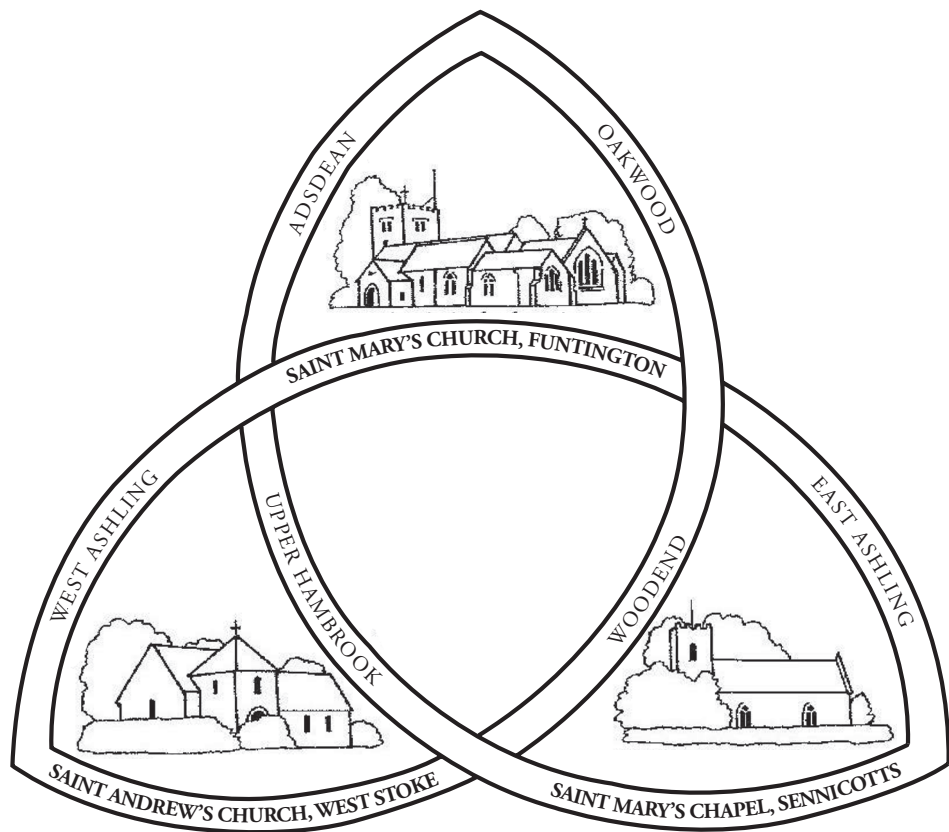


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

The weather has not really been too good over the last few weeks and August felt more autumnal than summer! It has been very strange indeed. We really have had an odd old year already and there's still 4 more months to live through before we can only hope that we can ring in a New Year with real hope and joy.

As August drew to a close, it was great to see the gathering of the harvest on the Bentall's farm and others around the area in full swing, with tractors and trailers manoeuvring late into the night to try and get as much gathered in as possible whilst the weather remained in their favour. As I sat watching the harvest being gathered in my attention turned to the subject of Harvest Festival and memories of these services as a child. This year we have decided to do something completely different with regards our service. *'The Bentall's'* have kindly agreed to let us use Chidham Barn for our service so we are going to take the church into the community this year, onto the farm, and celebrate the gathering in of the harvest in a different way. The former Bishop of Blackburn, The Rt Revd Nicholas Reade is attending the service to preside and preach and, of course, bless the gifts which have been brought forward to be blessed. The service will be held on **16th October at 6pm**. After the service we will be having some food and entertainment including a very generous donation of a hog roast and paella along with music to help us celebrate our harvest into the evening. The tickets for the social event will be £10 each and can be obtained from me – they are selling fast so please get them booked!

I have no doubt that there are people wondering why we are moving the service out of the church but if Covid has taught us anything, it is that we need to look to do things differently. If we never try new things or seek to experience different views, we run the risk of missing something great, not seeing the full potential, not meeting new people. Our mission as disciples is to go and spread the Good News of Christ so that people may come to Know, Love and Follow Jesus. I am open to lots of new ideas about our services – if you have any ideas, then please speak with me!

In recent decades we have become increasingly aware of the fragility of the environment. The industrial-scale looting of oceans and seas, the commercial destruction of natural habitats, the increasing threat of global warming, the polluting of the skies, the factory-like processing of sentient animals, are increasingly awakening in us a sense that the earth and the living things we take for granted are precious and vulnerable.

