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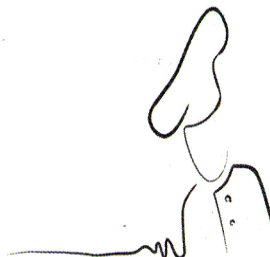
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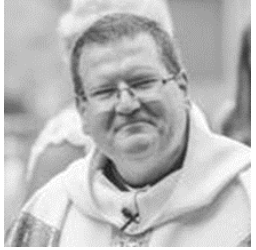
Since we switched back to Greenwich Mean Time on 31st October, we are now enjoying the daylight savings and extra hour in bed. A clock change designed to make the most of daylight hours was first implemented by the Germans in 1916 in a bid to save energy. Perhaps something good came out of the First World War as well as the great poetry (the ‘mag’ features one of Rupert Brooke’s as the poem for November); and the need to save energy is going to be much in our thoughts this coming winter.

Halloween, or All Hallows’ Eve, on 31st October also marked the beginning of Allhallowstide, a lovely old word meaning a time to remember the dead. The second day of Allhallowstide is known as All Saints’ Day, the day for remembering those who have been canonised as saints but also one of the four days in the Church calendar recommended for baptism. Surely, though, any day a baptism takes place is a joyous occasion. Remembrance Sunday now also forms part of Allhallowstide, and falls each year on the nearest Sunday to Armistice Day. This year it will be 14th November when we pause to remember the service of all who took part in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts.

Now, dear readers, if we told you not to be too gloomy about the energy crisis and possible food shortages because you are all members of a club which charges no subscription, which often serves delicious treats and welcomes all its members with open arms at several beautiful historic venues, you might wonder what we are talking about. But the three parishes are now a club of five, which extends invitations each week to us all to enjoy the hospitality each has to offer. Churchgoer or not, if you receive the Three Parishes magazine, you are a member of the club, and if you are not receiving Reverend David’s weekly e-mails, which of course list the church services but also other news, you should sign up. You are missing out on the membership benefits of the club and, who knows, if there might be a wedding or baptism coming up in the family, one of the venues could be the very place.

This month we have a report on the achievements at the Sylvia Beaufoy centre involving young people in car mechanics, a fascinating piece on the monarch as Defender of the Faith and a personal view on the COP conference as well as news of upcoming events. Three Parishes Magazine has always listed useful local numbers at the back of the magazine. Tillington TLC and Duncton Cares are still there and ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in the parishes going through a tough time. And if you have something to say that will amuse, comfort, inform or make us all laugh, we would love to hear about it for our bumper Christmas double issue next month.

FROM CHURCH COTTAGE



I was really buoyed by the shared Tillington-Fittleworth Harvest Festival Service. Thanks to Brian and Bob, we sang *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* and *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*, of course, but also got to know two modern Harvest classics, *Cauliflowers Fluffy* and the *Harvest Samba*. The duty officer at St Joseph's Hostel, Chichester, was delighted with my car-load of donated tinned food and packets for the clients of Stonepillow, our local charity for the homeless.

We had further Harvest services at Tillington and Duncton in October and, at the time of writing, I am about to complete the Harvest-service marathon at Upwaltham. The International Food Fest at Tillington Village Hall was a great success and perfect for the season. The post-service Upwaltham Harvest Lunch will doubtless be wonderful, too. Thank you to everyone who prepared the churches, offered a gift or otherwise supported our Harvest services and events.

A difficult winter for our hospitals and doctors' surgeries is predicted, so please send up a prayer, but there is a returning sense of normality in our lives across the villages. Prayer Book Communion services at 10am are once more Wednesday morning fixtures at All Hallows on the first and third weeks of the month, and the Duncton and Tillington coffee mornings are important elements of our communities. Baptisms continue to keep me busy and there are lots of weddings planned for each of our churches, with bookings now for 2023, as well as next year. Wonderful recent Tillington fundraising efforts – the car boot sale, food fest and band concert – stand us in good stead for some church improvements, with more news to follow soon, I hope.

After a well-deserved mild Autumn – up to the point of writing this, at least - we now enter the colder months and the season of Remembrance. After the interruption of Covid, we return to traditional Remembrance Sunday church services at Tillington and Duncton and, one week later, at Upwaltham. This is a time in the year when we give thanks for the saints, too, as we shall do on October's fifth Sunday (10.30am – note the time, please) at All Hallows. It's not just the well-known saints with halos, as depicted in church stained-glass windows, that we remember, however, but also those who taught, inspired or guided us. There is no formal All Souls' Day service - we are planning a deferred one for Duncton in the new year - but the theme of this month's Tillington Breakfast Church/All-age service is 'Remembering'. It will reference the lives and stories of villagers in times of war and peace. On the afternoon of that day, I invite anyone missing a loved one to join me for tea and cake in St Mary's Church, Fittleworth. We can give thanks, light a candle and have a chat.

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I just want to mention a course running at St Mary's, Fittleworth, on behalf of Petworth Deanery, on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm during November. Called *Living in Love and Faith*, this is a course designed to promote a better understanding of the diversity of human relationships. The course will not be right for everyone, particularly those with very fixed views, but if you are interested in engaging with some good video and written teaching resources about human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage, please be in touch with me.

Wishing everyone a good November.

