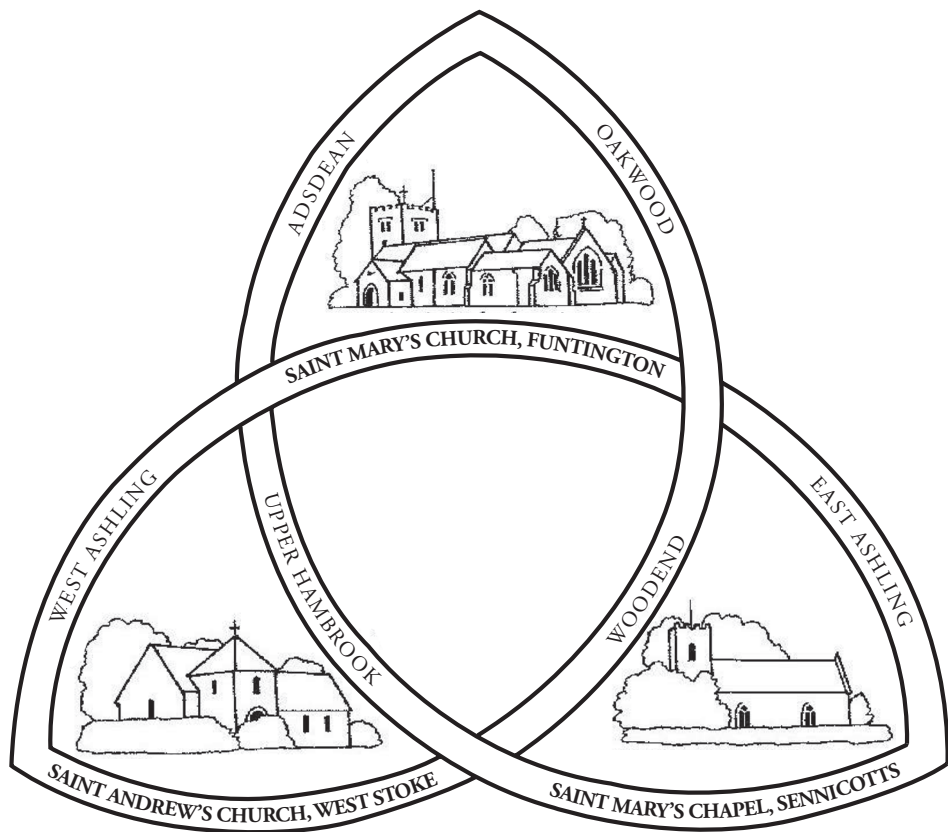


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest-in-Charge

When I was in training in 2012, as part of what is called a pastoral placement (where you have to gain experience of the role of pastoral ministry), I seized an opportunity to do my placement in Malta. I think my placement supervisor, Father Simon Godfrey, was keeping my schedule, tasking but relaxed, yet at the same time there was a whole host of events going on during my stay which offered a rich and varied experience and gave me some very special memories.

I was in Malta for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which takes place every 15th August. But 15th August also marks a very special day in the life of the islanders of Malta, as they will, this year mark 75 years since the siege of Malta was broken in the Second World War. The 15th August 1942.

The anniversary of the final arrival of the famous 'SS Ohio' tanker as the last ship of the Pedestal Convoy to Malta in 1942 and the symbolic breaking of the unimaginable siege suffered by the population (civilian and military) of Malta. Operation Pedestal was created to relieve British controlled Malta and took place in August of that year. The epic attempt to run 80 ships past bombers, minefields and U-boats has gone down in military history as one of the most important British victories of the Second World War – though at a cost of more than 400 lives.

The forces of Italy and Germany had tried to take control of the island, but the sheer determination of the islanders, when faced with this adversity saw the island rewarded with the George Cross in 1942. The island was on the verge of being forced into surrender through lack of supplies including food, but islanders resisted and put faith in God. SS Ohio made her crippled way through to the Grand Harbour answering the prayers of the islanders.

The ravages of war scar the world for generations to come. We are all too familiar with the devastation of the Great Wars and the conflict in the Middle East recently, and our thoughts and prayers at this time are with those in and fleeing Afghanistan.

In The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, we are told not to grieve the spirit through acts of anger, bad temper, bitterness, shouting or abuse. We must remove ourselves from them as we must from every kind of malice.

In May 2000 I was part of a group of people who went to Japan on a vocation study trip. I was rather perturbed by the item on the itinerary which suggested we would make a trip to the memorial centre of the Hiroshima bomb. At 8.16 am on 6th August 1945, the bomb exploded on the city completely obliterating Hiroshima except for the tower of the Exhibition Centre which remained standing and now is seen as an iconic reminder of that day.

As I wandered round the museum looking at a watch that had stopped at 8.16am, pictures of disfigured people affected by the bomb, charred remains of food which had literally cooked in lunch boxes of school children and many other haunting sites my heart sank as we neared the end, as I expected at least one person to say *'take a good look, this is what your country did'* but it never came. There was silence, respect, calm, peace and harmony.

As I walked out to the flame lit for peace for those lost on that day, I bowed my head and the emotion of war hit me, then, 55 years after the event. The people of Hiroshima hold no malice, no anger, no revenge, no bitterness. They remember what happened on that day and ask the world to never allow the suffering to happen anywhere again.

