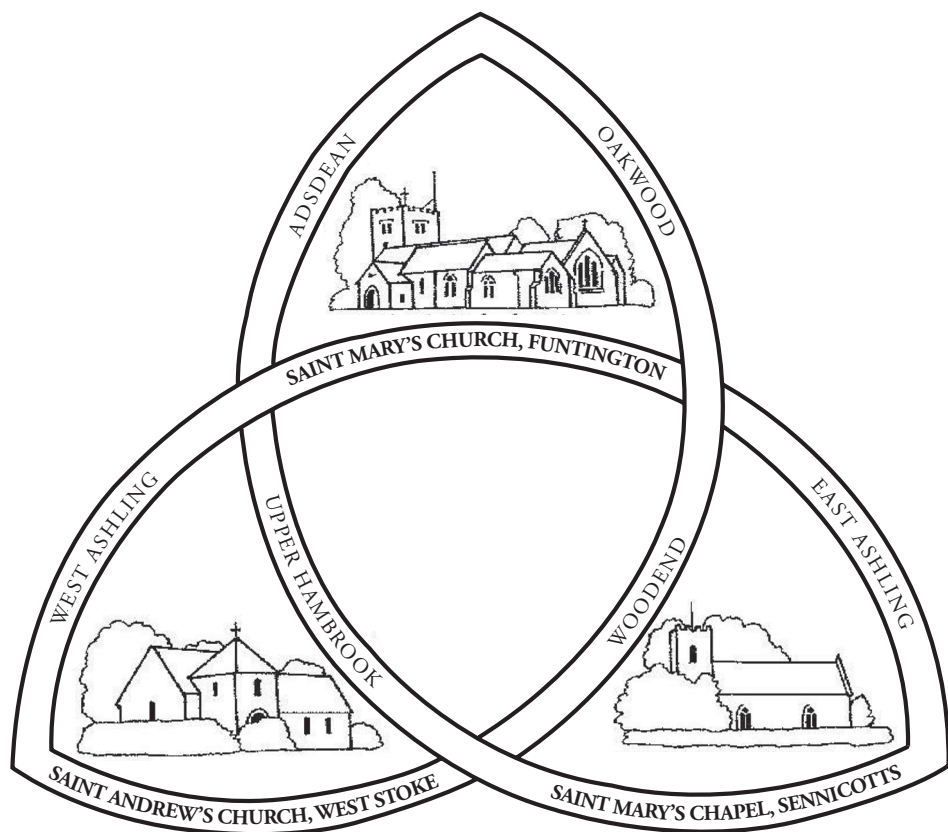


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## Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

The start of the New Year is always celebrated as a new beginning, a new start. For many it will feel a relief that the old year has gone, and good riddance to it!

We started the year with covid lockdown, just 2 weeks into my ministry here in the Parishes of Chidham and Funtington with West Stoke and Sennicotts. It meant that only 2 of the 5 churches I am responsible for were closed, and in one of the churches we were having to limit the numbers attending the church – something I hope we don't have to go back to, but some of the restrictions have come back, and now we are required by law, to keep masks on inside the church. I would also ask that where space allows, we continue to keep 2 metres apart and ensure that we are respectful of each other as well as caring for ourselves. Covid restrictions are there to keep us safe, and compliance means that we can keep our churches open and our communities safe. As priest in charge I will make sure that you are informed of any changes as soon as I can.

The finances of the church are not in a good state and we, like nearly every church in the country (especially older church buildings) have daily costs of simply running the buildings. For almost 18 months we were unable to raise any funds through what had been regular fundraising activities each year, which has meant we eat into reserves and have very little to replace those funds. The social event calendar for this coming year is already building, so hopefully this year things will improve, and we might even see things getting back to 'normal'. We rely on regular donations – if you would like to support us with a regular donation, please do contact me and I can put you in touch with our gift aid officer.

