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on

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

at

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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy of summer. As we bask in the warmth of August, I am delighted to invite you all to a special event that marks the end of a significant milestone in the history of St Bartholomew's Church.

This year, we have proudly celebrated the 400th anniversary of the rebuilding of our beloved St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean. It has been a year filled with reflection, gratitude, and renewed faith as we honoured the rich heritage and faithful service of this sacred place within our parish.

To culminate this momentous occasion, we invite you to join us for a Festival Evensong and Picnic on 26th August. The Festival Evensong will be a time of thanksgiving, where we will offer our prayers of gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us throughout these 400 years. Let us come together to raise our voices in harmony, expressing our love and devotion to the Almighty for guiding us through the ages.

Following the service, we have planned a delightful picnic, and we encourage each of you to bring your favourite picnic treats. It will be an opportunity to enjoy each other's company, strengthen our bonds of fellowship, and create lasting memories.

St Bartholomew's Church has been the heart of our community, providing solace, support, and spiritual nourishment to all who have sought refuge within its walls. This momentous anniversary reminds us of the enduring legacy of faith and the unyielding dedication of those who have been part of this congregation throughout the centuries.

To all our parishioners, past and present, and to all our friends who have supported us over the years, we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us in this celebration.

We are grateful for your continued support and unwavering devotion to St Bartholomew's Church. Let us come together as one, united in faith and love, to celebrate the conclusion of this remarkable anniversary year.

Fr Mark

St Mary's Church Petworth



Coffee Morning

**Saturday 12th August
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle
and Refreshments**

In aid of Church Funds

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

[Bank Details for online giving: CAF Bank, Account Name St Bartholomew's Church, Egdean; Account No. 00010862; Sort Code 40-52-40]

NB: Gift Aid forms are available in Church or from our Treasurer

Dates for your diary

Saturday 26th Aug 4.30 pm Patronal Evensong with the Prayer Book Society followed by picnic in the churchyard celebrating the end of our 400th year.

Sunday 3rd Sept 9.15 am Pet Service

Saturday 9th Sept 9am-5pm Sussex Historic Churches Ride and Stride

I will be organising the Ride and Stride for Egdean again this year and will be looking for people to help man the church between 9.00 am - 5.00 pm on a one hourly basis. I will be handing out sponsor forms for those who would like to participate by cycling, riding or walking. It really is a valuable fund raiser for our church as well as Sussex Historic Churches Trust, which we have also benefited from with grants for major repairs.

PLEASE HELP BY PARTICIPATING AND SPONSORING

Friday 6th Oct 7.00 pm Harvest Supper Woodruffs Barn

Please let me know if you would like to help organise this event.

Church Roof Repairs

As you will see when you visit the Church we have scaffolding erected on the east elevation, which enabled BJN Roofing and our architect, Richard Andrews, to investigate the water ingress suffered last winter at high level either side of the altar. BJN Roofing have quoted £6,080 + VAT for the necessary repair works to remove existing copings and fix new Code 5 lead to parapet wall or chase abutment wall to enable lead to be fixed and rebed coping stones in mortar.

We are in the process of obtaining approval for these works from the Archdeacon before works can begin.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

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**COPY DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE
IS MONDAY 14TH AUGUST**

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Church Working Party

Thank you to everyone who helped on Saturday 22nd July at our Church Working Party. We had such a good turnout we were able to achieve so much and beat the rain!!

Inside the church the high level cobwebs below the bell were swept away and brass crosses and candlesticks cleaned and polished. In the churchyard exterior timber preservative applied to church door, porch, gates and benches.



The brick gullies around the base of the church were cleared of weeds and swept clean, strimming around the gravestones and hedge cutting.

