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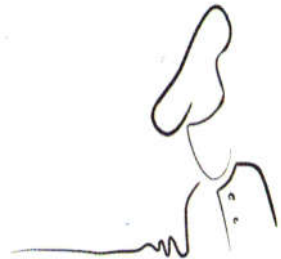
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EDITORIAL

Tears and rain fell all over Sussex on 8th September, the saddest of days, when we lost our beloved Queen Elizabeth. Her earliest visits to Sussex were to Eastbourne in 1936 as Princess Elizabeth and in May 1951 to Worthing, where she opened a post-operative care centre at Courtlands Hospital. During her reign, she made many visits to the county, including attendance at the Maundy service in Chichester cathedral in 1986. Her late Majesty also opened the revamped Gatwick Airport in 1958 and the new North Terminal at Gatwick in 1988, and she was also a regular visitor to Goodwood.

As the nation's period of mourning comes to an end, it will be time to get out our winter clothes ready to start piling on the layers to keep warm. Reminiscing recently with a group of over 60's, a number of us recalled waking up to ice on the inside of the window and pulling on our school uniforms under the bedclothes (no duvets in those days, but a wool blanket or two and an eiderdown) ready to face the cold of an unheated house.

Knowing that some people in our own community will be very hard hit by increases in energy bills and ever-rising food prices, an enterprising group in Tillington has been fundraising to create a hardship fund. It is small beer compared to the enormity of the problems some people may face, but if you know of anyone locally who is not able to keep warm and nourished and may not have the resources to seek help elsewhere, please talk to Reverend David or Annie Sneller as a little bit of assistance might make a big difference and can be arranged. So often, those who are most in need are the last to ask for help. Shouldn't we all look out for each other in the tough winter which may lie ahead?

First, though, we are still coming to the end of harvest time. There is still time to pick and preserve some of the fruits of autumn sunshine in this month's recipes for chutney and hot blackberry sauce.

With winter soon upon us, it is already time to advertise the Tillington Christmas Fair, which takes place next month (see Save the Date on page 12). There are always some fantastic treats in the Silent Auction and, on good authority, we believe it will include a bottle or two of superb local Roebuck sparkling wine – see our interview with the Roebuck manager, James Mead, to learn more. And on the subject of wine, test your knowledge in our quiz on page 28, devised specially for us by Ollie Hartley, and catch up on village news and local events.

Whilst only a few now still remember King George VI, Queen Elizabeth's sense of duty and service as witnessed by all of us, was passed on to her by her father as she in turn has passed the same to King Charles. We should be confident in our future, for we surely have a good King who will be inspired by his mother's example of faith and service.

God Save the King

FROM ALL HALLOWS

I write this letter on the third day of Her Late Majesty the Queen's lying in state, ahead of her funeral at Westminster Abbey.



On the radio, yesterday morning, I heard an interview with a woman who had joined the queue to view the coffin at 10pm, eventually entering Westminster Hall at 6am. Today's wait times are still longer. People from around the world and especially the Commonwealth have been pouring into the building to pay respects to someone whom most of us never knew . . . and yet, in another sense, we knew her very well.

I recently shared with the pupils of my two Church of England village schools my earliest personal memory – as I recalled it - of seeing the late Queen. During the year 1974 I remember racing from my Northampton primary school to the Wellingborough Road. I arrived just in time to stand alongside my mother and maternal grandmother, both waiting in their Sunday best outside a butcher's shop. I must have looked rather less immaculate, bleeding from the knee below my short trousers, having tripped on the pavement. Soon, however, I was returning the wave of a hat-wearing royal figure as she passed by in her black limousine.

After telling the Fittleworth and Duncton children this tale I turned to Google, hoping to verify the exact date of my first sighting of the Queen. Embarrassingly, however, I found no mention of a 1974 visit to Northampton. The Queen Mother did pay a visit that year to cut some ribbons, so I think it must have been she whom I glimpsed that day. Thankfully I have a photograph from another occasion when I did, without question, see the Queen, together with the Duke of Edinburgh, in 2003. On that day Her Majesty opened the newly refurbished Capitol Theatre in Horsham.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury recently commented, Her late Majesty 'lived out her faith every day of her life' and felt sustained by that same faith. In the introduction to a Bible Society book produced for her 90th birthday, she wrote: 'I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness.' Hers was a life of devoted service to this country and the Commonwealth, and admiration and love for her extended still more widely. May she rest in the peace of God's eternal love. And God save King Charles III.

*In friendship,
David*

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There will be a Tillington Village Hall lunch on
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people are coming!



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'Making Bespoke Rolls Royces'
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Gerald 01798 342151.

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Meet: The Horse Guards Inn, Upperton Road, Tillington, GU28 9AF. SU963 220. /// (What Three Words) lifted.using.earlobes.

