



**Welcome to this week's  
Keeping in Touch (KIT) for  
St Mary's and St Wilfrid's  
in the Parish of Chidham.**



**16 June 2024**

**No: 206**

**OUR SUNDAY SERVICE**

This Sunday we will be welcoming **Canon Stephen Hoy** to our **0800** service in **St Mary's**.

**THERE IS NO 1000 SERVICE IN ST MARY'S DUE TO LACK OF COVER.**

There is a 1000 service in St Mary's Funtington.

**REHEARSALS FOR THE VOLUNTEER JOINT CHOIR**

Are you singing in the choir for our joint service? Here are the **dates for the rehearsals** taking place in St Mary's Chidham:

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 0930 – 1030

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 0930 – 1030



The choir will be singing at our **joint parishes service** in St Mary's Chidham on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Paul Wren, churchwarden at Funtington, or just come along to the rehearsals.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL – A FEW STEWARDS ARE STILL NEEDED**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the stewarding at the Flower Festival in July. There are still some slots to fill, so if you are able to help anytime on **12-14 July, please sign up** on one of the sheets currently in the **porch at St Mary's**.

The Festival will be open each day from 10.30am – 6.00pm and the volunteer slots are for 1½ hour periods. Covering even one slot would be a great help.



## LUNCH IN AID OF ST MARY'S PROJECT – JUST 2 WEEKS TO GO!

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 12.30 to 3.30pm**

Last chance for tickets.

Sue and Chris Gallagher are hosting this event in their lovely garden in Cot Lane, all in aid of the fundraising for the St Mary's project.



**Tickets are £15** and will include your meal and a glass of wine or beer. Tickets are limited, so do reserve yours with Sue as soon as possible on 07768 533581 or by emailing [sue@gallaghers.uk.net](mailto:sue@gallaghers.uk.net).

Payment can be made by bank transfer to PCC of Chidham, sort code: 60-05-24, account: 96179236, using the reference 'June lunch'.

## RIDE & STRIDE EVENT 14<sup>th</sup> September

A reminder that this year's Ride & Stride event will be taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you are unable to cycle or walk you may like to help great visitors to St Mary's on the day.



More details coming soon but for the moment please mark the date!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>15 Jun</b>	<b>Chidham School Fête 1200 - 1430</b>
<b>30 Jun</b>	Fundraising luncheon for St Mary's Project – details elsewhere in KIT
<b>12 - 14 Jul</b>	Flower Festival in St Mary's 'Guardians of The Earth?'
<b>14 Sept</b>	Ride & Stride
<b>29 Oct</b>	Bridge Afternoon
<b>Nov tbc</b>	Autumn Fair



## WHEN IS FATHER'S DAY? DEPENDS WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD

As we know, Father's Day in the UK is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. This is also the case in the United States, Canada and India.

Many countries, including **Spain, Italy, Costa Rica and Croatia**, celebrate Father's Day on 19<sup>th</sup> March as this is the Feast Day of St Joseph.

In **Thailand**, Father's Day is celebrated on the late King Bhumibol's birthday, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Seen as the father of Thailand, the country not only remembers him, but commemorates fathers everywhere. Tradition holds that everyone wears yellow on Father's Day, the "official colour" of Monday, the day of the week the King was born.

In **Russia**, Father's Day is celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and is known as 'Defender of the Fatherland Day'. It was originally created to support the people in the armed services and was made a state holiday in 2002 by President Putin. Now however, it has incorporated aspects of Father's Day from around the world, and gifts are given to important people in someone's life, including dads, husbands and boyfriends.

In **Australia** it is celebrated on the first Sunday in September as this is the date that, in 1964, the Commonwealth declared to be considered Father's Day.

The natives of Kathmandu Valley in **Nepal** honour their fathers on the day of *Gokarna Aunsi*, which occurs in late August and September, depending on the lunar calendar. It simply means 'day for looking at father's face' and begins on new moon day.

In Bulgaria, Father's Day is held on 26<sup>th</sup> December, because in the Bulgarian Orthodox Church this date is also St. Joseph's day, the patron saint of fathers.

In Taiwan, Father's Day is celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> August. This is because in Mandarin Chinese the pronunciation of the number eight is *bā*, which is very similar to the word for dad: *bà*, Therefore the eighth day of the eighth month would be pronounced *bā-bā* and is a pun for daddy or papa (apparently)!

**N.B.** I'm never sure if it should be Father's day or Fathers' Day but I found this info online: "Father's Day" is spelled as a singular possessive following the precedent established by its predecessor, Mother's Day. In 1912, an American, Anna Jarvis, trademarked the phrase "*Second Sunday in May, Mother's Day.*" Jarvis specifically noted that "Mother's" should "*be a singular possessive, for each family to honour its own mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world.*"

So now we know!

## CHIDHAM SCHOOL FÊTE & SUSSEX DAY FÊTE – BOTH THIS SATURDAY

The Chidham School fête is happening this Saturday 1200 – 2.30. Do go along to support them if you are able.

After that, why not pop along to St John's church in Southbourne to support the Sussex Day Fête too!