*In friendship,
David*

FROM THE REGISTERS

All Hallows Church, Tillington

Baptism:

16 October - Henry Austin Rees

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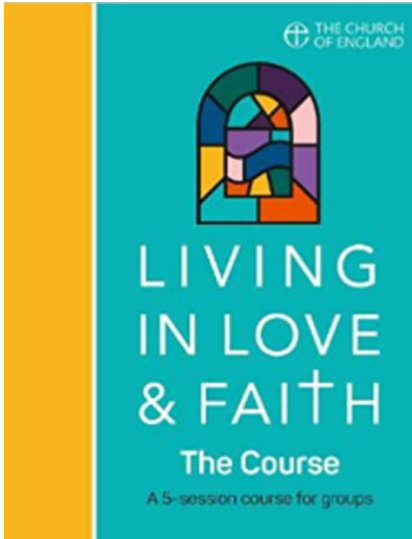
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"REMEMBERING" THEME





On behalf of Petworth Deanery, during November, using the projection and screen facilities, St Mary's Church, Fittleworth will host the five sessions (but compacted into **four Thursday evenings on 4, 11, 18 and 25 November**) of a Church of England course, ***Living in Love and Faith***, addressing questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

We invite attendance from across the Deanery from those interested in learning more about lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex Christians living in a variety of relationships, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

Search for ***Living in Love and Faith*** at
www.churchofengland.org

The course is focused on listening, learning and, where there is disagreement, on 'disagreeing well'.

Kindly notify
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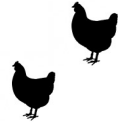
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INTERNATIONAL FOODFEST

What a night Friday 8th October's International Food Festival at Tillington Village Hall, proved to be.

The good folk of Tillington showed Nigella a thing or two when they tackled recipes from around the globe. There were family recipes that were part of their heritage and others that were more of a challenge, all produced to create a memorable evening for all. It was lovely to see Tillington Village Hall welcoming the locals back with open arms after a long time of enforced inactivity.

The Master of Ceremonies (Fergie), dressed in a very smart kilt, welcomed one and all and talked us through the 'feeding' system. After Rev'd David Crook said Grace, we were invited to sample the many dishes on offer: taster portions, with the promise of more of your favourite dish later on. I don't believe many had room for more after their two plates of taster food. If there was any room left, then the amazing selection of desserts meant that nobody could fail to find something that would round off their evening perfectly.

You can see the selection on offer from the Menu opposite. I didn't try all of what was on offer but I made a good effort to get as many different dishes on my plate as I could. My particular favourite was the haggis, neeps and tatties with a slug of whisky accompaniment.

Although I was very tempted to try all the desserts on offer I managed to make do with the exquisite Lemon Tart and the melt in your mouth luscious Strawberry Pavlova.

I am so glad I was able to be there. Good food, good company and a great atmosphere. Is it too early to put my name down for the next one?

Rosemary Richardson





MENU



SERVING TABLE A		SERVING TABLE B
<p>Jambon Persillé (France) ham in parsley aspic and accompaniment</p> <p>Chilli Con Carne (Mexico) spicy minced beef with chorizo, tomatoes and beans</p> <p>Chicken Peanut Stew (West Africa) chicken, sweet potato and peanuts</p> <p>Pizza (Italy) flat base of dough with vegetarian toppings</p> <p>Haggis, Neeps & Tatties (Scotland) minced lamb, beef, oats and spices, with mashed swede and potatoes</p>	<p>Baghali Polo rice with baby broad beans, dill and saffron</p> <p>and</p> <p>Zereshg Polo rice with barberry (type of dry red berry) with saffron and sugar (Persian)</p> <p>Plain rice and Salad Leaves</p>	<p>Trout Gravlax, Rye Bread & Dill Sauce (Nordic Countries) cured trout and accompaniments</p> <p>Bobotie (South Africa) lightly curried and spiced minced beef with topping of sour cream and eggs</p> <p>Chicken Kholesht (Persian) chicken in tomato sauce</p> <p>Caponata (Sicily) aubergine, tomato, onions and bell peppers</p>

	DESSERTS	
     	<p>Tarte au Citron (France) lemon tart</p> <p>Persian Love Cake (Persian) ground pistachios, almonds, rose water, and crystallised rose petals from Carmen's garden!</p> <p>Cranachan (Scotland) raspberries, cream and oats</p> <p>'Veiled Farm Girls' (Nordic Countries) apple with rye breadcrumbs, almonds and cream</p> <p>Tiramisu (Italy) coffee-soaked sponge with mascarpone and cream</p> <p>Pavlova (Australia/NZ) meringue, cream and fresh fruit</p>	    

FIDEI DEFENSOR

This year is the 500th anniversary of a classic piece of royal naughtiness. What? When did Alfred burn the cakes? King John lose his treasure? Charles I buy oranges from Nell Gwynn? No, not them: this naughty boy is Henry VIII, who hung on to a title he really no longer deserved.

Here's an old penny, three-to-the-ounce, listing the titles of our present queen. See that 'F.D.'? It stands for 'fidei defensor', 'Defender of the Faith'. (On some coins it's Fid. Def.) I hope she is, as head of the Church of England – but why does she have that title?



Its earliest use was in 1507, when Pope Julius II (yes, he commissioned Michaelangelo's ceiling) had it given to James IV of Scotland at a big ceremony in Holyrood Abbey, along with the Scots Sword of State: partly recognition of loyalty, partly encouragement to behave.

