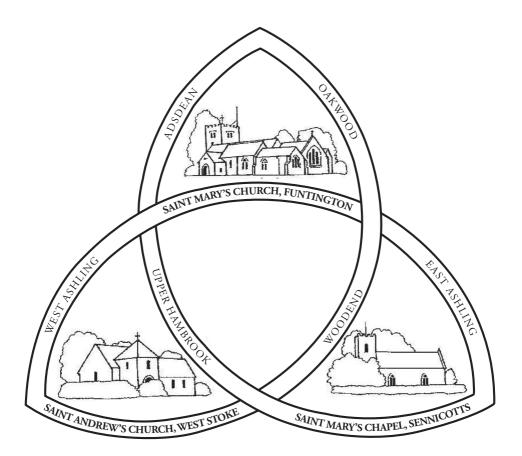
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#### Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

At the end of February, we managed to build the hen run and chicken coup to house the 5 Holy Hens of Chidham. Bella, Edith, Ann, Maggie, and Irene are all settling in well, despite the fact that for the first week they would not go in the coup at night. My first batch of hens did not go in on the 1<sup>st</sup> night, but, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> night onwards, as soon as it was dark, they would go in the coup. I was starting to get slightly concerned as the days went on with these 5 girls that they would not go in at night. I rang the farm where I got them and demanded a refund claiming that I had been sold 5 owls instead of hens as they wanted to stay out at night. As I spoke to the 'hen lady' I realised that because the hens had roamed 'free' on the farm, perhaps being in the run, with a roof, maybe gave them the false impression they were inside and safe. And so over the next few nights I needed to help and encourage the hens that the night life in Chidham really was not worth staying out for and they needed to go in. Helping them to recognise <u>real</u> safety for them was being locked down in the coup, where Mr Fox Esq of Chidham Parish would not be able to reach his orange paw through and grab them.

It got me to thinking that we often live in a world where we do not recognise the dangers around us some time, we can be complacent and be thrown into a false sense that everything is OK and if I cannot see it, I do not need to worry.

As we head towards Easter there must have been a feeling from the community following Jesus that everything was going to be OK. Here was the Messiah, or at least here was a man who could save people, make the lame walk, cure people, walk on water etc. Even when challenged this man had simply out riddled those who sought to trick him; trick him so much that they sought to trap him with his own words.

A sense of security and safety in those who followed Jesus – they had witnessed this ministry first-hand. They had put their trust, faith, and hope in him. And suddenly they were faced with the arrest of Jesus and people baying for his punishment and execution. Suddenly the safety and security of Jesus, the supposed infallibility of Jesus (the perception of others) was broken with his betrayal and arrest. And one man stands out – Peter. Peter's denial of Christ is one of the most famous parts of the Holy Week liturgy when Peter denies Jesus 3 times.

During Jesus' ministry, Peter was a man who wanted a mighty <u>faith</u> but faltered often. He stepped onto the rough sea to meet Jesus walking on water, yet even after safely taking a few steps, he begins to doubt and plunges into the waves. In this passage, Jesus saves him of *"little faith"*. Later, Peter even rebuked the Lord after He foretold of His death, saying, *"'Never, Lord... This shall never happen to you!'"*. And after Jesus was arrested, before the cock crowed times, Peter disowned Jesus three times.

Even still, after Jesus' ascension into heaven, having been restored and forgiven by His Lord, Peter becomes the spokesman for the apostles. This unschooled man spoke with boldness to crowds of thousands, bringing them the Good News and converting them to what we now call Christianity.

Isn't it amazing? God wanted to be sure the whole world knew that when He gave His life for all, He meant for *all*. And He used Peter to make this clear, to show us just how big His love is and just how capable His grace is—that it can forgive the sins of all and give all everlasting life. Romans 3:22-24 states, *"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."* 

And let us just be reminded of the role which Jesus, I think clearly recognised and shaped for Peter: Jesus said the exact same words in His first few sentences to Peter as His last. In their first interaction, Jesus told Peter to follow Him (Matthew 4:19). Then after Jesus' resurrection, and at the special breakfast on the shore where Jesus restored Peter, His last recorded words to him were once again, *"Follow me!"* (John 21:19).

