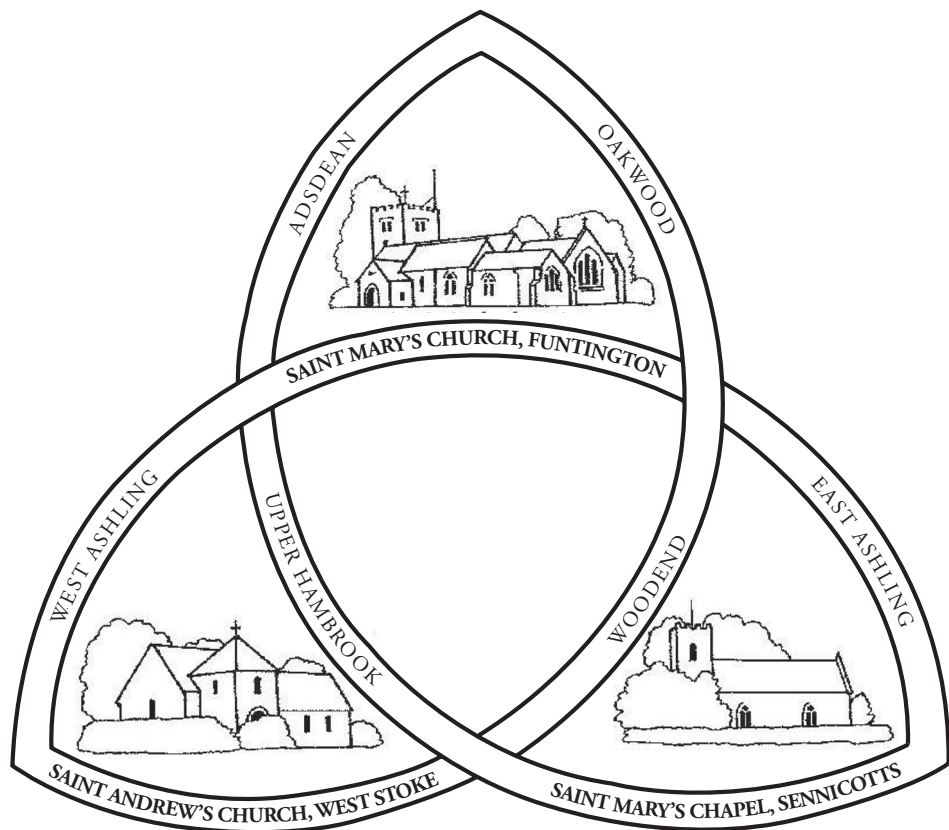


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

Last month I wrote about HM The Queen and her vocation and service to the country. Over the Platinum Jubilee we have been reminded of the extent of her service and the sacrifices she has made in her 70 years' as Monarch.

Church life can be remarkably busy – especially when you are looking after 2 parishes and five churches! I am supported of course by five churchwardens, who were recently sworn in during the wonderful service at Funtington on the 23rd of May led by The Bishop of Lewes.

As we gathered on that night, we said a farewell to our previous churchwardens at Funtington. Claire Hoare, who had served for 6 years, and Nick La Hive, who had served for a remarkable 16yrs. In the commissioning of Churchwardens, we are witnessing the warden enter a vocation of service to God in the parishes for which they represent. They will help the priest to ensure the provision of services and the mission and ministry of the parish, as well as being responsible for the church building. It is worth remembering though, that the wardens, your readers your priest were, once, sitting in the pews or chairs in which you sit. Each one of them has offered their service to God. Coming together in worship is a vital expression of our faith, but when we come together what I'd like to know is how can this time together better nurture our life in faith across the week ahead before we all meet again next Sunday – but does it have to be Sunday before we see each other again?

We want to know how it is we can improve our services, develop services you would like to see, but not just services, other things too! Do you want coffee mornings, bible study, lent courses, confirmation courses etc.? If so, please let us know, or if you know what it is you want to do, why not take the lead and be responsible for giving our congregations a vision and empowering them to take the gospel message out into their daily lives and beyond!

The thought of leadership may very well be daunting for you as it was for me when I first started leading others in church. My own vocational journey started by helping the priest at the altar as a server in my home village back in Northumberland. I soon became a lay minister of communion and felt my calling at the altar. Having joined the police I thought that this was the vocation which God has chosen for me, but something kept niggling at me – reminding me that I had not really explored in depth what I needed to do. I suppose my being here tells you that I finally sorted out my calling!

I am not asking each of you to consider becoming a priest, but I am asking you to think about what your vocation might look like. There is a vocation out there for each and every one of you. If you feel you would like to get more involved in the life of the church, then please do have a word with me or one of the churchwardens. We are open to hear about your views about how we can deliver mission and ministry in your parish.

So, the question I would like you to consider in some time and in some depth is “What does my vocation look like”?

Father Andrew

Ride and Stride: 10th September 2022 – Volunteers needed

The 2022 Sussex Ride & Stride is taking place on the 10th September. Organised by Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride & Stride encourages walkers and cyclists to get sponsored to visit Churches/chapels across the county. Familiarise yourself with Chichester and walk around all the Churches and Chapels that are open on that day. Bicycle around all the Octagon Churches or walk to all the Churches in this Parish! The money raised helps to save Sussex historic churches for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs.