In 1521, Henry VIII of England took up his pen as a loyal Catholic to oppose the ideas of Martin Luther, writing a 'Defence of the Seven Sacraments' (possibly with lots of help from Sir Thomas More). The Pope, by then Leo X, was pleased and gave him in his turn the title, 'Defender of the Faith'. (Interestingly, his Queen, Catherine of Aragon, used it too.) Henry's work included defence of marriage as a sacrament and of the Pope as supreme authority – strange in the light of later events.

By 1530, though, things had changed, given that Henry had no heir and had decided to abandon his first wife, Catherine, unconcerned that he was threatened with formal expulsion from the Church (which in his day was taken very seriously). He secretly married Anne Boleyn in 1532, actually before Archbishop Cranmer had declared his first marriage annulled. Though a public wedding followed, it made no difference, and anyway in 1535 Henry declared himself head of an independent Church. So the King was finally expelled in 1538 and deprived of his 'Defender' title by the then pope, Paul III (who saw Michelangelo's Last Judgement finished). Rather pointedly, the year before, King James V of Scotland had been granted the distinction. He got it as an individual, so did not pass it on. Henry in 1543 brazenly got the English Parliament to make him 'Defender of the Faith' again (while tactfully omitting to mention that it was now a rather different 'Faith') and ensured that they bagged it for his successors too.

His daughter Queen Mary, being a Catholic, kept the title and used it 'straight'; Oliver Cromwell and the son who succeeded him left it unused; but all the other English rulers have used it ever since. It was first added to British coins in 1714, under King George I, and the Royal Mint's decision to omit it (and other things) from the "Godless Florin" in 1849 – here it is – caused such a scandal that the coin was replaced.



If you find any at home, you're lucky, because one's priced at £8,000 on E-Bay. But you're more likely to have a 1p piece, current issue – with the expected 'Fid.. Def.'

Lee Lavington

Remembering John Neighbour 1942 - 2021

John Neighbour moved to Westside, Tillington, along with his wife Barbara, two cats, various cars and a large pond's worth of fish in the summer of 2000.



As we heard at his funeral, John had many interests, but his enduring enthusiasm throughout his adult life was for MG cars. He was a keen, knowledgeable and avid MG driver who enjoyed his cars, whether on track or road. John was also a very able mechanic and many local friends and neighbours will remember stopping to chat to him outside his garage while he was working on one of his smart and not-so-smart classic car collection. After retirement he tried his hand at both hill climb and sprint races, competing at Silverstone, Goodwood and other well-known locations, where he had considerable success in the pre-1955 category.

Before he became ill, John was an active member of the Tillington community, supporting the coffee mornings, lunches, horticultural shows, open gardens, and special events. He also took on the responsibility of mowing the village cemetery for a few years. He very much enjoyed being part of a village community and the move to Sussex was never a regret.

John is remembered fondly by his family and friends, and is greatly missed.

UK FORCES VETERANS SHOW BAND GETS TILLINGTON TOES TAPPING

Saturday night was definitely music night at All Hallows on the 16th October. The UK Forces Veterans Show Band brought us a wonderful smorgasbord of music. You would have known several, of that I am certain.

We heard Acker Bilk's "Stranger on the Shore", which apparently provided for his pension—wow what a pension! There was a medley of Glenn Miller tunes, including "Little Brown Jug" and "Pennsylvania 6-5000" as well as musical tributes to Duke Ellington and Kenny Ball and a wonderful rendition of "Misty". A Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass number was a real show stopper. We also enjoyed singing along to some old wartime favourites—"It's a long way to Tipperary," and the like.

All six band members are ex UK forces and have served all over the world. Ian Young, on drums, was the band leader, ably supported by piano, double bass, trumpet and clarinet, and trombone.

The photograph is of Michael Tibbs, OBE, who drew the raffle. He is 100 this month, and has many local connections. I did ask him what his impressive collection of medals had been awarded for and mostly they were for war-time activities in submarines.

The refreshments were wonderful, with amazing canapés provided by kind people and a donation-only bar with beer and wine. I think we all enjoyed the interval as much as the concert!

Angela G-C



THE BUS SERVICE TO UPPERTON

Does anyone remember the bus service to Upperton?

The service number was 22A and was operated by a PD2 double-decker bus on Tuesdays and Fridays, and latterly Fridays only, by Southdown Motor Services. The bus ran from Petworth Square to the Recreation Ground, Upperton. There was a tarmacked area at the end of the rec. next to 'Windrush', where the bus would reverse and wait for a few minutes before returning to Petworth.



The photograph shows where this was, between the left-hand gate post and the hedge and going back from the road about 25 or 30 feet. The gate wasn't there then, nor was the tree. In Tillington the bus would stop outside the village hall—there were a lot fewer cars parked on the road then.

The attached timetable extract is from Southdown's Summer 1968 Timetable and shows four return journeys in a day. I think the service must have ended about 1970.

David Miles

PETWORTH · UPPERTON				Service 22A			
<small>Via Tillington.</small>							
Fridays only							
PETWORTH, Square.....	0930	1130	1430	1810	UPPERTON, Recreation Ground.....	0940	1140 1440 1820
Tillington, Church.....	0935	1135	1435	1815	Tillington, Church.....	0943	1143 1443 1823
UPPERTON, Recreation Ground.....	0936	1136	1436	1816	PETWORTH, Square.....	0948	1148 1448 1828



Two would-be fishermen rented a boat, and one caught a large fish. "We should mark the spot," he said. The other man drew a large X in the bottom of the boat with a black marker

"That's no good," said the first man. "Next time out we may not get the same boat."



