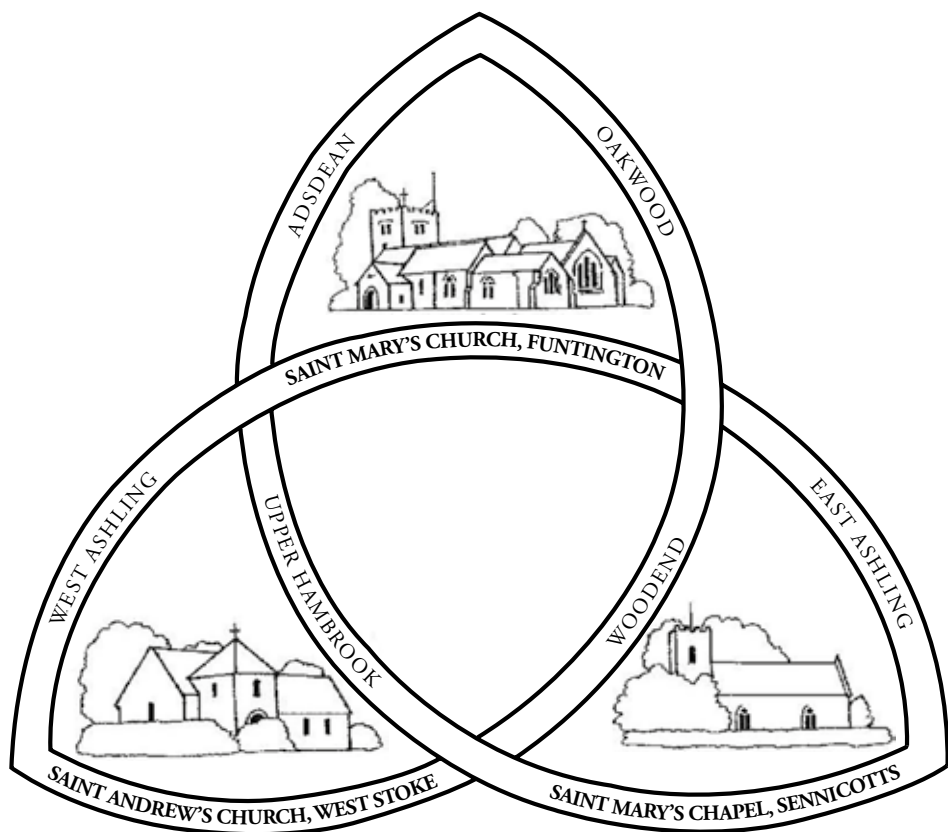


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

We are now well and truly in the period of Lent, and I am wondering what it is you are doing for Lent. Some people, on Ash Wednesday will have begun the process of ‘giving something up’. Any of you who have heard me preach in Lent before will have heard me question what it is people give up, and why, and what it means!

I have always thought it quite strange that people give something up which might be bad for them, such as chocolate, smoking or alcohol and then go back to having them again on Easter Morning! It seems odd to me that you would stop having these things, and then go back to your old way of life after 40 days of struggle. What have we learnt from that and what have we achieved? Surely if you’re giving something up for Lent, then you should give it up completely and reap the benefits. If you are giving something up for Lent only, then perhaps you could use the time you would have spent doing something different and beneficial to you – maybe reading a book, going for a walk, etc; or perhaps the money you would have spent doing something might be saved up and passed onto a local charity - perhaps your local church?!

Sometimes in focusing on what we are giving up, we forget the true meaning of Lent. Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

Whatever you are doing in Lent, let us all come together in Holy Week. During Holy Week, Christians recall the events leading up to Jesus’ death by crucifixion and, his Resurrection. The week includes five days of special significance. The first is Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus’ humble entry (on a donkey) into Jerusalem to observe Passover. According to the Gospel account, he was greeted by crowds of people who spread their cloaks and laid palm leaves in his path and proclaimed him the Son of David (Matthew 21:5). **Palm Sunday** is celebrated with a blessing and procession of palms. **Maundy Thursday** marks Jesus’ institution at the Last Supper of the Eucharist, thereafter a central element of Christian worship; and is accompanied by the priest’s washing of the feet of 12 people, in imitation of Jesus’ washing of the feet of his 12 disciples at the Last Supper. **Good Friday** commemorates Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross; it is traditionally a

day of sorrow, penance, and fasting. **Holy Saturday**, also called Easter Vigil, is the traditional end of Lent. **Easter Sunday** is the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, on the third day after his crucifixion.

All of these services will be included in services across both parishes including the walk of witness on Good Friday from Funtington to Chidham – more details of our services will be on the website. Please join us where you can!