I imagine that Peter also recognised those famous words 'follow me'. As so whilst we might not always feel safe and secure, we can be comforted in the knowledge that Christ gave us Peter to show us that with Christ there is a real sense of security and safety, but we must remain focused on Jesus, and not deny him in our hearts. Many Christians around the world are suffering persecution and torture for simply being Christian, and any outward, visible signs of being Christian could result in serious consequences in various parts of the world. Yet, even with those threats above them, they might deny Christ to literally save their own lives, but they remain strong and focused on Christ – even in the face of adversity, and like Peter they will be rewarded in time. Remember the one who denied Christ three times, is the rock on which Christ built his Church.

In this country we are not persecuted for being Christians – so let us express our Love for Christ by witnessing, waiting, watching, and sharing the Joy of Easter this year. Let us proudly declare our love for Christ as we witness the ultimate sacrifice for us when he is crucified to save us.

I hope that you all have a peaceful, blessed, and joyous Eastertide Fr Andrew

**Katy Symmons -** It was with much sadness to hear from Katy, our Magazine Editor over a number of years, that she has decided to step down with effect from the February/March issue. We express our sincere gratitude to her for efforts over this time and in particular over the past 12 months with the COVID effect on our lives. **Many thanks from all of us in the Parish** 

#### **Editor's Note**

I am sure you will all be very sorry to hear that Katy Symmons has decided to step down as Editor of the Parish Magazine and will want to join me in extending enormous thanks to her for all the hard work she has done over the past 7 years in editing and producing a magazine of such exceptional quality twelve times a year. She has left very big boots to fill. Jo Laird and I have offered to take on the production of the magazine for the time being. However, we are hoping to expand the editorial board to include a couple of others, so that the full responsibility of its monthly production doesn't fall on one set of shoulders. If anyone is interested in joining us please let us know.

It is already proving to be a steep learning curve, so I hope you will bear with us. Both of us have experience in providing copy in one way or another in previous roles, but neither of us has actually done any 'desktop publishing' which this involves. Katy has given us a lot of useful instructions and templates and is available to offer tips when we get stuck. But, we would ask you to bear with us initially as we find our way! You might find that it doesn't look quite right, the text might be too small or too big. The photographs might be skew-whiff! This will all improve.

Our plan is to return to a monthly edition. Father Andrew will provide a monthly letter, there will be news from the PCC and, as always, the wonderful reflective piece from Jane Gummer. Thank you to all our contributors this month: Guides, Brownies, Scouts, PCC and WI, who have sent in marvellous material. We are also featuring new additional articles such as 'A Local Business Profile', 'Looking back across the Parish', 'Stories from the Past', 'Funtington Flora', a gardening page and a Freecycle page (just in case you have an old Picasso you would like to get rid of!). If you would like to contribute an article or have any suggestions for additional material do please get in touch. Happy Easter everyone!

Anna D'Alton

#### **COVID-19 Update from Fr Andrew**

We decided at the start of lockdown 'three' that we could close 3 of the 5 churches which I am Priest-in-Charge of. It is hoped that we can lift the restrictions imposed on us fully at the end of June 2021. I am therefore planning, subject to PCC agreement, to open all churches for regular worship from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July. Obviously, we are some way off that date, so in the meantime, whether we have had the vaccine jab or not, we must maintain the social distancing routines in church we have become so used to.

That means that we must always gel our hands as we come into church (and as many times as you like during the service!). We must not congregate for chat after the services but make our way home as soon as possible. When in church we must always wear a mask unless you have a 'speaking role' and remove the mask for that part only etc. It is important that we stay safe. As we work towards the beginning of June, we must recognise two things (i) this is a plan based on the successful progress in the 'Roadmap' the Government set out on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, (ii) we will only re-open our churches, fully, when it is absolutely safe to do so.

In the hope that we can have services again – there are a number of dates for your diary:

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> August at 6pm -	Joint Service to Welcome Fr Andrew to both parishes.			
	Archdeacon of Chichester to Preside at Funtington			
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October at 6pm	-Service of Thanksgiving for the NHS and Healthcare			
	St Luke's Day, Archdeacon of Chichester to Preside at			
	Funtington			
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm - Charity Carol Concert in aid of Family Support Work				
	Bishop Ruth (Bishop of Horsham to preside) Venue TBC			

#### Electoral Roll 2021.

The Church Electoral Roll is due to be revised later this month, and anyone who is not already on the roll and would like to have their names added, should complete an application form.

The Electoral Roll is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote in elections within the Church of England, and to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Please contact Andrew Lillie (01243 576755 or ablillie@hotmail.com) for an application form.