But 2021 wasn't all doom and gloom – we still managed some great and amazing events which brought us together as a community and helped to raise some funds for the church too. We had our amazing Harvest Service and Social (supported by *'the Bentalls'* and *The Old House at Home'* in Chidham. Carol Singing and of course our Christmas Services which this year meant we were able to sing carols once again. I am truly grateful for all the support and hard work of all those who have come together to make these events work.

As we look towards the New Year, I hope we can build on the successes of last year and more!

We have just come out of Christmas, and we now move towards planning for Lent and Easter. Lent this year will begin with Ash Wednesday on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Lent is a solemn observance period in the 40 days leading up to Easter. It is often seen as a period when we give things up – where we should be abstaining from things because it helps us to commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. However this year I would like us to think about Lent as a time of not just giving something up, but also of doing something differently. For example, if you decide to give up chocolates for Lent, why not put the money you would have spent on chocolates to a worthy cause (the church!). You could decide to spend time reading your Bible or chatting to a friend or family member. Whatever you choose to do during Lent, make sure it's something that you want to do, that will make a positive difference for you and others. On Ash Wednesday we are reminded of the solemnity of Lent by being marked with ashes, in the sign of a cross on our forehead. The ash is made from the burning of the palm leaves which were handed out last year. I will be placing an envelope at the back of each church to collect your palm crosses to be burned, so please do bring them back to church before Ash Wednesday. With prayers and best wishes,

**Father Andrew**

### **Stonepillow and Chichester Foodbank.**

St Mary's are restarting collections of food and provisions for the homeless, needy and poor in the area and will be giving it to Stonepillow and Chichester Foodbank on alternate months.

There is a collection box at the back of church for donations. They particularly need sponge puddings, jam, honey, marmalade, peanut butter, long-life dairy milk, size 5 nappies and fabric conditioner but other donations are always welcome.

If you would like to take this opportunity to help those in need, Stonepillow and the Foodbank would be very grateful.

**Neil and Carolyn Watt**

### **PANCAKE DAY!**

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 4 pm*

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## Getting our thinking right

*'As a Man thinketh, so he is'*

Dear Friends,

In these difficult days of Covid, it helps to get our thinking right. To find an anchor for our souls, that holds us steady through all the changing scenes of life.

Jesus said, 'You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free'. That is where we have to start and where the answers lie. What we believe makes and models the people we are. I remember my school motto, 'Master of myself, what may I not achieve'. The present situation is challenging for all of us.

When we allow Jesus to take hold of our lives, we find that He gradually shapes us into His likeness. Like the potter at the wheel, He can mould and shape us into something useful for God. As He comes alongside us He points the way forward. We become more Christlike people.

Periods of isolation, being cut off from our fellow human beings have a stifling effect on us. We lack the wealth of human kindness, yet it is still there. I have found it to be so. A friendly chat whilst social distancing or over the phone, lifts our burdens, lightens our day and encourages us to keep going on. 'All things are passing, God never changeth'.

Prayer also can be very helpful. 'Are their trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere, we should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer'. Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened.

So let us get our thinking right and the rest will follow. '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.

***Jane Gummer***

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

February 2022				
Date:	St Andrew, West Stoke		St Mary, Sennicotts	
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Isaiah 6:1-3 Luke 5:1-11	-	-
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 6:17-26
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00 a.m. Matins	Genesis 2:4-9 & 15-25 Luke 8:22-25	-	-
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Exodus 34:29-35 Luke 9:28-43
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Luke 4:1-13	-	-

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## Funtington Parish in the Past

### Operation Pied Piper - A group of evacuees leaving London with their gas mask boxes and labels



One of my earliest memories comes from the beginning of the Second World War when we had an evacuee. Pamela Collins from Tooting was 11 and I was three when she stayed with us for a few months, taking the bus each day to Chichester High School for Girls. She was given the spare room while I had a small room at the end of the passage.

Although in 1939 evacuation was voluntary, the organised transportation of school groups helped to persuade families in London to send away 800,000 children on their own and 500,000 mothers and infants to live with strangers. Evacuees arrived in Chichester on 1st September since the plans for Operation Pied Piper, as it was called, were made before the declaration of war on September 3rd 1939.

