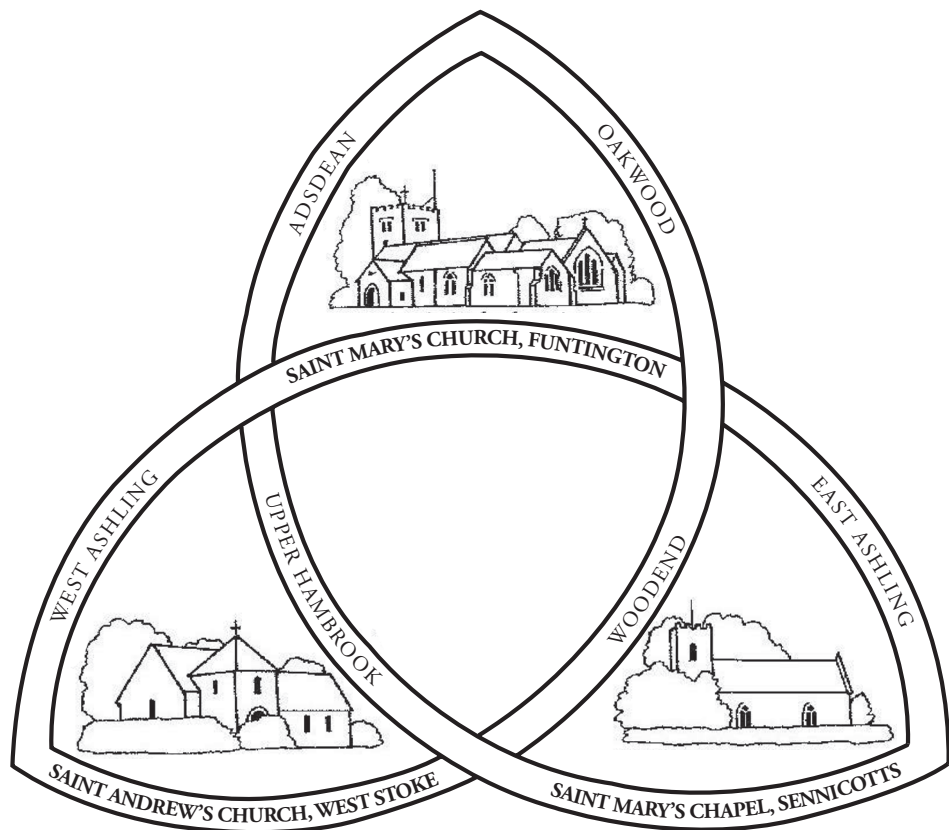


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## Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

We have probably all been in situation where we don't know which way to turn; concerned as to what to do next; concerned about what might happen next; watched as something develops into something bigger and bigger. As the situation develops and grows to what we might feel reaches dangerous proportions we have been guided and helped by someone when we reach out to them. We may have had a time when someone else has helped us to focus our attention on what is important, or to focus on the situation at hand to try and deal effectively with the issues. In the case of a medical emergency it might be the paramedics or a Doctor; in the times of distress or feeling a victim, one might reach for the police or other emergency services.

We don't always need to be in distress or in that state of panic or a '*nowhere else to turn*' situation to know what to do when the time comes. When I get on the plane I know that in the event of an emergency, I will be able to turn to the crew of the aircraft to know what to do. If I breakdown in the car, I know I can contact the RAC to come and assist. Sometimes we just need to know who it is we can turn to in an emergency and seek the guidance and help of that person or organisation.

And often we are simply looking for that leadership, that person who either has the authority or delegated authority to help us in our time of need.

The disciples know Jesus. He is their friend. They have travelled with him and listened to his stories. They have seen people healed. They have begun to understand something of his mission. But they have not even begun to grasp the miracle of who he is. It takes an episode of extreme danger to make them ask the question.

In Mark 4, the disciples are with Jesus in a boat crossing the lake when a storm blows up. Waves crash over the small boat. The disciples bail frantically, but nothing works. Jesus, meanwhile, is asleep. His friends wake him up, needing his help. Calmly, he speaks to the wind and the water, and they subside. "*Who then is this?*" they ask one another.

Who is it that can control watery chaos with a word? The disciples have read their scriptures and know that the universe was brought into being with a word from the creator God dividing the waters. They have sung the psalm that says to God, "*the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight*" (Psalm 104:6-7). They have read the book of Job and heard God claim power over the created order: "*who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb... and said... 'here shall your proud waves be stopped?'*" They know the story of the Red Sea, which God parted to let their ancestors cross on dry land.

Now Jesus speaks to raging water and it obeys. He reveals himself as more than a teacher, more than a healer. His friends have seen his divine power and they are in awe of him. *“Who then is this?”* He is still their friend and teacher.

