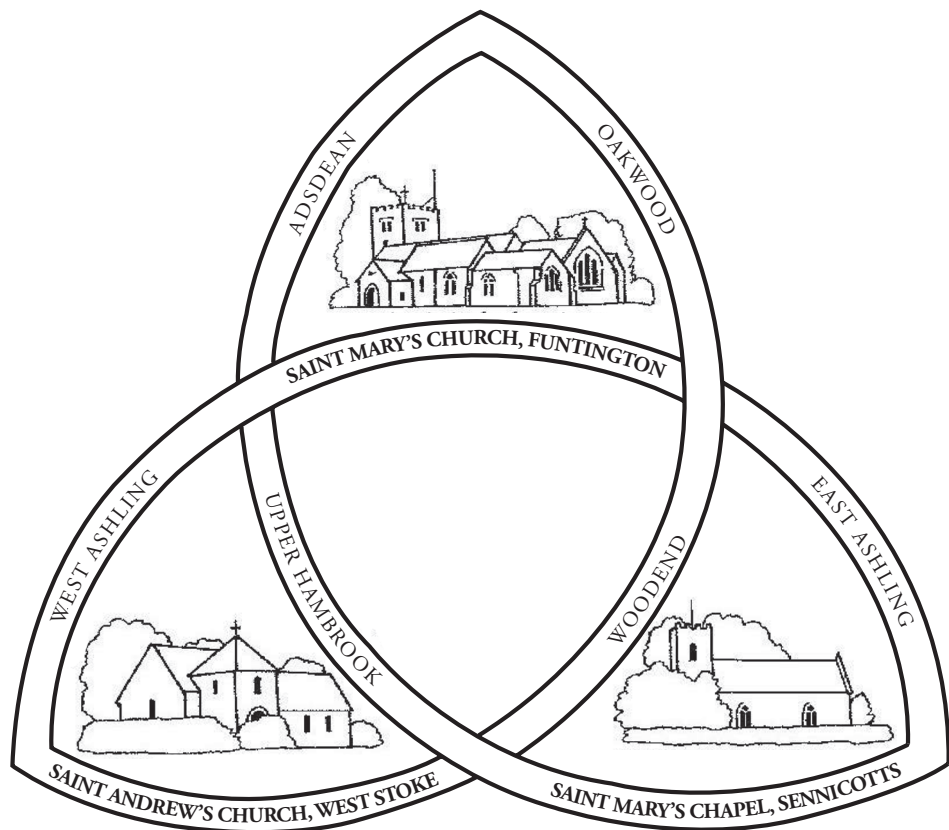


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Letter from Father Andrew (Priest in Charge)

Our Christian lives are very much a journey of being drawn closer to God. St Mary, St Andrew, St Cuthman, St Richard, and St Wilfrid inspire us, and guide us, in our own journey in faith and holiness as they teach us to walk as Christ walked, in our own time pace and place. The stories of all the saints can inspire us in many ways, whether it was their defiance in the face of adversity, the way they prayed for others, their acts of selflessness, their acts of forgiveness or simply how they served God – they can inspire us to be more Christ like in all that we do. We follow in their footsteps, and in the footsteps of all disciples who have gone before us. We come together in fellowship to give thanks, pray, remember and to share peace with one another.

We must always remember that God sees us for who we are, not what we are perceived to be or who we think we are. God knows exactly what makes us unique and it is for that reason that he calls each and everyone of us. We all stand naked before God, stripped of all wealth, titles, possessions and self-importance. We are formed in His image, and it is vitally important that we remember that as we go about our daily lives. God also knows that we are human and can make mistakes or behave badly at times, which is why, when we repent of our sins, forgiveness is offered. We are told to pick up our cross and follow Jesus, follow in His footsteps.

The message of the cross is not merely about forgiveness of sins. It is also about our response to God *after* we have been forgiven. Christ humbled Himself to die, our response must be to completely surrender, and reckon ourselves as already dead to this present age so that we might live for Him. Consider the power unleashed when Jesus surrendered completely: God not only raised Him back to life but put all things under Him. There is no greater power.

There is a glory in what the cross gives us. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” What is foolishness to them is His example of complete surrender, which we are to imitate. It is argued that Christianity has become increasingly human-centred, and less inclined to actions that might involve discomfort or inconvenience. Whilst they appreciate what the cross of Christ gave us, they shy away from the challenge to follow in His footsteps.

Following our Christian faith today, can be challenging but we must remain focused on our relationship with God. We give thanks and praise God for all he has given us, and we turn to God when we are facing the challenges of our lives. We are not unique! Those whose footsteps we tread in today also did exactly the same things. We have been given the task of spreading the Good News to all parts of the world, so that others may also here the things which Christ did for us to rebuild the covenant between man and God. It was never going to be easy; Jesus tells us that! But by living a Christ-like life, by remembering that we are made in the image of God, in everything we do, we can show the strength of our faith and our love for God. Let us therefore tread in those footsteps of the saints and disciples who have gone before us and leave those impressions for the ones who will follow behind us.

