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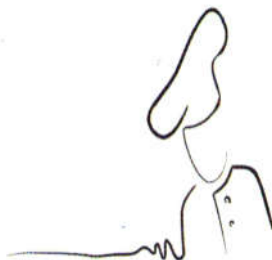
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## EDITORIAL

February brings its' own joys— that real promise of Spring, snowdrops, catkins and crocuses making the first fanfare, birdsong once more, birds checking out spaces and nooks, (and maybe your bird-boxes) for new homes, a few lazy-looking bumble bees, and St. Valentine's Day; are all reasons for us to know that love is in the air.

Our poem by John Drinkwater and the article on Mardi Gras both get us in the mood for the month ahead. Never mind the recipe!

Yet while the winter chill persists, we have a fascinating list of top books from 2022 to read by the fireside, plus a brilliant article with all the help you need to keep your home fire burning. Log-on takes on a new meaning!

The 3 Parishes honour the life and contribution made by Bill Bryder, as he touched the lives of so many bereaved families in our area. Our thoughts are with his family.

Unstinted thanks go to all the volunteers who bring this magazine to your doors. We could not do this without you.

As 24<sup>th</sup> February marks a year of anguish and destruction of the people of Ukraine by the Russian invasion, our hearts go out to each and every displaced and traumatised person in this appalling conflict. Our own very dear Ukrainian families in the three parishes remind us of the ongoing pain' and yet huge gratitude to all who have supported and continue to support them. Our prayers are with you, your families and your nation.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **All Hallows Tillington:**

Funeral— Bill Bryder 20th January

#### **Holy Trinity Church, Duncton,**

Jill Mayes 12th December

(Funeral at Guildford Crematorium then) Church Thanksgiving service



## FROM ALL HALLOWS



This is my first magazine opportunity to report that attendances in each of my churches were excellent over Christmas. I am pretty certain that over 400 different people came to a church service between 18 and 25 December, with over 100 worshipping at All Hallows, Tillington on Christmas morning, plus bumper numbers at the Duncton and Upwaltham services. If you are an occasional worshipper, I truly hope that your experience was good and that you will come again soon.

February is the shortest month, when we may notice the early signs of Spring, with lighter mornings and evenings. This encourages the daffodils and cheers up the birds. I always think of February as a planning and preparation month, as I focus especially on plans for Easter. After you have resolved the dilemma of whether to serve savoury or sweet pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – it's always lemon juice and a sprinkle of sugar for me and I definitely cannot endorse the thought of chocolate spread, as recommended to me by Year Six Duncton children in an assembly last year – we move into the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, 22 February, I shall offer the imposition of ashes on willing foreheads at 10am (Tillington) and 7pm (Fittleworth) as part of short Holy Communion services.

Sometimes people choose to give something up for the penitential season of Lent. In case you are short of ideas, I find giving up gooseberries easy and have never once been undisciplined. An alternative is to do something extra. All five churches will be running a Lent course, probably over three sessions, so if that is of interest, please be in touch with me if you don't already receive my weekly email.

I have said before that compassion and kindness are hallmarks of all my villages, but I sincerely want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Tillington hardship fund. With thanks to Petworth CE Primary School, it has been possible, in an entirely confidential way, to assist local families challenged by heating and food costs over the winter. There is scope to help further, so please encourage anyone who may be struggling with bills or who may welcome a Petworth Food Bank referral to make contact with me by email or telephone ([david.crook15@btinternet.com](mailto:david.crook15@btinternet.com); 01798 865473) or via the post box at the foot of the slope leading to All Hallows. Further details available on the All Hallows website.

In friendship,  
David

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY WITH AN EXTRA MIRACLE

At Tillington, we held our annual Crib Service, acting out the Nativity story, on the 20th December. Gathered for the procession were two ponies, a sheep (Harry), nearly 20 children and 30 or so adults. Some were dressed for the part. We had a few redheaded angels, 3 smartly attired girls as “Wise men/Kings”, Woody the innkeeper and his sister Trixie both doubled as very capable shepherds.

And there was Mary; this was Daisy Hodd, with her pony also called Daisy, and they led the way to Bethlehem, where we sought lodging at the Horse Guards Inn. Sadly, there was no room at the inn, but happily, Woody took us to the stable up in the churchyard, where a very weary Mary took shelter. As the angels sang to the shepherds, (and Harry the sheep) Mary's baby was placed in the manger.- Joy to the world! And we all took a moment to sing “Oh come let us adore him”.

What we have not told you was that Daisy was very, very pregnant and was actually due the next day! Our thoughts as Mary/Daisy held her baby Jesus and laid him in the manger, was that she would soon be holding her very own first born child.

Our delight was compounded as the photo of the new born baby Sylvie, looking into her adoring mother's face, arrived the very next day. Wow! What a sweet incredible moment that was.

The profound mystery of new life and extreme vulnerability, and miracle of a new-born child, reminds us of the wonder of Jesus coming from heaven to earth to join mankind and to share our lives with us.

Welcome to Sylvie' and may your life be full of deep joys and great blessings. Thank you, Daisy, for being our Mary and sharing that moment with us.

Shelley Fergusson





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As 2023 dawned, it marked a significant milestone for me, a year living in Tillington and a year working at Petworth Bookshop. It caused me to look back at some of the best sellers in the Bookshop from 2022. I've picked 5 of our top 10 books to share with you. If you haven't already got your hands on copies then I highly commend them to you. They are all available in the Shop.

### **Petworth and The World by Jumbo Taylor**

The name Jumbo Taylor will be familiar to most of the people reading this magazine but having only recently moved to the area I needed to be told that Jumbo Taylor was a Petworth stalwart. Jumbo and his family have lived and worked in Petworth and with the Leconfield Estate for years. His son, Nick Taylor, put this book together from Jumbo's own writings. It has been lovely working in the Shop and hearing everyone's stories of how they knew Jumbo.