St. Paul in his letter goes on to tell us that not only should we turn away from those things of bitterness and anger, but we must learn to forgive, understand, and be sensitive and thoughtful. I am not saying we need to forget, but we do need to learn to forgive and move on, never forgetting the pain of war and conflict.

God sent His only Son to save us from our sins and to take us closer to God. And it is a fact that Jesus was sent to save us from ourselves that he offers us a new way of life for the spiritual and mental nourishment of the world. We need the nourishment of God, through Jesus to take us through our life journey and in our Christian life too. Jesus offers himself as 'the bread of life' offering nourishment from God on Earth, God's human form in Jesus Christ the Saviour.

As we ourselves, Disciples of Christ, it is our role as Christians today to take forward Christ's message of love and peace. As the mother of Jesus, no other human was as close as she was to Him and His mission as Mary herself. She understood the message and mission of Christ better than another.

Mary's Magnificat is a prophetic song of praise to God who saves the lowly and fills the hungry. It is the song of victory, the victory of the weak, the poor and the humble and downtrodden that God empowers, against the strong, the rich, the proud and the oppressors of the world, although sometimes we question whether this is correct given conflicts around the world. It is the song of her Assumption and exaltation unto heaven.

Mary, the 'weak' and humble maiden from Nazareth is the greatest singer of God's victorious might. She recognised that she herself would be resurrected in Christ at her death and she loved God so much she understood the human role Jesus had to play here on earth. God the Son as well as God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Stepping out with God – September 2021

Dear Friends,

The pandemic begs the question as to why a loving God allows misfortune to befall us. It is important that we find the right answers. God doesn't send misfortune on us HE SHARES IT WITH US. He allows it to happen, but at the same time He is in the business of healing and reconciliation.

Latterly, we have all been through a testing time, which has involved being inoculated against the virus and going into quarantine. Now we are having to brace ourselves to coming out of it! This too, is challenging. The Government has suggested guidelines. We are gradually returning to normality. But it takes time and patience.

I am glad that we are back at Church again among our friends in St. Mary's Funtington. We still wear masks if we want to and space out, but we are together again. We wave at each other instead of passing the peace, and go forward to receive a communion waifer. Latterly, it has been a great joy to sing the hymns again. We follow a measured approach. But it is vital for our spirituality.

Our Father in heaven never abandons us. He is always there for us. We have this sure and certain hope within us. And we want to share it with others. To put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee and let Him lead us onwards. As we take the steps we discover that He is with us. Underneath are the Everlasting Arms. 'We have this Hope as a sure and steadfast Anchor of the Soul' Hebrews 6.19.

We must keep a hold on our Faith. God will guide us to better things. Did He not say 'Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name and you are mine'.

Sydney Carter expresses it well in his song:

'One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you'

Thank you to those of you who respond to my letters. They keep us in touch with each other and help us to bear one another's burdens. *Jane Gummer*

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

| September 2021 | | | | |
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| <i>Date:</i> | <i>St Andrew, West Stoke</i> | | <i>St Mary, Sennicotts</i> | |
| Sun 5 th September Trinity 14 | 9.00 a.m. HC (BCP) | Isaiah 35:4-7a Mark 7:24-37 | - | - |
| Sun 12 th September Trinity 15 | - | - | 9.00 a.m. HC (BCP) | Isaiah 50:4-9a Mark 8:27-38 |
| Sun 19 th September Trinity 16 | 9.00 a.m. Matins | Wisdom 1:16-2.1 & 12-22 Mark 9:30-37 | - | - |
| Sat 25 th September | 1.00pm | Wedding | - | - |
| Sun 26 th September Trinity 17 | - | - | 9.00 a.m. HC (BCP) | Numbers 11:4-6 & 10-16 & 24-29 Mark 9:38-50 |
| Sat 2 nd October | 3.00pm | Wedding | - | - |
| Sun 3 rd October Trinity 18 | 9.00 a.m. HC (BCP) | Revelation 21:9-14 John 10:22-29 | - | - |

Editor's Note

I can't believe that we are now on our sixth issue of the magazine, and that we have managed to fill it so far, thanks to all of our many contributors! Please keep the articles coming in. Each month we worry about the book/film review and the recipe. So please, if you think you could send us something give me a ring or send me a text (07523 165099). We would also welcome photographs of 'happenings' in the parish (birthdays, weddings, new babies, big birthdays). I have been told by one of our readers that the July/August magazine and the December/January issue were usually combined, because of holidays, which we could well do for the latter. The last thing I would want to do is to put the magazine to bed on Christmas Eve!

A Precious New Arrival

Susie (nee Hammond) and Tom Green had a baby girl on Friday 13th August 2021. Sophie Allegra weighed 7lbs 8oz. Welcome!

Harvest Festival dates in the Parish

St Andrews, West Stoke Sunday 19th September at 10 a.m. (Church decoration from 9 a.m. on Saturday 18th – any questions call Barbara on 575614)

St Mary's, Funtington , Sunday 26th September at 10 a.m.

Flowers and berried foliage needed, please, for our harvest festival at St. Mary's Funtington. We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday 25th September.

Please bring your contributions and leave outside the Church on Friday 24th September. Buckets will be there – just add water!

Denise Foster, Flower Team Leader

And... a date for your diary:

Get your Pets, any kind from horses to tortoises and of course dogs ready for the **Pet Blessing Service at St Andrew', West Stoke** on 26th October at 10 a.m.

