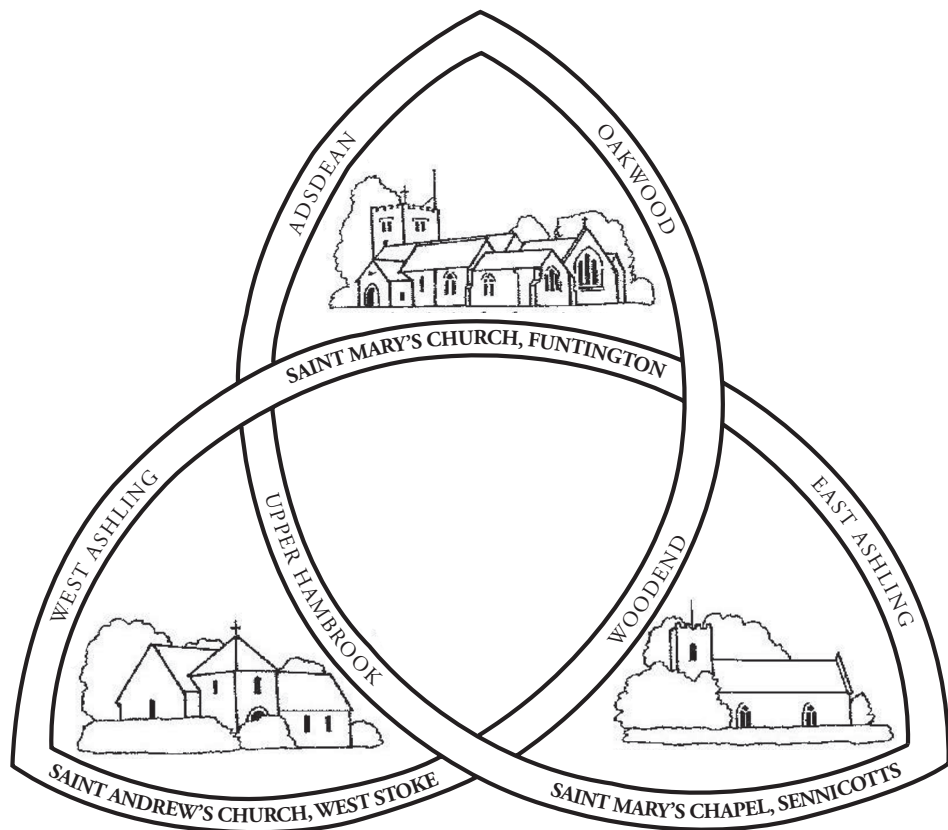


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## **Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge**

As Christians, we have all been sinners, and all, at times, been hard to reach. We have all been too absorbed in things that don't really matter to look up and see what is really important. Yet, despite this God, has never written us off or discounted us. More than that, we are called to discipleship even when we fail to look up and meet God's eye.

Given a little thought and prayer, we can, without too much trouble, begin to understand what distracts us from recognising Jesus, even when he is standing right before us. How we set our priorities depends on our individual circumstances and is something to be determined through personal prayer.

We are now aiming to look at the future of this parish. We have made some changes recently which means that service times may be more amenable to getting ministers to cover, and it may be that there will be more changes ahead in how we do things and how we are shaped and managed as we seek to take the good news of Christ into our community.

One of the views I have had since arriving here, in both parishes, is putting the church at the heart of the community and the community at the heart of the church. We must look for new ways to bring together this body of fellowship. We must be open to change and we must always keep an eye focused on those who are faithful and yet nervous or resistant to change. We are on this journey together.

Some of you will know that the PCC are currently looking at whether or not this PCC should merge more formally with the Parish of Chidham. That means that we could be cementing the relationship with both parishes and making more formal the structure of one priest covering both parishes, or not. We have a lot of work to do to ensure that whatever decision we make about the future, it is together as one strong unit. What I do not believe, personally, is that we will ever be in position where both parishes have their own full-time priest again.

There are many people in our communities who have yet to hear about the good news; have heard about it and curious about what it means; have accepted Christ into their hearts privately and looking for a community to join to deepen their faith and journey. They will not join a congregation, a church or a faith which is split, divided, offering mixed messages, and making the church look like a band

of different organisations. We need to nurture that seed of faith and allow it to flourish in its own time and space.

As our church grows, it will be as one, under the leadership of our Bishop, that we grow together, focused, realistic and respectful of the processes that shape us and draw us closer to God.

***Father Andrew***

## **Appointment Announcement**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June it was announced that I am to leave both parishes in the autumn. I have been appointed to serve as the Vicar for the Associated Benefice of Melbourn and Meldreth in the Diocese of Ely.

It is planned that I will be inducted and installed into the Benefice on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, and therefore my duties in the parish will conclude in mid-October.

This has not been an easy decision for me to make, but I hope that in time, you will recognise and understand the reasons for my decision to move on.

There is almost 4 months between the announcement and my departure, I remain committed to continuing the projects we have running at the moment and helping you, as a parish, to prepare for the future.

Please also be assured of my thoughts and prayers as I know that such an announcement can create a period of uncertainty.