#### APCM April 2021

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held in St Mary's Church Funtington on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7.00pm. **Social distancing will be in operation.** 

There will be a Microphone available for any questions.

We have to Elect 4 (four) Churchwardens at the Vestry Meeting and 3(three) Parochial Church Council members at the APC Meeting. Nomination forms are available from Churchwardens or myself. The completed forms must be returned to Churchwardens or myself prior to the meeting.

Annual Reports, Trustee's Report and Financial Report can be requested in Hard Copy or by Email from myself at 01243763748 or Email: austin\_christine@hotmail.com.

To facilitate social distancing arrangements please can you advise **if you will be attending the meeting**. Brian Craven, PCC

#### Valerie Legge - 29.9.1936 - 10.1.2021

As many of your will know my darling wife Valerie died on the 10<sup>th</sup> January this year at home. She had been fighting lymphedema for some time and had spent the previous 10 weeks or so in St. Richard's Hospital. I miss her terribly which is not surprising having spent 60 years together as husband and wife.

We arrived in Funtington in June 1976 and straight away became Church members under the guidance of the Reverend Canon Norman Dunlop. Valerie became a member of the 'Poppy Club' and was selling poppies every year and visiting neighbours too. She was awarded the British Legion Medal for 35 years of collecting.

Both Valerie and I were born in Portsmouth. Valerie was born in Eastney where her father was a Sergeant in the Royal Marines. She started work as a beautician with Revlon. We met each other while on holiday in Cornwall and married in November 1960.

My job with Nationwide Building Society entailed travelling by car and it was often necessary to move houses which we did 8 times in all during our marriage. Our last move was to Funtington in June 1976. Throughout our retirement Valerie made a point of working part time. Her last job was as receptionist for Bill Belcher's Solicitor's practice. Dennis Legge

#### A Light Shining in the Darkness

Gradually, we are finding our way through the Pandemic. A beacon of hope beckons us. Step by step, we find Light in the darkness. The Strength to go on, the answers to our problems.

We must be positive. 'God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year'. The Government struggles to keep the virus under control. The Scientists have produced a vaccine. Doctors and nurses are healing the sick, the schools are opening. Gradually we find out way in dark days.

At the heart of it all, is God. The creator of the Universe, the lover of our souls and healer of our infirmities. A great light shines in the darkness, which is not extinguishable. I am glad that Chichester Cathedral and St. Mary's Funtington have remained open. It is important, too, that we keep up our private prayers.

God still speaks to us today. He draws near to us, spreading His healing balm. We can light a candle in the darkness, and journey onwards, strengthened by His Spirit. His love holds us eternally. These are wonderful truths, for all of us to discover.

As I write, we are moving into the season of Lent. The time when we remember Christ's temptations in the Wilderness. He was tempted to put God to the test. To turn stones into bread and to throw himself off the Temple. To use miraculous signs. Instead he chose the way of self-sacrificial love, which led Him to the Cross. But that wasn't the end of the story. On the third day He rose from the dead and was seen by his friends. Eventually, He came back to them in a new way, through the Holy Spirit. Now they became bold and courageous, telling people everywhere that He lived. If this isn't Good News, I don't know what is!

It can help us if we can see that God's love lies at the heart of the Pandemic. He can show us the path ahead and help us to walk in it, through the power of his Spirit within us. In Christ we are more than conquerors. This has been my experience and I wouldn't have it in any other way. So give us courage Father God to choose again The Pilgrim Way, and to accept with joy the challenge of another day.

'May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him'. Romans 15-13. Jane Gummer

#### **Funtington Flora**

As March becomes April, there is an abundance of new spring flowers appearing.

Lesser Celandines are golden yellow stars, on roadside banks, often in damper areas. They are in the wider buttercup family, but have seven to twelve petals. They are flowering in profusion on the roadside west of Funtington.

A special local plant is Alpine Squill. There are crowds of these delicate multi-



Inere are crowds of these delicate multiflowered purple flower spikes about 10-15 cm tall on the outer edges of Funtington Churchyard. They were alive with visiting honeybees and bumble bees when I visited one sunny morning, showing they must be a good early nectar source. There is another site of these flowers in Moutheys Lane, on the left-hand side verge, just after the dogleg.

The Bluebells are growing strongly in West Stoke woods. These are all native bluebells, distinguished by the narrow tube-like flowers, all on one side of a drooping stem, and narrow leaves. The anthers (carrying

pollen inside the flower) are cream. You may find the hybrid bluebell in sunnier places and near gardens. The hybrid flowers are more open, on all sides of a more erect stem, and the anthers are blue.