Contact Gerald if uncertain, on 07748 597 568.

Sadly, dogs are not welcome this time



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FROM THE REGISTERS

All Hallows Church, Tillington
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21st April 1926 - 8th September 2022

The news of the death of Queen Elizabeth was received with great sadness in the Parishes. Books of Condolence were set up in the Churches for villagers and visitors to record their thoughts and prayers (see next page).

Tillington's tenor bell was tolled 105 times from 12 noon on Friday, 9th September by Tower Captain David Miles, following the guidelines set out in "Operation London Bridge."

During the church service on the Sunday following her late Majesty's death, the congregation heard Rev'd David Crook offer words of condolence and also of hope. He read an address written by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On the day of the funeral, from 10 a.m., all five of Tillington's bells were rung, half muffled, to mark the sad occasion.

On Monday evening villagers gathered on Tillington Recreation Ground where Rev'd David said a few words about the day's events and led us in the singing of the National Anthem, before the Tillington Beacon was lit. With the beacon roaring, those present drew close, both in remembrance and in hope for the future.





Throughout the country and the wider world there has been an outpouring of love and gratitude for the life of our late, great Queen. Here are a few extracts from our local condolence books.

“With grateful thanks for the steadfast and faithful service you have given to this country—it has been there, steady and sure, for the whole of my life.”

“We will miss your presence so very much, our lovely Queen.”

“With eternal gratitude for a life eternally devoted to others—your example will never be forgotten. Rest in deserved peace and be reunited with those you loved.”

“In respect and gratitude. 70 glorious years. God save the King.”

“I thank God for your life and your unwavering faith. A life so well lived. You live forever in eternity with your Saviour and Almighty. Lay down your crown and rest.”

“With heartfelt thanks for your devoted, faithful reign. You have been a tower of strength and an example of dignity and integrity throughout your life ... Rest in peace, Your Majesty. God save the King.”

“Words cannot express my admiration and sorrow. May you rise in glory.”

“What a great Lady—a real ambassador for this country. She will be dearly missed.”

“As Belgian citizens we have fallen in love with your country, which we consider our home away from home. That way we have come to learn and admire you as a person and as a Queen. Safe journey, Your Majesty. Rest in peace.”

“God bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you.”

“Love, peace, integrity, hope, faith and encouragement—the six great gifts which you gave to us all. Thank you, Ma’am, for your wonderful example to us all.”

“Thank you.”



21st April 1926 - 8th September 2022

Much has been written of Queen Elizabeth's sense of humour. This is one of our favourite anecdotes:-

A former Royal protection officer recounted the moment that Queen Elizabeth met two American tourists who did not recognize the monarch. Richard Griffin said he was accompanying the Queen on a picnic in Balmoral when they met the pair of Americans.

"The Queen would always stop and say 'hello' when she met people," Mr Griffin said, "so her Majesty greeted the two tourists.

"It was clear from the moment that we first stopped they hadn't recognised the Queen. The American gentleman was telling the Queen where he'd come from, where they were going to next, and where they'd been to in Britain.

"I could see it coming, and sure enough, he said to Her Majesty, 'And where do you live?' She said, 'Well, I live in London, but I have a holiday home just the other side of the hills,' referring to Balmoral."

According to Mr Griffin, the American tourist then asked the Queen how long she had been visiting the area. When she replied that she had been doing so for 'over 80 years', the tourist said: "Well, if you've been coming up for 80 years, you must have met the Queen."

"As quick as a flash she says, 'Well, I haven't, but Dickie here meets her regularly'," Mr Griffin said.

The tourist, turning to Mr Griffin, then asked what the Queen was like, to which he replied: "She can be very cantankerous at times, but she's got a lovely sense of humour," adding, "I knew I could pull her leg."

Moments later, the tourist posed next to Mr Griffin, and, still unaware of her identity, asked the Queen to take a photo of them. Mr Griffin and the Queen then swapped places, he said, and he took a photo of the monarch with the tourists.

"We waved goodbye," Mr Griffin said, "and then Her Majesty said to me, 'I'd love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to friends in America. Hopefully, someone tells him who I am'."

FLORAL TRIBUTE

by Simon Armitage, Poet Laureate

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearly in September
mist.

I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows be- yond the life and
border of its bloom.



God Save the King



(Sky News Composite)

MY DESERT ISLAND DISCS

by

Jeremy Godwin

late of Upperton (1980-2006), now 79 and living in Cumbria



1. **Haydn Symphony No. 94** - my first ever piece of classical music, heard when I was 14 at school.
2. **Mozart Clarinet Quintet** - I play this at dusk to relax.
3. **Schubert Symphony No. 9** - lovely rural feel to it.
4. **Beethoven, Symphony No. 5** - strong and stormy.
5. **Weber, *Der Freischutz*, Overture** - lively and passionate.
6. **Mendelssohn, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Overture** - Magical, evocative.
7. **'Oft in the Stilly Night'** sung by John McCormack.
8. **Scott Joplin, 'Maple Leaf Rag'**.