News from the PCC

The PCC met in July and it was with great sadness that it was without Richard Elwes who tragically died earlier in July. Richard has served on the joint PCC for many years, with special responsibility for St Andrew's. His experience, service and contribution to parish life have been greatly valued and he will be sorely missed. We also learnt of the resignation of Brian Craven, who has also served on the PCC for many years and has been particularly involved with in the financial and secretarial roles. His experience too has been greatly appreciated and we will miss his contributions to PCC matters.

The Vicarage now has a tenant and we are minded that the parking of cars within the vicarage grounds for Church use is limited to Sundays.

A small group had met to tidy up the churchyard and a tree surgeon has reported that the majority of the trees within the grounds are in good order.

For **Harvest Festival** dates in all Churches (see above and the back page of the magazine). There will be a social event after the Chidham Harvest Service on 16th October for which tickets will be issued. More to follow in October issue. The **Christmas Fair** will be held in St. Mary's Funtington on Saturday 4th December.

Carolyn Watt (PCC Secretary)

A recent letter from one of our subscribers

To the Editor,

I am sending the following, hoping that you may be able to find room for it in the September magazine.

I was interested to read the account by Bee Kenchington in the May issue of the magazine on the loss of HMS Hood on May 24th 1941. I thought readers of the magazine might find the following of interest.

In the Church of St. John the Baptist in Boldre, near Lyndhurst in the New Forest, there is a memorial to HMS Hood. When Mrs. Phyllis Holland, the wife of Vice Admiral Holland, who was among the naval officers who lost their lives in this tragedy, heard that there was to be no official memorial raised at the time she initiated and carried through a memorial to the Hood's men at her and her husband's parish church at Boldre.

The memorial consists of an illuminated book of Remembrance, a framed photograph of the ship and an oil painting of the Hood, together with other associated maritime items. Every year on a Sunday in May a service is held in memory of the ship's company.

Your readers may also be interested to know that my grandfather was lost in a WWI sinking, when HMS Hampshire struck a mine as it was passing through Scapa Flow, Orkney on the evening of 5th June 1916. His body was one of the few found on the beach below Birsay Head. He, together with the others, is buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery on the Island of Hoy. I have been able to visit this cemetery on two occasions. Lord Kitchener and his staff were also on the ship and all were lost. Lord Kichener's body was never found.

If anyone reading this also had a relative aboard HMS Hampshire I would be glad to hear from them. I recommend the definitive 2016 book '*HMS Hampshire : a Century of Myths and Mysteries Unravalled* '. Best Wishes, Jackie Baynes (02392 831 461)

Funtington and West Stoke Scout Group

We have now completed our somewhat curtailed activities for the 2020-21 year. Given the circumstances, the final term was very successful with an almost full set of meetings held. My thanks go to the Section Leaders for their dedication and efforts to making this happen but also to the parents who have supported them either by allowing their children to attend or acting as helpers at the meetings on a weekly basis.

The term ended with five members being presented with their Chief Scout Awards; Bronze for Elias Elmegadmi in Beavers; Silver for Luke Pendry in Cubs and Gold for Charlie Cooley, Nathan Martin and Toby Baker in Scouts. Together with George Broad's Gold awarded earlier in the year, that makes a total of six Chief Scout Awards for the Group which is a huge achievement for all involved. Pictured are Toby, Charlie, Luke and Nathan who were presented their badges and certificates at an end of term barbeque.



The teams are starting planning for the start of the 2021-22 year in September but what we do know now is that the

Cubs have two teams from the Cubs entered in the Supreme Box Kart Challenge on 12th September and the Scouts will be taking part in the Junior Downsmen Hike on 25th & 26th September, so we wish good luck to all who will be participating in these. If you have a child interested in joining or would like to join us as an adult helper please contact the Richard Bettles, Group Scout Leader at fandws@chichesterscouts.org.uk

Calling ALL Singers!

The West Ashling Vocal Ensemble (WAVE) has been metamorphosized into the 'OK Chorale' who will meet at the Fishbourne Centre for the first time on Monday September 6 at 10.30 am.

After the hiatus caused by covid it was felt that it was better to combine two smaller groups into a slightly larger one in order to make it financially viable.

Any interested singers can contact me through this email address: johnleadall@me.com

Our Corvids

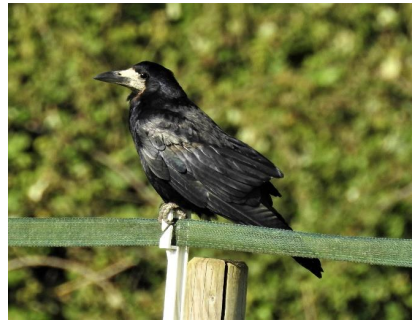
Kevin Tarrant

Corvids, better known as members of the Crow family, are well represented locally. Six out of the eight British Corvids can be seen quite commonly in our district. The 'black' members of the crow family are often misidentified but with a little knowledge are quite easy to differentiate.



