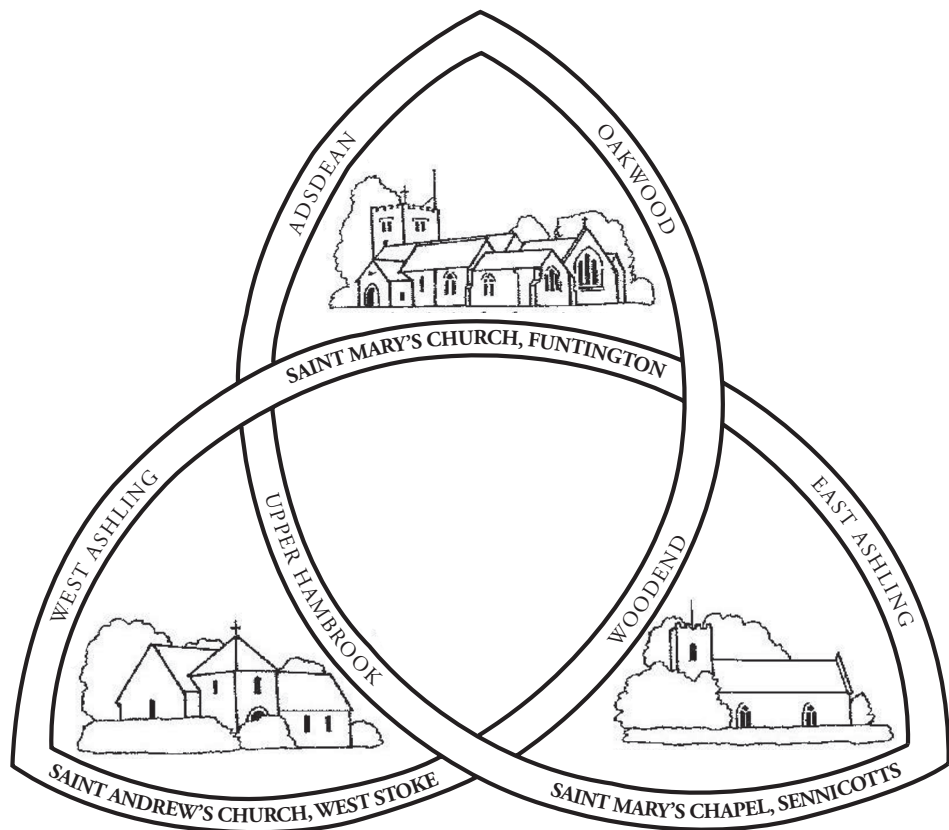


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Letter from Father Andrew, Priest in Charge

I love Harvest as a time of year – the colours, the smells, the tastes and, of course the thought of a good Harvest Party! The readings at Harvest Services usually feature lines of being thankful to God for the good harvest and offering some of the harvest of our lives back to him as a gesture of our thanksgiving, to be shared with those less fortunate than ourselves.

We should be grateful to God, and we should care for those around us – loving our neighbours as ourselves is a fundamental part of our identity as Christians and that should be the case not only at Harvest, but every day and in every moment. The Good Neighbours scheme is a prime example of this in Funtington area.

We have a lot to be grateful for in this part of the world and at this period in history and, when you are feeling blessed, it is so much easier to feel both grateful towards God and generous towards your neighbour.

The world is not in a great place at the moment, and we have been reminded recently that we are in a significant period where our world is suffering from a climate change. Recently we have seen records broken for the hottest temperature recorded in the UK at +40 degrees, many areas in drought and if we head into a dry winter (or rather less rain and snow than usual!) we will face more water shortages than we are now – all of this on top of the other natural disasters and environmental concerns, some of which are on our doorstep. We can all do our bit! You will have recently seen the work that is ongoing with the solar panels going into our roof at St Mary's Funtington, and of course we recently changed our lights to LED lights which are cheaper and more efficient to use.

It is at this time of year that we give thanks to God not just for the Harvest but for the creation which he gave to our care, and therefore we are duty bound to care for and protect this wonderful planet. Over the next few months, we will look at how else we can reduce, as a parish, our carbon footprint and in turn become greener. But before all of that we have been allowed by kind generosity of The Bentell family at Chidham, the use of the Chidham Barn for a Harvest Service and Party. This will be on Saturday 24th September – The Service is free and will be at 6pm; The Party is £10 per person and includes a free drink and food, plus live music! Tickets from Fr Andrew.

