event is organised by the Hospice, they provide the refreshments and the advertising, and they have again asked if we will open next year, but rather than in July, as it has been for the last few years, but in May, Tuesday 23rd and it would be really good if a few more of you would consider opening your gardens. It is not onerous, you just need your garden to be open, it is not expected to be a fabulous show garden, if it was ours certainly would never open!

If you think about it, all gardens are different, we all like to grow different plants, we group things differently, some have only flowers or shrubs, others vegetables. Some are courtyards with lots of pots, they are all interesting, they are all worth looking at, so please do consider it.

If you are worried about access, would like more information, or just sign up please contact

Laura Sully, Senior Community and Events Fundraiser
St Michaels Hospice

LSully@stmichaelshospice.com Direct line: 01424 457971

Or 01424 445177 ext 6041

Great News!

Bimal, who recently took over from Chris at the Village Stores, has been away from the Stores for a few days while he completes his training with the Post Office and he is very pleased to announce that

The Post Office will be open on Monday 3rd October

So normal service will be resumed

Super-veg Pasta

Ingredients

- 2 red peppers , quartered and deseeded
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 fennel bulb, roughly chopped
- 1 onion , roughly chopped
- 1 large carrot , roughly chopped
- 2 garlic cloves , crushed
- ¼ tsp crushed chillies
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 600ml vegetable stock
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- small handful basil , leaves shredded
- 500g bag fresh egg pasta , cooked

Method

Step 1 Heat the grill and pop the peppers, skin-side up, underneath for 10 mins or until beginning to char. Transfer to a bowl, cover and set aside. When cool enough to handle, peel off the skin and cut the flesh into strips.

Step 2 Heat the oil in a large saucepan and cook the fennel, onion and carrot for 8-10 mins until softened. Stir in the garlic, crushed chillies, fennel seeds and tomato purée, cook for 2 mins, then add the canned tomatoes, stock and sugar. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 mins or until the vegetables are completely soft.

Step 3 Take out a couple of spoonfuls of the sauce (this will later add texture), then blend the rest in the saucepan until almost smooth with a stick blender. Simmer for 5 mins to thicken, then stir in the reserved sauce, shredded basil and peppers. Serve with the pasta.

Share the News!

If you've enjoyed reading your copy of the Parish News and you have new neighbours, or have just started chatting to someone in the village, give them your copy and say they could have it delivered monthly if they live in Ninfield or Hooe, just leave a message on 893326 or email ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com or they can buy a copy in the Village Stores or St. Mary's and St. Oswald's

Ninfield Methodist Church

Minister: (from 1st September) Reverend Crawford Logan

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Sunday Services for October 2022:

- 2nd 10.00 am Harvest Festival Parade with Scouts & Rev. Crawford Logan
10.30 am Harvest Festival Service with Rev. Crawford Logan
- 9th 10.30 am Worship & Communion with Rev. Neville Barnett
- 16th 10.30 am Worship & Praise with Mrs. Charmaine Hill
- 23rd 10.30 am Worship & Praise with Mrs. Jill Sayers
- 30th 10.30 am Worship & Praise with Mrs. Margaret Bickerdike

Events for October 2022:

- Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café including
- 7th 10.00-11.30am Book exchange in Hall
- 12th 2.30 – 4.00pm Christian Women's Fellowship
- 26th 1.30 – 3.30pm Messy Church

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. We give thanks to God that she was grounded in a deep faith in Jesus Christ, which has been an inspiration to countless people throughout her reign. Her dedication, commitment and service to her people will never be forgotten and will sustain all those who mourn in the coming weeks. Our prayers are for her family who have lost a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt and we pray that all may be inspired by her service and guided by her example.

We also pray for His Majesty King Charles:

Bless His reign & the life of our nation.

Help us to work together so that truth & justice, harmony & fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We look forward to the Reverend Crawford Logan, our new minister, leading our Harvest Festival Service on October 2nd. We are also pleased that the Ninfield Scouts will be joining us for a parade at 10.00am which will take place outside of our Hall & be followed with refreshments before the service at approximately 10.30am. Gifts of tinned foods etc. can be brought along & will be shared locally & with the Bexhill Foodbank.

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.

Finally, we enjoyed our first Messy Church for the new term on September 28th when our theme was 'All good gifts' to link with Harvest-time. Our next Messy Church will be on October 26th, school half-term at 1.30 pm. Do come along.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bridegroom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts went on for days

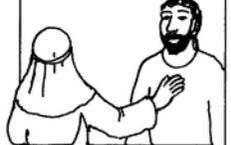


Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster! The bridegroom and his family would be shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



Jesus, they've run out of wine!

So why are you telling me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top with water



The water was for the special washing of hands before meals

and each jar held about 100 litres



Now take some out and serve it to the toast-master



He tried it...



Most people serve the best wine first, then the rest later, but..

...this is the best wine I've ever tasted!



Impressive!



Directory of Groups & Clubs

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