The Carrion Crow, usually known as simply the Crow, is a large all black bird with a black bill and black legs. Always suspect a Carrion Crow if you see one or two alone as it is not as gregarious as its cousin the Rook which it is often

mistaken for. The Rook on the other hand is very sociable and is usually seen in flocks or 'Parliaments', they live in a rookery and are very noisy. There are several local rookeries, one being on the corner of Downs Rd and Southbourne Road as you come into West Ashling. The Rook is also all black, but is



slimmer and slightly smaller than the Crow and has grey/white bare skin around the base of its bill, which is the best way to identify it.

The other two 'black' Corvids seen locally are the Jackdaw and Raven. The Jackdaw is significantly smaller than the Crow and Rook and sports a pale grey skullcap. He also is a gregarious noisy bird and can often be seen mixing with Rooks. It is generally Rooks and Jackdaws you can find foraging on the Research centre west of

Funtington. The Jackdaw's is more Ky-ow rather than the caws of the Rooks and Crows. He is quite an acrobatic flyer, and if you spot a Corvid tumbling and diving in the air, it is likely to be a Jackdaw.

The Raven which also is an all-black bird, is enormous, bigger than a Buzzard, and often



identified by its 'Kronk kronk' call which it issues as it flies over. In flight it has a diamond shaped end to its tail, unlike the other Corvids. It has a massive bill, and shaggy neck feathers. It is quite shy and usually seen on its own or in a pair. Up until recently they were not common in Sussex, but over the last decade have bred locally, and a pair can be seen around the Funtington Parish.



Magpies and Jays also belong to the Corvid family. The Magpie is familiar to most with its pied plumage. The Jay is a more secretive woodland bird, whose body's dominant



colour is a pink/fawn, the black being seen on its wing and tail. It sports a beautiful blue flash on its these birds out in when they are winter.

wing. The best time to see the open is in the autumn caching acorns for the

The last two British Corvids, not seen locally are the Hooded Crow and the Chough. The Hooded Crow fills the Carrion Crows niche in northern Scotland and Ireland and is a pied crow with grey and black colouration. The Chough, probably the most charismatic of the Corvids, is confined to the coastal cliffs of Wales and Ireland, and a small area around Lands End in Cornwall.



Some have recently been re-introduced to Jersey. This is a delicate black bird with a stunning long curved red bill and red feet.

These are our Corvids:

Collective Nouns for Corvids (some of these terms are common to other Corvids)

Carrion Crows – a murder, a mob

Jackdaws – a clattering, a train

Jays – a scold

Choughs – a chattering

Rooks – a parliament, a clamour, a building

Magpies – a mischief, a tidings, a gulp

Ravens – an unkindness or a conspiracy



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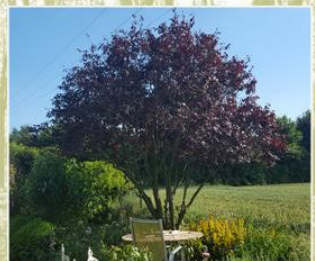
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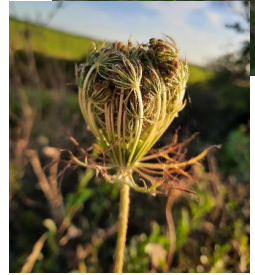
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Funtington Flora September

This month looks at flowers on the local coastline at Chidham. Wild Carrot, also known as Queen Anne's lace, grows along many verges. It is another of the Cow parley family, but distinguished by the later flowering season, feathery leaves, flowers. After flowering the bracts curl up to form a tight fist around the developing seeds. Its roots are edible but wild carrot roots soon become too woody to eat. Occasional flowerheads have a single deep pink flower at the centre of the flowering head.



Tufted Vetch has one-sided clusters of purple flowering heads, which later develop into pods, and leaves with tendrils, showing its membership of the pea family.



Golden Samphire is fairly rare nationally, but easily found on the local saltmarsh margins. Its yellow daisy-like flowers fit with its place in the Inula family, like the

Inula garden flowers. It is not related to Rock Samphire.



Fleabane is another yellow-flowered member of the Daisy family with greyish green wrinkled leaves, growing on verges. It was used as an insect repellent, either by hanging bunches of the plant, or by burning. It has a scent of carbolic soap and chrysanthemum. Historically Fleabane was also used to treat dysentery, commemorated in its scientific name *Pulicaria dysenterica*.



Helen Dignum

From the Parish in the Past Not Lambs but Sheep

I came across this story on the British Newspapers website. Elizabeth Merricks of Funtington School had won a prize for a story which she had found and which is now 150 years old. I wondered whether I could find out more about Roger Cheesman. Perhaps he gave his name to Cheesman's Lane which "runs down" from Common Road to Hambrook.

I discovered that Roger was baptised in Bosham in October 1815 just after the battle of Waterloo and died in Funtington in 1886.

The picture of sheep on the Downs below was painted a few years later by James Charles who lived in East Ashling and gives us a view of Chichester harbour at that time. I am wondering where the artist would have sat.

Most of my discoveries about Roger Cheesman come from National Census records between 1841 and 1911. (Soon to be published is 1921 census but after that we will have to wait until 2051 to see more records as all the 1931 records were destroyed by fire and no census was held in 1941 during the Second World War).

Roger Cheesman was the farmer at Hambrook Farm in Funtington. The Ordnance Survey map below shows Hambrook Farm when it was the only house in Cheesman's Lane. The flint faced farmhouse has been much changed and is now called Hambrook Grange. Some of the farm buildings are still in use as business units.