50% of your sponsorship money goes to your local Church. The Churches in our Parish will be open that day and one or two of them will be manned. If you are interested in taking part either as a walker, cyclist (team or individually) or helper let me know and I can send you a sponsorship form. If you can man the church for an hour or so on the day you can sign up by putting your name on the list pinned onto the Church noticeboard at St. Mary’s Funtington. For more details contact me at

anna@anna-dalton.com

Review of My Time as a Churchwarden

Having stood down from my sixteen years as Churchwarden it is interesting to reflect on some of the happenings throughout my time. It is curious that many personalities have occurred in fours or multiples thereof; four Bishops (including two suffragans), four Archdeacons (including one acting), four Parish Priests, four other Churchwardens of Funtington with Sennicotts (plus three from West Stoke), eight PCC Secretaries and four PCC Treasurers during my tenure of the office.

In retrospect, and despite being re-elected annually, it seems somewhat surprising that it has been the longest period I have held any single position during my life. Although I served in the Royal Navy for 33 years and that therefore served one employer, in those years I changed appointments roughly every two years, often to undertake very different tasks.

When I was first elected Funtington had very recently completed the Church Room and the full installation of a peel of six bells, facilities that have been well utilised and enjoyed by many in the community. Since then much on-going, routine maintenance has been undertaken in the churches but the big events have been the rewiring of St Mary, Funtington including the change to programmable LED lighting and the replacement of the organ at St Andrew, West Stoke. Still outstanding, but hopefully due to commence shortly, is the re-roofing of St Mary, Funtington which will incorporate solar panels to reduce that church's electricity consumption and thus conserve precious and very limited funds.

During my time I have made many friends and become recognised around the Parish. I have previously recorded in this Magazine that during one interregnum I was acting as both Chairman of the PCC and of the Parish Council, thus almost taking the parish back to the 17th century.

I have enjoyed great support and assistance from members of the PCC and from the parishioners generally plus the retired clergy and lay ministers who have led the services during the interregnums, holidays and illness of our incumbents. I can only recall having led one service at Funtington. It has been very humbling to witness the significant efforts of all and I thank you most profoundly. I could not have achieved it alone.

I would also like to thank you for your kindness, generosity, good wishes and gifts on my retirement. Best wishes for the future. *Nick La Hive*

Trust and Obey - July / August 2022

I was pleased to read in last month's Parish Magazine that the Editors are giving us writers and others a break, by amalgamating the July and August editions. As much as I enjoy writing for the Magazine, I think it's a good idea to give it a rest from time to time. We all need opportunities when we can recharge our batteries and give ourselves time to relax and unwind.

All of us have been through a difficult time during the Covid pandemic. It takes courage to re-organise our lives and adapt to new situations. The wearing of masks, keeping our distance and submitting to vaccinations. We need to keep in touch with each other, in spite of the problems. Writing a letter or having a chat over the phone, helps us, especially if we live alone.

At the same time I have noticed a great outpouring of kindness in the Community. People have gone out of their way to help their neighbours. Offering lifts, doing shopping and collecting prescriptions. Our churches too, have been open to services and Christian fellowship. Good things have emerged and we should be grateful for them. Opportunities to give and to receive are all around us. And the milk of human kindness goes a long way towards restoring our confidence and self-esteem. Jesus said 'Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened'. So let us keep faith with God. 'Trust and obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. For the love of God is broader than the measures of man's mind, and the heart of the eternal is infinitely kind'.

'O love that will not let us go, we rest or weary souls in Thee. We give thee back the life we owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.'

Thank you to those of you who have befriended me.

Jane Gummer

Not So Idle Women of The Canals

An interesting talk was given by Sue and Clive Fennel at this month's WI meeting.

Canal work was always thought to be men's work, but in the early 1800's the men needed help on the boats and so the family joined them giving up their homes and moving onto the boats with their children. The boats were 55 feet long, but only 6 feet by 10 feet was living space, the rest was for cargo, typically coal. The canal boats were used during the war in 1942. When the men went off to fight the women were left to handle them. On the Grand Union Canal they were specially trained and paid 2 pounds a day at first, once trained this increased to 3 pounds. Three girls would manage two boats with one going ahead to open the lock gates. Canal boats were to transport a variety of cargo from coal, spare parts for aeroplanes and for rubble cleared from bombed sites which was dumped in the canals and gravel pits. After the war many canals were filled in and the boats destroyed, but now many of the canals have been restored thanks to volunteers.

HOLIDAY READING

Books for holiday reading should be entertaining and amusing, aiming to put you in the mood to relax and enjoy the break. Here are two that should do just that:

‘Driving Over Lemons’ by Chris Stewart

This adventure starts with Chris and Ana discovering an abandoned sheep farm in the remote Alpujarras, over the mountains from Granada in southern Spain. They are enchanted with the setting and find olive, almond and lemon groves together with the remains of an old stone farmhouse. Those are the good bits, enough to convince them that this is the place they had always hoped to find. With them, we also discover that the farm lacks a few essentials: no road access except through a deep ford in the river (which often floods), no electricity and no running water. Oh, and it also has the problem of a rapacious previous owner who refuses to leave. Undeterred, Chris & Ana – unquenchable optimists – set about renovating the house, growing vegetables, breeding lambs, raising their baby daughter and trying to fit in as locals. We meet their neighbours: an interesting mix of farmers, shepherds and New Age travellers. It helps that Chris was an experienced sheep-shearer, and between them they manage to eke out a ‘precarious but interesting living’. After eight years Chris’s friends suggested that he write about their adventures and struggles in a new country and the book became an immediate, unexpected, success. Lifestyle in the Alpujarras is unhurried, simple but satisfying, and you have to applaud those brave enough to make such a radical jump.

