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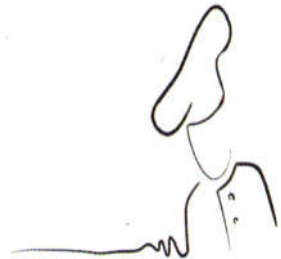
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## EDITORIAL

Here we are again galloping towards Christmas and another year end already in sight. Here comes Winter but first the stunning fall of autumn leaves. November brings much to enjoy and so, we hope, does the Three Parishes Magazine with a cocktail of contents and news of local events.

England's first World Cup game in Qatar is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November against Iran and the second on 29<sup>th</sup> is England's match against Wales but then all the football fans among you will know that already. You might enjoy Bob Sneller's note on where you can play locally and Douglas Fergusson's thoughts on how a manager influences their teams.

But if footie is not your cup of tea, you can read about a pony, polecats, power savings and peace. The piece of paper signed by Hitler and Neville Chamberlain in 1938 expressing the wish that England and Germany would never be at war again did not bring peace and that piece of paper is locked away in the Imperial War Museum as an important historical document which reminds us that peace does not come easily. Why do people never learn?

This is the month when we especially hope and pray for peace and remember the wars and those who fought them to bring us peace. The local Remembrance Sunday services fall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November and are listed on page 24. Come and remember and pray. It is needed as much as ever.

Even today we are thinking about those enduring aerial bombardments and destruction. Sadly little has change in 100 years.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

**All Hallows Church, Tillington**

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## FROM ALL HALLOWS



The month of November is a short season of remembrance. We anticipate All Saints and All Souls in our October Fifth-Sunday service at Tillington – 10.30am on Sunday 30 October, to which all are most welcome – but in the Western Christian tradition the Feast of All Saints is celebrated on 1 November and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (also known as All Souls’ Day) follows one day later.

These are days to give thanks not only for well-known saints of the type who often feature in church stained-glass windows, but also for the people who have been saints in our own lives through their example, inspiration or teaching. The remembrance season invokes sadness, as we recall those whom we love but see no longer, but also thankfulness for all they meant to us. Christ’s promise of eternal life gives his followers a sure hope that our loved ones have a place in great communion of heavenly saints.

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the guns at last fell silent and the First World War ended. In the following year, King George V issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence on Armistice Day which was re-named Remembrance Day after the Second World War. From 1955, the second Sunday of November was designated Remembrance Sunday. As always, this will be respectfully observed at our war memorials and in our churches (though Upwaltham’s Remembrance Service is one week later). We shall pay our respects to those from our villages who lost their lives in both world wars and we honour all who served – and continue to serve – our country in the armed forces, on the home front or in other capacities. This year, at Tillington, a wreath will be laid in memory of Cicely Ann Mitford, whom we believe to be the only Second World War British Red Cross nurse to be named on a West Sussex war memorial.

Christ calls us to live peaceably with one another and, in words attributed to Winston Churchill ‘jaw-jaw is better than war-war’. Remembrance forces us to contemplate the collective failures of humankind, including the awfulness of the Holocaust and other genocides. But many Christians will align themselves with some of the Early Church Fathers, many of whom laid down their own lives for their faith, in identifying the present war in Ukraine as the latest example of a ‘just war’. It is a situation that demands our prayers, as well as the wonderful compassion now being shown towards refugees – former strangers who are now our friends – living in our village communities.

On 27 November a new church season will be upon us: Advent. And so it begins . . . the countdown to Christmas.

I write this *In friendship, David*

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Over fifty villagers gathered in the evening to enjoy large helpings of cottage and shepherd's pies, followed by equally generous servings of fruit crumbles with custard. Our Priest-in-Charge, Rev'd David Crook, welcomed us all and the delicious meal was followed by a testing quiz, delivered by the incomparable Mike Wheller. (Although there was a minor revolt at a question to which the answer was Nine Inch Nails ...it's a heavy metal rock band apparently ...!!)



Tea and coffee served, it was time to finish the washing up, fold up the tables and store the chairs until next time.

£590 was raised, to be split between the Fuel Hardship Fund, and the project to provide audio visual services in the church. Many thanks were given to the organisers led by Annie Sneller and Angela Gresham-Cooke, all the cooks, kitchen assistants, quiz master and furniture movers. A grand time was had by all.

And the next morning, the church was filled with harvest gifts of fresh fruit, vegetables, and dried goods. Revd David, and our Lay Reader Annie Sneller, together led an uplifting Harvest Festival service.

A beautiful reading from 'Lark Rise to Candleford' – a story of country life in the 1880s - brought to mind the farming communities of the past, and the long history of this seasonal celebration. This year our gifts were taken to the Stonepillow charity in Chichester.

Jenny Williams

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are getting so excited about the wonderful things coming in for you all to enjoy on November 26th. But we need more please, more bottles, more cakes, more presents, more toys, more accessories (bags, scarves, hats, belts!), more silent auction prizes, just MORE!!!! What would be amazing would be an offer of a week in a cottage somewhere not in Sussex!!

There are already some fabulous silent auction prizes, including tours of well known large local houses, a week in Alderney, a 70 year old bottle, 6 months membership at The Grange, a ride to Gatwick or Heathrow, Tower of London ceramic poppy, lunch for 6, an offer to clean your car and so on. Do contact me with any offers or potential bids! Commission bids accepted in advance!

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## Polecat



*"I can't remember—do I work at home or  
do I live at work?"*

## **POLECAT BY MICHAEL BLENCOWE** **OF THE SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST**

For most of us, our only encounters with British mammals are spotting them on the roadside as we hurtle past at 55mph. I'm sure many people these days believe that lying motionless on a road verge with its feet in the air is natural behaviour for a Badger. Our road trips may be macabre safaris but roadkill can tell us a lot about the state of our island's mammalian fauna. Hedgehogs, a squashed staple on the roadkill menu a few decades ago, are now hard to find flattened on the highway, reflecting their dramatic fall in numbers in the wider countryside. And recently an unfamiliar corpse has appeared on the tarmac: the Polecat.

