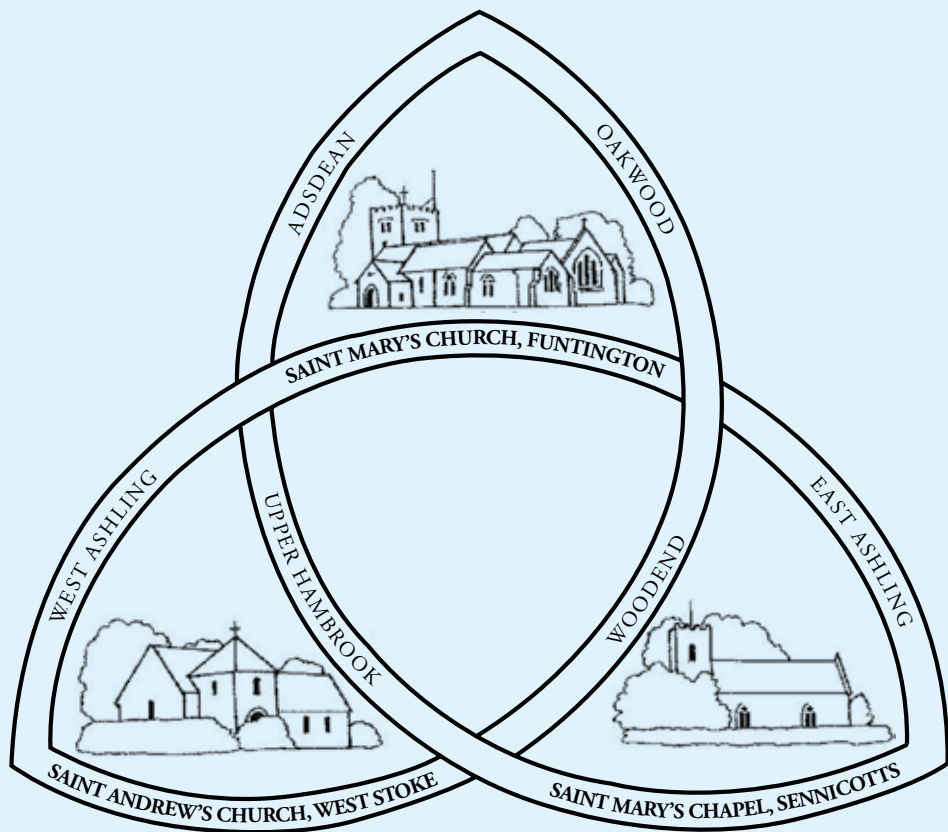


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## Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

Since the last magazine article, I can report that Ann, Edith, Bella, Maggie, and Irene are all doing very well and on Easter Morning, very aptly, all 5 girls began laying eggs! I was not expecting an Easter Egg hunt this year, so it was a welcome surprise to find some in the nest box that morning! Every Easter we hear these same Gospel words, and yet every year we hear the story fresh and anew, as if we have never heard it before.

Easter is always an incredibly special time of year for me. I often think of Easter as a new beginning because of the lighting of the Paschal Candle but also the birth of new things. Not just the laying of eggs on Easter morning from the Holy Hens at The Vicarage, but also new shoots coming up in fields slowly turning from brown to green; buds appearing on trees and bushes and the lighter mornings and glorious sunrises we get in spring.

Before collecting the eggs on Easter Morning, we had the service at St Mary's Funtington where the Paschal Candle was lit and brought into the church from the fire which was lit just outside the door! As we sat in church, just before the service, you cannot help but reflect on the glorious vision of the stained-glass window which sits above the altar and the vast array of colours which shine out the message portrayed within each part of it.

Pictures can bring stories alive, or help us to remember a situation, a development, a person. I was at a funeral the other day and there was a screen of images of the lady who had died – about 25 of them which showed her over the years from a small child to a more recent image of her in her early 90's. When someone passes, the pictures of them will help us in our grief, but also to remember them as they were.

The images of HRH, Philip Duke of Edinburgh have been shown on our screens since his death was announced. Images of him as a young boy through to the sad and haunting images of him, a few weeks earlier when he left hospital looking very frail. The images and of course filmed interviews and footage help us to understand him a bit more, the man he was and his service to the country and of course HM The Queen to whom we send our deepest condolences at this sad time.

Throughout the years artists have tried to capture the images of these biblical scenes a bit like the stain glass windows. Many biblical images are quite famous, such as The Last Supper, The ceiling in the Sistine Chapel etc. As I prepared to write a sermon on the Gospel account of Thomas and his doubt, I was reminded of such a piece of art which depicts the scene.

It is Caravaggio, the seventeenth-century Italian artist, who captures, in the piece *“The Incredulity of Saint Thomas”*, most vividly the moment when Thomas makes his declaration of faith in the risen Christ. Jesus has loosened his garment. In the dim light of the spluttering candle, Jesus grabs Thomas’ hand and pulls it towards him.



Thomas extends a distinctly grubby forefinger which Jesus guides into the loose flesh of the gaping wound in his side. Thomas’ brow is deeply furrowed with doubt and incomprehension. His eyes follow the direction of his extended forefinger. This is the moment of decision. Can he believe what he sees? He can, and he does: *“My Lord and my God!”* It is a life-changing moment for Thomas. It remains a

crucial moment for the many who would come after him in the course of time, *“who have not seen and yet have come to believe”*.