On a placement in Germany I visited a place called Erfurt and the place where the German theologian, Meister Eckhart, once said, *'If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you', it will be enough'*. It's the shortest and simplest prayer imaginable, but one we perhaps too often forget. . One of these might be the recognition that we, and our interests and needs, do not lie at the centre of the universe, but that we have responsibilities towards our planet and those we share it with, not least those who have little or no harvest – of **any** description – to celebrate. The gratitude we offer today cannot complacently thank God that **we** are well provided for, when we know that vast numbers of people around our world struggle to survive, suffering and dying each day because of hunger, thirst, injustice and inequality.

In the words of the Book of Common Prayer, let us thank God today and every day for the goodness and loving kindness shown towards us, and bless God for our creation, preservation and all the benefits of this life. Because living a life based on gratitude, rather than one which constantly complains that nothing is ever right, can make all the difference. But let our gratitude be more than just words.

Instead, let it move our consciences, our wills, our actions and the choices we make, and take seriously the challenge to live more simply, more fairly, more sustainably and more harmoniously with both creator and created.

Let us give thanks for the Harvest of the crops, the goods that are brought before us and for the harvest of the people as gather together to share and celebrate and say Thank You! – albeit in a different way.

The service and social is open to everyone in the Chidham and Funtington Parishes and I hope that you will come and join us. Bring your family, your neighbours, your colleagues! Please speak to me for tickets: 01243 341323

I hope that you will join us on 16th October – I look forward to seeing you, your families as we come together to say Thank You!

Father Andrew

Being Neighbourly – October 2021

One of the things I have noticed during lockdown has been the readiness of people to look out for their neighbours. To pass the time of day, to offer a helping hand, to go out of their way to assist a friend in need. Maybe a lift is required, or someone needs a prescription. Or help is needed to fill in a form. A person living alone welcomes a cup of tea and a chat with a neighbour. A phone call or a letter from a friend. These things make a difference to the way the wheels of the world go round. They encourage us all.

The same needs to be done in the wider community. We all appreciate the work The Good Neighbours have been doing in our Parish. I have been impressed, too, by the help and care given to us through the doctors in our local practice over the telephone. It saddens me to hear that sometimes they face abuse. Then there are those who dispense our medication in the local practices, and the hospital staff who work in St. Richard's Hospital in Chichester. I take my hat off to the National Health Service and thank God for the devotion of the doctors and nurses, who bring God's healing touch to the sick and suffering.

Of course, things will go wrong sometimes, and we shall receive a negative reaction. There will be times when we need to exercise restraint, and turn the other cheek. As my grandmother used to say, 'two wrongs don't make a right'. Jesus Christ passed the self same way, as He died on the Cross. We need to spread the healing balm of Christ's forgiving Love and care at all times. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The same yesterday, today and forever.

So let us be neighbourly and fulfil the law of Christ. Let us be our Brother's keeper and go out of our way to give them our time and attention in appropriate ways. Lockdown is our opportunity to do just that. And in doing so we will be bringing glory to God.

The words of this song express it perfectly.

'When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,

Were you there?'

Jane Gummer

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

October 2021				
<i>Date:</i>	<i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i>		<i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i>	
Fri 1 st October	9.00am	Morning Prayer		
Sat 2 nd November	3.00pm	Wedding		
Sun 3 rd October Trinity 14	10.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Rev. 21:9-14 Jn. 10:22-29	-	-
Sun 10 th October Trinity 15	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Mk. 10:17-31
Fri 15 th October	9.00am	Morning Prayer		
Sun 17 th October Trinity 16	10.00 a.m. Matins	Isa. 53:4-12 Mk. 10:35-44	-	-
Sat 23 rd October	1.00pm	Wedding	-	-
Sun 24 th October Trinity 17	-	-	9.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Isa. 55:1-11 Jn. 5:36-47
Fri 29 th October	-	-	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Fri 5 th November	9.00am	Morning Prayer	-	-
Sun 7 th November Trinity 18	10.00 a.m. HC (BCP)	Deut. 6:1-9 Mk. 12:28-34	-	-

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Special Services Coming Up in the Parish

Friday 16th October, 2021 6pm

Harvest Festival and Social for All –

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Sunday 17th October 6pm Feast Day of St. Luke, Patron Saint of Surgeons and Doctors

Special Eucharist to Bless the NHS St. Mary's Funtington at 6pm.