As we give thanks, let us also remember in our prayers all of those who work the land and gather the harvest safely in.

*Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you. Amen*

Father Andrew

Sunday School St. Mary's Funtington

Parents of young children will be very pleased to hear that the Sunday School at St. Mary's Funtington will be starting up again on Sunday 11th September led by Amanda Tupper. It will be held every Sunday apart from the first Sunday of the month when it is the Family Service.

New Website Now Live!

Although still in its infancy and with much more to add - The Parish of Funtington West Stoke and Sennicotts now have a brand new website. Take a look on www.funtingtonweststoke.org.uk

Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September

Sponsored walkers and bicyclists are still needed to raise money for the Sussex Historic Churches. St. Mary's will be open and manned. If you can volunteer even for an hour please sign up on the noticeboard in the Church Room at St. Mary's Funtington. Sponsorship forms available from Anna D'Alton.

A LOVE THAT KNOWS NO END

Autumn will be coming soon. Leaves will be falling from trees and the evenings drawing in. As we contemplate these things we recall our great Creator. The one who set it all in motion and sustains our world today.

Christians believe that He is a God of Love, who treasures what He has made. Each human being matters to Him, however lowly or humble they be. When we go astray He makes great efforts to redeem us, as Jesus showed us on the Cross. When this dawns on us we can't enjoy our sinning. We want to love Him back, and our neighbours as ourselves.

When we think about it, it is almost too good to be true, 'that Thou my God should die for me'. It makes us want to love Him back and turn in His direction. 'So make but trial of His Love, experience will decide, how great is He and only He who in His truth confides.

Latterly, we have been living through difficult and uncertain times. The corona virus stalks the earth, seeking whom it may devour. God knows and understands what we are going through. Let us put ourselves into His hands, and ask Him to lead us through it. Make this your prayer...

"Father we place into your hands, the things we cannot do,
Father we place into your hands, the things we've been through,
Father we place into your hands, the way that we should go, for we know we always can trust you".

This reassures us that we are not alone. He is with us every step of the way. And ultimately He will release us from the power of sin and death, and give us a place in His eternal Kingdom.

What more can we ask? Give it a try. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

Jane Gummer

News from the PCC

As many in the parish will have seen, work is well underway on repairing the roof of St Mary's and by the time this magazine reaches you, should be almost, if not totally, completed. The roofers have been working extremely hard, in exceptional weather conditions, to complete the project. Following this, work will begin on the internal and external repairs to the Ratham Chapel. We do apologise to everyone for the continued disruption; the repairs are essential to enable the church to continue its work, ministry and mission in the parish.

On 9th August, Richard Meynell, (our Inspecting Architect,) and Nick La Hive, (our former churchwarden,) gave short presentations on the necessity of repairing the roof, the decision to incorporate solar panels and how the work was proceeding to date. A small group attended the briefing, and a generous supply of tea, scones and cakes was provided. Some of the current roofing team also descended from the roof to hear the talks. It was encouraging to hear that the solar panels were already in operation with the electricity generated being used and a significant quantity being returned to the grid. This should not only reduce our electricity charges but also provide a proportional income from the surplus. We are the first historic church in West Sussex to invest in solar panels and have been commended for being pro-active in installing an environmentally sustainable energy system. We invite anyone interested to come and visit the church and see the photographic display in the Church Room. Some of the photos were taken using a drone. You may be interested in this article in the Diocesan newsletter: https://www.chichester.anglican.org/glitter_news/2022/08/10/church-celebrates-green-light-solar-roof/

We have a new web-site, which is in the early stages of use. It is hoped that in the near future, information about services, events, and news from all three churches in the parish will be published for everyone to access. www.funtingtonweststoke.org.uk

A card reader has recently been installed at St Mary's for donations. We would encourage anyone who would like to make a donation to use it instead of using cash.

Carolyn Watt (PCC Secretary.)

Book Review for September

DORIS LESSING

Well there is an empty space so I am afraid you have me again! This is the last autobiography I read. I have no idea where the book came from and it was quite a substantial tomb. This was the first book on her life, a second was to follow!

What did I make of her. Something of a curiosity and would I personally have liked her as an individual – I doubt it.

She was obviously a force to be reckoned on with a challenging personality. She was born in Iran in 1919 and then the family moved to Southern Rhodesia where her father ran a farm, not very successfully unfortunately.