Because of his initial reluctance to believe that Jesus had risen, Thomas has given his name to all who find it difficult to believe, or experience moments of doubt. Yet Thomas was one of the original twelve whom Jesus sent out to proclaim the Gospel with truly little to sustain them. When there were threats on Jesus’ life, it was Thomas who encouraged the others: *“Let us also go, that we may die with him.”*

So, we need to look again at the circumstances surrounding his declaration of faith. As we are presented with Thomas’ disbelief, we have to ask, *“Why should he have believed?”*

We know extraordinarily little about the disciples. We cannot know what went on between them, or what bound them together. We do know conflicts existed, over which of them would be the most important. So, when the others told Thomas they had seen the risen Jesus, it could have been that they were having a joke, in the worst possible taste, at his expense. Nor could he know they had already seen Jesus’ wounds for themselves. But the appearance of the risen Jesus confirmed that the disciples had not been joking. They had been genuine, and now Jesus was actually there amongst them again. Having greeted them all, *“Peace be with you”*, it was to Thomas that he turned. *“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.”* John 20:28

This is the scene Caravaggio captured in his painting. The setting is commonplace, simply the house where the disciples met and locked the doors for fear of their enemies. The artist gives us no shining lights or angels waiting at the edges of his canvas. Yet it is a profoundly religious moment, lit by Thomas’ declaration of faith.

He is confronted by Jesus in person, a different person, yet essentially the same, who addresses him directly: *“Do not doubt but believe.”* Thomas has to make up his mind, reach his decision. The evidence of the resurrection is there before his eyes. There is only one conclusion he can come to: *“My Lord and my God!”* Thomas is declaring his faith in the risen Christ, acknowledging Christ’s claim upon his life from now on, and committing the whole of his life to proclaiming the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus. Ancient tradition has it that this took him as far afield as India. Nevertheless, Thomas’ negative reputation lives on. His name stands for doubt, rather than faith.

This means that we do Thomas a grave disservice. He has left an abiding and positive legacy to the Church, to all who would seek to follow the risen Christ. In many ways he stands for all of us, represents all of us. Many of us have followed his pattern. We have experienced the same struggle to believe, to come to terms with the Christian faith, to make a commitment to the risen Lord. There is ample evidence in the Bible of the many who have heard God’s call and felt that it could not be so. How could God be calling them?

As we go forward it, I would like to encourage you to think about coming forward and exploring what your own ministry might look like. Ministry in the church and community comes in many different shapes and sizes – ministry is not unique. If you feel you would like to explore your own vocation with me, then please do get in contact. Over the coming months I would like to introduce more people to read at services, lead intercessions, help at services at the altar, lead services and prayer groups. There will also be a new course starting in July each week called ‘Following Jesus’ which anyone can take part in – whether seeking a vocation or not – more details to follow in next month’s magazine!



Like Thomas, we have to be able to say, at some stage, and in our own way, *“My Lord and my God!”* and reaffirm our commitment to God.

*Father Andrew*

## **Covid Update**

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the month of April already and the weather has not been suggesting spring – more like a prolonged winter! But the good news is that there is signs of new beginnings and fresh starts in the parish (albeit slowly and in full compliance!)

As I have said in previous magazines, the last year has been very testing for the parish and has caused a lot of pain stress and anxiety. As people begin to be 'double jabbed' there is a sense that things are returning to normal and there is a sense of relief and hope. Our church service procedures will stay in place until at least the end of June and will comply with all guidelines which exist at stage 4 of the road map. We still have a long way to go, so please do support us as we go forward safely and together.

I am always available to come and meet with you at your home/garden or at church should you wish to speak with me. If you are going into hospital, or know of someone who is in hospital, care home or hospice please do let me know so that I can plan to visit myself and/or the local Chaplain to visit.

Please be assured of my continued prayers as we continue along the journey which has tested all of us!

*Father. Andrew*

## **Notes from the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

Despite the Covid restrictions a good turnout for the Vestry Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> April saw the Election of Nick La Hive, Claire Hoare, Richard Elwes and Caroline Noble as Churchwardens for the coming year. Thanks were expressed to them for all their diligence and commitment in the past year which had been noted, not only by parishioners, but also the Archdeacon and Bishop. Congratulations to them on their appointments.

At the APCM following we were presented with the updated Electoral Roll, Annual Reports and Financial Accounts – all were accepted with thanks being expressed to all involved in their preparation. The Election for PCC members resulted in Brian Craven and Deborah Hughes being elected for a further 3 years – there is one vacancy.

The PCC is aware of the concerns regarding the gate into the churchyard from the field; this is being addressed.

*Carolyn Watt, Secretary*

## Keep Faith with God

Looking out of my bedroom window I am struck by the beauty of creation. As day breaks I see white swans gliding on West Ashling pond, squirrels racing up trees, hear the ducks quacking and see pigeons preening themselves. It gives my spirit a lift. Someone must have created it all we call Him, God.

During the day people come to survey the scene to feed ducks, breathe in the fresh air. To ponder for a while and to pass the time of day with others. I have noticed that people have been much more ready to talk to each other during lockdown. After all, no man is an island, we are connected to each other. "What is life, if full of care, we have no time to stop and stare" - or have a chat.

In times of isolation we need to keep faith with God. To be open minded towards Him and our fellow human beings. There is someone out there, who cares deeply about you and me. He feels our pain, longs to help us and draws near to us, if we will be but mindful of Him. Closer is He than breathing and nearer than hands and feet.

This month there are three important happenings in the church year, which we will do well to ponder. Firstly, Ascension Day on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The time when Christ was taken from the disciples sight and they no longer saw him physically. Yet they never lost the sense that His presence was with them.

On Whitsunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we rejoice that He came back to them, but in a different way. They received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which transformed their lives. Now they spread the Good News that Jesus Lived. On Trinity Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, we worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Three in one and one in three. And believers are the witnesses through whom He works today. What a privilege it is to carry everything to God in prayer.