Another flower to look out for in the woods in spring are the Wood Anemones, also in the buttercup family. They have about 7 white petals with delicately cut leaves. Other woods have no bluebells but do have swathes of Wild Garlic, also known as Ransoms. This has broad, but pointed, basal leaves. The loose cluster of white starry flowers show the family resemblance to others in the onion/allium family.

If you visit Bosham there is a bank of sweet violets on the corner opposite the Millstream Hotel. *Helen Dignum* 

#### **Focus on East Ashling**

We hope that you have noticed the wonderful swathe of daffodils at both entrances to the village planted by the East Ashling Association (EAA).

Although we could not hold our usual events during the year, the EAA did come up with some ways to bring cheer. We placed a community Christmas tree in the middle of the village for residents to decorate with a bauble or two.

There are times when it hits home just how lucky you are to live in a proper village. The coronavirus pandemic has been one of those times and East Ashling has been one of those villages.

When the pandemic took hold and the UK was placed in "lockdown" it did not look as though village life could continue in any meaningful way. The EAA had been operating happily for a good number of years but was forced to cancel all its events planned for the summer. Although it has undoubtedly been a very tough time for most, fears for the strength of our community were completely unfounded. Almost as soon as the lockdown started, the village created a Whatsapp group of volunteers ready and willing to help out fellow villagers. The volunteer group



remains in place to help as needed but has also evolved into a lively forum for exchanging information. Its usefulness will outlive the pandemic.

We were right to worry about the wellbeing of our neighbours but need not have feared for the village community. It is emerging from this pandemic deeper and stronger than ever. *Alex Morey, Chairman, East Ashling Association* 



During lockdown the Horse and Groom opened a Bakery three days a week. Profits were donated to charity. We shall miss their wonderful pies.



#### Looking back across the Parish

When we arrived in East Ashling just over 70 years ago, we found that the house had no telephone. Our predecessors had moved to a smaller nearby house without a telephone and so the line had been transferred to their new house. It was clear that installing a telephone line would take some time and so we were able to find that there was a telephone box in West Stoke a few minutes bike ride away.



After a few weeks we were pleased to hear that we could have a telephone but it would be a "party line" shared with the neighbours who had moved away. This meant that when we made a call we usually had to make sure no one else was listening in. If we did find that however our neighbours were on the line then we could of course have a conversation with

them without charge. However it was a relief when we got our own private line a few months later and with a number that was easy to remember, West Ashling 250

To make a call in those days, you lifted up the handset and the operator at the West Ashling exchange would say "Number Please". Sometimes you had to explain further, which Compton or Shoreham you wanted. You could hear the operator moving the "jacks" around on the switchboard. The system usually worked well although one of our friends who was calling the fire station complained when the operator wasted time enquiring about the severity of the fire.

It is good to see that the old telephone box that we used at West Stoke has now been restored with its new use for plants. *Geoffrey Boys* 





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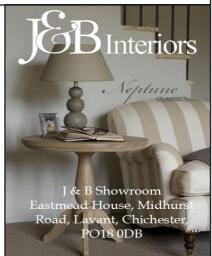




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Once settled in Funtington it was time to concentrate on my new business. Nearly six years ago now, Smithy&Co was founded specialising in animal themed bespoke Aga covers, Aprons, Cushion Covers, Bags, Roller Towels. Initially I would spend endless hours at craft fairs and exhibitions – I loved meeting people and they seemed to love my products too which gave me the incentive, as shopping habits changed, to create a website and move my products online. This has been a great success. My products make perfect presents which have proved very popular during lockdown. See me at www.smithy&co.com Sue Smithers



We are hoping that our Youth Groups will soon be able to start to hold meetings again. Brownies is for girls from 7 to 10, a child can join in the term in which she is 7, Guides is for Girls from 10 to 14 and Rangers is for girls from 14 to 18.

To register an interest to join, go onto the Girlguiding site at, 'girlguiding.org.uk' and then scroll down the page, until you find a box that says 'Register your daughter', this link will then direct you to the nearest unit and tell you what the start times are and where the unit meets, the site will also give you instruction on how to register your daughter.

Funtington Guides and Rangers is ran by Debbie Thomson and I have run the Funtington Brownies for the past 27 years, however I am now looking for someone to take over from me. I am happy to stay on and help, if wished, until whoever who takes over, has gained their necessary leadership qualifications, and I am happy to carry on offering support and help if required, but unless someone does come forward to take over as leader of this Brownie Unit, which has been running since 1954, I am sorry to say that it will ultimately close.