With Best Wishes

***Fr. Andrew***

## **News from the PCC**

I'm sure many who walk through the church grounds will have noticed the newly rendered wall of the south-east aspect of the church, which is the Ratham Chapel. This now looks much cleaner, no longer allows damp penetration, and completes the exterior renovations of the church. For those who don't use the church grounds, I suggest that sometime you spend a few minutes sitting on one of the benches outside and soak in the stillness, beauty and peace of the churchyard. The church is always open, so please do venture inside if you'd like to.

One of the topics debated at the PCC meeting in May was the future of our parish when the current period of suspension ends in 2025. At a previous meeting in

February, the Archdeacon, Luke Irvine-Capel and Dr Emma Arbuthnott, (Senior Church Buildings and Pastoral Reorganisation Officer from Church House,) had presented 3 options available:

1. To remain in the present state as a suspended benefice, essentially in limbo, with no right to a priest or a vicarage. This could be difficult situation in which to attract a new priest-in-charge when Fr Andrew's time here ends. Currently Fr Andrew lives at Chidham Vicarage and is Priest-in-Charge to both Chidham Parish and Funtington with West Stoke and Sennicotts.
2. To join with Chidham as a single benefice with two PCCs. This would mean the right to a full-time priest to serve both parishes and who would live in the Chidham vicarage. The Funtington vicarage would probably be sold. This arrangement would be an attractive prospect for a new priest should Fr Andrew leave. Both parishes would retain a PCC and the priest would split his time between them.
3. To join with Chidham as a single benefice with a single PCC. A single PCC would make it easier for a priest to manage the benefice.

There is considered to be a 4<sup>th</sup> option, although this was not presented to the meeting:

4. To revert to our previous state of being a single benefice. There would be an entitlement to a full-time priest for our existing parish, who would live in the Funtington vicarage. The Parish Share, (approximately £80k,) would need to be paid in full; this is the contribution paid by the parish to the diocese and the parish would need to be seen as self-supporting and sustainable.

This matter, which is of very significant importance to our parish, will be a matter of debate at future meetings.

***PCC Secretary***

## **Church in our Community**

We are delighted to share with you a new prayer and growth ideas group which is taking place on Mondays between 5:30pm and 6:30pm in St Mary's Funtington Church Room.

On the first Monday of every month, the focus is on ideas and action planning. For the other Mondays, the focus is on prayer for our parish. EVERYONE WITHOUT EXCEPTION is welcome to either or both. Of the few meetings we have had so far, they have proved to be fun and vivacious meetings with tea and biscuits served. Do come!

## **Church in our Community - Prayer**

We want to focus on prayer for our church and the surrounding community. Everyone is welcome! Prayer is a really important and vital part of any Church. We can pray for our friends, family and those in need. We will pray for points brought up during the PCC, for growth in our parish and for all parish events. Prayer can be exciting and dynamic as well as quiet and contemplative. Please do come – even if this is something you may not have been involved with before. Just come and see!

## **Church in our Community - Ideas and action planning**

This takes place on the first Monday of every month, to discuss various ways in which we can better impact and support our local community. It's also designed to be a meeting for all of those already working tirelessly in the community for the good of others. It's the perfect opportunity to share what everyone is doing and ask for more help if needed. If this is a meeting that you feel you can contribute to, or want to be involved in, or volunteer – please, please come along.

Contact points in our 3 churches are:

Neil and Carolyn Watt from St Mary's Funtington

Jamie and Caroline Noble from St Andrew's West Stoke

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Please do join us!

If you need any further information or details – please don't hesitate to contact me on [eloise@sennicotts.com](mailto:eloise@sennicotts.com)

## **Valerie Ann Rizzo 7.11.1938 – 28.4.2023**

### **A Celebration of Valerie Ann's Life**

Valerie would be very pleased and honoured to see that you all could make it here this afternoon to share in this celebration of her life with us, as it was her family and friends who were the most important focus of her life. It was also your continued support, well wishes, and prayers which were so valuable to her in her final weeks.

Valerie Ann, one of five siblings, was born in Birmingham in 1938, one year before the start of the Second World War. When bombs started dropping all over the country, her parents decided she should go and live with her grandparents in the market town of Evesham in Worcestershire. She was there for six years where she attended primary school at the age of four. When the war ended, she re-joined her parents in Birmingham in a house equipped with an air shelter and gas masks in case of emergency.

At the age of eight, her older sister, Rita, introduced her to a local lady, Hilda, who needed someone to do “errands”, as they were called at that time. She gladly took on this little job and eventually became part of Hilda's family, and perhaps her whole life changed here. She spent the largest part of her day in their home learning all the necessary things a young girl needs to learn or know to proceed through life. At the age of fifteen, she started work in the offices at Cadbury's. During her time there, she was trained to do typing and took various examinations to be a shorthand typist. Before leaving Cadbury's, she attended a day school, once a week, where she was taught comportment and everyday manners, and an art school, where she learnt calligraphy.

After three years, she left home and headed to the big city known as London. This was a major turning point in her life because she never went back to live in her original surroundings. Her prior office experience at Cadbury's helped her find employment in London, which proved positive for her next experience which was to be in Canada.