‘Narrow Dog to Carcassonne’ by Terry Darlington

Rather than settle for a comfortable retirement, Terry and Monica Darlington decided to sail their canal narrowboat down to the Mediterranean, together with their whippet Jim (the ‘narrow dog’ of the book’s title). They took advice from nautical experts, who said they would lose their boat, probably their lives, and indeed Jim. This is a true story of high adventure in France and out at sea, as experienced by two innocents and a reluctant dog. Narrow boats are designed for shallow canals, but onboard the *Phyllis May* you plough through six-foot waves in the Channel (at night), dodging tankers, freighters and high-speed ferries in one of the world’s busiest waterways. Entering the French canals at Calais, they go south via canals and rivers to end at Carcassonne. Written with deadpan humour, this is an exceptionally funny book. As an example, in ‘French in 15 minutes’ the author compares ‘*C’est possible*’. In French this means ‘It is possible’ (and I will do it for you) whereas in English it means ‘It is possible’ (and I will not do it for you).

Bob Money

More suggestions for Holiday Reads :

What I talk About When I Talk About Running, Haruki Murakami (2008).

Like the aptly named John Miles (Boston Marathon article in June's issue), acclaimed author, Hari Murakami loves to run. And he has run a lot of marathons. This slim book is part memoir, part running plan and part diary of an otherwise private man.

I've read several of his books – he's an unusual writer with an imagination that has few boundaries. In this book I felt like I was enjoying a gentle conversation with Mr Murakami, as he picks his way through preparation for the next marathon. It is an intimate conversation, with snippets of insights and memories from this extraordinary writer. His voice is strong but fun – almost like talking to a teenager, full of life and with a fresh and lively view of the world. Perhaps that's what running can bring to your life!

Mad House at the End of the Earth, Julian Sancton (2021)

This is the gripping tale of the Belgica's journey to Antarctica in 1897 in search of the magnetic pole.

Belgica, a Belgian ship, was commanded by Adrien de Gerlache de Gomery. Its crew included the mighty Norwegian Roald Amundsen, keen to test his lifelong training for hardship, on which he thrived. Amundsen would go on to beat Scott to the south pole. And the unstoppable American Dr. Cook, full of optimism and hope, despite the ordeals they would face.

The multinational crew also included Romanian and Polish scientists.

The author draws on a rich collection of diaries and other source materials to re-tell the story of the ill-fated journey. It is also the story of the Belgian Commander, determined to achieve fame for himself and for his family name, and (despite no social media as we know it) terrified of adverse Belgian press should he fail!

Spoiler alert: the Belgica does not find the magnetic pole and Commander Gerlache dreads his return to Belgium in the face of failure. The journey proved a success in other ways, paving the way for much of modern day polar and lunar exploration and providing a huge bank of scientific materials and samples.

Even if, like me, you have no interest in polar exploration, I am sure you will be captivated by this extraordinary adventure.

Among the Mosques, Ed Husain, (2021)

With Islam becoming the fastest growing faith in the UK, Mr Husain takes us on a journey through British mosques. He wants to discover the true face of British Islam. He is particularly interested in the balance of tolerance and diversity with integration. As with so many faiths, there is a wide spectrum of beliefs. There are some disturbing examples of clerics' teachings which appear to have very little basis in the Quran and

which fly in the face of important values of the west. This is especially so in relation to the damaging attitudes to women and the consequences of some Sharia marriages. Equally there are some shining examples of all that is good about Islam – such as the small, female managed Mosque in Belfast where all are welcome.

Islam is such a complex religion with so many differing interpretations, as we see in Christianity too. This book explains the origin of many of these differences. It also highlights the need to identify and protect real and important values of British society: things like respect for the rule of law and gender equality.

It's a difficult balance – welcoming diversity and different beliefs but at the same time protecting core values of Britain.

Anita Fulton

Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

Monthly Meeting – Visitors Welcome

Thursday 14 July 2022 at 7.00 pm. for 7.30 pm

Bosham Village Hall

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Everything you need to know about Ponds

Solution to Crossword 14 compiled by Paul Pridmore (on Page 31)

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Puffins

The Puffin is, I think, one bird that everyone wants to see, and those that have seen one will often gush about how adorable they are. The delicate facial pattern and its large brightly coloured bill give the bird an almost human characterisation which is so endearing. Combine that with the comical way it wanders around like a penguin, the bird really does capture hearts. Interestingly the brightly coloured bill of the puffin is only worn during the breeding season, and once breeding has finished the coloured plates drop off revealing a plain black bill!

When I was a child I remember seeing them off the cliffs of north Devon and Cornwall, but sadly now they are a rare bird in that part of the country. There is still a small breeding group on Lundy Island and some still survive on the coasts of Brittany and Wales. In the Channel Islands recently several have populated the cliffs of Jersey and there is a breeding population on Herm but if you want a good chance to see Puffins now you really need to head north to the north western Scottish Isles or to the north-east coast of England.

Sadly this wonderful charismatic little bird has declined in numbers and those left have tended to move north. Although global warming is probably not the whole story, sand eels, the Puffin's main food prefer cooler waters and have moved further north and the Puffins have followed them. The Puffin spends most of its life out at sea on the water only coming onto the cliffs to breed. Sometime in April, Puffins will meet up off shore near their preferred historical breeding sites, pair up and then move onto the cliffs to prepare their nest burrows and mate. They will attempt to raise their single puffling and then by mid July they will be ready to head out to sea again. Raising just a single chick per season makes the population extremely vulnerable to land predators like rats, cats and foxes and explains why most surviving nesting colonies are on remote uninhabited islands or unaccessible cliffs like those at Bempton. This is considered another reason for their steady decline.