Before being killed by cars, Polecats already had a long history of persecution in England – mainly for eating poultry and notoriously stinking to high heaven. To Shakespeare, and many others since, 'Polecat' was an insult. The species was exterminated from Sussex around 1890. Indeed, the entire English population was banished to the wilderness of Wales. Yet we were happy to welcome their watered-down, domesticated form – the Ferret – as cuddly pets and ruthless Rabbit hunters.

After a century in exile, purebred Polecats are making a comeback. This recolonisation was the basis for a recent investigation by the Vincent Wildlife Trust who requested roadkill Polecat corpses for DNA testing to verify their pure Polecat lineage (as opposed to Polecat/Ferret hybrids). I was soon dodging traffic on the Steyning by-pass and excitedly picking up a dead Polecat. Being mustelids, Polecats naturally smell but, take my word for it, they smell a lot worse when they've been dead for a few days. Despite discharging a whole can of Glade, my wife smelt that something was up seconds after I set foot in the house. Putting a dead Polecat in your freezer will test even the strongest of marriages.

Thankfully, after some smooth talking, my marriage is still intact but there are still some fish fingers that neither of us are brave enough to eat. Next morning a package arrived from the Vincent Wildlife Trust containing heavy duty bags, some cool BIOHAZARD stickers and printed instructions for posting Polecats.

After an interesting exchange at the post office counter, my roadkill casualty was posted. A few days later, it was declared 100% Polecat; further evidence that Polecats have returned to Sussex. It's great to have them back and many farmers are welcoming them too, as they do a great job of dispatching Rats and Rabbits. Look out for them in your headlights.

## PERSONAL REFLECTION

In the season of Remembrance, many of us cast our minds back to recall with gratitude those who were known or unknown to us, who played a significant role in our well-being. Those who suffered and died in war, and those closer to us who have been so important in our lives and whom we love still, even through death. Archbishop Justin Welby at the Queen's funeral service reminded us of the promise evoked by that wonderful song of Vera Lynn: "We'll meet again, don't know where don't know when".

So, in this season of Remembrance, this is a very precious thought that holds many of us and it comforts us with a future which we cannot describe, yet still we have a deep expectation of being joyfully reunited with those we love after death.

Do we have grounds for such a belief?

The Christian faith gives rise to a profound hope in life eternal, resurrection and a new way of being, unshackled by pain, sickness and tears. A spiritual realm where we can all belong.

The void and emptiness left by those we have loved deeply cannot be denied. But somewhere in the human heart lies a longing to be reconnected with those we love.

Jesus's assertion that he would bring us into eternity with God, simply through our trusting Him with the process, makes many of us confident it will happen. A confidence that we will meet those we love, we will meet others and be joyful, in a divine sphere utterly different from what we know now. We know this is a mystery and cannot be defined.

Some imagine paradise like the delight of playing in heavenly cricket fields or fishing by an endless river. Others imagine unspeakable bliss, lost in glorious music and praise whilst others see joyful reunions. Some think of it like a dream but a dream that is real and lasting. For others, it is a precious opportunity to make up for lost time, when the "goodbyes" weren't sufficient and the "thank yous" were hardly spoken. You may have your own thoughts.

I for one, believe that we all carry an eternal flame within. That nothing life, death, despair, shame, regret or destruction can ever separate us from the love of God and that we all have within us the makings of that journey of eternal life and eternal satisfaction. Eternal completion in God. We will meet again in God's beautiful presence.

Shelley Fergusson.

## PEACE

With both the recent death of Her Majesty and Remembrance Sunday in mind, here is Henry Vaughan's beautiful (unashamedly Christian) poem 'Peace' which was set to music by Hubert Parry as an anthem and was sung at the Queen's funeral.

### **PEACE - BY HENRY VAUGHAN**

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a winged sentry  
All skilful in the wars;  
There above noise and danger  
Sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,  
And One born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files.  
He is thy gracious friend  
And (O my soul, awake!)  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.  
If thou canst get but thither,  
There grows the flow'r of Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress, and thy ease.  
Leave then thy foolish ranges  
For none can thee secure,  
But One who never changes,  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

## HOLY MOLEY – IT’S A TURF WAR

The war will never be won and we will be sure to leave here one day long before the enemy ever gives any ground but winning small battles is always a triumph. We will never win because quite simply, we will always be outnumbered and the enemy can call up reserves to fill in for fallen comrades in hours, whereas on our side, training in the use of weaponry is restricted to a small number of semi-skilled operatives.

Until I assumed command of the operation with some heavy artillery, the former CO relied on smoke bombs, getting down on hands and knees to place little lighted bombs carefully in enemy trenches. It provided a few days of temporary relief from enemy action but they would then attack on another front. My early efforts involved flooding enemy trenches with water from the well and injecting exhaust gas from the tractor but neither was very effective.

You cannot win a war without understanding the enemy tactics and objectives and one of the most successful forms of counterattack is to cut off enemy supply lines. One of our neighbours has done well in this respect – he dug up his entire garden and buried plastic mesh right across it so that the enemy cannot damage his garden causing the destruction they wreak in ours. Interpreting enemy activity is important. Where the enemy leaves volcano mounds of earth, he is on the hunt for food supplies but the small mounds are a sign of clearing the tunnels between sleeping quarters and the hunting ground. The closer you can lay traps near his sleeping area, the better the chance of success. Quite sensibly enemy sleeping quarters are often on slightly higher ground or under trees in my limited experience.

