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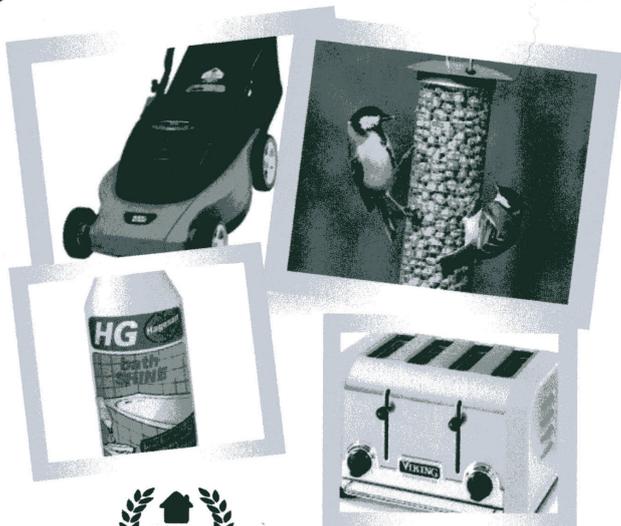
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So inspired by their example we thought we would have our own Carpet of Flowers in St Mary's Church from Monday 12th of June until the 15th, finishing with a Corpus Christi celebration at 7.30 pm. The Archdeacon of Chichester The Ven Douglas McKittrick will Celebrate and Preach for the occasion.

At the end of the service is the procession over the flowers with the Sacrament. The flowers are there to honour God but particularly the way we encounter God in Holy Communion.

Please do join us and spread the word, invite friends and family to come and see.

Yours in Christ



St. Bartholomew's Church, Egdean

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NOTICES

Egdean Church Barbecue

Saturday 17th June from 5.30 pm in the Churchyard at Egdean - Please come and join us - grand raffle, cakes, produce, book stalls and games.

Your help with providing cakes, produce, books and raffle prizes would be much appreciated, and your support on the day.

Lent Appeal

Many thanks to all who gave to Family Support Work, we handed over a large hamper of food together with money received during Lent totaling £70.19, which was very gratefully received.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

AN OUTING TO THE HINDU TEMPLE AT NEASDEN, 13TH MAY



Father Mark seeking spiritual renewal, or was he just thirsty and tired?

22 members of St Mary's congregation and their friends travelled in one of the redoubtable Richardson's Travel's coaches, driven by the excellent Gary, to the Hindu Temple at Neasden. This was a venue unfamiliar to most of us until its appearance on BBC TV's 'Antiques Roadshow' last year, at which point we realised why Andrew Brooke had been such a staunch advocate for the trip. The journey up was without incident, passing such notable venues as Wembley Stadium, Kew Gardens, and the RFU ground at Twickenham.

The Temple itself was stunning, a masterpiece of intricate carving in wood and stone, and much of it covered with gold leaf. We were able to witness a ceremony, all of us sat on the floor, shoeless. Interestingly (I'll leave it at that! the word 'correctly' sprang to mind, but was instantly dismissed as inappropriate) the men were then given precedence over the women to move on round to the rear of the temple. We gained an enormous insight into many aspects of the Hindu faith, because of an excellent permanent exhibition centre in the Temple. The displays were of the highest quality, and most informative.

We all thought briefly that Adrian must have decided to convert to Hinduism, because seemingly he had decided to make his way back across the forecourt to the coach, shoeless! However, we soon found out that this had not been a deliberate decision on his part. Someone must have accidentally helped themselves to his shoes! Despite the efforts of a search party they never did turn up.

We had originally planned to eat on site, but that did not prove possible, so after sandwiches on the coach, we set off for a coffee and cakes stop at a garden centre near Bagshott. Inevitably, some, but not all, of us could not resist going shopping. Arrival back at St Mary's was achieved without further event late afternoon, with Adrian wearing a fetching pair of flip flops donated by an apologetic Temple staff.

Andrew Howard



Summer Fair
at St Mary's Church
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12.00 noon – 2.30 pm



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ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CHARITY WALK

I would like to thank the members of the congregations of St Mary's and St Bartholomew's who kindly sponsored Brian for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity 14 mile walk back in March. We raised a total of £1,830. We are so pleased to be able to donate this to the hospital to assist in the pioneering work undertaken in the fight against cancer.

A huge thank you to you all.

Anne Dallyn

COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning on Saturday 20th May raised £183.92 for Corpus Christi flowers. As usual many thanks to all who supported it by helping or coming along to buy.