Last year my wife and I made a special trip up to the cliffs at Bempton to find some Puffins to watch. We went at the beginning of June and were not disappointed by them. Although there were not enormous numbers these delightful birds entertained us royally. A bird, less than a foot in length, was reasonably easy to spot as they flew in from the sea with their trailing red legs. Watching them fly on to the cliffs enabled us to find them when on the land. Bempton Cliffs are an amazing bird spectacle with 10,000s of sea birds nesting on the cliff edges and well worth a visit. Gannets, Guillemots, Razorbills and Kittiwakes can all be seen viewed very close up. Here the Puffins can get a little bit lost in the avian melee. Not so on the Farne Islands. This year we visited the Farne Islands off the Northumberland coast. What an incredible day. A boat trip out to the islands and a small fee to the National Trust, who oversee the islands, you are able to walk, in a managed way, around the nesting sites of the Puffins and watch these little birds waddle along, popping in and out of their nest burrows

and just being those adorable , charismatic and entertaining birds.. You can get so close that my wife was even able to get a beautiful video of them on her mobile phone! If you are up that way in May, June or early July, I thoroughly recommend the trip. *Kevin Tarrant*



Funtington Parish in the Past - The Dunlops and Sennicotts Church



The Dunlops retired to Lavant in 1978

Rev. Norman Dunlop became the Vicar of Funtington in 1936. He was a chaplain in the Territorials and was called up at the beginning of the Second World War.

He served at Dunkirk in 1940 and then spent five years as a prisoner of war in Germany. His wife Enid lived with the Lynes in West Stoke Rectory while he was away. Funtington had a succession of Priests in Charge at that time.

Enid Dunlop is well remembered for the prominent role that she played in the parish for more than forty years particularly in the Women's Institute, the Mother's Union and the Funtington Players. She also wrote plays and stories about life in the parish. Here are some extracts from one of her articles in the Times. She does not let the readers know that this was "wonderful" Funtington where the Dunlops chose to stay for forty two years.

"My husband is sometimes known as a pluralist. He is a parson who had other churches added on to him and he's called on to minister to flocks which graze farther afield than his original pasture. He started with number One – the parish church with a small daughter number Two some 3 miles to the east and now there has been added the charge of number Three a couple of miles to the north. The Vicar looks after the first two and the Rector has the care of the third both titles being invested in one and the same person – the plural list"

Enid Dunlop describes the Sunday Afternoon Service in Sennicotts Church.

"In winter, there is number Two's large black stove which lit by the vicar, or a volunteer, on Saturday evening. It had to be visited early on Sunday for the purpose of opening it up to warm a later congregation. At 2:30 on Sunday the Vicar sets off for Evensong at number Two.

No verger here – hence the lighting etc of the stove. The church is light and cheerful with its sunshine yellow walls and the altar silver gleaming against a rich coloured background.

Since there is never a service here later than 3 pm, electricity has not been connected up and the candles set in the candelabra down the aisle remain to give beauty and extra light.

A Prep School close by provides the enrobed choir, the bell ringer and many willing hands to light the candles. It also provides 3/4 of the congregation and quantities of the threepenny bits in the collection."



Oakwood School no longer uses Sennicotts Church regularly. However the boys and girls were seen here several years ago walking through the woods to the church. The walls are no longer yellow since much care was taken in its redecoration some thirty years ago to find a "pig's blood" paint for the walls as it used to have when it was first built in 1830.



Inside Sennicotts Church with pig's blood wall



Sennicotts Church c2000

At the end of the War, Norman Dunlop returned home from Germany to resume his work in the parish. He asked Marion Crick of Densworth and widow of the Bishop of Ballarat in Australia to start a Sunday school at Sennicotts Church. She had two occasional helpers Rachel Tratt and Freda Rush (later Freda Whitehurst). I joined in 1946 and was asked to sit with the five year olds at the back to help them with their weekly stickers. It may be there that I gained experience that encouraged me to become a teacher!

Geoffrey Boys

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We travelled by train to London Bridge Station and then walked to the Tower. We went into the moat to see the wild flowers. As you can see from the photos the flowers were lovely.

We were also able to visit the Armoury, the Crown Jewels and the prison next to where people including queens were beheaded.

We went to see the Superbloom as Mrs Oiller had applied for a set of the wild flowers for Funtington.

We had great fun day and even had an ice cream.

Written by
Karlis Y6 and Rebecca Y5



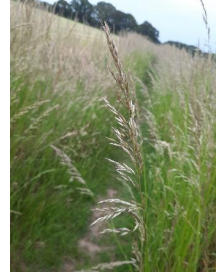
Funtington Flora

Common Knapweed. This purple-headed thistle-like flower grows widely in local verges and downland. It is very popular with butterflies as a useful nectar source. The flower head is composed of many individual florets (tiny flowers) held in a brown scaly cup.



White bryony is a member of the Cucumber family and can be found scrambling through bushes and hedges. Look for its tight corkscrew tendrils and pale green five-petaled flowers.

False Oat Grass dominates the footpath margins. It is the tall waving grass in prairie-like swathes, often more than one metre tall. It has long elegant flower heads, each an array of silver-green silky rice like grass flowers, each with a bristle on the tip.



Finally, a special flower to look out for. Round-headed Rampion is the county flower of Sussex. It doesn't grow in Funtington Parish, but has been recorded at Kingley Vale, West Dean, Harting and Amberley.

