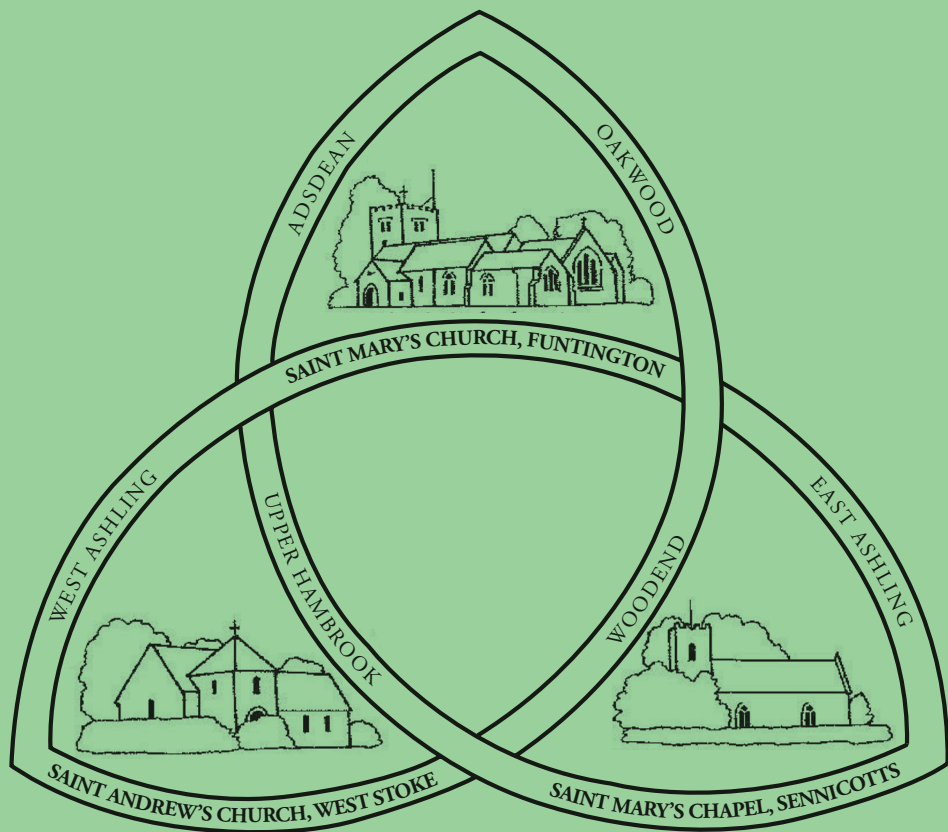


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

As I walked past the naval dockyard the other day, I recognised that the walls were so high and appeared so thick! I suddenly began to be curious about what was happening on the other side of the wall. You must have had that feeling when you walk past a large wall or building, wondering what it looks like or what happens on the other side? There can often be bewilderment until we get to see, or we may simply never know; for example, it's probably best that you don't try hard to get on the other side of a prison wall!

Over the last 14 months or so, we have perhaps all felt like we have had this wall around us, which has prevented people from getting closer than 2 meters. Perhaps because of shielding or isolation, we have had to stay in our own homes for weeks and months at a time. These walls, whether physical or invisible, set the boundary between us. Whilst it has been absolutely right that we have had to have this distance between one another, the walls that have been 'built' to keep us safe will take some time to be taken down, and some people may need to keep those walls up for some time to come.

Walls exist in our lives to protect us and keep us safe from the harm that exists on the other side, or it may exist to keep our property safe – an example may be the Tower of London with the Crown Jewels! But a wall can also be a very divisive object, separating two things and keeping them apart. We have seen the destruction and damage caused by walls in our own time, such as Berlin, Northern Ireland, The West Bank; these walls have divided communities and restricted movement. If you have ever been to Berlin and seen the East and West parts of the city, despite reunification, they are still, quite remarkably, two different cities, which no doubt over time may soften, but at the moment, there is a different architecture, which is strikingly different. When two communities are separated in this way, two different worlds begin to exist. The Berlin Wall and others don't just separate areas of land, the separate communities and families who are then denied access to one another for years, sometimes forever.

There is an old Indian story that tells the tale of a woman who was so concerned that her children would be influenced for evil by the outside world that she built a huge wall around her home. Her infant children were used to their restricted world, but as they grew older, they became curious about life beyond the boundaries of their garden. One day, while their mother's attention was distracted, two of the children climbed over the wall. As they landed on the other side, they were met by an ocean of faces of local people who laughed at their nervous expressions. The villagers had also been curious to know what existed on the other side of the great wall. The two children became very frightened and frantically searched for a way back to their home. They could not cope with the world on the other side of the wall.

The worst kinds of boundaries are those around our minds: Like those children escaping from their comfortably safe garden, crossing the wall can disorientate and frighten us. As we come out of the restrictions, many people will struggle with being able to go back to 'normal life', and that is perfectly understandable. There is no question that our mental health, our

confidence, our resilience will have taken a bit of a battering over the last 14 months, and many of us will need help and support to return to 'normal'. With Christ's confidence in us and our sanctity for which he prayed, we can learn how to handle development and change, which is all the protection we need. We shall not need walls. Gospel Teaching Jesus did not ask his disciples to build a giant wall around themselves. He was well aware of the dangers and evils of the world. He had been subjected to enough of them during his own life and ministry. One of his concerns for them was that they should be protected from the "evil one". He does not want his followers to be removed from the world but protected within it. At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed not just for those at the table but for the whole Church, then and in time to come. He wants his followers to remain faithful to his teaching, as he knows that this is how God's world can be renewed and made perfect. Not an easy task in a world where many would, and still do, reject his message. Jesus has confidence in them and us and in our ability to keep his message alive, despite the hardships and dangers. Jesus believes in us, and we can feel supported by his prayers for our protection and encouragement.