Gill Ticehurst and Jean Huggett

PARENTS AND TODDLERS

The St Mary's Parents and Toddlers group have met now for over 10 years. It has generally been very well attended by parents with children up to the age of 3 years. Recently we have found that most of the children attending have been either young babies or those up to the age of 18 months. It would seem that children start at the nursery and playgroups at an earlier age, also the Children's Centre now has an activity for pre-school age children on Monday mornings. We can never predict the attendance at our group but have found that numbers have dropped over recent weeks.

We have spoken to some of our parents who have said that it would be sad if we closed. It has been decided that we will continue at least until the summer holiday period then take a break. It is possible that we may continue in September, depending on the response that we get from parents who come occasionally. Our poster will be updated and we have the promise that word will be spread by parents who have been with us in the past whose children are now in school.

Sarah Barstow and Sue Lawrence have been such a great help and support, but Sarah is very busy and cannot always be around, and Sue has her lunchtime job at Wacoos Nursery which means she has to leave before the end of our session. This means together with the falling numbers that closure is quite possible. We hope that numbers will increase because the whole object of the group is to make families with children feel welcome and comfortable in Church.

Jackie Smith

St. Marys Church Petworth

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers

12th 13th 14th 15th June

9.30am - 7.30pm

Corpus Christi Service

Thursday 15th June 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME



WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The prominent spire of ST MARY'S CHURCH, BILLINGSHURST dominates the skyline from pretty much every direction as you approach the village. St Mary's looks down benignly on its ever expanding parish of some 8,500 souls.

The shingled broach spire (120 ft) was added to the 13th Century tower in the 15th Century. The additional weight necessitated the construction of the large clasping buttress to the south corner of the tower. You enter the church through the brick and timber west porch that dates from Tudor times. Under the bell tower is an open welcome area which leads through inner glass doors into the nave.

Look up and note the impressive wagon vault square roof panels. Dating from the 15th Century, the oak bosses are of all different designs and can be seen reproduced in the tapestry kneelers. Another most unusual feature in the nave are the four wagon wheel chandeliers. High up on the west wall is a blocked window which was at some stage probably used by the ringers in the bell chamber to observe the Services.

There are both north and south aisles, the south chapel has an interesting low priests doorway. There are two memorials of note, on the floor of the nave near to the chancel arch is a brass with effigies of Thomas and Elizabeth Bartlett of Oakhurst dated 1499. The second on the north wall of the chancel is a memorial to Edward Gorringe and his wife (1617) with their children kneeling.

The tower has a ring of eight bells and the clock facing to the west is unusual in that the mechanism is a smaller version of the works of Big Ben.

The surrounding churchyard was closed in the 1960s.

John Townsend

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club meets in the URC Hall on Tuesday 13th June at 12 noon. Come and join us but you must book your place with Caroline Stoneman on (01798) 342942.



CD RECORDING OF ORGAN MUSIC FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

In aid of St Mary's, Petworth Organ Fund

St Mary's organ is used primarily for the regular services each Sunday, but also for Weddings, Christmas Carol Services, Civic Services, Funerals and Memorial Services, as well as by outside groups staging concerts in the church, including the Petworth Festival. Having been rebuilt 30 years ago there is a clear need to build up reserve funds for essential maintenance to the organ, as well as for proposed improvement works to the soundboards, and installation of a humidifier, both of which would significantly enhance its role. In order to increase funds, as well as to raise the profile of this appeal, I plan to record a CD of Organ Music for Special Occasions during August 2017, using St Mary's organ as well as other organs in Sussex. The upfront costs will be £500 and I would like to try and cover these by:

- a) inviting advance CD orders at a discounted rate of £8 per CD. There will also be the opportunity at this stage to vote for a preferred piece of organ music. The CDs will be available at
- b) inviting individuals and local businesses to consider sponsorship in minimum units of £50. Also, a minimum donation of £100 in the form of an interest free loan, which would be repaid once sufficient sales income has been generated. In return sponsors will receive two complimentary CDs and will be listed in the CD booklet and launch concert programme/poster, and can also state a repertoire preference.

Once the CD has been produced I intend to hold a launch concert introduced by a special guest VIP, at which pre ordered copies will be available for collection. From this point onwards the CDs will be available for sale locally for £10 each.

I hope that the choice of music for the CD will prove popular within and beyond the Petworth community that come into the church for various reasons, not least with wedding couples planning their marriage service at St Mary's. The recording engineer (Gavin Barrett) has worked for Decca so the production will be of a high quality and, as there will be over an hour's worth of music on the CD, I trust that the price per CD will also be attractive.

