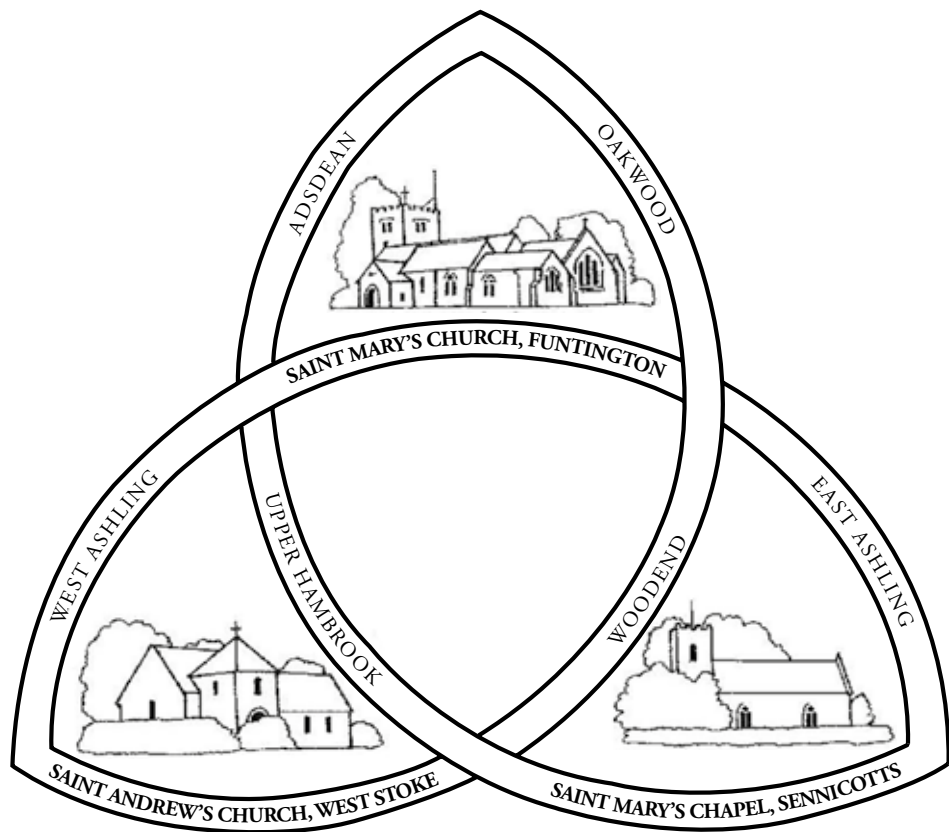


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

St. James' Day – 25th July

For us, celebrating the feast day of St. James is an occasion for a party, a festive celebration, good time. But the fact that we are celebrating St. James, probably does not mean a great deal to us. I doubt many of us pray to James for guidance or help in times of trouble; however, I have a connection with St. James because I took the name of James at Ordination.

That is not the way it worked with saints in the past. Christians perceived a direct relationship between themselves and patron saint. Their patron saint was they go-to-guy, the person in heaven who would listen more attentively to their prayers and intervene more readily on their behalf with the almighty. To make sure that would happen, people cultivated the relationship with the saint on earth, offering special devotions, painting images, or designing chapels in churches, perhaps keeping an image nearby to remind oneself constantly of the saint's presence and concern.

Because the saints were often regarded as benefactors, as patrons, even as friends or family members, pious Christians tended to develop elaborate legends about the saints' lives. In the case of James, we have more biblical evidence than for many of the other apostles or early followers of Jesus. He was the brother of John, sons of Zebedee. They were fishermen, but perhaps a little wealthier than the norm, for there is mention that their father had servants. James and John were brash, impetuous, among the inner circle of Jesus' disciples. After the crucifixion and resurrection, they became leaders of the early Christian community. James was the second martyr mentioned in the book of Acts. His death took place fairly early, perhaps around 42 AD.

That outline provides the basis for other legends. One of the most prominent was that James travelled to Spain and preached the gospel there before returning to Jerusalem and facing martyrdom. Later, the legend arose that his body was miraculously transported by angels to Compostela, where it became the focus of the more important pilgrimage in the Middle Ages.

here is a dark side to St. James. When the Christian kingdoms of northern Spain began their reconquest of the peninsula, St. James was their battle cry. There were media reports that when Spanish troops were sent to Iraq, they sewed St. James' crosses on their uniforms.