HOME GUARD



REMEMBERING THE HOME GUARD: SOME LOCAL MEMORIES

Britain declared war on Germany on September 3rd 1939. The German invasion of Poland that year was followed by the submission of France and the surrender of the Belgian Army in April 1940. The Wehrmacht were massing on the English Channel and invasion looked likely. Churchill, as 1st Lord of the Admiralty, had already called for a Home Guard force of 500,000 men over age 40, but government debate and indecision delayed the formation of the Home Guard Force until May 14th 1940, when Anthony Eden, in a public broadcast, announced the formation of the 'local defence volunteers' (LDV): "You will not be paid but you will receive a uniform and be armed".

By the end of 1940 the Home Guard was established with 1,200 battalions, 5,000 companies, and 25,000 platoons, of which Tillington was one. The idea was to form a secondary defence force to guard important installations, defend key communication sites, forestall panic in the community, and principally to slow down any Nazi invasion force to allow the regular army time to regroup.

The early formation of local units devolved on the Lord Lieutenants of each county. Not surprisingly there was a great deal of variety in the recruitment, arms and leadership, which led to some ribaldry, local irritation and misunderstandings. The War Office meanwhile was distracted by Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk, in May/June 1940.

1.5 million local volunteers, otherwise ineligible for military service (too old or young, medically unfit, or in reserved occupations), were recruited during the war.

To start with arms were hard to come by and ammunition was in very short supply. WWI Lee Enfield rifles, Molotov cocktails, Colt army revolvers and simple pitchforks, pepper and rolling pins gave way to American and Canadian rifles and more sophisticated entrenched guns as the war went on.

There can be little doubt that the Home Guard, once established, was a powerful and effective force for good. Fortunately, it was never put to the test in defending the realm, but was of immense value in raising morale and pride in local communities.

From 1943 the risks of invasion subsided. The Home Guard was stood down in December 1944 and finally disbanded on December 31st 1945.

Each November on Remembrance Day it is good to bring back memories of

these courageous volunteers, together with all the other members of our armed forces before and since.

Here's a verse from a poem written in 1943 by the baker in Lickfold, Winkle Ayling, the 'Bun King':

With prongs and sticks and shot guns
There was John and Joe and Tom.
Right through the bally country
The Home Guard was formed and strong.

The photograph may bring back some memories though few of the families represented have surviving relatives still living in Tillington. Wendy Clark's father (Fred Hall) and Dennis Clark's father and older brother were all local volunteers, as were most of the village men who were not serving elsewhere. They met regularly for training at the Old Pavilion, or at the garage behind the present Westmoor House, or at Combe Cottage near the entrance to the Old Rectory.

One of the other men in the photograph is George Redvers Booker. His son, Mike Booker, has a few stories to tell. His father, known as "Red" was born in 1899. In World War 1 he tried to join the King's Own Rifles aged 16, but was found out as underage, and "dishonourably" discharged. Undaunted, he opted to join the Navy, which would take him at that age, and he was promptly sent off to Cranwell to learn to fly, aged 17. His flying career was full of incidents but "he never fired in anger". His flying career came to a close in 1918. He went to work at Lloyd's, moving to Tillington in 1927.

In the Second World War he donned a uniform again in the Fire Watch and the Home Guard. He worked in London and on his return to Tillington would join the local Home Guard unit for training. Mike remembers them meeting at the then single bungalow next to the Old Rectory, now enlarged and called Church Combe. Dad's Army isn't so far from George's experiences, there were plenty of fun and games, but they had ancient rifles and no ammunition. They were very competitive with other local Units such as Northchapel. Night manoeuvres could get chaotic, and instead of "routing the enemy" they would at times settle for a game of cards in the woods.

George had happy memories of people volunteering and doing the best they could.

It is easy to forget just how deadly serious and determined their enemy Hitler really was, and it was not an idle threat to invade England. Brave fellows. We are grateful, and will continue to hold them in our memories.

TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM CHURCH SERVICES
DURING NOVEMBER 2021

	All Hallows Church, Tillington	Holy Trinity Church, Duncton	St Mary's Church, Upwal- tham
Third Sunday before Advent, 7 November	Breakfast Church (bacon butties from 9.45am)/All-age service at 10.15am (<u>NB new later time</u>)		
	Invitation to remember loved ones and light a candle in St Mary's Church, Fittleworth. Tea, cake and a chat with David from 3pm		
Remembrance Sunday, 14 November	Act of Remembrance outside at 10.50am, followed by church service <i>We welcome Rev'd Canon Andrew Pearson</i>	Remembrance Ser- vice at 10.30am, including Act of Remembrance <i>led by Sir Geoffrey Pattie</i>	
Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent, 21 November	BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am		Remembrance Service at 11.30am
	Service at Guildford Cathedral celebrating the 50 th anniversary of John Bundock's priesting at 2.30pm		
	Five-parish Evening Prayer online via Zoom at 6pm Please contact David to register for his weekly email with Zoom links.		
Advent Sunday, 28 November	Morning Prayer and Praise at 9.30am	BCP Holy Com- munion at 10.30am	

See page 25 for Tillington Rota

Additional services in our group during November:

