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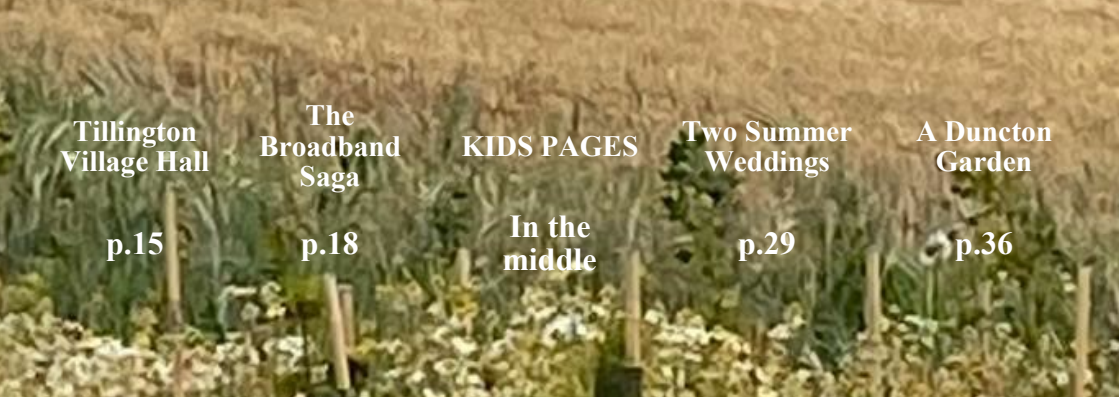
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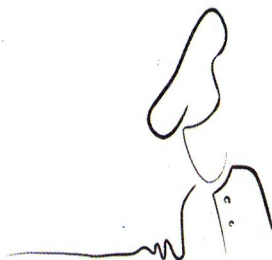
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EDITORIAL

Back to School, with all the clock-watching of school journeys and getting everyone out of the door, with the right kit, snacks and attitude on time! We salute all of you facing this challenge. There will be new Uni adventures for some, mellow changes in daylight hours and weather, and fruitfulness in the orchards... all part of Autumn, or the Fall, as we apparently used to call it! (See Kids Pages)

Our love of our gardens and learning to bring sustainability to our endeavours feature in this month's magazine. A timely warning about ticks and their evil ways, and a delightful piece on the small but somewhat savage Water Shrew, by Michael Blencowe, will amuse you (as usual).

The modern day Saga of Superfast Broadband – which sadly is anything but, in Tillington – will update you on a frustrating 3-year quest by Karen Miller. (Page 20)

The gooey, boozy Chocolate Brownie recipe may cheer you up ... so get cooking and invite the neighbours!

One thought: the Petworth Minibus (page 13) keeps quite busy, helping those who cannot drive to get to the shops. Is there a case for re-introducing such a thing in our 3 Parishes? Please be in touch with the Editorial Team with your views.

FROM THE REGISTERS

All Hallows Church, Tillington

Baptism - 13 August: Percy Underwood

Wedding - 22 July: Amy Dallyn and Miles MacDonald

Wedding - 5 August: Faith Ruffle and Lewis Ali

Interment of Ashes - 19 July: Peter Stapley

Holy Trinity Church, Duncton

Wedding - 12 August: Sian Watters and Guy Shepherd

Wedding - 26 August: Stacey Bedford and Henry Madgwick

St Mary the Virgin Church, Upwaltham

Wedding - 29 July: Poppy Gold and Gary Hart

Wedding - 16 August: Maria Edney and Simon Reilly

FROM DAVID CROOK, OUR PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

What are the prospects of plenty of September sunshine to help us to forget how poor a summer it has been? We are owed some better weather, certainly.

As a new school year begins, our thoughts naturally focus on pupils and teachers. Speaking for myself, I always feel rather regretful as September dawns. Why didn't I watch more county cricket? Why didn't I use those long Spring and early-Summer evenings to work harder in the Fittleworth Rectory Garden? By the time this magazine is published, we shall have celebrated Lammas, the festival of the Harvest first fruits, at Upwaltham, and shall be preparing for our Harvest celebrations at Duncton, Tillington and Upwaltham in October. The major theme of the Autumn 'season of invitation' is generosity. This is one of the greatest God-given gifts and, praise God, we know how to live in that spirit. Across our villages, people give generously and compassionately of their time, talents and resources. Our Ukrainian guests, Olga and Sofia, were beneficiaries of that, as they lived among us in Tillington for 18 months, and we wish them well in their London adventure.

Although I talk about it reluctantly, generosity is also about money. Thank you to everyone who financially supports our churches in Duncton, Tillington and Upwaltham. Each of them registered modest surpluses last year and we paid in full our expected parish shares to the Diocese of Chichester, allowing them, among other things, to support church schools and the May youth Camp, to offer essential safeguarding expertise and training, and to repair clergy housing. We have also supported a range of smaller charities, as well as the Royal British Legion at Remembrance, and The Children's Society at Christmas.

Increasingly, however, we are only able to do this by additional fundraising (always with the emphasis on 'fun'). Regular expenditure is consistently exceeding regular income, and we are facing some considerable expenses for maintenance and repairs. So, I am inviting you prayerfully to consider, either whether you may be able to support your village church with a monthly gift, or, indeed, whether your situation might permit a modest increase in what you are already regularly giving. Please be in touch with the church treasurer or myself if you would like to commence or amend a standing order or direct debit. If you are a UK tax-payer, gift aiding your regular donation makes a huge difference over the course of a year. Not everyone is able to do this, of course, so rest assured that your time, talents and prayers are valued equally.

The most certain way for churches to improve their finances is to attract more people. A very happy Kids' Club in Petworth, once again, confirmed our ambition to do more for families and children. Research shows that, when two or three families start coming to church together, that can be the start of something new and wonderful. It would be fantastic if, across our group of churches, there were a children's Sunday School somewhere most weeks. We can make that happen with a degree of parental commitment, so please tell me if you are interested.

In friendship, David

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If you are approaching retirement or already partly or fully retired, come and find out more at the Midhurst Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 16th September. It would be helpful if you could email us to say you are coming: midhurstu3a@gmail.com.

You can also explore the website: www.u3asites.org.uk/midhurst.