Pious legend aside, in today's gospel we are reminded of both sides of James, his brashness which led Jesus to call him and his brother John 'sons of thunder'. But here Jesus turns aside the very human, and very political request of the two brothers, and predicts their martyrdom.

In his gospel, Matthew says it was James' mother, Salome, who asked Jesus to put them at his left and right hand, when he came into his glory. In Mark, the earliest gospel, James and John make the request themselves. Either way, it provides an occasion for Jesus to teach them and us about discipleship, about what it means to follow Jesus: *'Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all'*. It is a lesson Jesus taught his disciples dramatically at the last supper, when he washed the feet of his disciples. It is a lesson James no doubt learned in the years leading up to his martyrdom. It is also a lesson we need to learn.

Heroism in our society is a much-overblown idea. We live surrounded by superheroes; now Hollywood is even giving us movies about superheroes. They can leap tall buildings at a single bounce, and you do not want to get in a lover's quarrel with them. In a way, the saints are Christian superheroes, certainly that has often been the way they have been understood and relied on in the Christian tradition – got a problem? Call on a saint!

But today's gospel tells us that the saints are not superheroes; what sets them apart is not their miraculous power. Rather, what makes them saints is their faith, and their discipleship, their service to others. To see the saints, to see St. James, as a model of how we might live in the world, serving and loving Christ, and our neighbours, is what devotion to the saints is all about. *Father Andrew*

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Dear Readers,

Through these troublous days of lockdown, our need of prayer has been paramount. Whichever way it goes, it helps to put ourselves in the hands of God. It doesn't mean throwing caution to the winds, but rather a steady reliance on Him to meet our needs. It is to Him we have to look for, He is the author and perfecter of our faith. 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of the earth will be clearly seen in the Light of His Glory and Grace'.

One of my favourite Bible Stories is about a lame man, who was lowered by his friends through a hole in the roof to the feet of Jesus below. Surprisingly, Jesus said to the man, 'take up your bed and walk'. It was his Faith in the person of Jesus that enables him to do it. The same can be true for us, when we entrust ourselves into His hands.

When we pray we have to tell Him how we are feeling about the things that are troubling us. To be honest with Him. To put our problems into His hands and ask Him to show us the way forward. Recently, I had a conviction that there was something I needed to do. I took action and found that my fears were unfounded. So 'speak to Him thou for He hears and Spirit with Spirit can meet, closer is He than breathing, nearer than hands or feet.'

There is another factor in the story of the lame man, which is important too. It was the lame man's friends who lowered him through the roof to the feet of Jesus, which brought healing. Very often it is our friends who help us through times of crisis. I have noticed in particular during this time of lockdown. Friends and neighbours have come forward to help with shopping and transport. Those who live further away have kept in touch over the phone and with letter writing. The milk of human kindness saves us from becoming isolated and inward looking. Very often we shall find that in helping each other, we help ourselves.

All of us stand in the need of prayer. The Lord came for everyone. I like to think that one day He will gather us all up into a great fellowship of Love and Praise. Take courage and you will find that every cloud is silver lined.

Thank you to those of you who remember me in your prayers. I value them. The Lord is the Way the Truth and the Life. Amen

Jane Gummer

Bible Readings at St Andrew, West Stoke and St Mary, Sennicotts

August 2021				
<i>Date:</i>	<i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i>		<i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i>	
Sun 1 st August Trinity 9	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	1 Cor 10.1-13 Lk 16.1-9	-	-
Sun 8 th August Trinity 10	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	1 Cor 12.1-11 Lk 19.41-47
Sun 15 th August Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 a.m. Matins	1 Cor 15.1-11 Lk 18.9-14	-	-
Sun 22 nd August Trinity 12	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	2 Cor 3.4-9 Mk 7.31-37
Sun 29 th August Trinity 13	10.00 a.m. Joint Parish Eucharist at St Mary's Church Funtington			
Sun 5 th September Trinity 14	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Gal 5.16-24 Lk 17.11-19	-	-

Editor's Note

Our overriding thoughts in the Parish over the past month are of the sudden and tragic death of Richard Elwes on 7th July. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joelle and the family. A loving father and family man, a friend to so many and a Church Warden at St. Andrews' West Stoke for a significant number of years. He will be sorely missed by us all. I am sure all of you extend their thanks for his service to the Parish and to the wider Community.

Ashling Cricket Club

Weather has played a dominant part in the season so far. Out of six matches scheduled, two were cancelled, one shortened and one abandoned. Such is Cricket in an English summer!