If I could choose only one, then Haydn.

Book: Herodotus, *The Histories*, Penguin Classics.

Luxury: Paper and HB pencils, sharpeners, and a ream of plain white A4 paper, please.



WASPS



by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Legendary protest singer Woody Guthrie had the slogan ‘This Machine Kills Fascists’ emblazoned across his guitar. The lead singer of John Peel’s beloved Half Man Half Biscuit had ‘This Machine Kills Wasps’ across his. Fascists and wasps. Equally hated and despised. But while the one are a bunch of loathsome invertebrates that should be slapped every time they start to agitate us, I have to confess I have some empathy towards the wasps.

The wasps’ world was created way back in April. A single pregnant queen emerged from her winter-long hibernation, flew, fed and founded a new colony. She single-handedly constructed 30 hexagonal homes from chewed-up wood, laid an egg in each and lovingly tended to her new babies which, when grown, became her workers. Through sheer determination, spit and sawdust they enlarged the colony, constructing an impressive suspended structure. Other workers collected food – caterpillars, flies, spiders – to feed the now-flightless Queen as she produced more eggs.

June was the golden age of the Empire. The colony swelled to almost 6,000 wasps. There was a real buzz about the place: an entire self-contained Utopian society in matching yellow and black uniforms working together to serve their illustrious leader. Inside the dome, the temperature was maintained at 32 degrees. When the temperature rose on hot days, the workers united and the whole colony whirred their wings, creating a community-powered air-conditioning unit.

But dark rumours started. The Queen was becoming crazy for power. Workers’ eggs were being destroyed to ensure only the Queen’s offspring were raised. She had started to create other Queens in her image. With no more workers being born, work levels in the colony increased. The wasps were slaves to a tyrant.

Then comes the news. The Queen dead. Her mesmeric hold over every wasp is lost. Revolution! The virgin Queens flee to mate, hibernate and each start a new colony next year. Meanwhile the colony falls into anarchy. Paper walls are torn down, the temperature plummets. Rome burns. There is fighting and cannibalism. Those that stay face death from cold and starvation. One wasp manages to escape. Alone, betrayed by his leader, without family, without purpose, he is confused and lost in an unfamiliar world. Like so many he turns to alcohol to quieten his pain and the fermented fallen fruits of Autumn provide temporary relief. Intoxicated and hungry he stumbles around searching for sugar.

And now in his dying days he bumps into us: giant creatures with sweet drinks and snacks. Our reaction to this 15mm political refugee? To swat him away with rolled up copies of the Daily Mail. So this Autumn, have some sympathy for the lowly wasp.

PET PORTRAIT



Mary & Margot are 2-year-old Kune Kune sisters.

Very friendly if a little demanding, noisy and pushy around feed time. Their favourite meal is mango, banana, apples and melon. If not invited to a family BBQ, they gatecrash the party and have been known to wipe out the whole table and a few guests. No table manners!

They are very fond of being groomed and will roll over for hours to receive tummy rubs. They adore cuddles, being stroked and are excellent listeners. Kune Kune pigs are wonderful pets as long as you have lovely neighbours and no attachment to a beautiful lawn or flower beds.

To keep their skin in good condition they have regular pig oil massages. I occasionally have to get them drunk on strong cider to send them into a deep sleep, allowing me time to trim their nails. I have learnt the hard way that I will never win a pig wrestle.

They communicate with each other and me using soft happy grunts—this is very sweet compared to their feed-time racket.

Just in case you are wondering, as I often get asked ... the girls will be pets for life, not sausages or bacon. They will eat everything but I'm not planning on having to get rid of any criminal evidence!

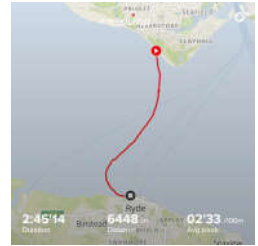
Becky Clare

"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."— Winston Churchill.

SOLENT SWIM IN AID OF WESSEX CANCER TRUST

On Saturday 27th August, after many years of wanting to do it, I swam to the Isle of Wight.

Just 20 swimmers split in to two groups, some in wetsuits and some not (me). We were each allocated our own kayaker and we set off from the Life Boat Station at Stokes Bay, Gosport, destination the beach by Ryde Pier. The sun was shining and the sea calm and warm—conditions couldn't have been any better.