### **The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak**

This beautifully written novel has been a big hit locally (and globally). It tells the story of two teenagers in Cyprus in the 1970s, one a Greek Cypriot, the other a Turkish Cypriot. Their lives collide in a local taverna which has a fig tree growing at the centre. The narrative explores questions of identity, trauma and belonging, with the fig tree witnessing it all.

### **Taking Stock by Roger Morgan-Grenville**

A highlight of life in the Bookshop is working with local authors. Roger is a dear friend of the Shop and it was an absolute joy to host the launch of his most recent book *Taking Stock* at the Cowdray Walled Garden last summer. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. It is an engaging and compelling manifesto about how we should treat cows in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At the age of 61, with no farming experience, Roger signed up as a part-time labourer on a local farm. Out of that experience Roger wrote this gem of a book. Locals will recognise lots of the places referenced in the book; the Horse |Guards gets a mention!

### **The Best of A.A. Gill by A.A. Gill**

This is not a new book but it continues to be a popular one at the Bookshop. Rarely does a week go by where this is not brought to the counter and taken home by a happy customer. The book is a collection of the very best work by the late journalist A.A. Gill. It contains pieces from a variety of publications including the Sunday Times, Tatler and The Ivy Cookbook. His writing spans a great number of topics, from travel writing to restaurant criticism. The book also contains some of his most celebrated feature length articles. One to entertain and inform!

## Think Like a Horse by Grant Gollhofer

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Connie Wilson

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## THE TILLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST

The Tillington Charitable Trust was created by the Tillington Parish Council in a Trust Deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1985. The Deed designated 5 trustees with the task of:

- (i) the relief of sickness
- (ii) the furtherance of education
- (iii) the relief of poverty
- (iv) the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupations in the interest of social welfare.

For this the trustees were given £100 by the Parish Council to get started and were then required to rely on income from charitable donations and interest from investments. Only parishioners living in Tillington Parish are eligible for grants.

The Trust has been active ever since, and today has investments of around £35,000, providing an income of nearly £1,000 a year. However, in recent years demands for grants has steadily decreased. The relief of poverty and sickness has never been a major problem in this parish, which was no great surprise given our Welfare State and National Health Service.

Most of the money has gone towards education and welfare. In particular, support for school visits abroad was in regular demand, but this has completely ceased since the onset of Covid and is not likely to resume any time soon. In 2007 seventeen of our parishioners received gift vouchers at Christmas. Over the years this number has dwindled to just two this year, and one of them will shortly be moving out of the parish. Briefly: demand for funds has reached an all-time low.

One would think that in a time of crisis, when the cost of living – both for food and for energy – is affecting us all, the demands on the Trust would be greater than ever. The biggest problem the trustees have is finding out who needs support. We might not be able to pay for a tank-full of domestic oil, but we can certainly make a contribution towards the cost. We can't be expected to go around knocking on doors asking if anyone is unable to buy essentials: we have to be told. Of course, this is a sensitive point, and all five trustees understand the need for discretion. If you know of a friend or neighbour in difficulty, please try and persuade them to ask for help. There is no shame in doing so – we are all in the same boat!

The Trust sends its best wishes to all in the parish of Tillington, Hugh Rolfe, trustee and chairman (861 369), and all the trustees: - Lee Lavington (344 489); Andrina Lunt (344 877); Mike Wheller (342 680), and Annie Sneller (342 507).

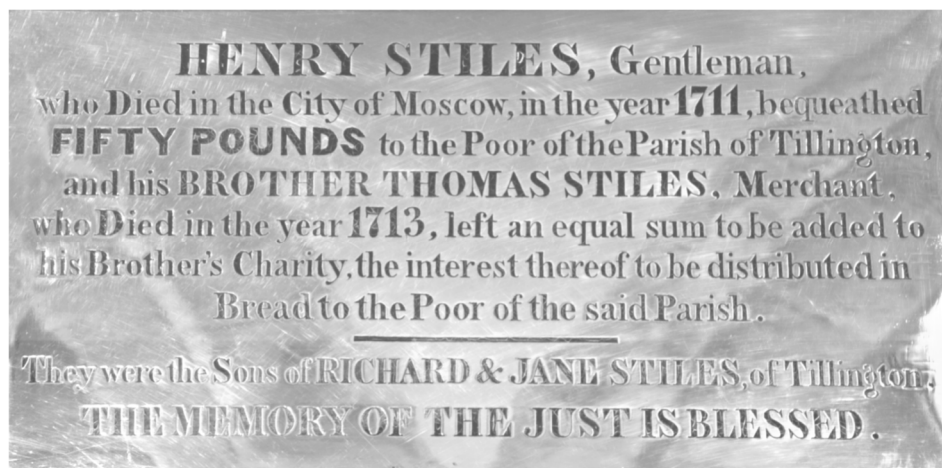
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## TILLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST

Thank you to all the growers and clients of the Wednesday Coffee Mornings. In spite of weather .etc, we managed to raise £209.30 for the fund. This fund is used for people living in the parish of Tillington experiencing various problems cost of energy ,cost of food, educational needs or unexpected expenses. Do not hesitate to contact Hugh Rolfe Chairman of the trust on 01798 861369 if you need help of this kind. It is totally confidential, of course.

Thank you again for your generosity. If the rain stops, we might think of the next growing season... Happy new year to all, Catherine Rolfe.

*The origins of the Trust are uncertain and we believe there is a connection to this plaque on the wall of All Hallows Church which reads as below. We hope to be able to bring you more of this fascinating story in the next issue of the magazine. Ed.*



‘Mr Henry Stiles, gentleman, who died in the City of Moscow in the year... 1711 bequeathed FIFTY POUNDS to the Poor of the Parish of Tillington and his BROTHER THOMAS STILES, Merchant who Died in the year 1713, left an equal sum to be added to his Brother’s Charity, the interest thereof to be distributed in Bread to the Poor of the said parish



## GARDEN NOTES

My most important New Year resolution this year is to remember to take garden notes in January. I would then remember to get more February Gold daffodils, winter wash and prune the apple and pear trees, and order bare root shrubs and roses for next winter – they are much cheaper and larger, with better growth before the white root growths are interrupted. I am hoping it is not too late this year.