Each Christian has been given the skills and faith necessary to carry on the truths and traditions through their lives; among those they come into contact with, we are gifted just as those disciples were. But, of course, we have our doubts, and we struggle with issues that face us as part of life's journey and questions of faith. There is nothing wrong with questioning your faith – it helps to keep our commitment to God fresh, and we often experience new things when we look at where we are in our Christian journey.

Walls that restrict our movement or thought cannot protect us, but God can, and he hears the prayers of his Son on our behalf. Jesus has confidence in us, as individuals and as part of the Church. We are a force for tremendous good in the world. In our families and communities, in extraordinary acts of generosity and simple acts of kindness, we make the presence of God manifest. Under the protection of Christ, we become confident disciples, sanctified and consecrated in the truth and ready to spread his word by our living out the example of his love.

Father Andrew

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

June 2021				
<i>Date:</i>	<i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i>		<i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i>	
Sun 13 th June Trinity 2	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	1 Jn 4.7-21 Lk 16.19-31
Sun 27 th June Trinity 4	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	1 Pet 5.5-11 Lk 15.1-10
Sun 4 th July Trinity 5	10:00a.m.HC (BCP)	1 Pet 3.8-15 Lk 5.1-11-	-	-

God Thoughts – June 2021

Dear Readers,

How good it is to be back in Church again. To be among friends and worshipping God. It gives me a warm feeling inside of comfort and togetherness.

Of course, it is all a bit different, as we adhere to Covid restrictions. We are separated around the Church. We wear masks. There is no singing, but the organist plays the hymn tunes. We pass the peace with a wave to one another and go forward to receive a communion wafer. We remain one in the Spirit, one in the Lord.

Christ's risen, living presence brings a glow to our hearts, reassuring us that He is near, speaking through the words of Scripture He hears our intercessions, shares our anxieties, calms our fears and strengthens our resolve to love and serve Him. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever. We have it from Him. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. The one constant in our lives. Christ is the Rock on which our faith is built, ever present in our midst. 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes'.

He is here for the asking. Helping us to get our thinking straight, to get our relationships right. He supports us when the going gets tough, as many of us have found during the Pandemic. 'O dearly, dearly has He loved and we must love Him too, and trust in His unfailing love and try His works to do'.

It helps to take a few quiet moments every day to think about God and His saving work in Jesus Christ. Practising the presence of God can be rewarding. It is true, 'As a man thinketh, so He is'. What we believe shapes who we are.

I hope my 'God thoughts' over the past months have helped us to work more closely with God. My letters go out to friends in former parishes, where my husband and I served during his Ministry. As well as in our parish magazine.

For locals, St. Mary's Funtington is currently open from 9am to 5pm every day for private prayer and there is a 10 am service every Sunday. It is here that we find a closer walk with God and a deeper fellowship with each other. I shall carry on writing unless I hear to the contrary.

Every good wish to all my readers.

Jane Gummer

Latest News on Services

Although there has been a significant step towards reducing the restrictions across the country the restrictions surrounding our worship in church remains very much as it was before 17th May. The only exception is that the numbers of people attending funerals has changed and is now limited to the safe capacity we can have in church with social distancing etc.

We are hoping that we will reach the next stage of the restrictions being lifted in June, and therefore the PCC have agreed to reopen Sennicotts from 13th June and St. Andrews West Stoke from 4 July. There are new service times across all Churches shown on the back page. We will of course announce any changes as soon as we have an update. Thank you for your co-operation and support as we stay safe together

Father Andrew

Copy of a lovely letter received from a visitor to our Parish recently

Dear Editors,

13th May 2021

My husband and I live in Old Portsmouth. On Saturday 1st. May we decided to drive to the Grange Farm Shop in Funtington - somewhere we've enjoyed shopping in on our trips to Chichester over the 20 years we've lived here. Not being in any hurry to get home we decided to buy some picnic lunch at the shop and find a spot nearby to enjoy it together with the flask of coffee I had brought with us.

We drove up to St. Andrew's Church at West Stoke and stopped in the car park for our picnic. I enjoy looking around small village churches and have our Pevsner county guide book to hand for such occasions. Sadly, the church was locked due to the Covid situation but some thoughtful person had left a few copies of the May 2021 issue of the Funtington Parish Magazine on the benches inside the porch, one of which I picked up.

On returning to the car I began to read it. When I reached page 8, I was surprised to read that nearby West Ashling had a pond and amused by the 'dramatic sketch' complete with drawing of the goings - on at this pond (by a pond-watcher).

We checked our O.S. map for the location of the pond and set off to find it. Imagine our delight and pleasure when we rounded the bend and saw it for the first time! Its size and picturesque setting was beyond our imagination. All the 'characters' were

present on the pond and some local people told us that harmony had been restored a few days earlier when the two troublesome cygnets had finally decided to flee the pond.

Another local couple out walking with their dog near the pond told us that if we drove on past the village pub and the green, we would come to a spot where we could walk in woodland amongst the bluebells which were at their best at the beginning of May. This we did.

I wanted to 'Thank you' for leaving the Parish Magazine out - as without it we would not have found the beautiful village pond or enjoyed our stroll through the bluebell wood in spring sunshine which raised our spirits greatly.

We will return, as I read also in the magazine that Cream Teas will be on offer at West Stoke on Sunday 4th July!