7 November: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham

14 November: 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; 10.50am Act of Remembrance, then church service, at Fittleworth; Act of Remembrance, then church service at Stopham

21 November: 9.30am Morning Prayer and Praise at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham

28 November: 9.30am Family Communion with Baptism at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Matins at Stopham


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

Kids' Pages

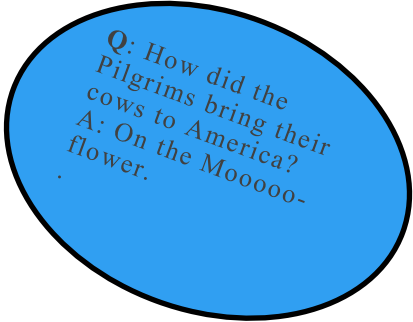
NOVEMBER

What do you think about when you think of November? Fireworks, roasted chestnuts?

Well, the Americans think of Thanksgiving and turkey. It is on the 25th November this year. It was first celebrated with the Native Americans and the Pilgrim Fathers in around 1621. The feast lasted three days and featured a menu including deer, fowl, and corn. These days, the family gets together and turkey is almost always on the menu. Maybe some roast chestnuts as well?




Q: What do comedians call thanksgiving?
A: Pranks-giving.



Q: How did the Pilgrims bring their cows to America?
A: On the Mooooo-flower.



Q: What do you use to make Thanksgiving bread?
A: May flour.



Q: What do vampires call Thanksgiving?
A: Fangs-giving.

Can You Spot the Differences?

Have your child spot five differences between the picture on top and the picture on the bottom.
(Key: Indians missing their feathers, turkey larger, yellow leaf turned green, rightmost leaf missing, male and female pilgrims switched places.)



HOW TO MAKE PEANUT BUTTER AND PRETZEL HEALTHY THANKSGIVING SNACK



INGREDIENTS

Peanut Butter

Large Raisin

Peanuts

Pretzels and pretzel twists or even twiglets

Take a big spoon and scoop out a ball of peanut butter. Put it onto a serving plate.

1. Add eyes to the front of the ball.
2. Insert nut under the eyes.
3. Shape raisin into a tear-shaped globule and stick it beside the nut nose.
4. Add 3 pretzel twists on top of the peanut butter ball as shown.
5. Fan out pretzel sticks behind the pretzel twists.
6. Serve with more pretzels so that everyone can dip the pretzels into the peanut butter.

I Spy Scavenger Hunt

Autumn



Hedgehog



Orange Leaves



Pigeon



Tree



Feathers



Robin



Sticks



Fox



Snail



Rabbit



Web



Red Leaves



Acorn



Mushrooms



Pumpkin



Blackbird



Soil



Spider



Stones



Pinecone



Clouds



Squirrel



Berries



Yellow Leaves

TILLINGTON CHURCH ROTA

NOVEMBER 2021

Date	Time	Service	Sidespeople and/or Readers
7th	10.15 am	Breakfast Church All	TEAM
14th	10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Sidespeople: Mrs Graves and Mr Gresham-Cooke Reader: Mr Gresham-Cooke Heb. 10. 11 – 14 [15 – 18] 19 - 25
21st	9.30 am	BCP Holy Communion	Sidespeople: Mrs Woodhatch and Mrs Blunt Reader: Mrs Blunt Rev. 1. 4b - 8
	6.00 pm	Zoom Evening Prayer Service	Please contact David to register for his weekly email with Zoom links
28th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer and Praise	Sidespeople: Mr and Mrs Williams Reader: Mrs Williams 1 Thess. 3. 9 - end

RAINFALL FOR AUGUST 2021

Year	September	Year Total
2021	80mms	725mms
2020	20mms	492mms
2019	98mms	519mms
2018	41mms	659mms
2017	87mms	681mms
2016	33mms	621mms

John Mayes, Haymarsh 01798 368345

A man needed a horse, so he went to a church and found one. Before he left, the priest told him that it was a special horse. "In order to make the horse go, you say, "Thank God", and for it to stop you say, "Amen!"



So the man left, and a few minutes later he dozed off on his horse. Hours later, he woke up and his horse was racing him towards the edge of a cliff. Just in time, he shouted "Amen!" and the horse stopped a few inches from the edge.

"Phew," said the man, "Thank God!"

GARDENING NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

It's a great time of year to note all the 'goods and bads' of this year in the garden. One thing I have realised is that we can hardly say we live in a temperate climate any more! When it rains, it sure rains, and when it's hot, it's HOT. Therefore my to-do list is to look into automatic watering, whether it be from a water-butt or an outside tap. Also more stakes—with the extra growth from so much rain earlier all the herbaceous flowers end up in a mess. Apart from that, it has been a bountiful year, except in most gardens round here it seems the late frost affected the fruit trees. Although there is always one that bears a colossal bounty, including one just over our fence!

I think the most important item that we have all now uppermost in our minds is preservation of all our natural plants, trees and shrubs. I am a huge fan of the RHS, although as it is a large organisation, we can all have our opinions on some things! However it was the Autumn Chelsea Show which showed us real gardening. The gardens on television seemed to have all the seasonal plants and flowers and I got a feeling of great calmness. The new landscaping theme is prairie planting, which was shown in a much more understandable way, and grasses of all sorts are easy so it is worth a visit to an RHS garden or to the West Sussex Prairie Garden to get ideas.