The Mahonia has been covered with flowers this winter but there is new compact one, **Mahonia Sweet Caress** which has narrow spine free leaves, 1.2m. height and spread, with clusters of yellow flowers. It will be perfect down our steep slope, I hope.

Now is the time to establish new colonies of **snowdrops, also hellebores**. I am amazed by seeing the new colours of the hellebores and the prettiest of blooms in the newest snowdrops. (Don't forget to remove any foliage with black blotches from the hellebores to stop the disease from spreading).

Dig up and pot any plants that you remember are in the wrong position, it is so easy to do now. Cut down deciduous **grasses**, and prune **late summer flowering clematis**, cutting stems back to two healthy buds from the base.

Winter flowering **heathers** need a light trim, don't cut into old wood. Sprinkle slow release fertiliser around the bases of **roses** and other **flowering shrubs**, and mulch. Thin out congested and crossing branches in **overgrown shrubs** down to the base, before they get their leaves. Among the **trees** that can be pollarded in February and March (2"-3" off main stem) are **Acer Negundo, Eucolyptus, Cotinus and Cornus**. Don't forget to prune back to two buds the new growth on the **wisteria**. Remember Two & Eight, prune the whippy lengths in August and these again in February to the two buds.

Think of the garden in August, summer bulbs can be planted in early March eg. **Acidentharas, alliums, agapanthus, dahlias** etc. **Dioramas and Angels Fishing Rods** are excellent for late summer, and can tolerate heat.

Plan this year's **crop rotation** in the vegetable garden. Prune **gooseberries and redcurrants** back to three buds. **Summer raspberries**, the canes can be cut down to the base. Cover **rhubarb** with a tall pot or bucket to force those tender pink delicious stems. Remove debris etc. from guttering, weed the beds and paths, and clean the greenhouse.

Happy Gardening, *Gillie Ross*.

## PET PORTRAIT - TWO TILLINGTON TWEETS

From one dear friend we inherited two feathered friends. One blue budgerigar named Freddie by my step-great-grand daughter Olivia, and a yellow one who I named Andy Pandy. The chirpy chums mostly live in the summer-house in our back garden.

Their little house has a veranda where they like to perch side-by-side overseeing 'the rabble' of blue-tits, chaffinch, coal-tits and robins squabbling over peanuts and sunflower seeds on the bird table. They look down their beaks at the uncouth pigeons who plonk themselves in the centre of the recently-cleaned bird bath, knowing that my daughter will soon be hot-footing it out to refill it.



One budgie is clearly more concerned about his cleanliness and appearance than the other. Each evening, when they are brought into their 'sleeping house', I see Andy Pandy routinely washing himself, taking utmost care that every feather is preened, while Freddie would rather show off by looping the loop on his swing or walking upside down on their roof; boys will be boys!

Although budgerigars are native to Australia, those born in cooler climates, such as the UK, cannot cope with temperatures above 26°C. On such hot days we open both doors of the summer-house, ensuring their cage door is closed, and a fine mist of water is sprayed regularly so the budgies can cool down safely and still enjoy their garden view. However, one day my daughter forgot to close their cage door... we will never know where Andy Pandy and Freddie went that day. Perhaps they simply flew several laps of the garden or maybe they did a fly-by around Tillington! Did you see a blue or yellow blur of budgie passing by?

It is reassuring to know these two Tillington tweets must be happy in their home because they are still here, sitting on their veranda overseeing 'the rabble'!

By Janet Gourd

**“FAT TUESDAY” - 21ST FEBRUARY**



The English translation of the French term “Mardi Gras” doesn’t sound particularly appealing, but maybe the French say the same about their wording. The name probably originated from the custom of using all the rich, fatty foods in the home prior Ash Wednesday, the start of the Christian period of abstinence and self-discipline which acknowledges Jesus’s fasting in the desert. But Mardi Gras has come to mean a lot more.

The pre-Lenten festival of excess is thought by some to have its roots in the pagan spring fertility festival although others think it more likely a later idea of the Catholic church. Whatever its roots, the festival, also known as Carnival or Carnevale (derived from the Latin to put aside meat, goodbe meat), is now celebrated around the world, in some cases in no small measure.

The world's big Carnival celebrations are huge tourist attractions. The most well-known European celebration is the Venice Carnevale, which traces its origins back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and is famous for its masquerade balls with costumes reminiscent of those worn by 18<sup>th</sup> century noblemen, complete with gowns, capes, feathers and, of course, the famous Venetian masks. Venice may be the carnival which first springs to mind, but there are large organised carnival parades across the continent. Cologne boasts one of the oldest, one culminating in torchlight processions where a "Nubbel", a straw-filled doll, is set alight and serves as the scapegoat for all of the transgressions the revellers have committed during the days of carnival. Poor old Nubbel!

Crossing continents, we find in New Orleans America's most celebrated carnival. French settlers brought with them the Mardi Gras tradition in the 1690's and although the rowdy revelries were quashed by the Spanish for a while, Mardi Gras was reinstated after Louisiana became a US state. The rest, as they say, is history. The big day is now a national holiday in Louisiana.

The most famous, and the largest, of the world's Carnivals is that held in Rio de Janeiro. A vibrant amalgam of European, African and native traditions, this festival may last but a week but preparations often take all year. The bejewelled and feathered costumes for this showy samba-fest often cost thousands of pounds, and striving to be the best in show is a serious matter.

Well, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Carnival, all makes our Shrove Tuesday look a bit tame. And apart from a bit of pancake tossing it probably is. The word shrove comes from 'shrive', meaning to give absolution after hearing confession, perhaps a quieter way of preparation for Lent.

So, please enjoy your pancakes. It's a bit chilly outside anyway, and those feathers look awfully itchy!

