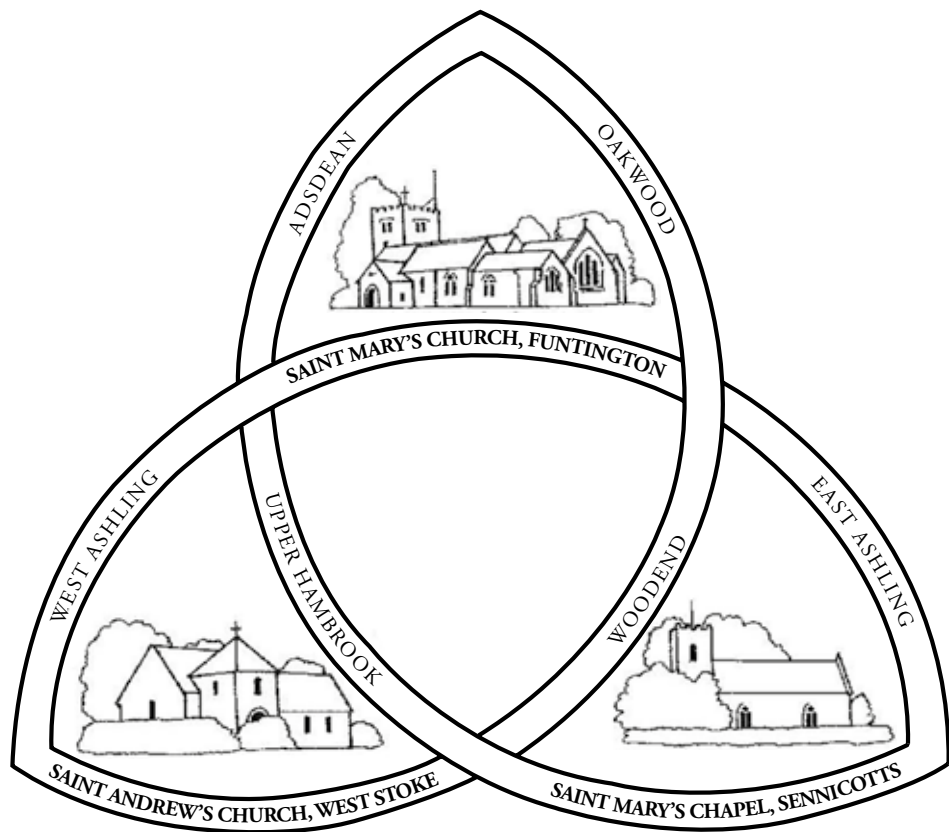


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

Longing for Peace

Peace is one of those things that everyone wants, but no-one really knows how to get and if they do manage to get it, they do not know how to keep it.

Peace is not merely the absence of activity.

Many people have a concept of peace which is simply the absence of conflict. We often use the phrase *'peace and quiet'* as our need to slow down. Peace is more than living without anger. In Scripture peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of love, generosity, and grace as the transforming principle of our relationships.

Peace is a frame of mind that we have when we are right with God. Peace is regarded as one of the supreme virtues and yet I often think it is missing in our lives.

We think we have to get rid of all the problems in our lives. And if we do, then and only then, we will have peace. If we can get rid of the stress; if we can just get a job; if we pass our exams and get on top of things. We have to understand that if this is what is needed to achieve peace – we will never get it.

A few things I have learned over my very few years on this earth (!). Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce. In Life you need to forgive your enemies. I do not mean that we forget, we should always remember, these experiences make us who we are. In Life, every path has some puddles. And in Life words that sink into your soul are whispered not yelled.

What I want us to see today, is that peace comes not by getting rid of our problems, but by focusing on what God wants us to think about. If we have a personal relationship with God then we have access to all of His power and all of His peace.

The question then becomes, how we tap into that power so that we can experience that peace. We tap into the power of God through His Word *'For the word of God is full of living power'*.

The Word of God is our greatest source of power and our greatest source of strength. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Prayer is the combination that unlocks the door to the riches of the Kingdom of God. Our lack of knowledge about prayer and our failure to pray are the things that block us from having a full and fruitful relationship with God.

When we bind together with our fellow Christians, it makes us stronger. And when we are stronger, we can stand up to the world when its problems hit us in the face.