Girlguiding is such a brilliant organisation for young women, offering all kinds of opportunities. The Guides and Rangers have the opportunity to travel to many places in the World, helping out with community projects and working as volunteers, the Guides join in with international camps and get involved in many community projects as well as meeting each week and joining in and having fun with activities organised by themselves.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers offers so much to young girls and women, it's a chance for the girls to make new friends, to explore the world around them and to learn new skills. Jane Mottershead <u>jbmottershead@aol.com</u>

#### The Garden Show, Stanstead Park 11 – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The garden show is 'Set to Bloom'. We are sure you are as keen to get out and about as we are. Join us for the 27<sup>th</sup> Garden Show. The perfect event to find all you need to make your garden grow and refresh your home. Put this date in your diary, more information to follow <u>www.thegardenshowonline.com</u>

#### **Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society**

April is a month of such variations of weather – one day you can be enjoying your first lunch in the garden and then the next week it can either be pouring with rain and cold. There is no doubt however that it is the start of Spring with all the hope the season brings. This year it is even more eagerly anticipated along with the hope that the succession of lockdowns may come to an end and we can met up again in the not too distant future. Unfortunately the April meeting will not be possible in the Village Hall and likewise the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale as the numbers simply would not be allowed under the recent government rules. So we are planning for our June Garden Party to be the first time that we can meet together in John and Jenni Fox's garden in Taylors Lane. It is planned for the 10<sup>th</sup> June but if there is any change of date we will of course inform you. I think our first meeting in the Village Hall will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. We are planning to go ahead with Annual Show in August as it will be a Centenary Show!! The Programme will be on our website soon in order for you to decide what to plant in time for showing. I know that all the above dates could be subject to change but here's hoping!



John Fox has done a great deal of research into the history of the Society but if there is anyone in the surrounding villages who can add to the history or even photos of the Show we would greatly appreciate it if you could contact us.

I wonder if you have completed any of the tasks that Monty set you for March? Himself has cut the grass but I haven't noticed any raking of

moss or sharp sand being scattered. No change there then! I began pruning my roses and so wished the Bud was still with us and I felt him watching me with his very critical eye! In April Monty suggests you get perennial plants in the ground, finish mulching and sow some seeds. In mid-April you can plant out sweet peas after enriching the soil with lots of compost. Now is the time to plant new potatoes but no hurry with the main crop.

My mantra is make sure you enjoy the garden and don't make it a burden. The weeds will always wait for you! Happy Gardening Rozie Bradley



Betty Harrap was 100 in early March.

Happy Birthday Betty!

Her Majesty's birthday wishes arrived on time!



"It's about time you left home my son, go and find a nice bird in Bosham"!

Sent in by a West Ashling Pond Life Watcher!

(Father swan being territorial and won't allow his male cygnets from last year onto the pond)







#### **Good Neighbours**

Things are carrying on at Good Neighbours with transport to medical appointments and shopping. We are incredibly grateful to those Volunteers who continue to support our Clients. And we continue to keep contact with those of our Clients who are isolated especially during lockdown.



As we haven't been able to get together with Volunteers we held a Zoom Quiz for the Volunteers and even managed to get two of our ninety year olds plus Clients to join in. We had 19 screens in the Zoom Gallery. Who would have thought a year ago we be doing something like this

So looking forward we will definitely arrange a bonanza Summer Party to include all the Volunteers and Clients once Boris allows!

We do feel that there are other residents who might appreciate some help – so please let us know if you do know anyone.

Jo Laird iml@laird.uk.net 574878 Good Neighbours help line: 07761 027416

#### West Ashling and Funtington District Hall

The village hall will be re-opening its doors on the 12<sup>th</sup> April for Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Brownies and Guides, then on the 17<sup>th</sup> May we will be permitted to hold exercises classes, film shows, concerts and social clubs will be permitted to meet with up to 50% capacity. On June 21<sup>st</sup> the hall will be open for all events and with no restrictions.

The trustees have worked hard at keeping the hall open, when permitted to do so, inline with all COVID rules and guidance.