The main force in her life was her father who had been greatly affected by his experiences in the first world war and as a result had lost one of his legs and used a wooden one. Her mother, whom she seemed to enjoy antagonizing and disobeying, had been a nurse before her marriage and had met her father whilst she was nursing him during his lengthy hospitalisation. Her fiancé had drowned during the war and circumstances had brought these two together. The family thus consisted of her parents and a brother but she urged her mother constantly to produce another child so that she could love it. This wish was not fulfilled

Life seemed to be very free and easy with her and her brother escaping to the great outdoors and decided at the age of 13 that she needed no more education. Her main aim was to leave home which she did aged 15.

In due course she met her first husband at the age of 19 and had two children and then decided that marriage and children were not her forte and so left them. Something I just can't come to terms with. During the marriage she speaks of lots of socialising and drinking a great deal. They also moved house at regular intervals so it all sounds somewhat chaotic to me. It would be interesting to know what sort of memories these children have of their young lives and whether they were scared by their experiences. Doris herself seemed to care little about their welfare.

I found her to be a somewhat dislikeable individual – it seemed to be just herself she was interested in and what she wanted

She then met her second husband through her involvement with an organisation called 'Left book Club' and met her second husband Gottfried Lessing, a German. Why they married goodness only knows as they don't (from her book) seem to have had much in common apart from their Communist leanings, and didn't seem to be in love. However, she did and then blow me down produced another child. In between whiles, whilst pregnant decided that she wanted time on her own and left the marital home. I can't remember where she went but she decided that she would have a sexual relationship during this period which she duly did!

All in all a complex individual who eventually got her wish and moved to London in 1949 with her youngest child and proceeded to have a very successful career writing. Winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2007. She is best known for her post modern feminist novel 'The Golden Notebook' published in 1962

She does not mention the fact that a 5 volume secret file on her activities was produced by M15 and M16. Maybe that comes in part 2 of her autobiography. I think I can wait.
Barbara Childs Hopkins

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St. Mary's Funtington

Harvest Festival 10 a.m. Sunday 9th October 2022 St. Mary's Funtington.

Fireworks Party, Saturday 5th November 2022 (volunteers needed to join a working party)

Remembrance Service 10.45 a.m. Sunday 13th November, St. Mary's Funtington 10.45 am

St. Andrew's West Stoke

Harvest and Flower Festival Sunday 2nd October 2022 (see page 18)

Remembrance Service West Stoke 11th November 10.30 a.m.

St. Mary's Chidham

Harvest Festival Service 7pm 24th September 2022 Chidham, 6-7pm followed by Barn Dance for the parishes on 24th September.

100 tickets available at £10 from Andrew Birks rev.andrew.birks@hotmail.com

West Ashling Duck Race 25th June 2022

The weather was perfect for the revival of the Duck Race in West Ashling held on the Mill Fields.

Over 450 tickets were sold and the ducks were cheered on as they floated, several backwards, down the stream to the finishing post. There were three preliminary races with the first five ducks in each race entering the final race to be the ultimate winner of the Duck Race.

The 30 wooden ducks had all been decorated in different and ingenious ways using paint, varnish, string, beads, hats and jewellery, whilst Southbourne Lions changed their duck into the face of a lion and another duck, decorated by NP Motors was sitting on a pick-up truck beside a model of the



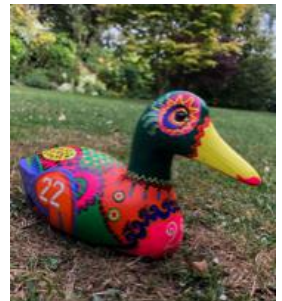
pond at West Ashling.

The prizes were awarded to the winning duck and two runners up, the penultimate duck and the best dressed duck. Thank you to all who donated prizes.

The afternoon's entertainment was provided by John Gleadall with the OK Chorale Choir and the local pubs worked together to provide alcohol and a barbecue with sausages and burgers donated by Adsdean Farm Shop, whilst Hallidays' Cattle Truck brought soft drinks, tea, coffee and delicious homemade ice cream and cakes.

The event raised a total of £6,278.82 to date for the West Ashling and Funtington Village Hall. Thank you to all those who contributed and supported us to achieve this amazing amount! The next Duck Race for 2024 is already being planned.

Mike and Claire Donnelly



The Best Dressed Duck!