When Mark included this story in his Gospel, he was talking to us. He tells us that we are not reading a biography of a good man. We are not hearing nice stories about farming and fishing. We are not even admiring the skill of a healer. We are reading about God’s purpose for the world, brought to fruition through the ministry of Jesus. When Jesus stands in the boat and speaks to the waves, he acts with the authority of the one in whose hands rests the entire universe. As we read on, this episode sheds its light over everything we read. And when we reach the end of the story, the defeat of death itself seems almost inevitable, because how can death hold on to one who can still the deathly power of the raging waters with a word?

The disciples not only understand, but they see a leader, a person who they can trust to calm their hearts in the storm. We too can be like those disciples and have our hearts calmed in the storms of life when we turn to Jesus and seek His guidance, His support, His comfort, His strength and His Peace.

*Father Andrew*

### **News from the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

The PCC met in May and amongst other matters discussed was the possibility of all three churches being fully opened on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The intention is for this to still go ahead, despite the extension of Covid restrictions.

It is hoped that a bench in memory of the previous incumbent, The Rev Christopher Huxtable, may be purchased and erected within the church grounds.

The social team are planning a cream tea at West Stoke and a Harvest Celebration, jointly with St. Mary’s Chidham. More details will follow in due course. *Carolyn Watt*

### **Update on the Vicarage, Funtington**

Many questions have been asked regarding the future of The Vicarage. The Diocese have now let it to a private tenant who is due to take possession from 19 June 2021.

This will restrict access to the drive and stables, although after negotiation, limited access to the stables and parking of a maximum of two “Blue Badged” cars for disabled person in the marked spaces along driveway has been agreed plus access for caterers etc. whilst actually in the process of unloading or loading to the Church Room. Such parking must not obstruct the drive for residential access or disturb the residents. In return for this limited access the PCC will continue to have the obligation to mow the lawns and cut the hedges along the drive.

Congregation members are asked to observe these limitations from now on.

*Nick La Hive*

## Singing God's Praises – July 2021

Dear Readers,

I am so encouraged and heartened by the response I receive from many of you who read my articles. This month I feel inspired to write about the joy of singing God's praises.

Right from Kindergarten days I have loved singing. My favourite song was '*Glad that I Live am I, that the Sky is blue*'. This is all I can remember now. Singing has always been an uplifting part of my life.

You won't be surprised then, when I tell you that I like watching 'Songs of Praise' on the television. Young and old alike are encouraged to say what Jesus means to them. In one way or another their lives were not working out, until they encountered Jesus. There is lots of singing praises to God, accompanied by personal testimony. Sometimes I wonder what God is making of it all, but their sincerity cannot be denied.

Their focus is on Jesus Christ, who accepts them as they are. They find a friend on whom they can rely. Theirs was no sloppy, sentimental love, God loved them in spite of their faults and failings. He transformed them into people who were pleasing in His sight. They could no longer enjoy their sinning, it was abhorrent to them. They found the One Person who could set them free and they have never looked back.

Many of us have found this transformation to be true. We come to the end of ourselves and turn to God. I remember talking to a clergyman friend years ago, when I was a student at College. I was feeling depressed and sad to my friend, '*I don't know whether God can help me*'? His answer came back swift and to the point '*But God is helping you*'. It was a moment of truth. I trusted myself into His hands and never looked back.

This can happen to anyone who takes God seriously and makes a change of heart. All we have to do is to invite Him into our lives and believe that it is true. He will do the rest. We stand in the experience of loving and being loved. I have never regretted the decision I made all those years ago. In Him we Live and move and have our being. As time went on I eventually settled down and married a clergyman. I have indeed been doubly blessed. No wonder we want to sing God's praises. Jesus said, '*I have come that you might have Life, in all its fullness*'.

*Jane Gummer*

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

July 2021				
<i>Date:</i>	<i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i>		<i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i>	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5	10:00a. m.HC(BC P)	1 Pet 3.8-15 Lk 5.1-11	-	-
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Rom 6.3-11 Mt 5.20-26
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7	10:00a. m.HC(BC P)	Rom 6.17-23 Mk 8.1-9	-	-
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> July St James	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Acts 11.27-12.3 Mt 20.20-28
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00a.m. Morning Prayer	-	-	-
Sun 1st August Trinity 9	10:00a. m.HC(BC P)	1 Cor 10.1-13 Lk 16.1-9	-	-

N.B. Service in light type will only take place if CoVID-19 restrictions are lifted

### West Ashling and Funtington District Hall

At this year's Village Hall AGM Pat Young (secretary) made the decision to step down, the village hall trustees are all very grateful for her input over the last three years and for all of the work she has put into her role as secretary.

At the AGM the two remaining appointed officers were voted back in, for another year in office, Jane Mottershead (Chair) and Ann Cook (treasurer), Jane Mottershead also thanked all of the trustees for their hard work and dedication and for their support over this last year.

### Book Now for Funtington Players First Live Performance!

The Funtington Players are delighted to announce their first live performance post-lockdown. 'Lydia and George' is a rehearsed reading of a new play by Lucy Flannery and Greg Mosse and concerns the further adventures of Elizabeth Bennet's scandalous sister some 25 years on from 'Pride and Prejudice'.