I do appreciate that there are many worthy charitable causes, but hope that you will seriously consider supporting this community venture by filling in and returning the form on the next page.

Matthew Cooke, ARCO, Director of Music, St Mary's Petworth

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Optional Voting for Repertoire: (please tick as many as you like)

(All can be found on YouTube if you are unsure as to how they sound)

Toccata from 5th Symphony - Widor

The Wedding March - Mendelssohn

In Dulci Jubilo - Bach

Prince of Denmark's March - Clarke

Final from 1st Symphony - Vierne

Canon in D - Pachelbel

Sortie in E flat - Lefebure Wely

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel

Hornpipe from the Water Music - Handel

Other? (subject to Organist's agreement!)





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Jesus' Workload. Studying Luke 9 and 10, we see that Jesus needed to progress his short mission as he moved towards its climax, and in ch. 9.vv 1 to 10, Jesus sends out his twelve apostles without money, food, extra clothes or even a walking stick, with power to heal both physical and mental illness, staying wherever they were offered hospitality, getting close to their hosts, but 'shaking the dust off their feet' of any unwelcoming town. They returned elated by their success, but later found they were not able to do the same near home, v40, causing him frustration. In chapter 10 he sends out another 70 (or 72) disciples with the same instructions, but this time without even sandals, and saying that even Sodom would be judged better than any town which would not welcome them! On return with good news at their success he said 'I saw Satan fall like a flash of lightning'.

Rosemary Harris

THE JOHNSON MONUMENT : POSTSCRIPT

The early years of John Johnson make him appear a somewhat elusive figure. My enquiries at his old school, Winchester College, turned up a *Charles Johnson* of Petworth, baptised 7th September 1775, having been elected a Scholar in 1788. No record could be found of a John Johnson. Enquiries at the County Records office which holds the Petworth Parish Registers indicated that a John Johnson, born 30th July 1775 was baptised 7th September 1775. It also appeared that there had not been a baptism of a Charles Johnson around that time. It may therefore be assumed that Winchester College entered an erroneous name or perhaps that John Johnson assumed *Charles* as a first name because it was a better match with Johnson!

That the John Johnson whose memorial is in St Marys is one and the same as Charles Johnson, Scholar of Winchester, has a certain interest in that Winchester's records indicate that Charles Johnson, so described, was expelled in April 1793 for taking part in a school rebellion. The cause is not evident, though there was a great deal of rebellion about at the time in Europe, especially France, where it had recently cost the King his head! However, the rebellion at Winchester may have been merely about domestic matters such as food or discipline! One thing is evident: his expulsion did not prevent Johnson from being accepted by Queens College, Oxford less than two months later - and so his career began!

Desmond FitzPatrick

PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear year 5,

I am writing to you about our marvellous day out with you, in London

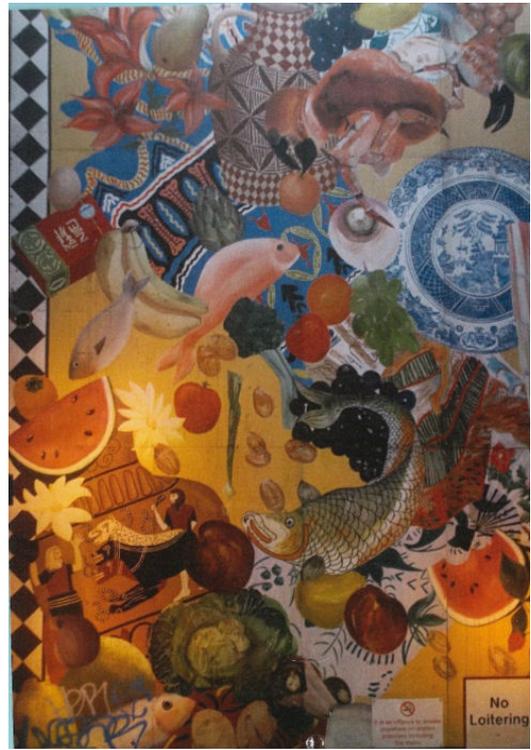
Thank you so much for taking us around Brixton Market. It was so colour full some of the fruits that I saw were very different to what we eat, and some I had never seen before. I was speechless to see how much graffiti there was. In the market it ~~smell~~ smells very fishy and I did not know you kept the fish alive to keep it more fresh.

At the school I had a great lunch. I loved trying new food that I had never seen eat before and it was a great for the food you have made for us. Making new friends was great. The chicken was delightful.