Preacher: Archdeacon of Chichester

Sunday 24th October Pet Blessing Service 10am St. Andrew's West Stoke
(see page 21)

30th November 7pm St. Andrews West Stoke a special service and blessing of the new organ

Funtington Neighbourhood Plan Briefing

A good turnout on Wednesday 22nd September for a briefing about why and how you might do a Neighbourhood Plan. It is a way for communities to have a say in the future of the places where they live and work. It gives power to produce a plan that directs development in your local area.

Whether you would like to produce a neighbourhood plan or not is totally voluntary. To help you decide, the presentation from the briefing is on the Parish Council website. www.funtingtonpc.org Keep an eye on the notice-boards, the Council website and other social media for more information. It's your choice whether or not we have a Neighbourhood Plan and your views will be sought.

The 100th Anniversary of the Poppy Appeal 1921-2021 Collectors Wanted

As Covid 19 restrictions ease, our collectors are back out in their communities to raise vital funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal which launches on the 28th October and finishes on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November. Our collectors have been at the heart of the Poppy Appeal in local communities for over 100 years and as we mark the RBL Centenary we are celebrating their contribution. Please find your local collector to donate to because ‘Every Poppy Counts!’ and your contribution will make a real difference to the lives of the Armed Forces Community who have given so much for their country. Let us not forget this year the selfless service they have given supporting the Covid 19 Vaccination campaign ongoing support to the UK Ambulance Service and the evacuation of so many Afghans from Kabul.

We are looking for Volunteer Collectors who would like to do house to house collections during the Poppy Appeal Fortnight – please contact me on the number below or by email. Each collector is allocated about 3 residential roads to collect from or about 30-40 houses.

If you prefer you can donate to the Poppy Appeal by text, QR code or by BACS.

I will publish the details of these ways of donating in the November issue of the Parish Magazine.

*Tony D’Alton, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Funtington and Chidham District
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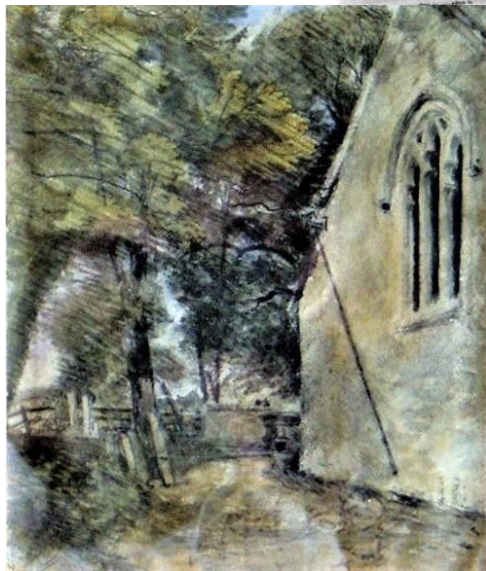
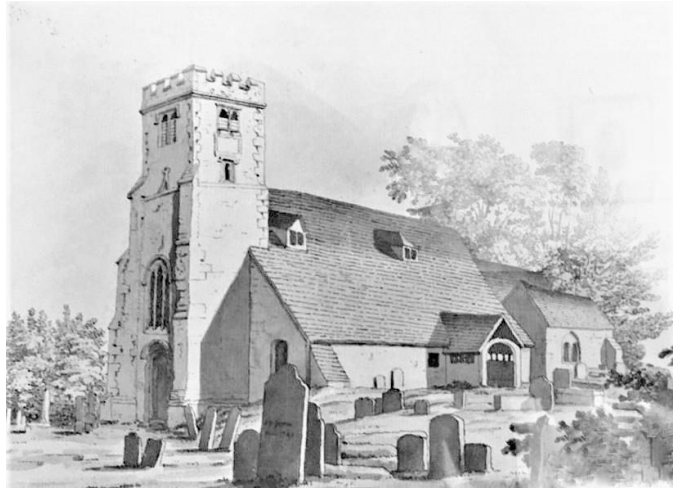
In Memorium John Rowland Rank

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John Rank formerly of Sennicotts who died peacefully on 31st August 2021 aged 91 years. A beloved uncle, great uncle and great grand uncle, friend and philanthropist. His funeral will take place at St. Mary’s Church, Funtington on Monday 27th September at 2.30pm

Restoring Funtington Church. For better or worse!

Canon Stair Douglas became the first “vicar” of Funtington in 1856 and began to raise money so that Funtington Church could be completely restored and enlarged. It had been overcrowded with more than 300 people attending the afternoon service!