Now to gardening:-

Get the tulips in now that the soil is colder, which deters tulip bulb diseases. We have a squirrel problem and I will put the odd dusting of chilli powder over the bulbs in the pots and hope that works. I always put forget-me-nots wherever I have planted tulips—it would be nice if this fooled them (some chance!). Remove all those fallen leaves from around the base of roses if they have suffered from blackspot or rust. Lift and divide crowded clumps of herbaceous plants. Keep planting onion, shallot and garlic sets. Sow broad beans when the Fair comes to Petworth Market Square. Stake top-heavy brassicas and leafy green plants. Divide mature plants of rhubarb. Do a winter prune on apples and pears between now and February. Protect very tender greenhouse plants from frost with bubble wrap, keep ventilating and make sure the glass is clean to let in as much light in as possible. Sweep up debris and fallen leaves from paths and beds to prevent fungal spores, slugs and snails from overwintering.

Happy Gardening!

Gillie Ross



*A German walks into a bar and orders a Martini.
The bartender asks, "Dry?"
The German replies "Nein, just one".*

MY DESERT ISLAND DISCS

by Mike Booker



1. **Émile Ford & The Checkmates: *What Do You Want to Make Those Eyes at Me For?*** Took Daphne to The Dome in Brighton, long before we married. This was the first concert she had been to - she loved it!
2. **The Champs: *Tequila*** (1958). Always reminds me of the dances in the Ballroom in Petworth with friends. The bands would always play it.
3. **Lonnie Donegan: *Puttin' on the Style*** (1957). All our party days with the Bryders and Hazelmans in Upperton.
4. **Louis Armstrong: *What a Wonderful World*** (1967). Reminds me of home. Just perfect.
5. **Glenn Miller: *In the Mood*** (1950). As a kid listening to the radio. I was hooked.
6. **The Beatles: *Yesterday*** (1965). I think they got it just about right.
7. **Sarah Brightman: *Don't Cry for Me, Argentina*** (1992). Reminds me of the Andrew Lloyd Webber show.
8. **Steve Booker: *Wedding Day*** (1990)*. Always remember the first time we heard it on the radio and the glow on his mother's face.

My book would be ***Eric Morecambe on Fishing***. Then I can eat!

Luxury item: a radio.

**Steve Booker is Mike's son - Ed.*

ON THE ORIGINS OF COP

When the nations gather in Glasgow this month to declare openly and publicly how well they are doing in reducing emissions and aim to negotiate a collective agreement on “new measures” on a global basis, great diplomacy will be needed. If the errant countries are publicly shamed, or “new measures” proposed will lose elections or popularity votes, it will be harder to keep those countries on board.

It’s a pity that the language of climate change policy is so full of acronyms and jargon – even the very name COP – “Conference of Parties” doesn’t exactly get the blood racing. The “Parties” are the countries which entered into a binding treaty in Paris, which became effective in 2016, where they agreed to stay on board for at least five years, preparing their annual emission inventories showing how well they are doing in meeting the overall objective of cutting emissions to a level which limits global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

The UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) was the outcome of the “Rio Earth Summit” in 1992. The Secretary General of this summit, Maurice Strong, warned: ‘No place on the planet could remain an island of affluence in a sea of misery. We are either going to save the whole world or no one will be saved.’

“One part of the world cannot live in an orgy of unrestrained consumption where the rest destroys its environment just to survive. No one is immune from the effects of the other.”

No sooner was the United States “in” than Donald Trump wanted out again to appease the coal and oil lobby, and the challenge over the years has been to try to keep the biggest polluters “in” or the efforts of the rest to cut emissions will not meet the targets needed. I participated in COP 5 in 1999 in Bonn (COP conferences are always in Bonn unless one of the participating nations offers to host the session, as Britain has this year, in partnership with Italy) to present work I had undertaken to set up rules for measuring carbon emissions and for trading “emissions permits”. The scheme sponsored by the United Nations to allow more developed nations to purchase carbon reductions certificates generated from approved cleaner project development in less developed countries has unfortunately faltered due in part to a “devaluation” of the credit certificates and the failure to develop a successful trading exchange for them. Another reason for failure may have been the original classification of the so-called Annex 1 countries under the UNFCCC, where some of the biggest polluters, China and India, were classed as nations in transition and not required to accept caps on their emissions.

I had advocated in the early work that carbon emissions be measured at source of production, the coal mines and the oil and gas fields. This was not popular back in 1996 and a much more complex form of measurement of the many millions of “emitters” was agreed by the wider audience of participants.

Nevertheless, the “show and tell” strategy is at least highlighting the need for the nations of the world to play their part voluntarily in meeting the Paris agreed target. Back in 1999, the nuclear power industry saw the opportunity to promote nuclear as a “low carbon” generator, no regard being paid to the disposal of the toxic waste (an issue still not solved today). Nor was there sufficient understanding back then of the rôle that buildings and transport play in generating emissions—it’s not just that arch villain, the fossil-fuel-based power industry.

The recent hike in gas prices shows just how much we still depend on fossil fuels for both heating and power. If it is of any comfort as we face a winter of rising energy prices and lack of drivers to transport goods, the UK has outperformed every nation in the G20 in cutting emissions. Some of the recent reductions, though, were achieved as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown. As in a school report, we will all be told by COP 26 that we must try harder.