Reluctantly I have become something of an expert in military hardware. Initially I was happy to buy British (conveniently stocked by Austens) but still thought that other models might be more effective as success rate was rather low. I was pleased to find an American trap which looked as though it would be quicker and more lethal. Sadly it was not. Buying French was not in my mind but after some further research, I placed an Amazon order for a pack of four “putanges”. “Putange” can be a rude word in French but when applied to mole traps, the putange is without doubt the weapon of choice being simple and effective once you get the knack of setting them in pairs. They have been used in France for centuries since Louis XIV could not abide the sight of molehills in the grounds of Versailles. So important was the role that the king even awarded his molecatcher a residence in the palace grounds. Today the position is held by Jerome Dormion, a true mole-catching pro but he says moles are wily creatures which is why most gardeners are unable to catch them.

One of the wiliest ever evaded his traps for 3 months. But once caught, the mole is well and truly “putanged”.

Mike Eyre, Duncton



## KAREN CROOK'S DESERT ISLAND DISCS



- 1 **The Osmonds. Crazy Horses.** My first music love as a child and my first record purchase. I remember playing ‘The Osmonds’ in the playground with my friends at school. We would each pretend to be one of the brothers, and we would always argue over who would be Donny!
- 2 **Simon and Garfunkel. Scarborough Fair.** My parents listened to a lot of music. I particularly remember them playing songs by Simon and Garfunkel, John Denver and Neil Diamond. I particularly like this song as the harmonies are wonderful. It brings back childhood memories.
- 3 **The Jam. Going Underground.** This reminds me of my teenage years and the first concert I attended with my best friend, Deirdre. We travelled by train to Brighton on our own to see The Jam at the Brighton Centre in 1979.
- 4 **Vivaldi. The Four Seasons.** I took a cassette tape recorder to university in 1982 and a handful of tapes. One of them was ‘The Four Seasons’. I used to play it frequently while I was working. I still love listening to it, and it always conjures up that period of my life.
- 5 **Handel. Zadok the Priest.** I remember hearing this coronation anthem at a concert David and I attended sung by a London choir in a tiny church in Nuthurst, as part of the Shipley Arts Festival. I felt it could have raised the roof. I love its stirring power and majesty.
- 6 **Rachmaninoff. Piano Concerto No. 2.** I spent many an hour listening to our eldest son, Hugh, practising the first movement. It became a very familiar piece, particularly the tricky bits! Hugh and I went to hear it played by Simon Trpceski at the South Bank Centre. It was wonderful. It is still an absolute favourite.
- 7 **Adele. Set Fire to the Rain.** I had to include an Adele song as I am a big fan. All her CDs are in the glove compartment of my car. Like many of her songs, this is a very emotional and powerful song about a relationship break-up.
- 8 **William Mathias A Babe is Born, sung by St John’s Voices.** After his stint as Organ Scholar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Hugh was briefly part of this wonderful Cambridge choir. Hugh is playing the organ on the CD recording issued by Naxos in 2020, so it has extra meaning.

**Book:** *It’s Never too Late to Play Piano* by Pam Wedgewood

**Luxury:** A piano

At last, no excuse not to have a go, and no-one to hear how terrible I am!

## THE INFLUENCE OF MANAGERS IN FOOTBALL EXPLAINED ....

Throughout the history of football there have been many great managers: Sir Alex Ferguson who took Manchester United to two champions league trophies and thirteen premier league titles, the legendary tactician Pep Guardiola who managed Barcelona to countless trophies and Jose Mourinho, whose ability to take teams such as FC Porto and Roma from poor positions to title winners, put them in the conversation of the greats. As teams rise and fall the debate continues as to whether it is the players or the managers who cause success or failure – the truth is probably both, but I will seek to make the case for the influence of the manager and the skills that make a difference.

There are three main areas where the manager has an impact on a team; style, tactics and morale. These are quite different skills but combining them successfully makes the difference between winners and losers.

Style - The top European countries each have different playing styles with managers training their players to adapt to the style of their own league. For example, the modern Italian game is focused on defensive play and has produced some of the greatest defenders to have graced the game. In Germany the focus is ‘pressing’ and ‘counter pressing’, the art of chasing the ball down and winning it swiftly by using numerical superiority. The most famous variant is known as “Gegen pressing”, invented by Ralf Ragnick, labelled the God-Father of German football. Spanish football, is characterised by swift, slick passing under pressure to eventually break away and score known as “Tiki Taka”, founded by legendary tactician Johan Cruyff. The movement of managers between national leagues often brings a new style to the teams they go on to manage.

Tactics - A great example of a manager’s tactics changing the fate of a team would be Antonio Conte taking charge of Tottenham Hotspur’s in the 2021/22 season. The lily whites were struggling for form with, then manager, Nuno Santos appearing out of his depth tactically. Tottenham were ninth in the league and qualifying for the European football looked extremely unlikely. Nuno ended up getting sacked, however it would take a miracle to turn their fate around. When Conte, a well-respected tactician, stepped in he changed the formation from 4-3-3 to 3-4-3. The previous formation hadn’t worked with the players Tottenham had. The defence was exposed, and mistakes were frequent. The quality in the midfield was lacking and ball progression from the back line to the forwards became an issue. Under Conte, the switch transformed the defensive side of their game, allowing the attacking wing backs to get forward and support the attack. The improved goal output combined with defensive solidity saw Tottenham finish in 4th place and secure a place in the champions league, which seemed almost impossible back in December of 2021.

Morale - Quality of players and tactics will only get a team so far, a key component to winning is team mentality. Players need to play with passion and common purpose, they need to be motivated to put effort in at all times on the pitch.