The one-off performance is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2 p.m. in West Ashling Village Hall and ***tickets are available now on their website:*** [www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk](http://www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk)

## **Auditions for a Bunch of Amateurs'**

Funtington Players are holding an open audition at 7.30 p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> July in West Ashling Village Hall for their production of 'A Bunch of Amateurs' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, directed by Alan Copsey.

The plot revolves around fading Hollywood action hero Jefferson Steele. Keen to boost his flagging career he arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford –only to find that this is not the birthplace of the Bard but a sleepy Suffolk village. Instead of Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench the cast is a bunch of amateurs trying to save their theatre from developers. More details on: [www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk](http://www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk)

## **Funtington Guides and Brownies**

It is with great sadness that Jane Mottershead has decided to step down as leader of the Funtington Brownies. It has not been an easy decision to take but with all her other commitments to the village hall and the Parish Council as well as a full time job, something had to go. She has been their leader now for 27 years over which time she has been a dedicated and committed leader and we all owe her a tremendous amount of gratitude. Debbie who runs the guides is herself undergoing an operation and as she has no one to help, the Guides unit will also close indefinitely.

Currently no children are registered but Jane will try to keep the unit open for six more months in the hope that someone will soon come forward to take over. It is a big commitment but such a worthwhile one.

Maybe some of her early Brownies are still living in the area and would be prepared to take this on. The Brownie unit has now been running since 1953, it would be so sad to see it go.

*If anyone would like more information Jane would be happy to speak to them, contact her in the first place on [jbmottershead@aol.com](mailto:jbmottershead@aol.com)*

## **Editor's Note**

As I write this on 21<sup>st</sup> June (Midsummer's Day) amidst tremendous rain and gales I can't help but feel very happy that I am not a Druid! Like everyone else I have spent days on my garden over the past months and although the rain is welcome it is so sad to see it now being torn to shreds. We have almost got a full house now in terms of paid up subscriptions. In addition, Jo and I have had a bit of a push to find more subscribers over the past month and I am pleased to be able to report that 10 more newcomers are signed up. If you think there are any people who might like the Mag let me know and I can supply extra copies with details on how to subscribe. Unfortunately our first cream tea scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July has had to be postponed until 29<sup>th</sup> August because of the delay in opening up. This year will be an odd one in terms of holidays, but I would love to have your holiday snaps, even if it is only a day looking around a garden. Photo No 1 is of Sybil Grindrod setting off to Sidmouth with others from West Ashling!

## **A Good Read ‘A Promised Land (2020)’**

This is part one of Barack Obama’s autobiography and takes you from his early life, through getting into politics and his first term as president. It was a gift and I had no particular interest in the man or American politics but it was fascinating and he has an engaging style that makes it an easy read.

My teenage son was a bit scornful of the book as ‘nothing happened’ in his presidency. Not true, as ever, Russia, China and the Middle East (including the assassination of Bin Laden, the Egyptian revolution and military intervention in the Libyan rebellion) kept him busy. At home the presidency started with the biggest (pre COVID) peacetime challenge, the financial crisis of 2008. He describes how they found a response through the ponderous and partisan nature of American domestic politics and then sold his ideas (of stimulus and avoiding protectionism) to the G20.

Obama is very good at setting the scene for the events he talks about, giving a global context or historical perspective without lecturing. For example he discusses the changes in American society that have led to ‘populism’ and the emergence of such characters as Sarah Palin and Donald Trump. Above all this a book about people and how they interact and that is what I found so engaging. He shares his impressions about the many people he comes across from unknown war veterans to world leaders. (Little though, about our own leaders although he clearly has reverence for The Queen.) He seems candid about the frequent dilemmas he faced and his reliance on key staff. He offers insights into ‘presidential’ decision making and how official events often give no inkling as to what is going on in the background. However it is not all power and politics and he talks also about his beliefs and his family.

The main difficulty for me with this book was that although it is a light read, it is a heavy book and so not ideal bedtime reading.

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### **Connected at last!**

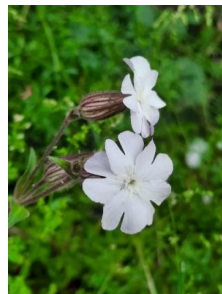
Margaret Henderson who moved to 11 St. Peters, Chichester on 7<sup>th</sup> May has at long last been given a telephone line by British Telecom. Her new telephone number is 01243 527162.



## Funtington Flora July 2021

This month's flowers can all be seen along our local footpaths.

White Campion is growing plentifully on the footpaths around Kingley Vale and in the newly planted hedgerow along Kingley Vale path up from the car park. It has abundant white flowers with five notched petals and red-veined sepals.



Common Mallow is a native plant in the Malva family, and is the origin of the garden cultivars. Look for its showy large pink flowers along West Stoke Road near Woodend.

Pineappleweed is a low-growing plant with fine feathery foliage and dome-shaped yellow flowers, like a daisy with all the white petals removed. If you bruise its foliage or flowers, it has a pineapple type scent. Find it on any well-trampled path.