With Prayers and Best Wishes,

Fr. Andrew

SINGERS REQUIRED

I am still looking for more singers to form a small group to lead the music at services from time to time.

Initially, I'm looking for Sopranos, but would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be an Alto, Tenor or Bass. For Sopranos, the ability to read music is an advantage but not essential as instruction will be given. For other parts, it is hoped that you might have some experience in this regard and are not just capable of singing the melody an octave lower!!

Do contact me if you are interested. Paul Wren, 01243 573466 or 07973 358314
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The Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who donated food to Stonepillow over January and February. The March and April collection will be for the Chichester Food Bank. Many thanks for supporting these valuable local charities. The box for donations is at the back of St. Mary's Church.

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Peace Perfect Peace March 2023

Last month I wrote about finding God in His son, Jesus Christ. He reveals to us the character and nature of God. He is a God of Love. 'O come to the Father through Jesus His Son, who opened the love gates that all may go in'. He is the author and perfecter of our faith. He said, 'Come to me, I am the way, the truth and the life'. This is where we have to start. We owe everything to Him.

Gradually, He moulds us into His likeness. When we give Him our allegiance we want to love and serve Him and all that He stands for. His is a love which never lets us go. When we see this we want to love Him back. We want to fall at his feet, filled with wonder, love and praise. It is our greatest joy.

So make but trial of His love, experience will decide how great He is and only he who in His truth confides. Like the potter at the wheel He fashions us into His likeness. He can use us in His service and opens the life gate that all may go in. I cannot but think how wonderful this is. 'O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, who opened the love gates that all may go in'.

This song says it all. 'Be though my vision O Lord of my life, be all else to me save that thou art, be my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping thy presence my life'. So make but trial of His love and you will find that every cloud is silver lined. He is all in all to thee.

'O God, who will not let us go, we rest our weary souls in Thee, we give thee back the Life we owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow, may richer, fuller be'. May we know the Love of God in our hearts. Peace perfect peace is the gift of Christ the Lord.

Jane Gummer

Funtington Flower Arrangers and Brass Cleaners

There will be a meeting with coffee and biscuits on Saturday 18th March at [10.am](#) in the church room, St Marys Church, Funtington to discuss the flower and brass rota for 2023 as well as forthcoming events. We would welcome new members to join to enable us to continue our work in enhancing our beautiful church. Thank you all for your continued support.

Denise Foster

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is a reminder that the APCM is on March 29th at 7pm at St Mary's Church.

It is open to all who are on the Electoral Roll of the Church and is the opportunity to hear what has been happening in Funtington, West Stoke and Sennicotts churches over the last year. It is also when the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council are elected.

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please contact Andrew Lillie, whose details are on the inside cover of the magazine.

We do hope that as many as possible will be at the meeting on March 29th.

PCC Secretary

Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

The Bishop of Chichester has asked churches to consider donating their weekly collections for two weeks in February to the DEC appeal.

We are embracing this opportunity and propose to give one half of our February standing order donations to the appeal, as well as the collections given during the services and those made using the card reader. We appreciate and rely on the regular contributions made by standing order. If any of our standing order contributors wishes to opt out of the appeal, please could you let Neil Watt know. (wattnwatt@gmail.com)

Some may be unaware that there is a card reader permanently operating at the back of St Mary's Church. All donations using the card reader normally go towards the work of the church and can be gift-aided.

**THE KINGS CORONATION
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On Sunday 7th May 2023 we will be celebrating the Kings Coronation by holding a Parish Party on the Cricket Field in West Ashling.

‘On the Coronation day itself on 2nd June 1953 the parish gathered on the Cricket Field in West Ashling for children’s sports in the afternoon, adult sports, dancing, a bonfire and fireworks, a free tea was provided by the Women’s Institute’.

We hope to recreate a very similar ‘Parish Party’ to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Please pop this date onto your calendars, we will be posting more information soon!

Jane Mottershead

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Tickets at £12 go on sale on 14th February from
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Funtington Parish in the Past

Did King Edward the Eighth come to Funtington?



The Prince of Wales with Lord Louis c 1920

Edward, Prince of Wales used to visit his cousin, Lord Louis Mountbatten at Adsdean House before he became King Edward VIII in 1936. However there was a rumour in Funtington that he also came to Adsdean after his abdication. This visit may have occurred in September 1939 just after the outbreak of the Second World War. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor had been living in the South of France since the abdication and

came back to England in order to arrange how the Duke might help on a mission to Paris.