I was interested to read this account of the arrival of the evacuees from Tooting in Funtington in 1939. It was written by Violet Wilkins whose husband Stanley Wilkins was head of Funtington School and it was given to me by her daughter in law Mrs Patricia Wilkins.

*“My husband had been Head of the village school for ten years and we were on holiday in August 1939. He returned home early to receive the evacuees. He was the billeting officer and had a good group of helpers. He had four classrooms at the school and three assistant teachers and about 120 local children. I do not think that he had any difficulties in getting the householders to agree to take in evacuees.”*

*“We received children from three different schools in Tooting – Ensham Central Girls School, Selincourt Junior School and a Roman Catholic school. Our evacuees were soon billeted with all kinds of families usually in pairs. Mr and Mrs George Booth at Funtington Lodge received five children together with a teacher from the junior school and it was a very happy billet.”*

*“Two days after the children arrived we had a coach load of mothers and babies. The billeting of this group was not easy. They were wives and children of Greek Cypriot waiters from Lambeth and only one could speak a little English. My husband thought to get their names from their gas mask boxes only to find that they were in Greek. One of the helpers could speak a little Greek and eventually Mrs McDougall at Bowhill House who had a squash court had it fitted out for all to go there. They did not stay very long.”*

*“The 120 children from London were integrated with the locals and the older children were taught in our local village Hall. Some of the parents visited at weekends and in a few cases were not too popular as they expected hospitality without providing any share of the rations. Most of the children were clean and quite well dressed but a few had lice. This was unfortunate, as our own children had not had this trouble for several years. We had a few who wet their beds and the village nurse helped with this problem.”*

*“My husband had very little difficulty in finding billets for the school children and had no refusals from any households – all types including farm cottages, farmhouses and large houses. Some did not ask for either boys or girls. We also managed to rent the Scouts Headquarters on Saturday mornings for Mass for the Roman Catholics. Some drifted back to London at Christmas and did not return. Most stayed until the Germans started bombing Tangmere and Thorney Island. Some stayed until the war ended.”*

There were few bombs during the first year of the war but in November 1940 a bomb in East Ashling killed five people. In West Broyle, I can remember a German plane which crashed in August 1940 and the pilot was unable to get out. Our family nearly decided to evacuate to Cornwall but eventually we stayed in West Broyle for the rest of the war.



Class 3 at Funtington School in the 1930s with Mr and Mrs Wilkins

*Geoffrey Boys*



## Diving Ducks – Part 2

In December we looked at the dabbling ducks, this month is a chance to look at our diving ducks which is particularly appropriate as most of these birds arrive here for the winter. Our only locally resident diving duck is the Tufted Duck. These can be seen on the small pool on the west side of Thorney Island, the breach pools along the North Wall at Pagham Harbour, and every now and again we do get a couple of pairs visit the pond at West Ashling. The male is a very attractive black and white duck with a flamboyant tuft of feathers on the back of his head. The female, because she is responsible for most of the nest sitting time, is as is common with most duck species nearly all brown. These ducks are called diving ducks for a reason, they are constantly diving, in fact they will often appear to spend more time under the water than above it. Anyone who has tried to photograph these birds will appreciate how often they dive!



There are two other diving ducks that arrive in winter that can potentially be seen on lakes and pools locally, although they rarely travel far in land, these are the Pochard and the Goldeneye. The Pochard is probably more commonly seen and there are often a reasonable sized flock on the Chichester Gravel Pits and the Drayton House Pits. These are a small duck with the male having a chestnut brown head and grey body, flanked by a

black chest and tail. The Goldeneye male is a stunningly attractive, delicate duck with a high domed dark green head and a very smartly marked black and white body. It sports a charming white beauty patch on his cheek. These birds can appear in our harbours and lagoons near the coast. These are a couple in Chichester Harbour at the time of writing.