One day she read an ad in *The Times* which said, “Three girls going to Canada, would like a fourth”. She quickly picked up the phone and confirmed she would like to join them, and within six weeks she was sailing on the *Empress of Britain* to Canada. This was a real adventure because she hadn't arranged any accommodation or employment and had very little sterling in her pocket. The job market was buoyant, and in no time, she found a job and an apartment to live in; and after a few months she heard about a 10,000-mile trip covering Northern Canada and the USA, travelling in three restored

trucks with straw beds incorporated inside! This proved to be a once in a lifetime experience which allowed her to enjoy the wildlife and great outdoors across the northern American continent. Her friend, Gillian, thought she was an intrepid traveller and very brave at that time!

After this amazing experience, she stayed and worked in Montreal for a while, until she felt the need to go back to Europe. The trip back to England, via Bermuda, turned out to be an eventful one as the ship she was travelling on was struck by a severe storm; the ship did everything but turn upside down! People broke limbs and crockery was smashed, but she came out unscathed with no fear attached.

Once again, she chose London as her place of residence and started looking for employment. On this occasion, she met her best friend, Sally, and they ended up sharing a flat together; in her memoirs, she writes that she could not have wished for a better friendship. After a short time, she joined *Penguin Books* and was appointed PA to the Chairman, Sir Alan Lane. Valerie Ann, being a very sophisticated, efficient lady, had to deal with all the “great and good” who visited her boss; a lovely man but one who expected the very best out of his staff.

From there she went on to *Universal Studios* where she met her dear friend Gillian, who is sat in the congregation today. Around the age of twenty-eight she developed a passion for Greece and decided to travel there by train, through Italy, with another friend she had met in London. As she approached the Italian port of Brindisi, she met my father on the train, and it was love at first sight! From there she carried on to the island of Corfu on the *Egnatia* ship, and on her return to Italy she met up with my father once again, and decided that he was going to be the love of her life! (I was told that her friend also had her eye on my dad, so you can imagine what happened to that friendship!)

She returned to London, where she was supported by her friend Gillian during her pregnancy, and later went back to Italy where she would spend the next 43 years of her life in a quaint village in Southern Italy. She quickly got involved with the ex-pat community and cultivated many lifelong friendships amongst the local community, whilst still retaining a strong bond with her native England.

Relocating from London to Southern Italy was not easy for her; she didn't speak the local language, English was hardly spoken, and clinging on to what she was used to back in England, it proved to be a formidable task, in addition to raising a family of two beautiful boys. I remember her telling me that a couple of old ladies dressed in black would peep through an old stone wall to get a glimpse of “the English foreigner” who



had just arrived in the village. A woman riding a push bike was unheard of at the time, so you can imagine the reaction when she took her first bike ride! She had to forgo many things taken for granted in her past life, such as making a phone call from the comfort of her home, watching English TV, or simply enjoying a freshly mown lawn in the dry hot Italian summers.

She was determined however to preserve some British traditions, and managed very well. I have vivid recollections of her making lemon curd, or apple pies, whilst listening to BBC radio on her short-wave radio set. She would also organise English tea parties or Christmas parties where she would sing Christmas carols with her expat friends, and she would never miss the Queen’s speech on Christmas day.



In 2013, she returned to England to spend time with her family and her grandchildren. Sadly in 2016, she was diagnosed with cancer, however this event did not deter her from appreciating life and enjoying every day she spent with her family. Her sense of dignity was never so tested, nor so well demonstrated, as in the final weeks and days of her life. Even with a body riddled with disease, she never once asked for the normal dose of painkillers, as she wished to maintain full control of her faculties and preserve her lucidity, to maximize her ability to interact with family and friends coming to visit. As a parent and a friend, my mother had an extraordinary ability to make each one of us feel stronger and more confident in our own identity, giving us our own sense of independence and mental strength, which for my part, has been such an asset in my life, in so many ways. She will live in our memories, and in our hearts, forever, and I will always be extremely proud to call myself the son of Valerie Ann.

**Carlo Rizzo**

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## A Very Lucky Little Owl

Last year while we were away, our daughter, Rose happened to spend a night at the house. She heard a noise behind the log burner, and contacted her brother, Josh, to investigate. He rang us and asked if he could take the fire to pieces as he thought something was stuck behind the backplate of the wood-burner.

We suggested that they draped towels over the furniture to protect from soot, and got a blanket and box ready to catch whatever flew out, and gloves to pick whatever it was, up.



Fortunately nothing flew out - instead, to their amazement a tiny owl was sitting, blinking at the back of the fire. He was indeed, as we later googled, a 'Little Owl'



Rose was able to lift him out, and he sat very quietly on a towel. They took him to Brent Lodge, where, thanks to their expertise he spent 10 days in isolation being rehydrated then fed, having suffered no apparent injury, then 10 days being reintroduced to other owls.

When Brent Lodge saw the box and towel that they'd brought to sit him in to return him to our field they laughed - the quiet owl was now a feisty active owl - so we were given a cat carrier instead.



We put the carrier on the table in the garden, and as soon as the door was opened he flew off in the direction of the trees in Church Lane.

We often hear the call of Little Owls, and are so pleased that this little owl had a very lucky escape!