Little remains of the old church apart from the Ratham Chapel, the chancel and the North chapel which are part of the original mediaeval church and the Tower which dates from the sixteenth century. The oil painting (1) by the musician and artist William Crotch c1840 shows the outside of the Ratham Chapel at the east end of the church looking towards the south.



Below are three drawings of the old church from the south. The oldest drawing (2) is by Sebastian Hieronymous Grimm c1780. His patron gave his Sussex collection of 886 drawings to the British Museum.

The drawing (3) dated 1858 is probably by Helen Douglas, Rev Stair Douglas' sister. It is



similar to the drawing by Grimm eighty years before but the castellation on the top of the tower has changed and there are now three dormer windows in the roof. Presumably some of the congregation used sit upstairs and hence the need for dormer windows. In these two drawings, the Ratham Chapel on the right and the tower with its door, windows and castellations remain today but the rest of the outside was completely rebuilt. Inside the north chapel remains today but an old lean-to roof has been removed and the church is now 14 feet wider.

A further drawing (4) c1840 of the old church with its parsonage, by William Crotch's son Rev. William Robert Crotch is now hanging in the Church Room. The old Georgian "parsonage" here has now been rebuilt as the Victorian vicarage, which we see today. Rev Stair Douglas himself, however, obtained permission to live in a larger house in West Ashling and so the new vicarage was originally built for his curate.



(Rev. William Robert Crotch used to visit his uncle in Funtington parsonage. He “retired” as a headmaster in Somerset and became the vicar of Catherington in Hampshire. My grandfather used to deliver milk in his donkey cart in Catherington! If only I had asked him more about his early life, I might know more about Rev. William Robert Crotch)

When the church celebrated its rebuilding in 1859, the Brighton Gazette wrote that “ On the recent appointment of Rev Stair Douglas he raised funds for the restoration and enlargement of the Parish Church and it is to his exertions that the inhabitants now have to look for their new beautiful church”

Later visitors have not been so kind. Sir Stephen Glynne wrote in 1871 that “ the East window is.far too large and pretentious for a village church”.

Sir Nicolas Pevsner wrote in 1965 that “St Mary’s is visually nearly all of 1859 in one of those senseless restorations which took away all the charm and did nothing to give back any character”.

I once had tea with Sir Nicholas Pevsner and I have much admiration for the observations of both Sir Nicholas Pevsner and Sir Stephen Glynne but I can hardly agree with their comments about Funtington Church.

Geoffrey Boys

Hambrook Mushrooms (as seen at Chelsea Flower Show!)

A local entrepreneur, Roger Adams, set up this new venture earlier this year



A keen market gardener wanting to expand his business he found an online course on low tech artisan mushroom growing which he studied over the winter months. He built two special growing houses which have to be kept moist and at the perfect temperature for the mushrooms to colonise. They are then moved to a further thermostatically

controlled house called a ‘fruiting room’ where they grow and mature. The whole process takes between three and four weeks. The spent compost is then used in the garden. Roger, with a 5 star hygiene qualification already supplies the local farm shops in Funtington, Stansted and Southbourne as well as restaurants in Emsworth, Hallidays and The Old House at Home. He also provided mushrooms for the BBC One Show Garden at Chelsea Flower Show this week ‘Sustainable Gardening for the Mind and Body’!



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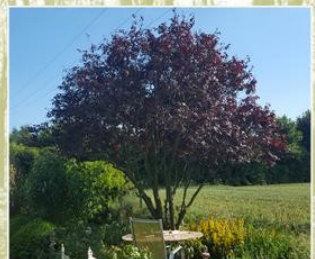
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Wagtails

Some of my favourite birds to just sit and watch are the Wagtails. They are so energetic, industrious and their gentle version of a birds 'cheep' gives the impression they are always enjoying themselves. Being mainly insectivores, they can be seen at times agilely springing into the air snapping a passing flying insect. Watching these attractive birds forage for their food, with their tails constantly wagging up and down is always entertaining.

In Britain we have three species of Wagtail that are regularly seen. The Pied and Grey Wagtails are resident throughout the whole year and the Yellow Wagtail is

a summer visitor.

The Pied Wagtail is seen in country or town, often favouring farmyards. If passing through a farm, a quick check on the roof of one of the buildings will often reveal a Pied Wagtail. As its name suggests, it has a pied plumage, white and black in colouration. Interestingly our Pied Wagtail is a subspecies of the White Wagtail.



The White Wagtail has a slightly more grey plumage and on the continent is the predominant bird. We do get the occasional continental 'white' form visit our southern shores. The geneticists assure us that the White and Pied are the same species.



