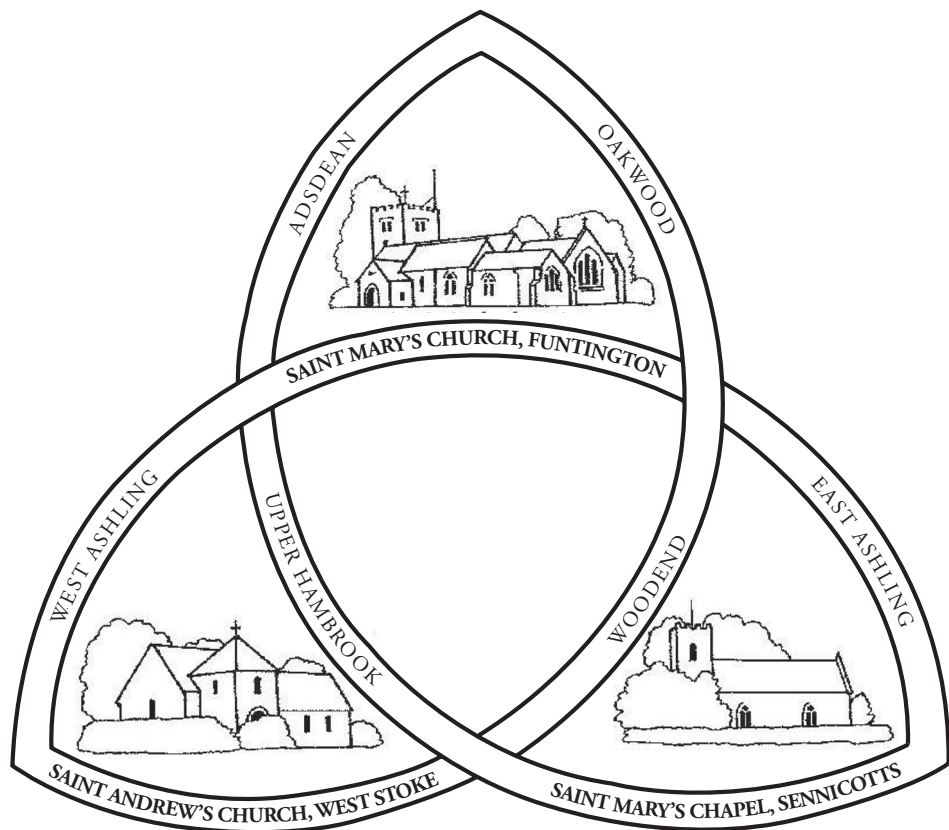


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

This year in February HM The Queen celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. The day in February was met with celebration and this year, the first weekend in June, has been set aside for prayer, recognition and of course the associated parties that go with it. It is worth remembering, as the Queen herself reminded us in February that the anniversary was also the anniversary of the death of her father King George VI and therefore the date is very mixed for The Queen who will undoubtedly remember the date of her accession to the throne in a different way. We too will undoubtedly have those dates in our minds when we remember especially the passing of a loved one who has left a gap in our lives.

What we do know from the last 70 years is that The Queen has been a true servant to the country and to the Church and therefore it is right that we give thanks for a loyal servant to our country, and of course the wider Commonwealth. Her Majesty's historic reign has covered so many different events and most of us today will not know any other monarch, she has been, for so many, the only monarch we have known and has left a mark and style that will go on for eternity.

As the supreme governor of the Church of England her service for the Church has been unquestionable. Her own faith is true, but also very private. What we do know is that her vows and oaths taken at the Coronation have been a true guide for her life and service.

The Queen has really demonstrated the true sense of vocation.

Each one of us is being called to a deeper life of service to Jesus Christ in our baptism. How we live our lives and the choices we make each day are increasingly challenging. Hearing and responding to Jesus' call, 'Come, Follow me!' (Mark 1.17) each in our own contexts is complex and requires careful prayerful consideration. Scripture, our local Church and the Sacraments are all key ways in which we seek to make sense of our lives by drawing near to Christ as we live out our decisions in our employment, in our families, in the way we serve our communities or even approach our own death.

Over the next few months we shall be focusing more on vocations in the parish to help each one of us make sense of our lives and our calling. For some, responding to God's call will find its focus in deeper service to Jesus within the

Church as an ordained minister or in some other form of authorised ministry, and you will find details about this here.

Wherever God is leading you, remember:

- Firstly, God calls each one of us and every one of us, no matter where we are, because God made each one of us and loves us beyond our imagination.
- Secondly, God can use just about anything (even our weaknesses) to help us share in the ministry of Jesus, and he will equip us as we seek to be faithful to Him.
- Thirdly, God's plan for us is for glory and, through the Cross, can redeem our past
- And, above all, draw near to God in prayer. 'Draw near to God and he will draw near to you' (James 4.8)

The Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits thou hast given me
For all the pains and insults thou has borne for me
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know thee more clearly
Love the more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day
Amen

Father Andrew

Ride and Stride: 10th September 2022

The 2022 Sussex Ride & Stride is taking place on the 10th September. Organised by Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride & Stride encourages walkers and cyclists to get sponsored to visit Churches/chapels across the county. The money raised helps to save Sussex historic churches for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs.

50% of your sponsorship money goes to your local Church. The Churches in our Parish will be open that day and one or two of them will be manned. If you are interested in taking part either as a walker, cyclist (team or individually) or helper let me know and I can send you more details!
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Will your Anchor Hold?

Last month I wrote about the sovereignty of God, and how we can help to bring His Kingdom of love, here on earth. It is a tall order, which requires obedience to His commands and perseverance, whatever befalls.

Sometimes, we are tempted to give up, but that certainly won't solve our problems. Although we may need times for refreshment to renew our batteries, we have to persevere. 'Are there trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere, we should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer'.