Thank you so much for a great experience.
Best wishes
Lloyd



Year 5 at Brixton Fish Market



Artwork in Brixton

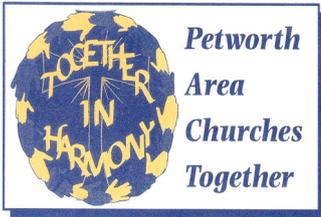
Elm Class had a wonderful day when they visited Christ Church CofE Primary School Streatham. They visited the Fish Market in Brixton and above is a picture of some of the Artwork they saw. Elm Class are looking forward to welcoming the children to Petworth in a few weeks.

THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Source: Overseas Mission Fellowship, Station Approach, Borough Green, TN15 8BG and others.

Urbanisation. The Church needs to be prepared for the urbanisation of sub Saharan Africa, which by 2030 will have a greater urban population than Europe. Past experience shows that this creates huge poverty and misery, and we were fortunate here, in our Industrial Revolution, that Christian individuals responded to the needs, renewing the church thereby. Christianity is already shifting from the prosperous North to the persecuted South, where oppression and corruption add to the misery. Operation Mobilisation, the American, (but now global) missionary agency asks prayers for its ambition to send 5,000 evangelists to Southern Africa, and needs supporting with volunteers, prayers and cash. But it cannot act alone, and the church must, at the very least, support its own family there, suffering grievously as Islam moves in, often violently. The overwhelming influx of refugees from that area should be a warning, so our response is needed.

Rosemary Harris



P A C T NEWS

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Saturday 8th July – Fete in the Park – cream teas from PACT

We will have the cream Tea Tent at the Fete in the Park as usual on Saturday 8th July – look forward to seeing you there any time from midday!

Thursday 13th July – Festival Service – 7.00 pm at St Mary's Petworth

The Festival Service will once again launch the Petworth Festival with a selection of music, readings, hymns and an address given by Michael Follis, one time Director of the Festival. The Primary School will be singing a piece.

Karl Ayling

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s

THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Dates for your Diary - June

Wednesday 7th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Friday 9th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Beetle
Wednesday 14th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz
Wednesday 21st	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 28th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Cards and Board Games

Thank you to all who helped, supported and attended our Coffee Morning on 22nd April at which we raised £425.26.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Jim Cross who was on the Executive Committee for a number of years and who, with his wife Jean, loved to come on our outings and to the Christmas Tea. Our condolences to Jean and their daughters.

Caroline Stoneman

House Committee Chairman

PETWORTH FESTIVAL SERVICE

The Petworth Festival Service will take place on Thursday 13th July at 7.00 pm in St Mary's church.

The service this year will be Festal Evensong to celebrate the Petworth Festival.

Everyone is invited to help launch the Festival with this Service celebrating the arts in readings, prayer and song.

Speaker: Michael Follis - Director of Petworth Festival 2000 - 2007.

With musical contributions from the Festival Choir - director Nick Steinitz, organist Sarah Barstow, songs by the Petworth Primary School Choir and a short recital by the principal players of the West Sussex Youth Orchestra.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the churchyard, (in the church if wet).

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ST MARY'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting both took place on Tuesday 25th April. There were 25 Parishioners present.

At the Parishioners Meeting both Churchwardens, Adrian Easton and Eileen Lintill, were re-elected to serve for a further term.

The APCM began with the Election of 3 Lay Representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod. Judy and Andrew Howard together with Jill Easton were proposed and were duly elected to serve (2017/2020).

There were 4 vacancies for the Parochial Church Council, Jean Huggett, Vic Constable and Jackie Smith were re-elected, and Fiona Kemp was welcomed as the fourth member.

In addition to the existing number who were re-elected, Nick Wheeler was appointed as a Sideperson.

The Electoral Roll, following the recent revision contained 122 names, 7 less than the previous year.

The Secretary in his annual report mentioned the special events held to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday which included a service at St Mary's marking her 90 years on the throne. In December Bishop Martin conducted an Institution Service appointing Father Mark as Rector of the Benefice as opposed to Priest in Charge.