The censuses of 1851-1881 show how "old Roger's" family and his land increased during those years. In 1851, farming 114 acres employing 4 labourers "one in house and three out". In 1861 and 1871 "farming 400 acres employing seven men and three boys" and in 1881 with 170 acres with four men with his son Alfred as farmer's assistant. It was probably during the 1870s that he had those sheep at Down's Farm.



PRIZE ANECDOTE.

A TRUE LOCAL STORY.

(Sent by Elizabeth Merricks, 14, attending Central Girls' School).

When Roger Cheesman, Esq., used the Downs Farm, Funtington, some years ago, a boy was minding his sheep near Wood End chalkpit. One day a swell gent, and his servant on horseback, came along.—“Well, Jack,” said the gent, “whose lambs are those?”—“They baint lambs, they be sheep.”—“Whose are they, Jack?”—“I reckon they be old Roger's. I minds 'em for he.”—“Well, now, Jack, where do this road go to?”—“Niver goos nowhere; always stops where her is,” said the boy. “Now, Jack, what's it o'clock?”—“How did you know my name's Jack?” “Well, I guessed it.” “Then,” said the boy, “if you be such a good guesser as all that, you guess what time 'tis.”—The gentleman and groom rode on, well pleased, for a few dozen yards. The former then told the latter to ride back and ask the boy if he would like to take a fool's place. “Why?” said the boy, “be you gwain to leave, or is your guv'nor gwain to keep two?”

Roger and his two brothers Mark and Alfred were baptised in Bosham church. Roger's father Charles Cheesman bought the Manor of Chidham c1830 and he died in 1849. Roger's father, the Lord of the Manor of Chidham never married Charlotte Kearvell, his housekeeper. In his will he left his estate to Roger Cheesman Kearvell and Alfred Cheesman Kearvell as they were known then. However after Charles' death Charlotte wrote in the 1851 census that she was a widow.

Roger's older brother Mark died. His younger brother Alfred took over the Rectory farm in Bosham. "Old Roger" or rather young Roger as he was then moved with his wife and five young children under 11 to Hambrook Farm, Funtington c1850. Sadly his wife died. Roger married a second wife Mary Ann Halsted and together they had eight more children. Mary Ann was the daughter of the farmer at West Stoke Farm, Henry Halsted, who had planted the trees at Stoke Clump in order to commemorate the battle of Waterloo.

So "old Roger" had thirteen children. The rest of my knowledge comes from some of the 34 family trees mentioning Roger on the website Ancestry. After Roger and his brother Alfred died in 1886, the large Cheesman family spread out. Mary Ann moved with seven of her



children to Oving; some later moved to London and some have remained in the local area. I think that these facts prove that Cheesman's Lane was named after "old Roger". There is a family tradition in the Cheesman family that "the lane" was named after Roger's nephew Barwell Cheesman who later became well known as the local coroner. *Geoffrey Boys*

Ashling Cricket Club

WE'VE DONE IT!! 702 calendar days, 100 weeks and 2 days, we **WON** a game!!



In our second T20 match of the season we made the short journey to Bosham Cricket Club. Batting first Ashling amassed 162/5 thanks to contributions from Ben Harrild (26) and Adam Thomas (23). Bosham CC were unable to keep up with the required run rate with debutant Lewis Clark 2/22 and Adam Shaul 1/14 making runs hard to come by for the hosts who finished on 126 ending the long losing streak with a 36-run victory. Credit must go to the group of players who continue to turn up week after week, despite

the results, and with the number of congratulatory messages on the WhatsApp group after the game showed that everyone at the Club was enjoying the result together.

On to Sunday, Knowle Village CC visited Down Street and, in a game, reduced to a 30 over a side match due to the football in the evening. Knowle Village CC won the toss, elected to bat and thanks to an unbeaten 107 by Peter Gwynn reached 169/6, Charlie Colley taking 2/29 in his first match of the season. After a slow start Ashling CC began to pick up the run rate at the halfway stage thanks to Charlie Colley (51) but the loss of quick wickets fell 39 runs short ending on 130/8.

On a blistering hot Sunday afternoon Ashling CC lost the toss against opponents Shirrell Heath CC and after taking two early wickets were thwarted by a century stand between Matt Smith (77) and Ray Stanley (18) aided by a number of extra's seeing them close on 169/4, Steve Harvey 3/29. After an opening stand of 28, wickets began to fall at a regular rate with only Captain Vin Kumbhar (45) showing any resistance, Ashling CC finishing 44 runs short of their target. The away fixture against Selsey CC became a victim of the weather and was cancelled. The re-arranged 20/20 midweek fixture against Seacourt Raquetteers CC saw Ashling CC fall to a 9-wicket defeat. Batting first, thanks to a hard hitting 64 from Julian Whiting, Ashling CC ended on 126/6 which turned out to be an easy target for the hosts who passed the total with 9 wickets and 5 overs to spare. Ashling CC captain Vin Kumblar led from the front in this 30 over a side contest with Walberton, who making first use of the wicket scored 117/9 with Steve Harvey 3/23, Vin Kumblar 2/16 and 3 catches. Opening the batting he was 78 not out when the total was passed in just 14 overs ably assisted by his opening partner Mohit Vaidya who blasted 24 in just 3 overs. **Visit website for remaining fixtures and more info on page 29**

Funtington and West Stoke WI at 101 Years Old!