I find it helpful to go to Church when I can. Being among my Christian friends brings a sense of support and comfort. We are not alone with our trials, others are suffering too. I also find it therapeutic writing for the Parish Magazine. It helps me to clarify the situation and brings a sense of consolation.

It can also help to look back to the past and to see God's hand in it. My husband's first parish was a newly built village in the Leicestershire countryside. We worshipped in the Village Hall until a purpose built church was ready. I remember the Boys Brigade, who joined us for their Parade Service once a month. We loved to sing this song:

*'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?*

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
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It is never too late to take Christ on board. The infinite God waits for our consent. It's almost too good to be true! But that is the nature of God, for you and for me. There is no end to His love. So let us welcome Him with open arms and live for Him.

Jane Gummer

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

| June 2022 | | | | |
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| <i>Date:</i> | <i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i> | | <i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i> | |
| Sun 5 th June | 10.00 a.m. HC | Acts 2. 1-21 Romans 8. 14-17 | - | - |
| Sun 12 th June | - | - | 9.00 a.m. HC (BCP) | Proverbs 8 1-4 & 22-31 Romans 5 1-5 |
| Sun 19 th June | 10.00 a.m. HC | Isiah 65. 1-9 Galatians 3. 23 – end. | - | - |
| Sun 26 th June | - | - | 9.00 a.m. HC (BCP) | 1 Kings 19 15-16 & 19-end. Galatians 5 1 13-25 |
| Sun July | 10.00 a.m. HC | 2 Kings 5. 1- 14 Hebrews 2. 1-4 | - | - |

In Memory of The Ven. Mervyn Banting



We have to record with sadness the death of the Venerable Mervyn Banting on Feb 8th 2022, just a few months after the death in August 2021 of his wife Linda (nee Gick). During his “retirement” in the last twenty years he took services in our parish churches from time to time as well as in his own parish church in Bosham. His career began as a teacher of history and theology at Winchester College and during his 55 years of ministry he was a parish priest in Leigh Park and in Portsmouth, Rural Dean of Portsmouth and Archdeacon in the Isle of Wight. He also served temporarily as Chaplain to Winchester College and as Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral.

A Memorial Service will be held at Bosham Church at 2PM on May 27th 2022. A fine appreciation of **Ven. Mervyn Banting** was published in **Bosham Lives** in 2016 and can be found online.

Geoffrey Boys

Letter from the Editors

A bumper issue this month. There has been so much going on and so much planned for June, especially early June, that we have had to expand to 40 pages! Make sure you have a look at all the forthcoming events and put them in your diary!

The Editors have decided that we are going to do a joint July and August issue so that we can give our contributors and distributors (and ourselves!) a bit of a breather. This will be published for 1 July and then there won't be another until 1st September!

Whilst on the subject of having time to have a breather we are wondering whether there might be a couple of people who might be interested in joining the editorial board of the magazine to help us out from time to time? If you think this could be you, give either Jo or myself a ring and we can tell you what it might involve. You do have to be familiar with word and sort of competent with a PC.

Thank you so much to all of you who have paid their subscriptions for the year to end March 2023. A gentle reminder to those who haven't got round to it yet!

Anna D'Alton and Jo Laird

Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

As this article is written at the beginning of May for the local June publications it always seems a bit out of date! We have now had three monthly meetings with a speaker which have been very successful. After the last two years it has been great that we have been able to meet up in person again. Both the March and April meetings were rather similar but very topical in content, encouraging us to look after our wild flowers and hedgerows. It has certainly made me study the plants in the hedgerows while on my walks. I have discovered a great app if you have a smart mobile. It is called Candide (and has a picture of a bee on it). When you find a plant you don't know the name of, then you go on to the app and it will ask you if it can enable your camera. It takes the photo and then identifies it. Best of all it is free! Hope it works for you.

In June we have a relaxed social evening in a member's garden, followed by an evening meeting on 14th July in the village hall with a speaker, and then the Annual Show on 13th August. The Schedule for the Show is now on the website and available at local outlets. If you are unable to locate one, then just contact a committee member and we will send you one. All details on the website bcdhs.org.uk. The competitions are open for EVERYONE and it is always a fun day for all the family.

If you are new to the area and enjoy gardening why not come along to one of our meetings and see if it is for you. We welcome new members and it is a very social event.

Happy Gardening

Rozie Bradley, Secretary

Letter from Gillian Keegan MP

Learning how we handle our sewage and wastewater has been one of the more eye-opening parts of being an MP, and something I know is especially important to those along our coast in Funtington. Many of the challenges facing our rivers, harbours, and coastal areas are not just sewage-related, but involve everything from agriculture, road run-off and chemicals in the water. Therefore, to really improve our natural environment we need a joined-up approach.

This April I chaired the third Southern Water MP forum, a forum I set up with Rt. Hon Penny Mordaunt MP and Alan Mak MP to bring together all the MPs across the region in an effort to hold the water company to account and support improvement work. I invited Richard Craven, Chichester Harbour Conservancy Director, to join the meeting and to speak about the amazing work he is doing in a group called CHaPRoN. The group brings together the Environment Agency, Natural England, Sussex IFCA, RSPB, Southern Water, and other coastal partners to address some of the key issues facing the harbour. Their action plan includes over 100 projects, covering eight key areas such as salt marsh restorations and nature recovery on land and sea.

Southern Water updated us on some of their current work to increase capacity as part of their £72million investment into the Solent Region. They also spoke about five pilot projects that are developing innovative ways to reduce system pressures. They are seeking to increase capacity and slow water entering the system through new technology including smart water butts, and even smarter approaches to fix broken pipework without the need to dig up the old pipes.