Hedge Woundwort prefers to grow in woodland and shadier footpaths like the path from Sennicotts to West Stoke. It is in the deadnettle family, with nettle-shaped but non-stinging leaves, and dark pink-purple flowers arranged in whorls around its four-sided stem. Its leaves have a characteristic unpleasant smell but the flowers are liked by bees.

*Helen Dignum*

### **The Alien** (by Bee Kenchington)

A frightening spectre in the noon-day sun,  
Caused the blood in my veins quite cold to run.  
Motionless it stood, with hood and visored face,  
Some alien creature from outer space.  
White clad, with gauntlets – boots knee high,  
How many like him, lurk in the sky?  
His cudgel at his side – some spaceman's gun,  
Still smoking from a battle newly won.  
This awesome warrior, all of six foot three  
Wants to claim honey from a half inch bee!

## Even educated fleas do it!

In last month's article we talked about the weekly inspection to make sure the colony isn't about to swarm...well, no sooner had the June edition of this magazine landed on your doorstep than one of our colonies swarmed. We'd been away for half term, thought we had the timing correct, but they must have swarmed just hours before we got round to checking. We hope they stayed local, perhaps in the woods, and didn't take a liking to your garden shed... "Do as I say, not as I do" as the saying goes.

So while the queen bee and the majority of that colony disappeared off, the bees that stayed were left to fend for themselves until their new queen hatches. When she emerges from her cell, she'll spend a few days getting her bearings inside the hive, making sure the colony knows who's boss, and then head out to find a mate (well, several as is it happens). Aside from one or two mating flights, and of course a swarming flight, the queen bee has no other reason to leave the hive; all the colony's needs are taken care of by the worker bees. The workers are all female and pretty much do everything – keeping the hive clean, looking after the brood, collecting nectar, pollen and water, and defending the colony. It's the worker bees that you see foraging on your flowers or giving you a sting if they think you are after their honey! In fact, 99% of the bees in a hive are female.

Other than lounging around the hive, the small number of male bees, or 'drones' as they are called, have one job to do in the summer and that's to fly about hoping to



bump into a virgin queen on one of her mating flights. Should they get lucky their fate is a sudden death; those that aren't, are kicked out of the hive at the end of summer and die anyhow. Our mated queen will then return to her depleted colony to spend the rest of summer and autumn laying eggs to get them back to full strength in time for winter. At this point, when we next find the queen in the hive we'll put a little dab of harmless paint on the queen's back so we can more easily see her (as in the photo).

It appears we finally have our summer and the bees and pollinators have been catching up on the foraging they weren't able to do in spring. We harvested a small amount of honey in June but made sure the bees had enough to see them through that period when there was neither spring nor summer flowers in abundance. Aside from a few Ox-eye daisies our garden was short of colour in late June as we waited for the willowherb to come into flower and the bees to get busy again. Fingers crossed we have some fine flying weather in July and August.

*Until next time*

*Jason & Kate Boswell*

## Local Business Profile-The Horse and Groom, East Ashling

Gary McDermott Head Chef and Manager and his partner Claudia Mazareanu have over the last two years transformed the Horse & Groom in East Ashling. They offer a warm welcome and delicious food for locals and West Sussex visitors alike, despite the various national lockdowns they have faced. It has been over 10 weeks since the pub has re-opened, and the team have been back working together and they have already been awarded an AA 2-star Rosette for their heavenly food and 4\* stars for their accommodation. Having said that like many pubs the shortage of staff in the hospitality sector has been challenging and the kitchen has had to reduce opening hours. The pub has gained a great reputation for its food but since re-opening Gary has added a selection of bar bites to enjoy with a quick pint - crispy mozzarella balls, spiced tomato chutney, mini pie & peas. Gary is excited to be participating in the "Pub in the Park" 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July with famous Chef Tom Kerridge where he will be serving their tasty mini pie and peas.



The rooms have been refurbished over the last 12 months under owner Annoushka Ayton's beady eye. Being a jewellery designer attention to detail is paramount. The rooms have been featured in Sussex Life, Conde Nast Traveller, Country & Townhouse and Tatler a perfect staycation. During July the pub will be hosting Friday Night Music Nights .It's the perfect way to start your summer weekends, perhaps you can sample their captivating cocktails to enjoy whilst soaking up the atmosphere - frozen peach sorbet Bellini or a toffee apple cocktail.



Community is at the heart of the pub and during the third lockdown Gary and Claudia ran a charity bakery donating all the profits, £10,000 to local charities Dementia Support, Tangmere, Stonepillow, Chichester and the nationwide Mental Health Foundation. Gary said, "We're very grateful for their team who volunteered their own time and brought the community together during these tough times". Gary met representative from Dementia Support, Tangmere and from Stonepillow, Chichester to present them with the monies raised for their charities who were both so grateful to receive the donations The pub adds a £1 donation to each restaurant and accommodation bill in support of the Funtington Village Hall Project. So many good reasons to pop to your local and treat yourself!