As we come together in this Remembrance period of the year, we recognise that history demonstrates that we should be forever seeking the love and friendship of peace rather than the anger violence and destruction of war and conflict. Let us defend that peace, giving thanks to our armed forces who maintain the peace throughout the world. Let us also remember those who rest in peace – those who have served their country, those who have played their part, many of whom paying the ultimate sacrifice of losing their lives in search of peace.

Fr. Andrew

November 11th

Who are the valiant whom we honour now?
Just faceless men to those who follow on?
Name of the dead, inscribed on faded page
Recorded heroes from a bygone age?
No, these are the ones who live among the brave
Who offered all they had, that they might save
The way of life that they themselves held dear.
Victims of war who, sadly, paid the price
For us they made their greatest sacrifice.
Sons, brothers, husbands leaving us bereft:
But consolation's there for us still left,
Their life's ambition never to be won
These men, so precious each and every one
Are loved and treasured, most of all, by God.

Bee Kenchington

Living in the Present Moment – November 2021

Jane finds comfort in familiar Hymns and Prayers

This is the month when we celebrate Remembrance Day. We look back to the past, when brave men and women took up arms to defeat the evil days of Adolf Hitler. I remember, as a young child, diving into the Anderson Shelter in our dining room in East Ashling, while the doodle bugs passed overhead, on their way to bomb the streets of London. I huddled down with my mother and sisters, until the all-clear siren came and we emerged safely.

It taught me a lesson. Wherever we are or doing, we have to learn to live in the present moment. The past has gone, the future is to come and how we live today is what matters. At the moment we live in uncertain times. The coronavirus hovers in the background, seeking whom it may devour. Yet one thing remains constant. The Love of God. He cannot prevent bad things happening, but He is always there for us. His love never lets us go.

I remember a song my grandfather used to sing. *'Keep right on to the end of the road, keep right on to the end'*. We have to play our part to persevere. Some days are better than others. Trusting God and making the best of things, helps us to discover that underneath are the Everlasting Arms. A hymn puts it well. *'Are there trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere, we should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer'*.

So let us take heart from Mother Julian of Norwich. Born in 1342 she suffered serious illness. During this time she received a series of sixteen visions of our Lord. For many years she meditated on the meaning of her experience and wrote a book *'Revelations of Divine Love'*. Her most famous words, which came from intense personal suffering were *'All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'*. These words comfort me, as they have done for many others over the years. So let us go on our way rejoicing, and in her words, *'Live gladly and gaily because of His Love'*.

O dearly, dearly has He loved and we must love Him too, and trust in His redeeming Love and try His works to do.

All being well, I hope to re-establish the prayer group in my home this month.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Gummer

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

November 2021				
<i>Date:</i>	<i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i>	<i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i>		
Fri 5 th November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	-	-
Sun 7 th November 3 before Advent	10.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Jonah 3.1-5&10 Mark 1.14-20	-	-
Wed 11 th November	10:30a.m.	Armistice Day Service	-	-
Sun 14 th November Remembrance Sunday	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Daniel 12.1-3 Mark 13.1-8
Fri 19 th November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	-	-
Sun 21 st November Christ the King	10:00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Daniel 7.9-10 & 13-14 John 18.33-37	-	-
Sun 28 th November Advent 1	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Jeremiah 33.14-16 Luke 21.25-36
Tues 30 th November	7:00 p.m.	Eucharist & Organ Dedication	-	-
Fri 3 rd December	-	-	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sun 5 th December Advent 2	10.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Baruch 5.1-9 Luke 3.1-6	5.00 p.m.	Nativity Service

From the Editor

This month has been a bit tricky for one reason and another and the copy date was missed. It also coincided with half term, so one or two of our regular contributors have escaped! Apologies if you are receiving this a little late.

We have included two seasonal recipes this month and have produced a more 'pictorial' format, which I hope you will enjoy ... *'pictures speak a thousand words'*.

The Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 4th December, so please put the date in your diaries. If anyone is interested in taking a tabletop stall (£20) or knows anyone who might be, please contact Pippa Kerr phillipakerr123@gmail.com

Next month we are thinking of combining the December and January issues. Do please send in your photos, recipes and articles to help us make it a bumper issue!