Our first 20/20 fixture of the season saw us heavily defeated by 9 wickets when Seacourt Raquetters CC visited Down Street. We then hosted Westbourne CC who, batting first totalled 162/6 off their 35 overs helped by a number of dropped catches. But eventually Ashling CC fell an agonising 18 runs short.

The next two fixtures, a 20/20 against Seacourt Racquetters CC and West Meon & Warnford CC unfortunately became victims of the weather.

Lavant CC were our next visitors, agreeing a shortened game of 26 overs a side due to the weather conditions. The game was abandoned when Ashling CC Captain Vin Kumbhar collided with a colleague when going for a catch resulting in an Ambulance being called and taken to hospital. Our sincere thanks to the Doctor who was watching the game, for her help prior to the ambulance arriving. Pleased to report that Vin was discharged from hospital later in the day.

Next on the calendar was a trip to Clanfield, a game that has been on the fixture list for a couple of seasons but not played due to the inclement weather. Ashling found runs difficult to come by and could only muster 86. Ashling made Clanfield work hard for their 5-wicket victory bowling 31 overs.

For remaining fixtures this year please look on the website. If you're thinking of "getting the whites out again" and want to play village cricket in a picturesque location at a Club where enjoyment of the game comes before the result contact Steve Harvey at Stephen.harvey@virgin.net or phone 07540 699664

The Rules of Cricket (As explained to a foreign visitor)

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in, goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out

When they are all out the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When both sides have been in and out that's the end of the game! Howzat!

Milko!

Kindly contributed by Rodney Smith (Bee K's son in law!)

When my father (1909-2010) was a boy, milk was delivered in Bedford by a horse and cart and the horse knew the round, used to stop at the customers' houses and would take his master home.

When my parents moved to a small Cambridgeshire village in 1948, Mr Varley came round in an electric milk float. He ladled milk out from the churn and put it into pint jugs. All were liberally sprinkled with cigarette ash. Our mother sieved it and boiled it.

In the early 1950s we enjoyed magnificent and very sturdy glass milk bottles. Each was covered with 'top of the milk' which was heaven for the Blue Tits. The bottles were so heavy that, at the age of five I could barely lift them. It was my job to bring them in and when emptied by an adult, to wash them and put them outside. Years passed and we became used to glass milk bottles with 40% less glass and no cream on top unless you asked for Jersey milk. In time there were gold, red and green tops.

Then we were offered Tetra Pak waxed cartons of milk in our supermarkets, and even later 2 pint, 4 pint and 6 pint milk plastic containers.

On 'Inside the Factory' recently, Greg Wallace went to a dairy producing Yoghurt. He also went to the doorstep milk delivery section and discovered that a glass milk bottle is reused on average 35 times. More and more people are reverting to glass milk bottles and old fashioned milk rounds are going up.

This was enough for us, very fortunately, to be taken onto the books of 'Milk and More', a nationwide milk delivery company. We have now reverted to glass bottles and we love them. (Editor's note! 'Milk and More' have an outlet in Lavant and deliver to this Parish,(see <https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/login>) And what do we get out of this? Helping to rebuild milk delivery, using a system which is super sustainable and, most important to me, I now wash out milk bottles and put them carefully onto the front doorstep. The magic is that the 'chink' of glass on tile is the same and I am five again. Such a simple way to turn back the clock.

Why did Lady Victoria come to West Stoke House?

Lady Victoria Wellesley took a 20-year lease of West Stoke House from the Duke of Richmond at the end of the 19th century. After reading about her life in West Stoke, I wanted to know why a middle aged lady of such wealth and standing came to live there by herself. I have found some of the answers about Lady Victoria Pole Tylney Long Wellesley in a book about her parents called the Angel and the Cad.

“Quadruple” barreled surnames usually indicate how the family’s wealth was inherited from four different families. Victoria’s father William Pole Wellesley became the Earl of Mornington and hence she became Lady Victoria. Her mother was the heiress, Catherine Tylney Long.

Her father was described as a feckless dandy who squandered their money and became known as “Wicked William”. His obituary notice in the Morning Chronicle claimed that he was "A spendthrift, a profligate, and a gambler in his youth, he

became debauched in his manhood... redeemed by no single virtue, adorned by no single grace, his life gone out even without a flicker of repentance".

Among his other acts of wickedness he sold his wife’s home for £10000, on condition that every trace of it was removed. Wanstead House had cost £360000 to build 100 years before and he had held



many lavish parties there.