This prayer is based on one written by a former Bishop of Leicester, Ronald Williams:

'Keep us in the faith, Lord, through the changing years, keep our courage strong Lord, vanquishing our fears. Lead us in the way, Lord, through life's puzzling maze. Let us grow in grace Lord in perplexing days. Meet us in our prayers, Lord, speaking face to face, Bring to our support, Lord, all sufficient grace.

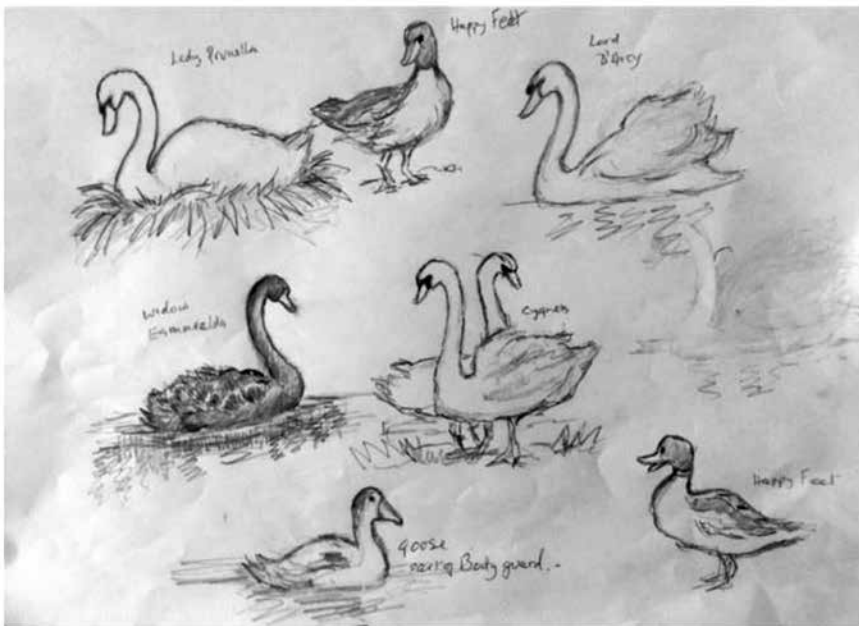
*Jane Gummer*

## Trouble at t'Mill or West Ashling Pond Life

Over the past 5 months the village pond has become a focal point for many people in West Ashling. One of them, a well know Funtington Player, has written a short sketch about the goings on of the pond residents.

### List of characters:

Lord D'Arcy and Lady Prunella	- Pair of White Swans
Widow Esmeralda, Lady Prunella's Companion	- The Black Swan
Happy Feet, Lord Darcy's Butler	- Black & White Mallard
The Chorus:	
The Crazy Gang Security Guards	- 6 Noisy Geese
Extras	- Coots, Moorhens and Little Terns
The Bandits (Bonnie & Clyde)	- A Pair of Aggressive Black Swans
Babies	- 2 cygnets reluctant to leave home



It was a sunny but cool day. Lady Prunella was making her nest under the willow trees beside the water, carefully gathering small sticks and twigs and creating a large comfortable mound. She was helped with this task by her companion Esmerelda. When it was all completed to her satisfaction she settled down and is now awaiting the happy event.



Meanwhile, Lord Darcy is becoming very cross and frustrated with his teenage cygnets who refuse to leave home. He patrols the pond with wings raised aggressively and will not allow the cygnets enter the water. They just sit on the bank at the edge of the pond and sulk.

Kind ladies from the village visit every day to feed them (Lady Prunella says that they must not have bread as it is bad for them) so the ladies give them grain, supplemented by weed and algae found in the water.

The teenagers have found plenty of weed in the ditch at the entrance to Watery Lane. They look rather odd as they are far too big to sit on that narrow stretch of water, but they find it more relaxing away from their father's bad temper!

Hopefully they will fly away from his restrictions and start a new life elsewhere to raise their own families next year.

*A Pond Watcher!*

### **Editor's Note**

The first thing I must do is to offer a very big thankyou on behalf of us all to Will Burle, who has been in charge of the delivery of the Parish Mag to the individual distributors in the villages for more years than I can remember. He now has a new job in addition to helping with childcare and has found he just has less time available. Thank you Will.

In my first letter I asked you all to bear with us as we started out, there were bound to be mistakes etc. etc. Well, the first came to light very quickly in that we got the editor's email incorrect in not one but three places. I was wondering why I was receiving no emails. The happy recipient of them all is the Anglican Parish on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland Australia! I have emailed them and sent them a copy of the magazine with the suggestion that we 'twin' with them. Watch this space!

We have been very lucky to have received wonderful contributions from the people in the Parish. Please keep them coming. New for this month is a crossword compiled by Paul Pridmore who lives in Funtington, which I am hoping might be a regular event. If you would like to contribute an article or have any suggestions for additional topics we might cover, we are very keen to hear from you. *Anna D'Alton (07523 165099)*

#### **West Stoke Cream Tea**

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## **The Funtington Players**

To borrow the Windmill Theatre's famous boast, Funtington Players can also claim 'We Never Closed' during lockdown. We soon discovered the joys of Zoom and have been busy running virtual play readings, studio productions, social evenings, quiz and Call My Bluff sessions, a drama workshop and even Christmas and Burns Night Celebrations.