PETWORTH WARD NEWSLETTER

Autumn is here, life goes on and it's mostly good.

I don't often talk about my position on the South Downs National Park Authority but since many of my parishes are partly or wholly inside the Park, I wanted to mention a little of what has been happening. This year has seen a big turnover of members because of the local elections and the Secretary of State adding a few new members, with some old ones departing.

Most of what the Park Authority does can be found on the South Downs National Park web pages. My biggest input is taken up with planning. One of the interesting planning decisions we make is the Boomtown Music Festival, which takes place in the deep valley past Cheesefoot viewpoint just before you get to Winchester. This festival attracts over 60,000, people with a staff of some six thousand. I was privileged to attend the first day with other members of the Planning Committee and it was an eye opener for those who have never been to a Glastonbury type music festival. I confess to attending only a few many, many years ago. Whatever you think of music festivals, they give a huge number of people pleasure, which I for one cannot criticize. We give planning permission for this Festival, so it was good to see it in action. Lots of happy people.

I also sit on a committee of the SDNP called the South Downs National Park Trust, which raises money for projects to improve the environment and access for all to the Park. We are gradually replacing stiles with gates to allow access for buggies and wheelchairs, and have raised funds to reinstate the dew ponds. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the Downs in all their forms, which are so very different along the 120 mile length. Like all local authorities, we have to run with tight budgets but I think we achieve a lot, especially when you see the work done in places like the Seven Sisters Country Park. Now that really is worth a visit, but you'll need the day to do it justice.

County Council meetings come to a bit of a halt during August but there are always e-mails and the odd visit, especially with highways issues. Be assured I report every highway problem that I see for myself or am made aware of. If you see a white line around anything on the road, it means that since being reported, the Highways Steward deems it needs attention and should be attended to within a 28 day timescale.

We would like to hear from anyone interested in fostering and, as I've mentioned before, if you know of any carers, young or old, who need help, it is available. Many thousands of carers have registered with the County Council but many are not registered and we really would like to help carers where we can.

Let's hope for a lovely autumn and keep safe. As ever, if you need to contact me it's janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or mobile 07979152898.

Janet Dunton, County Councillor, Petworth Division

TILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL - 65 YEARS OF HOSPITALITY!

When did you last visit the Village Hall in Tillington?

On 16th August the Hall celebrated its 65th Birthday — quite a milestone, and a tribute to the many in our community who have kept it in good order over the years! Built in 1958, and opened with great ceremony with a grand buffet tea, it became an essential community space for everyone. Tillington once boasted a village school and a shop, as well as the popular pub and active church, all places where the community, young and old, rich and poor, could get to know one another. The Village Hall was added to give space for everyone to enjoy — to arrange gatherings, celebrations, classes, lectures and meetings of every kind, for all the clubs and societies that were so vital to social life. Plays, performances and all manner of entertainment were centred in the Hall.

In the past 20 years it has been upgraded and modernised, and now comprises a large hall area, a smaller meeting room and a well-equipped kitchen. It has two screens, one capable of doing Power Point and the other of showing films. The smaller room seats 24 and is used for the Coffee mornings every Wednesday morning (all welcome) the Men's and Women's Breakfasts and monthly Village lunches. It works well as a small group meeting area.

The large hall houses all kinds of social gatherings - Yoga and Pilates classes, Art Classes, Singing for fun, the Joint Men's and Women's breakfasts with a special speaker, and community events like the upcoming Pre-Loved Clothes Sale (30th September), International Food Festival (October 14th), and the Christmas Fair (late November).

Since Covid, the Hall has become significantly underused. The committee who look after it would be delighted to hear from you if you have a class to give of any kind, a party to hold, a hobby to share, an event to arrange, or a club you would like to start. It's perfect for fund raising quiz nights, bingo, art shows, flower arranging classes, archive and local history days, Scottish dancing, kid's pizza and ping pong, knitting bees, book clubs ... it's a great place to come.

There are plans to install 2 EV chargers and reconnect WiFi in the coming months. The committee have always longed for access to a small area of open space behind the Hall, to increase its facilities. They continue to press forward in hope.

To hire it is extremely reasonable: local residents get a discounted rate and the charges range from £12 per hour for the small room and £200 for the whole building for the day. Look on www.tillington.org for more details and photos. Contact Kate Knight 07989 620 857 or 01798 865 982. kateknight1972@btinternet.com

To the people of Tillington!

I, Olga Mykhylichenko and my daughter, Sofia would like to thank all of you for your wonderful hospitality and for kindly providing us with a beautiful and welcoming home during our stay in Tillington! My daughter and I are lucky to have lived in this peaceful and picturesque place! We are glad to have met such kind, supportive and caring people! We would like to firstly thank our sponsors, Shelley and Fergie Fergusson, who have been our mentors and guides throughout this time. They took on a lot of responsibility, have organised a support group for us, as well as helping us with anything we needed during our whole stay here, for which we are entirely grateful.

Also, we thank our kind neighbours and each of the support groups, each of whom every day has helped us: Angela, Gerald and Philip, Connie, Vivienne, Gill and Geoff, Elaine, Becky, Juliet and Jon, Annie and Bob, Sarah, Jenny and Nigel, David, Tina, Vivienne, Carmen, Vivienne and Paul, Lee and Mark, Natasha, Nikki, Barunka and Tom, Lucy and Charlie, Charlotte and Guy, Charlotte, Norma, Mike and every person in Tillington for providing such substantive help, support and the opportunity to live here in safety.

I would like to thank Catherine and Hugh Rolfe separately for the help they provided, for their time and tireless work and support!!!

We thank Priest David and everyone who prays for us and for the future peace in Ukraine!!!

All of you are an example of kindness and decency to us!!!

With thanks to you all from the bottom of our hearts, on behalf of all Ukrainians!!! We wish you and your families all the best!!! You will always remain in our hearts!!!

Best wishes and much love,

Olga and Sofia

Olga and Sofia made a big move to London on 2nd August, to seek better job prospects and a wider Ukrainian Community for them both. We will miss them very much and pray for a bright future in East Dulwich. Their time in Tillington was hugely appreciated, as this letter affirms. Thanks to everyone involved.