A GREAT MORNING'S WORK



RICHARD SMITH

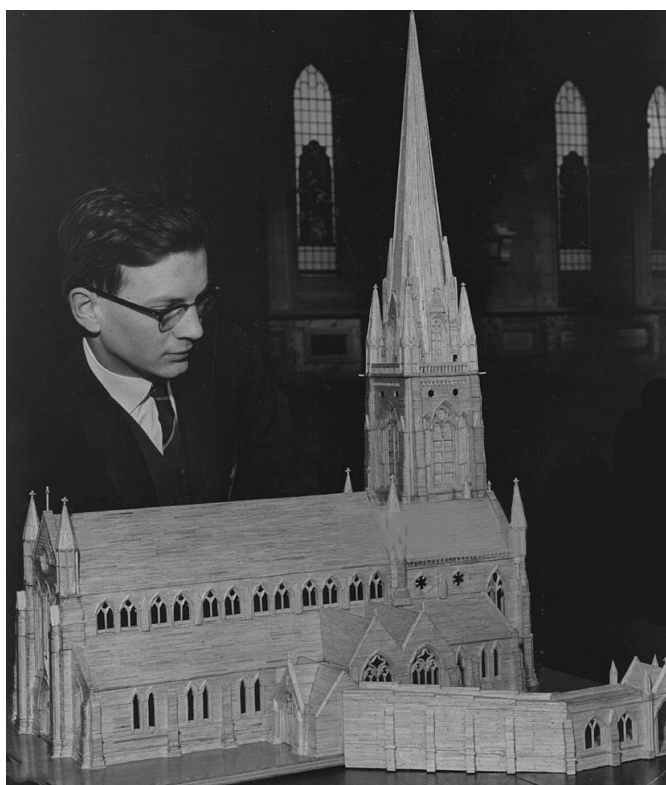
28th September 1940 - 10th June 2023

The eulogy given at Richard's funeral by Elizabeth Leggett

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for coming today, it is a testament to how well liked and respected Richard was, his dedication to a cause but also his approachability, and his kind and happy demeanour. On occasion he could appear somewhat serious and purposeful but when he smiled his whole face would light up with such care and warmth.

Richard John Smith was born on 28th September 1940 in Northam, Devon. He spent those early war years in the West Country with his mother, grandmothers, and aunts, while his father was away with the Dental Corps. We have a beautiful letter written by Richard's father to him Christmas 1942 when he was stationed at Chichester. There was such warmth and tenderness within this letter and to have kept it all these years it clearly meant the world to Richard.

For schooling, Richard was sent to Clifton College near Bristol, he was never particularly enamoured with his school days, yet we do get a glimpse of his problem-solving skills. The boys were expected to play rugby, a sport that Richard had very little time for, so he needed to find a permanent solution to avoiding this sport. His salvation came in the form of rowing, a sport for which his physique very much lent itself to the role of Cox. Whether he already had a liking for boating or developed the interest through school it became very much a favoured pastime for Richard. He went on boating holidays with his family and later with friends and even indulged in the sport of sculling.



As a young man, Richard settled in London, and it is here we get a better understanding of his love for music and of course his lifelong passion for singing. One of the church choirs he was a part of was at St Mary Abbots in Kensington in the early 1960s. It was whilst here Richard embarked on the monumental project of re-creating a scale model of the church out of matchsticks. He started the project in October 1960 and completed it in April 1964, it took a total of 41,300 matches. There was an article accompanied by a photograph in the Evening Standard Newspaper, the model is still on display to this day.

Throughout his time in London, Richard went on to sing in many a church, concert hall and even a synagogue. He was a member of Quester's Theatre in London and went on to join The Philharmonia Chorus. Richard kept a record of all the concerts he was a part of in scrapbooks, we have these, as well as a fully comprehensive list of the concerts in chronological order there are programmes and newspaper reviews.

Due to life changes at home, Richard had to put his singing career on hold to become a full-time carer. It was at this time that he became a member of Crossroads Carers charity, a charity he worked tirelessly for promoting the work and highlighting the plight of home-carers, the unpaid and sometimes forgotten people who have had to take on the incredibly difficult task of caring for their loved ones. It was through this work he met our then new Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife Cherie, Betty Boothroyd, and the Prince of Wales, now King Charles III.

It was during this time that Richard's love for art becomes more than apparent and it was at this point I introduce to you a lady who would play a vital role in Richard's life. Her name was Margaret Carpenter, she lived from 1793 to 1872. She was a highly accomplished female artist at a time when the field was dominated by great painting masters. Richard worked tirelessly researching her work, her family and even wrote a biography. He travelled extensively to see her work and obtain images. The book, however, was never published, it is complete, but Richard could never bring himself to take that final step, for the simple reason that the project kept him going at a particularly hard time in his life. To publish would mean closure and he was never ready to let her go.

We have now reached Millenium Eve. A significant occasion for us, this was our very first meeting of Richard. There isn't very much we can say on this occasion. Richard was introduced to us by mutual friends Quentin and Pauline in the middle of a noisy, dark market square in Petworth and Richard himself somewhat incognito in his overcoat, fluffy hat, and scarf with a pair of glasses in between.

A proper meeting occurred on 13th February 2000 where Mum and Richard sat and chatted for what seemed like an eternity for me, talking of their love for music and their experiences of concerts. It was clear almost immediately that there was something more than just casual conversation. After this initial meeting Richard would pop down from time to time to visit. In April 2000 whilst perched on the large tree stump at the top of the rise in Petworth Park between the House and lake, Richard proposed. And Mum's response? 'I'll just check with the children!' So, I suppose Nick, my brother, and I accepted on her behalf. It was at this time we met Richard's two sons Robin and Graham whom Richard had spoken so fondly about so when we did meet we felt as if we already knew them.