The Grey Wagtail is more often found around water, particularly fast flowing streams. Locally it can often be seen around our ponds. There is a pair that frequents the pond in West Ashling. This bird has a slate blue/grey head, back and wings. However, although called a Grey wagtail, rather confusingly, more so in the male, it has a beautiful yellow undercarriage. It is a very smart bird.



The Yellow Wagtail migrates from Sub-Saharan Africa and arrives in April and then heads straight to central and eastern

England where it will breed. The Yellow Wagtail is an olive green above, and a stunning yellow below. This beautiful bird is best seen locally in the autumn, when it makes its way back to Africa. Flocks will stop off in fields,



particularly where cattle are grazing, to stock up for their journey. They can be seen feeding around the feet of the cattle, often in large numbers. The cattle that feed around the 'Stilt Pool' at Medmerry and those that graze around Halsey Farm in Siddlesham nearly always have attentive Yellow Wagtails in September and October.



Kevin Tarrant

Funtington Flora

There are few new flowers this month, but berries and seed heads decorate the hedgerows. These were all spotted on a walk between East Ashling and West Stoke clump.

Common Toadflax looks like delicate lemon-yellow wild snapdragons, though are only distantly related. They are common in the hedgerow and field verges, flowering from June to November



Black Bryony is a climber, with very distinctive heart shaped leaves. It is the only British representative of the Yam family. Its flowers are small and green, but the berries are much more decorative.

Ivy flowers very late in the year. Its pale green flowers have very sugar-rich nectar, and are an important energy source for flies, bees and wasps. You may even see Ivy Bees. These solitary bees, arrived in the UK in 2001, and are slowly spreading northwards. Ivy is their main food source, and the ivy bee can be seen in September to November. They look similar to honey bees, with a ginger thorax, and a black-and-yellow striped abdomen. They nest in sandy burrows.



Teasel seed heads were mounted in a wooden frame and used to raise the nap of woven woollen cloth.

Helen Dignum

Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em

What a wonderful late summer we have had, with near perfect conditions for our honeybees to be out foraging from dawn to dusk. Their priority in September and October is to build up their honey stores while it's still warm because a colony will need at least 15kg of honey (equivalent to 30 jars) to last them until next Spring. We've seen them jostling with the bumblebees on the nasturtiums this last few weeks, as well as feasting on the sedum and mint – if you have any of those in your garden take time to watch them busying themselves.



The bees now store their honey much closer to the centre of the hive, in effect surrounding themselves with food stores in all directions. They are planning ahead for those cold winter months when they cluster tightly together to keep warm and move slowly as a group to where the stores are. Rather like keeping a bar of chocolate next to the TV remote so you don't have to dash to the cold kitchen to get a snack!

October is a more relaxed time of year for bee-keepers as the messy business of harvesting the honey is done and the swarm season is long behind us, so we don't have to disturb our bees every week for an inspection. But we still need to help them prepare for winter with some very important jobs.

Firstly, as soon as we harvest the honey, we give them some extra food just in case they can't get out much in Autumn. This can be as a sugar/water solution, or, as we do, with a big block of bakers' fondant – the same stuff used to ice cakes (see photo) We just plonk it on top of the hive under the roof and our bees will take what they need, turn it into honey, and store it away. What they don't take straight away will stay on top of the hive in case they need it later.

The other job we have to do is to treat our colonies for the *varroa* parasite. This nasty mite arrived in the UK in the early 90's, and left unchecked an infestation can kill a honeybee colony by weakening the bees and spreading a number of viruses. So we place strips of miticide in the centre of the hive and the active ingredient kills the mites over a period of weeks. We'd love to be chemical-free bee-keepers but this mite isn't going away any time soon.

Also at this time of year we would normally be devising ways to stop wasps from getting into our hives and robbing the honey stores. But we haven't seen anything like the number we had last year so my ingenious 'anti-wasp hive entrance' idea has been shelved until next year...it's probably for the best.

Jason & Kate Boswell

St Andrew's Harvest Festival – 19th September

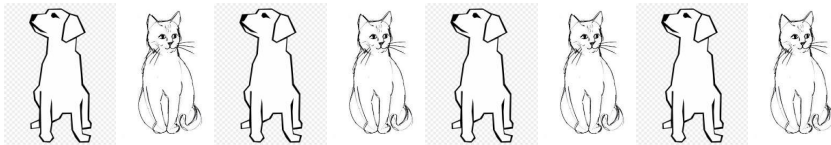


Thank you to all the flower arrangers who made the church look so delightful for the Harvest Festival at St. Andrews.