Archdeacon Fiona paid her Parochial Visitation in July. Some PCC members attended an Away Day at Boxgrove Priory in September. As a result two groups have been formed, one to look at communications and the other on how best to welcome visitors and newcomers. The Christmas stable scene in the churchyard was delightful and resulted in much favourable comment, with thanks being expressed to those responsible. There was much sadness in the parish following the death of Tim Wright who, following his resignation, preached his farewell sermon in St Mary's in January. He had been our Priest in Charge from 2009 and showed great courage during his final illness. Amongst others from the parish who had passed away during the year were Ronald and Florence Potton, Jessie Baxter, Betty Banting, Meg Watkins, Janice Forgery, Jim Taylor, Pat Poste, Jean Boddy, Patricia Smith-Bentley, Marjorie Manning, John Heseltine, Lesleigh Boddy, Tim Neligan, Henry Wadey, Adrian Tuck, Peter Luttmann-Johnson, Ronnie Potton and Norman Carver. In total there were 25 funerals with 13 having a service in St Mary's. There were 7 baptisms, against 12 in 2015, and only 2 weddings.

The Treasurer spoke of his concern over the financial situation. It had been an untypical year with the involvement of both the Roofing Project and funding the new boiler. It was, however, the day to day running costs that highlighted his concern.

General income amounted to £90,726 against expenditure of £98,516 - a deficit of £7,790. The figure would have been £12,790 if a bequest had not been received. In 2015 the deficit was £6,713. On a slighter brighter note, the Gift Day raised £1,000 more than last year.

There was a need to encourage parishioners to remember St Mary's in their wills. Warm thanks were expressed to Andrew and to Alan Copus, the Independent Examiner, for their work. The Accounts were Adopted.

The Fabric Report detailed a number of projects completed over the year including the roofing work which entailed replacing some of the timbers on the north side of the church. A grant of £77,000 from the Listed Buildings Roof Repair Fund was received towards the cost. The lighting work has been completed with all the lamps having been replaced by LED bulbs. The new boiler was installed just before Christmas and repairs carried out to the wooden flooring where it had become loose in places.

The Deanery Synod met on only two occasions, in July and October. Canon Ann Holt spoke at the July meeting in St Mary's on education in the Diocese. The Dean of Chichester, the Very Rev'd Stephen Waine, led the October meeting at Fittleworth. He spoke of the varied and extensive work of the cathedral. PCC members would always be welcome to attend any of the Synod meetings.

In his Report the Director of Music outlined his plan to record a CD of Celebratory Music with the hope of increasing funds towards the maintenance and proposed improvement works to the organ. He was hoping to obtain donations and sponsorship to cover the upfront costs.

Thanks were expressed to the choir members for their continued loyal support.

The Bellingers were in urgent need of more support, due to a shortage of ringers there have been some Sundays when the bells have not been rung, despite help from Tillington and other towers in the area. The bells remain in good condition.

There had been a fall off in attendance at the Parent and Toddlers Group to the extent that if numbers do not improve the Group faces closure. Due to lack of support the Messy Church at Duncton ceased to function. With the change in society's habits it may be necessary to look at alternative ideas. Plans are underway to be present at the Fete in the Park on 8th July.

Petworth Area Churches Together held their usual two lectures. In May Peter Marsden gave a talk on mass migration and in October Rev'd Paul Crowley spoke about having hope that things will change. He had been a young offender but through an Alpha course he eventually became ordained. The next lecture is arranged for 12th May and will be given by Dr Ruth Valerio. PACT will be running the tea tent at the 8th July Fete in the Park and the Holiday Club continues to be well supported.

The Editor expressed her thanks to all who help in the production of the Parish Magazine, including those who deliver around the parish.

There were no Safeguarding issues to report on.

Father Mark, in closing the meeting, looked towards future plans for making the church more welcoming. Improving the south door entrance and even a possibility of providing some parking would be pursued. With the Nativity and Easter scenes outside, St Mary's is increasingly becoming part of the community celebrations. He concluded by warmly thanking the many who give their time in so many ways to support the church and its activities.

As a result of an enquiry under Any Other Business, the PCC will look at the possibility of establishing an area in the churchyard for the burial of Cremated Remains.

John Townsend

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S

Monday:	Parent Toddler Group	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday:	Keep Fit with Chair Exercises	10.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday:	Art Group	10.00 am -12.00 noon

Do come and join us for any of the activities, a warm welcome awaits you

IT'S BACK! THE FETE IN THE PARK

With the support of the National Trust (Petworth House) and with an energised committee at the helm, the Fete in the Park returns to its magnificent surroundings in the 700 acre deer park on Saturday 8th July.

Tony Sneller, Chairman of the P&DCA said, 'After 10 years and a well-earned break the Fete in the Park is reborn. We are working closely with our colleagues from Petworth House and are grateful to new willing volunteers who have come forward and made our decision possible. With the addition of their fresh ideas and enthusiasm the organising team has built on past experience to again hold this wonderful event that has something for everyone, brings together the whole community and welcomes visitors from afar. So, if you feel you can help us in any way, we'd love to hear from you.'