Anna D'Alton

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Sunday 5th December 3pm - 6pm

West Ashling Village Hall £50 to include all materials

Contact Milly Boxley - millypocock@gmail.com to book

Success ! Ultrafast (Full Fibre) Broadband for Funtington and Adsdean by 2022

Towards the end of last year and through the early part of this year a broadband consultation exercise was carried out across Funtington and Adsdean ('The Villages'). The result was that over half the premises and businesses were definitely interested in having Full-fibre broadband. Consequently an application was made to OpenReach in March to supply the service via the Government's Rural Broadband scheme. To do this OpenReach have to obtain funding from the DCMS (Department of Culture Media and Sport) which comes in the form of £4,000 electronic vouchers. One per premise or business that can be pledged to OpenReach to pay for the installation of the fibre network.

Since March we've waited patiently and have recently been rewarded with the brilliant news that the DCMS have agreed to provide the voucher funding. Having received this news, we needed to get at least one third of all the premises in 'the villages' to sign up to the scheme so that within a year the fibre will be laid and 'the villages' will move into full 21st Century communications. I am pleased to report that this target was hit within 5 days. I am even more pleased to report that Openreach have received the go ahead from the DCMS and that full fibre will be laid within the next year.

John Peart

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Ashling Cricket Club

As we entered the last month of the season our penultimate home fixture saw us host Clanfield CC, hoping to avenge the 5-wicket defeat inflicted by them on us in June. After losing the toss and being put in on a green wicket, Clanfield CC scored 146/6 off their 35 overs thanks to knocks by Chris Wheeler (59) and Matt Bradley (42no) with Mo Valida (2/6) and Steve Harvey (2/12) the pick of the home bowlers. A steady reply by the Ashling batsmen saw them requiring just 4 an over with 6 overs left but a batting collapse saw them finish agonisingly 18 runs short in a competitive and sporting game. Ben Harrild (46) and Vaz Kumbhar (31) with the bat for the hosts and Matt Bradley (3/4) and Roy Goulding (2/19) for the visitors were the main contributors.

12-year-old Lachlan Franks stood out in the final home game of the season when Portsmouth Community CC visited Down Street, who, winning the toss and electing to bat were restricted to 101 thanks to fine bowling by Mohit Vaidya (3/12), Vinod Kumbhar (2/13) and Franks (2/24). The chase saw captain Kumbhar (27) lead the way and young Franks hitting the winning runs as Ashling CC reached their target with 2 wickets in hand.

In the season's finale we made the short trip to Lavant CC where Ashling CC were asked to bat first and were struggling on 76/7 against tight bowling by M Myers (2/29) and D Maclean (3/5) then partnerships of 29 and 35 for the last two wickets saw them reach a creditable 158, Vaz Kumbhar (60no) and Adam Shaul (25). In reply, Lavant CC were always up with the run rate and at 121/2, K Elsbury (54), T Coles (41) and with 8 overs left seem to be cruising to victory but Ashling's Stuart Horlock (3/32) and Vaz Kumbhar (2/23) restricted them to 157/6 at the close giving them victory by one run in a nail-biting finish.

The final season's playing record reads Played 19 Won 5 Tied 1 and lost 13.

The players enjoyed an end of season meal at The Taste of India in Emsworth which was well attended.

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

All ages and abilities will be made most welcome.

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 Parish in the Past



Last month I wrote about the rebuilding and restoration of Funtington Church in 1859. Here we have a first hand account of what the church was like before it was restored.

Fred Ewens, the harness maker, born in 1850, lived in Funtington nearly all his life. I remember seeing him sitting outside his house, Blenheim, which is now called Saddlers. The photograph above was published in the Sketch in 1943 and shows him still at work at the age of 93. I have transcribed some of his memories of the original Funtington Church.

“My earliest recollections of Funtington Church were during the incumbency of the Rev George Bliss, although I cannot really recall him to mind as I was only six years old when he died in 1856. I remember my father telling me a tale of him losing his written sermon on his way to the church so had to preach without it. He did it so well (and the finder of the sermon said almost exactly as he had written it) that from then he always preached ex-tempore”.

“The Rev Stair Douglas was the first vicar I can well remember. I joined the choir as quite a small boy and used then to sit up in the gallery above what is now the choir vestry. The old barrel organ ¹ was also in the gallery close to the window. My

father used to turn the handle. I cannot remember how long he held the office of "organist" but I know he had to give it up owing to his growing deafness. Mr Oakshott of Ashling played a cornet and there was also a violin. The choir boys were never paid as they are today but the Rev Stair Douglas used to invite them once a year to his house to supper. We all joined the choir, thinking it our duty to do so".

"The pews which were all over the body of the church, were all numbered and were high old-fashioned ones with doors ². One old lady in the parish was heard to say "What a shame to destroy those lovely comfortable seats and put in these ugly benches".