**Kim Phillips**

## Despair in the Departure Lounge

Sooner or later in beekeeping you start to believe that you've cracked it, that you've mastered the craft, that instruction books and tutorials are for the birds. So you get more colonies, start selling your honey to real customers, and find yourself surrounded by newbies seeking wise counsel over long lunches. But, dear reader, like most things in life, thinking that you've cracked it, and actually cracking it, are two very different things.

And so I find myself this summer frustrated at my disastrous attempts at 'queen rearing' which I had such high hopes for at the start of spring. Such set-backs are a not-so-gentle reminder that you still have much to learn, Grasshopper.

When you start out keeping honeybees, you leave the job of raising a new queen bee to the bees themselves and only get involved at the crucial moment by splitting the colony in two before they swarm, letting the now queen-less half raise their own new queen. This might happen in a colony once every summer or two, so there will be times when you want to speed this process up or even get a colony to make more queens than they need so you can use the surplus queens to head up even more new colonies.

There are many ways to do this, but the method I have tried this summer, and so far failed miserably at, is called 'grafting'. Focus now, I'm going to explain the theory: select a colony that is bursting with bees and remove the queen to a temporary hive. The colony is now queen-less so impulse kicks in and they start raising a new queen. At this point the beekeeper intervenes, removes this queen cell, and in its place introduces up to 20 larvae from another colony – chosen because the donor colony has traits that the beekeeper likes. The surrogate colony adopts these larvae, raising them up to be queens, and when the cells have been sealed up the beekeeper can distribute them into new colonies, whence a queen will emerge from each, and 'ta-da', you got yourself up to 20 new colonies with lovely queen bees.

Sounds easy, right? Well I'm clearly doing something wrong this summer, so I've dusted off the instruction book to read again at the airport as we head off on holiday.

The next time we meet will be September's article by which time the summer honey harvest will have been extracted from the hives and we will start getting the bees ready for winter. Seems crazy to even be thinking about that as I write in mid-June! Hopefully we will get some rain soon to get the wildflowers blooming for a month or two; it's lovely to see so many bumblebees, honeybees, and other pollinators on our poppies in the morning but we do rely on an abundance of bramble for our summer honey and without a drenching we might find that the nectar doesn't flow.

Have a wonderful summer.

**Jason & Kate Boswell**



*A meadow brown butterfly warming in the sun*



*Buff tailed bumblebee foraging on poppy*



*One of our honey bees foraging on opium poppy*

## St Andrew's Flowers

### A big thank you to Barbara Cowans

Barbara has spent the last 11 years coordinating the 'flower club' at St. Andrew's Church, West Stoke, and anyone who has attended one of the regular flower festivals knows what a fantastic job she has done with her team of helpers.

Aside from the glamour of the flower festivals she has worked tirelessly to maintain a rota of happy collaborators who decorate the church each month, spurred on by the occasional 'social' which she has also arranged. All of us who have been involved have enjoyed being part of her team and continuing a long tradition which started back in the 1970s.



Barbara, thank you so much for all you have done, your warmth, inspiration and organisational skills have been greatly appreciated both by the club members and everyone who has enjoyed the flowers over the last decade or so.

Although Barbara is stepping down as coordinator, she will still be involved with the club and we look forward to continuing to see her whether with secateurs or glass in hand.

I am delighted to take on the role of flower club coordinator and look forward to continuing the long tradition. We welcome new members and no previous experience is necessary! Do get in touch if you might be interested and I would be happy to talk it through with you.

Thank you again Barbara for all you have done and with very best wishes.

**Emma Heaver** 07974 939525

## Funtington Flora

Several orchid species can be spotted in or near Funtington parish during the summer. Orchid seed is fine as dust, and is dependent on soil fungi for germination and development. It can take up to ten years for orchids to flower after germination. They can reappear in sites after many years of absence.

Common Spotted Orchid. This has a single spike with many pale pink flowers, each with dark pink dots and dashes on their lower lips. The leaves are blotched with dark spots. It can often be seen on walks on the chalk downland, but also in roadside verges and fields.



Pyramidal Orchid. This orchid has a compact head of small magenta flowers, becoming pyramidal as the flowerspike matures. It is abundant at Levin Down, and along footpaths above Stoughton. One flowered in the road verge in East Ashling in 2021.

Bee Orchid. This orchid's flower mimics a bee, with a furry brown striped central pouch, with surrounding candyfloss pink petals. There are just a few large flowers on each spike. In southern Europe, there is a species of solitary bee which is specifically attracted to the bee orchid flower, but this bee species does not live in the UK so the bee orchid relies on self-pollination here. Bee Orchids have grown on the Bosham road verges in recent years.



Twayblade. Twayblade has just one pair of broad oval basal leaves and a spike of yellow-green flowers, up to about 20 cm high. It can be seen in a variety of habitats – woodland, grassland, even roadside verges, though its green colour can make it difficult to spot. It can be pollinated by a range of insects.