THE ONGOING SAGA OF THE HUNT FOR THE ELUSIVE FFTP (FAST FIBRE BROADBAND)

Almost three years ago, September 2020, I was made aware of the availability of Government and Council vouchers that would support the provision of FFTP to ‘rural areas’, which, with luck, included ours. As our broadband has notoriously been quite poor, I decided to apply for the scheme thinking that it could benefit not just ourselves but others too. What I thought would be a fairly simple process turned out to be anything but, with the saga still ongoing.

To begin with it seemed straightforward. After filling out a few forms online and gathering some interest from neighbours in Upperton to get enough properties on a list, we had initial contact with the Openreach Broadband team. Nothing too complicated, right? Oh, how wrong we were!

By April 2021, after some work on their end, Openreach asked that we now include part of Tillington on our list as we shared a “line” with them – this seemed logical, so my daughter and I wrote a covering letter to garner up interest/explain the situation before hunting down said properties on “the line” (easier said than done it would seem!). After our little adventure, which even led us over the A272(!), we submitted an updated list to Openreach and crossed our fingers. Unbeknown to us, Openreach removed a few of the original properties from our list as they came under a different “exchange”, which was unfortunate, but we still had enough numbers to apply. After a bit of a wait, we finally heard back from Openreach, and hurrah, they gave us a “quote”. Even better still, we were assured that the Government Vouchers would cover the costs as we had the required numbers! Our hopes were high, but this did not last for long. The lines went quiet, and we were left waiting.

Unfortunately, it transpires that Openreach failed to send out communications to those interested residents on our list, meaning that we didn’t gain the Government vouchers in time and thus missed the initial deadline for the scheme.

Frustration was bubbling.

We were nearly two years down the line and had hit a brick wall. After some hair pulling, I contacted Tom Compton and we, with Jon Pollard, formed a small sub-committee to help support the process and to provide a Legal Entity - The Tillington Parish Council.

After more head scratching, I contacted the Broadband team at Chichester County Council as well as Andrew Griffith, to attempt to move forwards. Lo and behold, we were beset by the same issues happening again in April 2023 - another missed deadline; another scheme closed, and none of which was our fault.

I must say that this was not entirely the fault of Openreach. They found that the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport were being incredibly slow to issue the vouchers after they submitted our application. The “straightforward process” of the scheme meant that the department was required to send the vouchers to Openreach, who would then forward them to ourselves, so that we could then pledge.

So, where are we now?

August 2023

Alas, we appear to be at another stalling gate.

To move forwards, I have been told that the procurement phase of the new Government “Project Gigabit” must first be passed (who knows what this means) Then and only then can Openreach let us know if we are “still covered for the vouchers” for the original scheme that we had applied for (Fast Fibre Community Partnership)!!!!

So, whilst we sit on our hands and wait for this “procurement” phase to progress, Openreach did provide some information as to “other options” that may be available, these being:

- Our original Fast Fibre Community Partnership Vouchers – led by Openreach.
- This new Project Gigabit – A hyperoptic broadband scheme working with Building Digital UK – currently in procurement and with a moving deadline.
- The National Commercial Rollout – I have registered interest, but alas, we are not currently covered by the scheme.
- Fibre on Demand – Self-funding the entire community process that the vouchers would have covered.
- Personal independent investment e.g. Satellites (which I have very little knowledge about)

I have sent this update to Harsha Desai, our local councillor, as well as contacting the Broadband Team at Chichester District Council. As mentioned, I did contact our MP Andrew Griffith back in October 2022, who said that he would chase our case personally with Ministers and Openreach, to understand where the stalling blocks were. I have since had no reply, despite sending a further email in March of this year (it appears he is fairly busy in Westminster these days...).

My fingers are crossed that we will get some more support with this soon, and that we can finally close this chapter of the ongoing saga.

To be continued...

Karen Miller

WATER SHREW

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I love Jaws, the 1975 movie which sent three men out into the Atlantic on a fishing boat in search of a marauding Great White Shark. There's another aquatic monster hunting in the ponds and shallow streams of Sussex. But to find a Water Shrew...you're gonna need a smaller boat!

Water Shrews weigh 15g and measure just 16cm. Unlike other shrews they have an amazing ability to swim and hunt underwater. They're covered in dense fur – vital insulation against the cold and wet. This sleek wetsuit also traps air bubbles, transforming the shrew into a furry Aero, helping it stay buoyant. Powerful, extra hairy hind feet propel this tiny torpedo through the water.

Water Shrews and Great White Sharks have a common feature that sets them apart from their close relatives. They both have a striking demarcation between their dark upperparts and their white underparts. Looking from above, their black backs blend with the pond bottom or seabed. From below, their pale bellies make them invisible in the sunlit water. It's a submarine survival strategy that helps conceal both hunters and hunted. And the Water Shrew is both.



With sharp, red-tipped fangs, a Water Shrew's jaws are as fearsome as any shark's. But the Water Shrew has a trick up its teeth. It's Britain's only venomous mammal. When it bites it injects a stupefying saliva which subdues its victims. In Jaws, the grizzled skipper Quint (Robert Shaw) relates the chilling true tale of the torpedoed WWII cruiser Indianapolis, which sank leaving hundreds of sailors adrift in shark-infested waters. Well, my mate Barry was once bitten by a Water Shrew in Newhaven and his finger went all tingly for about two

hours. OK, it doesn't exactly compare, but the fact that a tiny shrew can make such an impact on a human is pretty impressive.

Slice open a dead shrew's stomach and rummage inside, and you'll find bits of beetle legs, snail shells, and fishbones. They are relentless, frenetic hunters. If the shrew goes without a meal for more than an hour it will die. What we are dealing with here is a perfect engine, an eating machine. All this machine does is swim and eat, and make little shrews. Between April and September, the mating of the shrew can produce 2-3 litters of 3-15 young. They live a fast, brief life. Few of them will survive for more than a year.

The best way to see a Water Shrew is to sit by a Sussex stream as the sun sets. Bring a couple of friends and some Apricot Brandy, share some tall tales, and wait for a shrew to strike.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, *Wildlife* magazine and our Sussex guide book, *Discovering Wildlife*. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

PETWORTH VILLAGE BUS SEPTEMBER 2023

There will be a shopping trip on Friday 1st September to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham, and to a venue of your choosing on Friday 15th August. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings, and Bingo on 6th and 20th at 2.00pm

The Pub Lunch on Friday 29th September will be at The Fox in Patching, (to be confirmed). Booking essential through me.