As I move on from this parish to take up my news post in Cambridgeshire, please remain focused on your own faith and your own relationship with God. Focus on the things which really matter, building a strong church, serving the community, and taking the Good News to the people. I wish you every success for the future of the parish.

With Prayers and Best Wishes

Father Andrew

Farewell from the Parish Magazine

All farewells are rather sad, but I am sure you will all join me in wishing Father Andrew all the best in his new position in Medbourne Cambridgeshire. I would like to thank him personally for contributing each month to the magazine.

Fr. Andrew arrived in the Parish during lockdown, which was a very difficult time for everyone, but since then he has overseen the completion of new roof at St. Mary's, the refurbishment of the Ratham Chapel and installation of the solar panels. He also instigated the change in policy to allow memorial plaques to be placed in the St. Mary's Ashes Plot, which had previously not been allowed.

As the Irish blessing says so well. *`May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back and the sun shine warm upon your face`*

Special Services this month

**Harvest Festival, St. Andrew`s West Stoke
Sunday 2nd October 9 a.m.**

Pets Blessing Service

Sunday 8th October St. Mary`s Funtington 10 a.m.

All pets and their owners very welcome. Coffee and biscuits will be served

Harvest Festival at St. Mary`s Funtington

Sunday 15th October

This will be Father Andrew`s last service. Refreshments will be available, please Bring and Share food

Call for Volunteers to help with decorating the Church at St. Mary`s Funtington

We will be arranging flowers, berries and autumn foliage in Church on Saturday 14th October and would be grateful for any contributions. Please could you leave outside the Church on Friday 13th October. Buckets will be there – just add water! We are also looking for additional help with the decorations. All standards of expertise are very welcome – do join us. It is fun and greatly appreciated.

For further information please contact Denise on 574251

Denise Foster

Deanery Prayers – 3rd October St Mary`s Funtington

The churches in our Westbourne Deanery hold a short prayer session every month. The Deanery Prayers rotate around all the churches, and this month it is our turn to host it in Funtington. It will be held in the Funtington Church room at 12 noon on 3rd October. I understand the format is for the hosting church to say a little about their church life and any current needs for prayer, followed by the group praying for these requests and for the other churches in the deanery. Everyone is welcome to attend, it lasts about an hour. Do come and support the home church team on 3rd October!

Neil Watt

Church Home Group

We are planning to re-establish a weekly Home Group to provide an opportunity to study the Bible and share fellowship together. We will be starting on Tuesday 17th October from 7:30pm to 9pm in Funtington. Initially we plan to follow the Bible Course, published by the Bible Society. This course involves a mixture of video and discussion and lasts for 8 sessions. Anyone who would like to gain a greater understanding of the Bible is warmly welcomed to attend. Please contact Neil Watt wattnwatt@gmail.com for more details.

If you would like to know more details of the Bible Course follow the link: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/groups/>

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J. John – Reverend Canon

News from The Funtington Parish Council

At the September Parish Council meeting a contractor was chosen, who has now been appointed, to carry out some works around the Parish. A decision was also made by the Councillors on the appointment of a new team of contractors to carry out the grass cutting and maintenance of the Parish playground.

Because of the ongoing vandalism problems to the wooden structure on The Dell, and because the structure will soon require some quite serious and expensive repairs, the decision has been taken to find a new home for this structure, it will first be offered to local schools to see if they can make good use of it.

Once removed the Council will decide on maybe putting more benches or picnic tables up in this area.

The Council also discussed the replacement of the heritage finger post at West Stoke that was accidentally pushed over by a motorist and then subsequently stolen, we are currently trying to track down the correct person to talk to at WSCC about having it replaced, this is proving to be quite a lengthy discussion with the Highways team.

The Parish Council are looking forward to their first social evening to be held on 29th September from 6pm till 8pm in West Ashling Hall, we have some very interesting people coming along to chat with parishioners and we will be serving wine and nibbles, and hope that it will be a fun as well as an informative evening, please join us if you can.

Jane Mottershead

Funtington Players present

Disposing of the Body by Hugh Whitmore.

Directed by Alan Copsey

21st – 25th November 2023, The Village Hall, West Ashling.

Funtington Players are delighted to present this lesser known but intriguing play from seasoned author Hugh Whitmore. It is a rare evening where you end up resenting the interval; by that point you are unlikely to want anything to stand in the way of an evermore prismatically fascinating tale.

The play includes Adult Themes and is not suitable for Children. Tickets available from October 10th via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/funtington players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/funtington-players) or www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk and follow the link.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Funtington Players 75th Anniversary 2024

2024 is an exciting year for Funtington Players as they will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary. As part of the programme of events and productions to mark the anniversary the Players are putting together a revue which focuses on the village of Funtington and its surrounding area. Made up of sketches, songs and stories it will highlight local personalities and events over the past 75 years. Local residents are invited to share memories and submit stories with a local flavour which can be woven into a lively and entertaining mid-summer performance. Romance, scandals, dastardly deeds, ghostly goings on – the more the merrier.