Find out more about Sussex orchids at Sussex Wildlife Trust. [https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/orchids-of-sussex.](https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/news/orchids-of-sussex) **Helen Dignum**

**Editor's Note:** *On the Apuldram walk in the 'cow field' there are masses of pyramidal orchids*

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## Vagrant Birds

Avian vagrancy is the phenomenon where a bird is found well out of its normal range for its breeding or wintering grounds. Sometimes the term accidental vagrancy is used because it is assumed that the majority of birds that become a vagrant got there by an accidental process. It must be said though the mechanisms involved in vagrancy are poorly understood and almost certainly caused by different factors in different situations. It has recently become a topic of serious research and it will be interesting to see the results. At present there are at least six different theories about why birds arrive in places where they should not be. There are probably a lot more. Undoubtedly there are different reasons for different birds, one theory might be correct for one bird and another for a different bird.

- 1) *Overshooting*. A bird overshoots its normal migratory journey. These vagrants are called ‘spring overshoots’ and as the name suggests they normally appear in early spring. Britain is just north or east of their normal breeding range and when ‘overshoot vagrants’ arrive here they are moving to find their breeding area but fly too far and end up in Britain. These birds will often realise their mistake and after a couple days rest will return to where they should be. The Golden Oriole and the Purple Heron that recently were seen at Pagham were almost certainly these ‘spring overshoots’.



Golden Oriole



Purple Heron

- 2) *Youthful Inexperience*. Some vagrants will arrive in the late summer and the autumn, clearly something different is going on here. Most of these are first year birds and it is thought that they simply get lost or deviate slightly off route because of migration inexperience. These are usually young birds. An example of this behaviour is the Red-backed Shrikes that turn up at this time of year. The last

two spotted locally were both juveniles in September. Another juvenile vagrant I managed to see was the Barred Warbler. Nearly all of the Barred Warblers seen in the UK are juveniles that stray from their usual route of Eastern Europe and Russia to Africa. However because they are so far off their route some scientists believe the explanation for their appearance is more likely to be what is called ‘reverse migration’.



Black-browed Albatross



Red-backed Shrike

3) *Reverse Migration*. Also called ‘reverse misorientation’ and is a phenomenon in [bird migration](#) where a bird flies in the opposite direction to what is typical of its species during the spring or autumn migration. It is believed that larger birds like swans and geese, which tend to migrate in large flocks, learn their migratory routes by following other birds but with the smaller passerines, which tend to

migrate in just ones and twos, it is theorised that they rely more heavily on an in built genetic route map, and the theory is that this route map is programmed wrong. Where they land up it is extremely unlikely that there are others of the same species and so breeding will be impossible and most birds will eventually die, eliminating the aberrant genetic guidance. I once saw a



Rustic Bunting

beautiful little bird called the Rustic Bunting at Thursley Common. This is a small bird that breeds in Russia and migrates down to South East Asia; this bird instead of flying south-east flew west and ended up in Britain. Half of a dozen of these birds appear in the UK each year, making you think that this cannot be an accident, but more likely to be an abnormal gene.

4) *Irruption*. Another form of vagrancy which is linked to survival is the phenomenon of the 'Irruption'. Irruptions refer to the movement of a northern-wintering species to the south in years of low food availability. Unlike the planned and ordered nature of migration, an irruption is unplanned. Birds follow their food source, and if their usual territories are poorly resourced then they will move further afield. These 'irruptions' are keenly anticipated by birders. Some species, those particularly dependent on wintering fruit crops, are more likely to irrupt. Hawfinches, Redpolls and Waxwings are notable species where the UK will get the occasional winter when numbers are boosted because of food shortages elsewhere.



Waxwings

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5) *Pioneering*. There are some birds that are believed to be simply explorers or pioneers. The Bee-eaters that I went to see in Norfolk last summer almost certainly pushed the limits of their range to find a suitable breeding area. They arrived in a group, decided that the quarry in Trimmingham was a good place and stayed for the summer. They were pioneers. The first ever British Kelp Gull I saw last June was probably also a pioneer as



Bearded Vulture

other birds have historically been found progressively further north of their usual range and this bird just pushed that range even further. Often young aerial specialists will spread their wings and scout out new territories, and by their very nature being experts of the air will travel long distances. Rare birds of prey are often thought to fall into this category. The Bearded Vulture, that made the news in 2020 as it toured the Midlands for a couple of months, was a youngster exploring. One of the theories about how the southern hemisphere albatross found its way to Bempton is that it was a pre-adult exploring feeding territories.

6) *Bad Weather*. Another theory for the arrival of the Bampton Black-browed Albatross was that it was blown off course by the weather, and this is the final



Wilson's Phalarope

category of potential theories for birds appearing outside their normal range. There is no doubt after particularly adverse weather conditions some unusual birds will often pop up. After Storm Barbara in October 2020 I went to see a Wilson's Phalarope at Keyhaven Marshes, a bird that simply should not have been there. This phalarope is a North American bird which migrates from Canada and the north of the USA down to

the Andes in Argentina. Its appearance in Hampshire after Storm Barbara experts assumed was because it was caught up in the high winds and had its sense of navigation disrupted causing it to make land in the UK.

The weather is often thought to be mainly responsible for American vagrants. These vagrants have to travel the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean to get here, and the mind bobbles at how some of them do it and how some of them survive. Large birds, like geese, often can survive making long journeys but how do little song birds survive the journey. It is a widely accepted theory that small birds that are thrown off course out to sea during bad weather will, if they are fortunate, find refuge on a ship that they are passing, and will continue with it until the ship makes land. Seamen often relate stories of various birds that land on their ships. It is not difficult to believe that they will hang around and dock with the ship.