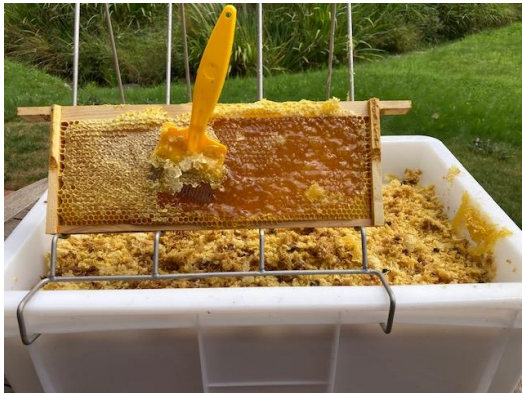
No Bees, No Honey. No Work, No Money

I signed off July's article with the hope of *"a gorgeous summer of warm, still days...and just a little rain every now and again to keep the summer blooms going"*. Wishful thinking! Barely a thimble of rain and the wickedest heat did for the summer blooms and our poor bees have struggled for nectar and water over the last couple of months. Our pond, normally an oasis for insects, bats, and resident moorhens, is bone dry, so we've resorted to a tray of water to keep the bees watered until the rain comes again.

The impact is that without an abundance of nectar our bees can't make honey in any great quantity, so we harvested this summer's honey crop in early August. According to my notes, that's over three weeks earlier than we did last year, and makes me ponder the changes in our climate, the shifting seasons and how we and the bees will adapt.

Just a few times a year I question why we keep honey bees and harvest time is definitely one of them. (I'm sure it's the same for proper farmers.) It's a lot of physical effort lifting and shifting heavy honey boxes, lots of time spent scraping and spinning honey frames, and way too much time spent cleaning and putting away equipment that gets used twice a year. But much like marathon running and camping holidays, the pain is quickly forgotten, and before you know it you find yourself doing it again next year.

Each of our hives had up to three honey boxes, or 'supers' as they are known, and



within each of these supers are 11 wooden frames in which the bees build their comb and store the honey. The wax surface has to be scraped off both sides of a frame, the frame is put in the centrifugal spinner, along with 5 others, and the handle cranked to 'spin' the honey out of the comb. Because we're still very low-tech, we have to turn the frames over and spin them again to get the honey from the other side of the comb; methinks

some investment is needed in new equipment to do both sides at the same time! The honey flows out of the centrifugal spinner and into food-grade buckets that we can store until we are ready to lightly filter the honey and pour into jars. This year we spun

the honey from 14 supers, so that's over 150 frames...so you can see why occasionally one's patience wears thin!

But those gleaming jars of amber summer honey make it all worthwhile. There's definitely something magical about honey; the lengths that plants go to attract pollinators, the energy and time that honey bees dedicate to making it, and the comparatively minuscule efforts that beekeepers put in to extract it. Year in, year out, rain or shine.

Jason & Kate Boswell

(PS our summer runny and chunky honey is now on sale in the farm shop and occasionally at the end of our drive in Watery Lane.)



SEW4FUN

Sew4Fun is a new group being set up for anyone in the community who is interested in Sewing, Knitting, Crochet etc. It will be held at the West Stoke Village Hall, PO18 9BG on the second Thursday of each month from 10am until 2pm. The first session



will be on Thursday 8th September and second session 13th October (first session free!).

Bring along any project and enjoy a chat over tea or coffee with fellow enthusiasts.

Bring your own lunch. Look forward to hearing from you!

For further information please contact either Sue or Kim

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Two Wonderful Summer Weddings at St.Mary's Funtington!

Tom and Chelsea Phillips were married on 30 July 2022



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St Andrew's Church, West Stoke, a beautiful 11C church situated at the foot of the South Downs is holding a Harvest Festival of Flowers on Saturday 1st October and Sunday 2nd October from 10 am to 4pm.

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 10 am. Please do come and join us.

The Harvest Festival of Flowers displays are created by the local flower group concentrating on the theme *"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above"* and will include local harvest produce as well as those of the sea, dairy produce, bread, fruit, vegetables, preserves and flowers.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Andrew's

West Stoke Cream Teas for the Parish Churches held Sunday 21st August

A record! We took £486 making £429 after expenses, to be shared between the Church and the Ukrainian Appeal. Thank you to all who baked cakes and scones and helped on the day and for everyone who supported us!

Another Month, Another Race!



Funtington Primary's team of racers took part in the final event of the Greenpower Goblin racing season on Sunday 10th July held at the historic Goodwood motor circuit. Funtington's six team members - Harvey, Alex, Erin, Toby, Rebecca and Luke - competed against around 60 other electric go karts built from kits by children aged nine

to eleven in a series of thrilling races.

The event, known as the Gathering of Goblins, is just one of the many races organised by Fontwell-based charity The Greenpower Education Trust (www.greenpower.co.uk) which promotes STEM subjects - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - to students across the UK and internationally.