"The Clerk's seat was underneath the reading desk and his duty was to say the Amens, which he did with a very loud voice and sounded like "all men". On one occasion the vicar told him of his mistake but he never understood what he said wrong so continued in the same way. He used to ring the bells with ropes hanging loose from the belfry with coloured wools interwoven for hand parts and which my father supplied".

"No lights were required in those days as the services were held at 3pm. It was many years later that the evening services were started. The church was heated with several stoves but they did not throw out much heat and it was quite usual for servants to bring along hot water tins for foot warmers and place in the seats before service for nearly all servants attended Morning Service as well as their employers".

"Instead of people coming in cars as they do today those who had them used to come in their carriages and the horses were usually "put up" at the Fox and Hounds stables. John Baring Esq of Oakwood would always send his carriage with his servants and anyone who wanted a lift from Oakwood or East Ashling but Mr Baring himself, if fine, walked dressed in his noted threadbare green coat, once, black".

"During the two years (1858-1860) that I left home and went to live with relations at Harting, the church was rebuilt"

¹A barrel organ is activated either by a person turning a crank, or by clockwork driven by weights or springs. The pieces of music are encoded onto wooden barrels (or cylinders).

²Old fashioned pews with doors can still be seen in Sennicotts Church.

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Baptism of Freya Alanna on 28th August at St. Mary's Funtington



The Wilkinson family's memorial bench to their parents is blessed by the Rev Andrew Birks on 24th October 2021



Kingley Vale Riding for the Disabled

40 years ago Anna Mallam thought that there were many children who enjoy riding their own ponies in our lovely part of the world, so perhaps we could help to start a Riding for the Disabled Group for children. There was already an adult group set up by Sonya Russell. Anna gathered her horsey friends together and approached Miss Edward's, the Head teacher of St Anthony's Special Needs School in Chichester. She of course was delighted so The Kingley Vale Riding for the Disabled was born!

Jeffrey Osborn at Ryfield Farm kindly let us use his Barn where we could ride under cover and in safety. The group continued to grow.

After a time the barn was needed for other use and so I approached Pat Laker (who is now Pat John) and she most kindly let us use her indoor riding school and also the use of some of her ponies.

The Group has gone from strength to strength and now has an excellent Group Organiser in Mairi Ames and Instructor (who are now called Coaches) in Sue Amesbury, they both give exciting and fun lessons which the children all love. We have a wonderful team of about 25 helpers, but we are always looking



for new friends. Anyone interested should contact jeanettecrane@hotmail.com

Anna Jupp who now runs the Riding School most generously lets us use her ponies.

We hope to celebrate our 40 years in the spring when perhaps life will be a little easier.

Jeanette Crane, Vice Chairman

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Passage Migrants

Most people are familiar with the term migration when used in relation to birds. It describes the seasonal movements of birds from their wintering grounds to their breeding grounds. Locally we will be familiar with the noise from geese arriving from their breeding grounds in the north to spend the winter on our wetlands, or the appearance in the sky of Swifts, Swallows and Martins during our summer as they come up from Africa to breed here.

Passage migrants, however, are birds that do not spend any significant time here but appear for a short time when passing through on their migration route, often stopping for a few days to rest and feed up. Redstarts, Wheatear and Whinchats are not strictly 'Passage Migrants' but could be considered as 'local passage migrants' for they appear locally in April/May as they head to the North-West of the country, and will reappear at this time of the year as they head back to Africa. We also are lucky enough to get a number of visits from Ospreys on their way to Scotland and Rutland Water and also when they return at this time of year. But it is also at this time of year that we can catch sight of some true 'passage migrants' who do not breed in the UK but will stop over on their journey from Northern Europe to South Europe or Africa. Very occasionally some of these birds will over winter here, but most move on quite quickly. Interestingly some birds will use different routes going north to coming south and certainly locally August and September can be quite productive time to look for these 'different' birds. In our area, over the last month or so, we have had a number of these interesting birds appear.

During August Green and Wood Sandpipers joined our resident Common Sandpipers. Several of both species appeared around our fresh water and Brackish pools.



Towards the end of August a rare Temminck's Stint stopped for nearly a week at the Ferry Pool at Siddlesham, only about a hundred of these pass through the UK each year. The following week saw a number of Little Stints arrive at the Pagham RSPB reserves. The Stints are our smallest wading birds, no bigger than a sparrow and so are often over looked. Some Curlew



Sandpipers also made an appearance on the reserve, often associated with the more common Dunlin who look very similar, and so again can be over-looked.