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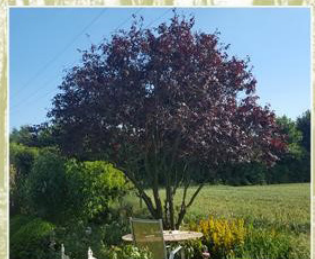
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## Ashling Cricket Club Update

Vinod Kumbhar was elected Club Captain for the 2021 season.

The ground was in excellent condition thanks to Peters Down and his team for our first match against Walberton CC, who scored 158/6 (Runs/Wickets), leaving Ashling CC scoring 126/7 at the close of play.



Our next match versus Shirrell Heath CC, near Wickham, saw Ashling CC set a competitive total of 188/5, with some of our new players demonstrating some outstanding performances. Sadly rain stopped play with Shirrell Heath CC scoring 82/4.

The home game versus Stansted Park CC also became a victim of the weather. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we hosted Yellow Stump CC a West Sussex

Wanderers side, who batted first and set Ashling CC an impressive target of 203/2 to which we could only match with 89/9.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> May we played the Gentlemen of Bedales CC at Bedales School, a new and exciting fixture. Bedales CC won the toss, batted first and scored 205/6 off their allotted 35 overs. Finally our match with Elsted CC ended with them winning by a large margin - Onwards and Upwards!!

To join in contact [Stephen.harvey@virgin.net](mailto:Stephen.harvey@virgin.net) or phone on 07540 699664  
All Ages and Abilities Welcome to share in the fun of the Game.

## WILLOW WEAVING FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July , 10 – 1pm**

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You can enjoy very supportive, friendly tuition from a local basketmaker in her Funtington garden. With a maximum class size of 8, this class is ideal for beginners! There are just a few places left. Email Jill at [southdownsbasketmaker@gmail.com](mailto:southdownsbasketmaker@gmail.com) or text or ring 07729 638439 to book a place or to join her mailing list for future courses.



## The Mystery of the Invisible Post Box

The Funtington post-box has now been entirely engulfed by the hedge on one side and the building site on the other. I contacted the Post Office, but post-boxes are nothing to do with the Post Office; that responsibility lies with Royal Mail, so I contacted them instead.



Royal Mail is now on the case and will “carry out the necessary investigations to determine if the post-box will be replaced”. The rules are that there must be a post-box “within half a mile of at least 98% of all ‘delivery points’ nationally”.

If Royal Mail decides to go ahead, the Highway Authority and utility companies will need to be consulted – a process which could take ‘a number of weeks’. Royal Mail has told me that if a new post-box has not been installed within 25 weeks (6 months!), it is likely that a new box ‘isn’t warranted’. We live in hope.

*Andy Du Port*

## Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

I have been looking back at what I wrote this time last year and quite a lot has changed over the course of this year – not least the mention of such a hot spring!!

What a horrid wet and cold May with the exception of the Bank Holiday weekend we have had in 2021! The very windy and cold weather ruined a few of my plants and held back the flowering of a number of spring flowering shrubs. At least this year the garden centres and nurseries are open which has been a bonus.

We held a Committee meeting recently and decide to plan for the Garden Party and the Annual Show but like everything it’s a case of fingers crossed! I shall contact



members direct with any updates on these two events. Please have a look on our website for the Show Programme so you can plant your entry to the competitions. As the magazines are

distributed to all the local area, please remember that the Show entries are open to ALL and this year we really need your support to make it a Show to remember for our Centenary Year!! Printed copies

of the Programme will be available at all the usual outlets! So no excuses there! I really hope that we can all meet up in July for a great celebration!

*Rozie Bradley, Secretary*

## News from the Funtington and West Stoke Beaver Pack

It was decided early on during the lock down that a programme of activities that could be done at home was produced. All these were linked to the badges they could earn and over the time we could not meet, Clare, the Beaver Section Leader, received a regular flow of emails with pictures of what had been achieved – cakes, pizza, curry for “Cooks badge”; maps and descriptions of walks they have done for “Hikes badge”; diaries of how they have looked after their pets for “Animal Lover badge” and

A map of the route for the Hikes Badge



descriptions of the recycling and energy saving efforts they have made for the “Global Issues” badge, to name just a few. They were truly Busy Beavers, and we have to say a big thank you to their parents, who have encouraged their interest in doing the activities, and have found the time to help them achieve, in-between doing their own work, home schooling and managing family life in the challenging

environment we have all been coping with. Clare was delighted to give out 24 assorted badges when we restarted meeting earlier this term.

Bike Maintenance for Cyclist Badge



properly, we started with

Hole Copse. We have lots more exciting activities planned - and lots more badges to give out - in the next few weeks!