Lady Victoria’s mother, Catherine Tylney Long, was said to be one of the richest commoners in England. It was rumoured that she might marry the Duke of Clarence, who later became William IV. Victoria, her youngest child, was named in remembrance of the famous Victory at Waterloo and was born one year before Queen Victoria.

Sadly her mother died when Victoria was seven and on her deathbed, she tore up her will and made it clear that she did not want her children brought up by the Wellesley family. Although a Wellesley himself, the Duke of Wellington

supported her wishes and in a landmark court judgement, the judge awarded custody of Victoria and her brothers to their mother's family, just as she had wished. Lady Victoria is seen in the cartoon with her two older brothers. Judgement was given against her father and Victoria lived mostly thereafter with her mother's sisters.



Her two maiden aunts lived in Surrey and together they sometimes toured England and they often stayed in London. King William IV took notice of Lady Victoria at Court parties and said that "he wished to see that young fairy dance" After a Court party with Queen Victoria, Lady Victoria wrote in a letter "Prince Albert being a novelty and a most fascinating bridegroom added interest to the scene. For all that, I am happy to say that I feel more and more disinclined to place my happiness amongst such glittering and dazzling festivities. I trust I shall never be called upon to be much amongst them".

Her aunts rented houses and settled in Sussex at Albourne Place near Brighton and later in Eastbourne where Lady Victoria later built a church. Her surviving aunt died in Madehurst near Arundel and it was there that Lady Victoria heard about the Duke of Richmond's house in West Stoke.

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Geoffrey Boys



FORD FORWARD – moving on to a new future

The West Stoke Cream Tea on Sunday 15 August will raise funds for ‘Ford Forward’ which helps to resettle men leaving Ford Open Prison at the end of their sentences. Ex-prisoners can face many resettlement challenges: finding somewhere to live and getting a job, as well as renewing family relationships, perhaps after many years. For those who have completed long sentences the outside world will have changed beyond recognition. They may have never used a cash machine or logged on to a website or used a debit card or mobile phone – all things that we take for granted. Ford Forward works with the probation service, charities and other voluntary organisations to support ex-prisoners in the difficult weeks after release away from the familiar routines and strictures of prison life. Raising money for this small local charity is difficult but awards have been made from the Lottery Community Fund and the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner as well as generous donations from individuals with a heart for ex-offenders.

The profit from the Cream Teas will help Ford Forward to provide practical support, encouragement and hope for the future.

Mary Money

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Funtington and West Stoke Scout Group

During the last month the **Cub Pack** have been super busy hunting geocaches along the coast, bike riding the Centurion Way and enjoying a lots of outdoor activities and games in both the rain and sun. In the first week of July, we are going on a tour of Chichester's wonderful street art.



The Scout Troop's news this month is provided by Tom Carr. This term at scouts we have been working on our map reading with some hikes which were planned by some of the older scouts. The younger scouts then read the map to get us back to the car park at Stoughton. We have spent time at den building at Oakwood West and learning how to use our survival tins. The tins are really small, so we have to find inventive ways to add the items we need for survival, things like fluff from the tumble drier are good to put in there for starting a fire. On some wet Monday nights we have met at West Ashling Village hall to learn some cooking skills. I am looking forward to doing some of the

events the next term brings especially the Junior Downsman event. Our Scout Troop meets on a Monday at 7pm.

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact the Group Scout Leader at fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk

Film Review – 'News of the World' – Netflix

If you are not keen on Westerns don't let this put you off – yes, there are 'baddies and goodies' and 'cowboys and Indians' but this is a charming film.

In 1870, five years after the end of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kidd (Tom Hanks – excellent) a Confederate Captain travels through Texas reading the news to mostly illiterate towns folk. Kidd comes across Johanna, a 10 year old girl (Helena Zengel – brilliant) taken by the Kiowa people and orphaned a second time after a brutal raid on their tribe. Kidd agrees to take Johanna to find her German Aunt and Uncle far away in the Hill Country. They travel together each with their own demons of the past. If you don't have tears in your eyes in the final scene – well...

.JL

Turtle Doves

This month is the last opportunity this year one has of catching a sighting of this lovely bird. The Turtle Dove is a beautiful, delicate bird that is unfortunately in rapid decline, with a 90% decrease in numbers over the last 25 years. However



we are fortunate that this enchanting dove with its gentle purring call can still be seen and heard in the South-east. It is a migratory bird of the pigeon family and it arrives late, usually at the beginning of May, and then leaves again towards the end of August and early September. It travels all the way from south of the Sahara. It is a shy bird which likes open

woodland which borders fields. It feeds on wild flower seeds especially Fumitory, Buttercups, Chickweed and Docks. This dove has a delightful, gentle call which is a '*turr turr*' almost like a purring cat and this is how the bird got its name. It had nothing to do with Turtles.