Please send any submissions to bpmac46@hotmail.co.uk.

October Book Review

The Last Colony, Philippe Sands (2022)

Philippe Sands is an accomplished barrister, professor of law at UCL and very good story teller (previous works include the harrowing 'The Ratline' and 'East West Street').

This story is about Liseby Elyse who lived on Peros Banhos (part of the Chagos Archipelago, Indian Ocean) for the first 20 years of her life. At age 20, all inhabitants of her island were deported by the British. Sands argues that the deportation and continued exclusion of the islanders contravenes international laws, including Chapter XI of the UN Charter - a declaration regarding non self-governing territories, in short, colonies.

The book tracks Mrs Elyse's long journey to the Court of Justice in The Hague seeking the right to return to her home. It also describes the role of the International Court of Justice in unpicking colonization, including the shifts in the power of that court as its judges become truly international. And at the same time we see politics at work in London as successive governments strive to keep control of these small islands.

And why were these beautiful islands of such significance? Because the US wanted them for a military base.

To date, the people of the Chagos Islands remain excluded from them. There are recent discussions about negotiations to return them to Maritius.

So Mrs Elyse has made great strides towards her return home, but still has some way to travel.

Anita Binning

Livestock returning soon to Kingley Vale

Before I get carried away talking about Kingley Vale, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I am a nearly new addition to the management team at the reserve. I arrived almost a year ago today, but have known the site for many years, and feel enormously privileged to be involved in managing such a special and important site.

I am currently having one of those admin days, but a day with a good purpose to it. Today (among other things), I have been finalising our plans and setting dates for the return of our livestock. I'm sure you've all met our cattle and sheep before, either when wandering past the burial mounds on Bow Hill or quietly meandering through the flower rich grassland in the coombe. Much of the beauty in the site can be attributed to our livestock. They tear, nibble and chew their way through the vegetation that has grown up through the spring and summer. In the process they control



scrub, cycle nutrients, make bare patches of soil, and importantly leave the short sward required for the next generations of fine grasses and herbs to prosper. Their work maintains the important and rare habitats found at Kingley Vale, which in turn enables numerous populations of birds, insects, fungi and mammal species to prosper here too.

We do not actually have capacity to keep our own livestock at Kingley Vale, so we rely on others to supply us with cattle, sheep and in the past even donkeys and goats. Most recently we have been working with colleagues from the National Trust, who bring their lovely Belted Galloway cows and cheeky grinning Herdwick sheep from their site at Woolbeding. These animals will be arriving back again soon to begin their work from autumn onward, as they munch their way around the site once again.

There are also changes afoot in the way we manage the cattle. This year, as part of a gradual move to a more extensive grazing system, we are allowing the cattle a bit more freedom. I say freedom, but there is quite significant control and monitoring. We're fitting the cows with GPS collars which continuously pinpoint their locations and provide a 'virtual fence'. Yes – our cattle are now controlled from space! From a conservation point of view, the benefits to the site should be huge, and hopefully we will see this as we (and the animals) get used to the new system and the cattle to their newfound freedom to roam (within their virtual fencing).



As an upshot, if you visit Kingley Vale, you may need to be prepared to meet cows where you've not met them before. The sheep remain low-tech, so for the time being their electric fencing will continue to be a necessary feature. In my opinion, and I hope you agree, the resulting flower rich chalk grassland, birds, bees and butterflies, are a very worthwhile outcome of this management.



*As a parting note – if you would like to meet the team and have a chance to hear more about the reserve, we are presenting a talk on Kingley Vale NNR at the **West Stoke Village Hall at 18:30 on Thursday 26th Oct** – we hope to see you there. Email info@weststoke-villagehall.org.uk.*

Graham Johnstone, Senior Reserve Manager – Kingley Vale NNR (Natural England)

Buntings

Surrounded by fields and the wetland habitats that make up the area we live in, we are fortunate to have a good representation of buntings locally. eating bills. There are forty five different species around the world, but in the UK we have four that are resident all year round and a varying number of rare winter visitors. Of our four resident buntings three live locally and can be relatively easy to find.



Generally buntings will have well marked facial features where they sport various stripes and patches of dark and light colour above their eyes and on their cheeks, and this along with their bill shape makes them reasonably easy to identify. The Yellowhammer is perhaps the easiest one to find. This is a beautiful small yellow and brown bird which is found most often around grassland and arable fields. Up on

the Downs, in the fields around Kingly Vale and along the walk through Medmerry RSPB this bird will often be seen. You might first be drawn to it by its beautiful little 'ditty' of a song ...'a little bit of cheese pleeeeeease'. The male has a beautiful saffron yellow head and front with variable chestnut brown streaks and its back is a mixture of brown and black streaks. In its summer dress the characteristic facial pattern is less marked but in the drabber female the facial features remain. They are a lovely bird to watch and with the encouragement of more nature friendly farming hopefully the recent decline in numbers will be reversed.