For more details or to get involved, please e-mail feteinthepark@gmail.com or speak to Tony Sneller on 07860 186847.

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Holiday weekend for families at Dalesdown

Last month 12 of our families enjoyed a non-stop weekend of fun at Dalesdown, a Christian residential centre near Horsham. Our Play Team provided a huge range of activities including making clothes for fun from bin liners with decorated t-shirts for a fashion show, an evening camp fire with hot chocolate, treasure hunt with games and a fabulous family roast meal cooked by our volunteers. This weekend offered a much needed break for the families who said ‘they had a fantastic time’.



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Never Mind Coldplay, Here's the Cuckoo

By Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Is it me or are rock bands today getting less and less offensive? I sometimes find myself harking back to a simpler, happier time when young punks were lining up to shock us. Nowadays, when I feel the need to be outraged, I turn to a bird whose scandalous behaviour still embodies the filth and the fury of The Sex Pistols in their prime.

The cuckoo creates avian anarchy in the UK every summer. If you delight in watching the honest, hard-working attempts of birds to build a home and raise a family then the cuckoo sticks two feathers up to you. Its non-conformist lifestyle is 'a monstrous outrage on maternal affection', 'a blight on creation'. The male cuckoo doesn't hide his contempt for society. Each spring he announces his arrival by shamelessly shouting his name across Sussex. It's the one bird call in Britain which everyone recognises. Two simple chords (just like all the best punk songs). Cuckoos also utter a callous cackle that would make any panto villain proud. It's almost as if they can't stop the evil within from bubbling out; 'Mwah-ha-ha-ha-ha'.

But save your boos and hisses for the female cuckoo. She coldly targets a couple of unsuspecting love-birds, patiently stakes out their nest and then strikes. After snatching one of their eggs in her beak she fires her own replacement egg into the nest and scarpers. It's over in ten seconds. The parents return to the same number of same-coloured eggs; they suspect nothing. This perfect crime can be re-enacted in a further twenty nests.

With baby cuckoos there's no nature or nurture argument. They're simply born bad. Upon hatching the evil infants first instinct is to eject all other eggs from the nest. Once alone this bully incessantly screams 'feed me, feed me' at its bewildered surrogate parents who are so busy finding food they don't have the time to stop and say 'Hey, wait a minute...'. The imposter grows bigger... and bigger... eventually outgrowing the nest until it resembles a coconut in an egg-cup.

As you read this the parent cuckoos will already be on a carefree cruise back to Africa. Yet despite the trail of chaos and outrage they leave in their wake our cuckoos have recently started doing something that has really upset us all - they've stopped coming back. That distant two-chord call is becoming more and more distant each year. Cuckoo numbers are dropping, possibly due to a lack of food in England, in Africa and on the migration routes in-between. Could it be possible this wonderful bird with its songs and bad behaviour may, like punk rock, be consigned to a lost era of our history? Now that really would be an outrage.

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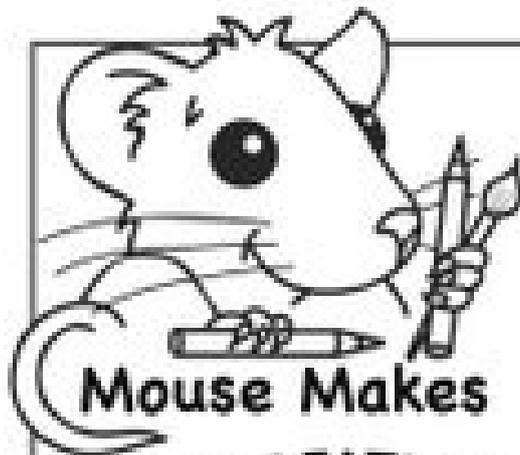
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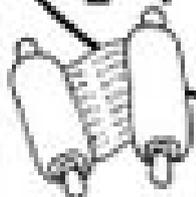
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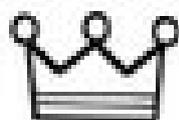