Barbara Cowan


Pet Blessing – St Andrew's Sunday 24th October – 10 a.m.

Bring your beloved pets to St Andrew's for the annual Pet Blessing service. Dogs, cats, horses, tortoise, hamsters, rabbits and any other family pet are very welcome



FUNTINGTON and WEST STOKE SCOUT GROUP

We are very pleased to advise that as we enter a new school year, Scouting in England has been given the green light to recommence all activities as normal. This is great news and as a result, from 13th September, we have restarted meetings for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

During the summer break things were quiet on the scouting front but the Cub Pack took the opportunity to enter the Supreme Box Kart Championship. The Supreme is run by a team from West Sussex Scouts who are passionate about box kart racing. It is an open championship to any cub pack in the World and has played host to packs from 16 counties and three countries. The event took place at Goodwood Racecourse and the Cub pack entered two teams. A total of twelve Cubs took part and did brilliantly. One team made it to the quarter finals and were given a fancy glass trophy for making it to the top 16 shootouts . All the Cubs got a well-earned medal and badge.

Some of the feedback received from the parents via the Cubs WhatApp group were

"A great event!"

"...it was a super day, they were all amazing"

"...a fantastic day"

"This was a wonderful start to the Autumn term! A big thank you needs to the Supreme Team for organising"

For more information see: <https://supreme-box-kart-championship.co.uk/>

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We all said it was going to happen

Thursday 19th August: 20.45 Watching TV in living room

20.50 Horrendous bang and screeching noise outside house

20.51 Realisation that the crash *was our house*.

It transpired that two tractors/trailer rigs had collided on Common Road. The East bound tractor diverted the West bound tractor into the front of our house. It demolished a low-level brick wall below our kitchen before colliding with our dining room bay window supported by a low-level flint wall. The force of the impact was sufficient to break the tractor's axle and push our bay window in its entirety four feet West-bound. But for the flint wall I believe the tractor would have ended up all the way



through our dining room.

Thankfully nobody was hurt; perhaps the most affected person was the young lad driving the East-bound tractor. He was clearly in shock but being largely ignored by the crowd that had gathered. He was distraught, saying he thought he was at fault, and was amazed when my wife Mary took him into our house to give him a cup of tea. Had any pedestrian been walking past the house I am in no doubt they would have been killed. 24

hours previously we had four guests in our dining room – had the incident occurred then then at best the six of us would have been in shock, at worst one of us could have been seriously injured or killed. Neither scenario bears thinking about.

I would like to thank the neighbours who were concerned for our welfare. I would also like to thank the half dozen farm workers, organised by the owner of the tractor hitting us, for man-handling our bay window roughly back into position!

So what next? The following day I noted that very little had changed in driving behaviour through the village. Perhaps one or two tractors went a bit slower, perhaps a few more cars were within the speed limit as the drivers slowed to look at our demolished front wall and battered home. I believe some sort of chicane system is needed to slow the traffic and make it safer for everybody. A 20mph limit probably wouldn't be as effective as the one in Westbourne by virtue of the nature of our road. As one of my neighbours said, when you have tractors 14 feet wide passing on a 29 foot wide road there is going to be a problem [whatever their speed].

And as I finish writing this (10th September), I can at least answer my own question of "what next?". This morning, on the last bend out of the village East-bound, yet another tractor collided with a car. This was 50 yards from our house. It is not for me to speculate who was at fault but looking at the tractor in question its nearside was

practically in the hedge whilst its offside wheels were well over the centre line. This time police and ambulance were in attendance – our incident had warranted ‘only’ the police.

So why am I sharing this? Because as a community we have to find a viable solution to this growing problem to keep us all safe -farmworkers included. *Anthony Wharton*

East Ashling Resident’s Association’s ‘Late’ Summer Party



At long last everyone in East Ashling could get together for a long awaited party.

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Recipe of the Month – Apple Cake

7oz Self Raising Flour
Pinch of salt
5 oz Butter
3 oz Sugar
2 small eggs or 1 large egg (beaten)
12 oz Cooking Apples
Lemon juice
Apricot Jam

Sieve flour and salt. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy and beat in the egg.

Fold in flour and salt.

Spread $\frac{3}{4}$ mixture over the bottom of a greased and lined 18cm diameter cake tin. Add apples and cover with apricot jam. Cover with remainder of cake mixture and bake for roughly 50 minutes at 180c

The lemon juice is to prevent the apples getting discoloured when preparing them.