The date for Mum and Richard's wedding was set for 25th August 2000. A blessing service was held in this church, a lovely service followed by a reception at the Stonemasons and, golly, what a party that was.

Richard did not take long to settle into life here in Petworth, he was able now to re-ignite his love of music by joining the choir here at St Mary's but did not stop there, the following year he auditioned and joined the Chichester Singers, at last the chance to sing the large choral works in the outstanding venue of Chichester Cathedral he had so desperately missed. Pursuing his love of art, Richard became a volunteer at Petworth House as steward and tour guide, a role he took much pleasure from. Richard was an accomplished accountant, something which proved invaluable to this community as he fulfilled many a treasurer role in a variety of groups including St Mary's Church, Chichester Singers, Petworth Scout Group, and Petworth & District Community Association, to name but a few.

Through the Graffham Rustics, Richard embarked on straight acting as well as singing. He so enjoyed the thrill of being back on stage and relished the variety of roles he took on.

At home Richard embraced his new life, but this too would have some interesting challenges, within four years of being married he was facing the somewhat unanticipated prospect of Grandparenthood, however he embraced his new role and showed nothing but care and affection for who would be the first of his four grandchildren.

The last few years of Richard's life were hard, a bout of Pneumonia compromised Richard's strength and slowly after time singing became hard to manage, the last two years involved many trips to and from hospital until last year he went into Derwent Lodge Care Home in Billingshurst. In April of this year, Richard was moved to Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, a tranquil spot where he seemed so much brighter, he began to join in more and attended the communion service at the home.

Unfortunately, Richard succumbed to one too many infections and slowly started to slip away, his last day with us involved a little drop of red wine, members of the family chatting, reminiscing, and listening to Handel's Messiah on a loop. That night, he quietly slipped away in his sleep.

Richard's life was varied rather like the chapters of a book, but throughout this variety at its core was a good man, a caring and loving man. He may have had his flaws but don't we all? He will always be in our hearts and though our hearts may feel broken now they will heal.

Richard, Dad, Grandad you will always be with us, we will miss you terribly, but we will always love you. God Bless You.

PETWORTH FOOD BANK

Urgently needed items by Petworth Foodbank (one of the Chichester District Foodbanks)

The nearest donation point is at the Sacred Heart Church or Petworth Coop.

We'd be very grateful for:

Baby Food (not milk)

Treats such as small single chocolate bars (Mars, Twix etc) or larger bars (e.g Cadbury's Dairy Milk)

Long-life Milk

Tinned Meat (eg. meat stew/casserole, minced beef in gravy)

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Due to 'Natasha's Law' (a law brought in to protect allergy sufferers), the foodbank is unable to accept items without a full ingredients list.

If you would prefer to donate money - only to be used for food - please donate via Bankuet, please see bottom of page on the link below:

<https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



You are welcome to join us for a free family breakfast at 9:15-10:15 am at St. Mary's Petworth. Followed by family jubilate service on Sunday 3rd of September!



PETWORTH FESTIVAL

**Address given by Ned Bigham,
Viscount Mersey,
at the Festival Service
on 11th July**

When I was asked by Judy Howard to choose a hymn for the service *Dear Lord and father of mankind* sprang to mind. Not only is this a favourite, with its twisting melody that rises up and then resolves peacefully in each stanza's repetition of its final line. But also, one verse jumps out that is relevant to the piece I have composed for this year's festival - 'O Calm of Hills Above'. In choosing the title of Bignor Hill I've attempted to convey in music my response to the beauty and tranquillity of the Downs that look down upon us here. Please though don't imagine that you will hear some kind of new age soothing soundtrack. There is also a vigour and energy in the landscape that I have sought to celebrate, a strong sense of movement, whether it be the wind whistling through the trees, the diversity of plant and animal life, or indeed the energetic walkers and cyclists en route along the South Downs Way, together with post-prandial strollers who stop to discuss their dogs with fellow passers-by or are jaunting to the nearest pub. The narrow, twisting lane that runs from the col below the summit down to Bignor village forms a treacherous but exciting toboggan run on the rare occasion of snow and was the scene of happy childhood memories, referred to by my father as the 'Cresta Run'. We descended on creaking, wooden sleds covered in cobwebs from the 1950s and on farmers' fertiliser sacks for the better padded. Half-way down, as we swung round the ninety degree corner over the bumps we hoped a car would not be coming up in the opposite direction.