Mike Eyre, Fellow of the Energy Institute, Duncton

The Soldier by Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there’s some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
A body of England’s, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less,
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given,
Her sight and sounds, dreams happy as her day;
And laughter learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.



SWEET CHESTNUT MEMORIES

Where the Burton Park main drive turns the corner to Lodge Green just at the entrance to the woods stands a monumental chestnut tree, which dates back to the first house built on the Burton Park site some 400 years ago and maybe even before. As a special tree, of note, it even has its own number “15613”, and its girth was measured in 2008 as 10.18 metres. Beloved by children over the years, climbing its gnarled trunk to sit on the low boughs gives a perfect look-out post.

Old ordnance survey maps pre-dating the First World War show several avenues of chestnut trees in Burton Park, of which but a few still survive. How many of the young men from this area who went off to the Great War may have climbed the magnificent Burton Park chestnut tree, as children still do today and, in the mud of Flanders, like Rupert Brooke, dreamed of the English countryside! And the same no doubt is true of the old and beautiful chestnut trees in Petworth Park and of the servicemen from Tillington, who would have known these trees so well.

Britain’s summers are usually too cool for the chestnuts to ripen fully to edible size, but along Limbourne Lane in Fittleworth last year there was an abundant harvest of chestnuts big enough to be worth the bother of cooking and peeling. Back in my Sussex schooldays, we used to gather chestnuts, bite little nicks in the skin and put them on the old coke-fired boiler in the corner which heated the classroom in winter waiting for morning break to enjoy them. Occasionally an un-nicked nut would find its way onto the boiler and explode to break the monotony of the lesson. John Mayes, our rainfall man, has similar memories of collecting them as a child and says they used to call them “chibbies”.

The sweet chestnut may have been introduced into this country by the Romans but spread from Greece. As a tree, it has everything going for it, from the toothed leaves, the spiny husks, the tassel-like yellow flowers to the majestic stature, which is why they were planted in parkland. The timber, like oak, can be used for floorboards and panelling and, when coppiced, it makes palings for chestnut rustic fences.

Chestnuts contain twice as much starch as potatoes and are ground into flour in southern Europe to make pasta, bread and pastries. Unlike other nuts, their fat content is low but they are high in fibre and vitamin C. Chestnuts roasted on a brazier in a paper cone bought from a street vendor are a winter treat from Beijing to Vienna as well as a once familiar sight in London and our Christmas speciality of chestnuts boiled with brussels sprouts is said by one source to have been Goethe’s favourite dish.

If I were asked to nominate a favourite tree, definitely for me, the sweet chestnut would be a contender.

Sue Laker, Duncton

PORK FILLET WITH QUINCE, PRUNES AND CHESTNUTS

This autumnal recipe is very forgiving and would work without the quinces if you cannot get hold of any, but they give a lovely tartness against the sweetness of the prunes. It could even be made without the chestnuts and would still be delicious, but the combination is good. It can be sweetened with a little honey if you have used white wine rather than a fortified wine.

Serves 4

Ingredients:

Approx 700 grams pork tenderloin

3 or 4 quinces

10 dried prunes

A dozen or so peeled chestnuts (from a tin or packet is fine)

1 large onion, finely chopped

3 cloves garlic, crushed and chopped (optional)

Few teaspoons of fresh thyme or sage

Olive oil for frying

Salt and pepper seasoning

A small glass of fortified wine – sherry, marsala or similar or just use a glass of white wine

A little cornflour or plain flour

Add some spices – such as a couple of cloves, a cinnamon stick and some ginger

A couple of cups of water

Seasonal Recipe

Peel, core and slice the quinces and microwave them with a dash of water for 3 or 4 minutes until soft. Soak the prunes in some boiling water for 5 minutes, then drain and add to the quince slices.

Trim any excess fat or skin from the pork fillet and slice into medallions about 5cm or one inch thick. Season and dredge in flour. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan and sauté the chopped onion until translucent, then add in the garlic (if used). Add the wine and stir in and put in a bowl to one side while you brown the meat on both sides. Add all the rest of the ingredients into the pan and simmer gently for about 20 minutes until the sauce thickens into a gravy. Add a pork or vegetable stock cube to the sauce too, if you wish.

Serve with mashed potatoes or rice and plenty of a green vegetable.

SYLVIA BEAUFOY TEAM SUCCESS IN GREENPOWER PROJECT

An exciting day at Goodwood Race Track on Sunday 10th October crowned this season's Greenpower Project.

We asked Ben Sullivan (aged 14) who drove one of the cars in 2 races, managing to move its position up by 11 places, to tell us about the project. He said,

“Petworth is a stunning market town located in the heart of West Sussex and is many wonderful things, but it is certainly not a haven of activities for young people. However, one shining beacon for everyone is the Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre and the Greenpower project. The youth centre is located at the very heart of Petworth and the surrounding towns and holds a key place in the community, with extremely fun activities for a range of ages on any day, Monday to Thursday.

Wednesdays at the Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre are for the Greenpower project, a national charity dedicated to furthering people's knowledge in electrical engineering and race craft through the means of fun weekly meet ups and awesome race days, at almost every famous racetrack from Silverstone, to Dunsfold to Goodwood. There are many different groups placed all around the country, with their electric cars varying widely.”

The SBC team entered 3 cars, one of which was sponsored by Aston Martin, and were among 600 entries at the beginning of the season. The final race involved 60 entries and the team achieved places 16th, 29th and 39th.