As from July we are venturing back into live performances, starting with a rehearsed reading of 'Lydia and George' by Greg Mosse and Lucy Flannery at West Ashling Village Hall on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July as part of the Festival of Chichester. We are planning more live events for the autumn including 'A Bunch of Amateurs' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. The play evolved from a film starring Burt Reynolds and Derek Jacobi. We aim to provide audiences with plenty of laughs and a heart-warming story – something we all need.

Keep an eye on our website for further details. [Funtingtonplayers.org.uk](http://Funtingtonplayers.org.uk)

## **Ashling Cricket Club**

The 2021 Ashling Cricket Club season will commence at Down Street on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May when we host Walberton CC in the first of four home games followed by Shirrell Heath CC (9<sup>th</sup>), Stansted Park CC (16<sup>th</sup>) and Yellow Stump CC (23<sup>rd</sup>). On the 30<sup>th</sup> we travel to Bedales School at Petersfield to play a new fixture against the Gentlemen of Bedales CC. All games begin at 14.00 hrs.

Thanks to Fixture Secretary Steve Harvey the Club has a full Sunday afternoon fixture list and with the addition of four 20/20 evening games sees a total of 24 matches for the coming year. Subject to Covid restrictions the Club will be holding nets at the ground prior to the season starting.

The Club continue to seek players so if you're thinking of "getting the whites out again" and want to play village cricket in a picturesque location at a Club where enjoyment of the game comes before the result then please contact Club Secretary Steve Harvey at [stephen.harvey@virgin.net](mailto:stephen.harvey@virgin.net) or phone 07540 699664.

All ages and abilities will be made welcome. Follow the Club on Twitter and Facebook and see our fixtures and results are on the Club's website at <http://www.spanglefish.com/ashlingcricketclub/> and <https://ashling.play-cricket.com/Aboutus>

## Funtington Flora

Can you find Greater Stitchwort? This flower in the carnation family has white flowers about an inch across, with five white petals, each split halfway down. It grows 15-20 cm tall, with grass-like leaves. Find it in roadside verges - on the west end of Southbrook Lane, Watery Lane and on Lye Lane, East Ashling.



Take a look at stone walls for Ivy-Leaved Toadflax. This little plant grows in cracks in walls and paving and has small purple and yellow snapdragon-type flowers. Its leaves are ivy-shaped.

Look at the base of walls and hedges for Ground Ivy. This plant about 5-10 cm tall has blue-purple flowers like thyme or dead-nettle, arranged in rings around its stem. It grows in verges all over the parish.



Many of the cabbage family plants are large weeds with yellow flowers like rape or charlock, or are small white weeds like shepherd's-purse. One of the prettiest is Cuckooflower, also called lady's smock, which a cluster of pale pink four-petaled flowers on a long stalk, growing 20 cm tall in damp places. It can be found in Watery Lane, or in large clumps by the stream at West Dean.

*Helen Dignum*

## Looking back across the Parish - Lady Victoria

I was on my daily lockdown walk last month when I began to wonder why the bridal path which is called the “Broad Walk” was so wide and so straight. It runs through Ashling Woods from the West Stoke Road to Woodend and continues to Broadley Farm on Downs Road.

A local historian told me that Lady Victoria Wellesley used to drive along the “Broad Walk” in her carriage from West Stoke



House to Funtington. The normal route could be dangerous: indeed in 1882 a carriage with four horses overturned in the ditch at the corner by the Rectory and four passengers were taken to hospital. Lady Victoria felt that a safer option was to widen the path through the woods!

Then I began to think about the window at the west end of West Stoke Church. Under the stained glass window the inscription reads “In memory of the Right Honourable Lady Victoria Catherine Mary Pole Tylney Long Wellesley who for many years resided at West Stoke House. She was universally respected and loved for her kind and charitable disposition” I wanted to know more and I found a reference online to a memoir by her goddaughter, Octavia Barry.

She loved West Stoke. The Village School, now West Stoke Village Hall, was of great interest to her. Her goddaughter writes “She would go there every week to give Bible lessons to the children. Every year she gave the girls new red cloaks and black hats trimmed with red. She retained the love for old customs; so the boys were dressed in the old-fashioned smocked frocks and very nice and clean they looked”

“It was Lady Victoria’s delight to receive the school children at her house on Christmas afternoon. She would come into the hall to welcome them with her face beaming with smiles. The children would stand round her and sing Christmas carols, then with her own hands she would give each child a bun and a penny”.

Lady Victoria died at West Stoke House in 1897. “The death of Lady Victoria was the one topic of conversation among all classes. Rich and poor alike felt that a friend had



indeed been lost to them, one who by her geniality to all and by her openhearted kindness to the poor had won for herself a place in their affections”.

She had expressed a wish to be buried with her relatives and ancestors in Wiltshire. Before

her remains were removed from the parish however a service was held in West Stoke Church, conducted by the Reverend William Frederick Shaw, the Rector. Eight workmen on the estate bore the coffin from the “mansion” to the church which was quite filled by mourners of all degrees, the air being heavy with the perfume of many choice flowers.

After the service, the hearse headed a procession of sixteen carriages as far as Chichester railway station. Among those who rode in them being the Rev. William Frederick Shaw, his two sons the Rev. William Shaw and Mr Neville Shaw. The latter became the Rector of Fishbourne Church and baptised me there 40 years later. It does not seem so long ago!

*Geoffrey Boys*

**Note (April 2021)** There is a copy of the Memoir of Lady Victoria Tylney Long Wellesley by Octavia Barry in the red telephone box outside the Village School in West Stoke for anyone who would like to know more.

### **SOLD OUT!**

A very big thank you to all who bought the marmalade in aid of the Mother's' Union, and supported me in raising £112 which I sent off a month ago. It is now sold out until next January when the Seville oranges are back in season again, maybe I need to make more next year, but could definitely do without the accompanying lockdown! Thank you Everyone and enjoy your marmalade.