A recent example of a mentality shift benefiting a team is Manchester United. The previous manager, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, was well liked but the players lacked urgency in their performances. The 2021/22 season marked an all-time low, wins became rare, training was described as “lacking intensity” and “Undisciplined”, by Manchester Evening News journalist Samuel Luckhurst. Ole was replaced by Ralf Ragnick as caretaker manager, but discipline got worse. Even a high calibre tactician like Ragnick couldn’t get his team playing. United ended the season in sixth place; frankly lucky considering some of the teams they succumbed to. United then appointed Erik Ten Hag who had a successful pre-season with his squad, but was played off the park by Brighton, suffering a 2-1 loss. A week later they lost 4-0 to Brentford. The fans grew frustrated as the players were showing no passion. With arch-rivals Liverpool next it wasn’t looking good so Ten Hag changed his approach with the squad; cancelled their day off after the Brentford game and made them run the 13.8 kilometres by which Brentford had out-run them in the match. Notably Ten Hag joined the run, claiming that it was his fault as well, this really gained the players’ respect. United came out against Liverpool a much-changed side and stunned Liverpool winning 2-1, they went on to beat Leicester and Southampton, before thrashing league leaders Arsenal 3-1. This innovative way of building team solidarity seems to have made the difference.

I hope this has explained the impact a manager has on his squad. In my opinion managers are vital to a team’s success. Even the best teams on paper struggle for success without skilled managers. If you are a football fan who would like to see the impact a manager has then I recommend you keep a close eye on: Graham Potter, recently moved from Brighton to Chelsea, Christoph Galtier who has made the switch from Nice to Paris St Germain and Erik Ten Hag who moved from Ajax to Manchester United. These in my opinion are some of the most exciting projects in football right now.

Douglas Fergusson, keen young Manchester United Supporter.

## FOOTBALL IN PETWORTH AND TILLINGTON

"You Have to Start Somewhere"!

As we approach the World Cup Football tournament taking place in November this year we thought it an ideal time to provide information about the opportunities locally for those who wish to play the game!

Petworth Football Club was formed in 1875 and have been playing in Petworth Park since that time! There are currently 2 adult teams who train on Tuesday evenings from 6-30pm. They play in the West Sussex league on Saturday afternoon. There are also many Youth teams for those under 6 years of age, under 8, under 10, under 11 and under 13.(The teams are mixed so any boys and girls keen to play are very welcome)!

Due to the large number of teams who play in the park the Football Club rent the pitch at Tillington Recreation Ground for the Under-13's team. All the junior matches are played on a Sunday morning and further details can be obtained by emailing [rob@petworthfc.co.uk](mailto:rob@petworthfc.co.uk) Tel: 07849400066

So if you fancy playing for England, then maybe the way forward is to start playing for your local team. Bob Sneller

**COME ON ENGLAND!**

### FIFA 2022 Qatar World Cup

The world cup starts on  
20th November and the final is on the  
18th December



## GARDEN NOTES

Another month with such a lot to do in the garden and the weather being perfect, a great time for moving plants around the garden, then moving them around again and again to a better place! It is perfect for cuttings of all sorts, e.g. *fuchsias*, *pelargoniums*, *anthesis*, *silver leaved plants* etc. Look on the internet for very good instructions if this is new ground for you. (Not only the RHS website but also *GardenersWorld.com*)

There is a garden in Upperton where, on a shady bank lovely large hostas look magnificent, they have no slug damage and the grass is kept down, but they are very special large hostas. '*Aqua Blue*' and '*Dorset Blue*' are recommended. We are very tempted to try it ourselves where the grass is difficult to manage on a low bank.

Plant trees, shrubs, hedges and perennials now. Looking around the garden, these are some of the shrubs that have all done so well. *Euonymus Alatus*, the *Spindle Tree*, with its wonderful fine red autumn leaves. *Spiraea 'Arguta'*, (if this becomes congested, cut down to the ground any central thick stems leaving the arching stems with their white flowers in the spring), *Nandino 'Heavenly Bamboo'*, NOT a spreader, quite short and very tolerant of a hot dry bank, *physocarpus 'Diablo'* dark red leaves and a pink flower, -very easy to take hard wood cuttings now, and finally most *roses* especially the white shrub rose '*Champagne Moments*'.

This is the best time to buy bare root roses, they do better and there is usually a discount on new ones (see David Austin Roses and Harkness Roses). Every bed in this garden has some *Tiarella 'Spring Symphony'*, an evergreen perennial with masses of upright stems in late spring which spreads beautifully, as does *Achillea 'The Pearl'* in summer, little white low-growing flowers, but they can become bit of a thug, so thin now where necessary. (Please let me know if you want any of these plants). Prune any *roses* that have weak and diseased stems or have got too tall.

Plant all your *tulips* this month, I always put *forget-me-not plants* where the bulbs are, especially in the pots. Spread *compost* on the vegetable garden and between shrubs and flowers elsewhere. Spreading compost now, the worms can take it down during the winter. Move any *tender plants* into the greenhouse. I have dug up masses of self seeded *cornflowers* and have potted them up hoping they will survive the winter. Remember not to water the plants too much. Sow *broad beans* by the time Petworth Fair is here, '*Aqua Doci*' are recommended. They should be stronger plants, and earlier, but plant other types later so you get a succession of beans.

*Happy Gardening!*

Gillie Ross



**TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM**  
**CHURCH SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2022**

	<b>All Hallows Church, Tillington</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Church, Dunton</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Upwaltham</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 November</b>	BCP Holy Communion at 10am		
<b>Third Sunday before Advent, 6 November</b>	Breakfast Church 9.45am/All-Age Service at 10.15am		
<b>Remembrance Sunday, 13 November</b>	Act of Remembrance at the Tillington War Memorial at 10.50am, followed by Church service	Remembrance Service (including Act of Remembrance) <b><u>at 10.30am</u></b>	
<b>Wednesday 16 November</b>	BCP Holy Communion at 10am		
<b>Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent, 20 November</b>	BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am		Remembrance Service at 11.30am
	Five-Parish Evening Prayer online via Zoom at 6pm. Please contact David to register for his weekly email with Zoom links.		
<b>Advent Sunday, 27 November</b>	Morning Prayer and Praise at 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion at 10.30am	

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN OUR GROUP DURING NOVEMBER:**