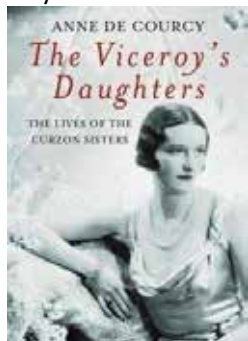
Lord Louis and Edwina at Adsdean with the Prince of Wales' equerry Fruity Metcalfe

According to Edward's biography (1)

"The couple motored from the south of France to Cherbourg in their big Buick with Major Fruity Metcalfe, the Duke's equerry. The British government could only run to a small Leopard Moth biplane observed by the Duke "tied up with string and with two flat tyres, cockpit open to the sky" anathema to the Duchess, so they took to the Buick instead."

"They had the predictable quantity of luggage on board with three Cairn terriers, Pookie, Prisie and Dette plus a huge number of cardboard boxes! Lord Louis had just taken command of the K class destroyer, HMS Kelly (2) and on Winston Churchill's (3) orders, he met them at Cherbourg and the destroyer arrived in Portsmouth at 21:30 hours in pitch dark"

So they were taken across the channel by Lord Louis as part of his naval duties and they were met on the quay by Fruity Metcalfe's wife, Lady Alexandra who takes up the story.



Lady Alexandra Metcalfe



HMS Kelly commanded by Lord Louis Mountbatten

“We stood about in nervous tension as Winston had given orders for the Duke to be received with due ceremony. “ For the night of September the 12th, a large red plush bedroom had been booked for the Windsors in the Grand Hotel Southsea, described as the best of a dreary bunch. However, the Windsors failed to take it up staying with the Commander in Chief in Portsmouth.”

For the second night, Lady Alexandra drove the Windsors to her home in East Sussex and then most days were spent at their London house. The Windsors stayed until the end of September and arrangements were made for the Duke to give up his Field Marshal's baton and to inspect the French first army in October accompanied by Fruity Metcalfe with the British Military Mission.

It seems quite likely that Louis Mountbatten took shore leave and also entertained the Duke and Duchess at Adsdean, staying there before they crossed back to France. The rumours in the village may have some substance (4)

As a young teacher, during the long school holidays I was able to augment my salary with work as a private tutor. In 1959, I was staying in Oxfordshire with a banking family where father only visited at weekends. For lunch there were usually just mother and son and me, the three of us served by the butler.

When Lady Alexandra Metcalfe came to join us for lunch one day, I was told that she was the daughter the former Viceroy of India and she was named after her godmother Queen Alexandra. The conversation was mostly about the social life in Oxfordshire and the way in which young men were now squandering their inheritance. I did not discover

that she had friends before and during the war in Germany and in Italy and that her late sister had married the imprisoned Oswald Mosley, who founded the British Union of Fascists.

Nor did I find out that she had often visited Adsdean. With this knowledge I might have been able to find out for certain whether King Edward VIII came to Funtington after he had abdicated.

Geoffrey Boys

- (1) HMS Kelly was sunk in 1941 during the evacuation of Crete.
- (2) Churchill was the first Lord of the Admiralty from Sep 3rd 1939.
- (3) Edward VIII by Frances Donaldson.
- (4) Thanks to Robin Dodd of Funtington who had heard this story.

News from the WI

For our February meeting we welcomed Roger Clark to talk to us about the Spitfire Girls. The history of the Spitfire Girls came to light when a 90 year old lady spoke to the BBC to bring attention to them.

It started when Pauline Gower asked her father, who had some influence in the Air Ministry, what he could do to allow women to fly the planes from the factories to fighter and bomber aerodromes. At first the Ministry said no, but then realised it might be a good idea, so agreed they could join the ATA. They were trained at the De Havilland Airfield near White Waltham. The Girls flew fighters, Hurricanes, Mosquitos, Spitfires and Halifax Bombers and probably more. One pilot flew 13 different aircraft in one day, with no time to read any pilots notes. Just take-off and go. They were all incredibly brave and skilfull and after the war the team of girls were just let go, because in those days it was a man's world and they didn't need women flying aeroplanes, even after all they had achieved.

Now, the world has turned full circle and we have women fighter pilots in the UK and America. It was a very interesting talk and of course followed by our usual excellent tea and cakes and sandwiches.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 15th at our new time of 7pm. This will be our annual meeting. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact Sue Nicholson on 01243 574722.