Another bunting that can be found around our grasslands and fields is the Corn Bunting. We are fortunate to have some of these birds as over the last couple of decades its species has declined precipitously again a victim of the modern farming practices of harvesting spring sown crops. Again up on the Downs and around the Ham Farm area of Medmerry,



populations of these birds can be found. It is a large bunting, about the size of a Skylark and is mostly coloured with various shades of brown with a pale striped breast, but it still retains the pale 'bunting-like' facial markings. This bird is almost impossible to find when it is foraging on the ground, but it does have a habit of

sitting up on the fence wires to sing its beautiful little song of accelerating tinkling notes and will do this from January onwards. Listening for it is the best way to find it.

The last bunting found all year round locally is the Reed Bunting. As its name suggests, this bird lives around the wetlands and reed beds, but does occasionally move to nearby fields. This bird is about the size of a sparrow. The male has a dark black head with a broad white collar; its back is a mixture of browns and its chest white with a few faint streaks. The female in contrast is mainly brown but it retains the characteristic facial markings of the family and is a very smart looking bird. This bird can often be seen singing its rather metallic sounding song clinging to the top of a reed stem. Locally there are good numbers of this bird and it can be seen at most of the wetland RSPB reserves and around Chichester Harbour.



Our fourth resident bunting unfortunately is not found in West Sussex any more. The Cirl Bunting or the Village Bunting's decline over the last century was one the wake-up calls to conservation organisations and more recently the government to look closely at modern farming practices. This bird was on the verge of extinction from the UK, and was only found in a small area in south Devon by late last century. Research by the

RSPB showed its decline was directly related to the absence of winter stubble fields, and so began the most amazing conservation project with the birds in Devon which has now resulted in a thriving population of this bird there. Slowly the project is spreading the word and the birds are following. So hopefully this beautiful little bunting might one day return to West Sussex.

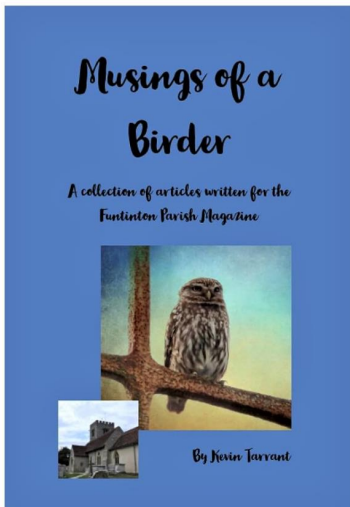


There is one other bunting which we can find sometimes in our area and that is the Snow Bunting. This interesting bird can claim the record for being the passerine that breeds furthest north, high up in the arctic. There are some that remain all year round on the top of Cairn Gorm. Some of the Arctic birds occasionally will migrate to our shores for the winter.

Over the last couple of years birds have been seen at Pagham RSPB and East Head. In winter they tend to stick to shoreline habitats and forage seeds and small insects amongst the shoreline grasses. They are a delightful, pretty bird which because it has so little contact with humans in its normal environment is very approachable and tame, allowing would be photographers getting unusually close. It is one of my favourite birds and if you do manage to find one, I am sure you will find it very endearing too.

Kevin Tarrant

'Musings of a Birder'



This book is a collection of the Parish Magazine 'Birding' articles. Some articles have been expanded and the book, 165 pages long, has over 150 colour photos. Many of the chapters end with an appropriate poem.

The book would make a lovely birthday or Christmas present. It can be bought through Amazon at £15 a copy or directly from the author (kntarrant@icloud.com) at £11 per copy (£2 of which will go to the Parish Church funds).

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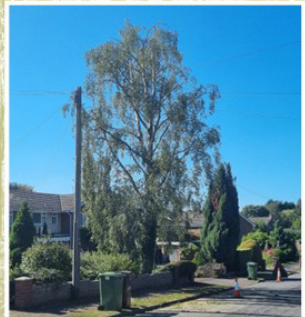
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Funtington Flora

The peak of summer wild flowers has passed but there are some late flowering plants. This month's plants are found in more acidic and woodland soils.



Tormentil looks like a four-petalled buttercup nestling in the grass, but is a *Potentilla*, in the Rose family. It's very typical of acidic grassland and avoids chalk. It is the only small yellow flower with four petals.

Goldenrod (*Solidago virgaurea*) has a spire of yellow flowers, each with six petals, on a single stem up to 50 cm high, and grows well in dry grasslands and sandy soils. I've seen it at Pagham and Thorney Island. It is a native species, closely related to the ornamental garden Goldenrods, in the daisy family. Canadian Goldenrod is a frequent garden escape.



meadows and marshes.