These improvements are being driven by new legislation the Government have brought in through the Environment Act meaning water companies have to be more honest and transparent and publish near real-time data on discharges. Most importantly they'll have to progressively reduce the adverse impacts of discharges from storm overflows. This has already led Southern Water to announce an 80% reduction in their discharges by 2030.

I encourage you to have your say – I have published a link to the consultation on my Facebook page (@conservatives.g.keegan), as well as, in my newsletter, which you can sign up for at www.gilliankeegan.com. Improving water quality is vital not just to ensure we have clean water to enjoy, whether swimming, sailing or something else, but for all plants and animals that rely on us taking action so they can survive and thrive.

Funtington in the Past

West Ashling House and Admiral Sir George Murray

When it was first built for Rear Admiral Stair Douglas c1820, West Ashling House was known as the Manor House.

Admiral Douglas was succeeded by his son, Rev Stair Douglas, the first Vicar of Funtington and then by his grandson Charles Egerton Legge, who was known as Ashling's Squire and as the Duke of Ashling.



West Ashling House c1900 with Squire Legge at the kissing gate



Comic Cricketers at a Fete in West Ashling Park c1910

Charles Egerton Legge owned what was then called "West Ashling Park". He created a cricket field, he erected a shooting range and offered a playing space for the football club. He also arranged for school treats and the annual Fête to take place in the park and a series of days when parishioners could walk in the "well kept grounds".

The house was originally approached along an avenue of trees from the west towards Funtington and later the entrance was from Southbrook Road. Squire Legge died just before the First World War. After the war the cricket pitch was owned by John Wood Goodger of Northbrook Mill and West Ashling Park had been bought by Mrs Scott who was a widow from Bournemouth with a son and three daughters.

One parish magazine reports that the Funtington and West Stoke Fête, Flower and Vegetable Show took place on the cricket field with thanks to Mr Goodger and there was dancing in the evening in West Ashling Park by kind permission of Mrs Scott. The gardens were illuminated by fairy lights.

Mrs. Scott and her family fulfilled a role similar to Squire Legge and maintained the gardens and park to the same high standard. She employed a butler, cook and four maids as well as her gardeners.

Mrs Scott continued to live at West Ashling House until her death in the middle of the Second World War. Her son and her youngest daughter had got married. Her elder daughter Katherine who had been President of the Funtington Women’s Institute died in 1932 and her daughter Brida sold the house in 1943, moving to Friary Close in St John’s Street in Chichester.

I had been wondering why a widow with four children from Bournemouth should have come to live with her family in West Ashling. I found a clue in the 1881 census. Her late husband Rev Edward Maude Scott had been the Rector of Orford in Suffolk and before they were married he had been living in the Rectory there with his grandfather, **George St Vincent Thomas Nelson Murray**, who was the only son of the Admiral Sir George Murray whose statue together with Admiral Nelson stands outside the Assembly Rooms in North Street, Chichester. Nelson famously said “Murray or None”. If the admiral was not available to command his fleet at the battle of Trafalgar then no one else would do.



Miss Brida Scott at West Ashling House



Admiral Sir George Murray whose statue together with Admiral Nelson stands outside the Assembly Rooms in North Street, Chichester

I now know that Admiral Sir George Murray’s son had a son also called George Murray, a clergyman and a daughter Alicia who married John Scott, a London doctor. Alicia’s family were very wealthy. I wonder if it was Alicia’s son Edward’s dying wish that his family should return to Chichester.

The story of Admiral Murray is told in the Novium Museum and in his biography. Much is known about his seven Murray great grandchildren but little has been told about his seven wealthy Scott great grandchildren. I think this is because they have no living descendants but I must do some more research.

Geoffrey Boys

The Cuckoo

Last month saw the arrival of the Cuckoo back from its winter hideaway in Africa. The bird's name is an onomatopoeia of its call, which you should hear now if you go walking in the Sussex countryside this month. It is only the male that calls the 'cuckoo, cuckoo'. The female makes a rather bubbling call, very different from the male. The bird itself is very skittish and will often move on before you can get anywhere near it, and unlike a lot of birds it never seems to fly onto the next tree, but usually moves a fair distance away, making them even more difficult to locate. So if you are in the group of people who have never seen one, you will be in good company.



If you do happen to get the opportunity to spy this bird, you will see it is about the size of a dove but with a long tail. It has a thin curved vicious looking bill. The male is a grey bird, the female being a little browner. Its belly is beautifully decorated with black and white bars. When flying its shape is almost Kestrel-like with short pointed wings and a long tail but unlike the kestrel it flies with very rapid wing beats.

The Cuckoo is what is called a 'brood parasite', meaning that it will lay its eggs in the nests of another species of bird, and the host bird will then bring the young cuckoo up. Most regularly these birds are Reed Warblers, Meadow Pipits and Dunnocks, all very small brown birds but with different egg shapes and colours. When the female Cuckoo is ready to lay her eggs, she will scout out an appropriate nest, remove one of the host's eggs and



then replace it with her own. Cuckoos have evolved to match the egg colours of their host species, different birds carrying different genes to match certain species. The genetics are still not understood but Cuckoos have been known to parasitise over 100 different species of bird's nests! And somehow each Cuckoo knows what species her eggs are going to match!

The young Cuckoos will turf any host eggs and young out of its nest once hatched and will be fed by the host for about three weeks before it leaves the nest. Scientists interestingly have shown that host birds have over time got better at identifying a cuckoo's egg and if recognised will try and remove it, but strangely they do not seem to identify a parasitizing cuckoo chick. Over time the young fledgling cuckoo becomes more than three times the size of the host adult bird, you would think they would notice!

What a bizarre plan nature has come up with.