The other true diving ducks are sea ducks and are usually very difficult to see. Being relatively small they are often hidden by the swell of the sea and the distance at which they feed from the shore. The exception is the Eider Duck which is a large duck with a very distinctive head shape and will often feed quite close to shore and can be seen at this time of year in large flocks. The Scaup and the very



attractive Smew and Long-tailed Ducks unfortunately do not visit that often locally. Common Scoters can often be seen flying across the water but rarely will settle to watch. They are plain black ducks with quite an upright posture, and their rarer cousin the Velvet Scoter can be distinguished

with a small white mark by its eye and if seen a white patch on the wings. This autumn we have had a pair of Velvet Scoters in Chichester harbour often seen from Ella Nore Point.



The other diving duck you will see around our sea waters and lagoons at this time of year is the Red-breasted Merganser. Although classified as a duck, it looks very different. A long bird when sat on the water with a long thin bill, the male having a dark green tufted head and a grey and white body with a brown spotted chest. The female sports a tufted rusty brown head. Its cousin the Goosander which looks very similar is a less usual visitor

to the area and tends to be seen more inland on reservoirs and large ponds, however we did have four for a while in the harbour entrance at Pagham at the beginning of November.

With the exception of the Tufted Ducks most of these diving ducks breed in Scotland or even further north. They move south for the winter, and so this is the season to try and find them.

*Kevlin Townsend*

## A New Key for St. Andrew's Church

The original key, estimated to be over 600 years old, is an unusual hollow design and had worn very thin, with holes on both sides. The new one was turned and shaped by Robin Dimock and is a real work of art. The lock was also taken off and replaced by Graham Brown. The new key should serve the church for the next 600 years! Many thanks to both.



## MARMALADE 2022

I have made some marmalade again this year and will be selling it in aid of the Mothers Union, the cost is £2.50 for a 1lb pot, regrettably an increase on last year but the oranges have gone up this year. If you would like some please contact me by the following means, but please DO NOT leave messages on my landline as they are usually unintelligible!



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## Heating in St Mary's Church, Funtington

It appears that the heating in St Mary's Church, Funtington failed a couple of weeks ago whilst I was away. Once reported, a technician was called out investigate and, having positively confirmed that there was more than adequate fuel in the storage tank, re-priming the fuel system at the boiler was attempted several times without success. The conclusion therefore was that a non-return valve had failed thus permitting the repeated draining of the fuel supply system back to the storage. Replacement parts have therefore been ordered and it is hoped to fit them and recommission the system on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Until this is successfully done there will be no heating in the Church itself. The Room, lobby and WC are on a separate system with underfloor electrical heating plus supplementary electric radiators in the Room and hence these spaces should still remain tolerable but regrettably the Church itself will still be very cold until the repair is successfully completed.

During this investigation, it was also discovered that the remote gauge in the Vestry was giving highly incorrect (overhigh) readings and this will also need further investigation, although this will not stop the heating system function once the fuel supply problem described above has been rectified.



My apologies to all who have endured the less than adequate ambient temperatures in Church over the past couple of weeks.

*Nick La Hive, Churchwarden*

## News from the Funtington WI

22 members met on Wednesday 19th January to hear Susan Howe talk about 'Running Fawltly Towers and Cooking for the Rich and Famous'. Susan entertained us with stories of cooking on a super yacht, in her teens, through to running a hotel with her husband, in the 80's. She met playboys, including Gunther Sachs, royalty and stars of film and tv including David Suchet who kept in character as Poirot for the entire time he stayed at their hotel. She had so many stories, that we could have listened to her for much more than her allotted hour.

In line with covid rules for the Village Hall we sat at small tables instead of in rows to ensure social distancing, which actually worked very well and we may continue with this. We were then served delicious sandwiches and cake with a cup of tea and all enjoyed the afternoon. The WI are hoping to raise funds to purchase a Duck to take part in the revived Duck Race in West Ashling on June 25th 2022, it will be decorated by our Art group. Fingers crossed for a winner.