*Barbara Neighbour*

## BILL BRYDER 1937—2023



William John Bryder (Bill) was born on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1937 at The Gables, Tillington, the village he lived in all his life. His early school days were with the village schools in Tillington, where, from 4 years of age, he attended first the infant and then the junior school. Aged 11, Bill progressed to the Petworth Boys' School and lastly to the secondary modern school in Midhurst.

The family business was formed by Bill's great uncle in 1863 as the village carpenter and builder. In those days, it was the responsibility of the village carpenter's shop to construct the coffins for the village as required. This was the commencement of the undertakers running today – W. Bryder and Sons. With his grandfather and father following in the family business, Bill always assisted, from an early age, in the carpenter's shop enjoying simple jobs like sandpapering down coffins from as young as 10 years of age.



Whilst at the Midhurst school, aged 14, Bill went down with a bout of chicken-pox and his father considered it not worthwhile his returning to school, so Bill was taken into the family business as an apprentice bricklayer, but he did assist, as required, at funerals. By the age of 15, he acted as a bearer for the first time and would recollect that nobody had told him to release the web when lowering the coffin and he ended up on his knees at the side of the grave.

Because of Bill's apprenticeship, he was deferred from call-up for national service until the age of 21; his call-up papers arriving on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. He was extremely proud of his time with the Royal Horse Artillery and was voted best all-round recruit on his passing out.

Bill's father retired in 1971, a year after Ben was born, and Bill headed up the business. The building side ceased in 1993 and Bill carried on with the funeral side until he handed the reins over to Ben, the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Bryders, in 2008.

In his younger days, Bill enjoyed playing several sports including football and stoolball, but tennis was his favourite, which he played on the Tillington courts. Bill was introduced to bowls whilst on a golfing holiday to Spain in 1998 although golf was one game he didn't enjoy! On return from Spain, he joined Petworth Bowls Club and then went on to join the West Sussex Bowls Touring Club enjoying a week's bowling tour every May.

Bill also loved shooting and would travel to many places including Scotland, Wales and the West Country. With all of Bill's hobbies, it was the camaraderie that he enjoyed the most.

Bill and Carol were married in June 2008 and spent their honeymoon in Madeira; - the first of many trips they made.

Bill will be missed greatly by all who knew him. He touched so many lives both in his personal and professional life.

Carol Bryder

*Bill's funeral was held on Friday 20th January at All Hallows Church, Tillington. It was a lovely service attended by about 260 people who had come from far and wide; from the Orkney Islands to Petworth. The church was packed with standing room only. Several tributes were read and his grandson was one of the pallbearers.*

*The wake was held at the Badgers Pub.*

TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM CHURCH  
SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY 2023

|  | <b>All Hallows Church, Tillington</b>   | <b>Holy Trinity Church, Duncton</b> | <b>St Mary's Church, Upwaltham</b> |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Wednesday<br>1 February                    | BCP Holy Communion at 10am  |                                     |                                    |
| 3rd Sunday<br>before Lent/<br>5 February   | Breakfast Church<br>9.45am/All-Age<br>Service at 10.15am  |                                     |                                    |
| 2nd Sunday<br>before Lent/<br>12 February  | Parish Communion<br>at 9.30am   | Parish<br>Communion<br>at 11am      |                                    |
| Wednesday<br>15 February                   | BCP<br>Holy Communion<br>at 10am  |                                     |                                    |
| Sunday Next<br>before Lent/<br>19 February | BCP<br>Holy Communion at<br>9.30am  |                                     | Country Service<br>at 11.30am      |
|  | Five-parish Evening Prayer online via Zoom at 6pm.<br>Please contact David to register for his weekly email with<br>Zoom links. |                                     |                                    |
| Ash<br>Wednesday<br>22 February            | <b>Holy Communion<br/>with imposition of<br/>ashes 10.am</b>  |                                     |                                    |
| First Sunday<br>of Lent,<br>26 February    | Morning Prayer and<br>Praise<br>at 9.30am   | BCP Holy<br>Communion<br>at 10.30am |                                    |

Additional services in our group during February:

**5 February:** 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham

**12 February:** 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; 10.15am All-Age Service with breakfast (from 9.45am) at Fittleworth; 4pm BCP Evensong at Stopham

**19 February:** 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham

**22 February:** 7pm Short Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Fittleworth

**26 February:** 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham

David Crook, Priest-in-Charge  
(david.crook15@btinternet.com; 01798 865473)

# Kids' Pages

Do you get excited when your birthday or Christmas is coming up? Do you wonder what might be in that large parcel which has your name on?

## EXCITEMENT OR WHAT??

Well, on 16th February 1923, one hundred years ago, Howard Carter an Egyptologist (an expert on Egypt) opened the burial chamber of Tutankhamun,. This was the first time anyone had seen inside for over **3000 years!!!** They had found the tomb in November and finally got to open the sarcophagus on 16th February.

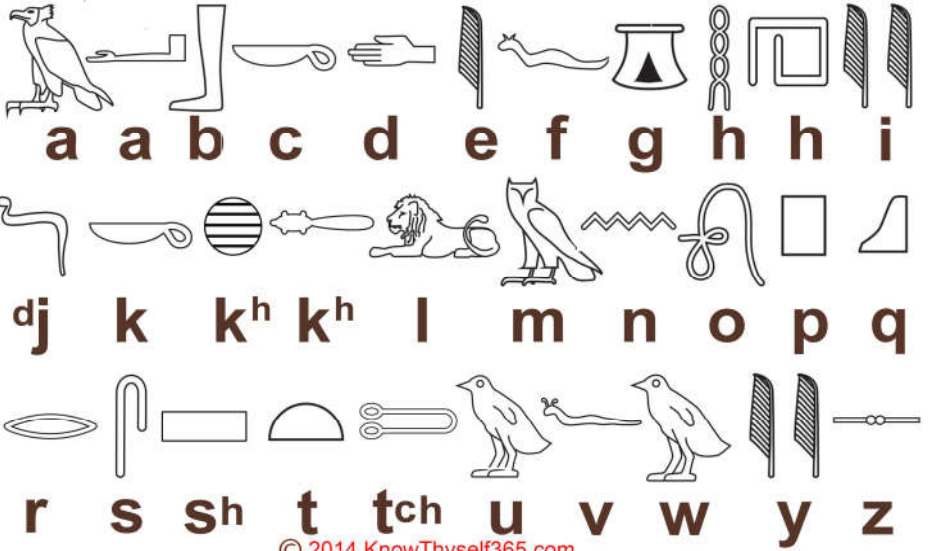
This is what they saw inside. 5,398 items, including a solid gold coffin, face mask, thrones, archery bows, a dagger that may have had a blade made from a meteorite, trumpets, a lotus chalice, food, wine, sandals, and fresh linen underwear.