The event at Goodwood tested the skills of the drivers and @teamfuntington's penguin-themed car to the limit. From flat-out drag races to exciting slaloms and a sprint around Goodwood's chicane, the children used all their grit and determination to drive as quickly and precisely as they could. As well as racing, their teamwork was tested in the Pit-Stop Challenge where the children had to change all four wheels on their car in the fastest time possible.

Once the morning's events were finished and the team had rested over lunch, it was time for the Lap of Champions in which all 60 cars took part in a one-lap race around the full 2.4 mile motor circuit. Erin was the lucky driver selected to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

With the events completed, it was time to find out the results and for prize-giving. In the morning's racing events, we came 11th in the drag race, 5th in the slalom and 9th in the sprint. Erin overtook ten cars in her lap around the circuit and Ali, one of the club leaders, drove the car on a full lap in the High Mileage Heroes race

for over-12s and won a trophy for her impressive 3rd place! More trophies were to follow as we picked up a special award for being the Best Presented Team and 1st place in the Pit Stop Challenge, in which our team worked together brilliantly to change all four wheels on the car in just 25 seconds. With all the results totted up, we were over the moon to learn that we finished in 2nd place overall!

As the season draws to a close and we reflect on the team's achievements, it's clear that being involved in the project has not only provided the children with an opportunity to have great fun racing but it has also sparked a real interest in STEM. As one parent, Liz Pendry, said recently, "Luke has been interested in science, maths and computing for some time and has always been curious about how things work. Being part of the Goblin team has really extended his enthusiasm and he now wants to be an engineer. He is very keen to continue in his Greenpower racing journey as he progresses to secondary school."

Our little car will now be stripped down to a kit once more and, come the new school year, another group of eager children will start their own Greenpower journey.

Good Neighbours Cream Tea

Our Cream Tea this year at the West Stoke Village Hall was our most successful to date.



Many thanks to our lovely team of servers, to all those who made cakes and scones and not forgetting so many Good Neighbours clients and volunteers who supported us on the day by coming to the tea. Always a very jolly occasion! We donated the profit of **£354.73** to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

For information about how to volunteer email Jo Laird – jml@laird.uk.net – we are always looking for volunteers to help with occasional transport requests and join us for our social events.

A Flight in a Spitfire

In the 1940's I lived with my parents in Bournemouth. My maternal Grandmother and Aunt lived in Bognor Regis. My father was able to drive us to Bognor occasionally going via Portsdown Hill with its splendid views over Portsmouth and the Sea.

We would see Spitfires and Hurricanes from Ford and Tangmere and satellite bases high in the sky engaging enemy aircraft. I was



fascinated by both planes and spent hours back home trying to draw their wings accurately.

I decided that for my 90th birthday what could be better than taking a Spitfire flight and so booked one for this very day. I booked for a flight of 55 minutes (45 minutes in the air). The documentation was considerable. The four Online Videos briefs covered Flight, Safety Equipment, Emergencies and Passenger and only sent two days prior to flight. If after studying these for up to an hour, then deciding not to fly your total payment was returnable.

Taken to the Airfield by Son Nick and Daughter Caryn, we arrived at the Hanger kitting out area and I was provided with a fireproof suit, airbag, gloves, helmet and visor, and quizzed on the briefing Videos. The Pilot then came in and discussed the route to fly. I went out to the Spitfire and was helped into the rear seat containing the parachute and buckled in. The space was very tight. I had to demonstrate operation of canopy, seat level, door flap and parachute upon which I was seated. In front of the Pilot's canopy is a mirror which is visible from my seat and when he spoke to me on the radio. I had to give a thumb's up to confirm as well as voice contact.

We took off with a roar and floated into the sky. Not a cloud to obscure the views. We flew over Isle of Wight, Sussex, Hampshire, the Needles, Portsmouth Harbour and the naval carriers. I operated the duplicate controls and flew for a couple of minutes turning carefully left and right. On the return flight I had the option to take an aerobatic movement. I elected to take the Spitfire Victory Roll which the Spitfire flight perform over Buckingham Palace. I liked it so much that pilot did it twice. We landed safely after a smooth and wonderful flight but with a bumpy landing on the grass airstrip.