This is an amazing result given that they were the only youth club entering – all the rest being schools and colleges. Youth Leader, Dan Sneller, reported that the quality of the volunteers and the team was the main contributory factor to their success.

We look forward to hearing about next year's plans—modifications to the cars are already being planned and team strategy reviewed and enhanced. There will be 25 places available although most of these are already taken.

Many thanks to all those in our three parishes who have supported SBC, both past and present. We hope you will agree that it has been well worth it!

DUNCTON VILLAGE FIREWORKS



Friday 12th November
Village Hall

6.30pm - 8pm

Bonfire to be lit at 6.45pm

Fireworks at 7.30pm

Hot food provided

Children's Drinks Provided -
Adults Bring Your Own

ALL VILLAGERS WELCOME

Donations to next year's fireworks by cash or card

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT

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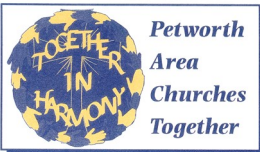
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

How lovely it was to welcome so many people to the Macmillan coffee morning which was held in Duncton Village Hall. It was especially nice to see how many people from outside the village also came along to support the work of this wonderful charity. We had a fabulous array of mouth-watering cakes, some of which accompanied the teas and coffees while some were sold. We held a raffle and the 1st prize was a meal at the Cricketers, kindly donated by Ruth and Martin.

This occasion also offered the chance for us to get together and socialise with one another, which has been sadly lacking with the pandemic. The sunshine enabled some to sit outside on the decking and enjoy the view of the Downs and chat.



Thank you to all those who came along and helped, and amazingly we raised just over £600.



P A C T NEWS **Petworth Area Churches Together** *working together in harmony*

NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

The Petworth Food Bank needs a new overseer/co-ordinator. The Food Bank provides a lifeline to those in financial difficulty and is used all over the Petworth area. We have a brilliant team of volunteers with great support from a vital few.

Due to ill health we need someone to oversee the operation, including Communication, Planning/Organisation and Admin.

Anyone interested in taking on this valuable role can contact Gerald Gresham Cooke on 01798 342151 or Ellie on the Petworth Food Bank mobile 07501 921617.

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

MINK: FASHION VICTIMS

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

‘The Wind in the Willows’ is one of Britain’s most beloved books. Yet this story of riverbank wildlife would have lost some of its charm if, in the final chapter, Kenneth Grahame had introduced a new character; a deranged American serial killer who eats his victims.

It’s easy to cast American mink as the bad guys. With long, sleek bodies equipped with razor-sharp teeth they’re natural born killers, as vicious in water as they are on land. Part polecat, part piranha. But it was the mink’s adaptation to winter and water - thick, waterproof fur - that was its downfall. Enter the real villains of this tale: the ghastly humans who craved mink fur coats and the greedy ones keen to profit from a mink massacre.

American mink were first imported to the UK in 1929. By the fifties, British mink farms were springing up everywhere, including Sussex, producing pelts at full pelt. But fur farmers had overlooked one important thing: mink were smarter than they were. Mary Potter remembers the Buxted farm. “They built the cages with ordinary wire netting. The mink made short work of that and escaped. With stronger netting, they started again with more mink, but, again, the wire was no match for their teeth. After a third attempt with stronger wire netting they gave up and just released them.”

The result of a new alien predator invading our waterways was catastrophic. Kingfishers, ducks, moorhens, fish and toads suddenly found themselves on the mink’s menu and were swiftly dispatched with a Dracula-style neck bite. The worst victim was the water vole – Ratty from ‘The Wind in the Willows’ – which mink almost completely eradicated from Sussex.

The late (and legendary) Jim ‘The Fish’ Smith walked and worked the River Ouse for decades. He first encountered a mink when one cruised past him downstream on a piece of driftwood. “I had never seen a mink before and at first had no idea what it was,” said Jim, “but it wasn’t long before we saw God knows how many along the river.” During the sixties, Jim and four others were employed to trap and humanely kill mink along the Ouse. “In those days we were doing nothing else but trapping mink. We were catching 25-30 a week.”

Thankfully, fashions and attitudes change. Mink farms are gone but their ferocious, furry legacy remains in our rivers. “These days you don’t see that many mink, so I have to conclude that the effort we have put in to controlling them has been successful,” said Jim, “but you’re never going to get rid of all of them.”



CLERK TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS - VACANCY

The Lavington Park Federation is comprised of Graffham CE Infant and Duncton CE Junior schools; small village schools that are right at the heart of their local communities.

Following the retirement of our long-standing Clerk, **we are looking to appoint a new organised, flexible and reliable Clerk to provide high quality administrative support either on an interim or permanent basis to join our friendly team.** They would be required to attend all governing body meetings (circa 17 a year) as well as advise the governing body on matters of procedure, and to maintain policies and records.

Whilst previous experience would be desirable, it is not essential and a full package of training and support is available from the Local Authority Governor Support team.

This post offers an exciting opportunity to work in a forward-looking school with a reputation for high standards and a culture of continuous improvement. The role provides the flexibility for someone looking to work a few hours each week, but it also lends itself to working in multiple schools to build expertise and work more hours.

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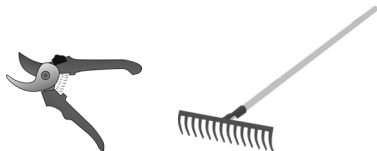
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