Experts are not sure of the exact reasons for its decline but it is thought to be due to a number of factors. These include hunting by Mediterranean countries on their migratory routes, habitat changes from modern farming practices which have led to reduction of



weed seeds on which they feed, climate warming which is thought to have reduced their breeding season leading to one rather than two clutches raised annually, possible competition from the resident Collard Dove and a parasitic infection by a protozoan called '*Trichomonas*'.

Efforts are being made to stop the decline of this beautiful bird. 'Operation turtle Dove' is an international effort established in 2018 to reverse the dove's fortunes. Partners, of which the RSPB are one, are encouraging the implementation of the

anti-hunting laws during bird's migration to stop their shooting in the Mediterranean, working with farming communities to re-create suitable habitats for feeding and breeding and supporting scientific research into the parasitic disease that the doves seem to be carrying.

Locally efforts are being made in and around Kingly Vale to try and attract this bird back. There are Turtle Doves locally near Walderton but the best place to hear and possibly see this lovely bird is the re-wilding project at the Knepp Estate near Dial Post where they have at least half a dozen pairs. Now is a good time to catch them this year before they head back to Africa.

Kevin Tarrant

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A couple of weeks ago 6 of us took part in one of Jill's willow weaving beginner's classes, held in her garden room. It was great fun, with coffee and cake half way through. After learning the three rod wale, pairing a trac border and the God's eye knot we all produced these wonderful bird feeders! Here are Dena and Judith with theirs. I made two, filled them full of fat balls (thanks to Jill) and hung them on my crab apple tree. Our robin found them first and then a family of long tailed tits, followed by the rest and they polished them all off within a week!

Anna D'Alton

Funtington Flora – August

The West Ashling pond is rich with wild flower interest this month.

Meadowsweet has clouds of small white flowers, and a stem said to smell of “Germolene” when broken. It likes damp areas and also grows in the brook in Watery Lane.



leaves. Its flowers are very popular with butterflies.

The tall spikes of purple flowers are Purple Loosestrife.



Hemp agrimony (with the scientific name *Eupatorium cannabinum*) is in the daisy family and is not in any way related to the cannabis plant, other than a

resemblance of its palmate or finger-like

Water figwort has unusual maroon flowers on a square-sided stem, and is pollinated by the Common Wasp, not by bees.



Finally, peer over the wall in the corner to look down to see Gypsywort, another stingless member of the nettle family, which has small white flowers in whorls around its stem, with sharply jagged leaves.

Helen Dignum

Chichester Creative Textiles

A new independent group concerned with textiles of every type and not necessarily the usual concept of embroidery. The aim is to provide interest, information and encouragement for those whose work includes the traditional and the contemporary, both hand and machine created and also those who spin, and weave, knit and crochet, make felt, and piece and manipulate fabric, or colour textiles with paints dyes or print. There are currently about 100 members, all anxious to get started as soon as is allowed!



At the Oxmarket Gallery
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Tues — Sat

10am—3.30
Sunday

Many but not all of the members previously belonged to the Chichester Embroiderers' Guild which has sadly had to close. Creative Textiles first meeting will be in September in Lavant Memorial Hall. Other activities will include '*morning stitching*'; '*all day workshops*' and expeditions are planned. There is also a monthly newsletter.

This exhibition is scheduled to be shown this September and we are hoping that our members will have been creating loads of exhibition pieces during lockdown! Do come and enjoy our work in the newly 'upgraded' Oxmarket. For Further information about CCT can be obtained from the Secretary Angela Easton. Angelaeaston4@gmail.com

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100th ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2021

Bosham Village Hall - Doors Open 2pm



ADMISSION 50P (Under 12s & Exhibitors free)



This Show will be subject to any Government restrictions in place at the time!

As this will be our Centenary Show we are hoping for a bumper crop of entries! We welcome exhibits from all around the area. The classes include Flowers and Plants, Floral Exhibits, Domestic baking and preserves, Handicrafts, Photography and Children's Classes. The Schedule is available at all the usual outlets around the Village and is on our website. (bcdhs.org.uk).