What would you have liked to have taken with you?

## TREASURE



Below are hieroglyphics which is the ancient Egyptian's alphabet  
 Can you write your name in hieroglyphics??



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People find all sorts of things when they start looking inside pyramids, including other pyramids, secret tunnels, and ancient graffiti. They also find slightly less exotic, but no less fascinating, reminders of the past, e.g. food. According to National Geographic, the tombs of Ancient Egyptian pharaohs typically were stocked with "everything they might need or want in the afterlife" — and that included preserved food. In an age before freezers or even freeze-drying, items like meat and poultry were kept edible and ready for afterlife snack attacks by mummification, utilizing salt to first dry out the food, bandaging it, and then coating the resulting bundle with resins. The process was not unlike the one used to mummify the bodies of the dead; in fact, Egyptologist Salima Ikram refers to the preserved food found in tombs as "victual mummies" which you should absolutely name your next band.

Tut himself was buried with an impressive deli selection, including 100 baskets containing wheat and barley, bread loaves, sycamore figs, dates, melons, and grapes. Also ready and waiting were honey, jars of wine, and four dozen boxes of "victual mummies", including "many cuts of beef on the bone, nine ducks, four geese and various small birds."

Read More: <https://www.grunge.com/252677/heres-what-king-tut-may-have-eaten-when-he-was-alive/-have-eaten-when-he-was-alive/>



I am just so very **GRATEFUL** this very moment, to have a roof over my head, food to eat, clean clothes to wear, a warm bed to sleep in, drinkable running water, electricity... We take so much for granted, when there is so much to be **GRATEFUL** for.

Unknown

Tyr colouring in this mask of Tutankhamun which was found in 1923



## **RAINFALL**

There are no reports on rainfall at the moment. John Mayes has, for many years, faithfully recorded the monthly rainfall and gave us due warning that he would retire at the end of the year. We asked then, if anyone would like to keep the records for us.

Would someone like to, please???

We are incredibly grateful to John and I personally find it fascinating to know how the months compare from year to year. Thank you so much, John, for very many years of faithful work. We send you our very grateful thanks on behalf of all the readers.

Anyone out there? It's not difficult, just remembering to record the rainfall! Please contact [3parishesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:3parishesmagazine@gmail.com) or ring 01798 342151

### **TILLINGTON SIDESPEOPLE AND READERS**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Time</b>            | <b>Service</b>                                      | <b>Sidespeople</b>      | <b>Readers</b>                |
|----------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>5th  | 9.45<br>10.15am        | Breakfast<br>Church /<br>All Age<br>Service         | TEAM                    | TEAM                          |
| Sunday<br>12th | 9.30 am                | Parish<br>Communion                                 | Mr and Mrs<br>Williams  | Mrs Williams<br>Rom. 8. 18-25 |
| Sunday<br>19th | 9.30 am<br><br>6.00 pm | BCP Holy<br>Communion<br><br>Zoom Evening<br>Prayer | Mr and Mrs<br>Pye       | Mrs Ross<br>2 Pet. 1. 16-end  |
| Sunday<br>26th | 9.30 am                | Morning Prayer<br>and Praise                        | Mr and Mrs<br>Fergusson | Mr Fergusson<br>Rom. 5. 12-19 |

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The unsung heroes are the army of helpers who go round to every door in the three parishes posting a copy of the magazine. We would like to take this opportunity to give our wholehearted thanks to the following, who make up the current team. Yours is a very special and generous contribution to our whole community. ....

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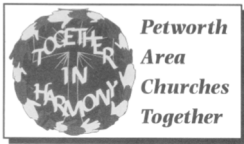
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God knows who we have inadvertently omitted. and no doubt will reward them in good time. Meanwhile mega thanks and applause for all of you for a job very well done.







## PETWORTH AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER

### NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

The Rev'd David Crook, said "I think that the message accompanying the good news the big attendance, is that Jesus is not just for Christmas, and we hope to build relationships with those on the periphery of the churches who came at Christmas".

All local churches in the Petworth area have their own websites, so please have a look there for their Services. Please also watch this News each month as PACT Churches have many different events coming up which will be posted here.

Our Treasurer Kate Ayling has moved, so a new treasurer is being sought. PACT News editor is still needed. Please contact 01798 342151- Gerald, if interested.

Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com <https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/>

### **Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley**

I met a traveller from an antique land,  
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone  
Stand in the desert... Near them, on the sand,  
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,  
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,  
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;  
And on the pedestal these words appear:  
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings;  
Look on my Works ye Mighty, and despair!"  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

## Parish Magazine Article February 2023

**Brimstone** by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

It's around about now that I start getting a bit bored of winter. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a bit of bleak beauty: bare trees, frosted landscapes and all that. But now I need something to get my heart racing. Send me a sign – some life in the graveyard of winter, a promise of those dynamic spring months ahead, a flash of colour. In February my light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming butterfly.

On sculpted, vibrant yellow wings the Brimstone makes his elegant entrance into the New Year on those bright February days when you feel the warmth of the sun on your face. Its distinctive yellow wings have given birth to a legend – that this 'butter-coloured fly' inspired the word butterfly. This claim may not entirely be true. Also untrue is the notion that these February Brimstones are the first signs of the year's new life. Because by the time Brimstones appear in February they are already on their last (six) legs.