From - Jackie and David Baynes

Captain Colin Mayne Robinson 1927 - 2020

Colin died last November following 10 years suffering from Parkinson's Disease. His time at Funtington was so happy and productive, that it seemed that a short memory of him in the Parish Magazine would not be out of place.

He came to Funtington in 1982, following 38 years in the Navy. He was full of energy, aged 55, entered into village life with enthusiasm, joining many committees over the years, and starting up several new projects.

In 1986, when the village hall was short of funds (as usual!) he planned, and organized a Christmas party and raffle which was a great success. He ran it for ten years.

In 1999 and 2000 Colin, with Ian Harrap and others, coordinated the making of the Parish Millennium Map, using the artwork of many contributors to make the final beautiful picture.

In 2004, Colin was appointed Churchwarden of St. Mary's Funtington. He and John Holliman were deeply involved in the construction of the Church Room and those years were particularly happy ones for him. His widow, Dawn, now lives in Hindhead.



Our 60 years

Marian and I celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 25th March 2021. The celebration was of course muted due to Covid and not the large party it would have been in normal times. We did however receive card from the Queen which of course is very special. We were married very young. I was 18 and Marian 17 and many people told us we were too young and that our marriage would not last more than 6 months, but true love overcomes everything.

We met in the offices of Brighton Borough Council where we both worked in different departments. It all began when I asked Marian if she would like to join me on a Sunday morning to watch an office football match. To my surprise and delight she agreed. In the afternoon we visited the Lounge Coffee Bar where I met up with a group of friends, so Marian was really thrown in at the deep end. That evening we went to watch Brighton Tigers in an ice hockey match. It came out later that Marian was very impressed that I wore three different sets of clothes on that day! The next way that I impressed Marian was taking her to the Regent Ballroom in Brighton on the Thursday evening, she had never had a boyfriend who had liked dancing and we both liked jiving. That sealed it!

Once married we both continued to work for the Borough Council and our son Guy was born in September 1962 followed by our daughter Sonia in 1964. Today we have three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

I took exams and was gradually promoted, becoming the Chief Administrative Officer in the Technical Services Department. Marian was head of the Filing Registry in that department. This did cause a few problems because I was her boss (it made a change from home where Marian is always the boss!). Prior to this Marian was a much sought after as a comptometer operator, but as calculators became more sophisticated the operation of this complicated machine was no longer required.

Early in the 1980's our children fled the nest. Our daughter to Loughborough University having spent a year at university in America. Our son was taking a management course with Trust House Forte. We had had enough of the bureaucracy of local government after 26 years and decided to have a go at a business of our own. So it was that we ended up buying 'Country Fayre' in 1984 the village shop in Funtington. Some people thought we were brave and others stupid. David's mother never forgave him for giving up such a prestigious job for a shop! We had 20 very enjoyable years running it.

Our son Guy and his wife Belinda took over the shop but unfortunately Guy had a bad accident and lost a finger as well as damaging his hand. It was shortly after this that he was caught up in the disgraceful Post Office scandal and accused of stealing £28,000. Unfortunately many people in the Parish came to the same conclusion which was very distressing. As we all have recently discovered the computer system Horizon was flawed and hundreds of Sub Post Masters have suffered terribly.



Our daughter and her husband live in Loughborough. Both studied at the University and both became international athletes representing Great Britain on numerous occasions. The highlight for Sonia was representing GB at the Atlanta Olympics.

Guy has had various jobs since leaving the shop and he and his new partner Lynda have been a marvellous support to us during the pandemic.

Where have those 60 years gone? Our love had grown stronger as the years have passed. We certainly have exceeded the six months many thought we would last!

David Vinall

Editor's Note

As our third edition is about to go to press I must thank all our contributors this month and especially our regulars! Geoffrey Boys for his wonderful historical cameos and to Helen Dignum and Kevin Tarrant who have made our walks so much more interesting and challenging. This month we have an article from a Funtington beekeeper who is going to tell us all about the life of bees and a local basketmaker, Jill Eatherden, whose work can be seen at the Grange Farm Shop. Jill will be holding basket making workshops in the village hall at the end of June. Our 'Pond Life Watcher' in last month's magazine should be especially congratulated as her article has generated the lovely letter from a visitor from Old Portsmouth, which you can read on Page 6. Please keep your articles and suggestions coming in – we really love hearing from you.

Thank you to those of you who have paid your Subscription – if you haven't done so yet please see the back page.

Anna D'Alton

The Cuckoo, a Conundrum

A strange bird more difficult to find,
Is one of the Common Cuckoo kind,
His shape part hawk and part crow,
Coloured greys and stripes below.
He lives far away in the African heat
But flies to England for a mate to meet,
He arrives sometime in April or May
But no more than two months will he stay.

On touchdown he starts his strident call,
Cuckoo, cuckoo, which is familiar to all.
He stops calling once he meets his beau
And quickly he sets about his seed to sow.
His mate, an unwanted and devious guest
Lays their eggs in some other birds nest,
Typically Warbler, Dunnock or a Redstart,
Then neither bothers with the brooding part.