Recently I have seen locally three smaller birds which arrived from America; all have



White-throated Sparrow



White-crowned Sparrow

interesting back stories that suggested they arrived by boat, the Northern Mockingbird disembarking in Bristol, White-throated Sparrow in Rotterdam and a White-crowned Sparrow probably arriving at one of the Cinque Ports.

One wonders always about the fate of these misplaced birds, however the fact is that when these rare vagrants are discovered by birders they give so much joy to those that come to see them and hopefully that is some small compensation in the circle of life.

**Kevin Tarrant**

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## Funtington Goblins at Seaford College

On Saturday 27th May our team took part in their first race of the Greenpower Goblin racing season at Seaford College near Petworth. This was the first time the children had the chance to race the car they'd built during the winter and spent countless hours driving on the playground at Funtington Primary.

The morning kicked off with the Goblin parade in which all the cars were shown to the judges and the children answered questions about the car and their club. Having worked hard on our shark bodywork, the team were keen to talk about how we'd chosen it after talking about streamlined shapes in nature, and the judges were impressed by the fact we'd fitted a speaker to the car which played the Jaws theme music!



With the judging over it was time to race. The morning consisted of drag and slalom races with each of the 20 cars having six timed runs at each. The children performed well in both although several of the attempts at the slalom were a little over-exuberant and we clipped quite a few cones as our little car zig-zagged through the course.

After lunch it was time for the really exciting event, the sprint races. Here, three cars lined up side-by-side for three laps of wheel-to-wheel action with only the winning car progressing to the next round. Oscar was chosen to drive in our heat and he motored to the chequered flag in first place. In the semi-final, Ash took over at the wheel and, again, brought the car home in first place. Time for the grand final - six laps this time - and Jenson drove a fantastic race leading from start to finish!

Prize-giving was the last event of the day and we were delighted to pick up three trophies. We knew we'd come first in the sprint race but we were delighted to

win the award for best bodywork and we also won the biggest prize of all, the overall winner's trophy.

What a start to the season and well done to Oscar, Ash, Jenson, Esmi, Lilli-Rose, Oliver W, Oliver CB and Fraser! Next stop, London Goblins at St. Paul's school in Barnes on Saturday 17th June, followed just three weeks later by the Gathering of Goblins at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Sunday 9th July. Spectators are welcome to come and watch us race and you can keep up to date by following

**@teamfuntington on Instagram.**



**St Marys Church, Funtington**  
July 1<sup>st</sup> Baptism at 11 am for Imogen Mapp  
July 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm Wedding -Alicia Wergan and Henry Verbi  
August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm Wedding -Rebecca Louise Rhodes and Peter James Newman  
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**New Parish Website and Church Noticeboard for All Information and Updates [www.funtingtonweststoke.org.uk](http://www.funtingtonweststoke.org.uk)**

## News from the Grapevine

Hooray! Summer has arrived and so have our still wines from the Harvest of 2022 but all hands are turned to nurturing our 2023 autumn Harvest.

The vines are rapidly taking off with vigour, so it's time for us to do some wire lifting. The wires support the vines to grow vertically allowing the grapes to get the sunlight.



Next on the to do list is some 'sucker plucking' this is to take off any growth at the base of the vine so that it can spend all of its energy ripping the grapes rather than the growth at the bottom. Then we have to do a little bit of tucking in, that's the term used to tidy up the rows and tuck the wayward escaping canes back inside the wires.

It's a busy time here and there will be lots of opportunities this summer to volunteer and get involved. To get you started we have some leaf plucking to attend after the 1st couple of weeks of July (date tbc)

It's a morning session from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm with a morning coffee on the terrace and a glass of Sparkling wine to finish. So if you wish to join us email [contact@ashlingpark.co.uk](mailto:contact@ashlingpark.co.uk)

**FUNTINGTON PLAYERS** are looking for actors for a 2 night studio performance in October.

See [funtingtonplayers.org.uk](http://funtingtonplayers.org.uk) for details

## Funtington Parish in the past

### East Ashling in World War II in 1940



#### 1- 4 Rose Cottages in East Ashling c 1930

Before the Second World War, there was a row of four cottages in the centre of East Ashling, known as 1-4 Rose Cottages. Further towards Chichester were 1-2 Cherry Tree Cottages, which were destroyed in a direct hit by a bomb in 1940. 3-4 Rose Cottages have been pulled down and only Rose Cottage and Bow Cottage (formerly 2 Rose Cottages) now remain.



*The sweet shop at No 3 Rose Cottages*



*Rose Cottage and Bow Cottage in 2023*

Harry Bulbeck, the dairyman who lived in his new bungalow, Dalkeith, takes up the story:

### **November 17th 1940**

“The day of the great tragedy. At 7.15 PM approximately, Mabs (1) and I were sitting in the living room quietly, when we heard the plane coming, the first after the siren which had been sounded about a quarter of an hour earlier. We heard a confused sort of noise, which Mabs has since recalled she attributed to the wireless set. I however remember leaning forward in my chair, as if to let something pass me.”