Our Beautiful City of Chichester

Do you agree that Chichester is a special and beautiful city? It is the only city in West Sussex and owes its existence entirely to the Romans. In fact, there is no evidence of any form of a settlement before the creation of *Noviomagus Reginorium* in around 43AD. Before the invasion of the Romans at this time, the area would have been occupied by the Celts. Chichester's location was most probably chosen due to the closeness to the harbour and the fresh water supply that was provided by the River Lavant. Originally the site of a Roman fort, the Romans built a town that was divided into four quarters and circled by a wall. The wall you see today most probably follows the original position but it has been refaced at various times so that none of the Roman stonework is evident today. The wall would have been over six foot thick with a ditch running around it. I do highly recommend the walk around the city on the remaining wall.

What I find fascinating is that the Roman city would have contained an amphitheatre built in AD80 (just outside the wall in the small park near East Gate), public baths (located in what is Tower Street in the north west quadrant near the Novium Museum) and a Roman townhouse, the footprint of which survived in Priory Park as it was never built on.



The four quadrants of Chichester with priory Park in the north-east and a recommended 1.5 mile walk around the city on the walls (shown in red)

The richest Romans would have lived in homes with glass windows, mosaic floors and even a form of central heating. Of course, this was exceptional, but if you want to get an appreciation of this, it is well worth a visit to the Roman villa at Bignor, just south of Petworth.

The Bignor villa was a small settlement of around seventy dwellings, but also an overnight stop for merchants and the goods flowing from *Noviomagus Reginorium* to *Londinium*. Its location was planned, being located approximately one days marching distance from the southern city.

With the decline of the Roman empire in the 4th century, Chichester still remained occupied, albeit with a smaller population until the late 5th century when the Saxons occupied the site and named it *Cissa*. This is where the name Chichester originates. Saxons called a group of Roman buildings a *ceaster* and thus referred to *Cissa ceaster*. This evolved into *Cisscester* or *Cicestre* and eventually *Chichester*. The Saxons, under Alfred the Great developed *Cissa* into one of the largest fortified towns making full use of the Roman wall. This was just as well as in 894 the Danes attacked Chichester and the surrounding area but were successfully defeated, emphasising the strength of this fortified town.

By the time of the Domesday Book (1086) and during the Norman period, *Cicestre* consisted of 300 dwellings and approximately 1500 people. Its ownership passed hands several times, being given to the Earl of Shrewsbury immediately after his heroism and the success of the Normans at the Battle of Hastings and then to the Earl of Arundel at around 1143.



The remains of the castle motte in Priory Park

Yet another fascinating fact is that it was just over seventy years later, in 1216 and for one year only, the castle (built by the Earl of Shrewsbury) was occupied by the French. They didn't invade, they were invited by local barons and overstayed their welcome! The remains of the motte can still be seen in Priory Park today (although the Council have done little to protect it from damage and erosion). The mound you see today would have been four

times as big with the fort situated on top with a ditch (bailey) around it.

From the Saxon period onwards, ownership of Chichester passed through many deeds partly due to a series of fires, one of which consumed the cathedral that had been completed in 1108 under Bishop Luffa. In 1121 Henry I granted Chichester to his second

wife Adeliza. It must have remained in the hands of the crown since in 1155 since Henry II granted two charters direct to the citizens and in later years grants and deeds saw the city ownership move between crown and privileged individuals including the Bishops of Chichester, the Earl of Cornwall, the Earl of Kent and favoured individuals of the monarch. For example, in the 13th century ownership of the south eastern part of Chichester (known as the Palatine and later Pallant) had been handed to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

By the time of the reformation in the sixteenth century Chichester had survived the Black Death (although few records exist on the extent to which the city suffered) and it would appear from records that the city experienced little set back from the Reformation, the cathedral being largely left untouched for example. However, an anonymous petition in 1596 gives an insight into the state of the city at that time. According to this document there was an abundance of poor people living in the city leading to decay and general disrepair, theft being commonplace and the practice of trading in the city had, as a result, declined significantly.

Indeed, the city of Chichester has had a rather undesirable reputation for being an unhealthy city. Even right up to the late nineteenth century, risk of death due to disease caused by a totally inadequate sanitary system was a real issue. Deaths from diarrhoea, cholera and fever of the gastro enteric type were much higher than other cities in the country. It was not surprising as, at that time, the city lacked main drainage and cesspits' contents would often seep through walls and floors. Indeed, the river Lavant, flowing to the south of the city walls was no more than an open sewer. A certain local surgeon, Dr Nicholas Tyacke campaigned tirelessly against a local council that for many years opposed investment in a proper sanitary system. It took him over two decades of report writing and campaigning before work started at works in Apuldram in 1893. Dr Tyacke died in May 1900 and at the time of his death, was regarded as the "city's greatest benefactor". He is buried in the city cemetery at Portfield.