*.Anne Maddock*



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### WI Calendar - The plan until July

April 21 <sup>st</sup> 2pm	What's in a View, Bill Avenell (On Zoom)
May 19 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Resolution meeting, meeting in groups of 6 at group leaders houses
June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Chactonbury Ring – The Story of a Sussex Landmark (On zoom)
July 21 <sup>st</sup> 6pm	101 <sup>st</sup> Birthday in the Village Hall

Our walking group continues every Monday at 9.30 am meeting at the Village Hall. If you would like to join us please contact Sue Nicholson for more details (07814 989605)

### Good Neighbours

#### Funtington, the Ashlings, West Stoke and Sennicotts

Transport requests have increased slightly over the past month and more of the Volunteer drivers, who have now been vaccinated, feel confident about undertaking these assignments.

At a recent Committee meeting we discussed a number of different social events that we hope to do over the summer once all restrictions have been lifted and everyone is looking forward to getting back to baking! One date for the Good Neighbours diary is **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July** when we will be holding a Cream Tea at West Stoke village hall.

If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who might benefit from help in some way please telephone 0776 102 7416 and someone will call you back – or call Jo Laird on 01243 574878.



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## Bosham Chidham and District Horticultural Society

The Society is proudly celebrating its Centenary this year. The first show of the Bosham Horticultural Society (as it was then called) was held in July 1921. There were sideshows, the Chichester City Band, dancing in the evening, trips on the moat and penny rides. By the 30's the Annual show had clearly become an important fixture in the Bosham calendar. Regular meetings and shows took place throughout the war years apart from the one in 1940 because of the daylight air raids directed at ports and airfields in Southern England. Growing fruit and vegetables was then of great importance. Since many households did not have large enough gardens in 1940 free allotments were offered to Bosham residents from those with spare garden space.

In recent years the Plant Sale and Annual Show have continued to be well attended, although attendance at monthly meetings and membership have been



dwindling. Covid 19 has for the past year stopped all shows and meetings but the prospect for 2021 with the vaccination programme and easing of lockdowns to suppress the virus and end the pandemic, so we can get back to normal. Hopefully, the lockdowns have resulted in lots of hard work in members' gardens producing flowers, fruit and vegetables for the summer show!

We are still planning to go ahead with this year's Show on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August**. The Show Programme is on our website with all the various classes. Now is the time to choose which one you might want to enter and plant accordingly! We also hope to hold a garden party towards the end of June (details to be confirmed later) and hold our July meeting back in the Village Hall as per our Annual programme 2021.

*Rozie Bradley (Secretary)*

## Summer Visitors

Spring is the time to start looking for this season's avian visitors. The Chiffchaff is the first arrival to look out for, or perhaps rather to listen for. They arrive towards the end of March. Some hardy individuals do now over winter here, a symptom of our warmer



climate, but it is late March that they announce their arrival in song. Its name is supposed to be onomatopoeic of its call, but more accurately is a 'zip zap, zip zap'. This little green brown bird, a little smaller than a blue tit, is best seen now as he can be located by his song and the tree foliage is not too thick for him to hide in. Most will be arriving back from the Mediterranean.

On our coastline at the beginning of April, all the way from central Africa, sees the first Wheatears arrive dressed in their splendid summer plumage. Here they temporarily rest after their long journey before heading north and east to spend the summer. Some may even be heading on to Greenland to breed. Generally it is less busy around the coast as most of the geese and a lot of the winter waders have gone north to breed, but at this time the 'Sea Swallows' or Terns return to our shoreline skies. Their acrobatic aerial antics and plunging fishing technique are well worth looking out for.



Many small warblers arrive during April adding depth to the dawn chorus. Towards the end of the month the Cuckoo will announce his return with his familiar call (it is only the male that makes the cuckoo call, the female makes a very different bubbling call). Also if one's lucky, as numbers have declined considerably over the years, one can hear and see the Nightingale, Turtle Dove or Nightjar as they come back from Africa to breed. Up in our skies from April onwards the flying acrobatics of the Swallows and House Martins can be enjoyed as they arrive back and they will be joined by the Swift at the beginning of May. These migrants are here for but a season so now is the time to look out for and enjoy them.

*Kevin Tarrant*

## Funtington and West Stoke Scout Group

We are the local group open to all boys and girls who wish to join us so long as they are aged between 6 and 14 years old. The Scout Association is allowing us to restart our programme of activities after the Easter holidays, during the week commencing of 19<sup>th</sup> April. All the Sections meet during term time at the village hall in West Ashling.

The Beaver Colony, the youngest section in Scouting, is for boys and girls from 6 to 8 years of age. We meet weekly on Monday from 5:30 to 6.30pm. We offer a range of activities, either at the village hall or at various locations in the local area. This includes walks, exploring local woods, crafts, team working, backwoods cooking and other traditional scout activities as well as playing games and having FUN! Beavers work towards a range of badges through these weekly activities. We normally have at least one overnight camp a year and will be aiming to do this once current restrictions ease.

Bagheera, aka Lucy, is currently running the Cub Pack with the help of some wonderful parents and our new Assistant Leader, Samantha. Both boys and girls, aged 8 to 10 years old, are welcome to join. During lockdown Cubs have been set fun virtual challenges and enjoyed group activities via Zoom Meetings, such as Cub Scout Badge Bingo, Virtual Pet Show, Fun Lockdown Quiz, Magic Show, Novium Art Project run by Splodge Design, along with LOTS and LOTS of games! After Easter, the Cubs will get a chance to try lots of different activities, including hiking, exploring, collecting, nights away, etc. If they do them properly, which of course they do, they will get a badge for their efforts! The Pack meets on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7pm.