The hall has a new website and a new bookings manager, the hall diary is on-line and any available slots can be booked by contacting Kim Harrison our bookings manager, details on how to contact Kim are on the hall website <u>www.westashling.org</u>

The current trustees are: Jane Mottershead (Chair), Pat Young (Secretary), Ann Cook (Treasurer), Kim Harrison (Building and Bookings Manager), Tony Clerk (Funtington Players), Tim Hoare (Cubs, Beavers and Scouts), Carol Donnelly (WI), Jane Mottershead (Guides and Brownies) and Jo Gunning (elected member).

#### The West Ashling Vocal Ensemble

The West Ashling Vocal Ensemble- or WAVE is a posh name for a group of 10 - 20 locals who like to have a good sing! In usual times we meet in the Village Hall in West Ashling every Monday afternoon at 2.30. There we have a good sing and let the cares of the world go by for an hour and a half. We don't freeze to death because our considerate musical director John Gleadall goes in at 2pm and turns all the heaters on.

The repertoire is extremely varied – the emphasis is on enjoyment but as John has a chronic case of MED (music educators' disease), acquired after 40 years as a music teacher, there is always some attempt at musical challenge and development – although these sessions are not singing lessons they are a great chance to enjoy singing of all types in a choral setting. Songs in the most recent repertoire (a year ago!) include: *Mambo Italiano, Lovely Day, Summertime, Jeepers Creepers, Only You. If I Fell, Seasons of Love, A Million Dreams, You are The New Day, Jamaica Farewell and Everytime We Say Goodbye* amongst many others. In fact I counted 33 songs covered in the last few months of meeting.

We also sing some Gospel music, South African songs, traditional folk songs, the Great American Songbook, Songs From The Shows – in fact anything we fancy. Much of the repertoire is suggested by singers themselves – if it works we sing with gusto, if not it slips quietly away.....

The group is organised on a 'pay as you go' system at £5 per session so there's no commitment up front and the first session is free. Of course, the music gets better and better if everyone attends every week – but we all know that's not always possible.

The current situation has meant that we have not met for a full year, but the intention is to hold some sessions starting in September and see how we go. Parents waiting to pick up children from the primary school may like to fill the time by having a good sing!

If you are interested in coming along please get in touch with John Gleadall and register interest and you will be told when sessions will start. <u>johngleadall@me.com</u>01243574381

#### Good Read

I am writing this in the hope of encouraging others to come forward next month and share some of their favourite reads. Disappointedly, I have found that any book I recommend to a book club is hardly every enjoyed! Maybe because my choices are too gritty. That aside, the book I am going to recommend is one I have read recently 'A Gentleman in Moscow' by an American author Amor Towles and is not gritty at all. It is set in 1922 towards the end of the Russian Revolution when the Bolsheviks were establishing the Soviet Union. It tells the story of Count Rostov, an aristocrat, who, after making sure that his mother is safe in Paris returns to his beloved Russia. He is immediately arrested and incarcerated in the Hotel Metropole in Moscow where he remains for the entirety of the book. Not unlike lockdown! That should not put you off. He is a delightful man, a true gentleman, charming and urbane. He makes the best of the cards he has been dealt, is a great observer of people, is philosophical and full of very good advice for life. It is also a very good story! If I had been around at the time no one else would have had a look in! Anna D'Alton

#### Mediterranean (A Sonnet for Refugees)

There are no flowers for those who die at sea; No hand to reassure or soothe the brow. None to pray or hear a dying wish, For desperate, frightened people caused to flee Their native lands so torn by war and strife. Courageous people, who would change their all; Give everything they have, risk life and limb In search of freedom and that 'better life'. No flowers, just wreckage from ill-suited craft Hired to bring them safely to new shores. Companions now just creatures of the deep. Yet surely thousands mourn such senseless loss, Grieve, pay tribute to those whose ill-timed sleep Casts shame on Nations' scant regard for life. *Bee Kenchington* 







#### Freecycle

Little Tikes 4 in one tricycle – suitable for 1 - 3 year old. A tricycle that grows with your child! First, the parent pushes and steers. As the child grows, the parent steers while the child pedals when they learn to pedal remove the waist bar and now they can steer. Last stage the child pedals and steers with the parent bar removed. Available for a donation to local charity (Snowdrop Trust or St Wilfred's) 01243 574381 Wanted

A wooden or metal bench 4' wide for Funtington garden Will pay well for good condition! 07557 851984



We would like to have a full page of Freecycle for the next issue. Please send any items you would like to list to: <u>editorfuntingtonmag@gmail.com</u>

#### Women's Institute

You will be certain of a warm welcome when you walk into any Funtington and West Stoke WI meeting. This friendly WI has around forty members of different ages and celebrates its 101st anniversary this March. As well as our monthly meetings, recommencing as soon as possible once Lockdown finishes, there are several flourishing clubs to join.