There was also an appearance of an unusual Wryneck at Church Norton which attracted a lot of birding interest. This bird is a brown woodpecker, and uniquely amongst British woodpeckers is



the only one that migrates. Its name derived from the fact it can rotate its head a full 180

degrees.

So birders look forward to this season, the time for 'passage migrants', as it usually offers some pleasant surprises.

Kevin Tarrant

Apologies to Kevin as we should have printed this in the October edition and fear that these 'passage migrants' might well have all moved on

Happy Days!



Lucy Briggs and Tom Grant were married at Holy Trinity, Bosham on 18th September 2021. Lucy's parents, David and Gaby, live in Funtington.

Margaret Henderson celebrating her 90th Birthday with friends: Anna Mallam, Valerie Rizzo, Maggie Webb, Anna D'Alton and Anne Maddock. (Sorry Anne not to get you into the photo!)



The Poppy Appeal 2021 – 100 years old

Last month I wrote that this year we celebrate the Centenary of the Poppy Appeal. At the moment our hardy House to House Collectors are gearing up to call on the Residents of Funtington and Chidham Parishes to ask for a donation. Please be nice to them when they call.

A lot of people are now no longer carrying cash and are using card and phone payment systems. Nevertheless many of us have not crossed that hurdle technically and so we are continuing to cater for notes, coin, cheques etc. If you have a friend or a relation you could still ask them to use the QR code on their phones or tablets and make the donation for you, but it is them that will get the 'Thank you' e mail. You can then pass over your donation to them.

On each box there is a QR Code which is mounted on the Poppy Box (See below), which you can scan and it takes you to the Poppy Appeal Donation Website where you can make a £2, £5 or £10 Donation to the Poppy Appeal. You can make a larger donation if you wish. Once you have filled in the forms you will get an e mail thanking you for your donation and there is an interesting video attached. However as many of us have not crossed that technical hurdle so we continue to cater for collection of Notes, Coin, Cheques and CAF Cheques.

This system is allowing the worlds Charities to save vast amounts of money on administrative costs so more can be spent on their deserving beneficiaries.

There are, in addition, various Static Poppy Boxes with Collecting Tins as well as the QR Code, around the Parish Pubs, Shops, Churches etc .The QR Code appears below.

Thank you all so much for your support of the men and women of our Armed Forces in their hours of need. *Tony D'Alton, Poppy Appeal Organiser. T 07831 775819*



The Annual Pet Blessing Service at St Andrew's West Stoke



We didn't want to miss anyone out! They were all very well behaved – well the animals were!



John Rowland Rank

Born 13th January 1930 – Died 31st August 2021



John was a lifelong member and supporter of St. Mary's Sennicotts. For many years he served as the Secretary of the St. Mary's Sennicotts Advisory Council and his Christian faith was all important to him. His funeral service was held on Monday, 27th September at St. Mary's Church in Funtington followed by his burial at St. Mary's in Sennicotts.

A generous philanthropist, his go-to attitude to life was joyful and he embraced life with a happy disposition. He was not a troublemaker. He was very much a peace maker and a peaceful person. He hated aggression and abhorred war. He was one of those rare men who was very patient and took time

with people from all walks of life. He enjoyed being hospitable and if you made his acquaintance you would quickly discover his loyalty and faithfulness in friendship.

John was born in London and grew up in the family's principal home Aldwick Place near Bognor. He described it as a heavenly place set in 13 acres with tennis court, golf course, kitchen garden and greenhouse with a backdrop of woodland, it was part of a larger 300 acre farming estate with stabling for horses, a racing pigeon loft and kennels for greyhounds. Aldwick made a huge impact on him - a magical dwelling place to a small boy which inspired his imagination and fed the memories of the first nine and a half years of his life when his father was alive.

He had a peripatetic school life. His first school, Queensways, only lasted one day! There followed a succession of home schooling and other local schools in Findon and Bognor until he was sent to Stowe School in January 1944 where he first gained an appreciation for architecture. A heart murmur was diagnosed which meant no games but he did have to join the Combined Cadet Force until the war was over, when he was glad to leave 'All that marching about' that he didn't care for too much!

From Stowe he joined the family flour milling business, apprenticed to learn the ropes which meant a cook's tour of the various departments, finally discovering the joys of the Registration Department where details of share dealings were recorded, but sadly he was not allowed to stop there and after a further two years he decided to retire.