At the top the hill's gentle, curving ridge boasts one of Sussex's finest panoramas, East to Amberley Castle, North to Barlavington, Sutton and Bignor with its park, West to St Michael's, Burton Park and South to the sea, in the far distance the Isle of Wight. The wind whistles through your hair and, in the Left Hanger wood and Egg Bottom Coppice, there is a chorus of birdsong and animal chatter. As a composer, it has provided me with a vivid source of inspiration, and the piece I have composed is in two parts. The first celebrates its energy, and if it were set anywhere it would be in Bignortail Wood, perhaps walking up towards the summit. The second alludes to its tranquillity and natural harmony and maybe could be set at the Toby Stone just below the top. If a listener closes their eyes I hope they might imagine they are there in the midst of its wonders.

There is also an important aspect of Bignor Hill and the Downs that seems relevant to the festival. The variety of wildlife and terrain is mirrored in the invigorating diversity of the festival programme.

I am no stranger to musical diversity, having begun my career drumming for a rap artist and immersed myself in a wide range of musical genres, from New York House to avant-garde classical, Irish folk, Slovenian Trance, Acid jazz, American RnB, minimalism and orchestral French romantic. So, it is a personal joy to me that this year's festival embraces such a wide range of artists and musical styles and does not allow itself to be pigeonholed into one ever-narrowing musical ghetto. Where else can you hear Brahms at lunchtime and Joni Mitchell in the evening? 80s Jazz Funk next to renaissance polyphony, world class music from Colombia and Nigeria followed by some of the UK's most talented classical performers? Also, where else can you find such a remarkable mixture of seasoned performers at the zenith of their careers and talented young up-and-coming players full of energy and enthusiasm starting to make their mark? In particular, the commission I have been honoured to compose is being performed by the Asaka Quartet, a young, dynamic string quartet making international waves after training at the Royal Academy. Together with pieces by Arnold Bax and Frank Bridge, the two performances at Tillington and Graffham churches on Saturday should provide a joyous celebration of the English pastoral tradition.

The Petworth Festival has done remarkably well to weather the storm of Covid and lockdowns and come out in fighting form, bigger and better than ever. For this we must heartily thank the committee and its chairman, Neil Franks, the incomparable and indomitable Festival Director, Stewart Collins, and the incredibly efficient, hard-working, unflappable and life-enhancing team of Kate Lavender, Stella Goodson and colleagues. It has been the festival's ability to embrace musical diversity and constantly reinvent itself that has enabled it to thrive in challenging times without having to resort to the often fickle and bureaucratic system of government funding, whose budgets are forever being slashed or reallocated, leaving musical carnage in their wake. It is also thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Petworth and wider community that we are able to enjoy the festival each year. And, of course, without you its audience there would be no festival. It is a constant pleasure to hear of how many concerts have sold out thanks to your support. We love hosting performances at Bignor Park and the David Walliams play on Sunday should be quite a hoot.

What about the festival's future? I took part in a recent trial to test AI generated music. You can describe a piece of music and AI will create it for you. I tried 'Scottish Bagpipe music in the style of Beethoven'. The result sounded like muffled bagpipe music without much sign of the great composer. I tried a few other combinations and I am afraid it's going to be a while before us pesky composers are out of a job. Or before you come to a Petworth Festival concert performed by robots. In fact, it could be a useful compositional tool, enabling songwriters and composers to experiment in new ways and generate new musical patterns. A greater concern to me is the chronic underfunding of musical education in schools. It would be a terrible shame if learning an instrument or studying music becomes a preserve of the rich.

Over the last twenty years the music industry has gone through a seismic change, from CDs to illegal downloads to streaming. Orchestras and bands are having a very difficult time touring Europe with all the new regulations that have arrived post Brexit. And most unpredictable of all, vinyl is back. But although the instruments and listening medium may change and the players may be succeeded by new generations, I am confident that there will always be a deep human need to hear fellow humans express life's ineffable qualities through music. Perhaps one of these days we can persuade the festival organisers to stage a concert on the top of Bignor Hill, where 'the calm of hills above' will be complemented by the dulcet tones of a harp or mandolin if you can hear them above the summer breeze accompanied by sheep's chorus.



PETWORTH VILLAGE MINIBUS

There will be a shopping trip on Friday 4th August to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham and to Horsham on Friday 18th August. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on 2nd and 16th at 2.00 pm

The Pub Lunch on Friday 25th August will be to The Three Crowns at Wisborough Green, (to be confirmed) booking essential through me.