David Shears

The Slow Creep



When I was young, spotting a Little Egret was a real find. A small white heron-like bird stealthily searching the water before ‘dagging’ a fish with its long dark bill was a sight to behold. Not anymore, since moving down to the Chichester area several years ago, I see these birds almost anywhere where there is a collection of water. There is a faithful one in West Ashling often seen in the stream that feeds the Mill Pond. The first bird of this species seen in Britain was reported in the 1980’s but they didn’t breed until 1996 and this was in Dorset. They have continued to do well in the UK, and their spread has taken them now well to the north of the country.

Interestingly their cousins, the Cattle Egrets, have followed them. It was only in 2008 that this species bred in the UK for the first time but Pagham is now the focus of a very successful resident breeding colony of these egrets. A slightly smaller bird than the Little Egret but with a distinctive yellow bill, and when breeding has a wonderful sandy coloured plume of feathers. They have nested again this year at Owl Copse at Pagham RSPB and can often be seen in the surrounding fields, feeding amongst the cattle feet.



Following in their footsteps the larger cousin to these egrets has also made ingress into Southern Britain. The Great White Egret, as its name suggests, is a very large heron-like bird with a long snake like neck. It also has a distinctive yellow bill. In the 1970’s less than 150 of these birds were recorded in Europe. In 2012 the first birds bred in Somerset, and by 2020 well over 2000 sightings were made in the UK. Occasionally these birds will be seen locally.

It is easy to put their slow creep onto our shores down to Global warming, but experts think this is too simplistic and think that this is just a very successful group of birds expanding its range being helped by the warming planet. Even their distant relatives seem to be following their lead. We now have frequent sightings of Spoonbills locally who have also established a breeding colony in Norfolk, and more recently Glossy Ibises have been seen on our patch on a regular basis, initially during the winter months but now can be spotted all year round.



These once exotic birds are now a wonderful addition to our local avian fauna and well worth looking out for.

Kevin Tarrant



Funtington Flora September 2022



The countryside is so dry, but here are some seaside flowers from the shores of Chichester harbour.

Marshmallow grows in brackish areas. It looks like a delicate elegant hollyhock in pale pink. Its root was used for the original marshmallow preparation, being moist and sticky.

Both Common and Lax-flowered Sea-Lavender grow in Chichester harbour. This photo is of lax-flowered Sea-Lavender, which has much more divided branches. Sea-Lavenders are related to Thrift, and can grow in beautiful mauve drifts along the shoreline.



Golden-Samphire is in the daisy family, with succulent leaves typical of a salt marsh plant. *Helen Dignum*

Funtington Parish in the Past - The History of the Mothers Union from Dora Smith

For five years I lived in a flat near Westminster Abbey less than 100 yards away from Mary Sumner House. It is a large building but I cannot remember wondering what it was or even noticing it. I have since found out it is the Mothers Union Headquarters.

The Mothers Union was founded in 1865 by Mary Sumner, the wife of a vicar in Hampshire. The Mothers Union spread through Hampshire, Sussex, Kent and Surrey; now there are four million members all over the world



Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street, Westminster



Mothers Union Banner in Funtington Church

The idea of starting a Mothers Union in Funtington was first raised in 1930. However it was not until 1943 that the Funtington Mothers Union was actually founded. The vicar of Thorney, Rev Arthur Crookshank had become the priest in charge at Funtington since the Norman Dunlop, the vicar, had been taken prisoner of war. (A Services Chaplain had been appointed on Thorney island as there were so many troops there.)

Rev and Mrs Crookshank invited mothers to meet at Funtington Vicarage and 28 mothers and children attended. Rev Crookshank spoke about the way in which mothers should bring up their children as Christians at this difficult time. "Those present expressed a strong desire for a Fellowship with regular meetings and the first meeting was held at the ToCH Headquarters (1) later that year" Life was especially difficult for mothers in the middle of the Second World War. (Sadly the Crookshanks were among those who had lost a son in the forces.)

In the following year, the Bishop of Chichester's wife Henrietta Bell was invited to speak at a meeting of the Fellowship. She spoke about the work being done in the diocese to get young mothers together. A committee was formed and it was agreed to hold monthly meetings with speakers. The branch was especially fortunate to have a wide range of speakers including those who had travelled abroad like Henrietta.

The Funtington branch of the Mothers Union was born on March 16th 1943, when there was an Enrolment Service in Funtington Church followed by tea at the Rookery the home of the "enroller", Eileen Stirling Hamilton. (After the war this roll was taken over for thirty years by Enid Dunlop.)

As well as their regular monthly meetings in Funtington, members went on outings to Chichester Cathedral and beyond. They went to London to Mary Sumner House, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament where they were met by Lancelot Johnson Hicks the MP for Chichester.