We were delighted to hold our first meeting in the Village Hall on 21 July to enable us to celebrate our 101 Birthday. Everyone was so pleased to be back together enjoying one another's company. The scene was set with tables decorated with bright cloths and flowers and as usual, an excellent buffet table.



bright cloths and flowers and as usual, an excellent buffet table. John Gleadall entertained us with a hundred years of songs and music. It was magical, with us all singing along to the tunes we could all remember. John has a lovely voice and he is an excellent guitar player, we want him back!! We rounded off the evening

with the cutting of the cake by Barbara Garrett and a glass of Champagne.

Sue Nicholson, President

Good Neighbours Cream Tea

On a truly awful rainy Sunday afternoon the Good Neighbours team held their Cream Tea at West Stoke. We didn't expect anyone to come but to our amazement many faithful locals came. Thank you to all bakers and helpers on the day. As we were not as busy as usual there was time for everyone to stay on and chat



Flies – Why are they here and how can you get rid of the little critters!

It's not just us apparently – it's the whole of the South and particularly in rural areas. But why are they so bad this year? According to the experts, the weather conditions significantly affect breeding numbers. And we have had the perfect storm - hot weather followed by downpours and wet conditions. So there you go. I feel that they have all been in my house over the past month and have spent an arm and a leg on deterrents.



tree 10m from can attract up to distracting them



Here are some of them: From the left: Simply Green Diffuser from the Oil Hut (smells of citrus and cinnamon which flies don't like but you will!) In the middle is an agricultural fly trap from Mole Agricultural Products which you hang from a

your house and it 22,000 flies

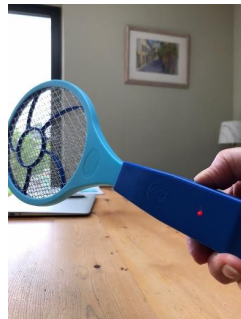
from your house and garden. To the right is the beaded curtain that a friend is going all the way back to Ibiza to buy another - it is so effective!



fly zapper! I have also used store in Rowlands. AD'A

The ultraviolet zapper that makes you jump a mile every time it kills a fly. Most effective if left on at

night with doors closed and all lights off (my husband has worked out it has cost £3.25 a dead fly!) and finally all the way from Gloucestershire is the Exterminator Racket-Style fly papers from the hardware



“I intend to discover, this very afternoon, the secret of alchemy”

There are numerous reasons bee-keepers keep bees. Some of us are doing our bit to look after the pollinators, some of us to connect with nature instead of Facebook, and some simply to hide from the family a few times a week. But there’s one reason we all keep bees: honey. And we’ve been doing it for over 8,000 years (not personally, although it feels like it sometimes). Honey was so treasured by the Egyptians that some pharaohs were even found to be buried with jars of it.

Honeybees make honey by inverting the sucrose in the nectar they gather into fructose and glucose, and having removed enough moisture, they can store it away in capped honeycomb to provide food to keep them going through the long winter and into next spring. The pharaohs’ honey was still edible after 3,000 years – that’s some sell-by date! During the summer, a strong colony will produce more honey than they need so come the start of September there is a surplus bee-keepers can take from the hives.

You may have noticed that our bee hives get taller through the summer as we add extra layers on top. These layers are wooden boxes called ‘supers’ that in turn contain removable wooden frames in which the bees form their wax comb and store the honey. When the time comes we can remove the supers, leaving the queen bee and her colony in the main box with enough stores of their own, and head indoors with the supers to extract the honey.



The job of removing honey from the frames is a sticky affair; we scrape the surface wax off the honeycombs to reveal the honey and then extract it using a centrifugal spinner, and from there it is run through a filter and into jars. Because we occasionally sell our honey we of course make sure this is all done very hygienically, but afterwards there’s always lots of clearing up to be done!

Although it’s truly wonderful to harvest what our honeybees work selflessly to produce all summer, it’s also tinged with knowing that autumn is upon us and the evenings are getting darker. By now the Willowherb has gone over, but there’s still forage for the bees to add to their stores in September – they love the Sedum we have dotted around the paddock and the Common Ivy growing everywhere, both of which will soon be coming into bloom. If you have Ivy in your garden please remember to cut this back only after it has finished flowering or, even better, leave the berries over the winter for the birds to feast on.

Jason & Kate Boswell

Social Activities

Funtington and West Stoke WI

Come along to our next meeting on 15th September 7pm at THE VILLAGE HALL! The speaker will be Susan Howe who will be speaking on 'Running Faulty Towers and Cooking for the Rich and Famous'!

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/>

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Speaker: Barry Newman

'Growing Vegetables in Raised Beds'

We look forward to welcoming all members and visitors to Bosham Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45 for 7.30 meeting



The Society will be supporting the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** with a plant stall on Friday 24th September from 10-12 in Holy Trinity Church Bosham. Please help by potting up any extra plants you may have in your garden. I am happy to come and collect them any time. Its such a wonderful charity and one any of us might need in the future.

Rozie Bradley



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Recipe of the Month

Plum Tart

This tart is super easy to make quickly and there is no need for pastry. Preheat the oven to 190c/375F/gas mark5

110g softened butter
110g caster sugar
1 large egg
225g self raising flour
½ teaspoon of almond essence (optional)
450g plums halved and stoned
A dozen or so whole blanched almonds (optional)
30g demerara sugar

Mix the butter, caster sugar, egg, flour, almond essence and pinch of salt together to make a breadcrumb like mixture. Then push it into the base of a greased tin about 23cm round or 22cm square.