The Swim was going well, when suddenly the group were called to a halt. Looking up I could see the reason why—a large blue ferry was heading our way. Of course, we were in no real danger—the Queens Harbour Master had given us permission to swim—but for a moment I thought we were going to run the gauntlet as we started off again while it was still headed our way! Fortunately, others knew better than me and it passed by safely and we weren't sucked under the bow.

Soon we were whizzing along. Next obstacle a small cargo ship. I thought at first it wasn't moving, but soon it went by, or did it? Turns out it was an optical illusion due to the speed of the tide and it was stationary after all!

Although everything had been meticulously planned, the tide was stronger than anticipated, so our route was pushed to the right of the pier and not the beach on the left. After some heavy going, with “are we nearly there yet?” going through my mind, eventually we reached the side of the pier and clambered out! There a waiting boat whisked us back to Stokes Bay, where we were met by applause from the people waiting on the beach!

A tough but very satisfying swim.

Susan Douglas, Tillington



GARDEN NOTES

- ☼ After the warmth and the wet, it is a great time to tidy the borders to prevent diseases such as black spot from overwintering and to avoid the spread of damaging fungi—don't compost these leaves. Divide congested perennials and mulch with well rotted manure or spent mushroom compost to insulate plants. Make sure any home made compost is well rotted, so no pests or fungi are brought back to the soil.
- ☼ Tie in any long shoots of the climbing roses before the autumn winds damage them. Lift dahlia plants (although it is tempting to leave them in, they can get forgotten with new planting!) and wait for the new shoots next spring before planting out. Keep an eye on the tubers for any disease. While they are in the greenhouse, make sure the greenhouse is well cleaned inside and out, and remove any dead plant material. Put in any tender plants that need to overwinter there.
- ☼ Now is the best time to move trees and shrubs and plant hedges.
- ☼ Cut down peas and beans to ground level after they have cropped. This is one of the best ways of fixing nitrogen into the soil as the roots break down.
- ☼ Hang any unripened tomato plants upside down to ripen in the greenhouse. Clear the straw from around the base of strawberry plants. Divide any congested clumps of rhubarb plants by digging them up and splitting them in pieces with a spade. Replant the healthiest looking pieces.
- ☼ Lawns: This is the best time to renovate lawns with turf and create new grass areas.
- ☼ Don't forget to get the daffodil bulbs in and plant the tulip bulbs, preferably in November. Plant as many pansies and wallflowers as you can, (pansies are in flower now) and mix the wallflowers with the tulips for the spring. What joy!

Happy Gardening!

Gillie Ross



TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM CHURCH SERVICES
DURING OCTOBER 2022

	All Hallows Church, Tillington	Holy Trinity Church, Duncton	St Mary's Church, Upwaltham
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 2 October	Breakfast Church 9.45am/All-Age Service at 10.15am		
Wednesday 5 October	BCP Holy Communion at 10am		
Seventeenth Sun- day after Trinity, 9 October	Joint Harvest Festival Family Communion with Fittleworth at 9.30am	Harvest Festival Par- ish Communion at 11am	
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, 16 October	BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am		Harvest Festival Service
	Five-Parish Evening Prayer online via Zoom at 6pm. Please contact David to register for his weekly email with Zoom links.		
Wednesday, 19 October	<u>No Midweek Communion today</u>		
Last Sunday after Trinity, 23 October	Morning Prayer and Praise at 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion at 10.30am	
Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 30 October	Five Parishes, Fifth- Sunday Patronal Festival service at 10.30am		

Additional services in our group during August:

2 October: 9.30 Harvest Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham.

9 October: 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; No All-Age Service at Fittleworth; 6pm BCP Evensong at Stopham.

16 October: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham.

23 October: No service at Fittleworth; 11am Harvest Festival Service at Stopham.

30 October: 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; no service today at Stopham.

David Crook, Priest-in-Charge

Kids' Pages

What happens when you
tread on grapes?
They wine!

Why did the orange
stop?
*Because it ran out of
juice!*

How do you make an
apple turnover?
Roll it down the hill!

What kind of shoes are
made from banana peel?
Slippers!

Why did the
tomato blush?
*Because it saw the
salad dressing!*

ORIGAMI (from *ori* meaning 'folding', and *kami* meaning 'paper') is the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. It is believed that paper was first invented in China around the second century AD: however, many people believe that paper is even older than this.

Paper was brought to Japan around 500 AD by Buddhist monks. In Japan folding paper became an art form. At first it was mostly used in religious ceremonies, because paper was expensive, and most people couldn't afford to buy it. Origami was also used to create paper butterflies for wedding ceremonies.

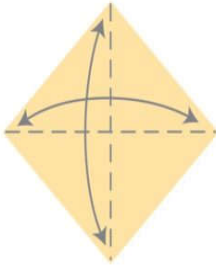
The work of renowned painter and print artist Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858) inspired our origami crab. Hiroshige produced many prints in the *Kachoga* genre (meaning 'pictures of birds and flowers'), although the images often combined fish, insects and small animals with flowers.