Devil's-bit Scabious has impressive purple flower heads made up of massed four petalled mini flowers, and you can see the purple stamens sticking out of each component flower. Its rather splendid name is derived from 1. Devil's bit due to its roots looking truncated as though bitten off, and 2. Scabious comes from the Latin *Scabere*, relating to its traditional use for skin conditions, according to the Wildlife Trusts website. There are two other Scabious species in the UK. Devil's-bit Scabious can be distinguished by its basal rosette of unlobed leaves, each with a prominent pale central vein. It likes to grow in damper

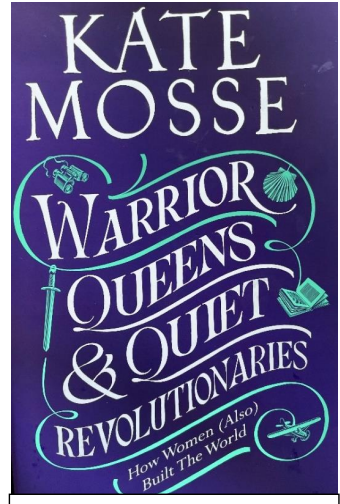
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Funtington Parish in the Past

Maria Hack and the Quakers



Maria Hack (1777 – 1844)



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While Greg Mosse was writing his murder story about Funtington, his wife Kate Mosse was writing her fascinating book, *Warrior Queens and Quiet Revolutionaries*. She collected together the stories of 1000 distinguished women who had been forgotten in history including her own great grandmother who like her was a writer.

I have been wondering whom I might have included in such a book. One possibility is Maria Hack, a Quaker and children's writer who lived in Chichester and whose eldest



Drawn by Elizabeth Barton Hack



Plaque at No 30 Little London

daughter Elizabeth Barton Hack married the perpetual curate of Funtington, Rev George Bliss.

Maria Hack nee Barton was born into a Quaker family in Tottenham in 1777, and married a prosperous merchant from Chichester in 1800 where in the next 20 years she had six daughters and four sons. She was a prolific writer of books of instruction for children believing that exact knowledge was neglected in female education. Quakers reject outward rites and an ordained ministry in the church and have a long tradition of actively working for peace and opposing war.

The drawing by Elizabeth Barton Hack, Death of a Traveller in the Desert was drawn for the first edition (1818) of her mother's best known book, Winter Evenings in which she tells stories from all over the world. She gave royalties from her books to her daughters when they had helped her to write them (1)

In her own words ***"While poor I, from six in the morning till eleven at night cannot secure one little five minutes the perpetual interruptions of some part of a family of fifteen person" "The continual interruptions of children are the most unpoetic thing in life - Pray lend me a pencil - Pray fit my work - Mamma I have cut my finger - May Hannah go and buy some seed for my bird - Oh my bantam cock is grown so handsome - only just look at him for a minute! - then there is Elizabeth - sketching a frontispiece and wants it to be criticised and commended"***

Maria lived at 30 Little London in Chichester where the plaque above commemorates her son Barton Hack, one of the founders of Adelaide in South Australia. This "Quiet Revolutionary" was a strong influence on three men already remembered in our community, Maria's son in law George Bliss, her son Barton Hack and her brother John Barton while Maria may have been forgotten.(2)

Hers was a very happy household but when Maria was widowed in 1823, her ten children were still all under 22 and she began to question some of the Quaker tenets. Soon afterwards her eldest daughter, Elizabeth Hack now Bliss moved into Funtington Vicarage and was joined by her two sisters Ellen and Priscilla; all three left the Quakers.

Maria had a difficult time after her husband's death. Five of her children became ill with typhus and three of them died. Two of her sons decided to emigrate to Australia in search of a healthier home and two married daughters followed them there. Only one daughter remained a Quaker. A few years later, the family in Australia became bankrupt during a financial crisis and Maria was unable to help them. Maria went to live in Southampton with her remaining son Thomas an architect.

I became interested in this story when I discovered that my own Quaker great great grandmother (3) like Kate Mosse's great grandmother had also been forgotten. She was a contemporary of Maria Hack and like Maria, I think that she might also be included in the next edition of Kate Mosse's book.



Drawing of Adelaide in 1837



Southampton Yacht Club designed by T Hack

- (1) From a paper by Ann Stilwell Griffith for the Chichester Local History 2001
- (2) The educationalist, John Barton moved from Chichester to Stoughton and contributed to the beginnings of both Funtington School and West Stoke Village Hall.
- (3) Two elders from the Tottenham Meeting House came to visit my great grandmother when they heard that she was marrying out but they were too late to change her mind.

Geoffrey Boys

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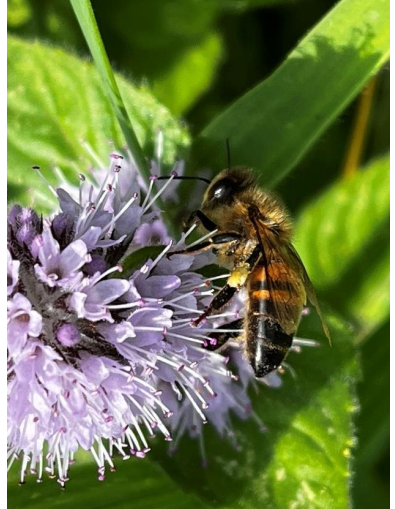
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One person's weed is another person's wildflower

While on the subject of wildflower meadows (regular readers will recall last month's article bemoaning the abundance of teasel in our meadow) we've now started to mow ours down and get it ready for winter.