After the war with the top rate of taxation running at 19/6d in the pound his mother had to sell Aldwick and buy something smaller. An opportunity came up to acquire Sennicotts and it became a tremendous interest to them both, historically and architecturally. They spent a significant amount of time travelling the UK seeking out and acquiring period furniture for the house, visiting and learning about other historic properties as well as hosting groups who wanted to visit Sennicotts. After his mother's death he continued living there for another 15 years before retiring to Bosham. His interest in the house and the arts led him into many other ventures such as Pallant House where he was a founding supporter, as well as the Oxmarket Centre of Arts which he helped to establish. His other interests extended to the Prayer Book Society where his nephew, John Scrivener, was a prominent Director. He was a life member of the Georgian Group and founder member of the Regency Society of Brighton and Hove. His love of theatre and music brought him into contact with the New Chichester Festival Theatre where he was a Trustee. In 1982 he approached the Bognor Regis Lions Club with a view to converting and establishing a community centre in a Barn known as Hammonds Barn, previously part of the farm at Aldwick. The centre was named as the Rowland Rank Centre in memory of his father and still serves the Community.

John was a product of both his father's early demise and an age gap in his family, his unique situation shaped his character and prepared him for the life he was to embark on. He was also a shrewd investor and had an excellent grasp of the Stock Market and property market.

He never took pleasure in the approval of others. He held no qualifications, not even his common entrance. No A levels. No University Degree. No profession. No frills. But one thing he did receive and in which he permitted himself a great deal of justifiable pride was a Civic Award from Chichester in 2015. This simple award recognised formally what he had quietly achieved. He took no pleasure in blowing his own trumpet. He was a true gentleman.

Extracts from the eulogy given at his funeral by his nephew, Colin Rank

BONFIRE SOUP



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of vegetable or light olive oil,
- 1/4 of Celeriac cubed, bite size,
- 2 sticks of celery, sliced fairly thinly,
- 1 large white onion or 2 shallots, finely chopped,
- 20 g of dried wild mushrooms, put to soak in boiling water,
- 1 large garlic clove, chopped finely,
- 1 litre of stock incorporating the mushroom water,
- Bay leaf, Salt and pepper to taste,
- Garnish with chopped coriander or parsley.

After soaking the mushrooms for half an hour cook until soft and keep the liquid to add to the stock to make up a litre. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and add the onion/shallots and after 5 minutes add the celeriac and celery and with the lid on saute for another 5 minutes before adding the garlic followed by the drained mushrooms, bay leaf and seasoning. Then after 4 minutes add the stock and bring to the boil and immediately reduce the heat and simmer until the veg is soft. It is nicer not to blend this soup but to leave the veg whole hence arduous chopping earlier. Garnish with chopped herbs before serving with crusty bread. Serves 4 hearty bowlfuls

Joanna MacDonald.

Solutions to Crossword 7 Compiled by Paul Pridmore

ACROSS.

1 Jefferson. 8 Helix. 9 Sultana. 10 Rail. 11 Disloyal. 13 Hislop. 14 Screen. 17 Amateurs. 19 Lear. 21 Entwine. 22 Bunch. 23 Infertile.

DOWN.

2 Éclairs. 3 Foxy. 4 Ruskin. 5 Oil slick. 6 Navy. 7 Fallen arch. 8 Hard-headed. 12 Comedian. 15 Eternal. 16 Frieze. 18 Acts. 20 Abet.



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A Yorkshire Pudding ‘Pudding’ for 4 people

Honey, walnuts and Goat’s Cheese are a wonderful marriage.

Ingredients

4 frozen Yorkshire puddings with deep hollow – homemade or bought but must have deep hollow

(I buy mine from Southbourne Farm Shop, but I understand they are easily made!)

350-400gms of mild soft goat cheese

100mls double cream

3 tbsp of icing sugar

50gm of sultanas (soaked overnight in the rum)

50gms of walnut pieces

100mls rum

30gms melted butter

2 tbsp runny honey to drizzle

Soak sultanas with the rum, preferably overnight.

Set oven to 200c. Cream goat cheese and icing sugar together in a bowl.

Brush Yorkshire puddings with butter all over

Put on a baking tray lined with greaseproof paper and put in oven for 5 minutes

Drain sultanas and reserve rum liquor

Mix sultanas into the goat cheese mixture.