**6 November:** 9.30 Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham.

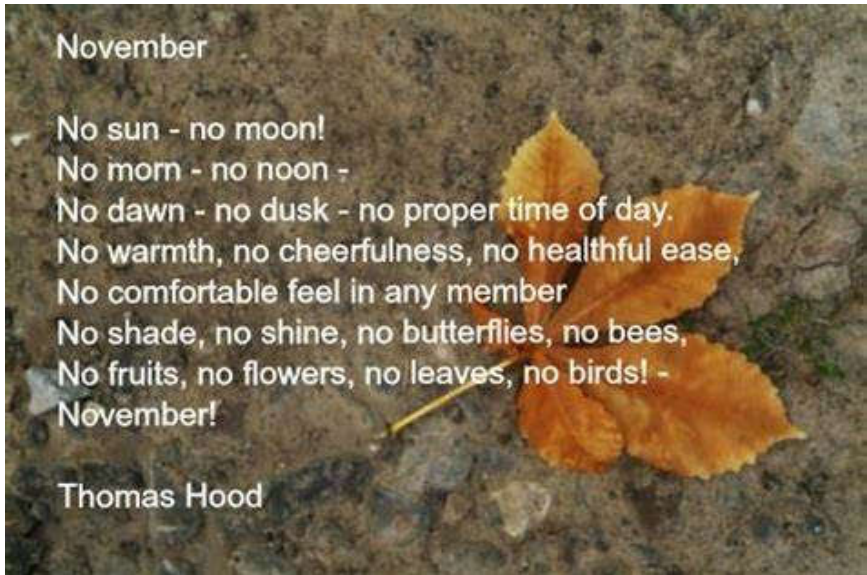
**13 November:** 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; Act of Remembrance at the Fittleworth War Memorial at 10.50am, followed by service in church; Act of Remembrance at the Stopham War Memorial, followed by service in church at Stopham. No Stopham Evensong today.

**20 November:** 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham.

**27 November:** 9.30 Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Matins at Stopham.

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

# Kids' Pages



## November

Do you think this poem is true?

Try counting how many days you see sunshine, how many days you see the moon.

Can you find any butterflies, can you find any bees?

Can you find any fruit or flowers? Course you can!

Try writing a poem saying the opposite of the one above, something like

Yes, sun, yes moon ...

Or make the poem even worse by adding other things that you don't like about November!!!

THEN SEND IT TO US!!! [3parishesmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:3parishesmagazine@gmail.com)

# ROCKET LAUNCHER!!!!!!



## What you need:

- A plastic bottle
- Decorating materials
- 3 straws or bamboo skewers or pencils
- Sticky tape or gaffa tape
- Vinegar
- Baking Powder
- A Cork

## **A paper towel, tissue or kitchen roll**

### Step 1

Take your plastic bottle and decorate it so it looks like a rocket.

The bottle opening will be the bottom of the rocket

You could decorate with tin foil to give it a shiny space look or even add some fins, which many real rockets have, to give your rocket extra stability and help it fly straight.

### Step 2

With the bottle opening facing down tape your 3 straws, bamboo skewers or pencils around the bottle so that the bottle can stand up without the bottom touching the ground. It should be able to stand up on its own.

### Step 3

Turn the bottle so that the opening is at the top and pour 3 cm of vinegar into the bottle.





#### Step 4

Wrap 2 teaspoons of baking in a few layers of tissue or a paper towel – this is important as it means there will be time between the baking powder and vinegar touching each other which will later make a reaction.

#### Step 5

Choose a launch site for the rocket – make sure it is outside and that no one else is around. This works best on a hard surface.

#### Step 6

**Get an adult** to drop the baking powder parcel into the bottle and very quickly add the cork. The adult should place the rocket on it's straws/ skewers with the bottle opening and cork facing down.....and run for cover! You should make sure you are 5 metres away and if you have goggles you can wear them for extra protection.

#### Step 7

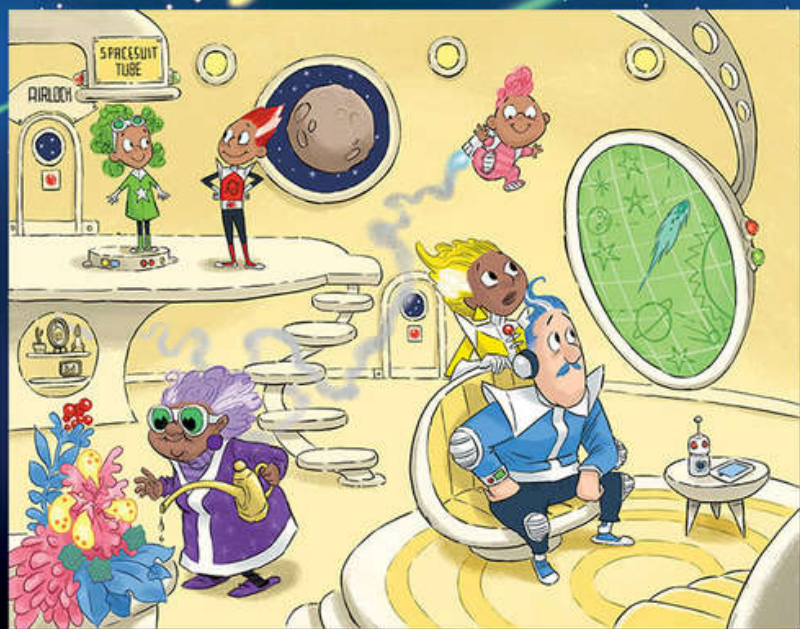
# BLAST OFF!