Together the couple spend the remaining days,
Seeking their favourite caterpillars to graze,
Dining alfresco and generally dallying about,
Before making their rather quick checkout.
Heading back home, they leave their chicks behind,
To be raised by parents of a different kind.
So they fly all that way for their brief courtship,
One wonders is it worth it for such a short trip?
And to add to the extraordinary story,
Their parenthood is not even transitory.
So how did their habits so strange become,
It is a right little natural conundrum! *Kevin Tarrant*



Ashling Cricket Club

At the Club's AGM Vinod Kumbhar was elected Club Captain for the 2021 season. The ground looked in excellent condition thanks to Head Groundsman Peter Down and his team as the Club welcomed Walberton CC to Down Street for the first fixture of the season. Ashling CC, looking for their first win since August 2019, ironically against today's opponents hosted Walberton CC who were put into bat on an unpredictable strip and after a slow start, a late rally by Raj (38) and P Brackley (27no)



reached a respectable 158/6 off their 35 overs. Captain Vinod Kumbhar was the pick of the home bowlers with 4/18 off his allotted overs. In response Ashling CC were always behind the required run rate, finally closing on 126/7. Vaibhav Kumbhar (30) and Ben Harrild (26) being the main contributors whilst J Kemp recorded figures of 4/33.

Upcoming fixtures: *Sunday 6th June* Elsted CC (A), *Thursday 10th June* Seacourt Raquetteers CC 20/20 (H), *Sunday 19th June* Westbourne CC (H), *Thursday 17th June* Seacourt Raquetteers 20/20 (A), *Sunday 20th June* West Meon & Warnford CC (H), *Sunday 27th June* Lavant CC (H), *Sunday 4th July* Clanfield CC (A), *Tuesday 6th July* Bosham CC 20/20 (A) and *Sunday 11th July* Knowle Village CC (H).

The Club continue to seek players so if you're thinking of "getting the whites out again" and want to play village cricket in a picturesque location at a Club where enjoyment of the game comes before the result then please contact Club Secretary Steve Harvey at stephen.harvey@virgin.net or phone 07540 699664. All ages and abilities will be made most welcome.

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Funtington Flora – June 2021

This month's theme is white flowers, which can all be found in West Ashling.

Garlic Mustard, also known as Jack-by the-Hedge, has four-petaled white flowers above nettle-like toothed leaves, which do smell of garlic, though this plant is in the cabbage family. It doesn't sting.



Wild Garlic, also called Ransoms (from the Old English word for wild garlic) is usually a woodland plant, but grows in the front garden of the old shop in central West Ashling, along with bluebells, as well as in several local woods. The leaves and bulb are both edible and taste of garlic.

Three-cornered Garlic grows along the road near the Dell. It has a flower head of several white bells, each with green veins. Its stems are strikingly three-angled. It is also edible. This non-native has become quite invasive in the southwest of Britain.



Cow parsley is a member of the carrot family with many tiny white flowers in flat-topped umbels, and rather fern-like delicate leaves. The carrot family members can be difficult to tell apart, but Cow Parsley is the earliest white-flowered member of this family to bloom, and is widespread along roadside verges in May and June as it grows well in the nitrous oxide fertilisation provided by car exhausts. Not

edible! There are lots of plants in the hedge near the Mill Pond. *Helen Dignum*

A picture of Funtington Church by William Crotch

Canon Donald Johnson, the vicar of Funtington and Rector of West Stoke for the last twenty years of the 20th century, died in Westbourne in 2014.

He was well-known in local artistic circles for his landscapes and downland scenes.

It was he who introduced me to the paintings of William Crotch and he showed me this painting of the east end of Funtington Church. He wanted to find out more about the artist and his connection to Funtington. Donald's family have recently given the picture to

Funtington Church and it is now displayed there. It is one of few pictures of the old church before its renovation, almost rebuilt in 1860's.



William Crotch is now remembered as the most famous of all English musical child prodigies as a pianist and an organist. (He is seen here at the age of three, seated at a two-manual keyboard. (Both boys and girls wore muslin dresses until boys were 'breeched' around the age of four in those days, a practice which continued until the 19th century in England). Aged four, he played to King George III and Queen Charlotte at Buckingham Palace.

William Crotch's ambitious mother Isabella used to tour around the country with her small child, selling tickets for 1s. to hear him play and visitors were invited to ask him to play any tune upon request. The poster describes "the celebrated child who discovered extraordinary talents for music in the third year of his age". He was known as Norwich's Mozart and through his mother's ambition he performed as a child in every major town in England.

One reviewer wrote “He appears to be fondest of solemn tunes and church music particularly the 104th Psalm. As soon as he has finished a regular tune, or part of a tune, or played some little fancy notes of his own, he stops, and has some of the pranks of a wanton boy; some of the company then generally give him a cake, an apple, or an orange, to induce him to play again”

Sometimes he was forced to play for a long period. Such treatment William Crotch recorded later in life as to make him feel very unhappy.



It was when William was the organist at Christchurch Oxford at the age of 15 that he got to know the family of a former Astronomer Royal, Nathaniel Bliss, whose grandchildren were Martha and George Bliss. Martha was later to become William Crotch’s wife whilst her brother, Rev. George Bliss, was to become headmaster of the Cathedral School in Chichester (The Prebendal) as well as the priest in charge at Funtington Church. They formed a close relationship and William Crotch used to stay in Funtington with George Bliss in the vicarage.

His musical career flourished. He was a professor of music at Oxford and he became the first Principal of the Royal College of Music. He was the first person to give public lectures about music and thought to be the composer of the Westminster Chimes as played by Big Ben.

Whilst at Oxford, he took up sketching. He followed the advice of the artist and painter Professor John Malchair in recording the exact time and date of each of his pictures. Later in London he met and became friends with his contemporary, the artist John Constable. He is said to have passed the habit of recording his pictures on to the more famous artist.

From a closer examination of the painting of Funtington Church, Donald Johnson and I managed to find out a bit more about Funtington in the 1830s which I hope to describe in a later article.