Traditionally, meadows are cut for hay during the summer and then left to be grazed by sheep and cattle until the winter. Harvesting the grass as hay ensures that nitrogen is extracted from the soil - nitrogen being a nutrient that grasses absolutely thrive on – which, in turn, gives wildflowers a fighting chance to grow alongside the grasses in the spring. The grazing animals also do their bit for wildflowers by churning up the ground with their hooves, exposing the soil for wildflower seeds to germinate, and spreading seeds far and wide in their manure.



So creating even a small patch of wildflowers requires quite a bit of manual labour, especially in the early years, in order to gradually make the soil condition less appealing for grass. For us that means in early autumn we have a couple of jobs to do before the winter frosts. First, we cut the meadow with a dangerous-looking scythe mower contraption we bought on eBay. We leave the cuttings for a few weeks to allow any wildflower seeds to fall to the ground before we collect them up and take them away – thus replicating the hay being taken away and nitrogen-rich nutrients being removed from the meadow.

Then we use our old lawn mower to mow right down tight to the ground, scuffing it up in the process, replicating sheep constantly nibbling away at the grass and trampling the soil. It's back-breaking, but we also scarify patches to break open up the grass roots exposing them to the coming frosts. Then finally, we spread more wildflower seed far and wide, and here, dear reader, I can assure you we definitely don't eat it first...

Choosing what wildflowers to sow also plays a big part in creating a rich meadow. Yellow rattle is top of our list because it's a parasite on grass – it attaches itself to

the roots, steals away nutrients and in doing so starves the grass. We've noticed how quickly it can free up large areas of grass and so allow other wildflowers in. Also important are legumes such as red clover and bird's-foot trefoil because these are 'nitrogen-fixers', absorbing and storing nitrogen away from the grass, and the bees go mad for clover when it flowers in early summer. Over time, these pathfinder plants have opened the way for other wildflowers to flourish; we've seen lots of knapweed this year, another big favourite of the bees, yellow loosestrife, wild carrot, and more delicate flowers such as musk mallow and betony. And, of course, lots of wild teasel!

We probably spend as much time on the meadow as we do on the bees, but since our honeybees forage so much natural resources it's important we give something back on their behalf.

Jason & Kate Boswell

The 2023 Poppy Appeal Funtington and Chidham



Our collectors will be back out in our community to raise vital funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal which launches on the 27th October and finishes on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November. Poppy Tins and Boxes will be distributed around the Parish. Please find your local collector, pub, café, coffee

shop or business premises to donate to because. 'Every Poppy Counts!' Your contribution will make a real difference to the lives of the Armed Forces Community many of whom have given so much for their country. This year, let us not forget the unpublicised service they will have been giving, that we are not told of, by training those that are fighting to defend the front line countries of Europe for the 'Freedom' that we in the UK tend to take for granted.

We are always looking for Volunteer Collectors who would like to do House to House collections, or even run a Coffee Morning to raise funds during the Poppy Appeal Fortnight – If you would like to do so then please contact me on the number below. Each collector is allocated about 3 residential roads to collect from or about 30-40 houses.

In November I will be publishing, in this Magazine, the QR Code to use in order to make a donation which, with a couple of clicks, will add 25% to the Value of your Donation under the Gift Aid Scheme. If you do not use a mobile phone ask a friend, who does, to do the donation for you and you can give them the donation in cash!

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Bosham Chidham & District Horticultural Society

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Show at the end of July. What a wonderful team effort it was and thanks to everyone who helped clear the Hall afterwards.

I do hope all who visited it enjoyed their day! In January the Committee start gearing up for the Show next year! First, we have to plan the Show Schedule, then sponsors and judges have to be approached and raffle prizes sought from local business. Most of this is done by Stephanie Fiske and Jenny Lacey with the rest of the Committee members on hand to support wherever needed.

After the Show it almost feels like autumn is setting in and we only have one more evening monthly meeting with a Speaker on 12th October – Sarah Hughes with an interesting talk on our Wildlife Corridor in the local area. We welcome visitors to our monthly meetings where you will find friendly gardening folk! There is a tea/coffee and biscuits available on arrival and time for a chat and a chance to buy a raffle ticket! Doors are open from 7pm and the evening begins at 7.30.

In November we hold our AGM – necessary not very exciting I admit, but we do serve delicious homemade cakes with tea and coffee to tempt members to attend! In December we hold our Christmas party which is definitely more fun with wine, quiz and a buffet! Happy gardening!

Rozie Bradley

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The Bricklayer`s Story

By Gerald Hoffnung (from his Oxford Union speech in 1958)

I`ve got this thing here that I must read to you.

Now, this is a very tragic thing I shouldn`t really read it out.

A striking lesson in keeping the upper lip stiff is given in a recent number of the weekly bulletins of The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors` that prints the following letter from a bricklayer in Golders Green to the firm for whom he works.