Remove Yorkshire puddings from oven and fill with cheese mixture and sprinkle with walnut pieces. Return puddings to the oven for another 3 minutes.

Remove and dress with a little rum, drizzled honey and cream

Serve hot.

Kevin Tarrant

Funtington and West Stoke WI

The AGM was held on 20th October 2021. Angela Craven stepped down from the Committee and was presented with a pot of bulbs to thank her for all her hard work. Maggie Webb has now joined the Committee. Our next meeting is on November 17th. A Talk by Kerry Jackson (RSPB), ‘Going South, Journey to the Falklands and Antarctica’.

The Christmas party is on 8th December at 2pm

Letter from Gillian Keegan MP

Last month the Prime Minister made a few halftime changes to the Government to help implement his priorities for the remainder of the Parliament. For me, this has meant a big change as I have been promoted to Minister of State in the Department for Health and Social Care. In my new role, I will be responsible for Social Care reform and mental health, in addition to a number of other areas, which I will write more about in my weekly Observer column as well as my monthly newsletter, which you can sign up to on the home page of my website www.gilliankeegan.com.

Chichester's local vaccination centre has now moved from the Westgate Leisure Centre to a new purpose-built facility in the Northgate car park and I was so glad to be able to visit on their final day. Since it opened in mid-February the centre has delivered over 122,000 vaccine doses to local people. I am hugely grateful to Siobhan Melia, and her brilliant team from the Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, and the dedicated group of volunteers, who've managed this incredible feat. The operation has now moved seamlessly to the new site, where they are continuing to offer walk-in appointments to eligible people including 16–17-year-olds for both first and second doses. Over the coming months, booster jabs are being offered by appointment to people over 50 years old and the clinically vulnerable.

At the end of September, I dropped into the St Pancras Church Breakfast Club, which provides a cooked breakfast, essentials like toiletries, and a safe space for homeless people and those in need of extra support. Run by Father Mark, the Christian charity HEART and Chichester District Council, they provide between 15-20 meals per day. The Breakfast Club has been hugely important for people, especially during the pandemic, where being isolated can cause further complications and mental health issues for example.

I also recently visited Kingsham Primary School, which was an absolute joy. The highlight of my week is going to our fantastic local schools and hearing from the children about what they are learning and how they are getting on. I was given a tour by Rebecca, Ellie, William, and Austin – and I was particularly impressed that each class in the school is growing their own vegetables in the allotment. This trip was special as I awarded the school's 'Green Gang' with a "Green Hero Award" for the work they've done to help their school win the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, through their recycling, litter picking and gardening. It's been wonderful to see so many of our local schools do their bit towards protecting and improving the environment. I know that Funtington Primary School have shown the children through their Forest School how to engage with the environment in a sustainable way. If you think your local school, community group, or an individual deserves to be recognised for their commitment to improving our environment, I'd love to hear from you – gillian.keegan.mp@parliament.uk

Social Activities

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

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

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

Contact kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk

The Funtington Players present

'A BUNCH OF AMATEURS'

by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman

23rd – 27th November 2021 7.30 pm, West Ashling Village Hall

The plot revolves around fading Hollywood action hero Jefferson Steele. Keen to boost his flagging career he arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford – only to find that this is not the birthplace of the Bard but a sleepy Suffolk village. Instead of Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench the cast is a bunch of amateurs trying to save their theatre from developers.

Tickets priced at £12 are available from 12th October either online at ticketsource.co.uk/funtingtonplayers or by telephoning 07565 464271

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

Festive Willow Weaving Workshop Saturday 27 November 10am – 4pm

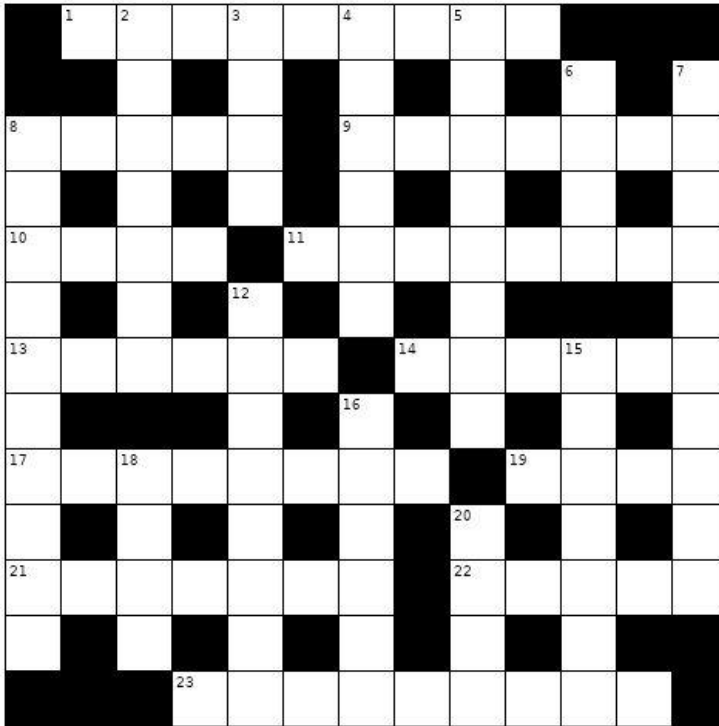
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Crossword no. 7