Kevin Tarrant

West Stoke churchyard – The Turing connection

In years gone by many people had the comfort of knowing that their final resting place would be alongside their nearest and dearest in the family plot in their churchyard. This brief article uses St Andrew's at West Stoke to discover how one family came to be buried there.

To some Alan Turing is the face on the £50 bank note, but he is far more familiar to the public for his work at Bletchley Park helping to decrypt the German Enigma code. This role was popularised in the 2014 film 'The Imitation Game' in which Benedict Cumberbatch played the part of Alan Turing. What is less well known is that ten of Alan Turing's relatives are buried in West Stoke.

It seems unlikely that members of this very wealthy Scottish family, almost all of whom were born in Holland and had extensive trading interests there and the Dutch East Indies, should be buried in a West Sussex churchyard.

The key to this mystery lies in the fact that Sir Robert Fraser Turing (1827-1913) bought the Chilgrove estate after the death of John Wickens in 1873. Robert's grandfather, James Turing, was an Aberdeenshire merchant who began trading extensively with the Dutch. The next three generations of the family continued his business and both Sir Robert Fraser Turing and his father were British Consuls to Rotterdam. Sir Robert Fraser Turing had married Catherine Georgina Davidson in The Hague and their children were born there, but why he chose to leave Holland for Sussex is unclear.

However, what this meant was that his daughter, Catherine Antoinette Turing (1854-1936), was living in Chilgrove with her parents, three sisters and their 11 servants from the 1870s onwards. The Turings were on the same social circuit (attending the same funerals, balls and other such events) as the Reverend William Frederick Shaw who had taken over as vicar of West Stoke in 1873. The Reverend Shaw was married to Emily Bradford, but she died in 1891 and the west window in St Mary's Church is dedicated to her. He remarried on 22 June 1895 in East Marden and his bride was Catherine Antoinette Turing. She was the first Turing to come to West Stoke and live there. When Catherine Shaw's mother, Catherine Georgiana Turing, died she chose to be buried in the churchyard of her son-in-law's living. Her funeral was conducted in West Stoke churchyard on 9 August 1905.

This was not a particularly unusual practice. In 1871 Anna, the wife of the then Dean of Chichester, Walter Hook, chose to be buried in her son-in-law's parish of Mid Lavant. In 1875 Dean Hook was buried in Mid Lavant beside his wife, rather than in Chichester Cathedral. Years later when the son-in-law, William Wood Stephens, was Dean of Winchester he took part in a feast at which he ate some contaminated Emsworth oysters and as a result he died and the Emsworth oyster industry collapsed.

When Catherine Georgiana Turing's husband, Sir Robert Fraser Turing, died in 1913 he was also buried in West Stoke. Although he had lived in Mid Lavant and then Crockerhill. Although he died in Marseilles of malaria contracted while visiting a son in Sudan, it is not surprising that Sir James Walter Turing (1862-1928) chose to be buried next to his parents in West Stoke and his wife, Mabel Rose Caldecott (1864-1952) was also buried there. Their twin sons, Robert Andrew Turing (1895-1970) and John Leslie Turing (1895-1987) – as well as his wife – are also buried there.



After 58 years as Vicar, the Reverend William Frederick Shaw was buried in his churchyard in 1931 and his wife, Catherine, the daughter of Robert and Catherine Turing, was also buried there on 11 March 1936. Their twin daughters, Blanche (1897-1978) and Dorothy (1897-1941), are buried alongside them.

Alan Turing and the West Stoke Turings were descended from John Turing (1751-1798), the son of the first Scottish Dutch trader. Alan Turing's great-grandfather was the uncle of Sir Robert Fraser Turing. We know that Alan Turing visited Itchenor before the Second World War but whether he met up with cousins we simply do not know.

James McInnes

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Obelisk venture raises £785 for DEC Ukraine Appeal

Many thanks to the parish mag readers who bought obelisks in support of the Ukraine appeal. The response was magnificent and various gardens in the local area are now the proud recipients of some hand woven willow plant supports.

At the time of writing there is one 6' obelisk (£40), one 5' obelisk (£30) and one 'bishop's mitre' (£25) still for sale. Text or ring Jill on 07729 638439 if you would like to purchase one. The larger supports are ideal for sweet peas, clematis or runner beans and the smaller ones help support perennials such as peonies.



Jill Eatherden

Church Flower and Brass Group – The Plant Sale

A huge thank you to all who contributed items, plants, cakes and containers and who helped to make our coffee morning on Saturday 7th May the huge success it was. We raised a total of £624, which exceeded all my expectations. Ever grateful for your support.

Denise Foster



Good Neighbours (GN) AGM 2022

We recently held our AGM which was very well attended. Thank you to all those who came. We began with a short talk given by Jan Davies from Bosham Monday Club. This was set up in 1966 and is held every Monday afternoon – they arrange a different activity for their members every week! Amazing!



We reported that:

- GN finances are in very good order.
- We carried out 143 journeys during the year (March 21 to 22) which does not include transport given to some Clients when they attend GN Social Events. This is up from 2020-2021 but during both periods we were in some form of 'lockdown' which obviously curtailed activities. We were way down from the number we did in 2018-2019 which was 443 journeys! Currently we are getting much busier with many more requests from existing Clients and we have also taken on quite a few new ones.
- Last year (March 21 to 22) we only held three social events for clients as some of the time we were still in 'lockdown'.
- Planned Future events:

Jubilee Tea in collaboration with the WI – June 7th

West Stoke Cream Tea – 31st July

The Committee has agreed that the profit from the tea will go to the Ukraine Disaster Appeal



I was asked the other day - 'Do you think everyone knows what the volunteers do?' So here is a synopsis. A volunteer completes a short Application Form and after receiving their DBS check, which we carry out and pay for, they are added to our 'email list'. All requests for transport or help (hospital and medical appointments, visiting relatives in care homes, shopping etc) come in from the Client to the main GN telephone number, which is monitored by one of the Committee members on a rotational basis. This is then forwarded by email to all the volunteers asking if they are available to help on that particular day. If they are unable to help that day they simply delete the email. Many of our volunteers work or are involved in other activities or are even on holiday! So, to sign up to be a volunteer is so easy - you can choose when it is convenient for you – there is simply no commitment to do anything that does not fit into your diary on any given date. So far, touch wood, we haven't let any of our Clients down. If you would like to Volunteer please let me know.