Trips could be arranged on a Tuesday afternoon to Lidl in Billingshurst if wished. Please contact me if interested.

A reminder that the Petworth Minibus is part of the West Sussex Community Minibus Association and is not for the exclusive use of the Petworth Over 60's. Everyone is welcome to join.

For booking and further details please contact local organiser Caroline Stoneman on 01798 342942

JUST A TICK

Recently, I picked up a tick, after gardening in loose canvas shoes in long grass. I was not aware of it for several days and thought it must be a thorn under one of my toes, which was becoming increasingly uncomfortable. Raising my foot for inspection, it was confirmed there was a little lump, possibly an infected splinter or thorn. Unable to see under my foot, I squeezed with my fingers and the little swelling came away. To my surprise, it had a head and legs. A medic friend confirmed it was a tick (see photo of my tick).



Ticks are on the increase, partly due to climate change and longer seasons of warmer weather. I was lucky – the tick came away complete with head. The risk of Lyme disease is greater if the tick is not removed whole and the head remains under the skin. The tick carries a bacteria – *Bacteria Borrelia*, which infects and spreads through the lymphatic system and bloodstream. A bulls eye red mark can appear, which signals you are at risk of attack on your immune system. Seek a doctor's appointment if you ever develop such a bulls eye red rash, as early treatment is important.

Symptoms of Lyme Disease include severe headache and flu-like debilitating tiredness and aching muscles, and can result in loss of muscle tone and even a drooping face.

Prevention is important, so cover up well with protective clothing and insect repellent when out and about in rural areas with long grass and overhanging branches. Deer attract ticks and dogs too can pick up ticks, so do check your dog if you have been out in the countryside. There are not many cases of Lyme disease infection locally, but I can vouch for the fact that we do have ticks about.

Sue Laker, Dunton

This lovely letter was sent in June but unfortunately just missed the printing deadline for the July/August magazine ... *Ed.*

Farewell Tillington

We first came to Tillington in January 2017 for a weekend away from London. We stayed at the Horse Guards and it was love at first sight. The weather was freezing cold and the night sky was clear and full of stars, the pub was warm and welcoming. We couldn't believe that such an idyll existed only an hour from London. We walked in the Park and exclaimed over the extraordinary sharpness of the light, frozen ponds and the views of the Downs. A few months later, as we pondered a move out of London, Tillington was entered into the search bar of Rightmove, and there it was! The dream cottage! After our viewing (and of course another meal at the Horse Guards) we put an offer in immediately.

We moved into the house in May 2018, and were married in the church in July. Straight away we felt welcomed into this friendly and vibrant village, and we knew that we had made a wonderful decision. We both commuted in to London every day for two years, and the joy of driving down the road past the recreation ground towards the village at the end of a long day was the best feeling in the world.

In November 2021, Teddy was born and we were bowled away by the kindness and generosity of our neighbours. For the first weeks after he was born there was a steady stream of cards, presents and lasagne.

We will always have wonderful memories of living in Tillington. The socially distanced VE Day celebrations in lockdown, the Platinum Jubilee party, wine kindled bonfires and of course our wonderful friends and neighbours.

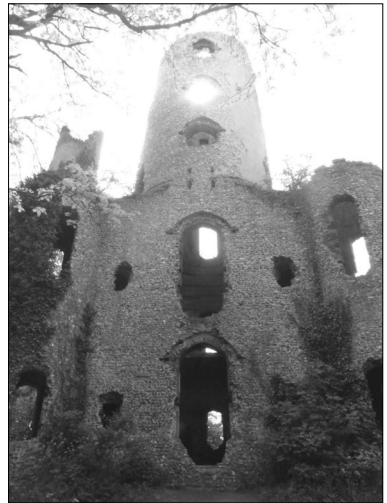
So it is with somewhat heavy hearts that we are moving away down to Dorset. We will miss everyone terribly, but have the consolation of living a walk away from the sea and close to family. We will be back regularly to visit friends and who knows, perhaps one day we will come back to live the West Sussex life again.

Emily and Will Ford

RACTON RUIN

The tranquil Hamlet of Racton near Funtington boasts little more than a few cottages and a church. Perched high on the hill behind, stands an atmospheric and imposing Grade II Listed Ruin, or a monstrous, graffiti and rubbish-ridden eyesore with a disturbing ambience, depending on interpretation. The ruin is allegedly haunted by brick-hurling spectres, by an apparition of a woman, and even by a phantom tractor! Climbing up the footpath leading past the site, whilst on a morning walk, I was relieved that nothing more menacing than a robin greeted me. I did, however, catch a fleeting glimpse of an ethereal, grey, poodle-like face near the ruins! The oppressive tower glowers down from almost eighty feet, and it is undeniably creepy and creeper-covered, even on a sunny day. Sceptics might blame reports of spooky shenanigans on drugs and alcohol imbibed during illegal raves held at this isolated spot.

George Montagu-Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax (1716-71), commissioned the building, but nobody knows why. He might have intended using it as a summerhouse for his nearby Stansted Park estate, or as a lookout to watch his merchant ships approach Emsworth harbour on the Solent. The architect, Henry Keene, designed the tower, probably assisted by his son, Theodosius. Built between 1766 and 1775, the red-bricked structure was faced with flint and lay on a triangular base. Three smaller turrets flanked the large central tower, one at each vertex, and moulding and plaster-work fragments which were seen last century indicated a grand interior.



Sadly, whatever the Earl began doing in his folly was cut short because he died before it was completed. Leaving behind no legitimate male heir, the estate passed to his daughter, Anna Maria Montagu, but a wealthy merchant named Richard Barwell soon purchased it. After Barwell's death in 1804, there were several changes of ownership, before the estate was dispersed in the early 20th century. By 1862, the tower was already described as 'an old ruin', and many decades of deliberate vandalism and storms have since ravaged it further. None of the floors remain today, most of the flint has gone, and the roof has collapsed. No trace remains of the attractive landscaped grounds in which the building originally stood.