Geoffrey Boys



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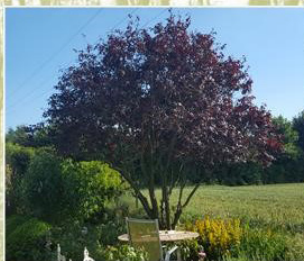
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Meet local Basketmaker

Jill Eatherden

Based in Funtington, Jill enjoys making contemporary and traditional baskets and garden structures using willow from the Somerset Levels, or grown more locally at her Westbourne allotment. Cultivating her own varieties allows Jill to use a beautiful range of coloured willows with unusual sounding names, such as 'Flanders Red', 'Petite Grisette', 'Daphnoides', 'Dicky Meadows' and 'Packing Twine'.



Willow is soaked prior to weaving to make it pliable; 'brown' willow (with the bark still on) needs to be soaked for one day per foot and then mellowed in a damp cloth overnight. Large garden obelisks and log baskets typically use longer, 6 foot willow whilst smaller baskets will use finer, shorter rods.



Jill first became interested in basketry over 20 years ago, inspired by her ancestors who were basketmakers in Beckley, Sussex for much of the 19th century. She has taken a number of courses at West Dean College and then gained a formal qualification at City Lit, London, studying part-time for two years on a creative basketry course. She now enjoys both making individual pieces and teaching willow weaving workshops.

Lockdown meant that various planned workshops were cancelled, so Jill decided to put her skills to use by supporting two charities close to her heart: she raised over £500 for the Hampshire Asbestos Support Group by selling garden obelisks, and over £600 for Papyrus, an organisation working to prevent young suicide, making willow stars and mini Christmas trees.

You can look at Jill's work on Instagram @southdownsbasketmaker or, if you're feeling creative and would like to learn a new skill, join one of her beginners' classes making bird feeders at West Stoke Village Hall on **Monday 28 June** or **Saturday 10 July, 10.00am - 1.00pm**. Cost is £35 to include all materials, tea or coffee and homemade cake, plus some fat balls!

Email southdownsbasketmaker@gmail.com or text 07729 638439 for more information. Bird feeders, woven hearts and platters made using locally grown Westbourne willow are now on sale at Grange Farm Shop, Funtington.

New Arrivals In May the pond at West Ashling welcomed the arrival of a new set of cygnets. These newcomers added to the ducklings produced by the Mallards and the cooties by the Coots the previous month. It is at this time of year that birds are feverishly feeding their new arrivals. They are noticeably more active and can be seen busy foraging for food and are often spied with bills full of insects or seeds. Over the next couple of months you will see recently fledged birds with their parents in your garden. Listen for strange noises as they can often be heard calling, demanding to be fed by their parents.



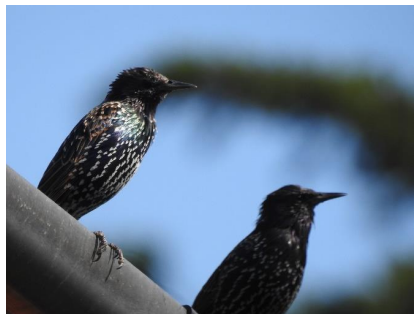
Some of the new fledglings that visit the garden won't be immediately identifiable as they are dressed somewhat differently to their parents,

but by spending a little time observing them, it is not difficult to work out who belongs to whom! For the first six weeks of its life, a Robin is speckled on its head and front. It is not until its first moult that it starts to get its red chest.



First moult Robin

The Starling is a familiar bird. In summer it



Adult starling

has a glossy, metallic looking coat, decorated with white dots but its young are dowdy brown/grey when they first leave the nest. After their first moult they are an interesting mixture of adult and juvenile plumage and look quite odd.

The tits will bring their young to bird feeders and their colouration is a lot duller compared to the parents. For example the Blue Tit juvenile is a dull green, and lacks the blue of the adults.

The juveniles of the common finches that visit our gardens all lack the bold colours of their parents, but retain the characteristic coloured wing flashes of the adults. The Chaffinch with its white wing bars, the Greenfinch with its green/yellow flash down the outside of its wing and the Goldfinch with a thick gold/yellow wing bar.



By looking at the shape of the bird, the size and shape of the bill and the bird's posture and movement, juveniles can usually confidently be identified, as these characteristics remain similar to their parents.

Kevin Tarrant

Good Neighbours

Funtington, the Ashlings, West Stoke and Sennicotts

We recently sent out our Email Annual Report which identified some sharp changes during lockdown. Good Neighbours (GN) carried out 83 **journeys**, which includes the return, to mainly **medical appointments** in the past year (there were 178 journeys last year which included the first 'lockdown' and 443 journeys for the year 2018 – 2019 which included transport to various GN events) – so massively down from other years. We also did a weekly shopping rota for one Client who is unable to drive. We are very grateful to the Volunteers who kept us afloat during Covid restrictions.

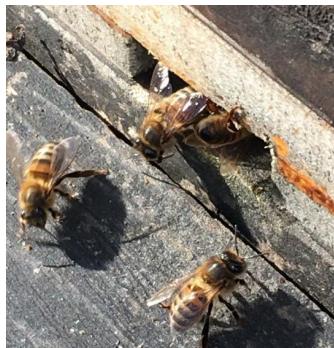


We are looking forward to a summer of various events one of which will include a musical interlude! *Don't forget our Cream Tea at West Stoke Village Hall on Sunday 25th July.*

Please do let us know if you know anyone who might benefit from help in some way – not everyone knows about Good Neighbours and some don't like asking for help and a visit from one of us can allay any fears they might have. Call us on 0776 1027416 and someone will call you back – or call Jo Laird on 01243 574878.