Helen Dignum

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Ringling in the Jubilee!



Thank you to the Bellringers at St. Mary's Funtington who kicked off the Jubilee Celebrations on 2nd June prior to the Jubilee Beacon Lighting Party. Our 6 bells were installed in 2007 and are much admired by the many visiting ringers that have rung them. Age and illness has depleted our ringing team to the bare minimum for full 6 bell ringing. We are very keen to have new members to build up our numbers again. Age is not a restriction, any one from 9 to 90 can participate.

We will welcome anyone from the parish or from surrounding areas, who would like to try their hand at this very enjoyable activity under our guidance and supervision. Our practice night is Tuesday from 19.00 till 20.45 but please make prior arrangement with **John Kitchener** on 01243 788338 or **Paul Wren** on 07779 326511.

Two beautiful photographs of the Jubilee Flower arrangements in St. Mary's Funtington sent to us by Mary Quennell



Funtington Goblins at Seaford College

On Saturday 28th May, the Funtington Goblin racing team took part in the Seaford College Greenpower Goblin race. The event, organised by the Greenpower Education Trust, a Fontwell-based charity promoting STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths) to young people from age nine upwards, had entries from 23 Goblin cars from the local area - electric racing cars built and driven by children aged between nine and 11 years old.

The team from Funtington Primary have spent six months building their car from a kit of parts, writing to local businesses for sponsorship, practising driving and creating eye-catching penguin-themed bodywork. The penguin idea was chosen because of the streamlined shape of a swimming penguin. While working on this idea, the children became aware of the threat to penguins' natural habitat due to climate change and organised a cake sale at school where they raised over £75 and adopted a penguin with the WWF.



The day itself consisted of several different races testing not only the car's speed but also the drivers' skills. The morning was spent tackling a series of slalom races through coned gates and flat-out drag races with sprint races around Seaford College's sports courts in the afternoon. We came 4th in both the slalom and drag races and 7th in the sprint race. Once all the events were finished, everyone gathered for prize giving and @teamfuntington were delighted to bring home two trophies, one for their fantastic portfolio - a scrapbook record of everything they've done and learnt since starting the project last November, and also the trophy for the overall winning team on the day!

Our next race is at the Goodwood Motor Circuit on Sunday 10th July. Spectators are welcome to come and watch the biggest race of the season.

Good Neighbours and WI Jubilee Tea

A little rain did not deter everyone having a lovely tea..... Her Majesty would have been proud!



The Tea Lady!



The Parish Jubilee Beacon Lighting Party – Thursday 2 June 2022





A wonderful evening - lots of fun, two hundred tickets sold and well over £1000 raised for the Ukraine Emergency Appeal Fund! Well done to all those who helped before and after and to those that came along to make it such a wonderful evening.

Special thanks to Adsdean who supplied delicious sausages and burgers, Johnny who cooked them and managed to keep a smile on his face throughout, John Gleadall who provided the sound system, The Scouts who lent us their fantastic enormous pop up tent for the bar, the beer which The House

at Home in Chidham kindly donated, The Fox & Hounds who lent their giant Connect 4 game. Chris Harvell who produced the football game, others who lent all the lighting and bunting.



Just towards the end of the evening, someone in the village reported a fire! The Fire Brigade were obliged to respond even though the event was registered in advance. The watch leader was totally reassured by our execution and precautions and left happy! He and his team were offered a beer but it was declined as they were on duty.

Thoughts from our local Beekeeper *'Just a perfect day, problems all left behind'*

I'm not normally one for fiction. My bedtime reading tends to include books on long-distance running, tales of cycling across continents (usually with some element of daft jeopardy thrown into the mix), and books I never quite finish that fall into the genre of 'who owns England', 'how various countries came into being' and 'how society is broken and what we need to do to fix it'. That sort of thing.

But I am currently meandering through a book called *Grey Bees* by Andrey Kurkov, a Ukrainian author, now displaced by the war. It's a story about a bee-keeper living in the Donbas 'grey zone', that no-man's land in eastern Ukraine between the loyalist and separatist forces, who comes to realise he must flee his village for the sake of his bees and their well-being. It's a story rooted in non-fiction of course; bee-keeping runs deep in Ukrainian society, the early Slavic peoples of the region learnt to domesticate wild bees and collect honey, and it is custom in Ukraine to consider bee-keepers as especially wise folks (well, who can argue with that...). Nowadays honey is, or perhaps sadly, was, a major export for the country. Who knows what fate awaits honeybees and their keepers as this desperate conflict ravages the region.

By the time this edition of the magazine drops on your door mat, the 'June gap' will be over. This is the barren period between end of the spring flowers and the summer hedgerow and meadow plants, such as Bramble and Willowherb, coming into flower. This year the gap was especially noticeable because we had such perfect conditions in early spring that the trees and crops had done their thing by mid-May, leaving the bees very little to forage on. Wise bee-keepers were sure to leave a good amount of spring honey on their hives to tide the bees over until the nectar started to flow again.

And when the following edition drops in early September (*is that right, Ed?*) our summer honey harvest may well have been taken from the hives and we will be preparing the bees for winter. Before then, the hope is for a gorgeous summer of warm still days, perfect flying and foraging weather, and just a little rain every now and again to keep the summer blooms going for weeks and weeks. We have all our fingers and toes crossed.

To while away a few evenings, I recently turned my hand to a bit of amateur carpentry, somehow fashioning a quite convincing 'bee hive' from which to sell our honey at the end of the driveway. Lift the lid and there's an honesty box inside and, not ones to miss a trick, we can take card payments at the door. So if you are passing on Watery Lane, don't be alarmed, we haven't started keeping our bees on the highway!