The Walking Group, dogs welcome, meet every Monday morning and travel to a local starting point for a walk of around five miles. Art, Craft and Book Clubs meet regularly as well as a lively Canasta Club.

Outings to Chichester Theatre, skittles at The Barley Mow , Walderton, visits to Kew and gardens in the National Garden Scheme, Christmas and Summer parties are all part of the annual calendar, as well as a Christmas lunch at the Millstream Hotel. The monthly meetings take place in the Village Hall in West Ashling on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm, except in December, January and February when they are held in the afternoon. A guest speaker gives a talk on subjects ranging from 'Memories of a Theatrical Agent' to 'Trials and Tribulations of Lordington Lavender' and 'The Hedgerow Apothecary' to 'Confessions of an Ofsted Inspector'. The talks are followed by tea, sandwiches and homemade cake and time to chat to friends old and new.

During Lockdown we have managed to keep in contact and even enjoy a guest speaker or two, thanks to the joys of Zoom, but we are all looking forward to meeting in person soon.

If you would like to visit us please contact our President, Mrs. Sue Nicholson, mobile number 07814 989605, who will be happy to chat to you about our group.



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Weekly West Ashling Village Hall	resume.		
fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk	jbmottershead@aol.com		
www.chichesterscouts.org.uk	www.girlguiding.org.uk		
Football Fishbourne Romans FC Coaching run by volunteers for children aged 4 – 17. Saturday mornings 9.30- 11.00. All you need is shin pads and a pair of football boots and £2 donation www.fishbourneromansfc.co.uk	Mini Rugby Chichester RFC, Oaklands Park Both minis(U6 to U11) are played Sunday mornings at Oaklands Park. The club is very welcoming www.pitchero.com/clubs/chichester		
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	www.allstarcricket.co.uk		





Funtington Parish Council has a number of projects for which we would like your comments or support.

#### **Business Plan**

The aim of the Plan is to give you a clear understanding of what the Parish Council does, is trying to achieve and intends to focus on over the next three years. The Plan is a 'live' document that we will review every six months, use to drive the budget process and plan activities and projects for the coming years. The Plan will shortly be placed on the Parish Website. *All comments gratefully received - please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@funtingtonpc.org* 

#### Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan will be an important document which will influence planning decisions across the Parish. The Plan will be led by the Parish Council, with the help of a professional Planning Consultant. So why should you bother helping?:

- To improve the quality of the place you live and work, by coming up with a vision for its future. This is your chance to think about what you care about in your Parish and what kind of place you want to create
- Because you know best about your neighbourhood: you are the local experts. Why let other people decide what happens to where you live?
- It's something communities have been doing for thousands of years, in one form or another: ancient tribes would have discussed where to put up shelters to best avoid the woolly mammoth that's planning!
- Because the process can be fun! You'll get to know people you may have never met before and may discover hidden talents. Who's really an architect at heart? Who's got a passion for the environment? Who's a born organiser?

You do not have to be an expert - you just need to be interested in the future of your community. Further details will soon be made available. Please keep an eye on the website.

#### **Communications Committee**

The Parish Council is setting up a Communications Committee to:

- ensure residents are more involved in what happens in their Parish
- use a variety of methods to ensure that the way we communicate with each other keeps everyone included
- build trust by being open and transparent
- carry out meaningful consultation and feedback the findings to residents

We would love to have parishioner representation on the Committee. Even if you don't want to join the Committee, we would like you to volunteer to comment on any of our communication ideas. *If you'd like to get involved - and we hope you will - please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@funtingtonpc.org* 

#### The Village Green (aka the Dell)

We have been considering putting some natural, wooden, small items for young (or old!) children to play on. These will in no way resemble the original exercise equipment: they will merge into the woodland already on the Dell.

All comments gratefully received - please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@funtingtonpc.org

#### Spring Moroccan Lamb - Serves 6

A delicious lamb dish that is very quick and easy to assemble but does need long cooking in the oven. No sealing of the lamb is needed; just fry the onion and garlic and add all the other ingredients! Any leftovers freeze well.