The Scout Troop has around a dozen members aged between 10 and 14.5 years. We meet on a Monday night at 7pm, sometimes in the Village Hall but often at different sites in the surrounding countryside. We have an exciting new venue in the woods which we have recently been given permission to use. An ideal location to carry out our outdoor activities, including campfire building and cooking, hiking, whittling, pioneering and constructing shelters.

George Broad achieved his Chief Scout Gold Award. A very special award that very few achieve. We will write more about this in next month's magazine.

If you have a child interested in becoming a Beaver, Cub or Scout don't hesitate to get in touch - we currently have vacancies. If, as an adult, you have skills that you think would be useful to us and you would like to share these or can spare some time to help or are interested in becoming an adult leader, we would love to hear from you! *Richard Bettles, Group Scout Leader, [fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk](mailto:fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk)*





## Focus on Funtington

Following the installation of 35 stout oak posts opposite the Fox & Hounds in Funtington, we have been busy reinstating the grass verge. The Parish Council commissioned the bollards in order to smarten up the main thoroughfare through our village, to prevent parking on the grass verge and footpath, and to improve pedestrian safety.



Kate Du Port and Jane Blaydes

The topsoil delivered by the contractor has been raked, many flints removed and the area re-seeded. Grateful thanks to Jane Blaydes who has put in many of hours of hard labour, to Tim Dempster for help with the seeding and to the Funtington resident who very kindly gave us a 5kg sack of grass seed. We are now hoping the rooks don't eat it all!

We recently organised a litter pick along the B2146 between Funtington and East Ashling in order to clear the verges before the grass starts to regrow. Most of the litter was plastic, having been blown from who knows where, but of course we found plenty of the main culprits - MacDonal and KFC wrappers and many Red Bull cans. In the end we collected six bags of rubbish and an assortment of other larger things, including a fluorescent strip light, a sand bag, a car roof bar and a spare trailer wheel. The rubbish was collected by the Chichester District Council, that same day.

## Meanwhile in East Ashling.....

Taking advantage of the dry, sunny weather, around 23 volunteers turned out in East Ashling recently to collect roadside litter for the first time in 2021. There was plenty to collect: apart from all the usual drinks cans, bottles and food wrappers, the volunteers found hubcaps, a broken traffic bollard and even a roast chicken still in its original packaging.



Everyone agreed that the village looked much better after the clean-up and looked forward to being able to get together more often, and more socially, in the near future.

## Recipe of the Month

### *Salmon, Asparagus & New Potato Bake (serves two)*

Any day now both Grange Farm and Southbourne Farm Shops will be stocking local asparagus. Picked daily at Rogate. Here is a very simple and delicious way to use it.

500g new potatoes  
2 tbsp olive oil  
400g asparagus  
2 cloves garlic finely chopped  
75ml dry white wine  
240g pack fresh smoked salmon fillets  
1 tbsp drained capers roughly chopped

Preheat oven to 200c (180c fan). Cut larger potatoes in 2, tip into roasting pan and drizzle with oil season well and cook for 20 mins.

Meanwhile cut asparagus into 5cm lengths discarding the bottom 3cm as this will be too woody. Take potatoes out after 20 mins, add asparagus, white wine and garlic. Toss to combine and shake the pan to level it out and then nestle salmon fillets on top and season with salt and pepper. Bake for 15-20 minutes, scatter with capers and serve. CB

## Recipes

Please send in your recipes to be included on this page. We hope to be able to collect enough to produce a Parish Recipe Book to sell for charity. Send to: [editorfuntingtonmag@gmail.com](mailto:editorfuntingtonmag@gmail.com)

## A Good Read

Book clubs provide a good source of reading inspiration and they have especially thrived in this year of lockdowns via Zoom. A recent book enjoyed by two different local groups is called Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier, who is perhaps better known for writing A Girl with A Pearl Earring.

Remarkable Creatures tells the true story of Mary Anning, set in early 19<sup>th</sup> century England. She was a fossil collector in Lyme Regis on the Jurassic Coast. It evokes the atmosphere of the time, touching on the restrictions of class, gender and education. Mary had a gift for recognizing fossils believed to have been as a result of being struck by lightning as a child. At the beginning of the novel, she says:

‘I feel an echo of the lightning each time I find a fossil, a little jolt that says, “Yes, Mary Anning, you are different from all the rocks on the beach” That is why I am a hunter: to feel that bolt of lightning, and that difference every day.’

She became a very successful hunter and collector and sold off the more common specimens to support her family. Her findings challenged the accepted religious theories regarding the creation of the world. She became friends with a local genteel spinster, Elizabeth Philpott, who shared her passion for identifying and collecting fossils. Elizabeth also taught her how to read which unlocked her future. The evolving relationship between the two women is sensitively evoked throughout the book. As her fame and knowledge grew, she attracted the attention of prominent paleontologists of the day. Mary discovered several unknown dinosaurs and some were named after her. This was some years before Charles Darwin’s ground – breaking writing on The Origin of the Species.

The book is an easy read with many amusing and intriguing additional themes. Both Mary Anning’s and Elizabeth Philpott’s collections are on display in Oxford and London today.

A film of this story has been released recently but is called Ammonite. This is a pity because the original title Remarkable Creatures is more subtle as it can be read in more than one way.

*Mary Money*

### **Big Bloomers!**

Grammatical errors that have actually appeared in church bulletins

‘Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands’.

‘Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get’.