Wishing you a perfect summer, and may your sangria overfloweth.

Jason & Kate Boswell

Local Business Profile – ‘Beauty So Essential’

Sadie Middleton, one of the Parish Magazine’s long term advertisers and supporters

I trained as a beautician almost 25 years ago, it was part of a grand plan to escape from my 9 to 5 and back then, very inflexible working hours of office life. I wanted a career that would fit in with family life and enable me to ‘be there’ for my children and enjoy every moment of them growing up. I started my own beauty business ‘The Beauty Oasis’ in the year 2000 and built up a good client base, some of those clients are still regulars today! Running my own business was hard work but gave me the flexibility I needed to enjoy my children alongside earning and meeting some amazing people. I have always offered mobile treatments as well as from my home-based salon ensuring that my services could be enjoyed by everyone regardless of their circumstances.

My original training included aromatherapy, and I have always had a passion for essential oils, but massage was considered to many a luxury, and was not the most popular of choices back then. A few years ago, I discovered the world of doTERRA essential oils, this re-ignited my passion for aromatherapy, and I decided to rebrand my business and incorporate my love of these beautiful, pure and natural gifts of nature into everything I offer in my salon, to create a unique experience you won’t find elsewhere.

As well as traditional treatments such as facials, manicures, pedicures, eyebrows and eyelashes, my new business ‘Beauty So Essential’ offers beauty treatments incorporating essential oils for ultimate skincare, relaxation and a holistic wellness experience every time. I also offer aromatherapy and education and support on the use of essential oils in your home. I have recently become an ambassador for Tropic Skincare; their freshly made, natural, vegan and cruelty free products fit perfectly into my vision for the business. I’m continuing to build my business and hope to introduce some essential oil workshops soon.



Beauty So Essential is now located in Westbourne and has a brand-new garden cabin studio. For more information check out my website www.beautysoessential.co.uk or find me on social media @beautysoessential.

Sadie Middleton

Parish Pump Humour

(With thanks to Bee Kenchington's daughter Clare)

Old and alone and needing help!



An old Italian priest lived alone. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work as the ground was so hard. A member of his church, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. So the old priest wrote a letter to his parishioner and described his problem

'Dear Vincent, I am pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be very happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. I remember you in my prayers! Fr Louis'

A few days later he received a letter from Vincent.

*'Dear Fr. Louis, Whatever you do **don't** dig up that garden. That's where all the bodies are buried. Thanks for your prayers. Vinnie'*

At 4 am the next morning, the local police arrived and dug up the entire area, without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old priest and left. That same day the old priest received another letter.

'Dear Fr. Louis, You can go ahead and plant your tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances! Vinnie'

Nick La Hive and Claire Hoare



At the APCM in March Nick and Claire stood down from their time as Churchwardens. It was agreed that their unwavering and extensive period of service should not go unmarked and to express our gratitude to them both, the PCC invited them to supper at the Fox and Hounds.

Nick La Hive. Nick, after 16 years as Churchwarden, retired on 23rd May 2022 having served the three churches and parishioners in a manner that has deeply impressed everyone. Three Quinquennial examinations and related work took place under his guidance, assisted by the Diocesan authorised Architect, Richard Meynell.

In 2009 he was instrumental in the appointment of Father Charles Howard as incumbent. The preparation of the interior of the vicarage prior to Charles taking office was controlled by Nick (this was additional to that carried out by the Diocesan Works Department). During Father Charles incumbency, The Church Cottage was sold with Nick liaising with Diocesan Legal department over resultant funds being retained by the Parish for major repair work already highlighted for St Mary's Church, Funtington. The existing Ashes Plot was full, a new one was needed so Nick carried out the survey of the Church grounds, located a suitable site that was agreed and duly blessed. The major task of joining of the three Churches into one benefice was completed with Nick being heavily involved in its completion.

Father Charles retired in 2017 leaving the Vicarage in March and the parish went into interregnum.

It was with much gladness that the three Churches were able to hold the planned regular services during this period due in no small way to efforts of Nick in

securing the services of existing and retired clergy, not only for the Sunday services but St Mary's regular Wednesday morning Eucharist. Regular Standing Committee meetings & PCC meetings were held under Nick's chairmanship until a new Vicar was appointed in October 2017, the Reverend Christopher Huxtable. The customary Vicarage interior preparation was supervised by Nick.

Christopher was ably supported by Nick in the early period of his incumbency however in early 2019 Christopher was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and his duties were sadly restricted with him being on sick leave until the end of March. As his condition deteriorated Nick, yet again, took over the organisation of Clergy for the rostered Services for the remainder of 2019 and PCC meetings were once more held under Nick's Chairmanship.

St Mary's Quinquennial report highlighted the fact that the electrical system urgently needed renewing. Nick, with John Smithers, a member of the congregation, sourced contractors, obtained quotations, examined similar installations with the PCC accepting their recommendation. The Quinquennial report had confirmed that the roof was in dire need of repair and with the help of Richard Meynell, Nick sought approval from the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee,) and approval for the work to go ahead was given with minor amendments.

The continued deterioration of Christopher's illness through 2019 meant that Nick had to work on the rostered services into 2020. The announcement in January by Bishop Martin, that Christopher's Incumbency would cease on 31st March 2020 meant the Parish was yet again in Interregnum. Although Nick had prepared the roster for 2020, Covid-19 resulted in services being suspended. The electrical repair work was carried out during this closure under the supervision of Nick and John Smithers. ZOOM PCC meetings continued under his Chairmanship Late 2020 we were advised that Funtington would be joined with Chidham Parish and a Priest in Charge of both Parishes would be appointed who would live at Chidham vicarage.