Whilst this aspect of Chichester's history may not be the proudest, another individual and his company stands out as a shining example of generosity and kindness. Alfred Ernest Cooper Shippam formed a partnership with his four brothers in 1899 to invest in his family business of potted meat that had originally been established as a shop on West Gate in 1750. The factory stood on East Street near the walls, and the original Shippam clock can still be seen hanging there today.

Alfred Shippam looked after his employees and built an enviable reputation for the company of being a caring and benevolent employer. Expanding from retailing to the processor and packer of meats and fish products, Alfred and his brothers were very much concerned about the welfare of their employees. Not only were they innovative

for the time, introducing an employee bonus system, a profit-sharing scheme, health insurance and a private pension scheme, but Alfred made sure that local charities were supported.



The Shippams pot brought back from the Somme by a local resident

But perhaps the most impressive acts of Alfred Shippam were during the First World War when he personally wrote to employees who had been conscripted and sent them and their families small gifts of potted meat and cigarettes to the front and to those families who had lost their family member. One of our residents in East Ashling, Jane, visited the Somme in 2016 one hundred years after the Battle of the Somme. At a place known as Lochnagar Crater a local man sold artefacts from the war that he had found nearby. A piece of porcelain caught Jane's eye and when she picked it up she saw the word Chichester printed upon the side and above that, Shippams. What a wonderful experience for someone who is a local resident and extensively studied the First World War.



The Shippam factory on East Walls as it is today

Alfred has promised his employees that upon return from the war, they would be re-employment at the factory. He was as good as his word and when the surviving fifty servicemen returned to Chichester, they began work at the East Gate site. The company was eventually bought by Princess Foods in 2002 and production was moved to Terminus Road. This site was closed in 2020, but many residents of Chichester still hold the original Shippam company and

particularly Alfred Shippam, in very high regard.

Today, Chichester is a city of over 124,000 inhabitants (*source: census 2021*). The three largest employment sectors accounting for nearly 40% of jobs are wholesale and retail, human health and social work and education. St Richards hospital is the largest single employer with over 4000 staff whilst West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council employ over 3000 staff (*source: Insight Intellegence, 2016*). The largest private sector employer is Rolls Royce at Goodwood, employing over 1700 staff.

Our city has evolved from iron age tribal territory, to a Roman walled city, and a strategic and defensive settlement for the Saxons and Normans. It has been subject to plagues and attacks from abroad and from within the Isle and yet it has evolved to be one of the most attractive cities in the United Kingdom.

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Thrushes

This is a good time of year to look out for our thrushes. With our deciduous trees bare



of leaves and with less insects about these birds are more obvious as they forage, usually, for worms on our lawns. We have three resident birds belonging to the thrush or '*Turdus*' family. All the birds have a very similar shape but with varying plumage. The easiest one to identify is the Blackbird, although, the female does trip some people up. The male being a smart bird that is all black except for his yellow bill and a yellow eye ring, but the female is a dark brown bird

whose shade of brown does sometimes vary and on the lighter coloured birds you can see a streaked breast which gives the clue to this bird belonging to the thrush family. Our other two resident thrushes are the Song Thrush and the Mistle Thrush. Both are reasonably common birds in the area where we live.



The Song Thrush likes gardens with hedgerows where it can forage secretly, every now and again popping out onto the lawn margin, or else, certainly as spring arrives, it can be heard and then seen sitting on a branch in a small tree singing its beautiful song. Its song consists of a number of different phrases strung together and then repeated. Amazingly some scientists

have recorded a Song Thrush singing up to a hundred different phrases and then it will repeat them all in the exact same order! It is a beautiful songster and is often the last bird you will hear on a spring evening at dusk. The Song Thrush is slighter smaller than the Mistle Thrush, browner, sits a little more squat and its spots on the breast are like arrowheads.



The Mistle Thrush can be seen in gardens but usually those with large lawns. This generally is a bird of woodland margins where it can hide in the trees and forage in the fields. There are a good number of these birds in the New Forest. This bird is a little larger than the Song Thrush and because it has longer wings looks a little sleeker. When on the ground it has a very upward stance. Its back is greyer than brown and the spots on its breast are round as opposed to the arrowhead shapes of the Song Thrush. It is called a Mistle Thrush

because of its liking for Mistletoe berries and can become very territorial over a 'Mistle'. This bird also likes to take a high perch and sing although the song is still very melodic it does not have the Song Thrush's variety. All three of our resident thrushes are loud songsters.