Now that we have finally been able to resume the Beaver Scout meetings pond dipping at Brandy

## CUBS fun day with Christian Youth Enterprises (CYE) at Chichester Harbour

After the safety briefing by the fun and enthusiastic CYE team on the large boat moored there, the Cubs started off with an obstacle course, then did a team kayaking Jenga game and finally before lunch, they all did a sea swim. After lunch they played archery tag. Feedback for the day, from some parents ..'Thank you so much, the boys had an amazing time!' And their Cubs had ...'a brilliant day!'... and ... 'a great time'!

Currently we have a full Beaver Colony and also a full Cub Pack but if you have a child interested in joining or would like to join us as an adult helper please contact the Richard Bettles, Group Scout Leader at [fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk](mailto:fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk)

## Wedding Belle! Susanna Hammond and Thomas Green

Father Andrew officiated at his first wedding in St. Andrew's Church, West Stoke, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, with Nigel Brown ably demonstrating the abilities of the new organ to a small gathering of immediate family.



The Church was beautifully decorated by Denise Foster with displays of spray roses and peonies which were later transferred to St. Mary's Funtington, as services are not being held in West Stoke until July.

Susie, who has lived in Funtington all her life, is the youngest daughter of Dick and Rachel Hammond. Until recently she taught at Jessie Young Husband School, and was Deputy Head of the Pre-Prep at Westbourne House School before moving to London. Accountant Tom, the elder son of Richard and Joanna Green of Emsworth, is an Investment Director.

## Baptism of Finley Lawton on Saturday 12th June at St. Andrew's West Stoke



## Swallows, Swifts and Martins

This time of year we are fortunate to have our skies decorated with the thrilling acrobatics of some of our summer migrants. The Swallows and Martins arrived in April, followed soon after by the Swifts. These birds travel here from southern Africa to nest, raise their young, while feasting upon our air-borne insects. Nothing epitomises more a summer's evening than watching these birds feeding in the skies against the background of their pleasant twittering. Telling these birds apart, when they are zooming around, can be quite challenging.

There are about a 100 different swift-like bird species in the world, but we only



usually see the Common Swift in the UK. The Swift is a large brown bird which has long scythe-like wings and a short forked tail. Although they have a buff throat they are so quick (holding the record for the fastest flying bird) this is not usually noticed when in flight so appear a uniform brown all over. They are likely only to be seen on the wing as they only ever touchdown to nest! Swifts are

unrelated to Swallows and Martins and are more closely related to the Hummingbirds. They are an example of 'convergent evolution' where the species have evolved similar characteristics to the Hirundinidae (Swallow and Martin families) because, occupying the same ecological feeding niche, they require the same skills for catching insects in flight

Swallows are daintier than Swifts, smaller and have long forked tails. They are dark above, but below are pale and when in flight a dark throat can be seen, which if the light is right, is crimson red. They make a lovely twittering trill and can often be seen perched on telegraph wires taking a break from their insect foraging.



The other birds that are often confused with Swallows and Swifts are the Martins. There are two species that visit the UK, the House Martin and the Sand Martin and both can be seen locally. Martins are smaller, dumper shaped birds with broader wings and shorter forked tails than the Swifts and Swallows. The House Martin is dark blue above with a characteristic white rump (bottom) which can



be seen when flying, and is white underneath. It is equally happy around town and in the country.



The Sand Martin, which tends to prefer a non-urban habitat, is a similar shape but is brown on its upper parts and white underneath but can be identified as it has a brown band across the top of its chest which is visible in flight



These birds are so quick in the air separating them particularly as they are often seen hunting together, takes a little time watching them to ‘get your eye in’ but hopefully these little clues will help identify who is who and enhance one’s enjoyment of this seasonal avian entertainment.

*Kevin Tarrant*

**West Stoke Cream Teas 3pm – 5pm (See also Page 29 for other dates)**



Come along for tea, homemade cakes and delicious scones!

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021** (Postponed)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

In aid of Good Neighbours

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**(New date!)

In aid of Parish of Funtington, West Stoke, Sennicotts

**Chichester Art Trail – open studios**

July 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>

July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Between 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

[info@chichesterarttrail.org](mailto:info@chichesterarttrail.org) for venues

## Funtington Primary School - Together We Achieve Award

Throughout this school year, Rosehip Class have endeavoured to complete the 'Together We Achieve Award' with their instructor Rob Mayne. This award is a character education programme which aims to build children's confidence, resilience and team working skills through participation in weekly sessions of outside adventure based games and forest school activities. This award also develops



children's awareness of the benefit of staying connected with and serving their local community. Rosehip community action writing letters to

residents in a local care home during the height of the Covid pandemic. The children sought to think of others and brighten up someone else's day, but in turn were thrilled to receive some charming replies too.



Over the most recent sessions, Rosehip class have taken



part in first aid training, all achieving their Heart Start certificate from the British Heart Foundation. They have learnt how to help a casualty that is unresponsive, check to breathing, know what

see if they are to say if making a 999-emergency call, deal with someone who is choking, apply a bandage and recognise the signs and symptoms of a suspected heart attack with defibrillator awareness. The children were quickly able to acquire these skills and were soon confidently placing each other into the recovery position without any help.