During his period as Churchwarden, Nick has been involved in many other problems – Bat Survey (local Authority requirement), emergency plumbing repairs, wasp infestation, ordering of Heating oil, boiler servicing, fire extinguisher servicing, organ servicing, window and gutter cleaning, repairs to

broken windows, damaged boundary fencing, repairs and painting the Church room, purchases of Sacramental Supplies, too many to remember them all. In the Interregnum Periods Nick has been the Primary Contact for Vicarage and Stable alarms, the telephone contact for the Parish and Diocesan Contacts handling arrangements for Weddings, Christenings, Funerals and other Church ceremonies.

We are truly appreciative to Nick for his wisdom, as well as his conscientious, loyal and reliable service as Churchwarden. We are also very grateful that he is remaining on the PCC and that he is overseeing the current repairs to the Church roof and associated renovations.

Claire Hoare At the APCM, Claire Hoare stood down from her position as Churchwarden. She has given 6 years of service to St Mary's and we are truly grateful for what she has done. Her presence has always been cheery and welcoming, she has always been there when needed and has been an integral part of the Standing committee and PCC. Claire, often with Tim in the background, has actively supported many social activities, notably with Bonfire parties in the Vicarage garden, the Trucker's breakfasts in the Vicarage and, during Inter-regnum, hosted Bonfire and Fireworks party at the Farm quarry. The Hoare family also played a major part in representing the church at the joint Village Fete, held at Funtington school, working on several of the stalls, with Claire specialising in Cream Teas.

During periods of inter-regnum, Claire was the regular over-seer at mid-week communion services and coffee mornings, giving time to those who might be feeling a little low, for whatever reason. She has a genuine care for the well-being of others and their circumstances and a chat with her leaves one feeling valued and cared for. Claire has always been a welcoming face at the door on Sundays, she quietly ensures everything is in place for services and makes no fuss when the unexpected happens. We are all grateful for her ministry to the parish and are very pleased that she is remaining in the PCC. *Secretary to the PCC*

Social Activities

Parents and Toddlers Group

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Contact: Kathryn Wignall at 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 is on 20th July will be our garden lunch at 12.30 in our President's garden. Our August meeting will be on 17th August at 3pm in Janice Thomas's garden. Please phone Sue Nicholson for details. 01243 574722

Funtington Bridge Club

The club now meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington. Rubber Bridge from 2pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

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Funtington and West Stoke Scouts Sunday 3rd July 2022

Riding for the Disabled Sunday 17th July 2022

The Queen Mother's Clothing Guild Sunday 24th July 2022

Good Neighbours Sunday 31st July 2022

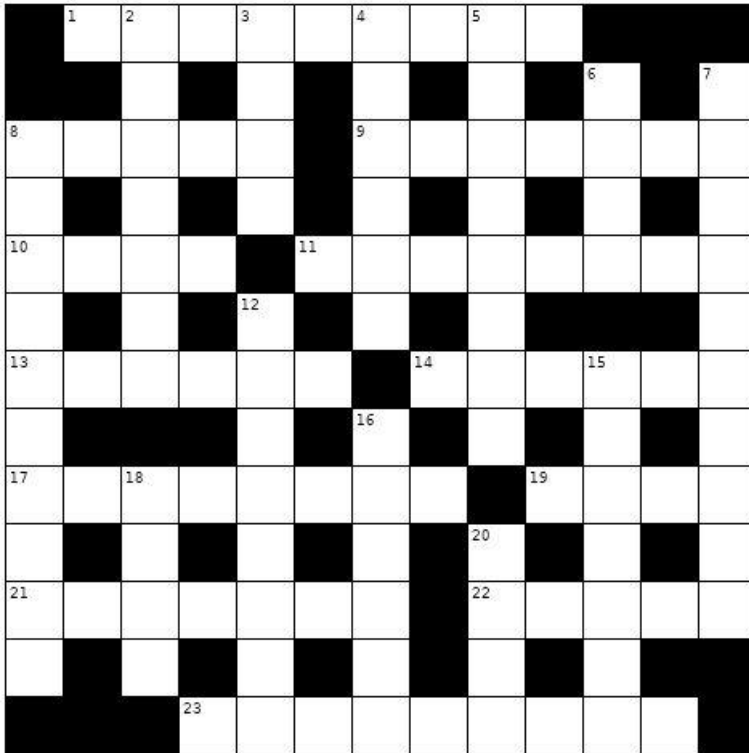
West Stoke Village Hall Sunday 7th August 2022

Chi Nautical Training Corps Sunday 14th August 2022

The Parish Churches of Funtington, West Ashling and West Stoke
Sunday 21st August 2022

East Ashling Association Sunday 28th August 2022

Crossword no. 14



ACROSS

- 1 Plants yielding digitalis (9)
- 8 Roadside accommodation (5)
- 9 Fierce female wildcat (7)
- 10 Supply with nutrients (4)
- 11 She won't star in 8 down (8)
- 13 Man is one, though John Donne denied it (6)
- 14 Dormant (6)
- 17 Laterally unbalanced (8)
- 19 Cuckold, chuck (4)
- 21 Girl's best friend (7)
- 22 Cleverly humorous (5)
- 23 Mr Williams is in a state (9)