Jo Laird - jml@laird.uk.net

June species focus - Dormice

June is an important month for one of our smallest mammals on the reserve, the Hazel Dormice. Having recently woken from a long hibernation, these tiny boreal omnivores will be gorging themselves on fruits, flowers and nuts ready for the breeding season. Dormice like the early successional stages of woodland after thinning or coppicing. The sudden increase in light levels creates a vigorous understorey with plenty of fruiting and nutting species. Unfortunately this type of habitat is also favoured by our growing deer population with new shoots and saplings quickly gobbled up. High deer numbers and a loss of traditional woodland practices like coppicing now represent the biggest threats to their long term survival.

In Victorian times Dormice were so common children used to keep them as pets. Sadly they have fared less well in recent times. A 2020 study found that Dormice numbers have declined by 51% in the last 20 years and are now extinct in 17 English counties. However West Sussex and Hampshire remain key national strongholds. We are fortunate to have a small population at Kingley Vale and despite the absence of hazel, there are plenty of other food sources such as yew berries.

The reserve's management plan includes various measures to improve their favoured habitat through a programme of scrub coppicing with our team of volunteers. We have a local stalker to try and keep deer numbers in check, especially the non-native fallow and muntjac. We are also working closely with neighbouring landowners to improve habitat connectivity outside the nature reserve to prevent inbreeding.

Another important measure involves putting up dormice nest boxes. We now have 50 of these throughout the reserve. Much like a bird box, these luxury condos provide a safe home from predators whilst allowing us to easily monitor numbers. You may also be interested to know these boxes were lovingly made by prisoners! The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) runs a great scheme with HMP Doncaster and Humber to supply their boxes. If you do see one please resist the temptation to look inside—dormice are easily disturbed and can only be handled by someone with a License.



Steve Walker, Natural England

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It's honey Jim, but not as we know it

For the last four years a group of clever molecular biologists at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in Oxford have been leading a 'citizen science' project to analyse samples of honey from over 1,000 beekeepers dotted around the country, including us. Honeybees sensitivity to changes in our agricultural and urban landscapes, loss of habitat and our over-use of pesticides make them ideal subjects for monitoring those very changes over time. Samples are taken twice a year (for spring and summer honey) and sent for DNA testing to identify the species of plant pollen found in the honey, and the hope is that long-term habitat threats to pollinators can be identified and action taken.

Obviously it's a worthy effort to be involved in, but the additional upside for the curious beekeeper is that we get to find out what's in our honey. For instance, our own summer



honey last year had traces of 47 different plant pollens in it, including Bramble, Scented and Sea Mayweed, Wild Garlic, Common Fleabane, Forget-me-not, Marsh Marigold, Cat's-ear, and Hawkweed Oxtongue. And no, I didn't make any of those up, they're growing here in our hedgerows and stream edges.

And it's those 47 varieties that make local honey so very different from mass-produced supermarket honey. Leaving aside the bear-shaped plastic container (don't get me started on the bear!) the crystal clear runny honey has been ultra-filtered and heat treated to remove all traces of pollen and the sugars that make it crystallise, resulting in a honey that still tastes sweet but is lacking all the natural good stuff. And sadly, due to the absence of pollen, it's tricky to identify what's actually in it and thus where it really came from. If you have a jar of supermarket honey in your cupboard, check the label; it's likely to state that it's a "blend of non-EU honey", almost certainly meaning that it's been produced extremely cheaply on the other side of the planet. That's crazy!

Meanwhile, a few weeks ago we took the first harvest of the year from our hives, just as the Rapeseed went to seed in the fields around us. While it was in flower, the honey the bees produce from Rapeseed will be high in glucose sugars that crystallise quickly, causing it to get thicker almost by the day! But all raw, local honey does this, unlike the stuff that comes in bears, so next time you buy a jar you know what to look out for.



We are now in peak swarming season, when honeybees are expanding their numbers. All beekeepers are on high alert to stop their hives swarming, but just occasionally we miss the signals and lose them over the fence. If you see a swarm in your garden or on your walks around the parish, then you can find a local swarm collector on the Chichester Beekeepers website or knock on our door.

Jason & Kate Boswell

The West Ashling Duck Race! Saturday 25th June 2022 2pm – 5.30pm

Spend a fun afternoon at the newly revived West Ashling Duck Race to be held in the grounds of The Mill fields in West Ashling. Profits will go to help our Village Hall.

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Enjoy the live music, food stalls, Pimms bar and drinks tent whilst cheering on the unique, hand decorated ducks.

Tickets are £5 per adult and under 16's £1 a ticket, tickets are selling fast, there are no ticket sales on the day, all tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more information about buying tickets visit www.westashlingduckrace.com

Or email info@westashlingduckrace.com

NB All ducks are now sold!



Funtington Flora - A colourful walk around West Ashling

Herb Robert is a small geranium with five pink, un-notched petals, and pretty leaves divided into lots of lobes with rounded ends. It often has red stems, and grows about 20 cm high. It often be found as a garden weed and in hedgerows and verges. Its leaves can smell of mice.



Green Alkanet has bright blue flowers, the same colour as borage, which is in the same family. It has hairy leaves, which appear early. It is popular with pollinating insects. It often grows on wastelands, preferring damp and shady places near buildings.