“Without further warning whole world seemed to be turned upside down and we were on the floor. We were both asking each other if we were injured and then realised that we had been bombed. The whole room was full of dust, which was choking us, our curtains were doing funny things and the terrific rain outside sounded very close, as it was indeed, for the windows had gone out.”

“I thought we were the only victims and went into the hall to report. This was in a very bad state, clouds of dust from the fallen plaster and clothes from the hooks littering the floor. Thank god, the telephone worked, but I had difficulty in getting the exchange. I looked out of the front door and found Ernie(2) racing up. I said " my house is bombed" but I had yet to hear the worst. He told me two houses were completely destroyed and many more damaged. I got a report through at last and asked for ambulances and the rescue party, for there were an unknown number of persons trapped in debris.”

“I then went to the scene of the real damage to hear the groans of the poor injured people and to find the Special Constable doing everything possible to release them. In the meanwhile Mr. Wilkins(3). (I had phoned him, also the first Aid Post to prepare for casualties) as had Rev Crookshank(4). The rescue squad arrived later followed by an ambulance and got to work.”

“Meanwhile, the poor old people from the surrounding damaged houses were got to safer quarters. After seeing one man got out of the wrecked house I found my stomach giving way and my legs also. I had to go home and rest knowing the situation was in good hands. All the injured people were out and also all the five, or rather four fatal casualties, a fifth died in hospital at about 11.00 PM.”

“We were left in our badly battered and leaking house to pass a terrible night in sleeplessness. A second bomb had fallen at the same time causing an immense crater only 50 yards beyond us, about 100 yards from the first. The whole incident left no

impression of noise on our minds and we did not know of the second bomb until about 11.00 PM.”

“When daylight came at last, a sad state of affairs prevailed in our village, the damage being great. It was a relief however on returning from the milk round to find workmen already repairing roofs and replacing windows and putting felt over broken windows. The Women’s Voluntary Service were very helpful. A relief fund was started by the Vicar. Most people were very helpful but I must record one unpleasant incident. A resident refused her gardener two hours off to help clean up his mother in law's place, saying she wanted her gladioli bulbs got up before they rotted.”

- (1) Mabel Bulbeck (Mabs) came live in Funtington to help look after her Davys cousins.
- (2) Harry Bulbeck’s older brother, Ernie lived at Dairy Farm House and he became a Special Constable during the war..
- (3) Stanley Wilkins was the Head of Funtington School in West Ashling.
- (4) Rev Arthur Crookshank was the interim Vicar of Funtington.

*Geoffrey Boys*

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St. Mary's Church Room, Church Lane, Funtington PO18 9LH  
Contact: Kathryn Wignall at [Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk)

### Wednesday Coffee Morning, St. Mary's Church Room

Everyone welcome to come and join us for coffee and biscuits at 11am in The Church Room. A good time for meeting others, sharing and laughter.

### Funtington and West Stoke WI

Our August meeting is a Garden Tea Party on 16<sup>th</sup> August. For further information about the WI and becoming a member contact Sue Nicholson on 01243 574722

**West Stoke Cream Teas 3pm – 5pm Starting on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

**Funtington and West Stoke Scouts Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Stonepillow Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**The Parish Churches of Funtington, West Ashling & Sennicotts Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**West Stoke Village Hall Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Queen Mother's Clothing Guild Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Good Neighbours Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Kingley Vale Riding for the Disabled Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**East Ashling Association Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

### Funtington Bridge Club

The club meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington. Rubber Bridge from 1.30pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

### Solution to Crossword 24 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

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Across:

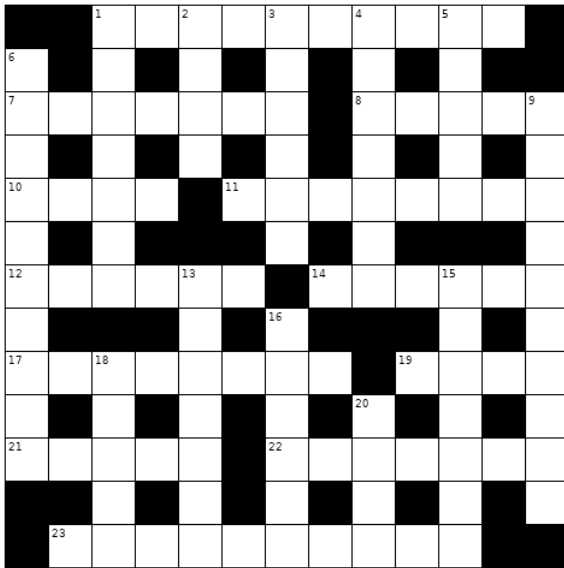
1 Goalkeeper 7 Protein 8 In-off 10 Leek 11 Almighty 12 Bigamy  
14 Measly 17 Ubiquity 19 Maxi 21 Delft 22 Unlatch 23 Road-mender.

Down:

1 Good egg 2 Amen 3 Kindle 4 Edifice 5 Epoch 6 Spellbound  
9 Fly-by-night 13 Mounted 15 Scatter 16 Attune 18 Igloo 20 Plod.