`Respected Sir,

When I got to the top of the building, I found that the hurricane had knocked down some bricks off the top. So I rigged up a beam with a pulley at the top of the building and hoisted up a couple of barrels of bricks.

When I had fixed the building, there was a lot of bricks left over.

I hoisted the barrel back up again and secured the line at the bottom and then went up and filled the barrel with the extra bricks.

Then, I went to the bottom and cast off the rope.

Unfortunately the barrel of bricks was heavier than I was and before I knew what was happening, the barrel started down, jerking me off the ground.

I decided to hang on!

Halfway up, I met the barrel coming down – and received a severe blow on the shoulder. I then continued to the top, banging my head against the beam and getting my fingers jammed in the pulley!

When the barrel hit the ground, it burst it`s bottom allowing all the bricks to spill out.

I was now heavier than the barrel and so started down again at high speed!

Halfway down I met the barrel coming up, and received severe injury to my shins!

When I hit the ground I landed on the bricks! Getting several painful cuts from the sharp edges.

At this point I must have lost my presence of mind because I let go of the line!

The barrel then came down, giving me a very heavy blow and putting me in hospital!

I respectfully request `sick leave`.

Editor`s Note

I was reminded of Gerald Hoffnung on a recent visit to Bee Kenchington who gave me this to share with you. My father had one of his records which I used to hear regularly along with those of Noel Coward and Victor Borge and my father roaring with laughter. A long time ago in a different era. Gerald Hofnung was raised in Germany was brought to London by his parents to escape the nazis. He became known as a cartoonist, tuba player, impresario, broadcaster and raconteur. He appeared on many BBC panel games of the time. One of his best known performances was his speech at the Oxford Union in 1958 from which this story was extracted.

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St. Mary's Church Room, Church Lane, Funtington PO18 9LH
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Funtington and West Stoke W1

Our October meeting will be on Wednesday 18th at our new time of 2pm.
Our speaker will be Andrew Hughes on Trekking to the Himalayas With ex-service men. For further information about the W1, contact Sue Nicholson on 574722

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th October

The Sienna Singers in Concert, St. Andrew's Church, West Stoke 7.30pm

Sunday 8th October

Pets Blessing Service, St. Mary's Church 10 am

Sunday 15th October

Harvest Festival, St. Mary's Church, 10am Bring & Share

Friday 4th November, Bonfire and Fireworks Party 6pm

Funtington Bridge Club

The club meets every Thursday at St. Mary's Church Room, Funtington. Rubber Bridge from 1.30pm until 5pm £3 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits. Contact Roger Freeguard for details 01243 576650

Solution to Crossword 26 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

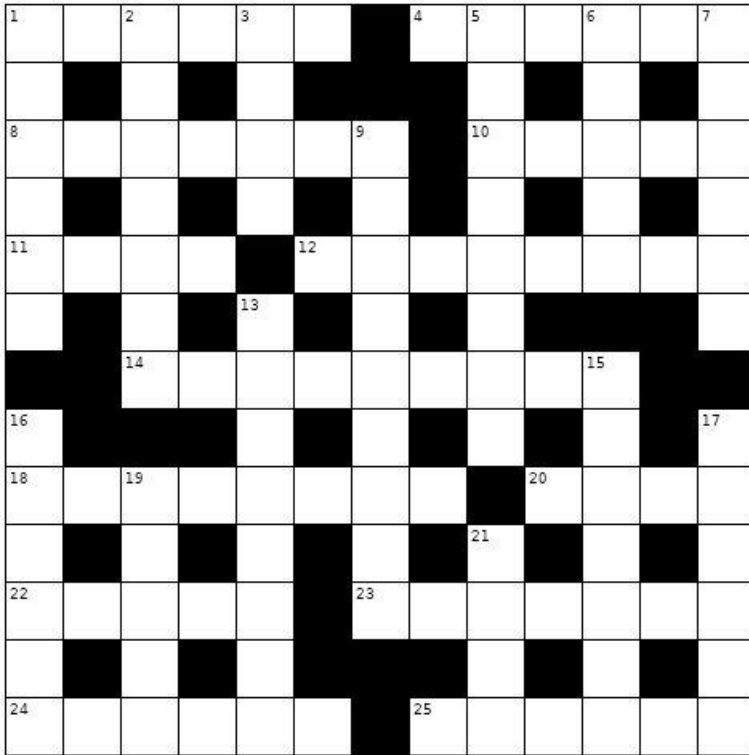
ACROSS:

1 Zombie 4 Quartz 8 Delving 10 Tempo 11 Apse 12 Star-gaze 14 Prognosis 18 Hijacked 20 Noah 22 Rouge 23 Gherkin 24 Zither 25 Boulez.

DOWN:

1 Zodiac 2 Milk-sop 3 Iris 5 Upthrust 6 Rumba 7 Zoomed 9 Gutenberg 13 Concrete 15 Snorkel 16 Shiraz 17 Chintz 19 Joust 21 Nero.