Trips could be arranged on a Tuesday afternoon to Lidl in Billingshurst if wished, please contact me if interested.

For booking and further details please contact local organiser
Caroline Stoneman on 01798 342942

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, *Wildlife* magazine and our Sussex guide book, *Discovering Wildlife*. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

Petworth House and Park News for June



<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth>

Summer of play at Petworth

22nd July - 3rd September, no booking needed, normal admission applies

Discover games and activities for all the family. From badminton, to jenga, croquet, hula-hoops, space hoppers, bean bag toss, noughts and crosses and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Throughout the summer you can also explore the buggy friendly paths to discover ten Elmer sculptures on Elmer's art Parade. Pick up your free map from reception on arrival.

Elmer drop-in crafts

Every Wednesday in August, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm, no booking needed, normal admission applies

Join us in the gardens for free Elmer-themed craft activities.

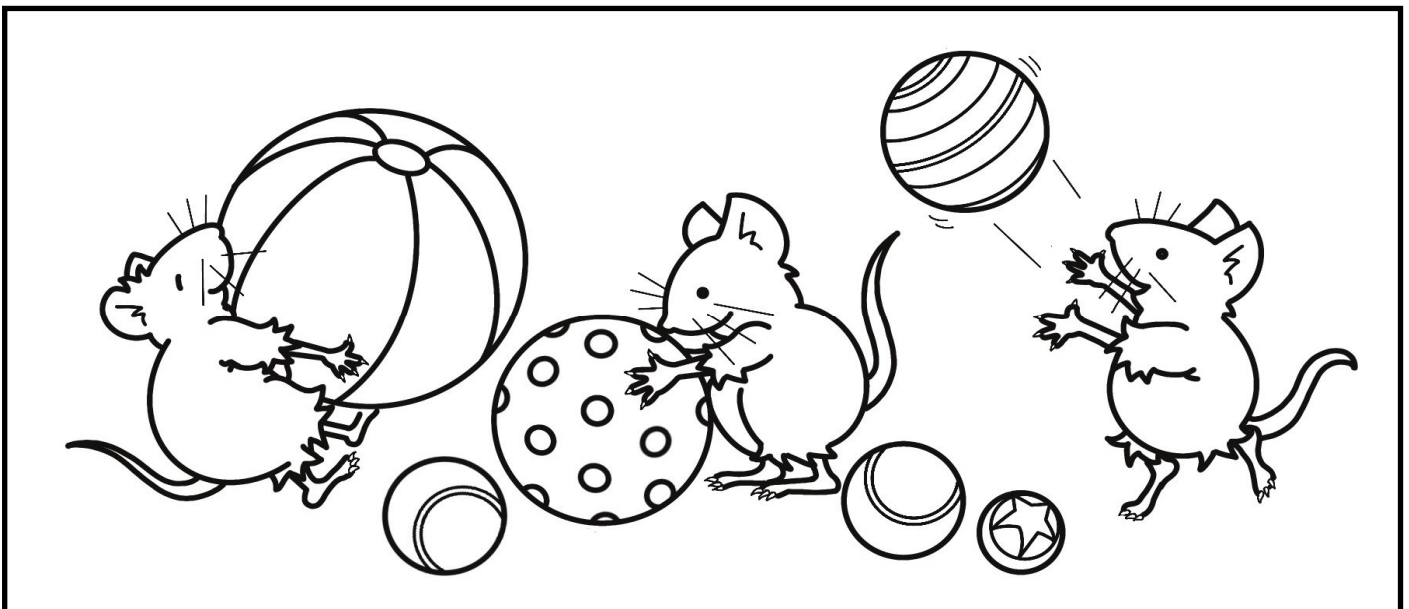
Everything you need to create your own unique Elmer craft to take home will be provided. There will also be games on the lawn for you to enjoy.

Perseids meteor shower and nocturnal wildlife guided walk

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th August, 8.00 - 10.00 pm. Adult £8, Child £4

Find out about the bats and owls that roost in the Deer Park. Take a look at the stars and comets of the night sky. Bring along a picnic blanket and look up to the sky. We might be lucky enough to catch the meteor shower before 10.00 pm.

Call 0344 249 1895. Booking online available.



PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

The AGM on Thursday 6th July, followed by Cream Tea, was attended by our President, Lady Egremont, Vice- President, Ruth Vivian, members of the Executive Committee and the House Committee and 2 members, 16 attendees in all. All officers and committee members were re-elected.

In August there will be bingo sessions on Wednesday 2nd and 16th at 2.00 pm, and the minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre.