As well as the Art group we have Craft, Walking, Reading and Jonola (Canasta) groups.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday February 16th at 2pm when Yvonne Price will talk about 'Women Pioneers in Medicine'

*Sue Nicholson*

## To the victor the spoils

Poised, it was. My trusty index finger. Poised over the mouse button, in nervous anticipation, awaiting the clock to strike midnight. Ready to hit the refresh button on the Winter Sale page of a popular bee-keeping website and so begin the annual 'shop to the death' to see which of us crazies, dotted around the country and no doubt also with a ~~bottle~~ large glass of festive Bailey's in easy reach, would get to the bargains first. Which of us would outwit thine enemy to bag that £5.00 third-quality beehive brood box (normally £60.00), which of us would strategically opt instead for the limited availability seconds-quality hive roofs for £20.00 (normally £55) or who would march in a pincer movement straight for the shop-soiled smoker and hive tool ensemble to be sure of bagging a bargain.

With previous form over the last two years I was feeling pretty confident. I'd had plenty of sleep the night before so no risk of tiredness; I'd done some extensive limbering up to make sure my mouse-finger was primed for some quick-fire action; and I'd devoted considerable hours in the garage planning what I needed to purchase. Nothing was going to stop me now, an immutable bargain-fest awaited. The other sale shoppers were in for a disappointing night. Better luck next year, losers..... Click. "Eh? What the ?" Please login. Incorrect password. Click here to reset password. "Noooooooooo..."

I still got some good sale items, but not the really good ones. Those went to the even better prepared bee-keepers, the ones who trained twice on Christmas Day. Still, it's my tradition now and falls at a perfect time to reflect on our bee-keeping past and make plans for our bee-keeping yet to come. And it makes me happy, deal or no deal.

As did seeing our honey for sale at the Christmas Craft Fair in the church – and what talented craftspeople we have in our village – and on the shelves at the Grange Farm Shop. In all honesty, last year wasn't great for the honey harvest so it's in very short supply and soon to sell out.





Our first clump of snowdrops flowered in the second week of January; it always surprises us just how soon they arrive. They provide an early source of both pollen and nectar for honeybees and gives us a little hint that spring is around the corner. But to be sure our bees make it to March we have to regularly check they have enough food stores to last them. To do this we weigh each hive with luggage scales, deduct the weight of an empty hive, and that gives us a rough idea of how much honey each colony has left. If they are running low we give them baker's fondant that they will quite happily consume to keep themselves warm.

And soon enough the catkins will be out and then we're off again.

*Jason & Kate Boswell*

### **Funtington Village Hall Fundraiser – Volunteers needed**

We are reviving the legendary Duck Race of the 80's in West Ashling on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the afternoon to raise funds for the local Village Hall which serves the Funtington, West Stoke, East and West Ashling communities. We are looking for local volunteers to help on the day to set up, assist during the event and set down at the end, a great opportunity to have some fun while helping organising an entertaining afternoon. We could also do with some help from

anyone who has IT skills. The afternoon promises to be a lovely local fun event with a Pimms, wine and beer tent with food complemented by live music. The racing wooden ducks will be full size replicating the wooden ducks displayed in The Richmond Arms. Various prizes will be awarded, with a competition for the **best dressed, best sponsored**



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## **FREE DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING - Learn Life Saving Skills**

Funtington Parish Council is offering two FREE defibrillator training sessions - to be provided by SureFire Training. Numbers are limited to 12 per session so we need to know if you are interested in attending. If so, please contact the clerk@funtingtonpc.org by 17 March 2022.

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## **Letters to the Editors**

*From David Collins, Adsdean*

It is always interesting to read about the histories of properties and the people who lived in them. Geoffrey Boys piece about the Scott-Elliots and Adsdean is no exception. As the owner of Adsdean House for over 50 years and by reference to copies of the deeds, I can confirm that Adsdean House together with all the woodland down to the Funtington/Racton road was bought by Dorothy Alice Scott-Elliot in October 1964 and sold by her in February 1970.