In the winter our resident thrushes are joined by two more different species. Both birds can be seen around the area at this time of year. These birds arrive in flocks, often together, towards the end of October and will remain with us well into the April before they return to Scandinavia and Central Europe. These are the Redwing and Fieldfare. Both birds can often be seen foraging in large groups on the local fields. They are quite skittish so as soon as they spot humans they tend to fly up to the nearest trees. These birds generally don't sing in the winter while they are here but the Fieldfare occasionally will give out a loud '*chack, chack*' call similar to the alarm call of the Mistle Thrush.



The Redwing is an easy bird to identify if you get close enough to see it. The bird is like a small song thrush in shape but has a large broad white stripe above its eye and if sitting in the right stance you can see a reddish brown marking under its resting wing.

The Fieldfare is a large thrush with a relatively long tail and is subtly coloured for this family; its head and rump are a slate grey and its mantle and wings are a chestnut brown. Its breast has an orangey background and is heavily spotted. Both these birds are worth looking for during the winter.



Our last thrush is a summer visitor which in our area we only see as a passage migrant. The Ring Ouzel arrives from Africa in April only stopping over for a day or so before moving to the North West and Scotland to breed. In the spring occasionally one will be seen on the chalky slopes of the Downs. They will return and stop off in our area again from late September to October. During this time they tend to hang around for a little while as they feed

up on berries for the long journey ahead. There are favoured places that they return to each year one being a particular yew tree on the Cissbury Ring north of Arundel.

The Ring Ouzel is a bird that looks very similar to a blackbird but the male has a crisp white crescent on its upper chest and the brown female has a more dirty creamy similar shaped mark. If you look closely the feathers on the wing also have a slight grey tinge to them.

So a thrush is more than a thrush; there are quite a few varieties to look for, and although superficially several look similar with a little closer examination it is not too difficult to sort them out.

Kevin Tarrant

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Fundraiser for West Ashling and Funtington Community Hall!

ALL THE RIGHT NOTES....

Come along on Friday April 14 for an evening of light entertainment to raise funds for West Ashling and Funtington Community Hall.

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There will be a bar on the night.



News from the Grapevine....

The winter is a crucial time for us at Ashling Park, we are half way through pruning our 22,000 vines. We had a delayed start in December as the canopy was still green and the leaves hadn't fallen. After the New Year with temperatures down to -7 on the vineyard, it was chilly for the team but great for the vines sending them off to sleep. The cold snap helps kill any bugs hanging in there, although the rabbits have taken a liking to the vines after they have eaten all the grass.

As we are writing this we hope the cold weather continues, if temperatures warm up too early the sap will start to rise and wake up the vines, leaving them vulnerable to frost damage. Fingers crossed folks!

Once the weather warms up if any of you fancy getting more involved we will be running bud rubbing and leaf plucking days. Email contact@ashlingpark.co.uk with your details to add to our call up list. And as a thank you for your help we'll treat the team to a lovely lunch in the restaurant that day.

If you like to keep informed of any other events at Ashling Park join our newsletter

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IT'S MARMALADE TIME AGAIN! (Still some jars left!)



As in previous years I have made some marmalade for sale in aid of the Mothers' Union. Unfortunately due to the increased cost of the Seville oranges, sugar and even the lids I buy from Lakeland, not to mention the fuel for cooking it, I have had to put the price up this year. As the price went up quite steeply last year I have restricted it this year, so the price of 1lb pot this year

will be £2.70. If you would like to buy some please contact me. Anne Maddock

Email: annemaddock@icloud.com

Mobile: 07811 555692 or Landline: 01243 574900 (leave messages on my mobile not my landline! I can't hear them!)

Rodney, this time next year, we'll be millionaires

Up in the loft we've a bag full of travel plugs for various countries we've been to over the years. They come in various shapes and sizes - two round pins, three round pins, one with two vertical blades, and a nifty one that apparently works in most of Europe. An internet search tells me that there are 15 different socket types worldwide, each of them adopted in various countries long before Thomas Cook invented the package holiday.



Layens



National



WBC



Langstroth



Top bar

Spot the difference... just a few different hive types

So, it will be no surprise to know that, like plug sockets, there is no standard bee hive size around the world. The reason being that prior to the 1850s bees were kept in containers such as skeps in which the bees built their honeycomb, so the only way of getting the honey would be to cut the combs out or dismantle the whole hive. But in 1851, an American clergyman, Lorenzo Langstroth, developed a hive in which bees built their comb into wooden frames suspended inside the hive box, allowing the frames to be removed and the honey extracted without disturbing the bees. Thus the modern bee hive was invented, prompting generations of blokes around the world to think they could improve on it.