Valerie Rizzo

WI Meeting 15th September

It felt as if we were back to normal. We were entertained by Dr. Janet Pennington who gave an interesting talk on ‘Witches, Warlocks and Wellingtons’ and weird and strange superstitions. Find a stone with a hole in it on the beach (known as a hag-stone) and hang it up in your house to ward off witches. The theory goes that only good things can pass through a hole. Concealed shoes usually found near doors or in roofs or chimneys were believed to keep out witches and warlocks (evil spirits) from invading your house. Mistletoe and holly hung in your house will help protect against lightning strikes. Horseshoes are still thought to be lucky and we still touch wood for safety and security. Not to forget bashing a hole in the bottom of your egg after eating it so the witches can’t use them as boats to cause harm to sailors! A great evening with usual excellent sandwiches and cakes. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Jan Dunnett

Letter from Gillian Keegan MP

Over the summer, Parliament has been in recess, meaning that MPs have been able to get back and spend more time in their constituencies, engaging with residents, businesses, and local charities like the Woodland Wonders Forest School which I was delighted to visit last month.

For those who don't know, Woodland Wonders is a brilliant organisation that provides forest school programmes for children and parents in and around Chichester. The sessions include arts and crafts, camping skills, cooking and play, all in a beautiful woodland setting. Sessions are available until 20th October. Activities like this are taking place all across the country as part of the Government's Holiday and Activities Funding which is providing £220 million to support children who are eligible for free school meals. The aim is to ensure that the children not only have healthy snacks and a hot meal but also have fun and get to enjoy new activities.

During my visit, I met Jennifer who founded Woodland Wonders, as well as David, Esther and their daughter Lizzie, who've done a brilliant job working together by providing the site in Sidlesham to make running these sessions possible. The children and I had a great time making spinning-tops, starting a campfire, as well as playing the parachute game. For further information about the Woodland Wonders visit:

www.gilliankeegan.com/news/woodlandwonders

Turning to planning and development locally, I know many on the Manhood Peninsula have concerns about proposals for 150 homes on Main Road in Birdham. Although Members of Parliament do not have a role in the planning process locally, I have written to Cllr. Susan Taylor, the Cabinet Member for Planning at the District Council, to highlight several concerns; not least the local road infrastructure and ongoing issues with wastewater capacity in the area. Furthermore, these particular proposals fall outside of the District Council's Strategic Site Allocations. I have asked to be kept up to date with this application as it progresses and goes in front of the Planning Committee.

Gillian Keegan MP

Social Activities

Funtington and West Stoke WI

Oct 20th at 7pm Annual Meeting

Nov 17th at 7pm. Kerry Jackson (RSPB) Going South, Journey to the Falklands and Antarctica

Dec 8th at 2pm. Christmas Party

Ashling Cricket Club

All ages and abilities will be made very welcome. Dates & Fixtures on Page

Steve Harvey at 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/>

The Funtington Players present

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by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman

23rd – 27th November 2021 7.30 pm

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

Solution to Crossword 6 Compiled by Paul Pridmore

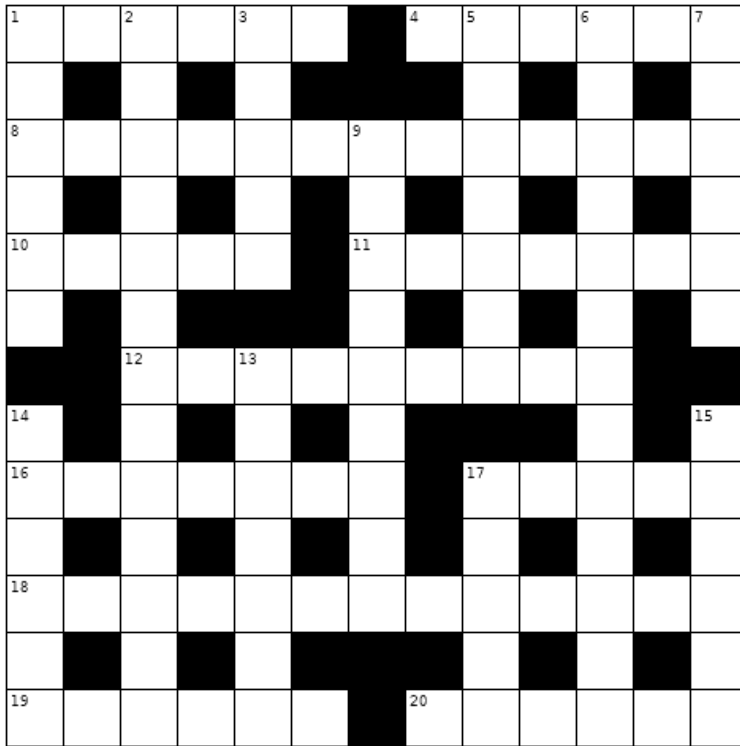
ACROSS.