For the final part of the 'Together We Achieve Award', Rosehip Class will be learning how to be effective leaders through developing communication and organisational skills as they work towards their Sports Leader Playmaker certificate. At the end of term, they will then enjoy a final celebration of their achievements this year with a reflective circle time around a campfire – there might even be a few marshmallows to toast!

## Meanwhile others have been learning circus skills!

Others across the school had a great time exploring a variety of circus skills



at a circus skills workshop. They learnt plate-spinning, scarf juggling and tightrope walking. This special day was organised to link with our summer KS2 (Keystage2) production of 'The Greatest Showman' and hope to incorporate some of the children performing their circus skills within the production

## Parishioner's Holiday Snaps!



Off to Sidmouth with all weather gear packed!





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## Roasted Rhubarb Cobbler

This is a different take on the ever popular recipe from the US of Peach Cobbler which I found on the New York Times but have altered somewhat as I am not fond of vanilla and cinnamon which the Americans seem to add to everything in abundance. It makes a nice change from 'crumble'.

For the Rhubarb filling:

- Enough rhubarb to layer into the bottom of a 10 x 6 inch dish
- Honey and sugar to sweeten the rhubarb depending on taste
- Lemon or orange juice and zest

For the Cobbler topping - roughly – it is very forgiving:

- 120 grams self-raising flour, plus more for shaping
- 2 table spoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 55 grams cold unsalted butter cut in ½ inch cubes
- 80 millilitres (plus more for serving if liked) cream

Cut up the Rhubarb and layer in a dish in order to make a decent amount of rhubarb when cooked. Add a little lemon or orange juice and zest. I sweeten mostly with honey and a little sugar. Roast in the oven for about 30 minutes at about 200 degrees gently stirring half way through. The liquid will have formed a syrup. Cool a little before topping with the Cobbler.

The Cobbler topping can be made up to 6 hours in advance but should be covered and chilled for at least 30 minutes.

Put the sugar, flour, baking powder in a processor and give a short whizz. Then add the cubed butter and give another whizz until it resembles chunky bread crumbs. Drizzle in the cream until everything clumps together – don't over process – you may need a little more or less cream. Cover and chill for up to 6 hours. Tip out onto a floured board and mould into about 6 or 8 balls, flatten off slightly. Place the balls on top of the Rhubarb leaving a little space between. Brush the Cobblers with a little cream. Bake for about 30 to 40 minutes at 190 degrees until Cobblers are golden and crisp. I hope it works out for you! JL

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

Last month we reached Step 3 of the roadmap which means we can finally meet up with friends and family at home, or in our favourite pubs, shops and attractions that we've all been missing. One such venue now open is the Oxmarket Gallery in Chichester where I went recently for their grand reopening following an extensive refurbishment. To mark the occasion, they've put on a fantastic exhibition called StART which includes works by Philip Jackson CVO and Vincent Gray which are being displayed in their beautiful new space. Chichester is, rightly, well known for its rich art and culture and we're so lucky to have brilliant venues like the Oxmarket and other cultural hubs like Chichester Festival Theatre, the Cowdray Estate and Goodwood Sculpture Park. I'm certainly looking forward to getting to them all soon.

For those who don't know, the River Ems runs through our area and is one of only around 200 chalk streams worldwide and as such is a rare and important habitat. The river itself acts as a natural wildlife corridor connecting the South Downs with Chichester Harbour.

It is also a source of water abstraction by Portsmouth Water which is having a negative impact on the health of the river. Since being made aware of the situation last year, I've been working closely with local councillors, Mike Magill, and Roy Briscoe, from WSCC and CDC respectively, along with the community group 'Friends of the Ems'. We aim to reduce the current rates of abstraction and the further impacts on the area's ecosystem. I recently met with the River Ems group in person and visited several key sites along the river's course. We were also joined by Bob Taylor, the CEO of Portsmouth Water, who is engaging with our concerns. I'm pleased that we're all working together to see what measures can be put in place to reduce the current amount of water taken.

In the meantime, I've also written to the Chair of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) to ask about gaining SSSI status (Site of Special Scientific Interest) for the River which would be hugely helpful in our efforts to protect the area long term. I have also raised this with Natural England, as the agency that protects and restores our natural environment. I have a dedicated page on my website where you can keep up to date with my work:

[www.gilliankeegan.com/campaigns/protecting-river-ems](http://www.gilliankeegan.com/campaigns/protecting-river-ems).

My Pub Tours are now back up and running which were a regular feature in my diary before Covid struck and are a brilliant way to meet residents, hear their concerns, and answer questions over a drink. I've recently held them at The Woolpack in Fishbourne and The Bosham Inn in Chidham. If you want to attend my next one, keep an eye on my Facebook page for future dates.