Olive oil or veg oil to fry the onions and garlic 2 large red onions diced 1 kg of diced lamb thumb sized piece of fresh ginger coarsely chopped (I use Lazy Ginger from a jar) 3 garlic cloves sliced 2 red or green chillies (optional) juice of 2 limes 1 large bunch of coriander chopped  heaped tablespoon of tamarind paste (or tamarind sauce)
3/4 litre of chicken stock
tins of chopped tomatoes
tablespoons of tomato puree
tablespoons of soy sauce
tablespoons of honey
prunes (dried or tinned)
half a teaspoon of each of ground
cumin, ground ginger, ground
cinnamon, ground coriander, ground
allspice, ground cloves, salt and pepper

You need a large saucepan or casserole dish with a lid that can go inside your oven. Over a gentle heat fry the onions and garlic until softened and starting to caramelise. Add the cubed lamb and ALL the other ingredients. Bring to the boil and transfer to the oven with a lid on and cook for 2.5 hours or until reduced and dark in colour. Serve with cous cous or rice and french beans and/or mangetout. Enjoy!!! *Angie Jeffries* 

#### Recipes

Send your favourite recipe to be included on this page. We hope to eventually collect enough to produce a Parish Recipe Book to sell for charity. <u>Editorfuntingtonmagazine@gmail.com</u>



#### **Social Activities**

Funtington and West Stoke WIResuming as soon as rules allowPresident, Sue Nicholson 01243 574722

**West Ashling Vocal Ensemble (WAVE)** An informal singing group meeting in the West Ashling Village Hall. £5 per session. Resuming in September Contact: 01243 574381 johngleadall@me.com

Parents and Toddler GroupWill resume in September 2021. Please phoneJulie Morrow 01243 575356 for more information

Funtington Bridge ClubWill resume in September 2021Beth Buss 01243 or Roger Freeguard 01243 576650

#### Merry Widows' lunches

Weather and rules permitting it is hoped to hold one lunch during the summer. Watch this space! *Contact Anne 574900* 

#### Ashling Cricket Club

All ages and abilities will be made very welcome. Steve Harvey at <u>stephen.harvey@virgin.net</u> or phone 07540 699664. Follow the Club on Twitter and Facebook and see our fixtures and results are on the Club's website at <u>http://www.spanglefish.com/ashlingcricketclub/</u>and <u>https://ashling.play-cricket.com/Aboutus</u>

**Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society** Celebrating their Centenary. All gardeners from surrounding villages made very welcome: *Mrs R Bradley (576057)* 

**The Arts Society** (formerly NADFAS) Meets in the Assembly Rooms in the morning on the second Tuesday in the month <u>info@theartssocietychichester.org</u>

#### **Fox and Hounds**

The Fox and Hounds will be open from 13th of April for outdoor service in our new all weather rear walled garden, we will be offering food and drinks from 12 till 7 Tuesday to Saturday and until 6 on Sunday until indoor rules come

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Readings	Special List	Special List	Claire Hoare Acts 10.34-43 Mini Elliott 1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Brian Craven Acts 4.32-35 Andrew Hughes 1 John 1.1-2.2	Nigel Brown Acts 3 12-19 Denise Foster 1 John 3.1-7	Jimmy Faure Acts 4.5-12 Jane Gummer 1 John 3.16-24	Brian Craven Acts 8.26-40 Fiona Lunch John 15.1-8	
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Day	1 <sup>st</sup> April Maundy Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> April Easter	11 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 2	18 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 3	25 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> May Easter 5	

St. Mary, Funtington – April 2021 Church Rota

Parish Calendar April 2021							
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL SERVICES & EVENTS!							
Day	Time	Event	Place				
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6:00pm	Eucharist of Last Supper	St Mary, Funtington				
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9:30am	Stations of the Cross	St Mary, Funtington				
	2:00pm	Passion Meditation	St Mary, Fundington				
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30am	Easter Fire	St Mary, Funtington				
Easter	10:00am	Easter Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington				
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington				
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St Mary, Funtington				
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington				
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington				
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00am	Morning Service	St Mary, Funtington				

All Services are subject to CoVID-19 restrictions in force at the time.

The Churches at West Stoke and Sennicotts are closed until CoVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Once restrictions are suitably lifted all services of Eucharist will become sung.

Any changes will be announced/published on the website and notice boards as soon as they are known.

#### See PARISH WEBSITE and CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS for ALL INFORMATION & UPDATES: www.funtingtonweststoke.com

#### Deadline for the May Edition is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 editorfuntingtonmagazine@gmail.com