Funtington Goblins at Goodwood

On Sunday 27th June, the Funtington Goblin racing team took part in the Gathering of Goblins at the historic Goodwood Motor Circuit. The event, organised by the Greenpower Education Trust, a Footwell-based charity promoting STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths) to young people from age nine upwards, is an annual race open to teams from across the country. This year, around 40 teams took part in their Goblin cars - electric racing cars built and driven by children aged between nine and 11 years old. The team from Funtington Primary lined up to compete in their own Goblin car which the children have decorated with recycled swimming pool floats in keeping with Greenpower's theme of using environmentally-friendly materials to make the



car's bodywork. A cheeky face was added to the front of the car and the team named it 'Oodles of Noodles'.

The day consisted of several different races testing not only the car's speed by also the drivers' skills. The majority of the day was spent tackling a series of slalom races through coned gates, flat-out

drag races and sprint races around the Goodwood chicane. Then in the afternoon, one lucky driver from each team took part in the Lap of Champions, a full lap around the 2.4 mile Goodwood circuit. Once all the events were finished, everyone gathered for prize giving and #teamfuntington were delighted to bring home three trophies, one each for third place in the drag race, the chicane sprint and the Lap of Champions. Now that the racing season is over, Oodles of Noodles will be tucked away until the start of the next school year when a new team of children from years five and six will rebuild the car, create their own unique bodywork and start racing again.

Stuart and Alison Morgan

One woman's weed is another woman's flower

Our honeybees are flat out in August foraging for nectar and pollen on the summer blooms; it's now or never if they are to build up enough stores to see the colony through the winter. Nectar is a sugary syrup secreted by plants that is inverted and evaporated by honeybees to form honey, and strong colonies will produce an excess that we can harvest in late summer.



Honeybees forage in a 3-mile radius of their hive, which for our Watery Lane bees mean they will fly as far as Stoughton, Bosham, Aldsworth and West Lavant in their search. When they find a sizable source of flowers they will return to the hive and communicate the whereabouts to the other foragers by a series of movements called the 'waggle dance'. Surrounded by a circle of her sisters, our scout bee scampers around the face of the honeycomb in figure of eight, wagging her abdomen to signify both the direction and the distance to fly. Honeybees navigate these long distances using a combination of the position of the sun, the earth's magnetic fields, and closer to the hive they pick out landmarks to guide them back home.

In midsummer our honeybees will be on the lookout for the last of the Bramble, the Willowherb along our ponds and stream edges, Borage, Viper's Bugloss, Yarrow, Daisies and all manner of wildflowers and what many regard as weeds. On each of her trips, a honeybee will forage only on a single type of flower, ignoring all the others in her path – known as floral fidelity – which is vital for the pollination of those plant species, and allows beekeepers to produce single variety honey such as Heather Honey. Contrast that with the Bumblebee who quite happily flits from Foxglove to Nasturtium without a care.

It's important that we all set aside a patch of our garden, paddock or fields to allow these wildflowers (and weeds!) to grow, bloom and set seed. Historically we have all desired the neat stripes of a mowed lawn and demanded increasing yields from our fields, but this has been to the cost of the insects and pollinators. Our own efforts to encourage wildflowers on our paddock are a work in progress that will take a number of years as they compete with the grasses, but the appearance of Trefoils and Bugloss this summer have got us excited.

We're nearly at the end of swarming season and so our colonies can settle down and focus on preparing for the winter that will come around all too quickly. But, just in case any of them didn't read the instructions, we're still checking the hives every week just to be on the safe side. And we too are starting to think about the end of summer and what we need to be doing to help our bees get ready for the darker nights.

Jason & Kate Boswell



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Recipe of the Month

No Fear Scones!

500 g plain flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons bi-carb of soda
4 ½ teaspoons cream of tartar
50 g cold unsalted butter (diced)
25g Trex in teaspoon lumps
(or 75 g butter)
300 ml milk
1 large egg beaten for egg-wash
6 ½ cm round cutter

Trex and cream of tartar available at Waitrose!

Preheat the oven to 220 C (gas mark 7)

Sift flour, salt, bi-carb and cream of tartar into a large bowl. Rub in the fats gently until it feels like damp sand. Add the milk all at once and mix briefly (briefly being operative word). I cut it in with a knife and then pull together gently. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead lightly to form a dough.

Roll out 3cm thick. Dip cutter into some flour and stamp out at least 10 scones. You should get about 12 from this in all. I line a baking tray with baking paper. Place on baking tray quite close together and brush tops with egg yolk. Put into oven for about 10 minutes or until risen and golden.