On Wednesday 30th August our Annual Outing will be to Canterbury - tell all your friends and sign up in the Centre - members £15, non-members £20. All ages are welcome, you don't have to be over 60.

Please pay when you book.

Look out for notice of the Coffee Morning in October and plans for a Celebration tea later in the year.

Caroline Stoneman, House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

My monthly surgeries start on Saturday 2nd September at the Petworth Library 10.00 am - 12.00 pm, a great opportunity to come and see me about questions/concerns you may have and try to find a suitable solution for you. I also want to help direct people to the right Councils so that they know who to deal with, local, District and County or even MPs.

The Supporting You Team continue to make a real difference to residents and the success of this team is very evident. The team can take referrals from members, using the email supportingyou@chichester.gov.uk or by directing residents to refer themselves online www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaign

Harsha Desai

District Councillor for Petworth

PETWORTH OVER 60S

Annual Outing to Canterbury

Wednesday 30th August

Fare £15.00 for members, non members welcome, £20.00

For details contact Caroline on 01798 342942

West Chiltington Floral Club
(Affiliated to NAFAS)

Tuesday 15th August, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

We welcome Michelle King with her demonstration
'Tour de France'



Visitors are most welcome - £5.00

The meeting will be held at
West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington
RH20 2PZ.

For more information, please contact:
Brenda on 01798 813712 or
Carol on 01798 813608
Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The Petworth Lunch Club will meet in the URC Hall on Tuesday 8th August at 12 noon when the menu will be cold Ham and Turkey Pie with new potatoes, coleslaw and salad followed by Red Fruit Compote and Cream. With tea or coffee, the price will be £7.50.

Looking forward to seeing you - don't forget to book!
With Caroline on 342942

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Water Shrew

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I love Jaws, the 1975 movie which sent three men out into the Atlantic on a fishing boat in search of a marauding Great White Shark. There's another aquatic monster hunting in the ponds and shallow streams of Sussex. But to find a Water Shrew...you're gonna need a smaller boat.

Water Shrews weigh 15g and measure just 16cm. Unlike other shrews they have an amazing ability to swim and hunt underwater. They're covered in dense fur – vital insulation against the cold and wet. This sleek wetsuit also traps air bubbles, transforming the shrew into a furry Aero helping it stay buoyant. Powerful, extra hairy hind feet propel this tiny torpedo through the water.



Water Shrews and Great White Sharks have a common feature that sets them apart from their close relatives. They both have a striking demarcation between their dark upperparts and their white underparts. Looking from above, their black backs blend with the pond bottom or seabed. From below, their pale bellies make them invisible in the sunlit water. It's a submarine survival strategy that helps conceal both hunters and hunted. And the Water Shrew is both.

With sharp, red-tipped fangs, a Water Shrew's jaws are as fearsome as any shark's. But the Water Shrew has a trick up its teeth. It's Britain's only venomous mammal. When it bites it injects a stupefying saliva which subdues its victims. In Jaws, the grizzled skipper Quint (Robert Shaw) relates the chilling true tale of the torpedoed WWII cruiser Indianapolis, which sank leaving hundreds of sailors adrift in shark-infested waters. Well, my mate Barry was once bitten by a Water Shrew in Newhaven and his finger went all tingly for about two hours. OK, it doesn't exactly compare, but the fact that a tiny shrew can make such an impact on a human is pretty impressive.

Slice open a dead shrew's stomach and rummage inside and you'll find bits of beetle legs, snail shells, and fishbones. They are relentless, frenetic hunters. If the shrew goes without a meal for more than an hour it will die. What we are dealing with here is a perfect engine, an eating machine.

All this machine does is swim and eat and make little shrews. Between April and September, the mating of the shrew can produce 2-3 litters of 3-15 young. They live a fast, brief life. Few of them will survive for more than a year. All this machine does is swim and eat and make little shrews. Between April and September, the mating of the shrew can produce 2-3 litters of 3-15 young. They live a fast, brief life. Few of them will survive for more than a year.



The best way to see a Water Shrew is to sit by a Sussex stream as the sun sets. Bring a couple of friends and some Apricot Brandy, share some tall tales, and wait for a shrew to strike.

ORKNEY 2023

Savouring the silence in between
Crowing of cockerel in early hours,
Watching sea-fog on the water.
Days passed peacefully,
Calmly, with no fuss or bother.
Seeing nature co-existing
With Man's interference, accepting
Electricity produced by Orkney winds
By blades standing proud on the hills.

Desolate abandoned buildings or
Crofts with once much-loved hearths;
Ignored by attention given
To the presence of Neolithic past.