Mothers Union Visit to the Houses of Parliament 1949

They attended services with other West Sussex branches. In 1959 they raised the considerable sum of £60 to have a banner made by the Sisters of St Margaret's Convent in East Grinstead. The banner (above) now hangs in the Ratham Chapel in Funtington Church. The Sisters later retired to Chichester and their legacy was used to establish 4 Canon Lane, known as Bishop Bell House.

Much of this information comes from a paper by Dora Smith. "A Short History of the first Forty Years of the Funtington Branch of the Mothers Union (1943-1983)".

Dora lived in Church Lane for the whole of her life, going to Funtington School where she was affectionately known as “Dimi” Elliott and going to Sunday School where she later became a teacher. She cared for her parents, her husband and her son. She was a member of the Mother’s Union for nearly fifty years.



Dora Smith c1940

Until about five years ago the Mothers Union was still active in Funtington. As with other branches in UK, its activities had diminished since organisations such as Women’s Institute and Good Neighbours had fulfilled some of its social roles. However there are nearly 40 active branches in Sussex and the Diocesan Festival Service is at Horsham on Sept 3rd 2022.

Geoffrey Boys

(1) The ToCh Headquarters, formerly the Congregational Chapel became the Scout Hut and later the Clock Trust

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Social Activities

Parents and Toddlers Group

Every Monday during term time from 10 – 12 am starting again in September. Grannies most welcome too! Toys, teas and coffee plus biscuits of course! Please contact Julie Morrow on 55356 or juliemorrow7@gmail.com for further details.

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

Monday afternoons (term time) 2.30pm 'til 3.30pm
St. Mary's Church Room, Church Lane, Funtington PO18 9LH
Contact: Kathryn Wignall at Kathryn.wignall@tiscali.co.uk

Wednesday Service (followed by coffee morning for all) Resuming mid September

A short service will be held every Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Church Funtington. Everyone welcome to come and join us for coffee and biscuits afterwards at 11am in The Church Room. A good time for meeting others, sharing and laughter.

Funtington and West Stoke W1

The next meeting is on 21st September at 7pm. The speaker is Hilary Stirling and her talk is called 'The Crafty Potter'. Everyone welcome. Please phone Sue Nicholson for details. 01243 574722

Funtington Bridge Club

The club now 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 15 (compiled by Paul Pridmore)

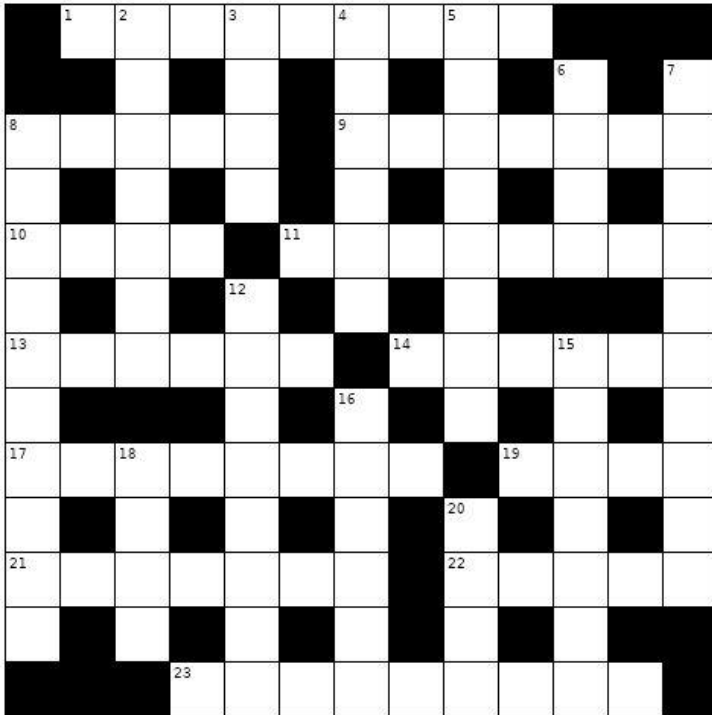
ACROSS:

1 Hermitage 8/6 Monkshood 9 Isadora 10 Cube 11 Lucky dip 13 Ageist 14 Scenic 17 Legoland 19 Mini 21 Attempt 22 Photo 23 Polynesia.