‘A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow’.

*Submitted by a Parish Mag Reader*

## 80 years ago this month - The Loss of HMS Hood

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 we should remember and honour the 1,500 brave men who were so tragically lost on board HMS Hood, one of whom was Lieutenant John Iago RNVR. John was the beloved only brother of Bee Kenchington who lives in Funtington. There were only three survivors.



The Ship's Company in Malta 1939

On the evening of 21 May 1941 HMS Hood and HMS Prince of Wales were ordered to leave Scapa Flow and head for Iceland to intercept the German battleships Bismarck and Prinz Eugen who were attempting to break out into the North Atlantic. At 0600 hrs on 24 May, in the Straits of Denmark, visual contact was made and HMS Hood opened

fire. The Bismarck and Prinz Eugen returned fire concentrating on HMS Hood. In attempting to turn sideways to absorb the salvos she was hit first by a shell fired from the Prinz Eugen which ignited the ammunition stored on her deck. She was then hit by a 15 inch shell from the Bismarck which struck her magazine causing a massive explosion. The Hood sank almost instantly.

At the age of 80, Bee had her first book published by Arcturus, entitled 'And home there is no returning', an edited collection of 67 wonderful letters home from her brother John. These letters are linked by Bee's narrative text explaining the background, both of the war in general and snippets about life at home for her, a schoolgirl. This book is sadly now out of print, but Bee recommends the book written by one of the only three survivors, Ted Briggs, 'Flagship Hood – The Fate of Britain's Mightiest Warship' published by R.Hale 1988) which gives an excellent history of HMS Hood from her commissioning in 1920 to her loss in 1941. It is still available to buy and is well worth reading.

Permission was given in 2012 to raise one of The Hood's bells. In 2015 a ceremony was held at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth to mark its unveiling performed by HRH Princess Anne. One of Bee's poems which she wrote in remembrance of HMS Hood opened this service. Bee has given permission to share this with you.



HMS Hood at Sea

## The Men of Hood and Bismarck Remembered

Untroubled by the tumult of the sea,  
So peacefully you rest beneath the deep,  
For years unseen and yet remembered still  
Locked in our hearts where none can do you ill  
Or spoil the memory of lives so bravely spent;  
Young lives, too soon by savage war curtailed,  
Bright youth, extinguished in the battle's roar;  
So long apart and yet we still recall  
Unsparing courage, model to us all.  
And we who follow on must never fail  
To keep in mind the anguish and the pain  
Of loved ones, left to mourn upon the shore.  
Peace must be our aim for evermore  
Lest your great sacrifice be made in vain

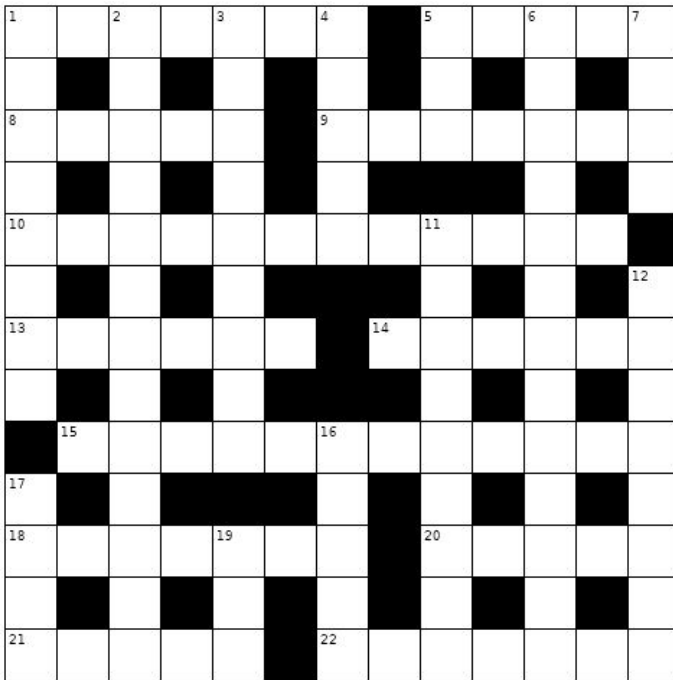
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### ***Postcript***

After gaining a degree in Social Science from The London School of Economics Bee went on to a lifetime's career in public service. First as a Hospital Medical Social Worker at the Central West Middlesex and later, after bringing up her children, as Diocesan Social Worker in the Winchester Diocese and adviser to Community Care Groups throughout Hampshire. On retirement Bee trained as a Lay Minister of Communion and was Head Server and Sacristan at St. Mary's Funtington for many years. She founded the Widow's Group in the Parish and was also one of the great encouragers in the formation of our Good Neighbours. Thank you Bee.

*AD*

## Crossword no. 1



### ACROSS

- 1 Cousins of the llama (7)
- 5 Sat for a picture (5)
- 8 Liquor barrels (5)
- 9 List rapidly and fluently (4,3)
- 10 Pedagogue (12)
- 13 Fuel drilling platform (3-3)
- 14 Something bright in a shower (6)
- 15 Golf course near West Stoke church? (5,7)
- 18 State of Jones, the film adventurer (7)
- 20 Ham, perhaps (5)
- 21 Notoriously impenetrable language (5)
- 22 Liberated (3,4)

### DOWN

- 1 Forefather (8)
- 2 Something 'wicked' burned in church at Easter (7,6)
- 3 Guardian (9)
- 4 Play (guitar) casually (5)
- 5 '--- Jesu' (it's easy) (3)
- 6 It may save you from the flames (5,8)
- 7 Challenge authority (4)
- 11 Unswerving (9)
- 12 Jam or pickle (8)
- 16 Apple-associated president? (5)
- 17 Which part of house flies? (4)
- 19 Noah's floating zoo (3)