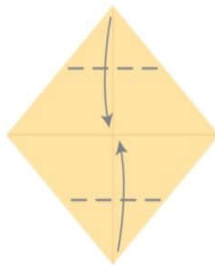
ORIGAMI CRAB

There are lots of books and sites on the internet about folding paper into lots and lots of different things: planes, butterflies, fish and many more.

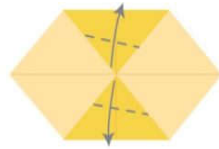
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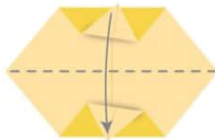
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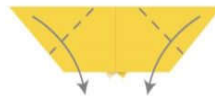
2. Fold upper and lower corners to the centre.



3. Fold the corners out at slight angles so the tips stick out just past the edges of the paper.



4. Fold in half downwards.



5. Fold two flaps down. The exact angle isn't important.



6. Fold two corners behind.



7. Crease the front tips to point downwards.



8. Now your crab is finished!

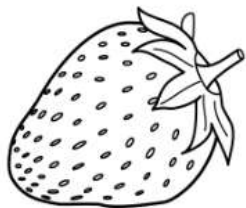
Fruits Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Fruit words in the word search puzzle below.
(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

BANANA	GRAPES	NECTARINE
BLUEBERRY	GUAVA	ORANGE
CANTALOUPE	HONEYDEW	PEAR
CHERRY	MANGO	PLUM



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TILLINGTON SIDESPEOPLE AND READERS OCTOBER 2022

Date	Time	Service	Sidespeople	Readers
Sunday 2nd	9.45 for 10.15 am	Breakfast Church	TEAM	TEAM
Sunday 9th 17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Joint Harvest Festival Family Communion with Fittleworth	Mr & Mrs Williams	Mr Williams 2 Tim 2.8-15
Sunday 16th	9.30 am 6 pm	BCP Holy Communion Zoom Evening Prayer	Mrs Blunt and Mrs Woodhatch	Mr Miles
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer and Praise	Mr & Mrs Fergusson	Mrs Fergusson 2 Tim 4.6-8, 16—18
Sunday 30th 4th Sunday before Advent	10.30 am	Fifth Sunday, Five Parishes Patronal Festival Parish Communion for All Saints & All Souls	Mr & Mrs Garrow	t.b.c.

RAINFALL FOR AUGUST 2022

Year	August	Year Total
2022	49mms	307mms
2021	71mms	645mms
2020	93mms	472mms
2019	67mms	421mms
2018	82mms	619mms
2017	86mms	574mms
2016	33mms	561mms

John Mayes, Haymarsh

After many years of providing us all with rainfall statistics, John Mayes has decided to hang up his rain gauge by the end of this year.

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.

IN CAHOOTS

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I have been in Hotwater many times; the older I get, the easier it is to get there. I actually kind of enjoy it there.

So far, I haven't been in Continent, but my travel agent says I'll be going soon



HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS

“Hedgehogs abound in my garden and field,” wrote Gilbert White of Selborne fame, but that was on 22 February 1770. When did you last see one? Please let us know if there are any little balls of bristles hiding under the hedges of our parishes.

Where have all the hedgehogs gone? The British Hedgehog Preservation Society estimates that half of all rural hedgehogs in Britain and a third of the urban ones have gone since 2000 alone, so that the species is on the Red List, which means it meets the threshold for vulnerability to extinction in the U.K.

Alas, poor Fuzzypeg ! These little spiny mammals do not share our predilection for hard landscaping and need a less kempt, more natural environment with freedom to roam. The U.K. is now considered one of the most nature depleted countries in the world due to the roads and cars cutting into our landscape, and the plight of the hedgehogs is worse in rural areas than in urban ones, due, in part, to chemical pesticides and loss of hedgerows.

There are several animal projects linked to the phrase "Highways", which I am pleased to say is nothing to do with the Internet but a practical way in which we can all support our wildlife. Duncton Parish Council, like many other Parish Councils, has been approached to raise awareness of the plight of our hedgehogs within the community. The larger project seeks to secure parcels of land across the county so that animals can pass and repass safely.

The Hedgehog Highway is far more humble. It is a 5-inch gap in a fence or wall allowing access for hedgehogs into our gardens, allotments, fields and the like. Other names include 'Hedgehog Door', 'Hedgehog Hole' and 'Hedgehog Tunnel'. These gaps are essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends. The Hedgehog Highway allows hedgehogs to:

- Forage for food
- Meet mates to breed
- Access nesting sites



There have been some misleading data around hedgehogs, which suggest they are on the increase, but, sorry to say, that is not, strictly speaking, true. So if you are lucky enough to have hedgehogs in the garden, please leave some areas on the wild side with fallen leaves and twigs and create a hedgehog highway through the fence or hedge.