And so today we have a plethora of bee hives – the Langstroth (the original and most popular worldwide, but typically not here in the UK), the Dadant (popular in France), the Smith (only used in Scotland), the WBC (the one everyone thinks

of when they imagine a bee hive, but now rarely used due to it needing lots of timber to make), the National (the most popular in the UK since it was standardised by the Government in the 1940s, but even this comes in three versions), plus loads of others such as the Layens, Warre, Top bar, and the Long hive.

And even when the new bee keeper has chosen the size she wants to use, or rather, gone along with what their mentor uses, we have to decide whether to adopt bottom bee space or top, whether to use open or closed floors, or if we are going to use self-spacing, spaced, or castellated frames – here in Chichester we use self-spacing frames but over in Wisborough Green they use castellated frames Splitters.

This is all pertinent because I've recently been approached by a friend of a friend who is after his first colony of bees. He's just bought a Flow hive, a genius invention from Australia that allows the honey to be extracted using a tap on the front of the hive. Normally we'd take all the frames out of my donor hive, containing the brood nest, the queen, and all the workers, and plonk them straight into his empty hive. Except, it turns out the Flow hive is sized like a Langstroth and of course my National frames won't fit. So I've now got until the end of March to invent the bee hive equivalent of the travel adaptor...

Jason & Kate Boswell

Tokyo Marathon run for Dementia Support - John Miles

I am currently in the last few weeks of training for the Tokyo Marathon which takes place on March 5th. It will be my fifth in the series of 6 'marathon majors' that I have challenged myself to complete. Last year I ran two marathons for Dementia Support a charity based at Sage House in Tangmere. I have agreed with this charity to continue fundraising for them but this time I am mainly relying on their publicity in the local paper and radio. However, several people have offered to sponsor me for my Tokyo effort and so below are the links to my JustGiving page. As it will be my first visit to Japan it is my intention to post updates to my JustGiving page to record my experiences of getting to Tokyo, running the Marathon, and a 3-day tour to Kyoto afterwards. You can follow my reports by visiting my JustGiving page irrespective of whether you wish to add a donation.

The link to my page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-miles30>

Annual Subscriptions for Funtington Parish Magazine – Due 31st March 2023

It is that time of year again when we ask you to renew your subscription to the Parish Mag. I do hope you are happy to continue to do so! As you will be aware print and paper prices have gone up considerably over the past year, but our wonderful printers (fingers crossed) have decided not to increase their costs. We are therefore able to keep the cost down to £10 annually (£18 for postal subscribers). If you pick one up from the Church or Village Shops they are £1 per copy so subscribing is very good value!

The Parish Mag is transitioning steadily from cash to online payments and we are doing quite well with that. In addition to it being easier for the Treasurer it is also much easier for the distributors who deliver your magazine to you each month. It is always difficult for them to know whether you want to continue having the magazine and whether you have paid or not without having to knock on your door, which is quite time consuming (especially for the 80+ yr olds)! I am therefore devising a form which they will put through your door which we would be grateful you would complete and either post or email your answers back to your distributor or me!

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Anna D'Alton

GETTING UP BY NUMBERS

By Bee Kenchington

First my specs that I might see
The tea my true love's made for me.
And next my aid to hear the news
And listen to the Nation's views.
Third, my stick that I might stay
Upright whilst I wend my way
To clean my teeth, the few I've left,
(Of molars I'm not quite bereft!)
Fourth, tread carefully in the shower
And thus improve the shining hour
By performing my ablutions
With soothing balms, creams and solutions.
Fifth to dress and brush my hair
Not forgetting that I wear
Elastic hose for ageing veins
And arch supports to ease foot pains.
Sixth, I'm ready for the fray
Now, who is it I see today?
Home Nurse, Doctor or Optician
Chiropodist or Geriatrician?
I'm told at Ninety, I look great
Could even pass for eighty-eight!
Not long now and I'm quite keen
To read my message from the Queen!

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Funtington and West Stoke W1

Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 15th at our new time of 7pm. This will be our annual meeting. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact Sue Nicholson on 01243 574722.

Fundraiser for West Ashling and Funtington Community Hall

'All the Right Notes'

Friday 14th April 2023, 7pm Tickets £10

For further details see page 25

Funtington Bridge Club

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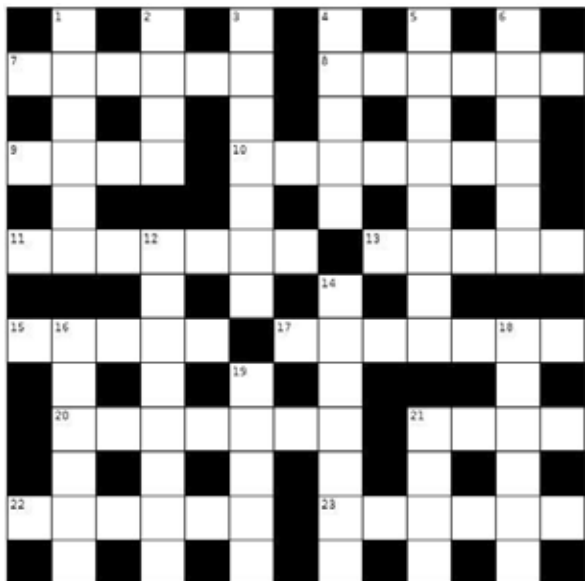
Solution to Crossword 20 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