Eat warm from the oven with jam and clotted cream. Yum! Yum!

You can freeze if you like and when needed use straight from freezer. Put into oven at 180 C for 10 – 12 mins

AD'A

Solution to crossword 3 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

ACROSS.

1 Singleton. 8 Poets. 9 Sublime. 10 Loaf. 11 Ignition. 13 Riding. 14 Agaric. 17 Midhurst. 19 Oval. 21 Gavotte. 22 Choir. 23 Symphonic.

DOWN.

2 Iceland. 3 Gasp. 4 Ensign. 5 Oxbridge. 6 Mini. 7 Vernacular. 8 Pilgrimage. 12 Industry. 15 Ravioli. 16 Asleep. 18 Diva. 20 Echo.

Letter from Gillian Keegan MP

We all know that we face a significant challenge locally to balance the need to provide more homes with protecting our natural environment and existing communities. At the end of June, I held the Chichester Community Conference, an online panel event including both local councils, Highways England, Natural England, Southern Water and The Environment Agency. We covered a huge range of local concerns around key infrastructure and the A27, planning and development, and environmental issues including sewerage releases into both the Chichester and Pagham Harbours.

Also discussed was the wastewater treatment works in Thornham. My office has been contacted by a number of constituents with their concerns about capacity at this site. Southern Water spoke about the work going on across our area, but confirmed that they're aware of the specific difficulties at Thornham. Discussions are to be held with the Environment Agency and the local authorities shortly to discuss the next steps and I will be sure to stay close to this issue as work continues. I am grateful to everyone who participated online, but in case you were unable to attend, a recording of the conference is now available on my website: www.gilliankeegan.com.

During the Conference one significant piece of news demonstrating progress came from Highways England who updated us on their work on the A27. Back in March 2020, the A27 Chichester Bypass was included in the Department for Transport's list of projects to be developed for possible future funding, sharing a £347 million funding pot as one of 32 possible schemes nationwide. This work will then lead to some of those to be included in the Road Investment Strategy 3 (RIS3) which is between 2025-2030.

At the Conference, Highways England explained that the project is in the early stages and over the coming 12 months, they will be undertaking traffic modelling using previous modelling as well as fresh data. As part of the process, HE will begin engaging with a wide range of stakeholders later this year and have promised they will be transparent with stakeholders and hold open discussions. A transparent and open process with Highways England that considers all the options has been a goal of mine ever since becoming an MP, so I am pleased that we are heading in that direction.

Gillian Keegan MP

Social Activities

Charity Cricket Match 29th August 2021

A second cricket match is being organised at the West Ashling Cricket Ground on 29th August to support the wonderful St. Wilfred's Hospice. Everyone is welcome to come along. The match is being held in memory of a local man, Charlie Vane, and is being organised by his stepdaughter. Come and enjoy a lovely day in the sunshine, with raffles, cake stalls and watch a fun game of cricket!

We look forward to seeing you all.

Ashling Cricket Club

All ages and abilities will be made very welcome. Dates & Fixtures on Page Steve Harvey at stephen.harvey@virgin.net or phone 07540 699664.

Follow the Club on Twitter and Facebook and see our fixtures and results are on the Club's website at <http://www.spanglefish.com/ashlingcricketclub/>

Merry Widows' lunches

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

Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

Celebrating their Centenary Contact: Mrs R Bradley (576057)

All gardeners from surrounding villages made very welcome

West Stoke Village Hall 2021 Cream Tea Season,

The 42nd year [2020 omitted because of the Covid 19 Pandemic]

Teas are served between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm on the following Sundays:

Sunday 1st August, East Ashling Association

Sunday 8th August, West Stoke Village Hall

Sunday 15th August Ford Forward

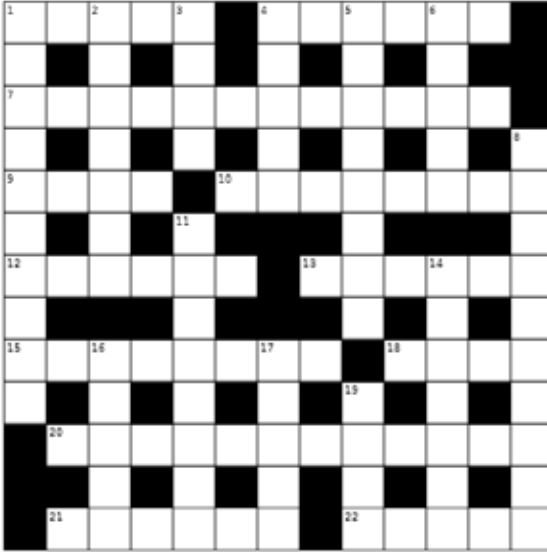
Sunday 22nd August, Riding for the Disabled

Sunday 29th August, The Parish of Funtington, West Stoke & Sennicotts

A full Cream Tea consists of: One good size plain scone with jam and cream, one piece of homemade cake and a pot of tea cost £6. Part teas i.e. Tea and cake are also available.