Shortly after a further change of ownership, the property was sold to a developer who divided the staff quarters etc off into separate dwellings pretty much as they are today. For any of your readers who wish to know more of how the Butler came to murder first Dorothy in London and then her husband in Scotland (and a few others along the way!), there are 2 paperback books which tell the story.

The first is written by the murderer himself whilst serving life in Kingston Prison Portsmouth, "To Kill and Kill again" by Roy Archibald Hall. The other is by the detective who worked on the cases (and others) "The Butler did it" by Paul Pender. I don't think anyone would say that either are of any particular literary merit but I certainly found them fascinating. They are both available by searching on the internet. Happy New Year reading.

*From Jackie Baynes, Old Portsmouth*

Just to wish you a Happy New Year and to say how much I enjoy reading Funtington Parish Magazine. In fact, I attended a wreath making workshop I saw advertised in the November issue. It was on 5th Dec. and run extremely professionally by Milly Boxley. My wreath was much admired by those who beat a path to our front door during December. All 12 of us who attended produced a different style of wreath, each personal to themselves. With mulled wine and mince pies to ease the afternoon along -it was a lovely way to spend a rather cold and damp Sunday afternoon. I was very interested to read about the recent Restoration of West Ashling Mill Pond in the January issue of the magazine especially as reading about the pond in the May 2021 issue and our subsequent visit to see the pond and all the resident birds was what encouraged me to take out a subscription in the first place. We also came along to two of the Cream Tea afternoons held at West Stoke village hall. May these enjoyable afternoons be blessed with better weather this year! Thanks to all whose contributions to the magazine make it such an eagerly anticipated arrival each month.

## **Good Reads for February**

### ***The Rosie Project, Graeme Simsion***

Our hero in this book from is a socially awkward, but very methodical and logical professor of genetics. At the prompting of one of his few friends, he embarks upon a well-researched and thorough project (created by himself) to find the perfect partner.

But things so rarely go according to plan, especially where the heart is concerned. This is an uplifting book, mostly very funny and at times moving.

### ***Spoon Fed, Professor Tim Spector***

Prof Spector is a professor of genetic epidemiology, with a particular interest in twins. He is also one of the lead medics in the Covid Zoe survey, in which some of you might participate (there are 4.7m Brits logging symptoms roughly daily through an app).

But what he is really interested in is your gut, especially the microbiome in your gut.

This might all sound a little tasteless and gross but his book makes for fascinating and informative reading. Professor Tim unpicks several of the accepted 'truths' about nutrition and what is good for us. Some examples include information from 'Big Food Manufacturers' (the equivalent of Big Pharma- they have a vested interest and it is not necessarily the well-being of consumers!), the 'one size fits all' advice from government in terms of exercise and calorie intake; and that a lot of health claims and benefits from various foods and diets have very flimsy evidence to back them up.

This is a very accessible read, written in his 'no nonsense' way. It is informative, topical and very enjoyable to read.

***Anita Binning***

## **Solution to Crossword No. 9**

ACROSS: 1 Paddington 7 Cellist 8 Médoc 10 Bevy 11 Trial run 12 Europa 14 Steppe 17 Kohlrabi 19 Rife 21 Range 22 Eyeball 23 Ghost story.

DOWN: 1 Palaver 2 Drip 3 Intern 4 Gymnast 5 Order 6 Icebreaker 9 Cinderella 13 Perseus 15 Privacy 16 Abbess 18 Hunch 20 Demo.

## **Letter from Gillian Keegan MP**

Throughout the pandemic, our GPs have done a phenomenal job, continuing to provide healthcare within our communities, whilst also playing a massive role in delivery of the local vaccination programme. In our area, GPs have run vaccination centres in Midhurst, Petworth, Selsey and Tangmere, and most recently in Sidlesham, to help with the booster rollout, which I look forward to visiting soon.