Fresh Brimstone butterflies emerged from their chrysalises in late summer, so by February they could be seven months old – and in butterfly years that's ancient. Admittedly almost all of that time they've been asleep in a hedge, sheltered from the storms under holly and ivy. Yet despite the worst winter weather they always emerge immaculate in the spring. They must be made of Teflon.

When they awake the (bright yellow) males search for a mate, they mate, the (pale yellow) females lay eggs and then both die. Still, an adult life of over ten months earns them the title of our longest-lived butterfly. An insect OAP.

The Brimstone's caterpillars feed on the leaves of Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn, unobtrusive shrubs which, like the butterfly, are widespread across Sussex. When I first became the proud owner of a garden it was only a matter of days before I evicted the gnomes and planted an Alder Buckthorn. The following spring I was excited to watch a Brimstone laying her tiny skittle shaped eggs and I studied the caterpillars as they hungrily defoliated my tree. It's funny, people often complain to me about caterpillars eating their plants – especially cabbages (the food of Small and Large White caterpillars). Why people are concerned is beyond me. Cabbages are horrible. The only reason I would ever plant a cabbage is for the pleasure of watching something else eat it.

The first Brimstone sighting in February doesn't exactly mean that spring is starting but it's certainly a sign that winter is starting to end. And right now that's good enough for me. Either way this yellow butterfly is a welcome messenger of what's to come – the first sulphurous spark to ignite the blaze of spring.



## KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Who doesn't love a blazing fire? Just look at this month's front cover, chosen to conjure up a warm glow in damp gloomy February. An attack on our wood fires from nanny state is more likely to bring down the Government than the proposed ban on gas boilers in new homes.

And yet, last year, a Government study estimated that some 17% of fine particles emitted in the atmosphere come from burning wood and that a single woodburning stove, even of the latest eco-design, emits 750 times more tiny particles than a modern HGV truck. Sales of both woodburning stoves and chainsaws have surged since the invasion of Ukraine as people try to limit the rises in energy costs.

But we need to be careful how we choose and use our firewood because for many of us, giving up burning wood is simply not an option, health risk or not. For large open fires avoid woods containing resin which spit and spark, such as larch, pine, spruce and also sweet chestnut. My lovely hearth rug bears the pockmarks from this lesson. Open fires need denser, slower burning hardwoods such as oak, ash and fruitwoods, but these can be harder to light than the soft woods like pine which burn faster. Therefore a greater volume of wood is needed to obtain the same amount of heat.

Since the 2020 Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations came into force, the sale of wet firewood is not allowed where quantities supplied are less than 2 cubic meters by volume. Larger volume sales must be accompanied with instructions on storing the wood to achieve "ready to burn" status, which requires a moisture content of less than twenty per cent. DEFRA has appointed a certification agent called Woodsure to make it easier to identify certified suppliers. Search their website for a list of suppliers in our area – [www.woodsurre.co.uk](http://www.woodsurre.co.uk). Or buy a moisture meter such as a Valiant FIR 421 available on Amazon for £26.53 with batteries, particularly if you cut and process your own timber.

"Ready to burn" wood will have been seasoned for two years in dry storage whereas "kiln dried" wood may just have been "cooked" in a kiln for a week or so to allow moisture to escape.

The price of wood has risen along with the price of oil. Expect to pay around £100 a cubic metre, which will give you around 300 logs, usually cut to 9 or 10 inch lengths ideal for woodburners. Logs are often sold by the load or bag rather than by weight so it can be difficult to know if you are really obtaining value.

A good supplier will name the wood and offer alternative means to supply such as net bags to make fuel handling easier for those who cannot handle huge crates or bulk bags. Even the volume of the bulk bags can differ, though. Some will be a cubic metre but others just 85x85cm. Caveat emptor.

Sue Laker

## CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT WOODS

**Oak** – has a thick bark so it is harder to light and can take longer to build to the right temperature but it will produce the greatest heat, even greater than ash.

**Ash** – generally considered the best of firewoods as it lights quickly and burns steadily with good heat output. It burns well on its own and also stores well.

**Birch** - considered a hardwood but it burns fast so is usually cheaper than oak or ash. The oil rich bark is a natural firelighter, igniting quickly. A good mixer wood. Splits easily and dries quickly

**Sycamore** – moderate heat output but burns quickly so best mixed with other woods.

**Beech** - has a high water content and need to be thoroughly seasoned or dried before burning but burns clean and hot if well seasoned.

**Fruitwoods** – all fruitwoods are good firewoods – apple and cherry wood burn with more perfume. The poem “Woods to Burn” says “Apple logs will fill your room with an incense like perfume”.

### **Poorer Quality Fire Woods and Woods to Avoid**

Folklore forbids the burning of rowan and yew, and laburnum may give off poisonous smoke. Horse chestnut burns poorly and gives off a rather unpleasant-smelling smoke as do lime trees. Coniferous woods which include pine, spruce, larch, cedar, redwood and cypress, are slow to season but can work well in a wood-burner if kept long enough and well stored in dry conditions. Since they burn quickly, they can be useful mixed in with hard woods.

### **THE FIREWOOD POEM**

Beechwood fires are bright and clean  
If the logs are kept a year.  
Chestnut’s only good, they say  
If for logs, it is laid away.  
Make a fire of elder tree,  
Death within your house will be.  
But ash new or ash old,  
Is fit for a queen with crown of gold.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast  
Blaze up bright and do not last.  
It is by the Irish said  
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.  
Elm wood burns like churchyard mould  
E’en the very flames are cold.  
But ash green or ash brown  
Is fit for a queen with golden crown.