There is further information available, so feel free to email hedgehogs-rus@mail.com if you need more details, and do let us know if you have seen a hedgehog lately.

Keith Naphine, Duncton Parish Council

WINE QUIZ



1. What is the difference between the Shiraz and Syrah grapes?
2. Which wine region in France does Claret come from?
3. Name one of the three main grape varieties used in making local Sussex sparkling wine?
4. How many standard 75cl bottles would you get out of a Nebuchadnezzar of champagne?
5. Approximately how many bubbles are there in a bottle of champagne?
6. On a bottle of Cognac, what do the letters V.S.O.P. stand for?
7. What was Winston Churchill's favoured brand of champagne?
8. Which famous Bordeaux Chateau is chosen by James Bond in the railway dining carriage with Vesper Lynd in the 2006 film of Casino Royale?
9. What is the name given to a bottle of wine containing 150cl?
10. What is the favoured champagne of rapper, Jay-Z?
11. What variety of wood is commonly used to make barrels for ageing wine?
12. Does red wine become darker or lighter with age?
13. Who was the Greek god of wine?



14. Who was Dom Perignon?
15. Which decade first saw the production of English sparkling wine using locally grown grapes?
16. Which grape variety is used in the production of red wine in the Burgundy region of France?
17. In the 1980s, which wine brand did the French allegedly “adore?”
18. In 1748, George, Duke of Clarence and brother of Edward IV was drowned in a butt of what?
19. In 1308, Pope Clement V relocated the papacy to Avignon in southern France. Which local wine is named after his new home ?
20. The traditional champagne “coupe” was said to be inspired by which French Queen’s breasts?

Answers on page 33

HEROIC POEM IN PRAISE OF WINE

by Hilaire Belloc

To exalt, enthrone, establish and defend,
To welcome home mankind’s mysterious friend
Wine, true begetter of all arts that be;
Wine, privilege of the completely free;
Wine the recorder; wine the sagely strong;
Wine, bright avenger of sly-dealing wrong;
Awake, Ausonian Muse, and sing the vineyard song!



RIDDLE OF THE GREENSAND – SECRETS OF ENGLISH BUBBLY

I was not particularly hopeful of learning any of the secrets of one of our best local sparkling wines when I headed off to meet James Mead of the Roebuck vineyard, but did perhaps wonder if I might be offered a glass – even at 3.30 p.m. Never too early (or too late) for a glass of fizz.

The Roebuck home vineyard, where it all started with the planting of the first vines back in 2006, stretches out along the gentle slopes above the north side of the A272 as you leave Tillington for Midhurst. Sussex is probably now the heartland of English sparkling wine and Roebuck is but one of the producers across the county growing the traditional trio of grape varieties used for champagne: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

What then makes our sparkling wine similar to champagne but also so different? Slightly higher acidity perhaps, and a little more mineral on the palate. Masses of tiny bubbles tingle on the tongue just like a good champagne. Is the secret in the grapes, the soil, the climate, the orientation of the vines or the labour of love, pruning and weeding among the vines? Here are some of the questions and answers put to James.

Q. Very interested in what this year's harvest is going to be.

So are we! Picking starts in earnest on the 20th September which is the earliest harvest we have ever experienced. Aside from the mixed weather at the start of September, it's been a rather fabulous growing season. We thankfully didn't experience any late spring frosts, which we have come to expect in recent years. We then had good weather over flowering at end of June, leading to good and uniform fruit set for our plentiful bunches of grapes. The heat of July and August put a little stress on some of our younger vines but all in all they enjoyed basking in the sunshine!

Q. What has the unusual dry weather thrown up by way of challenge?

As a rule of thumb we tend to start picking in the last week of September but, for obvious reasons, this year it will be earlier. As we've seen, weather can turn quickly and so our team are spending almost every waking moment monitoring the vines and ensuring that the quality of the crop doesn't start to deteriorate.

Q. Quality vs. quantity, perhaps?

Both (we hope)!

Q. When will this year's harvest be wine in the bottle?

This is very much where patience is required. Once the fruit is picked, it is pressed within 12 hours and fermentation starts soon after. This fermentation can last anywhere between weeks and months and normally we start to assemble our blends in the following Spring. Some of the wines created may well hit

shelves and cellars within 2 years but others, particularly in great vintages, may only be released 5 years or more after harvest.

Q. Does it pay to lay it down for drinking later?

Our philosophy, and commitment to quality, dictates that we only release wines when we feel they have hit their drinking window. This includes both ageing on lees and allowing the wines some time to settle under cork when they have been disgorged. That's not to say that they won't continue to improve with age, but they should be in their perfect window for consumption when bought and opened.