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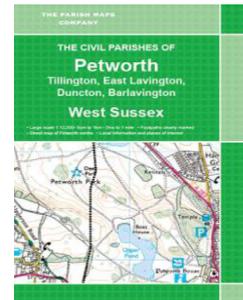
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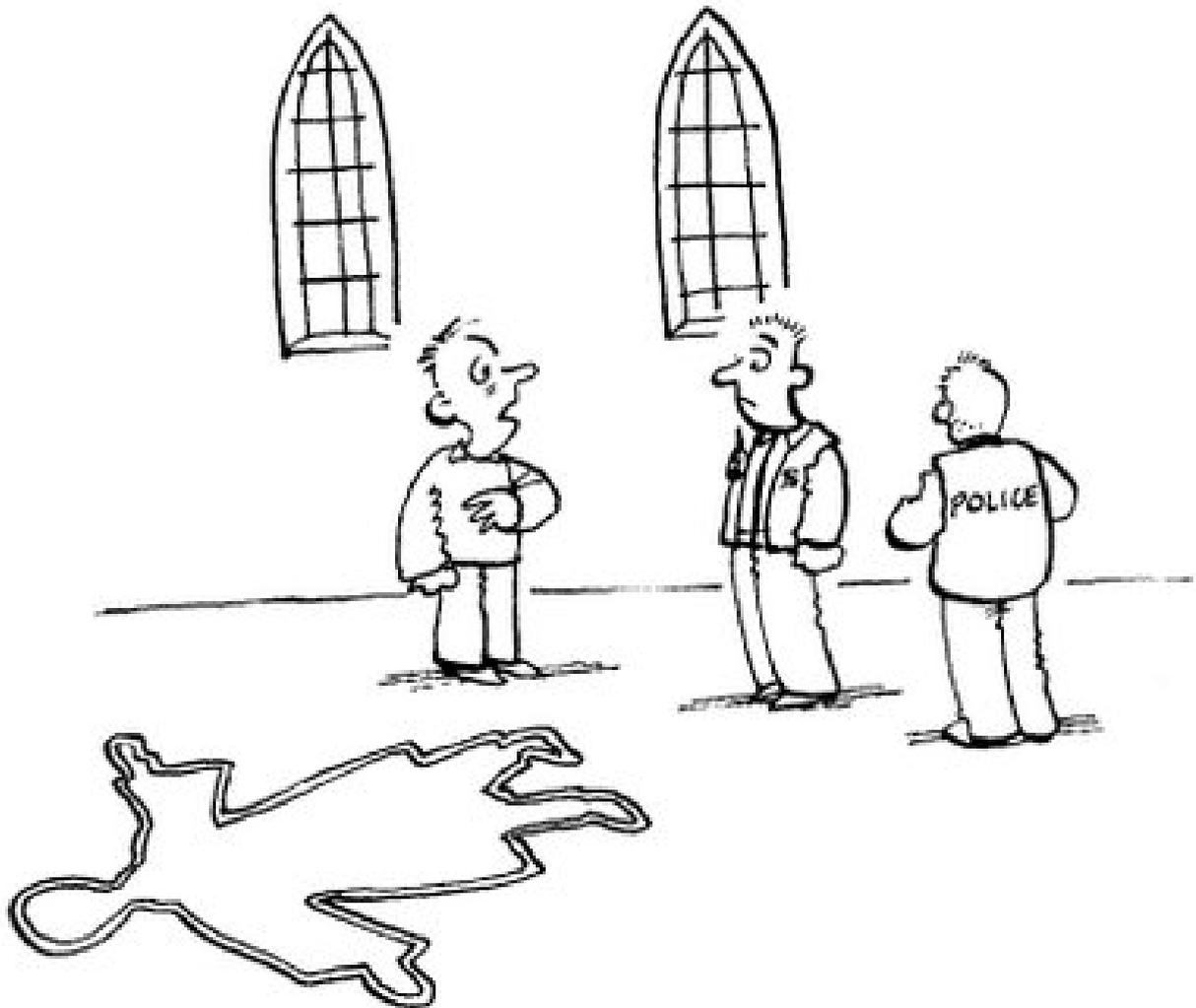
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HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of our church

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FUNERALS

Pray for the repose of the souls of

JAMES HENRY (JIM) CROSS of 20 Rothermead who passed away at the Cottage Nursing Home on 9th April aged 89 years.

Jim had been a well known and much respected member of the Petworth community. Sadly, Jim's father died in 1937 and, even at that young age, Jim worked to help his widowed mother and the family. He left school at 14 and at just turned 17 joined the Army which included a time serving in Egypt. In 1948 he joined the West Sussex Police with his first posting being at Chichester where he was to meet his future wife, Jean.

The couple married in 1950. A transfer to Crawley followed before he came to Petworth in 1959. Here he was to spend the majority of his time in the Force, as a constable and later sergeant, retiring after 30 years service. In 1978 Jim joined the Housing Department of Chichester District Council and worked locally as a rent collector before moving to the Chichester office dealing with allocations and lettings.