1 Behold. 4 Unites. 8 South Downs Way. 10 Clear. 11 Free run. 12 On the hoof. 16 Mediums. 17 Trout. 18 Standing order. 19 Diesel. 20 Shandy.

DOWN.

1 Bisect. 2 Household name. 3 Lehar. 5 Non-Zero. 6 Tower of London. 7 Spying. 9 Off season. 13 Trundle. 14 Amused. 15 Stormy. 17 Tooth.

Crossword no. 6



ACROSS

- 1 Pay attention – in church? (6)
- 4 Brings harmoniously together (6)
- 8 Our 100-mile national trail (5,5,3)
- 10 Absolve from guilt (5)
- 11 Unrestricted roaming rights (4,3)
- 12 Moving, like cattle, off the top of one's head? (2,3,4)
- 16 Are they like Madame Arcati, but not extremely so? (7)
- 17 Fish of Schubert quintet fame (5)
- 18 It prevents customers sitting on unpaid bills (8,5)
- 19 Fuel, or clothing brand (6)
- 20 Weakened alcoholic drink (6)

DOWN

- 1 Divide precisely in half (6)
- 2 Much-discussed celebrity (9,4)
- 3 *Merry Widow* composer Franz (5)
- 5 Having a positive or negative value (3-4)
- 6 Home to crown jewels and ravens (5,2,6)
- 7 Espionage (6)
- 9 A period of reduced activity (3,7)
- 13 The Saint Roche hill fort, near Goodwood (7)
- 14 Happily diverted (6)
- 15 Tempestuous (6)
- 17 Canine, perhaps (5)

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – October 2021 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercess	Sidesmen	Readings
3 rd October Trinity 18	10:00 Family Service			-	-	Borbone Family	Andrew Hughes Anne Maddock	Andrew Hughes Revelation 21:9-14 Anne Maddock John 10:22-29
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Harvest Flowers	Maggie Webb	Ann Jones & Sybil Grindrod	Kay Knowles	Jane Gummer	David Callas Claire Hoare	Claire Hoare Amos 5:6-7 & 10-15 Deborah Hughes Hebrews 4:12-16
17 th October Trinity 20	10:00 Morning Prayer			-	-	Anne Maddock	Ann Tupper Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown Isaiah 53:4-12 Neil Macaulay Mark 10:35-44
	18:00 Thanksgiving Eucharist for NHS	Thanks- giving Service	Anne Maddock	In Sanctuary	-	Clergy	Neil Watt Carolyn Watt	Readings to be confirmed
24 th October Trinity 21	10:00 Sung Eucharist			Pat Hill & Liz Collet	Carolyn Watt	Liz Lancaster	Jimmy Faure Kay Knowles	Jimmy Faure Isaiah 55:1-11 Clare Hosking 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
	10:00 Sung Eucharist	Marian Sewell	Phyllis Goulding	Rob & Katy Symmons	Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Nick La Hive Liz Lancaster	Nick La Hive Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Liz Lancaster Hebrews 9:11-14
7 th November 3 before Advent	10:00 Family Service			-	-	Borbone Family	David Callas Denise Foster	Denise Foster Jonah 3:1-5 & 10 Anna Mallam Mark 1:14-20

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

Parish Services October 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Fri 1 st October	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sat 2 nd October	3:00pm	Wedding	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 3 rd October	10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Family Service	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 6 th October	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Sun 10 th October	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 13 th October	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 15 th October	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 17 th October	10:00am	Eucharist	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
	6:00pm	Thanksgiving Eucharist for NHS	St Mary, Funtington
Wed 20 th October	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Thu 21 st October	10:00am	Funtington School Rehearsal	St Mary, Funtington
Fri 22 nd October	2.00pm	Funtington School Harvest	St Mary, Funtington
Sat 23 th October	1:00pm	Wedding	St Andrew, West Stoke
Sun 24 th October	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary, Sennicotts
	10:00am	Pet Blessing Service	St. Andrew, West Stoke
	10.00am	Eucharist	St. Mary Funtington
Wed 27 th October	10:30am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee Hour	Church Room, Funtington
Fri 29 th October	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Sennicotts
Sun 31 st October	10:00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
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

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