Our compiler, Paul Pridmore, is an active member of the Funtington Players and Betaplus Computer Club. Solutions can be found on page 34



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<p><b>Football</b>          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><b>Mini Rugby</b>          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  <a href="http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/chichester">www.pitchero.com/clubs/chichester</a></p>
<p><b>Tennis</b>          Chichester Tennis Academy at the Chichester Racquets and Tennis Club offers coaching from tots to teens. Coaching will resume at the end of March  <a href="mailto:justin@chichestertennisacademy.co.uk">justin@chichestertennisacademy.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.chichestertennisacademy.co.uk">www.chichestertennisacademy.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Athletics</b>          Chichester Runners Year 5 and upwards train at the University of Chichester. Training will resume at the end of March. Anyone interested in running or athletics contact the club:  <a href="http://www.chichester-runners.org.uk/juniors">www.chichester-runners.org.uk/juniors</a></p>
<p><b>Sailing for Juniors</b></p>	
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<p>Emsworth Sailing Club          01243 372850  <a href="http://www.emsworth.org.uk">www.emsworth.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Cricket</b>          All Star Cricket Chichester Priory Park. 8 week course for 5 – 8 year old girls and boys  <a href="http://www.allstarcricket.co.uk">www.allstarcricket.co.uk</a></p>

## Social Activities

### Funtington and West Stoke WI

Resuming as soon as rules allow

*President, Sue Nicholson 01243 574722*

### West Ashling Vocal Ensemble (WAVE)

An informal singing group meeting in the West Ashling Village Hall. £5 per session.

Resuming in September

Contact: 01243 574381 johngleadall@me.com

### Parents and Toddler Group

Will resume in September 2021. Please phone *Julie Morrow* 01243 575356 for more information

### Funtington Bridge Club

Will resume in September 2021

*Beth Buss 01243 572311 or Roger Freeguard 01243 576650*

### Merry Widows' lunches

Weather and rules permitting it is hoped to hold one lunch during the summer. Watch this space!

Contact Anne (574900)

### Ashling Cricket Club

All ages and abilities will be made very welcome.

Steve Harvey at [stephen.harvey@virgin.net](mailto:stephen.harvey@virgin.net) or phone 07540 699664.

Follow the Club on Twitter and Facebook and see our fixtures and results are on the Club's website at <http://www.spanglefish.com/ashlingcricketclub/> and <https://ashling.play-cricket.com/Aboutus>

### Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

Celebrating their Centenary

Contact: Mrs R Bradley (576057)

All gardeners from surrounding villages made very welcome

#### Solutions Crossword 1

**ACROSS.** 1 Alpacas. 5 Posed. 8 Casks. 9 Reel off. 10 Schoolmaster. 13 Oil-rig. 14 Meteor. 15 Saint Andrews. 18 Indiana. 20 Actor. 21 Greek. 22 Set free.

**DOWN.** 1 Ancestor. 2 Paschal candle. 3 Custodian. 4 Strum. 5 Pie. 6 Smoke detector. 7 Defy. 11 Steadfast. 12 Preserve. 16 Adams. 17 Wing. 19 Ark.

## Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

### St. Mary, Funtington – May 2021 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercess	Sidesmen	Readings
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Easter 5	10:00 Morning Service			-	-	<b>Borbone family</b>	Ann Tupper Brian Craven	Brian Craven Acts 8.26-40 Fiona Lunch John 15.1-8
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 6	10:00 Said Eucharist			Sybil Grindrod & Denise Foster	Nigel Brown	<b>Nigel Brown</b>	Jimmy Faure Liz Lancaster	Jimmy Faure Acts 10.44-48 Liz Lancaster 1 John 5.1-6
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day	10:00 Said Eucharist			In Sanctuary	Liz Lancaster	<b>Clergy</b>	Nigel Brown Anna Mallam	Nigel Brown Acts 1.1-11 Anna Mallam Ephesians 1.15-23
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 7	10:00 Said Eucharist	tba	tba	Jimmy & Shirley Faure	-	<b>Jane Gummer</b>	Denise Foster Anne Maddock	Denise Foster 1 Samuel 3.1-10 Anne Maddock Revelation 5.1-10
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Pentecost	10:00 Said Eucharist			Rob & Katy Symoons	Kay Knowles	<b>Anne Maddock</b>	Nick La Hive Claire Hoare	Nick La Hive Genesis 14.17-20 Claire Hoare Revelation 19.6-10
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday	10:00 Said Eucharist			Sybil Grindrod & Liz Lancaster	Carolyn Watt	<b>Liz Lancaster</b>	Kay Knowles Andrew Hughes	Clare Hosking Deut 18.15-20 Andrew Hughes Revelation 12.1-5
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun Trinity 1	10:00 Morning Service			-	-	<b>Borbone family</b>	Nigel Brown Jimmy Faure	Nigel Brown Proverbs 8.22-31 Jimmy Faure John 1.1-14

If unable to carry out a duty please arrange your own relief & amend notice at back of Church  
N.B. Duties in light type will only be necessary once CoVID-19 restrictions are lifted

## Parish Calendar May 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Ascension Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 23 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Pentecost Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Said Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington

All Services are subject to COVID-19 restrictions in force at the time.

The Churches at West Stoke and Sennicotts are closed until CoVID-19 restrictions are fully lifted.

Once restrictions are suitably lifted all services of Eucharist will become sung.

Any changes will be announced/published on the website and notice boards as soon as they are known.

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