Q. Which of your wines are you most proud of and which should I buy a bottle or two of for the Christmas Fair and for our Christmas?

We are on the cusp of releasing our 2016 vintage of Classic Cuvée which is drinking superbly (and for the first time is available in magnums for those who are feeling particularly thirsty!). It was a year which required a huge amount of hard work from our in-house vineyard crew and so represents a special vintage for them in particular.

Q. And plans/challenges for the future?

Our commitment to the continual elevation of quality of the grapes which we grow is always at the top of our list of priorities. This high quality fruit directly impacts the quality of our wines and so it needs absolute focus. We hope that this in turn, will lead to our wines being increasingly hunted down both at home and abroad!

Last word from James: By the way, do feel free to mention that if you see any of our teams wearing Roebuck branded clothing, out in the vineyards, do stop to ask them about the vines and growing season—they are all very happy to share their knowledge. And the sandy acidic soil of the South Downs known as green-sand is one of the secrets.

Sue Laker but mainly James Mead

“I drink my champagne when I’m happy and when I’m sad.

Sometimes I drink it when I’m alone.

When I have company I consider it obligatory.

I trifle with it if I’m not hungry and drink it when I am.

Otherwise I never touch it—unless I’m thirsty.”



Madame Lily Bollinger (1961)

GREEN TOMATO CHUTNEY

Ingredients

3lb green tomatoes	1 or 2 apples
Tablespoon of cooking salt	3/4 lb soft brown sugar
4oz dried prunes	Dessert spoon of mustard seed
4 oz dates	1 Teaspoon mixed pickling spice
1/2 lb onions	1 pt malt vinegar



Method

Wipe tomatoes and divide into quarters, cutting out the stalk ends. Chop up roughly if large and put in a large basin with the salt sprinkled well through them and leave overnight. Soak prunes in water overnight.

Next day drain the liquid off tomatoes and put them into a aluminium or lined pan with the chopped, stoned prunes and dates. Add onions and apples cut in slices or chopped to match other fruits. Cover with the sugar and other ingredients, bring to the boil and simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hrs removing lid of pan until mixture is thick and reduced to a soft pulp. If the tomatoes were very green and have not fallen to softness, gently use a liquidiser to smooth the texture a bit. Pour into cleaned warm jars and cover securely.

This recipe is basic and will take additions of alternative or additional fruits according to taste or availability and can be smooth or chunky according to preference.

Liz Williams



HOT BLACKBERRY SAUCE

Connoisseurs of hot pink sauce (i.e. Pearce Duff's raspberry blancmange straight off the hob) poured over a bowl of vanilla ice cream will know that lovely combination of piping hot and freezing cold and the sweet intermediate gloop that results. The epitome of comfort food, it has been a favourite pudding of mine for as long as I can remember.

This time of year, another version comes into its own and we enjoy hot blackberry sauce with vanilla ice cream. The recipe could not be simpler. Fill a saucepan with blackberries, add a splash (and only a splash) of water and sugar to taste and gently stew until disintegrated (about five minutes or so). Strain the whole lot through a sieve to remove the pips. Pour over ice cream and enjoy!

Liz Beadsley

DUNCTON VILLAGE HALL

The AGM was held on August 31, and Tom Cole, Chairman, reported on activity since the Hall reopened to hirers in June 2021. Bookings have included weddings, family parties, funeral receptions, camping, cycling and RVCC events, First Aid courses, plus weekly sessions for art, qigong, choir, and yoga. Many local organisations use the Hall for their regular meetings.

Local events have included a Macmillan Coffee morning (next one September 30), the annual Fireworks (next one November 12), in March a coffee morning to support Ukraine, and the Fun Dog Show in August that raised funds for Duncton's Holy Trinity church. All were well-supported. The Rude Mechanicals' shows held on the recreation ground are welcome treats, with the next already booked for 6 July 2023.

We are in a good financial position, so you will see further investment in the Hall in 2022/3. This ongoing programme will benefit the local community for many years to come. Over the past four years we have arranged a new floor, replacement windows and doors, new curtains, and a heating system upgrade. In the past year we have purchased new crockery and glassware, replaced many electrical appliances, and installed Broadband. The new Community Orchard has been planted. Improving Hall acoustics is next on the agenda. Our focus will then switch to arranging better storage facilities and replacing chairs and tables.

We must thank Rob Knight for his considerable efforts in managing the Hall and dealing with bookings, as well as undertaking most of our maintenance work. Also, many thanks to Becky Stanbridge for cleaning and housekeeping, Andy Gadd for mowing the recreation ground and Helen Brown for gardening. And of course, all the Committee who freely give so much time to ensure our valuable community asset is kept in good order and the business managed properly.