Planning permission was granted to convert the tower into a house but this expired before work commenced. The ruin has been owned by Mark Talbot (architect) since 1987, and he submitted a further planning application to convert it into a private dwelling. However, this was rejected in August 2020 on the grounds that the tower's special architectural and historical interest would be undermined by this 'unsympathetic form of development'. For now, Racton Ruin seems destined to continue its relentless descent into rack and ruin.

Tina Bahns

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great delight that we announce that Gerald Gresham-Cooke is to receive the Order of St Richard. This is in recognition of his outstanding work, over many years, sustained by his strong Christian faith, on behalf of the church and community in Tillington, the wider Petworth area and the County of West Sussex.

Gerald will receive his award from Bishop Martin at an Evensong service at Chichester Cathedral, at the end of September.

TILLINGTON VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

You are warmly welcomed to our Monthly Lunch
on Friday, 29th September
at 12 noon for 12.30
Tickets £7.50 at the door

If possible let us know if you would like to come to the lunch
Phone Gillie (3442231) or Mark (344489)



TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM CHURCH

SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER 2023

	All Hallows Church, Tillington	Holy Trinity Church, Duncton	St Mary's Church, Upwaltham
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, 3 September	Breakfast Church 9.45am/All-Age Service at 10.15am		
Wednesday 6 September	BCP Holy Communion at 10am		
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, 10 September	Parish Communion at 9.30am with wedding blessing for Jo and Lee Blanchard	Parish Communion at 11am	
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, 17 September	BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am		Country 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.		
Wednesday 20 September	BCP Holy Communion at 10am		
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 24 September	Morning Prayer and Praise at 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion at 10.30am We welcome Revd Canon John Bundock	
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, 1 October	Breakfast Church 9.45am/All-Age Service at 10.15am		

Additional services in our group during September:

3 September: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham

10 September: 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; 9.45/10.15am Breakfast/All-Age Service at Fittleworth; 6pm BCP Evensong at Stopham

17 September: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Communion at Stopham.

24 September: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am Harvest Festival (Music and Readings) at Stopham

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

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

Kids' Pages

Spot the 6 differences



BLACKBERRY ICE CREAM



Makes: 8 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Created By: Mary Carter

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of balsamic vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blackberries
- 3 cups vanilla ice cream
- 2-4 tablespoons honey, optional
- Fresh mint to decorate

1. Over low heat, stir the vinegar occasionally in a medium saucepan. Allow to reduce to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, so it's thick enough to coat a spoon. Set $\frac{1}{4}$ cup reduced vinegar aside.
2. Add berries to saucepan with remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup reduced vinegar. Cook over medium low heat until berries are softened and well combined to make a thick sauce, about 10 minutes, stirring often.
3. Cool berry mixture thoroughly.
4. Allow ice cream to soften slightly. Layer ice cream and berry-vinegar mixture alternately and stir until layered evenly, but not incorporated. Freeze until ready to serve.
5. Taste reduced vinegar for sweetness. If desired, stir in honey to make it sweeter. Drizzle over ice cream, and garnish with fresh berries and mint.

Autumn or Fall?

What do you call the next few months? Why do some people say "Fall". We think of it as being what the Americans say, but actually it used to be commonly used here in the UK!

What distinguishes autumn from summer?

Firstly trees start to prepare for winter and the leaves start to change colour and drop off. (fall!!!)

Why and how do they change colour? There is a chemical called Chlorophyll which makes trees leaves green, and it stops production as the trees prepare for winter. Other chemicals start to act and change the colours of the leaves. Some of these chemicals are the same ones that gives carrots and egg yolks their colour? I didn't know that!

Another strange fact is that more people born in the autumn live to be 100 than people born at other times of the year.

Yet another association with autumn is

Persephone's return

Who is Persephone?

In Greek mythology, autumn began when Persephone was kidnapped by Hades to be the Queen of the Underworld. In distress, Persephone's mother, Demeter (the goddess of the harvest), caused all the crops on Earth to die until her daughter was allowed to return, marking spring.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

This is a hard one! Nine differences, can you spot them??
I can't!!!!



If money really did grow on trees, what would be your favourite season?
FALL!

What happens when Winter arrives?
Autumn Leaves!

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall!!



RAINFALL FOR JUNE & JULY 2023

Recorded by Fran Trimming in River
(previous years recorded by John Mayes in Haymarsh)


Year	June	July	Year-to-date
2023	17ml	76ml	470ml
2022	45ml	6ml	258ml
2021	120ml	123ml	574ml
2020	44ml	26ml	379ml
2019	91ml	55ml	354ml
2018	9ml	50ml	527ml

Chichester Community Choir & Friends

**Concert of Classical & Folk
Music**

to mark summer's ending...


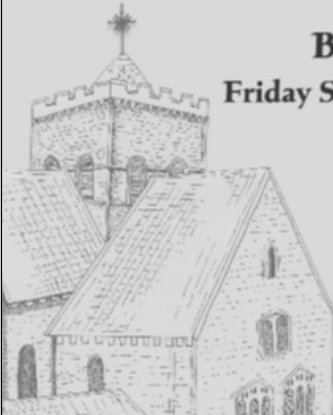
**..Like a
Singing Bird..**



Boxgrove Priory
Friday September 29th 7pm

Entry and Refreshments
by donation

In aid of



caroline@chcommunitychoir.com

GARDEN NOTES

I will be giving talks on sustainable gardening at The Floral Fringe Fair at Loxwood Meadows, on 2nd/3rd September. It's a fantastic event, so do come and say hello! September is for harvesting our native blackberries, a rich source of Vitamin C. I absolutely love the taste and colour....I HATE the pips! I always cook mine with a little water and sugar until it makes a rich, thick syrup which I strain through a sieve to get rid of those ghastly pips, then freeze in ice cube trays. All through the winter, I will defrost an ice cube or two to add to whatever pudding is on the go. Delicious!

I'm starting an 'Allow a Wildflower' section and this month it's Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*). Seedlings of Teasel have wide green rough leaves and, after creating a sound root system, will begin to reach for the skies, getting as tall as 3m (great for supporting climbers!). The flowers are spiky cone shapes with tiny purple flowers and are very architectural. Once the flowers are finished leave the seeds to feed goldfinches through the winter, and they will also self seed in your garden. Teasels will stand upright throughout the winter. I do cut some stems to make a fantastic addition to Christmas table displays or wreaths. Have I persuaded you to Allow *this* Wildflower in your garden?