Cotton grass, buttercups, cows and sheep
In fields enclosed by dry-stone walls;
Roadside edges trimmed by wild gunnara,
Angelica stands proud over nettles.
Stone-staring, rune reading -
Historic pasts being pondered on.
Healing sounds of wind, rain and nature
Soothe a sore soul, just as the sea's tides
Smooth glass and pebbles on the shore.

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CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER

- 6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord**
Daniel 7.9,10,13,14, 2 Peter 1.16-19, Luke 9.28-36
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 No service at Egdean
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
- 13th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Isaiah 61.10,11, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 1.46-55
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist at Egdean 9.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
- 20th The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
Isaiah 56.1,6-8, Romans 11.1-2a,29-32, Matthew 15. 21-28
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist at Egdean 9.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

Saturday 26th
PATRONAL FESTIVAL EVENSONG EGDEAN 4.30 pm
St Bartholomew's Church Egdean 1622 - 2022/3 - Celebrating 400 Years,
followed by bring a picnic!

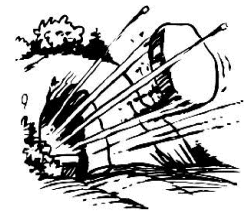
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FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

We are nearly at the summer holidays and, far from slowing down, things seem busier than ever. We have had to turn down a number of new referrals recently as we simply cannot take on any more new cases until our practitioners' case-loads have reduced a little - this is a sad sign of the times and the challenges facing so many families in Sussex. On a lighter note, we have been able to close more cases recently as families have been able to resolve the issues which originally brought them to us. Our door will always remain open to these families should they ever need us again.

With finances, poor mental health and problems with schools still our main 3 issues, the approaching summer holidays are a cause of concern. We are planning as many activities as possible to keep children entertained and active during this time. If you feel that you may be able to assist us in any of these by volunteering then we would love to hear from you – please contact the office on 01273 832963. We are also still very low on foodbank stock, which is a worry as we try to provide more food during August to replace the school dinners which are not available during this period. If anybody feels able to organise a special collection for us then we would be very grateful – we are in need of everything with the exception of teabags.

We are looking forward to our Amberley-Arundel walk on 18th August and hope that we will see many of you there. Please contact the fundraising team by email fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk for more information and a registration form. We also hope to welcome people to the remaining Open Gardens of the season in East Sussex. The Events page of our website has full details of all the openings.

Please do continue to keep all of our staff and families in your prayers, and thank you for your continued support.

June's work in numbers

263 individual visits and 1248 calls with families supporting 261 adults and 187 children

62 supported meetings with other agencies

64 group sessions held supporting 644 parents and 290 children

106 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Pray that our practitioners are able to strike a healthy balance between work and personal lives, with so many complex cases to manage

Give thanks for the successful recruitment to the fundraising team

Pray for good news from some significant funding bids which are awaiting decisions

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising ad Marketing

COUNTY COUNCIL

Over the months and years I have updated you on several things being progressed and probably the most important is our Child Care in West Sussex. Three years plus on we are proud of the fact that we are getting to a stage when our next OFSTED may, you never know, give us 'good' which would be something to be proud of. We're not there yet but the last inspection was encouraging, they were pleased with our efforts and the improvements made to this so important service that County provide.

Another project that I repeat telling you about is the new Fire and Rescue Centre is Broadbridge Heath. I'm happy to say it's now built, up and running and already the hub for the 999 calls. It really is the state of the art and reckoned to be the best, indeed the only one of its kind in England, and already it's training facilities are being booked for Fire and Rescue far and wide across the country. It really is impressive and is now named Platinum House. Sabrina Hatton-Cohen, the Chief Fire Officer, has been leading this new project ever since she joined West Sussex and, along with her other Officers, they have certainly got something we can all be proud of.

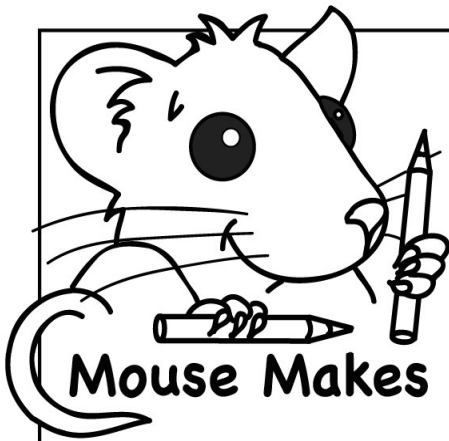
The refugee situation for Afghan and Ukraine refugees does not get easier and with Ukraine it is a very moveable number to deal with. It has been over 2,500 but is down somewhat now with some going to other Countries, not just in Europe but further afield, and others going back to Ukraine. The Afghan refugees are a little different. In the main they come to stay and, in Afghanistan, many are very educated with occupations such as doctors, dentists and other professions. Many of these, after some training into the ways of our Health Service, are now doctors, nurses, etc. in this country and very willing to work. We still look for accommodation for them, especially those from Ukraine, as many of the families who took them in only did so for 6 months and that time is up. So if you can, or you know anyone who can offer accommodation, please do contact the County Council. Just go to our website and you will find the information there.