ACROSS: 7 Ritual 8 Elixir 9 Vamp 10 Hectare 11 No-trump 13 Sloth 15 Pride 17 Cassock 20 Ghostly 21 Prom 22 Nevada 23 Orange.

DOWN:

1 Mikado 2 Cusp 3 Alchemy 4 Mercy 5 Miracles 6 Divert 12 Radio ham 14 Babylon 16 Regret 18 Chough 19 Steal 21 Piaf.

Crossword no. 20



ACROSS

- 7 Any strong drink (6)
- 8 Potion used to prolong life, or in alchemy (6)
- 9 Seductive woman who can improvise on piano? (4)
- 10 Metric unit of area (7)
- 11 A bid without CDHS (2-5)
- 13 Tree-hanging animal's sin (5)
- 15 Sin of assembled big cats (5)
- 17 Priest's vestment (7)
- 20 Spooky, eldritch (7)
- 21 Concert, dance or walkway (4)
- 22 American state (6)
- 23 Fruit colour (6)

DOWN

- 1 G&S work featuring Pooh-Bah (6)
- 2 Point where two curves meet (4)
- 3 Kenneth, creator of Mr Toad and friends (7)
- 4 Compassion (5)
- 5 Amazing, inexplicable events (8)
- 6 Move from the true path (6)
- 12 Unseen, non-professional broadcaster (5,3)
- 14 Site of a wondrous garden (7)
- 16 Feeling of repentance (6)
- 18 Large bird of crow family (6)
- 19 Break the eighth commandment (5)
- 21 Edith, who had no 16Ds (4)

St Mary Funtington Church Rota - March 2023

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesperson	Readers
Sunday 5 th March Lent 2	10 am Family service purple JM	Marian Sewell	Miriam Callas		-	Anne Maddock	Anne Maddock	Denise Foster Gen 12. 1-4a Mini Elliot Jn 3 1-17
Sunday 12 th March Lent 3	10 am Eucharist Purple Can S Hoy				Kay Knowles	Clergy	Denise Foster Sue Sims	Andrew Hughes Ex 17.1-7 Deborah Hughes Rom 5. 1-11
Sunday 19 th March Mothering Sunday	10 am Eucharist Purple A.B	Deborah Hughes	Anne Maddock		Carolyn Watt	Nigel Brown	Neil Watt Nigel Brown	Neil Watt Ex 2. 1-10 Carolyn Watt 2 Cor 1. 3-7
Sunday 26 th March Lent 5	10 am Eucharist Purple A.B				Liz Lancaster	Clergy	Anne Maddock Nick La Hive	Nick La Hive Ezek 37 .1-14 Liz Lancaster Rom 8. 6-11
Sunday 2 nd April PALM Sunday	10 am Eucharist Family service Red AB / JM	Easter Flowers TBC	Liz Lancaster		Kay Knowles	Jo Borbonne	David Callas Claire Hoare	Jo Borbonne Isa 50.4-9a Claire Hoare Matt 27. 11-54

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Parish Services March 2023

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<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Weds 1 st March	10.30 am	Eucharist and Healing	St Mary, Funtington Church room
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church room
Sunday 5 th March Lent 2	10.00am	Eucharist CW2	West Stoke, St Andrew
	10.00am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 8 th March	10.30am	Eucharist and Healing	St Marys, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church room
Sunday 12 th March Lent 3	9.0 am	Holy Communion BCP	Sennicotts
	10.00am	Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 15 th March	10.30am	Eucharist and Healing	St Marys, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church room
Sunday 19 th March Lent 4 Mother's Day	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10.00 am	Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 22 nd March	10.30am	Eucharist and Healing	St Marys, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church room
Sunday 26 th March Lent 5	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Sennicotts
	10.00am	Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 29 th March	10.30am	Eucharist and Healing coffee	St Marys, Funtington
	11 am		Church room
Sunday 2 nd April Palm Sunday	10.00 am	Eucharist CW2	West Stoke, St Andrew
	10.00 am	Family Service and Eucharist	St Marys, Funtington

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