*Gillian Keegan MP*

## **Social Activities**

### **Funtington and West Stoke WI**

21 July 2021 – 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday party in the Village Hall

*President, Sue Nicholson 01243 574722*

### **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. Dates & Fixtures on Page

Steve Harvey at [stephen.harvey@virgin.net](mailto: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/>

### **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 42<sup>nd</sup> year [2020 omitted because of the Covid 19 Pandemic]

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

(Government Covid Rules permitting):

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Good Neighbours

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, East Ashling Association

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, West Stoke Village Hall

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August Ford Forward

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Riding for the Disabled

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 (small for one person, large for two or more) cost £6. Part teas i.e. Tea and cake are also available.

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Any Questions contact Michael O'Connell

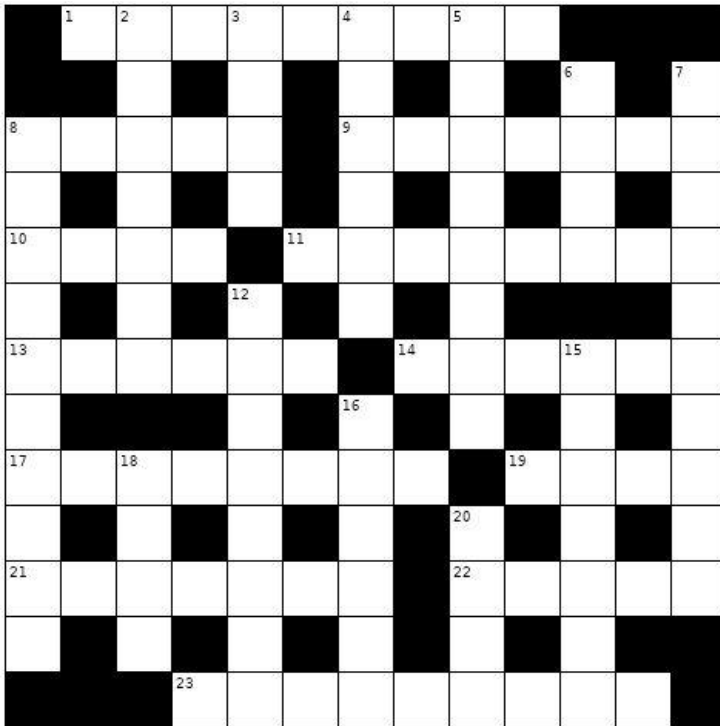
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### Crossword no. 3



#### ACROSS

- 1 The only card of its suit dealt to a player (9)
- 8 Bridges, Graves, Motion, etc. (5)
- 9 Lofty in style or beauty (7)
- 10 Hang about waiting for bread? (4)
- 11 Car's spark of life (8)
- 13 Division of Yorkshire (6)
- 14 Fly ---: a poisonous fungus (6)
- 17 H.G. Wells taught here (8)
- 19 Shape of (cricket's?) eggs (4)
- 21 Quickish French dance (7)
- 22 Vocal ensemble (5)
- 23 Like Haydn's Miracle, Clock and Surprise (9)

#### DOWN

- 2 Country with oldest parliament (7)
- 3 To breathe laboriously (4)
- 4 Regimental flag (6)
- 5 Fictional composite university (8)
- 6 Small car or skirt (4)
- 7 Indigenous language, or architecture (10)
- 8 Journey described by Bunyan or Chaucer (10)
- 12 Manufacturing enterprise (8)
- 15 Pasta cushions with savoury filling (7)
- 16 Dormant or numb (6)
- 18 Pre-eminent songstress (4)
- 20 Newspaper's reverberation (4)

## Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – July 2021 Sunday Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercess	Sidesmen	Readings
4th July Trinity 5	10:00 Family Service	Rachel Hammond		-	-	The Borbone Family	Kay Knowles Neil Watt	Neil Macaulay Ezekiel 2:1-5 Neil Watt Mark 6:1-13
11 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Denise Foster	Anne Maddock	Liz Collet & Pat Hill	Carolyn Watt	Anne Maddock	Nick La Hive Andrew Hughes	Nick La Hive Amos 7:7-15 Andrew Hughes Ephesians 1:3-14
18 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7	10:00 Morning Prayer			-	-	Liz Lancaster	Claire Hoare Anne Maddock	Claire Hoare Jeremiah 23:1-6 Anne Maddock Mark 6:30-34& 53-56
25 <sup>th</sup> July St James	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Sue Simms	Phyllis Goulding	Jimmy & Shirley Faure	Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Denise Foster Ann Tupper	Fiona Lunch 2 Kings 4:42-44 Denise Foster Ephesians 3:14-21
1 <sup>st</sup> August Trinity 9	10:00 Family Service		Ann Jones	-	-	The Borbone Family	Jimmy Faure Kay Knowles	Jimmy Faure 2 Samuel 11.26-12.13 Clare Hosking John 6.24-35

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## Parish Services July 2021

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10:30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	6:00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary, Sennicotts
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> August	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington

All Services are subject to CoVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.  
Further events may only occur once CoVID-19 restrictions are totally lifted.

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Eucharist – ‘Thanksgiving’ – Service of Communion with Hymns

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