Yellow Iris is a native wild iris, found in ponds, fens, streams and West Ashling ditches. It may be the origin of the heraldic fleur-de-lys.



Red Valerian comes in red, pink and white forms. Originally from the Mediterranean, it grows freely in gravel areas, shingle beaches like Pagham and along roads and paving, eg not far from the Richmond Arms.

Helen Dignum

Defibrillator training Funtington Church Room on 2nd May 2022

This was a very well instructed evening by Richard Pullen of Surefire Training. richard@surefiretraining.co.uk / www.surefiretraining.co.uk learning how to give CPR and how to use the Defibrillators that are distributed around the parish at the following locations.

The Defibrillators are maintained and managed by Viki Williams from Funtington Parish Council who funded the course and training for which very many thanks.



West Stoke Village Hall, Downs Rd, West Stoke, Chichester PO18 9BG • Located on the outside of the building on the car park side.

Richmond Arms, W Ashling Rd, Chichester PO18 8EA
• Located on the front of the building facing the car park.

Fox and Hounds, Funtington Hall, 3 B2146, Funtington, Chichester PO18 9LL
• Located on the side of the building facing the car park.

Horse and Groom, East Ashling, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 9AX
• Located on the external garage wall in the car park.

My Boston Marathon Experience

On the face of it riding a bus for 26+ miles away from Boston and then running back to the city is a somewhat pointless exercise but that is the way the Boston Athletics Association (B.A.A.) does its Marathon; it is by far the oldest modern-era Marathon, 2022 being the 126th running of the event. I decided to participate because I needed a new challenge now my running ability is declining, somewhat rapidly. My challenge is to run the six so designated 'Marathon Majors', each in under four hours. Fortunately I obtained a time in the London Marathon (also a 'Major') which gave me guaranteed entry into Boston, Chicago and New York, so 2022 is my year of the 3 American 'Majors'; Berlin and Tokyo are the other two which I hope to complete next year, if I'm still standing.



So I arrived at the 'bus loading' area in central Boston at 7:30 on Monday 18th April (Patriots Day), dropped off my bag of clothes for after the race through the appropriate bag-bus window and joined the queue for buses to the start. Now with around 25000 runners to be ferried to the start, a lot of buses are needed and convoys of the iconic American yellow school buses kept arriving to pick up the next wave of runners, quite an amazing piece of organisation. The ride to the start seemed to take ages and I began to wonder whether the driver knew where he was going! As with most mass participation runs, runners are grouped into waves and corrals to spread out the field. The corrals of runners in each wave are started in order of qualifying time, fastest first to avoid a lot of overtaking; you have to submit a recent marathon result that is within the qualifying time for your age group to gain entry to Boston making it a rather competitive event.

It was cold to start with, about 5 degrees C, so the trick is to wear an old jacket or fleece which one then discards just before starting (these clothes are collected by charities). The sun shone though and I should have used some of the free sunscreen available to avoid sunburn. Your start and finish are timed by a 'chip' attached to your race number so it doesn't matter what actual time of day you start. My start was almost exactly at the time, 10:50, scheduled for my 'wave'.

The course is a fairly straight route on closed roads back to Boston. It passes through a number of towns where there were cheering crowds to create a bit of atmosphere, it is clearly an event enjoyed by many. There was a lot of support for Ukraine both on and off the course. From a runners point-of-view the most significant feature is a series of hills, particularly in the second half of the race, culminating in the so called Heartbreak Hill at around mile 21 where if you haven't got your pacing and nutrition strategies right you may well end up walking (and many did). I made a small pace adjustment about halfway and this enabled me to keep going through to the finish.

Of course there are huge crowds lining the last mile to the finish line in Boston along with commentaries from TV channels covering the race. By the finish you hope to have used up every ounce of energy you started with plus the nutrition you have taken in along the route (I use sports gels for this as they are designed to be digestible during intense exercise).

For me, finishing a marathon carries a sequence of emotions, firstly great relief at finishing and stopping the enemy from adding any more seconds to my time. This relief is further boosted by being presented with a finishers medal. Then comes the realisation that walking in a straight line is a challenge, followed by the thought 'why on earth do I put myself through this?'; a few hours later, of course, I'm sitting down, warm and comfortable and looking forward to the next marathon.

By the finish a stiff breeze had sprung up from the Atlantic and I started to feel cold despite being wrapped in a foil sheet. I picked up my bag from the bag-bus and made my way to the family meeting area. On the way I must have looked cold as a volunteer directed me towards more buses which you could sit in to warm up - what a good facility! Volunteers numbered about 9500 for the event and they were a very happy and friendly bunch. I was fortunate to have my Stepson and his wife to watch the race and later, transport me back to their home in New Jersey, not however, before we had walked over to the 'Cheers' bar (opened in Boston in 1895 just 2 years before the first Boston Marathon), of TV comedy fame, and had a pint.



Given the hilliness of the course I was delighted with my finish time of 3:51:54 and placed 17th out of 195 in my age group (70-74).

As well as fuelling my marathon running addiction, I also used the event to raise some money for our Chichester-based charity 'Children on the Edge' which, among their many projects, is helping with refugee children who have no parental support arriving in Romania and Moldova displaced by the war in Ukraine. A big Thank You to all who sponsored me.

Next up: Chicago in October - it's flat, hooray!

John Miles (the crazy ageing marathoner)

If you would like to support 'Children on the Edge here is the link



Editor's note: if you keep your eyes peeled you might well see him running around the Parish whilst training.