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

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## TILLINGTON SIDESPEOPLE AND READERS NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Time	Service	Sidespeople	Readers
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday before Advent	9.45 for 10.15 am	Breakfast Church	TEAM	TEAM
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Remem- brance Sunday	10.50 am	Act of Remembrance followed by Church service	Mrs Graves and Mr Gresham- Cooke	TBA
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Christ the King Sunday next before Advent	9.30 am  6 pm	BCP Holy Communion  Zoom Even- ing Prayer	Mr and Mrs Garrow	Mrs Garrow Colossians Ch 1:11-20
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday	9.30 am	Morning Prayer and Praise	Mr and Mrs Pye	Mrs Pye Romans Ch 13. 11-end

### RAINFALL FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Year	September	Year Total
2022	95mms	402mms
2021	80mms	725mms
2020	20mms	492mms
2019	98mms	519mms
2018	41mms	659mms
2017	87mms	681mms
2016	60mms	621mms

*John Mayes, Haymarsh*

As you know **John is stepping down** from doing this wonderful service and we need another person to take it on. Could that be you?? Its not difficult! All you need is enthusiasm and a calibrated plastic receptacle (Austen's/on line), Stick it on a post which you put in an area clear of tall trees and buildings. Measure captured rain daily and record!

Thank you, John, from us all, for providing this fascinating local record, which has been much appreciated.

We would very much like to continue with this item of news. If there is anyone out there willing to take on the task of recording rainfall, we would be delighted to hear from you.

## ISRAEL: UP FOR A THIRD GO!

How hard it is to write briefly about our recent pilgrimage to Israel (in John Bundock's group and our second visit)! Very concisely – it was wonderful, informative, companionable, fun, HOT!

More expansively: Israel comes as a shock. How did somewhere so tiny affect the world so much? How did prophets survive in those bald mountains? How can such a bony land feed its people? Is that really a camel parked beside the coaches?

The southern desert is, frankly, terrifying. Even in other, greener areas – well, if this land is 'milk and honey', whatever was the wilderness like? It was a positive relief to see the springs of the Jordan in the far north - clear, rippling, cool, never-failing water! Then, there are so many important church sites that my memories seem like jumbled splinters of stained glass. Common to so many was a special atmosphere: you stepped from utter, baking, busy, littered confusion outside into green peace around the building and serenity within.

Chief spiritual thrill: for me that has to be Holy Sepulchre church. Ancient, confusing, ugly and beautiful at once, and, to use an over-used word correctly, awesome.

Chief semi-secular thrill: singing a hymn together at St Anne's church in Jerusalem, a Crusader church with outstanding acoustics. Every pilgrim group seems to sing here and the 'never-ending music' is marvellous!

Saddest thing – the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum. Every step inside is accompanied by the endless recitation of the names of those so sadly lost.

Chief secular thrill: the 'Classical stuff', of course!

Chief frustration: not being able to read Hebrew! – I wish I could learn. Two big shocks – firstly, ugly building sites on every hillside in the south – but then people have got to live somewhere and this isn't a theme park. Secondly, a delightful bombshell: there is a lot of inspired modern church architecture at ancient sites. I didn't know! –wonderful new leaves on the ancient branch.

I really valued the ten days of our trip, and I'm grateful to our excellent guide and driver, our leader, John (who sometimes muttered about 'herding cats')– and the companions who made it easier to get up early and to brave the midday sun! I learned a lot, but there was so much to see that it deserved more time. So – one day – and at a slower pace – **again, please!**

**Lee Lavington**



By the Sea of Galilee: Ship-shaped altar at the new Magdala church..



Statue of 'Homeless Jesus' at Capernaum  
(one of many copies worldwide)



# **DUNCTON VILLAGE FIREWORKS**



**Saturday 12th November  
Duncton Village Hall  
6.30pm - 8pm  
Bonfire lighting at 6.45pm  
Fireworks starting at 7.15pm**

**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  
Andrew Mills 01798 344 577**

## THE BLACKDOWN AIR CRASH IN 1967

It was the night of November 4th 1967. I was fourteen years old. I was living at Reeth, Fernden Lane, Blackdown, in an isolated house on the south side of Blackdown hill. I had been out to the theatre for the evening. My friend's father drove me home. While we were talking by our front door, a light was seen in the sky. My father said that it was probably someone's fireworks all being set off at once-quite common in our parts!

My friend's father left, but shortly returned, saying he met emergency services on the lane, going to an aeroplane crash. My mother and I stayed at home, but my father was one of the first at the site. With his local knowledge of the immediate area, he helped the police and other emergency services.

The plane had hit one house, where our neighbours were watching television. They were unharmed. It was just after ten o'clock at night and the weather was misty and damp, and dark. My father suggested a building in Fernhurst for a temporary mortuary. Thirty seven people died, all from the plane.

The next day my friend came trotting on her pony through our gate saying "I thought it was your house". She had heard on the national news that a house belonging to a middle aged couple on Blackdown had been hit by an aeroplane, no names were given, and all our telephone lines were down. I am the youngest of four and the only sibling at home at the time, so all our family were unable to contact us.

In the days that followed, my mother helped with refreshments for the police. She didn't tell me what she saw, I was still not permitted to go to the area, but she told me how shocked the policemen were and how hard they worked with the dreadful situation.

Other abiding memories, from my teenage eyes and ears, in the days that followed when I was permitted to explore after the initial evidence had been cleared were, seeing the dead sheep, some having to be shot because their fleeces had caught fire as the plane grounded, the straight line of the topped trees, as if cut by scissors, as the plane descended, and the debris of everything that the plane held strewn across the ground. Also listening to adults talking of their experiences of the local night-time disaster.

Blackdown House, now Blackdown Park, was not damaged except for some broken windows, is very near to the place where the plane grounded. We used to live there before Reeth.

Information can be found online - Iberian Flight 062, Blackdown. Now, when I go back to my childhood area where the plane crashed, remembering the loss of life and impact the accident had on my family, neighbours and countryside, all I can see is the beauty of that small corner of Sussex. Caroline Kirby-Turner.