Poplar gives a bitter smoke  
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.  
Apple wood will scent your room  
Pear wood smells like flowers in bloom.  
Oaken logs, if dry and old  
Keep away the winter’s cold.  
But ash wet or ash dry  
A king shall warm his slippers by.  
Lady Celia Congreve, 1930

## MY DESERT ISLAND DISCS

*By Neil Humphris*



**The Good the Bad and the Ugly** (by Ennio Morricone) played by The Danish National Symphony orchestra (live). Takes me right back to my childhood and school holidays – so minimalist.

**I'll never find another you (extended fan version)** by The Seekers. Needless to say, this is about my wife.

**Titanic – My heart will go on (music video)** by Celine Dion. Great heart-wrenching film and haunting music to watch with loved ones.

**The Sound of Silence** by Simon and Garfunkel. This takes me to my teenage years, which of course were not that long ago. Played to death by my brother and then by me and fortunately our parents quite liked it too! The record nearly got worn out.

**Danny Boy** by Celtic Woman. The human voice is the most beautiful instrument when unfettered by too much instrumentation. I'm sure I have some Celtic blood in me somewhere.

**Candle in the Wind / Goodbye England's Rose** by Elton John. Always been a fan of Elton's. How he managed to keep it together to sing this one-off song at such a sad event is beyond me.

**Jerusalem** by William Blake. Our wedding song and an eternal favourite.

**I vow to Thee my Country** by Holst. I'm an anglophile through and through and nothing sums it up better than this music.

If I could take just one disc, it would have to be Celine Dion.

Book: The Lord of the Rings.

My luxury item would be a 4" opinel knife.

My only disappointment was not being interviewed by Kirsty Young – sorry Angela !

I can't begin to tell you how hard this has been to shortlist my eclectic mix of depressing songs (as my wife says) – ENJOY.

## INDULGENT CHOCOLATE CAKE

(when pancakes aren't enough!)

Heat oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3. Butter and line a 20cm round cake tin.

**Put** 200g chopped dark chocolate in a medium pan with 200g butter.

**Mix** 1 tbsp instant coffee granules into 125ml cold water and pour into the pan. Warm through over a low heat just until everything is melted or melt in the microwave for about 5 minutes, stirring halfway through.

**Mix** 85g self-raising flour, 85g plain flour, ¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda, 200g light muscovado sugar, 200g golden caster sugar and 25g cocoa powder, and squash out any lumps.

**Beat** 3 medium eggs with 75ml buttermilk.

**Pour** the melted chocolate mixture and the egg mixture into the flour mixture and stir everything to a smooth, quite runny consistency.

**Pour** this into the tin and bake for 1hr 25 – 1hr 30 mins. If you push a skewer into the centre it should come out clean and the top should feel firm.

Leave to cool in the tin (don't worry if it dips slightly), then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Cut the cold cake horizontally into three.

**To make the ganache**, put 200g chopped dark chocolate in a bowl. Pour 300ml double cream into a pan, add 2 tbsp golden caster sugar and heat until it is about to boil. Take off the heat and pour it over the chocolate. Stir until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is smooth. Cool until it is a little thicker but still pourable.

Sandwich the layers together with just a little of the ganache. Pour the rest over the cake, letting it fall down the sides, and smooth over any gaps with a palette knife.

Decorate with 50g grated chocolate or 100g chocolate curls. The cake keeps moist and gooey for 3-4 days.



*(BBC Good Food Recipe)*

## THANK YOU AND UPDATE FROM THE FOODBANK

A very big thank you for all your donations in 2022 and for the donations we're already receiving in 2023.

We are seeing an increase in demand across the Chichester District and this is likely to worsen as the year progresses due to the cost-of-living crisis. As I write this, from the Petworth Foodbank in the previous week, we delivered a total of 72 days' worth of food plus baby items to people in Petworth and the surrounding villages. Unlike Foodbanks in some parts of the country, we've been fortunate so far in maintaining sufficient stocks of supplies through your generous donations, and we appreciate the response to our requests for items we urgently need.

In addition to items collected from the usual donation points in our area, we've had much appreciated donations from schools and churches (particularly at Harvest Festival), Wisborough Green Fete Society and via local businesses such as Southdowns Chiropractic in Petworth. These donations have helped so many people of all ages who have had to turn to the Foodbank.

In the main school holidays, we provide food to children to help cover the loss of free term-time school lunches – our Kids' Lunch Packs. We've had huge support from Seaford College with this. In addition, we have had some lovely extras given to us from Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club and SØDT bakery in Petworth.

As well as the much-needed food and toiletry donations, we've received some donations of money. Chichester District head office received a large financial donation made specifically to enable the purchase of 'warm gear' for adults and children such as thermal hats, gloves, scarves and socks plus hot water bottles. These items have been distributed to people who used the Foodbank across the whole of the Chichester district including our area.

We have received several financial donations made to us at Petworth Foodbank and these are so helpful in getting hold of stock we need for our emergency food parcels.

Every single tin or packet of food goes towards making a difference to people who are struggling. The Petworth Foodbank team of volunteers are working hard to get all these donations sorted, packed and given out to people in Petworth and all the surrounding villages in this area - we couldn't do this without your continued support.

Thank you again. On behalf of Petworth Foodbank (part of the Chichester District Foodbank)

**If you're considering a financial donation** and would like to find out more, please e-mail: [info@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk) and put '**Petworth - Donation Query**' in the heading.

Ines Garcia



## A PUZZLE CONTRIBUTED BY A READER

*There are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this passage. Can you find them?*

This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in a seat pocket on the flight from London to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. Johnathon worked at it whilst fishing.

Roy Clark studies it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vices mentioned it in her book.

One woman judges the job to be so involving that she brews a cup of tea to calm her nerves. These will be some names that are easy to spot, that's a fact; Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised.

The truth is, from answers that we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a priest or a scholar to see some of them as the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have.