Book Reviews

In Search of Fifty South Downs Villages by Andrew Berriman

(Available at Kim's Bookshop Chichester (£13.95) 268 pages with 204 illustrations)

I enclose details of a recent (2021) book which devotes six pages to Funtington, West Ashling and West Stoke with several colour photos of the landscape and the buildings. Nearby places such as Stoughton, The Mardens, Racton and Compton are included. Local (Chichester) author Andrew Berriman includes details of locations, history, buildings, inhabitants and what you might call 'the spirit of the places'. The fifty villages and hamlets included are all within the boundaries of the South Downs National Park.

Jackie Baynes

A SINGLE THREAD by Tracy Chevalier

I have always enjoyed reading her books and of course most of us will know the Girl with an Earring about the life of Vermeer which was made into a very successful film so I was quite excited to have this book in my possession and to enjoy its contents.

Unfortunately for me I found it a somewhat depressing and dull. Why? Well it is set in the period after the first world war which is well known for the number of deaths of young men particularly. Violet the main character in this book is one of the many women who lost their loved ones or their intended and were destined to live their lives as a spinster.

The main message this book conveys, to me at least, is just how restrictive and dull life was to women like her who had very little to look forward to. Life at home with her widowed mother, who had also lost a son during the war, was totally unsatisfactory, with her mother ever ready with criticism and complaints.

Violet thank goodness realises that she has to get out from the family home, but how? Her only skill is typing, and will she be able to support herself? She takes the plunge and moves to Winchester from Southampton her home town and finds herself some digs and a job in an insurance company, which sounds as dull as everything else, but she has escaped from her mother. Being able to find enough money to eat is challenging.

One day she finds herself in Winchester Cathedral where a meeting of broderers is being held and manages to join the group and become one of their broderers. She also becomes fascinated by the chimes of the bells and the men who operate them, one in particular but he is married and in his 60s.

But this interest leads to her meeting and forming relationships with the other broderers at the Cathedral, two of whom who are in a relationship, much frowned upon at that time. Over a period of time and circumstances she becomes close to these two women and they become a supportive group.

However, for me this story just does not hang together. She gets pregnant by the aforementioned bell ringer. Yes of course pregnancy out of wedlock during this period of time did happen but to a 39-year-old woman who would have been the subject of rejection and scorn from her contemporaries. We also learn that whilst she had been at her home in Southampton she would periodically visit public places where she would pick up men, have sex with them, and then return home. Really!

So we learn something about the kneelers and borders and the women who make them and we learn something about the bells and some of the men who operate them and how dull, boring and unsatisfactory life was for women during this period – seems difficult to comprehend to us women living now but I well remember the fact that one was not allowed to have a mortgage or a hire purchase agreement without the agreement of your father and of course in some societies this attitude still prevails today.

Barbara Childs Hopkins

Coronation Chicken – The Real Deal

One of my wedding presents, many moons ago, was *'The Constance Spry Cookery Book'* co-written by Constance Spry who set up the famous Winkfield Cookery School in Berkshire and Rosemary Hulme who ran the equally famous Cordon Bleu Cookery School in central London. It is about three inches thick and now is very well thumbed, but I still use it for all sorts of things.

Winkfield won the competition in 1952 to invent a dish for the Coronation and hence Coronation Chicken was born.

This recipe is delicious. It may sound fiddly but it really isn't – anyway it is worth it! This recipe, to be eaten cold, is for 6 – 8 people

Ingredients

2 roasting chickens

Water and a little wine to cover

1 carrot

Bouquet garni, salt and 3-4 peppercorns

Poach the chickens with carrot, bouquet garni, salt and peppercorns in water and a little wine (enough to barely cover) for about 40 mins or until tender. Allow to cool in the liquid. Joint and skin the birds and cut (tear) into the right size. Prepare the sauce given below. Mix chicken and sauce together and arrange on dish, cover with any sauce left over.

Cream of Curry Sauce

1 tablespoon of oil

2 oz onion finely chopped

1 desertspoon of medium curry powder

1 good teaspoon tomato puree

1 wineglass water

A bayleaf, salt, sugar and touch of pepper

A good squeeze of lemon juice

1-2 tablespoons apricot puree

(I use apricot jam)

3/4 pint mayonnaise

2-3 tablespoons thick double cream

Heat the oil, add onion and cook gently for 3-4 mins. Add curry powder & cook again 1-2 mins. Add puree, wine, water and bay leaf. Bring to simmer, add salt, sugar, pepper and the lemon juice to taste. Simmer uncovered 5-10 mins. Strain and cool. Add by degrees the mayonnaise and apricot jam. Adjust seasoning adding a little more lemon if necessary. Finish by adding the cream.

Et Voila! Fit for The Queen!

Anna D'Alton

Sports and Activities for Juniors

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| <p>Funtington & West Stoke Scout Group + Cubs and Beavers Weekly West Ashling Village Hall fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk www.chichesterscouts.org.uk</p> | <p>Girl Guides and Brownies Now at Southbourne</p> |
| <p>Football Fishbourne Romans FC Coaching run by volunteers for children aged 4 – 17. Saturday mornings 9.30-11.00. A voluntary donation each week of £2. All you need is shin pads and a pair of football boots</p> | <p>Mini Rugby Chichester RFC, Oaklands Park Both minis (U6 to U11) are played Sunday mornings at Oaklands Park. Each age group has its own coaching team. Club is very welcoming www.pitchero.com/clubs/chichester</p> |
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The Beacon Lighting Party Thursday 2 June, 7.30 pm (see page 15 for details)

The West Ashling Duck Race, Saturday 25 June, 2pm – 5.30 pm (see page 27 for details)

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

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

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

Contact: Kathryn Wignall at Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk

Eucharist on Wednesdays (followed by coffee morning for all)

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

Funtington and West Stoke WI

The next meeting is on 15th June at 7pm. The speakers will be Sue and Clive Fennell -- entitled, 'Not So Idle Women of The Canals'.