**The Lavington Park Federation**  
**Graffham CE Infant and Dunton CE Junior School**

**Visits from prospective new parents always welcome!**

If your child starts school in September 2023, do come to visit our lovely infant school in the beautiful village of Graffham, before West Sussex County Council's starting school application deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Please call our Office Manager on 01798 867324 to arrange a date and time.

Or if your child will be going into Year 3 in September 2023, do come to visit the equally lovely Dunton Junior school, before the junior transfer deadline which is also 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Please call Dunton School's Office Manager on 01798 342402 to arrange a date and time.

And do have a look at our website – details below.

Find out more about our school – including 'virtual tours' - on our website, at [www.graffhamanddunton.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.graffhamanddunton.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Have you discovered Midhurst u3a yet? Several members do live in our area.

What is it? Midhurst u3a is one of over a thousand u3as right across the UK. Anyone no longer in full time employment may join to learn, keep active, and socialise.

Members share their knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm across a very wide range of interests, from walking to art history, writing to music, croquet, science, computing, local history, coffee mornings, crosswords, and much more. The idea is that it is "by the members, for the members". If a group is full, or an interest isn't covered, members are helped and encouraged to lead their own.



As well as the forty or so interest groups there are outings, theatre visits, quizzes, and a monthly talk/social gathering.

Visitors are particularly welcome to the monthly talks so that they can find out more about Midhurst u3a. The December one is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Midhurst Methodist Church Hall. Come from 2pm for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or two, meet existing members, see the displays, and listen to a talk by the very popular Andy Thomas on "Christmas – a celebratory history": Mid-December has long been a time for rejoicing, yet Christmas traditions have splintered into many guises - even banned by the Puritans. We learn how, in spite of modern commercialism, Christmas has survived and still has meaning. Andy Thomas will be a familiar speaker to many for his talks on Crop Circles and Lewes Bonfire Nights.

For more information see [www.midhurstu3a.org.uk](http://www.midhurstu3a.org.uk) or email [midhurstu3a@gmail.com](mailto:midhurstu3a@gmail.com).

Carol Brinson



# **CLERK TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS VACANCY**

## **LAVINGTON PARK FEDERATION**

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. The Governing Body are dedicated volunteers who work with the Federation to provide strategic leadership.

**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 - 9 a year and currently held on a Thursday in term time 4-6pm, 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.

Lavington Park Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Appointments are subject to identity checks, enhanced DBS clearance and the production of satisfactory references.

The successful applicant will be offered a zero-hour contract with hours to be claimed monthly. We estimate approximately 10 hours per month with a starting salary of £11.44 - Grade 4, scale point 6. We are happy to negotiate for an experienced Clerk.

We would be delighted to have an informal chat and provide a tour of the schools to anyone who is interested in joining us. For more information, including the job description and person specification, email the school office – **[office@dunctonjunior.org.uk](mailto:office@dunctonjunior.org.uk)**

Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**From: Janet Duncton, County Councillor Petworth division  
Chichester District Councillor Loxwood ward**

If you did not see the Warmer Homes programme in the Press here is a brief summary: the Government funded Warmer Homes programme is offering energy efficiency measures such as insulation, solar panels and air source heat pumps to eligible households on a first come, first served basis.

If your home has an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) of E,F or G with limited funds for D rated properties and either you have a total household annual income of £30,000 or less (before housing costs/bills) or your receive means tested benefit. To apply online [www.warmerhomes.org.uk/programme](http://www.warmerhomes.org.uk/programme) and click apply now. Or you can call 0800 038 5737.

Please be assured that we are still improving our Childrens Services and have recently had a small OFSTED inspection who were happy with progress. The main OFSTED inspection is expected early next year.

I am pleased to say that we have managed to get quite a few highways schemes done this year and I was particularly happy to get Pound Street in Petworth done. It now looks very good. I do know there is more to do.

Recently some residents and indeed myself have been concerned with dirty and overgrown road signage. I am pleased to report that there is a team now working on this and slowly, slowly they are getting around the County.

The Chichester District Council has signed up to the County's scheme for Electric Charging points. I think I mentioned before that actually Chichester already has 18 of these in 9 Car Parks which includes 2 in Pound Street, Petworth. I will let you know more when we have more information.

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### **PET PORTRAIT -PONY DAISY**

Pony Daisy is indeed a true Tillingtonian. She was born in Tillington House paddock on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1995 and has remained here in Tillington ever since, apart from a one week trip to Cowdray Pony Club senior camp at Iping. She was born a palomino and looked like she should have been on the top of a chocolate box as she was so pretty. She later lost her pretty colouring and after going through a dirty colour phase she transformed into the grey pony that she remained.

Pony Daisy's mother was Bluebell and we continued with the floral theme when naming her Daisy. However, she had to acquire the prefix Pony as we already had a duck called Daisy and then the following year a baby girl and so we added Pony to save confusion! She has been the most amazing Pony over the last 27 years with a lively but sweet nature. She was quite a handful when she was young and Daisy (daughter) whose pony she became would fall off her again and again and again until they finally had the most amazing relationship and would go out

hunting in the winter staying out until the very end and then pony club competitions in the summer where they grew and learned so much together. Much to our amusement the 'Daisy riding Daisy' always threw the commentators on the Tannoy system. Daisy sadly grew, as kids do, and second daughter Polly had a great time eventing on Pony Daisy who had become very good at dressage, show jumping and x-country, but she still had her 'moments' just to keep us all on our toes! The two of them were very well matched and were having the time of their lives.

Pony Daisy then had a horrible accident on the main road in Tillington at the crossroads and in hindsight I'm not sure why Jeannie and I didn't have her put down as we are both against allowing animals to suffer just for the sake of us not losing them and had we been in clearer minds we would have had her euthanised but at the time, maybe in a degree of shock, we blindly and robotically followed the lead of our vet and put all our energy into nursing her back to health. She had multiple injuries, and it was a long and slow process however she continually surprised us with her amazing recovery and unbelievable spirit, and we are so happy that we didn't make that decision as I'm sure she would be too if she had an inkling.