Arrange the halved plums as closely as possible on top, alternating cut side up with cut side down. Push an almond in the centre of each cut-side-up plum and sprinkle the demerara sugar over the whole tart.

Bake for 30 minutes until golden brown and enjoy either warm or cold with cream or custard.

EH

Solution to Crossword 4 (August issue) Compiled by Paul Pridmore

ACROSS.

1 Touch. 4 Dotage. 7 Penalty areas. 9 Sumo. 10 Verandah. 12 Red rag.
13 Bowler. 15 Painters. 18 Drop. 20 Boxing gloves. 21 Weekly. 22 Marks.

DOWN.

1 Typescript. 2 Unnamed. 3/16 Hole in one. 4 Doyle. 5 Toreador.
6/19 Grand slam. 8 Therapists. 11 Hat trick. 14 L-driver. 17 Rugby.

Solution to Crossword 5 (September issue) Compiled by Paul Pridmore

ACROSS.

1 Shopper. 5 Roses. 8 Exert. 9 Needles. 10 Promised Land. 13 Outwit.
14 Endear. 15 Leading light. 18 Pro rata. 20 Viola. 21 Nadir. 22 Oedipus.

DOWN.

1 Sheepdog. 2 One for the road. 3 Petrified. 4 Range. 5 Rye. 6 Splinter group. 7
Sash. 11 Long-lived. 12 Fretsaws. 16 Ngaio. 17/19 Open-air.

Letter from Gillian Keegan MP

Over recent weeks, those of you who've been into Chichester may have seen a large contingent of travellers in the city. I know from the many emails I have received how distressing this has been with several reports of intimidation, antisocial behaviour and driving, and out of control animals. Most travellers move around the country and respect the communities they join and the environment they inhabit. This group, however, has done the opposite. Since I was first alerted to their arrival in the city, I have been in frequent communication with both councils and Sussex Police. I would like to thank Chichester District Council (CDC) in particular for taking swift action to begin civil enforcement against the group as soon as they settled their unauthorised encampment. CDC responded well and made regular site visits, which included litter picks surrounding the site to minimise the environmental impact.

This sort of behaviour is totally unacceptable and that is why, for several years, I have been calling to make such unauthorised encampments a criminal offence rather than a civil one. I am sure you'll be pleased to know that, as a Government, we are doing just that. The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, once passed, will make it a criminal offence if a person resides on land without the consent of the occupier, and that person has caused or is likely to cause significant damage, disruption or distress. Importantly, these new laws are backed up by stiff penalties including three months imprisonment and fines of up to £2,500. On top of this, the police will have the power to seize any property including vehicles. I know county and district councillors including Cllr. David Palmer will welcome the development as they have worked closely with me on such issues.

We have also received a new and positive update from Highways England (HE) on the A27 during my most recent discussions with them. Some might recall that, in March 2020, the A27 Chichester Bypass was included in the Department for Transport's list of projects to be developed for possible future funding, sharing a £347 million funding pot as one of 32 possible schemes nationwide. This work will identify the projects to be included in the Road Investment Strategy 3 (RIS3) which will take place between 2025-2030. Work is still at a very early stage, but with a brand-new team taking the project forward, Highways England will review options and undertake traffic modelling using both previous and fresh data over the next 12 months. As part of the process, HE will begin engaging with a wide range of stakeholders later this year and have promised to hold open discussions with stakeholders on the complexities around them. Having a transparent and open process with Highways England has been my goal ever since becoming an MP, so I am pleased that we are heading in that direction. We have another opportunity to work collaboratively as a community with Highways England to develop a workable solution.

Gillian Keegan MP

A Life of My Own – Clare Tomalin

Yes, I had heard of this lady but for some reason I had not read any of her books but that changed when a friend raved about her book on Samuel Pepys and insisted I read it. Thus, began my association with Clare Tomalin.

I found myself in possession of her autobiography 'A life of my own' and was transfixed by her life story, admiration, horror, disbelief, amazement were all emotions felt by myself whilst reading this book.

Clare was born into a dysfunctional marriage between two talented individuals. Her parents eventually divorced and she was brought up by her mother. She achieved a double first at Cambridge where she met her first husband Nicholas Tomalin who was equally talented and became a brilliant journalist. But as a husband, I think it is true to say, that faithfulness to the marriage was not one of his strong points though Clare retaliated by having lovers of her own. Where did she find the time – quite apart from her three daughters (she had lost one of her sons soon after birth) and her youngest son was in a wheelchair due to being severely disabled by spina bifida. She worked as literary editor to the New Statesman and the Sunday Times. Also there was the somewhat small matter of writing her books, all of which must have demanded a great deal of research into the subject before pen touched paper.

She was widowed when her husband was killed in the Golan Straights by a Syrian missile whilst covering the Yom Kippur war.