Our honeybees in June

There's always something to occupy us throughout the beekeeping year, but summertime is our busy period. As you read this in June you join us on high alert! We have 5 beehives (and counting) here in Watery Lane, and for the past couple of months each of our colonies has been growing from the small number of bees that made it through the winter up to full strength (around 40,000 bees in each hive) in time for the spring and summer forage.



Come June, like many of us with a growing family, the colony can run out of room and gets the urge to make a break for it – as a swarm. This is entirely natural, it's the honeybee's way of continuing the generations, and entails a large number of the bees absconding, along with mum to the whole colony, the queen bee, to set up a new home, perhaps something with less chintz and more to the queen's taste. The bees that remain do so with a new queen on the way. Before they swarmed the colony made succession plans and nurtured a larvae with royal jelly that in a week's time will hatch as a queen and 'inherit' the colony from her departed mother.



Our one job as a beekeeper is to...not be a 'bee-loser'. And definitely not let them swarm and take up residence in a neighbour's chimney – that tends to put a stop to dinner party invites! So every 7 days during summer we open the bee hives and check for signs that the colony is readying itself to swarm. If we rumble them, then we pre-empt them by removing the queen and some bees to a smaller hive for a period time.

Occasionally even the most attentive beekeeper loses a swarm, so if you find one please don't panic; they look and sound scary but the bees are definitely not out to get you! Just keep your distance and get in touch with a local swarm collector via the Chichester Beekeepers website – the link is at the bottom of this article.

Of course, June is also about making the most of the warm summer and the changing forage around us. The rapeseed on Kingley Vale is turning, the tree

pollen has long since been shed, and our bees are now banking on an abundance of perennial and annual flowers in our gardens and stream edges. Fingers crossed this will be with us later in the month. The irony is that 'urban' bees tend to have more summer forage available to them than their sisters out in the countryside. So, although we take a small amount of honey from the hives as 'spring honey', we must be attentive to the bees needs during this transition to the summer forage. We are learning all the time about our bees – that's a big part of the fascination—and about the other pollinators that we are encouraging and introducing to our garden, so we'll try to write more updates throughout the year.

Jason & Kate Boswell

And that link: <http://www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk/swarmsofbees.html>

Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

As I write this at the beginning of May, I get the sense of approaching freedom and warm summer days ahead. What a testing time it has been weather wise for the spring flowers and all the buds on our shrubs. I am lucky as I have four different types of camelias in my garden which flower one after the other from December to May and as they die I spring the irises!



In the spirit of more freedom ahead, the Committee had their first actual meeting for many months and we have made plans for the upcoming meetings. We cautiously decided that

it would be better to wait until 8 July for our Garden Party as larger gatherings will only be permitted after the 21st June. Of course Government guidelines are changing all the time but that is our decision as of now! John and Jenni Fox have very kindly agreed to host it in their beautiful garden at Eastfield, Taylors Lane, Bosham. To ring the changes from our usual format, it will be a lunchtime event, starting at 12.30pm with drinks and a finger buffet. John has a marquee should there be a shower! It will be so wonderful to be able to meet up with you all after so long.

So to sum up, no meeting in Hall June or July, instead the Garden party on 8th July, August 14 Annual Show and hopefully back to our usual evening meetings in the Hall come September! The Show schedule is on the website and the printed format will be available by the end of May. As it is our Centenary Show we are making a great effort to make it a show to remember! Please have a look at the schedule and see if you have planted (or could plant now!) something you could exhibit – there is a huge variety in the classes, including craft, photography and cakes etc. Remember too that you do not have to be a member to enter the Show. We get exhibitors from all around the area. At the last Show in 2019 we had 240 entries – let's make it even more this year! Happy Gardening!!

Rozie Bradley, Secretary

News from West Ashling

Jane Mottershead

A small party of West Ashling residents have been stripping ivy from the flint wall and trees, and clearing the ground, in the area of land from the Mill towards the school entrance.

Steve C has now cut back all the overgrowing shrubbery from the footpath and he has had a good strimming session. We will continue to strim this ground until the weeds are dead and the grass has started to grow back.



Before clearing



After clearing

Once the ground has been cleared of weeds it will be planted up with wild flowers and bulbs as a tribute to Barbara Roskell and Peter Hall who did so much for our parish.

The flint wall was badly damaged a couple of months ago by a hedge cutter, as the operator thought the wall was a hedge, as the wall was totally concealed by ivy. We are hoping that WSCC, who own this wall, will have it repaired, as it is now very precarious. It is an historic feature and it is also a ground retaining wall, so we will do all that we can to make sure it is repaired and it is repaired correctly.



RSPCA Cake Sale in West Ashling



A pair of young animal lovers from West Ashling arranged a cake sale to raise money for the RSPCA on Sunday 25th April. Lily Ayling, 11, and Erin Morgan, 9, baked a variety of cakes, cookies and savoury snacks, designed and delivered fliers around the village and manned their stall, serving dozens of keen neighbours during the morning. Afterwards, the girls eagerly counted the money in their donation tin and were delighted to find that they'd raised £115.59 for their favourite charity. Entrepreneurs of the future!