## LOCAL SUMMER EVENTS

Over the next few weeks there are a number local fêtes, fairs and events for your delectation. Here are some we are aware of:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	1200 - 1430	Chidham School Fête	School field
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	1630	Victorian Family Music Room	St Peter & St Mary Church, Fishbourne
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June	1400 - 1630	Sussex Day Fête	St John's Church, Southbourne
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	1130 - 1430	Fishbourne Church and School Fête	School field, Roman Way (parking at Roman Palace)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	1000 - 1400	Jumble Trail - Emsworth, Southbourne & Denvilles	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> July	tbc	Lordington Lavender Open Days	
Sat 13 <sup>h</sup> July	1400 - 1630	Bosham Church Fête	Grounds of The Manor House and Holy Trinity church. £3 entry fee for adults.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> July	1300 - 2130	The Groove on the Grass	Westbourne Primary School field

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR ROADS?

WSCC has issued a special edition of its residents' newsletter focusing the challenges currently faced with the condition of our roads and what they're doing to repair them.



"We understand how frustrated people feel about the exceptional number of defects currently present on some roads in West Sussex and the impact this has on travelling around the county.

We feel that frustration too and are [working hard to make improvements](#) using the resources available to us.

Like many other local councils across the UK, we have deteriorating roads due to a combination of factors:

- extreme fluctuations in weather, especially the wet spells earlier this year
- volume and weight of vehicles using the network
- not enough funding available to carry out all the repair works that need doing.

But we are facing the challenge head-on and pumping a multi-million pound package into a series of road repairs and improvements, to provide a road network we can all be proud of.

We'd like to thank our teams, suppliers and contractors, who are all working flat out to resolve the issues. Read more on the link below about our challenge and the work our Highways teams are completing across our 4,000kms of roads.

Take a look at our new ['Better Roads' website](#), where you can find all the information you need, including how potholes form, how we prioritise repairs, the types of repairs we conduct, the scale of the challenge and our progress. More information will be added over the coming months so be sure to check back for the very latest updates".

## CHICHESTER SINGERS

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm – Chichester Cathedral**

The Chichester Singers will perform works by Ariel Ramirez, George Shearing and John Rutter.

### **Programme:**

Ariel Ramirez – Missa Criolla

Shearing – Songs and Sonnets

John Rutter – Birthday Madrigals

An evening of buoyant musical colour, contrasting the rhythmic energy and jazz influences of John Rutter – *Birthday Madrigals* and George Shearing – *Songs and Sonnets* with the vibrant Spanish sound world of Ramirez – *Missa Criolla*

Find ticket information [here](#)



**WESTBOURNE  
DUCK RACE 2024**

**PRIZES**  
1ST - £30  
2ND - £20  
3RD - £10  
LAST - £10

**£1 PER DUCK**

TEA & COFFEE ETC  
AVAILABLE FROM  
THE DIDDY VAN  
AT THE START

**SAT 22ND JUNE 2024**  
11AM START (DUCKS RELEASE 11.30AM)  
START: NORTH STREET BRIDGE  
FINISH: OLD RECTORY CLOSE

DUCKS SOLD IN THE SQUARE (OPP CO-OP) FROM 11 MAY  
ALL PROFITS DONATED TO LOCAL GOOD CAUSES  
SEE WESTBOURNEWEEKEND ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO



**SOUTHBOURNE** Sussex Day  
**Fete**

**Community Fete**

**Saturday 15th June**  
St. John's Church Garden, PO10 8LB  
**2pm to 4.30pm**

Local groups, clubs and charities are  
welcome to join our community event  
If you would like a stall please email  
ruth.heelan@talktalk.net

Our thanks to St John's for hosting the event



WESTBOURNE WEEKEND PRESENTS  
**THE GROOVE  
ON THE GRASS**

**SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2024**  
Westbourne Primary School, River Street  
Gates open at 1pm. Live music from 2.30pm to 9.30pm  
Fabulous local bands on 2 stages  
Beer tent and street-food stalls  
Beers from Sussex brewery '360 degree brewing company'

Tickets: Early-bird adult tickets £17.50. £20 from 1st July  
Children £5 Pre-school FREE

Tickets available from Westbourne Café  
See Westbourne Weekend on Facebook and Instagram for latest info

## GET INVOLVED AND HELP NATURE RECOVER IN SUSSEX

Get involved in Sussex Nature Recovery by taking part in [a residents' survey](#). Detail what's important to you: your favourite places to experience nature in Sussex, the wildlife you love to see, and whether you've noticed any changes (good or bad) to habitats and species locally. You don't have to be an expert to take part!

*Click on image to watch Sussex Nature Recover video*



## WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

If you feel able to help on a regular basis you can do this by joining our confidential **Planned Giving scheme**. If you are interested in helping in this way you can use the QR code to find out more or do speak to Carole Holmes our Gift Aid secretary.



Alternatively you may prefer to set up a **Standing Order** with your bank. Information is available in St Mary's. If you are able to **Gift Aid** your donations, if you have not already done so, please complete the gift aid declaration form which can be found in St Mary's, or speak to Carole Holmes. You can also make a donation through **online banking**, please use the reference 'donation': Acct name: PCC of Chidham Acct Number: 96179236 Sort Code: 60-05-24 Do contact one of our churchwardens or our treasurer [vivien519@btinternet.com](mailto:vivien519@btinternet.com) if you have any questions.



**Here is a reminder of the contact details for our churchwardens:**

**Mike Carroll – 01243 572646**  
**Willem Van Niekerk - 07960 305427**