Pony Daisy has also taught so many children to ride in the riding school and still does every weekend. It's hard to think she is 27 as she is still lively and still loves jumping with the more competent children who ride her. She has a devoted fan club of children who love to ride her, and she is a firm favourite at the pony mornings absolutely loving being groomed, patted and hugged and seemingly giving back calm and happiness to even the most distracted of children.

Also, bizarrely, she loves eating banana skins! We had to Google the safety of this after she helped herself to one at lunchtime in the summer.

Abbie Hodd



## MACMILLAN FUND RAISING AFTERNOON



The Macmillan coffee and tea afternoon was a very happy event held in Duncton village hall at the end of September and gave people a chance to meet up with one another and socialise.

Thank you to everyone who baked or contributed to the raffle or helped serving in the kitchen.

We raised £438 in total for Macmillan, thanks to generous donations, and we plan to do a coffee morning for them next September. Helen Clifford

### DOUGLAS CHICKEN CURRY

#### **Ingredients:**

4 chicken breasts- cut into bite sized chunky bits  
1 large onion – chopped, 2 desert spoons Sherwood's Madras Curry paste  
4-6 bulbs crushed garlic, 1 tablespoon tomato puree,  
¼ - ½ block creamed coconut, 1 tin coconut milk  
4-5 cardamom seeds (pods), 1 bunch fresh coriander

#### **Method:**

Heat small quantity of oil in large pan. Soften onion and garlic in it.  
Add curry paste and stir  
Add chicken and coat with onion and curry mixture  
Add tomato puree. Turn everything. Add cardamom seeds  
Add creamed coconut. Add coconut milk (less if you prefer dry curry)  
Add ½ bunch of chopped coriander  
Mix well and cook slowly, turning occasionally.  
Add salt to your taste,  
and sprinkle on the remaining chopped coriander before serving.  
Serve with pilau rice and crispy poppadums. Yummee!

## NEWS FROM THE VALLEY



### **UPWALTHAM CHURCH READY FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL**

I must say a big big thank you to everyone of you that supported us at church and later at the Harvest Lunch at the barns on Sunday 16th September.

It was a fantastic turnout, a true country service arranged by Vicar David. We raised our voices to hymns of old, with beautiful readings from Hilary and Barbara. The church looked stunning with flowers arranged by Elizabeth and Rachel, and beautiful dahlias from the cutting garden at the barns. All produce was sent to Stonepillow.

The atmosphere in the barns was full of greetings and chatter. We had over a hundred for lunch, which was cooked for us by grandson Simon and his team, a chicken and leek pie, beef casserole, and butternut squash cassoulet, a meal enjoyed by all! With seasonal puddings and crumbles made with locally picked fruits.

I think everyone went home happy after a great get together.  
Best wishes, *Sue Kearsey*

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The Petworth Minibus will be visiting Wisley for their Winter Glow on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the evening and there are spaces for Over 60s members if you wish to go – please contact me for details.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the URC Hall and will be followed by the Christmas Tea – please sign up on the list in the Over 60s Centre.

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

# **The Arts Society West Sussex**

**The Annual General Meeting for Members only will be held on  
Tuesday November 1st at 1.30**

followed by a talk at 2.15 given by Hilary Guise on  
**‘Artists of Montmartre’**

Edgar Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec and Auguste Rodin.

On December 6th Sandy Burnett will give a talk on  
**“Tchaikovsky to Tin Pan Alley”**

Sandy Burnett will share a selection of much loved  
Christmas music from The Nutcracker to JS Bach  
Mulled Wine will be served after the talk

Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB  
Doors open 1.40. Coffee & tea afterwards, Non-members welcome for  
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## **THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

### **GREEKS WHERE WE BEGAN**

By Giles Ramsay

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **CHRISTMAS WITH GILES, GRANDMOTHER AND FAMILY**

By Barry Venning

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The average household of 4 now has 13 electronic appliances. But despite this, according to the Energy Consumption UK Report, domestic usage has decreased over the past couple of decades, partly due to the energy efficiency of modern appliances. Replacement appliances as well as insulation and window replacement require big capital outlays. So, on the grounds of “every little helps” I’ve been looking at small energy saving tips which have proved a useful reminder.

**Heating:** Obvious one to start with: turn down the thermostat. According to the Energy Saving Trust for each degree you cut the thermostat expect to cut bills by around 4%. The EST is adamant that, cost-wise, the heating should only be on when required, not on low all day. Move furniture away from radiators. Consider thick rugs on cold and draughty floors and thick curtains for windows. Also hot water bottles and hooded blankets.

**Lights:** Turn lights off when you leave a room. Use energy-efficient lightbulbs such as LEDs which although costing more last much longer.

**Fridge/freezer:** Don’t put warm food in the fridge. Defrost frozen food in the fridge rather than on worktop as this helps to cool the fridge. Keep fridge reasonably full (even by filling bottles of water) to increase efficiency.

**Washing machine and tumble dryer:** Fully load washing machine and dryer. The fuller the load the more energy-efficient the cycle (according to Which?). Use eco cycles and clear lint filter after each use. Tumble dryers can use a lot of energy but we all know to what degree we can tolerate wet clothes around the house. My velux windows are wonderful for drying clothes and my cat really doesn’t mind!

**Kettle:** Descale regularly and only boil as much water as you need.

**Dishwasher:** Again, use eco settings and wash full loads without overloading.

**Cooker:** Batch cook to save energy costs. Defrost frozen food in advance to reduce cooking time. Pay attention to how long your oven takes to pre-heat, so you’re ready to start cooking as soon as it’s up to the correct temperature.

Small things add up. I quite like the idea of a couple more hours in bed and giving up ironing and hoovering. But I’ll start with lowering the thermostat and wearing a fluffy blanket in front of the TV tonight. Barbara Neighbour

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