Kindly bring CASH, the Hall does NOT have Card / Contactless reception facilities

Crossword no. 4



ACROSS

- 1 Ask for a loan; move emotionally (5)
- 4 Mental infirmity of the elderly (6)
- 7 Where fouls result in spot kicks (7,5)
- 9 Japanese wrestling style (4)
- 10 Roofed gallery or portico (8)
- 12 A provocation by 5D, perhaps (3,3)
- 13 Bureaucrat's headgear (6)
- 15 Users of oils, acrylics or tempera (8)
- 18 Commit an error in fielding (4)
- 20 Coverings for a pugilist's fists (6,6)
- 21 A Sunday newspaper, perhaps (6)
- 22 Test results or blemishes (5)

DOWN

- 1 It's neither handwritten nor printed (10)
- 2 Incognito, or not identified (7)
- 3/16 Rare achievement that involves no putting (4,2,3)
- 4 Creator of Holmes (5)
- 5 Mounted bullfighter (8)
- 6/19 Winning every trick or major tournament (5,4)
- 8 They treat athletes mentally or physically (10)
- 11 Sporting feat for which a 13A wins a 13A? (3,5)
- 14 Even L(ewis) Hamilton was one once (7, hyphenated)
- 16 see 3D
- 17 Public school in which 1A is a no-go area (5)
- 19 see 6D (4)

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – August 2021 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercess	Sidesmen	Readings
1 st August Trinity 9	10:00 Family Service	Sue Simms	Phyllis Goulding	-	-	Jane Gummer	Jimmy Faure Kay Knowles	Jimmy Faure 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13 Clare Hosking John 6.24-35
	19:00 Eucharist Welcome to Revd Andrew			David & Miriam Callas	Liz Lancaster	Clergy	Nigel Brown Denise Foster 2 Peter 1.16-19	Nigel Brown Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 Denise Foster 2 Peter 1.16-19
8 th August Trinity 10	10:00 Eucharist	Rachel Hammond	Ann Jones	Anne Maddock & Ann Jones	Carolyn Watt	Anne Maddock	Carolyn Watt Nick La Hive	Carolyn Watt 1 Kings 19.4-8 Nick La Hive Ephesians 4.25-5.2
	10:00 Morning Prayer			-	-	Jane Gummer	David Callas Andrew Hughes Luke 1.46-55	Mini Elliott Isaiah 61.10-11 Andrew Hughes Luke 1.46-55
22 nd August Trinity 12	10:00 Eucharist	Pat Hill	Miriam Callas	Carolyn & Neil Watt	Kay Knowles	Liz Lancaster	Nigel Brown Anne Maddock	Nigel Brown Joshua 24.1-2, 14-18 Anne Maddock Ephesians 6.10-20
	10:00 Joint Eucharist			Andrew & Deborah Hughes	Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Neil Watt Liz Lancaster James 1.17-27	Neil Watt Deuteronomy 4.1- 2,6-9 Liz Lancaster
5 th September Trinity 14	10:00 Family Service	Debbie Hughes	Liz Lancaster	-	-	Clergy	Ann Tupper Claire Hoare	Fiona Lunch Isaiah 35.4-7 Claire Hoare Mark 7.24-37

If unable to carry out a duty please arrange your own relief & amend notice at back of Church

Parish Services August 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sun 1 st August	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 4 th August	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 6 th August Transfiguration	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
	7:00pm	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 8 th August	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 11 th August	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 15 th August	10:00am	Eucharist	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 18 th August	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 20 th August	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 22 nd August	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 25 th August	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 29 th August	10:00am	Joint Parish Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 1 st September	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 3 rd September	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 5 th September	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington

Events may change dependent upon COVID-19 restrictions in force on the day.

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Eucharist – ‘Thanksgiving’ – Service of Communion with Hymns

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