If willing to leave herbaceous plants to die off where they grow, and able to curb the desire to tidy up your garden for winter, you will greatly assist wildlife in your garden. If you simply cannot abide this idea, consider the 'chop and drop' approach; chop it down, but leave it on the soil surface to provide shelter for wildlife and to mulch your soil; rotting down 'in situ' instead of taking it for a walk to your compost heap, only to walk it back again later. If the material is bulky, chop it down further into smaller parts and leave that. Give it a try if you haven't already, and make a point to notice what wildlife uses this habitat during the winter, such as overwintering insects that might later feed the birds.

If you are now mowing your lawns again after No Mow May to August, do put the cuttings onto your compost heap as a brilliant activator. You will need to loosen the cuttings by stirring with a garden fork, otherwise they will either clump together and become grey, dry and anaerobic in the middle or, if they are too wet, they will cling together in a slimy mess. Loosening the cuttings allows air into the pile, which will make it aerobic again and will rot down beautifully. Alternatively, you can use grass cuttings as a mulch straight onto your borders. If it is during a very dry period, water them when on your borders to prevent them from blowing away, and then just leave them to rot down and feed your soil. Until next month....

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TRIALS OF THE MOTHER OF THE BRIDE (AND GROOM)

This summer made me both a MOB and a MOG. One of the joys of being the bride's mother is helping to find the perfect wedding dress – an opportunity for some outings with a usually “too busy” daughter. You know when you've found “the one”, because you will be fighting back a tear at the sight of your lovely girl in a froth of white looking searchingly at you for approval.

How can you refuse any request (reasonable or otherwise) to make their big day special. Gentle persuasion that a local caterer and few canapes would be enough did not work. It had to be the French chef and a three course meal.

“Now Mummy, what are you going to wear ?” Off again to the shops but definitely a less joyous task. Finally we find a “not too formal” dress, which daughter says looks lovely. “New nightie ?” asks Mike when I get it home. So I send a selfie to “bestie” in London for her opinion. “Won't do at all” she says. “Bring it to me to alter to fit properly”.

Off to northern France to buy champagne – no cost saving there as the 2009 vintage tastes so good, we succumb to wild extravagance. Back to slave in the garden ready for the arrival of the marquee. But “bestie” has been busy and not finished my dress, as altering a bias cut hem is apparently a “pig”. So off shopping again, and shell out for another dress and have to buy another new hat too. Ouch – this is hurting my bank account.

The day arrives and so does the chef, who declares martial law banishing us from the kitchen, where a team of eight takes over. But the wedding day is glorious, everything is perfect. We cross the road to Holy Trinity for a happy service, the church full of friends and family, and decorated by local friends – perfect and no florist involved. A beautiful day, and we have gained a son-in-law but in less than eight weeks, it is time to do it all again.

“No French champagne, Mum – could you just buy 12 litres of gin and I'll order a keg from the pub” says my boy. “Are you sure, Darling - that's lot of gin and beer - won't there be plenty of wine ?” “Oh yes, there'll be plenty of wine too. You'll see, Mum – they'll drink it all”. This time it is a barbeque, with as much red meat as possible. They choose a different part of the garden for the marquee, so I am weeding out brambles all over again, hands blackened with grass stains, arms and legs covered in bites and scratches.

“Could you just do a buffet lunch for 14 for the day before, please Mum as “soon to be wife's family” are all coming to help. “Bit late”, I find myself thinking. But at least I have a dress and a matching headband, perfectly sewn for me from the shortened hem of Dress No. 1 by “bestie”. Another wonderful wedding, Holy Trinity again filled with flowers, and the bride's Welsh family lifting the roof with their rendering of “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*”. Two weddings done and dusted – an unforgettable summer!

Sue Laker, Duncton

HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND: 16th/17th SEPTEMBER

Hundreds of places and spaces that aren't usually open to the public, are getting ready to open their doors as part of Heritage Open Days this September, on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th.

In Petworth, heritage sites are opened for free, including Petworth House, the Petworth Cottage Museum, which isn't a conventional museum, and the fabulous Coultershaw Heritage Site, with its very unusual 1782 Beam Pump and waterwheel.

Visitors to Burton Mill will see a water-powered heritage mill in action. We will be milling stoneground wholemeal and white bread flour from locally grown wheat, throughout the day. There will be working stationary engines and other historic machinery on display, along with a small exhibition on the history of the mill. Free entry.

Walking Tours of the town are also available via the National Trust (Petworth House) website; come and discover the nooks and crannies of Petworth.

A free open topped Vintage Bus will be parked in Market Square, setting off every hour from 11am for Coultershaw Bridge and Burton Mill, making five trips on both Saturday and Sunday.

This is an exciting opportunity to see "behind the scenes", free of charge.

Full details are at Petworthheritage.org,



BACK TO WEST SUSSEX

I was born in Australia, but if asked I would say I grew up in West Sussex, having moved here when I was about seven. It was here in Duncton that I got on with most of my growing up, splitting my time between school and roaming around the woods with my dog, until I reached adulthood and headed up to Edinburgh for university. There I met my now husband, and together we settled in Finland for a few years.

I loved Helsinki. I loved going for long night walks and watching the hares and hedgehogs that lived on the lawn outside our apartment building, or just existing in the deep silence you get when snow muffles everything. There is a strange kind of joy in going for a walk when the temperature is below -30°C and your eyelashes freeze together.

Having said that, when we got the option to move back to West Sussex it was not a difficult decision. While the move was primarily to facilitate me entering teacher training, which I will begin in September, this is a beautiful part of the world to which it is a privilege to return.

I missed living in the woods, surrounded by nature here in Duncton. The wildlife here is phenomenal. Whilst I am yet to see a hedgehog in the UK, in the garden alone I have seen deer, including antlered stags and spotted fawns, newts, unnumbered frogs and toads, mice, shrews, and even a few grass snakes and glow worms, not to mention the unnumbered birds and bats. Last year we even got common lizards, which despite the name I have never seen before in the UK, and was thrilled to spot.