DOWN:

2 Ennoble 3 Mass 4 Trip up 5 Goal kick 7 Cappuccino 8 Michaelmas 12 O Sole Mio 15 Nairobi 16 Knotty 18 Gite 20 Epee.

Crossword no. 15



ACROSS

- 1 Famous museum, or a religious retreat (9)
- 8 & 6 down Wolf's-bane (9)
- 9 --- Duncan, dancer killed by her scarf (7)
- 10 Third power (4)
- 11 Bran tub (5,3)
- 13 Biased against oldies (6)
- 14 Offering pleasing views (6)
- 17 Theme park associated with toy bricks (8)
- 19 Small car or skirt (4)
- 21 Try (7)
- 22 Camera image (5)
- 23 Pacific subregion of many islands (9)

DOWN

- 2 Give high rank (7)
- 3 Heavy service? (4)
- 4 Cause to stumble; catch out (4,2)
- 5 Result of no corner being given? (8)
- 6 see 8 across
- 7 Frothy coffee (10)
- 8 Saint's day of 29 September (10)
- 12 Famous 'ice cream' song (1,4,3)
- 15 Capital of Kenya (7)
- 16 Ash might be so gnarled (6)
- 18 French farmhouse for tourists (4)
- 20 Fencer's sword (4)

Saint Mary, Funtington Combined Rota.

St. Mary, Funtington – September 2022 Church Rota

Day	Service	Flowers	Brass	Elements	LaMoCs	Intercessor	Sidesmen	Readings
Sun 4 th September Trinity 12 G	10:00 Family Service JM			-	-	Jo Borbone	Anne Maddock Ann Tupper	Anne Maddock Deut 30. 15-20 Claire Hoskins Luke 14. 25-33
Sun 11 th September Trinity 13 W	10:00 Sung Eucharist ?	Deborah Hughes	Deborah Hughes		Carolyn Watts	Jane Gummer	Liz Lancaster Claire Hoare ? Or Nick La Hive	Liz Lancaster Ex 32. 7-14 Claire Hoare 1 Tim 1.12-17
Sun 18 th September Trinity 14 G	10:00 Morning Prayer JM			-	-	Liz Lancaster	Denise Foster Jimmy Faure	Denise Foster Amos 8 :4-7 Jimmy Faure Luke 16.1-13
Sun 25 th September Trinity 15 G	10:00 Sung Eucharist Canon Sturaban	Pat Hill	Rachel Hammond		Nigel Brown	Clergy	Neil Watts Carolyn Watts	Neil Watts Amos 6: 1,4-7 Carolyn Watts 1 Tim 6:6-19
Sun 2 th October Trinity 16 G	10:00 am Family Service JM	8 th October arrange flowers for Harvest Festival	-	-	-	Jo Borbone	David Callus	Mini Elliott Hab1.1-4; 2,1-4 Neil Macaulay Luke 17.5-10
Sun 9 th October Green A, B	10:00 am Harvest Festival				Kay Knowles	Nigel Brown	Nigel Brown	Andrew Hughes 2 Kings 5.1-3 7-15 Deborah Hughes 2.Tim 2.88-15

Parish Services September 2022

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL CHURCHES, SERVICES & EVENTS!

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sat 3 rd September	3.00 pm	Wedding (rehearsal 2 nd Sept)	St Mary, Funtington
Sunday 4 th September Trinity 12	10.00am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrew, West Stoke
	10.00am	Family Service	St Marys, Funtington
Weds 7 th Sept		Said Eucharist cancelled from Aug-mid September	St Mary, Funtington
	11.00 am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church room
Sunday 11 th Sept Trinity 13	09.00am	Said Eucharist BCP	Sennicotts St Mary
	10.00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
	18.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary, Funtington
Weds 14 th Sept	11.00am	Coffee	Church Room, Funtington
Sunday 18 th Sept August Trinity 14	10.00am	Morning prayer	St Mary, Funtington
	10.am	Said Eucharist (CW2)	St Andrew, West Stoke
Weds 21 th Sept Feast Day	10.30.am	Open church/Prayer meeting?	St Mary Funtington
	11.00am	Coffee (all welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Sunday 25 th Sept Trinity 15	09.00am	Eucharist BCP	Sennicotts, St Marys
	10.00am	Eucharist	St Mary, Funtington
Weds 28 th September	10.am	Open church/Prayer meeting?	St Mary, Funtington
	11.am	Coffee (all Welcome)	Church Room, Funtington
Sunday 2 nd October Trinity 16	10.00am	Harvest Festival	West Stoke, St Andrew
	10.00am	Family service	St Mary, Funtington

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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