Crossword no. 26



ACROSS

- 1 Reanimated corpse (6)
- 4 Hard, rocky mineral made of silica (6)
- 8 Rummaging deeply (7)
- 10 Speed marking of music (5)
- 11 Recess in a church (4)
- 12 To practise astronomy (4-4)
- 14 Medical forecast (9)
- 18 Siezed control of a plane (8)
- 20 Ark-building patriarch (4)
- 22 Red cosmetic powder (5)
- 23 Tall building or small cucumber (7)
- 24 Stringed instrument used in *Third Man* theme (6)
- 25 Pierre — (1925-2016), conductor and composer (6)

DOWN

- 1 Heavenly belt (6)
- 2 Soft, effeminate man (7)
- 3 Flower, or eye part (4)
- 5 Vertical force causing buoyancy (8)
- 6 Afro-Cuban dance (5)
- 7 Smoothly changed lens focussing distance (6)
- 9 German 15th C printing pioneer (9)
- 13 Absolutely solid and firm (8)
- 15 Underwater breathing tube (7)
- 16 Black grape used in red wine (6)
- 17 Printed cotton cloth (6)
- 19 Medieval combat on horseback (5)
- 21 Roman emperor who prioritised lyre over fire (4)

St Marys Funtington Church Rota October 2023

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesperson	Readers
Sunday 1st October Trinity 17 All Saints Day	10 am Family Service Green JM		Ann Maddock			Neil Watt	Liz Lancaster	Jo Borbone Eze 1-4 25-end Mini Elliott Mt 21.23-32
	10 am Pet service Green AB					Clergy	Denise Foster Judy Meeke	Ann Maddock The sermon of St Francis Clare Hosking Col 1:15-23
Sunday 15th October Trinity 19	10 am Harvest Eucharist "Bring and share" Green AB	Rachel Hammond	Liz Lancaster		Kay Knowles	Jo Borbone	Jimmy Faure Nigel Brown	Denise Foster TBC Claire Hoare TBC
	10 am Eucharist Green JD				Nigel Brown	Anne Maddock	Pippa Kerr Anne Maddock	Carolyn Watt Isa 45:1-7 Neil Watt 1Thess 1:1-10
Sunday 22nd October Trinity 20	10 am Eucharist					Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Jimmy Faure Neh 8:1-4a 8-12 Nigel Brown Col 3: 12-17
	Green JD				Carolyn Watt	Nigel Brown	Jimmy Faure	
Sunday 29th October Trinity 21	10 am Eucharist Joint Service with Chidham DN	Marian Sewell	Liz Collett					
	10 am Family Service Red JM				-	Jo Borbone	Liz Lancaster	Mini Elliott Rev 7: 9-end Neil Macauley Matt 5:1-12

Please arrange your own cover if you are unable to help on the day you are rostered

Please note times and services may vary during the interregnum starting in Nov 2023

Parish Services October 2023

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sunday 1 st October	10.am 9am	Family Service Harvest Festival	St Marys, Funtington St Andrews, West Stoke
<i>Monday 2nd October</i>	<i>5.30- 6.30pm</i>	<i>Church in the Community -Ideas Meeting</i>	<i>St Marys, Funtington Church room</i>
Tues 3 rd October	12 pm	Deanery Prayer Meeting	St Marys Funtington
Weds 4 th October	10.30am 11 am	Apologies No Service	St Mary, Funtington Church room
Sunday 8 th October	9 am 10 am	Eucharist Pet Service	Sennicotts St Mary, Funtington
<i>Monday 9th October</i>	<i>5.30- 6.30pm</i>	<i>Church in the Community prayer meeting</i>	<i>St Mary, Funtington Church room</i>
Weds 11th October	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Marys, Funtington (tbc) Church room
Sunday 15 th October	9.0 am 10 am	Morning Prayers Harvest Eucharist+ Bring and Share	West Stoke St Marys, Funtington
<i>Monday 16th October</i>	<i>5.30- 6.30pm</i>	<i>Church in the Community -prayer meeting</i>	<i>St Mary, Funtington Church room</i>
Thursday 19 th October	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee	St Wilfreds, Nutbourne
Sunday 22 nd October	9 am 10 am	Eucharist BCP Eucharist	Sennicotts St Marys, Funtington
Monday 23 rd October	5.30- 6.30pm	Church in the Community - prayer meeting	St Mary, Funtington Church room
Thursday 19 th October	10.30am 11 am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	
Sunday 29 th October	10.am	Eucharist Joint Service	St Marys, Funtington
<i>Monday 30th October</i>	<i>5.30- 6.30pm</i>	<i>Church in the Community - Ideas Meeting</i>	<i>St Mary, Funtington Church room</i>
Thursday 2 nd November	10.30am	Eucharist and Healing Coffee (all welcome)	St Wilfreds, Nutbourne
<i>Sat 4th November</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Bonfire party and Barbeque</i>	<i>Adsdean Chalk pit Barn</i>
Sunday 5 th November	Time TBC? 10am	Eucharist Family Service	West Stoke Funtington

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