Visitors are always welcome at our WI meetings in the Village Hall. Please phone Sue Nicholson for more details. 01243 574722

Funtington Bridge Club

The club now meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington. Rubber Bridge from 1.30pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits.

Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

Solution to Crossword 13 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

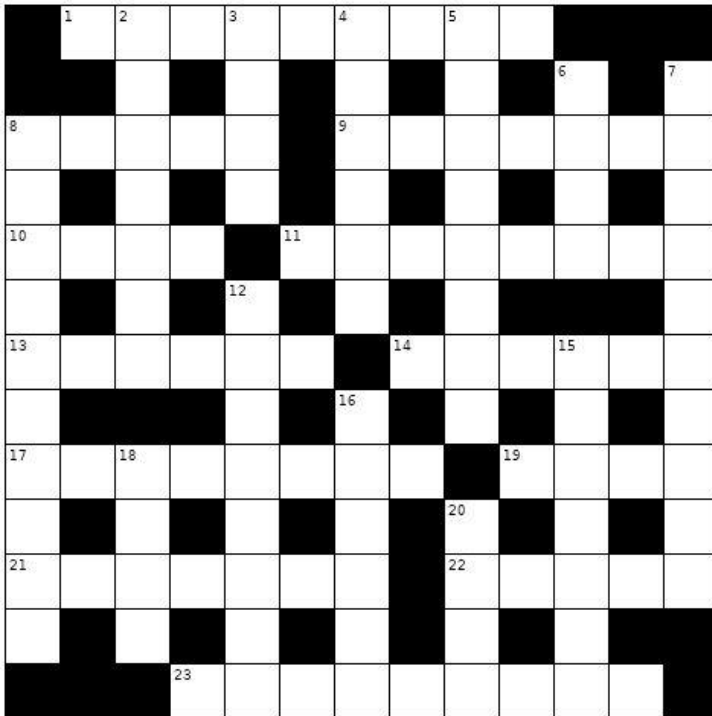
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ACROSS

- 1 Sacrament of bread and wine, giving curate his? (9)
- 8 Havana, perhaps (5)
- 9 Surname of a Goon (7)
- 10 Wimple wearers (4)
- 11 Three-hulled boats (8)
- 13 Poems of rural peace (6)
- 14 Sad and distressing (6)
- 17 Digital sign of approval (6-2)
- 19 Spoiler of landscape or escutcheon (4)
- 21 Irritated, sharply (7)
- 22 George Eliot's real surname (5)
- 23 Nobleman's territory that alters church day? (9)

DOWN

- 2 Need for quick action (7)
- 3 Pay attention (4)
- 4 Popular holiday town (6)
- 5 Tree with winged seeds (8)
- 6 Khayyam, or Sharif (4)
- 7 Local site of St. Mary's Chapel (10)
- 8 Harmonious reconstruction of 7 down? (10)
- 12 Spherical (8)
- 15 Giant a log hit ruinously? No, a stone! (7)
- 16 Religious seclusion of women (6)
- 18 Not brand new (4)
- 20 Bill of fare (4)

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – June 2022 Church Rota

| Day | Service | Flowers | Brass | Elements | LaMoCs | Intercessor | Sidesmen | Readings |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Sun 5 th June Pentecost <small>R JM</small> | 10:00 Family Service | Jubilee Week end | Liz Collet | - | - | Anne Maddock | Deborah Hughes Claire Hoare | Deborah Hughes Acts 2.1-21 Claire Hoare Jn 14. 8-17 |
| Sun 12 th June Trinity <small>G AB</small> | 10:00 Sung Eucharist | Sue Sims | Anne Maddock | Maggie Webb & Sybil Grindrod | Nigel Brown | Clergy | Denise Foster Kay Knowles | Denise Foster Prov 81-4, 22-31 Claire Hosking Rom 5.1-5 |
| Sun 19 th June Trinity 1 <small>G EM</small> | 10:00 Morning Prayer | | | - | | Liz Lancaster | Andrew Hughes Carolyn Watt | Andrew Hughes 1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15 Carolyn Watts Luke 8.26-39 |
| Sun 26 th June Trinity 2 <small>G AB</small> | 10:00 Sung Eucharist | Denise Foster | Maggie Webb | Carolyn & Neil Watt | Kay Knowles | Jane Gummer | David Callas Nick La Hive | Mini Elliott 2 Kings 1-2, 6-14 Nick La Hive Gal 5.1,13-25 |
| Sun 3 rd July Trinity 3 <small>R JM</small> | 10:00 Family Service | | | - | | Jo Borbone | Liz Lancaster Neil Watt | Liz Lancaster 2 Kings 5 1-14 Neil Watts Luke 10 1-11,16-20 |

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

Parish Services June 2022

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

| <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Place</i> |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wed 1 st June | 10.30am | Said Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Thurs 2 nd June | 7.30pm | Jubilee Beacon Ceremony | St Mary, Funtington |
| Sun 5 th June Pentecost | 10.00am | Holy Communion (CW2) | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| | 10.00am | Family Service | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 8 th June | 10.30am | Said Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sun 12 th June Trinity | 9:00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary, Sennicotts |
| | 10:00am | Sung Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 15 th June | 10.30am | Said Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sun 19 th June Trinity 1 | 9:00am | Holy Communion (CW2) | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| | 10:00am | Sung Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| Tues 21 st June | 12 noon | Interment of Ashes | St Mary, Funtington |
| Weds 22 nd June | 10.30am | Said Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sun 26 th June Trinity 2 | 9:00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary, Sennicotts |
| | 10:00am | Sung Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 29 th June Sts Peter & Paul | 10.30am | Said Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sun 3 rd July Trinity 3 | 10:00am | Holy Communion (CW2) | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| | 10:00am | Family Service | St Mary, Funtington |

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