## Crossword no. 24



### ACROSS

- 1 He tries to keep a clean sheet between the posts (10)
- 7 A chemical like albumen or casein (7)
- 8 Snooker player's pocketing of the cue ball (2-3)
- 10 Vegetable emblem of Wales (4)
- 11 God the omnipotent (8)
- 12 Offence of a man who goes double dutch? (6)
- 14 Ungenerously afflicted with spots (6)
- 17 Being everywhere at once (8)
- 19 Not a skirt for Twiggy (4)
- 21 Glazed earthenware from Holland (5)
- 22 Lift the closure of a gate, etc. (7)
- 23 Motorists welcome his pot-holing efforts (4-6)

### DOWN

- 1 A fine fellow? The curate may not have it (4,3)
- 2 So be it (4)
- 3 Set fire to a book's replacement (6)
- 4 Imposing building (7)
- 5 Major historical period (5)
- 6 Bewitched (10)
- 9 Untrustworthy businessman, or moth (3-2-5)
- 13 On horseback (7)
- 15 Strew, dissipate (7)
- 16 Harmonise, assimilate (6)
- 18 Hemispherical ice shelter (5)
- 20 Trudge wearily (4)

**ST MARYS FUNTINGTON CHURCH ROTA – JULY /AUGUST 2023**

Please arrange your own cover if you are unable to do the dates rostered

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Element	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesperson	Readers
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> Trinity 4	10 am Family Service Green JM	Debbie Hughes	Anne Maddock		-	Jo Borbonne	Anne Maddock	Claire Hoare Jer 28.5-9 Mini Elliott Matt 10. 40-42
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity	10 am Eucharist Red ?	Marian Sewell	Liz Lancaster		Carolyn Watt	Nigel Brown	Denise Foster Nigel Brown	Denise Foster Zech 9.9-12 Nick La Hive Rom 7. 15-25
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity	10 am Eucharist Green AB				Liz Lancaster	Clergy	Anne Maddock Neil Watt	A. Maddock Isa 55.10 -13 Neil Watt Rom 6. 3-11
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> Trinity	10 am Eucharist Green AB	Wedding	Liz Collett		Kay Knowles	Clergy	Nick La Hive	A. Maddock 1Kings 3. 5-7 Clare Hosking Rom 8. 12-17
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Chidham</b>	10 am JT Service AB				-	-	Eucharist JT Service	St Wilfrids Chidham
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> The Transfiguration	10 am Family Service White JM	Denise Foster	Maggie Webb			Liz Lancaster	Liz Lancaster	Deb Hughes Dan 7.9-10,13- 14 A. Hughes Luke 9.2-7

# St Marys Funtington Church Rota August 2023

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Element	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesperson	Readers
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> Transfiguration Trinity 9	10 am Family Service White JM	Denise Foster	Maggie Webb		-	Liz Lancaster	Liz Lancaster	Deb Hughes Dan 7.9-10 A. Hughes Luke 9.28-30
	10 am Eucharist White AB							
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> Trinity 10	10 am Eucharist Green AB	Pat Hill	Phyllis Goulding		Kay Knowles	Clergy	Denise Foster Judy Meeke	Denise Foster 1Kings19.9-18 Nick La Hive Rom10.5-15
	10 am Eucharist Green AB							
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> Trinity 11	10 am Eucharist Green AB	Pat Hill	Phyllis Goulding		Kay Knowles	Clergy	Anne Maddock Nick La Hive	Anne Maddock Isa 56. 1,6-8 Nick La Hive Rom 11.1-2, 29-32
	10 am Eucharist Green AB							
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b> Trinity 12	10 am Eucharist Green AB	Sue Simms	Ann Jones		Liz Lancaster	Anne Maddock	Jimmy Faure Nigel Brown	Jimmy Faure 1sa 51.1-6 Nigel Brown Rom 12.1-8
	10 am Family Service Green JM							
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> Trinity 13	10 am Family Service Green JM	Sue Simms	Ann Jones		-	-	Neil Watt	Neil Watt Jer 15 15-21 Carolyn Watt Mt 16.21-28

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**Parish Services July/August 2023**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sat 1st July	1500 pm	Archdeacon /Church warden Service	St George Church Whyke
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.am 9 am	Family Service Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington St Andrews, West Stoke
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> July or Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am 10.30am	Prayer meeting and coffee Eucharist and coffee	St Mary, Funtington St Wilfreds,Chidham
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9 am 10 am	BCP Holy Communion Eucharist	Sennicotts St Mary, Funtington
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.0 am 10 am	Morning PRAYER Eucharist	West Stoke St Marys, Funtington
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9 am 10 am 2-4 pm	Eucharist BCP Eucharist PCC West Stoke Cream tea	Sennicotts St Marys, Funtington West Stoke, Village Hall
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10.0 am	Joint Eucharist	St Wilfred Chidham
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	9 am 10 am	Eucharist Family Service	St Andrews West Stoke St Marys, Funtington
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	9 am 10 am	Holy Comm BCP Eucharist	Sennicotts St Marys, Funtington
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30 am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	9.0 am 10 am	Morning Prayer Eucharist	West Stoke, St Andrew St Marys, Funtington
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	10.0 am 9 am	Eucharist Holy Communion BCP	St Marys Funtington Sennicotts
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington Church room
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	10.am 9 am	Family Service Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington St Andrews West Stoke