This year, I got to cross off seeing stag beetles from my bucket list, as we have had both males and females in our garden, which has been wonderful to see. I hope to see far more in the future. If anyone is interested in luring these impressive beasts into their own garden, it is important to note that the larvae need to be underground eating wood for between three and seven years, so leaving stumps in the ground is one of the best ways to give them a hand.

I am looking forward to building my life here for the foreseeable future, and getting on with as many walks as I can fit in around lesson planning and marking.

Bella Mills

THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN

by Rudyard Kipling

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,
You'll find the tool and potting sheds which are the heart of all
The cold frames and the hot-houses, the dung-piles and the tanks,
The rollers, carts and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds,
The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing 'Oh, how beautiful' and sitting in the shade
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.

Oh Adam was a gardener and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

One of my favourite quotes from The Simpsons comes from Springfield's vet: "I love animals. I spend my life saving them and they can't thank me. Well, the parrots can." No animals are more famed for their ability to talk than parrots. Sure, their 'talking' is more mimicry than witty after-dinner conversation – a feathered echo chamber – but whether they're chanting 'pieces of eight' on a pirate's shoulder or swearing in front of Auntie Ethel, we humans have been entertained by their backchat for centuries.

There are around 400 species of parrot on our planet. Their native range encompasses pretty much everywhere south of the Tropic of Cancer. For us Brits their beautiful plumage embodies the exotic; the mystery and excitement of faraway lands. So imagine my surprise when I first saw a big green parrot flying around in Sussex.

The Rose-ringed (or Ring-necked) Parakeet looks ridiculously out of place amongst our comparatively drab Starlings, Wood Pigeons and Crows. With its garish green plumage and red beak, it stands out like a clown who has gate-crashed a funeral. And with that squawk – that incessant, demented squawk – there's no ignoring it.

South East England's Parakeets are among the world's most northerly parrot populations, but how did they get here? Some believe they made their great escape from an East London film studio in 1951, after starring alongside Bogart and Hepburn in 'The African Queen'. Others claim that the Parakeets were set 'Stone Free' by Jimi Hendrix, who liberated them from their plastic cage in his girlfriend's London flat. I rather like the idea of American sixties icons being responsible for the spread of non-native species across the UK. Perhaps Sonny and Cher smuggled Grey Squirrels in through customs under their furry waistcoats, or a tousle-haired Bob Dylan secretly released some American Mink out of the stage door of the Albert Hall in '66.

The truth is, with tens of thousands of Parakeets being imported into the UK, it was no surprise that a few slipped their chains and flew the coop. Since the end of the sixties, these free spirits have been recreating the Summer of Love across the capital. Forming feral colonies, the Parakeets have filled the air with their joyous, intolerable screeching and squawking; sounds that would make Hendrix and Dylan proud. And as for free love, their blatant fornicating in London's parks has led to a Parakeet population explosion. They were once established in the (sub)urban jungle of Brighton and lived in the trees of Hollingbury from 1977 until the mid-nineties. Surely it's only a matter of time before the Rose-ringed Parakeet moves into suburban Sussex.

MY DESERT ISLAND DISCS

By Pat Darley

1. THE CLICK SONG - Miriam Makeba.
Bente and I lived in Nigeria for three years and Miriam Makeba was known as the Queen of Africa
2. PEARL'S A SINGER - Elkie Brooks
That husky voice has long been a favourite
3. ISLANDS IN THE STREAM - Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers
A great favourite and appropriate for the setting !
4. IMAGINE - John Lennon
One for a quiet night
5. BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH
One for a stormy night
6. ONE FINE DAY- Madame Butterfly- Maria Callas
Nothing could be better. Liquid gold!
7. LARA'S THEME Doctor Zhivago - Instrumental
The ultimate romantic tearjerker
8. POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE - LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY
- Played and sung at the last night of the Proms
Bente and I were lucky enough to get seats for the Queen's Jubilee Concert "Proms in Buckingham Palace Gardens", in 2002.
12,000 of us sang our hearts out with this, at the end of the concert

Book - Simon Sebag Montefiore - THE WORLD

Luxury - A Fishing Rod - for Recreation - but failing that an endless supply of Cheddar Cheese

Pat and his wife Bente have lived in Duncton for the last thirty years. Pat's career was in the paperwork and printing industry, based in the UK and on three other continents. They have four daughters, spread over three continents!



COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN



On Friday 29th September, we will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. This will take place in Duncton Village Hall between 10.30 and 12.30. We are planning a stall where honey and jams will be sold and, of course, the usual cakes. There will also be a table for selling new or excellent condition goods and a raffle.

We would love donations of cakes, jams, items for a raffle and any goods that can be sold. We will have a QR code so that things can be paid for by card, and there will be a box for cash, for those who prefer that.

Please put the date in your diary as it's an excellent opportunity for everyone to get together and fund raise for this amazing charity which has touched so many lives.

Further information from Helen on 344602, Sue on 344352, Louise on 344494.

Helen Clifford

ABOUT MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Macmillan Cancer Support Charity offers support in many forms to people affected by cancer. The website www.macmillan.org has a wealth of information about cancer and treatments. Support ranges from direct financial assistance (cancer can be expensive), to linking people with the same type of cancer to talk about their experiences, to the provision of specialist nurses to advise, care and support throughout treatment.

The charity was set up in 1911 by Douglas Macmillan, whose father died of the disease, and has grown over the decades to provide invaluable support to all those unfortunate enough to suffer from cancers. The coffee mornings to be held across the land on 29th September offer an opportunity to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along to the Duncton coffee morning if you possibly can.



WHAT'S IN MY GARDEN?

We moved to our present house in November 2019. Our memories of the garden that we had viewed briefly on a hot August day were rapidly fading. In November this garden was closing-down for winter, with leaves, everywhere, several inches deep. The previous owner had left a number of architectural features including what he assured me was an old French sentry box, two wooden carvings with menacing faces which were illuminated at night and several other sculptures. Everything was covered in leaves, and walking became treacherous after the rain. The garden at this point was almost inaccessible.

We had brought with us some 50 pots from the garden in our previous house and now these completely covered the decking. It would be some months before we could move the pots to their final locations, but as the season turned to spring the garden started to reveal its hidden gems. Crocuses were coming up on the borders, soon to be followed by a glorious display of golden daffodils and a pretty wisteria covered wall.