We offer generous discounts for locals, especially those wishing to organise community and charity events. Please contact Rob on enquiry@dunctonvillagehall.org if interested. It's a great venue with wonderful views, and easy access, and we wish to see it used and enjoyed by everyone in the local community.

Tom Cole



P A C T NEWS

Petworth Area Churches Together
working together in harmony

SPEAKER ON UKRIANIAN REFUGEES

Autumn Lecture on Friday October 14th at 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Petworth GU28 0AD.



A very topical subject considering the number of Ukrainians who have arrived locally.

We are delighted to welcome Roger Pask, the founder and trustee of Sanctuary in Chichester—part of the wider City of Sanctuary movement—to discuss how we can respond to the crises and challenges of the present times.

People from Ukraine, Afghanistan and elsewhere are arriving in our area in great need, having lost everything and suffered devastating trauma.

Sanctuary in Chichester is committed to welcoming them and helping them to survive before supporting them to integrate, heal and thrive.

Do join us. Free Entry. Wine and Canapés.

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ANSWERS TO WINE QUIZ

1 No difference—same variety. 2 Bordeaux. 3 Chardonnay, Pinot Noir or Pinot Meunier. 4 20. 5 49,000,000. 6 Very Special/Superior/Old Pale. 7 Pol Roger. 8 Chateau L'Angelus. 9 A magnum. 10 Armand de Brignac, Ace of Spades. 11 Oak. 12 Lighter. 13 Bacchus. 14 A monk. 15 1950's. 16 Pinot Noir. 17 Le Plat d'Or. 18 Malmsey/Madeira. 19 Chateauneuf-du-Pape. 20 Queen Marie Antoinette.

NEWS FROM THE VALLEY

Harvest season is upon us. We celebrated Lammas at St Mary's on 21st August and it was very special. It marks the midpoint between Summer Solstice and the Autumn Equinox — the first day of Autumn this year is the 23rd September. Lammas represents the first harvest, a celebration of the grain and all the fruits and vegetables that are ripe.

Harvest Festival is the celebration of a successful harvest and this year Upwaltham will be having their service and celebrations on 16th October. Service at 11.30, 3-course lunch at the Barns 12.30 to 1.00pm (see below) .

With modern machinery and climate change the seasons seem to be altering, bringing in the Harvest much earlier.

Upwaltham made the news recently with one of the harvested fields on fire. It was rather frightening for a while, but Edward Tupper and workers ploughed some furrows around the advancing flames, creating a firebreak. Then fire engines arrived to dampen the field down.

There will be no services in September. So please come and join us in October.

Best wishes to all

Sue Kearsey

UPWALTHAM HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 16th October



11.30 am

Service at St Mary's Church, Upwaltham.

12.30 for 1.00 pm

3-Course Lunch at the Barns

Raffle

COME AND CELEBRATE THE HARVEST

Tickets £20.

Contact Sue on 01798 343145 or email suekearsey39@gmail.com.

The Arts Society West Sussex

On October 4th Lucy Hughes-Hallet will talk on

Cleopatra “Images of a Dream Woman”

Cleopatra has been inspiring painters, poets and filmmakers for two millennia. This talk will show how she became a canvas onto which artists have projected their wildly differing fantasies.

On 1st November Hilary Guise will give a talk on

‘Artists of the Montmartre’

Artists of Montmatre heralded the coming [age](#).
The three most significant artists were Edgar Degas,
Toulouse-Lautrec and Auguste Rodin.

Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB

Doors open 1.40. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome for £7 (cash only please). Contact Jackie Buckler
on 01903411086 or email westsussex@theartssociety.org

THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 5th October 2022

CHOPIN AND THE POLISH SOUL

By Rosamund Bartlett

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

GREEKS WHERE WE BEGAN

By Giles Ramsay

Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB
Starting time 10.45 am, preceded by coffee from 09.50 am

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Petworth & District Over 60s Centre – The Friendship Centre

Together with the Nation, the members of Petworth & District Over 60s Centre mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II and welcome King Charles III and wish him a long and peaceful reign.

A small group of members enjoyed a good afternoon quiz with the Easebourne ladies and we won!

Our Bingo sessions this month are on Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th October at 2.00 pm. The minibus will be available to take you to the Centre. We will be holding a Coffee Morning in the URC Hall on Saturday 22 October from 10.00 to 12 noon. All contributions to the tombola, raffle and cake stall will be grateful received, either in the Centre in the week before or on the day. Please note that the Centre is currently open only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (unless there is a Bingo session).

We have welcomed a number of new members, some of whom are willing to join the rota ,for which we are most grateful. Thank you.

Caroline Stoneman – House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

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