DOWN

- 2 Porridge ingredient (7)
- 3 "A good walk spoiled", of course (4)
- 4 Loud public disapproval (6)
- 5 Tense anxiety (8)
- 6 Cricket international (4)
- 7 Healthcare using muscles and joints (10)
- 8 Pygmalion film (2,4,4)
- 12 Cure for poison (8)
- 15 Biblical letter (7)
- 16 To numb (6)
- 18 Address a deity (4)
- 20 Rams' mates (4)

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Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – AUGUST 2022 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesmen	Readings
Sun 7 th August Trinity 8 G	10:00 Family Service	Denise Foster	Miriam Callas	-	-	Jo Borbone	Andrew Hughes Deborah Hughes	Andrew Hughes Gen 15.1-6 Deborah Hughes Lk 12.32-40
Sun 14 th August Trinity 9 W	10:00 Sung Eucharist				Carolyn Watts	Anne Maddock	Nigel Brown Nick La Hive	Nigel Brown Jer 23.23-29 Nick La Hive Luke 12.49-56
Sun 21 st August Trinity 10 G	10:00 Morning Prayer	Marian Sewell	Liz Lancaster	-	-	Liz Lancaster	Neil Watts David Callus	Neil Watts Isa 58. 9-14 Carolyn Watts Heb 12. 18-29
Sun 28 th August Trinity 11 G	10:00 Sung Eucharist				Nigel Brown	Clergy	Jimmy Faure Denise Foster	Jimmy Faure Prov 25. 6-7 Denise Foster Heb 13.1-8,15-16
Sun 4 th September Trinity 12 R	10.00 am Family Service	Deborah Hughes	Deborah Hughes	-	-	Jo Borbone	Anne Maddock Ann Tupper	Anne Maddock Deut 30. 15-20 Claire Hoskins Luke 14. 25-33
Sun 11 th September Trinity 13	10.00 am Eucharist				Carolyn Watts	Jane Gummer	Liz Lancaster Claire Hoare	Liz Lancaster Ex 32. 7-14 Claire Hoare 1 Tim 1.12-17

Parish Services August 2022

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Weds 3 rd August	10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Sunday 7 th August Trinity 8	10.00am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10.00am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 10 th August Feast day	10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11 am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church room
Sat 13 th August Blessed Virgin Mary			St Mary, Funtington
	10.30a.m		
Sunday 14 th August Trinity 9	09.00am	Said Eucharist BCP	Sennicotts St Mary
	10.00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Weds 17 th August	10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11:00am	Coffee	Church Room, Funtington
Sunday 21 st August Trinity 10	10.00am	Morning prayer	St Mary, Funtington
	10.00am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrew, West Stoke
Weds 24 th August Feast Day	10.30.am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Sunday 28 th August Trinity 11	09.00am	Eucharist BCP	Sennicotts, St Marys
	10.00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Weds 31 st August	10.30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all Welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Saturday 3 rd September	15 00 pm	Wedding	St Mary, Funtington
Sunday 4 th September	10.00am	Eucharist CW2	West Stoke, St Andrew
	10.00am	Family service	St Mary, Funtington

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Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – July 2022 Church Rota

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Sun 3 rd July Trinity 3 <small>R/G JM</small>	10:00 Family Service	Denise Foster	Maggie Webb	-	-	Jo Borbone	Liz Lancaster Neil Watt	Liz Lancaster Isa 66.10-14 Neil Watts Luke 10 1-11,16-20
Sun 10 th July Trinity 4 <small>G DN</small>	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Pat Hill	Pat Hill	-	-	Clergy or Liz ?	David Callus Ann Tupper	Mini Elliot Deut 30.9-14 Claire Hoskins Col 1. 1-14
Sun 17 th July Trinity 5 <small>G EM</small>	10:00 Morning Prayer							
Sun 24 th July Trinity 6 <small>R AB</small>	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Wedding 23 rd July 30 th July	Phyllis Goulding	-	Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Denise Foster Liz Lancaster	Denise Foster Gen 18.20-32 Liz Lancaster Col 2.6-15(16-19)
Sun 31 st July Trinity 7 Canon Stephen Hoys <small>G</small>	10:00 Eucharist St Wilfred' s							
Sun 7 th August <small>G JM</small>	10.00 am Family Service	Denise Foster	Miriam Callas	-	-	Jo Borbone	Kay Knowles Andrew Hughes	Andrew Hughes Gen15-.1-6 Deborah Hughes Lk 12.32-40

Parish Services July 2022

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Sun 3 rd July Trinity 3	10.0am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10.00am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 6 th July	10.30am 11 am	Said Eucharist Coffee (all welcome)	St Mary, Funtington Church room
Sun 10 th July Trinity 4	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Sennicotts, St Mary
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 13 th July	10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 17 th July Trinity 5	10:00am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrews, West stoke
	10:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 20 th July	10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Weds 20 th July		Burial Ashes	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sat 23 rd July		Wedding	St Mary, Funtington
Sunday 24 th July Trinity 6	9.0am	Said Eucharist BCP	Sennicotts, St Marys
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary Funtington
Weds 27 th July	10.00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room
Sat 30 th July	2.0pm	Wedding	St Mary, Funtington
Sunday 31 st July	11.30am	Baptism only	St Mary, Funtington
Sunday 31 st July Trinity 7	8.00am	Eucharist	Chidham, St Mary
	10.00am	Eucharist-Joint Service	St Wilfred's, Broad Road, Nutbourne
Weds 3 rd August	10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Sat 7 th August	10.00am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10.00am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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