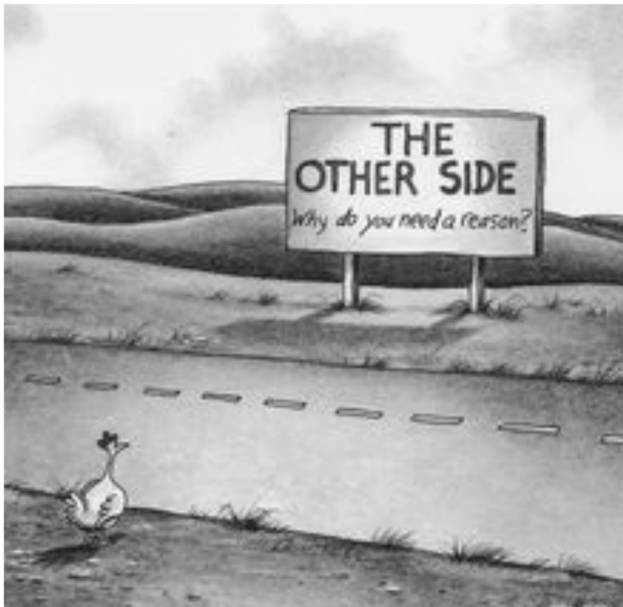
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One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal.

A chipper attitude will help you compete.

Remember there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this passage.

Answers on page 43.



## GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

My New Year's resolution is to try and be more positive about the future - but I already feel like banging my head repeatedly against a tree. Standing out in the street this morning, I heard a noise that reassured me that I'm not alone.

The drumming of the Great Spotted Woodpecker is a familiar sound throughout February, surely earning this striking black and white bird the reputation as one of Britain's most famous drummers along with Ringo Starr and Phil Collins. The bird's drumming serves an important function because the Great Spotted Woodpecker realises it can't sing and doesn't attempt to. Sadly, the same can't be said for Ringo Starr and Phil Collins. Instead, its drumroll is a percussive proclamation that hammers home the message to other male woodpeckers to stay away from its territory in the treetops. It also serves to drum up support from female woodpeckers in the vicinity who may be looking for a pied partner.



This 'song' may not be as sweet as the melodies sung by the robin or blackbird but it still gets its message across. Indeed, the drumming can carry the bird's message across half a mile of countryside, with a male broadcasting up to 600 drumrolls a day. Each drumroll consists of up to 10-16 beats, typically in a one-second burst. Of course, if I did attempt to take my frustrations out on a tree in a similar way, I'd suffer some form of concussion - but woodpeckers are specially designed to avoid this by having shock absorbent tissue between the base of their bill and their strengthened skulls to cushion the impact.

Their incredible beak is more than just a drumstick, it's also a pickaxe which allows them to chip away at trunks to excavate their own nest hole and a chisel with which the woodpecker prises open tree bark to find food. That mighty beak is a formidable weapon too, which sends other birds on the peanut feeder scarping pretty sharpish. And Great Spotted Woodpeckers are becoming more greatly spotted, as it is a British bird which is actually increasing in numbers. The pecker's population leapt in the seventies and nineties, with some estimates stating they have increased by 300% over the past five decades. The availability of dead wood thanks to Dutch Elm Disease and the availability of peanuts thanks to British bird lovers being among many of the reasons for this increase. See, I ended the article on a positive note, maybe I won't break my New Year's resolution after all. Well done to me, I'm feeling upbeat about the future. Now to put the kettle on, put my feet up, and turn on the news...

**PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE –**  
**THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE – FEBRUARY 2023**

The members of the Over 60s were saddened to hear of the death of Flora Par-rack over the Christmas period. She was a long time and staunch supporter of the Over 60s and great help at our Coffee mornings, running the tombola amongst many other helpful duties. Our condolences go to her daughter Suzanne, son Terry and all the family.

There will be bingo sessions on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm, and the minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre. We will also play Beetle on Wednesday 22 February at 2.00pm. If you don't know this game why not come along and have a go – it is great fun and there are prizes to be won!

We are still only open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as we don't have enough help on the rota – please let us know if you can offer some time – once a month would be a great help.

The date to plant our memorial tree on 11 January had to be postponed and the new date is 8 February at 2.00 pm. Details will be posted in the Centre.

Those of you who remember Joy Gumbrell may be interested in a talk by Miles Costello for the History Group on Wednesday 22 February at 7.00pm at Coultershaw, entitled 'Joy Gumbrell – Recollections of a Byworth Girl'. Transport could be arranged if there is enough interest.

*Caroline Stoneman* – House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

**PETWORTH VILLAGE BUS FEBRUARY 2023**

The Petworth Village Minibus will be doing shopping trips on Friday 3rd and on Friday 17th February either to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham, or Horsham. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm and Beetle on 22<sup>nd</sup> again at 2.00pm.

If there is enough interest the Minibus could be available on Wednesday 22 February for the 7.00pm meeting of the History Group at Coultershaw, when there is to be a talk entitled 'Joy Gumbrell, Recollections of a Byworth Girl'

For booking and further details please contact local organiser Caroline Stone-man on 01798 342942

**PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB FEBRUARY 2023**

**Lunch Club meets on** Tuesday 14 February at 12 noon in the URC Hall. The menu will be cottage pie and vegetables followed by Treacle Pudding and Custard, tea or coffee.

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#### ANSWERS TO Quiz on page 41

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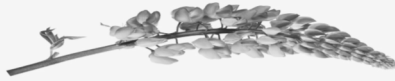
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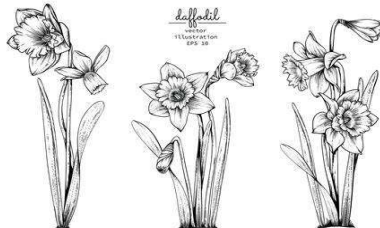
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The spring—her feet went shining through the grass.  
She touched the ragged hedgerows—I have seen  
Her finger-prints, most delicately green;  
And she has whispered to the crocus leaves,  
And to the garrulous sparrows in the eaves.  
Swiftly she passed and shyly, and her fair  
Young face was hidden in her cloudy hair.  
She would not stay, her season is not yet,  
But she has reawakened, and has set  
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