In recent weeks, several people have written to me about some of the challenges they've faced in accessing GP appointments. More and more GPs are triaging patients by phone or video consultation to reduce face to face contact over the pandemic. I recently visited Southbourne Surgery to raise this concern and see how their new systems are working. Understandably, they, like many other GP surgeries are dealing with a vast increase in appointment requests as many people didn't seek medical treatment over lockdowns. Consequently, their phone lines are busy, with 70% of their patient roster calling each month. To ensure they can get to everyone, the surgery has recruited four new receptionists to handle the increase, as well as, bringing on a new care coordinator and two more GPs.

That said, the Government has been clear that practices should respect preferences for in-person appointments unless there are good clinical reasons. Understanding that may be easier said than done, we've invested £250 million into the Winter Access Fund to help GPs increase the availability of face-to-face appointments.

In other news, National Highways have now published their design report for improvements to the cycle route along the A259 between Chichester and Emsworth. I know many residents take a keen interest in the designs for this route which have been revised in light of the latest guidance and community engagement. There are so many benefits to be taken from sustainable transport and I'm continuing my work by highlighting residents' views and suggestions to those taking this project forward. You view the report online via West Sussex County Council's website: [www.yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/chichestertoemsworth](http://www.yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/chichestertoemsworth)

The campaign to end over-abstraction of the River Ems took a step forward - on a recent call with the Environment Agency (EA) I got confirmation on a new project that will get underway this summer that will pump water back to the river during times of low flow to protect the habitats and wildlife that rely on the river. There is still more to do to protect the river long term – but this is a really positive step in the meantime and shows the power of working together to bring about change. I want to thank the community group Friends of The River Ems and, local Councillor Roy Briscoe for all their work on this important issue. I will continue to work on this until we are satisfied the River Ems is properly protected.



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## Social Activities

### **Let's Dance (for the not so young!)**

Monday afternoons (term time) 2.30pm 'til 3.30pm

St. Mary's Church Room, Church Lane, Funtington PO18 9LH

Contact: Kathryn Wignall at [Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Eucharist on Wednesdays (followed by coffee morning for all)**

You are invited to come to Eucharist and coffee held every Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Church Funtington for a short service. Everyone welcome to come and join us for coffee and biscuits afterwards at 11am in The Church Room. A good time for meeting others, sharing and laughter.

### **Funtington and West Stoke W1**

The next meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. The speaker will be Yvonne Price on 'Women Pioneers in Medicine'.

### **Funtington Bridge Club**

The club now meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington.

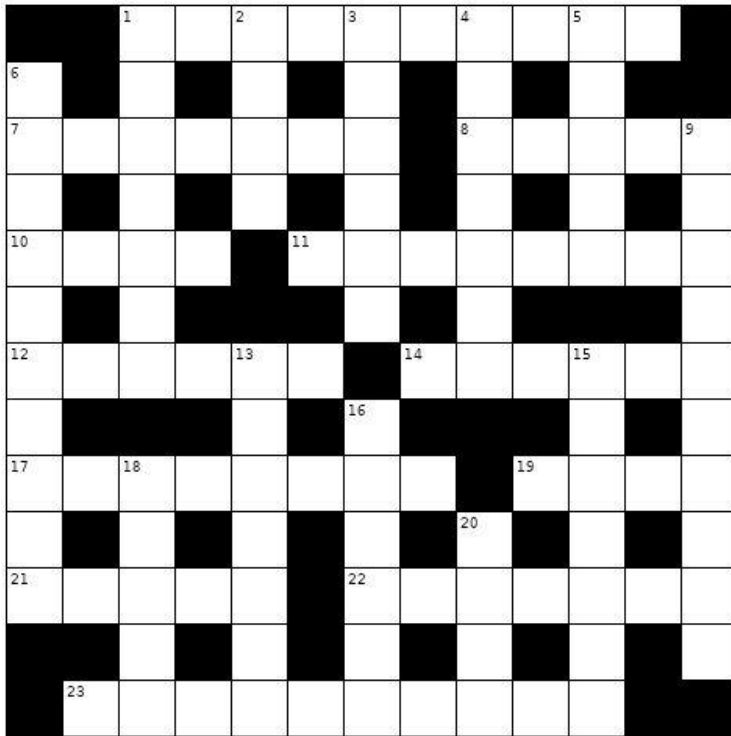
Rubber Bridge from 1.30pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