The garden is designed with several smaller gardens, each with its own seating area. The seats vary from the modern to the rustic, including a slatted deck chair of unknown origin. The main garden is laid to lawn, sweeping down to a large clump of bamboo.

Part of the garden has a formal layout with gravel paths and low box hedging, some of which was replaced last year when it was suspected to be infected with box blight. With hindsight, it was most probably the invasive box tree moth, a recent entry to the UK, which in recent months has caused havoc with the remaining hedging. This is a battle we have lost, with all the box needing to be replaced with alternatives in due course. In the Summer several stunning roses and bedding plants are a feature of this part of the garden.

The lawned area is graced with numerous old trees including ash, oak and horse chestnut. Several old native fruit trees have survived from earlier days when the land was probably an orchard – an Egremont russet, plums, damsons and what appears to be a greengage, of unknown variety. Fruiting success is varied. One other tree worthy of mention is a tall Japanese Lilac, which is some 30 feet high, and covered with small white flowers in spring.

Whilst the garden is undoubtedly beautiful, the location of the house, as the last in the village, graces us with a magnificent view of the Duncton Hanger.

Peter Thomas

JACK DANIELS BROWNIES

A small piece of these extravagantly gooey brownies would go well with autumn fruit such as baked apple or a compote of plums

Ingredients

6 oz dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids)
6 oz butter
1 tsp vanilla extract
4 tablespoons Jack Daniels bourbon
7 oz. soft dark sugar
7 oz. golden caster sugar
3 large eggs
8 oz plain flour (sifted)
1 tsp baking powder
good pinch of salt
4 oz. luxury Belgian dark chocolate chips



Method

You will need a 12" x 8" metal baking tray of one and a quarter inch depth greased and lined with baking paper. Melt the chocolate, butter and vanilla extract in a bowl over a pan of boiling water, then add the bourbon and two kinds of sugar, stirring well as you add. Remove from the heat and gradually beat in the eggs using a wooden spoon. Sift in the dry ingredients, stirring in as you add. Then add the chocolate chips but don't overwork the mixture. Bake on medium heat for 30 – 35 minutes and then allow to cool for at least 45 minutes, before removing from tin and cutting into squares.

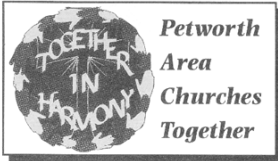
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SEPTEMBER NEWS

Report: Monday 24th to Friday 28th July – Kids Club at Herbert Shiner Community Hall, Petworth.

PACT hosted over 50 children (from Petworth, Tillington, Duncton, North-chapel and Wisborough Green) who all had great fun learning how God wants us to trust him with everything, just like St. Paul did. This was interspersed with some lively Christian songs.

They also spent part of the week creating all sorts of crafts, including working out how ants carry three times their body weight.

Each morning was followed by the shared family picnic lunches, with home-made cakes and plenty of fun in the playground too.

Thank you to the 20 amazing teenage helpers, the many others who master-minded the activities, and the multiple brilliant bakers and volunteers across the week – much appreciated.

There was also a great team of helpers from The Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre who added a very useful fresh dimension this year. In addition, Kirsty Hewitt (Family Support Welfare practitioner) provided sessions for 0-4's and their parents in the Sylvia Beaufoy premises.

Advance Notice: Friday 6th October – Autumn Lecture at St Mary's Petworth 7.30pm

The Autumn Lecture will be given by Rev'd Stephen Gurr, Ford Prison Chaplain. His intriguing title is *Pastoral Care: More than just Tea and Sympathy*.

All are welcome.

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As usual the Centre, in Trump Alley, is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon. We welcome new members and hope that new and existing members will give their time to help with teas and coffees, if only once a month.

The Petworth Village Minibus is available to bring members into the Centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when there is a Bingo sessions. In September there will be bingo sessions on Wednesday 6th and 20th at 2.00pm, and the minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre.

Advance notices:- Coffee morning on 21st October and Christmas Tea on 3rd December

Caroline Stoneman – House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB SEPTEMBER 2023

The Petworth Lunch Club will meet in the URC Hall on Tuesday 12 September at 12 noon, when the menu will be Lasagne, Garlic Bread and salad followed by pudding, yet to be decided.

With tea or coffee the price will be £7.50.

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PEPE MARTINEZ qualified as a London Blue Badge Tourist Guide in 2011, graduating at the top of his class. Since qualifying as a guide he has specialised in the graffiti and street art of East London. Prior to becoming a London Blue Badge he was a tour manager for 15 years, travelling extensively all over the world.



Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB
10.30 am for starting time **10.45 am**, preceded by coffee from **9.50 am**
Members Free, new Members welcome. Visitors £7.

Further details on:

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

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The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday 5th September Hilary Guise will give a talk on

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On Tuesday 3rd October Gavin Plumley will give a talk on

“Bauhaus: The Idea and Reality”

Founded in 1919 in Weimar, the Bauhaus was a progressive art school. The talk looks at this hugely influential movement and explores its legacy in our world and our homes today.

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

Doors open 1.40. Coffee & tea afterwards. Non-members welcome for £7

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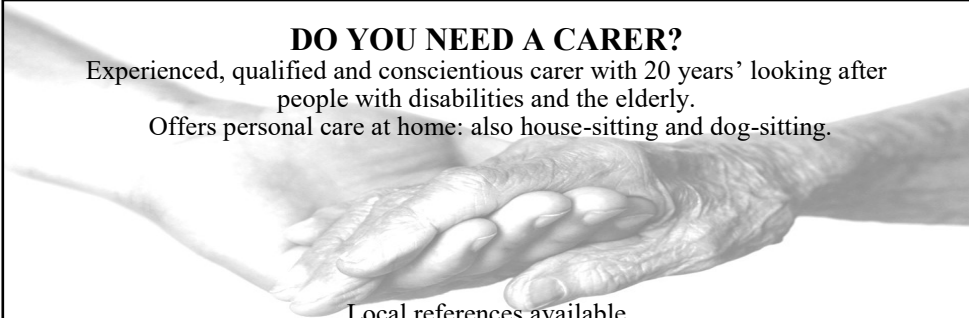
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