The Chief Scout's Gold Award

The Chief Scout Gold Award is the highest award you can get as a Scout before you move on to Explorers. It is the culmination of everything you do in Scouts. To achieve it you need to complete all nine of the Challenge Awards, plus six activity badges. Challenge Awards are all about stepping out of your comfort zone. It is the pinnacle achievement for Scouts. It entails a huge amount of work and generally it would be expected that participants would complete this over the course of their Scout membership. You can join from 10½ - 14 years old so the maximum time to achieve this would be 3½ years but the time taken very much depends on the individual and how much time they put into carrying out the various challenges. It is unlikely they could complete it in less than two years. Hopefully, there will be one more Scout in the Funtington and West Stoke Scout Group who complete this challenge during this year. Very well done to George Broad who achieved this award recently.



Scouting is a voluntary non-political movement for young people open to all without distinction of gender, origin, race or creed. Its purpose is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potential as individuals and responsible citizens.

Recipe of the month

RHUBARB GIN

1kg pink rhubarb stalks cut into 3cm lengths

400g caster sugar (not golden as it muddies the colour)

800ml Gin

Wash rhubarb before cutting in 3cm lengths and put in a large jar with the sugar. Shake and leave overnight to draw the juices out of the rhubarb.

Add gin after 24 hours and shake again.

Leave 4 weeks and drink. You can strain before drinking or leave it and strain a little as you use it. If you leave it too long it goes a much paler colour but that may not be a problem if it disappears quickly!

DH

A Good Read

“Reunion”, by Fred Uhlman, published first in 1971, is a very good read. Uhlman was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1901. He was a writer, painter and lawyer and was of Jewish origin. He left Germany in 1933 after Hitler was sworn in as Chancellor and finally made his home in England after the war. “Reunion” contains autobiographical elements, especially in the earlier chapters.

This is a novella really, with fewer than a hundred pages. It is elegantly written, not a word wasted, but the themes it deals with make it feel like a pocket-size epic. Set in Stuttgart in the early 1930’s, it concerns the relationship between two schoolboys, aged sixteen, from very different backgrounds. The narrator, Hans Schwarz, is Jewish; shy and dreamy by nature. Konradin Graf von Hohenfels is from an old, aristocratic, Protestant family. He is self-assured and charismatic. The first sentence of the book describes their meeting in the grammar school classroom through Hans’ eyes.

“He came into my life in February 1932 and never left it again”.

Hans is dazzled by Konradin. “What could I, son of a Jewish doctor.....offer this golden-haired boy?”

The book charts the intense bond that gradually develops between them against a backdrop of the beautifully evoked landscape of pre-war, peaceful Stuttgart and its surrounding countryside. But there is another backdrop too; the changing political climate as Hitler comes to power, and the insidious creeping evil of anti-Semitism. It would spoil the story to say more about later events, but the ending has a remarkable twist in the tale, so don’t be tempted to read the last page first! *Jane Lenaghan*

Reasons to join the West Ashling Vocal Ensemble in September!

If you ask someone what comes to mind when they think about singing in a choir, is it going to be the numerous health benefits? Many recent studies show that choral singing has a transformative effect on health, both mentally and physically. Singing will:

'Make you feel good with endorphins and better circulation'

The body's "feel-good" hormones (endorphins) are released during exercise, laughing or even eating chocolate. These hormones are also released when someone performs as part of a choir. The deep breaths taken during singing equate to aerobic exercise, which increases blood flow and releases endorphins.

'Enhance your immune system and reduce stress'

Just one hour of group singing significantly lowers the stress hormone Cortisol, and boosts a person's immune system, which, it has been suggested, can even help fight cancer. Reduced stress, endorphins and the positive emotions felt during group singing contribute to a "high" singers often experience after rehearsals.

'Increase social fulfilment'

Singers feel closer to each other than when participating in other group classes. Oxytocin, the hormone associated with love, trust and bonding has been associated with collective singing. Other social benefits include meeting like minded people - choirs can even help with grieving and healing after a loss.

'Boost your self-esteem'

Singing as part of a choir will broaden understanding of music. Learning something new boosts self-esteem and confidence whilst stimulating the mind and memory of older singers.

'Snoring partner? Singing is known to tone the throat muscles; this can reduce snoring – just send your snoring spouse to a choir!'

Apart from all that – it's really good fun!!

John Gleadall



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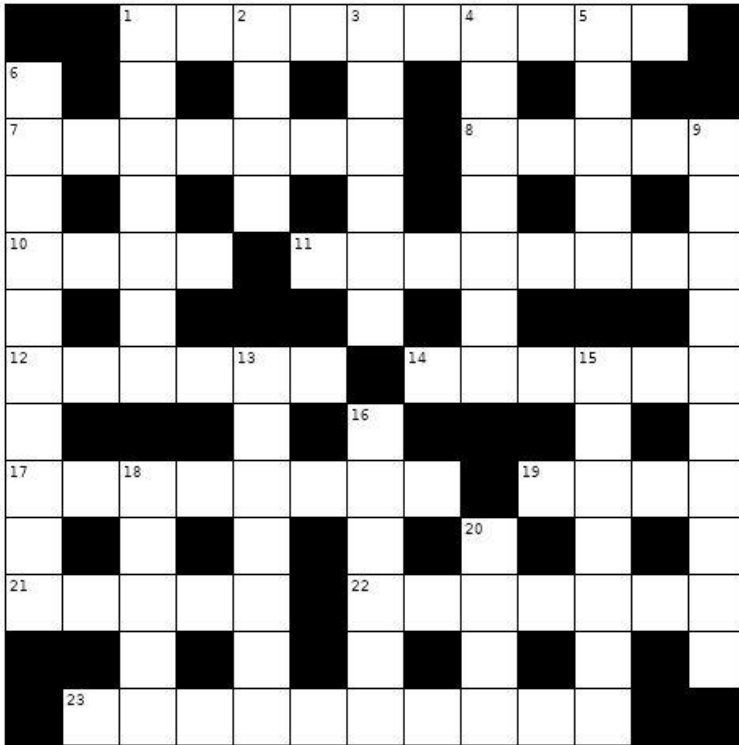
ACROSS.