Retiring at 65 he became deeply involved in the local community, at one time he served on the Parish Council, was for many years the General Secretary of the Horticultural Society, a member of the Executive Committee of the Over 60s Centre, the local organiser and driver of the community mini-bus. He was also Chairman of the Royal British Legion, organised the annual Poppy Appeal collection and regularly took part in the Remembrance Day parade.

A keen gardener, he spent long hours tending his allotment, and was also a beekeeper. His two daughters, Marion and Rosemary, were both married at St Mary's, Marion in 1973 and Rosemary in 1976.

The funeral service was held at St Mary's on 3rd May and was followed by burial at Hampers Green Cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to Jean, and to Marion and Rosemary and all the family at this time.

A Service of Thanksgiving for **CLIFFORD ARTHUR STILLWELL** took place at St Mary's on 26th April. Cliff and his wife, Judy, had lived at Balls Cross for a number of years, but many will remember the time that they lived in Daintrey House in East Street.

The youngest of three boys, they were all evacuated during the War. Afterwards the family moved to Crawley, where their father opened a Nursery. While at Crawley Cliff joined the local town band. It was in 1955 that he bought his first boat, which was the beginning of a lifelong love of sailing - in 1992 he was to sail across the Atlantic.

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JUNE

4th PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2.1-21, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

FAMILY SERVICE (Egdean) 'Joy of Creativity' 9.15 am

JUBILATE EUCHARIST FOR PENTECOST 10.30 am

11th TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31, 1 Corinthians 13.11-13, Matthew 28.16-20

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist (Egdean - BCP) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

12th - 15th CARPET OF FLOWERS IN CHURCH

15th CORPUS CHRISTI (Thursday)

Acts 1.1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 24.44-53

Holy Eucharist 8.30 am

Parish Eucharist and Procession 7.30 pm

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Isaiah 6.1-8, Ephesians 3.14-19, John 21.15-19
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
 Evensong (Egdean - BCP) 4.00 pm

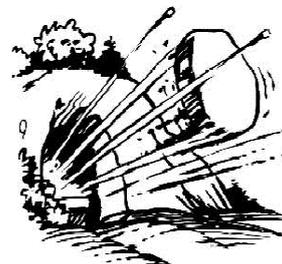
25th 2nd Sunday after Trinity
Jeremiah 20.7-13, Romans 6.1b-11, Matthew 10.24-39
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
 Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

JULY

2nd 3rd Sunday after Trinity
Romans 6.3-4,8-11, Matthew 10.40-42
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am
No service at Egdean please join us at St Mary's
 JUBILATE MASS 10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	8.30 am
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 MONDAY 12TH JUNE**

The Useful Numbers Page

District/County Councillor Janet Duncton.....	01798 344914
District Councillor Eileen Lintill.....	01798 342948
Town Council Office.....	01798 344883
Public Library.....	01798 342274
Petworth Surgery.....	01798 342248
(Out Of Hours Service).....	0300 1301313
Petworth Police Station.....	101 x 588229
Red Cross (Petworth area)	0800 0280831
WRVS Meals On Wheels.....	01798 343773
Citizens Advice Bureau.....	0344 4771171

Liaise @ Frontline – offer a free service for help with debts, repossessions, final demands and bailiffs.....

ICIS – free advice for finding support and care in West Sussex
.....0800 859929

Action against Bullying – Childline.....0800 1111

StartUp Co your local Enterprise Agency.....0845 7827887

Sussex Pathwatch.....0845 6070999

Traveline (for bus timetables)..... 0871 2002233

Traveline (for train information).....08457 484950

Compass Bus - Route 99 enquiries..... 01903 690025

TANDEM - hospital and surgery transport.....01730 813962

Petworth Community Mini-Bus.....01798 342948

Sainsbury's Free Bus [Monday only] Dep: Hampers Green 09.40
& Petworth Town Square 09.45. Dep: Sainsbury's Chichester 11.50

Petworth Over 60's (Friendship) Centre..... 01798 342942

Petworth Lunch Club..... 01798 342942

Petworth Masonic Lodge..... 01798 342948

University of the 3rd Age..... 01403 783359

Alcoholics Anonymous..... 0845 7697555

CRUSE (Organisation for the bereaved).....01243 530202

Samaritans.....08457 909090

Relate (Marriage Guidance).....01243 788935

Energy Watch.....0845 9060708

GAS Emergency Freephone.....0800 111999

Water (Midhurst & Petworth)..... 0845 2720845

Electricity Emergency.....0800 0727282