ACROSS

- 1 Early 19C US president (9)
- 8 Corkscrew curve (5)
- 9 Muslim ruler's wife; dried fruit (7)
- 10 Horizontal bar; waterside bird (4)
- 11 Perfidious (8)
- 13 Ian ---, satirical broadcaster and editor (6)
- 14 To vet; a dividing partition (6)
- 17 Unpaid, or inept, players (8)
- 19 Tragic king, or artist and nonsense writer (4)
- 21 Interweave (7)
- 22 Cluster of grapes, flowers, or keys (5)
- 23 Barren (9)

DOWN

- 2 Choux-pastry cakes filled with cream (7)
- 3 Sly, reddish brown, seductive (4)
- 4 Author of *The Stones of Venice* (6)
- 5 Pollution from a tanker, perhaps (3,5)
- 6 The senior service (4)
- 7 Cause of a flat foot (6,4)
- 8 Uncompromising, or unsentimental (4-6)
- 12 Funny man (8)
- 15 Without end (7)
- 16 A band of painted or sculptured decoration (6)
- 18 Fifth New Testament book (4)
- 20 Assist in crime (4)

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – November 2021 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercess	Sidesmen	Readings
7 th November 3 before Advent	10:00 Family Service	Marian Sewell	Phyllis Goulding	-	-	Borbone Family	David Callas Denise Foster	Denise Foster Jonah 3.1-5 & 10 Anna Mallam Mark 1.14-20
14 th November Remembrance Sunday	10:45 Sung Eucharist	Remem- brance Flowers	Liz Lancaster	-	-	Borbone Family	Nigel Brown Anne Maddock	Nigel Brown Jeremiah 31.31-34 Anne Maddock James 4.1-10
21 st November Christ the King	10:00 Morning Prayer			-	-	Jane Gummer	Neil Watt Nick La Hive	Neil Watt Daniel 7.9-10 & 13-14 Nick La Hive Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37
28 th November Advent 1	10:00 Sung Eucharist			Nick La Hive & Claire Hoare	Carolyn Watt	Anne Maddock	Carolyn Watt Liz Lancaster	Carolyn Watt Jeremiah 33.14-16 Liz Lancaster 1 Thessalonians 3.9- end
3 rd December	18:00 Carols in aid of Family Support	Advent – No Flowers	Miriam Callas	-	-	Clergy	Jimmy Faure David Callas	Special List
5 th December Advent 2	10:00 Family Service			-	-	Borbone Family	Andrew Hughes Kay Knowles	Ciare Hosking Baruch 5.1-9 Andrew Hughes Luke 3.1-6

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Parish Services November 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Mon 1 st November	7:00pm	Eucharist for All Saints	St Mary, Funtington
Tue 2 nd November	10:00am	Eucharist for All Souls	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 3 rd November	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 5 th November	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 7 th November	10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 10 th November	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Wed 11 th November	10:30am	Armistice Day Service	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 14 th November	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:45am	Remembrance Service	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 17 th November	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 19 th November	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 21 st November	10: am	Eucharist	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 24 th November	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 28 th November	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Tue 30 th November	7:00pm	Eucharist & Organ Dedication	St Andrew, West Stoke
Wed 1 st December	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 3 rd December	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Sennicotts
	6:00pm	Carol Concert in aid of Family Support Work	St Mary, Funtington
Sat 4 th December	10:00am	Christmas Fayre	St Mary, Funtington
Sun 5 th December	10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington

Events may change dependent upon CoVID-19 restrictions in force on the day.

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Eucharist – ‘Thanksgiving’ – Service of Communion with Hymns

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