### **Bosham Chidham and District Horticultural Society**

Following the disappointment of the cancellation of the Christmas party, are we now looking forward to welcoming back our members and visitors to the 2022 season of talks, plant sale, garden visit and of course the Annual Horti Flower and Vegetable Show! Our first meeting is on Thursday 10th February 2020 when Guy Watts of Architectural Plants will be coming to talk to us. There will of course be the usual competitions, raffle and tea and coffee. In these uncertain times it is always a good idea to check our website nearer the time to see if there have been any changes to the programme ([bcdhs.org.uk](http://bcdhs.org.uk)). Do hope as many members as possible will be able to attend our first meeting of the year, and of course bring along any visitors! We really do need some new members to join our friendly group! If you have not paid your subscription (and hence have no Annual Programme) please bring along cash or cheque to the treasurer on the evening!!

***Rozie Bradley, Secretary***

## Crossword no. 9



### ACROSS

- 1 Peruvian railway immigrant (10)
- 7 Rostropovich, for example (7)
- 8 Bordeaux wine region on the Gironde (5)
- 10 Group of beauties (4)
- 11 Introductory (car) test (5,3)
- 12 Lover of Zeus; moon of Jupiter (6)
- 14 Dry uncultivated plain (6)
- 17 Turnip-like cabbage (8)
- 19 Prevalent (4)
- 21 Cooker of mountains? (5)
- 22 Give a hard look (7)
- 23 Genre favoured by Le Fanu and M.R. James (5,5)

### DOWN

- 1 Idle talk, or needless fuss (7)
- 2 Weak person, needing a washer? (4)
- 3 Impound as a precaution; apprentice (6)
- 4 Flexible tumbler (7)
- 5 Unchaotic religious fraternity (5)
- 6 Ship welcome at parties? (10)
- 9 Maid whose small feet brought royal recognition (10)
- 13 Andromeda's rescuer (7)
- 15 Freedom from intrusion (7)
- 16 Chief nun (6)
- 18 Instinctive guess (5)
- 20 Protest (4)

## Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

### St. Mary, Funtington – February 2022 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesmen	Readings
6 <sup>th</sup> February 4 before Lent	10:00 Family Service	tba	Ann Jones	-	-	Anne Maddock	David Callas Andrew Hughes	Andrew Hughes Isaiah 6:1-13 Jane Gummer Luke 5:1-11
13 <sup>th</sup> February 3 before Lent	10:00 Sung Eucharist		Liz Lancaster	Denise Foster & Sue Simms	Nigel Brown	Jo Borbone	Claire Hoare Jimmy Faure	Claire Hoare Jeremiah 17:5-10 Jimmy Faure 1 Corinth. 15:12-20
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2 before Lent	10:00 Morning Prayer	Pat Hill		-	-	Liz Lancaster	Denise Foster Ann Tupper	Denise Foster Genesis 2:4-9&15-25 Deborah Hughes Luke 8:22-25
27 <sup>th</sup> February 1 before Lent	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Rachel Hammond	Anne Maddock	Jimmy & Shirley Faure	Liz Lancaster	Nigel Brown	Neil Watt Carolyn Watt	Neil Watt Exodus 34:29-35 Carolyn Watt 2 Corinth. 3.12 - 4.2
6 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 1	10:00 Family Service	Lent – No Flowers		-	-	Borbone family	Nigel Brown Anne Maddock	Nigel Brown Deut. 26:1-11 Anne Maddock Luke 4:1-13

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

<b>Parish Services February 2022</b>			
<b>EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES &amp; EVENTS!</b>			
<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10:30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Ash Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am	Holy Communion	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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