On the subject of accommodation as ever we are really in need of Fosters Parents and, again, please use the West Sussex website.

We are very aware that there are many thousands of Carers in the County and many, many that we don't know about. We can offer them some respite and general help. Many of these are young people who deserve time off like all their friends who don't have caring responsibilities. If you know of any who you think may like help please try and encourage them to make contact.

Please take care and always feel free to contact me if you think I can help with a problem.

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Mouse Makes

After Jesus miraculously fed 5,000+ people from two fish and five loaves, he sent his disciples off in a boat across the Sea of Galilee before going up a mountain by himself. Later in the night, as the boat was being blown and buffeted by the wind, Jesus came miraculously walking on the water towards them...

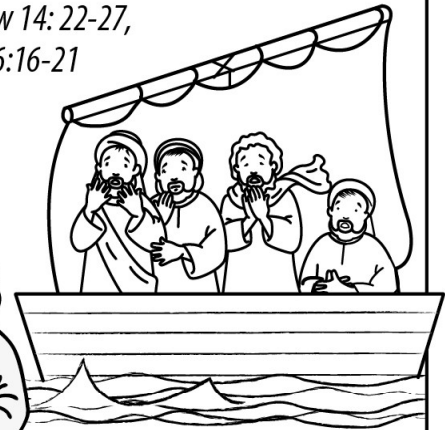
Read the story in: *Matthew 14: 22-27,*
Mark 6:45-56 or John 6:16-21

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

_____ *Matthew 14:23*

What was the boat struggling against?

The _____ and the _____ *Matthew 14:24*



What did Jesus say to his disciples?

Do not be _____

_____ *Matthew 14:27*

What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A _____ *Matthew 14:26*

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

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What did Jesus say to Peter?

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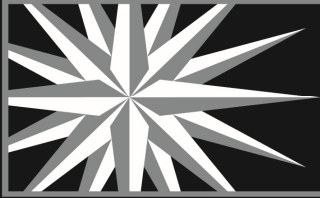
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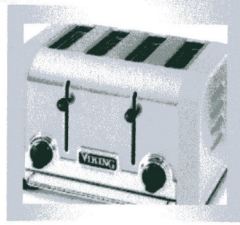
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HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations to

CHOLIE MELISSA DUDMAN AND JAMIE ROBERT SMITH from Hors-ham Road following their marriage at St John the Baptist, Sutton on 29th July.

FUNERALS

We remember with thanksgiving the lives of the recently departed

With the passing of **RICHARD JOHN SMITH** St Mary's has lost yet another one of its loyal and faithful members. He served as the PCC Hon Treasurer for 10 years and had been a long standing member of the choir.

Choral singing played an important part in his life, having been a valued member of the Chichester Singers for a number of years.

With failing health, he moved to the Cottage Nursing Home where he passed away on 10th June aged 82 years.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's on 4th July and was followed by cremation.

A Requiem Mass was held for Richard on the previous day.

We also recall the lives of two other well known, and popular figures in the town.

THOMAS MacKENZIE DOUGLAS HUNTER of Trumpers Cottage, East Street passed away on 27th June aged 84 years. Tom was a merchant seaman reaching the rank of Captain. A reminder of a career, that took him to all parts of the world, is the anchor displayed by his front door of the cottage in East Street, and a ships wheel mounted on the front of the building. He sadly had been widowed for a number of years, but greatly enjoyed meeting up with his pals in the Angel Inn where he will be much missed.

His funeral was held at Chichester Crematorium on 21st July.

We sadly learnt that **PEGGY BURRELL** passed away on the morning of 17th July at the Cottage Nursing Home, a much loved and loyal member of St Mary's congregation.

Her funeral has been arranged for 15th August, 2.30 pm at St Mary's.

.RICHARD HUW OAKLEY was a much respected and popular resident of Grove Lane where he had lived for more than 50 years. Formerly a teacher at Midhurst Grammar School his role as a Careers Master was invaluable to those seeking a future after their schooling days were ending.

Huw and Ellen worshipped at the URC church in Pulborough where Ellen played the organ.

He passed away at his home on 29th June.

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