1 Stereotype. 7 Proverb. 8 Relic. 10 Tuba. 11 Bluebell. 12 Enzyme. 14 Nymphs. 17 Asphodel. 19 Taxi. 21 Yodel. 22 Adsdean. 23 Oyster beds.

DOWN.

1 Showbiz. 2 Eden. 3 Embalm. 4 Tersely. 5 Pulse. 6 Apothecary. 9 Colossians. 13 Moonlit. 15 Players. 16 Sea air. 18 Paddy. 20 Isle.

Crossword no. 2



ACROSS

- 1 Oversimplified portrayal (10)
- 7 Instructive saying (7)
- 8 Object of historic interest (5)
- 10 Brass instrument (4)
- 11 Delicate flower of the woods (8)
- 12 Biochemical catalyst (6)
- 14 Semidivine maidens (6)
- 17 Lily with clustered flowers (8)
- 19 Hackney carriage (4)
- 21 The sound of music (Swiss) (5)
- 22 'A sad end' arranged south of Stoughton (7)
- 23 Breeding grounds for edible bivalves at Emsworth? (6, 4)

DOWN

- 1 The world of entertainment (7)
- 2 Prime Minister's garden (4)
- 3 Make a mummy of (6)
- 4 With abrupt brevity (7)
- 5 Vegetarian's heart rate (5)
- 6 Druggist (10)
- 9 Biblical letter from Paul (10)
- 13 Bright at night (7)
- 15 They might make a packet – working in 1 Down? (7)
- 16 What a sailor breathes – or sings (3, 3)
- 18 Rice field rage (5)
- 20 Of Man or Dogs, for example (4)

From the Parish Register August 2020 – May 2021

We have been asked by many parishioners if we could include announcements of Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths in the magazine. Due to the pandemic restrictions there has only been one marriage since last August which was the marriage of Robert Belcher and Philippa Noon at St. Andrew, West Stoke on 12th December 2020.

Those who have very sadly died since August last year are listed below.

Kathleen Kemp, d. 3rd August 2020 (*Ashes interred St. Andrew, West Stoke*)

Barbara Enfield, d. 25th August 2020 (*Ashes interred St. Mary, Funtington*)

Colin Mayne Robinson, (Church Warden 2004-2007) d. 23 November 2020
(*St Thomas a Becket, Warblington*)

Ann Margaret Robinson, d. 2nd January 2021 (*Ashes interred St. Mary, Funtington*)

Noel Jenkins, d. 3rd January 2021 (*burial St. Mary, Funtington*)

Colin Smith, d. 5th January 2021 (*Ashes interred St. Mary, Funtington*)

Valerie Legg, d. 10th January 2021

Geoffrey Cook, d. 4th February 2021 (*Funeral St. Andrew, West Stoke*)

Jean Heather Arnold, d. 6th February 2021 (*Funeral & Burial St. Mary, Funtington*)

Bryan Victor Walter Bouch (Member Sennicotts Advisory & Auditor)
d. 6th March 2021 (*Funeral, St. Mary, Sennicotts*)

Els Whiteside, d. 13th March 2021 (*Funeral & Burial, St. Mary, Funtington*)

Philip Graham Langford, d. 22nd March 2021 (*Funeral St. Mary, Funtington*)

Doris May, d. 2nd May, Cremation at The Oaks, Havant 20th May 2021

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – June 2021 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercess	Sidesmen	Readings
3 rd Jun Corpus Christi	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Debbie Hughes	Maggie Webb	In Sanctuary	-	-	-	Gen 14.18-20 1 Cor 11.23-26
6 th Jun Trinity 1	10:00 Family Service			-	-	The Borbone Family	Nigel Brown Jimmy Faure	Nigel Brown Gen 3.8-15 Jimmy Faure Mk 3.20-35
13 th Jun Trinity 2	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Marian Sewell	Maggie Webb	Maggie Webb & Ann Jones	Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Anne Maddock Anne Tupper	Anne Maddock Ezek 17.22-24 Anna Mallam 2 Cor 5.6-10 & 14-17
20 th Jun Trinity 3	10:00 Sung Eucharist			Claire Hoare & Anne Maddock	Liz Lancaster	Jane Gummer	David Callas Carolyn Watt	Debbie Hughes Job 38.1-11 Carolyn Watt 2 Cor 6.1-13
27 th Jun Trinity 4	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Rachel Hammond	Anne Maddock	Carolyn & Neil Watt	Kay Knowles	Liz Lancaster	Nick La Hive Liz Lancaster	Nick La Hive Wis 1.13-15 & 2.23-24 Liz Lancaster 2 Cor 8.7-15
29 th Jun Feast Day	10:00 Holy Eucharist			In Sanctuary	-	-	-	Acts 12.1-11 1 Pet 2.19-25
4 th Jul Trinity 5	10:00 Family Service	-	-	-	-	The Borbone Family	Kay Knowles Neil Watt	Neil Macaulay Ezek 2.1-5 Neil Watt Mk 6.1-13

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Parish Services June 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Thu 3 rd June	10:00am	Corpus Christi Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 6 th June	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 13 th June	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 20 th June	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 27 th June	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Tue 29 th June	10:00am	Feast Day Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 4 th July	10:00am	Holy Communion	St Andrews West Stoke

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BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Eucharist – ‘Thanksgiving’ – Service of Communion with Hymns

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