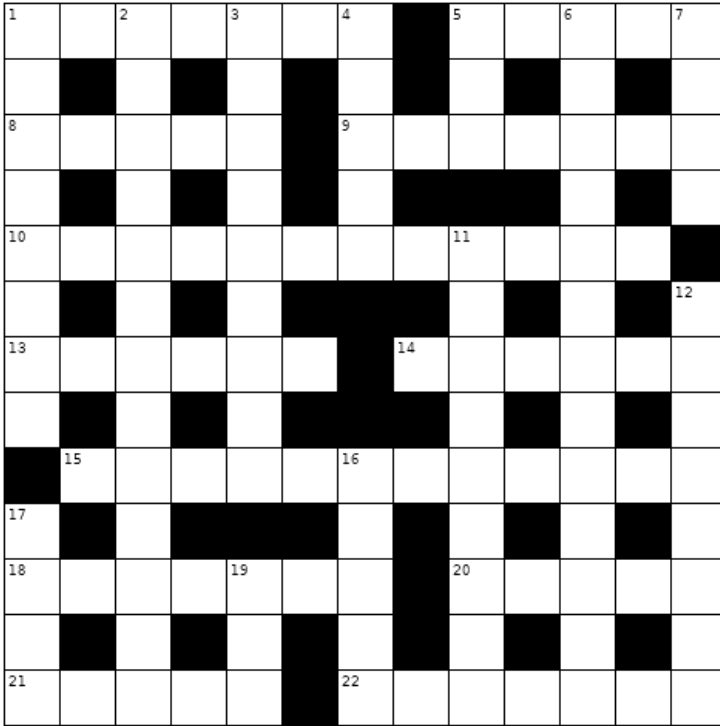
However, fate still had horrendous card to play. Her second daughter Susanna, full of life, energy and a delight to all who knew her became unaccountably depressed. She eventually succeeded in committing suicide and yet again the family were devastated. How can one family suffer so many disasters?

Clare writes in a dispassionate manner but she aroused great feelings of emotion and distress to me as I read her story. She is not looking for sympathy – merely relating how life has treated her and the fact that she and her remaining children have survived being battered and bruised as they deal with what life has presented them with.

At the age of 87 she seems to be in calmer waters at last. She is happily married to the writer Michael Frayn and between them they have six children and 10 grandchildren

Barbara Child-Hopkins

Crossword no. 5



ACROSS

- 1 Potential buyer (7)
- 5 Sweet-smelling participants in civil wars (5)
- 8 Bring into active operation (5)
- 9 Sharp low rock formation (7)
- 10 Place of expected fulfilment (8,4)
- 13 Prove too clever for (6)
- 14 Inspire affection for (6)
- 15 Prominent person; Star of Bethlehem? (7,5)
- 18 In due proportion (3,4)
- 20 Bard's heroine disguised with strings? (5)
- 21 Opposite of zenith (5)
- 22 Greek with a complex (7)

DOWN

- 1 Its owner attends trials with a crook, and whistles (8)
- 2 An order that defies "don't drink and drive" (3,3,3,4)
- 3 Turned into stone (9)
- 4 Effective distance; chain of mountains (5)
- 5 Cereal grass; East Sussex town (3)
- 6 Dissident political faction (8,5)
- 7 Cumberbund; type of window (4)
- 11 Like Methuselah (4-5)
- 12 They cut designs in thin wood (8)
- 16 ---- Marsh (1895-1982), NZ crime writer (5)
- 17 & 19 Alfresco (4-3)

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – September 2021 Church Rota

| Day | Service | Flowers | Brass | Elements | LaMoCs | Intercess | Sidesmen | Readings |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 5 th September Trinity 14 | 10:00 Morning Service | Debbie Hughes | Liz Lancaster | - | - | Clergy | Ann Tupper Claire Hoare | Neil Macaulay Isaiah 35:4-7a Claire Hoare Mark 7:24-37 |
| | 10:00 Sung Eucharist | | | Liz Lancaster & Sue Simms | Carolyn Watt | | | |
| 19 th September Trinity 16 | 10:00 Sung Eucharist | tba | Liz Collet | Claire & Tim Hoare | Kay Knowles | Anne Maddock | David Callas Neil Watt | Neil Watt Wisdom 1:16-2.1 & 2-22 Anna Mallam James 3:13-4.3 & 7-8a Carolyn Watt |
| | 10:00 Harvest Festival | | | Maggie Webb & Denise Foster | Nigel Brown | | | |
| 3 rd October Trinity 18 | 10:00 Morning Service | Harvest Flowers | Maggie Webb | - | - | tba | Andrew Hughes Anne Maddock | Andrew Hughes Revelation 21:9-14 Anne Maddock John 10:22-29 |

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Parish Services September 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

| <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Place</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Wed 1 st September | 10:30am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sun 5 th September | 10:00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| | 10:00am | Family Service | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 8 th September | 10:30am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sun 12 th September | 9:00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary, Sennicotts |
| | 10:00am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 15 th September | 10:30am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Fri 17 th September | 9:00am | Morning Prayer | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| Sun 19 th September | 10:00am | Harvest Festival | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| | 10:00am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 22 nd September | 10:30am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Sat 25 th September | 1:00pm | Wedding | St Andrew, West Stoke |
| Sun 26 th September | 9:00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary, Sennicotts |
| | 10:00am | Harvest Festival | St Mary, Funtington |
| Wed 29 th September | 10:30am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| Wed 1 st October | 10:30am | Eucharist | St Mary, Funtington |
| | 11.00am | Coffee Hour | Church Room, Funtington |
| 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 | 9:00am | 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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