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**COVERING THE PARISHES OF ST. MARY'S, PETWORTH
&
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN**

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FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

Dear Friends

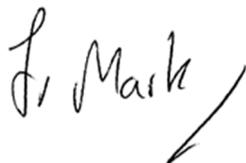
We do a lot of Remembering in the month of November. As the days shorten and darkness seems to be a greater feature than sunshine over our British world, we think back and remember. We remember Guy Fawkes and his attempt to destroy Parliament, in the fun of bonfires and fireworks! We also remember those who have died and were close to us as family or in friendship at our Annual Memorial and All Souls' services. We remember those who have fallen (and are still falling) in war zones, with a renewed determination to bring an end to death, maiming, and mental health problems that come from war, with a special Act of Remembrance in Church. But added to these remembrances, we also remember those we continue to love and care for as we prepare for Christmas - who will we send a card to? or prepare a present for? so we remember the living as well, the physically close and those living away from us, maybe not seen for a long time.

We treasure our memories of people - both the living and those who are no longer with us physically. November is definitely a time for Remembrance in more ways than one! For the past and for the future, we determine not to take our family and friends for granted, but to treasure them. To remember them.

As we also 'gear up' in Church to begin the season of Advent let us also remember Jesus in the same way, by not taking Him for granted or all that He did for us. Take a moment in this month of darkness to remember that in December we will sing of Jesus being the light that came into the world to bring us love, forgiveness, and direct access to God the Father through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let's not take all that or Him for granted, and include Jesus in our remembrance this month, with gratitude, realising that in Him, we have something to treasure too.

With my love and prayers,

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark" with a stylized flourish at the end.

ST AMRY'S CHURCH, PETWORTH
PCC Meeting
Wednesday 14th September

Defibrillator. Judy Howard has this in hand and is in discussion with the parties involved.

Bell ringing: There is still a lack of bell ringers, but the bell was able to be rung following the death of her Majesty the Queen.

Finances: Income is better than it was judged to be but expenses were maintained at a high level.

St Mary's Fabric

Re-ordering: There are 'bits and pieces' to be done before the Literary Festival. Friday 16th will see the removal of the Memorial and access will be through the West Door. Designs for the manifestations to be viewed and agreed.

The Memorial Garden: Unfortunately, no-one has come forward to offer to look after the Garden and Nick is no longer able to do this. Hopefully a volunteer will be found.

Spire re-instatement: A letter from the DAC has been received and the response to this has been positive. However there needs to be a proposal, costing and plan, so discussion is on-going. The PCC would also be involved and at the moment the response may well be less positive!

Harvest: There will be no Harvest Fair this year. However, on the Petworth Christmas Events day on Saturday 3rd December day there will be a coffee morning, and afternoon tea will also be served in the church. There will be a separate raffle and Christmas Draw.

Christingle: This is now planned for Christmas Eve.

PACT: Coffee mornings have picked up again. The 'Kids Group' in Summer was very well attended.

Deanery Synod: The Diocesan Youth Officer will be coming to give a talk

Family Support: There has been an appeal to the Town Council for a Drop-in Centre in the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre. The District Council is to look at helping families to apply for benefits.

St Mary's Music: There is the possibility of an Organ Scholar having been found.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November in St Mary's at 7.30 pm.

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:

Christmas Services

Sunday 4th December 9.15 am - Christingle

Sunday 18th December 4.00 pm - Carol Service

Children's Society Boxes - Please bring your Children's Society boxes to the Christingle Service for the annual emptying.

PCC MEETING REPORT

At the meeting held on 29th September Christine reported that as no-one had come forward to take over organizing the Ride and Stride for Egdean and as time was running out she has organized it for this year. Eight people have participated and money is still coming in from sponsors.

Ideas for fund raising were discussed and Lucy Hodgson offered to hold a Drinks Party at High Hoes on Friday 19th May at 6.00 pm, everyone attending will be encouraged to bring a friend. It was also agreed to circulate by email asking for other ideas for fund raising for next year.

The Treasurer gave a financial update and said that with a generous response from our ceiling appeal, together with the grants received from Sussex Historic Churches Trust £5,000, and Garfield Foundation £3,000, and being able to claim back the VAT on the works together with the successful fundraising from the Beating the Bounds and Church Barbecue we are in a positive position. The Treasurer also reported the gift aid claim monies have been received amounting to £3,300 for the last tax year.

Fr Mark commented how nice the church looks now that the ceiling works have been completed.

Fr Mark informed the meeting that the Diocesan Treasurer will be attending a meeting on 3rd November at 6.30 pm at St Mary's Petworth to discuss future Parish Share Finance commitments.

Christine said following the Annual Parish Meeting, when she reported that she would like to hand over the Safeguarding responsibilities after the report of the meeting in the Parish Magazine had been circulated, Monica Lloyd mentioned

that she had been a safeguarding officer for a school and was willing to take it on. The PCC unanimously agreed to Monica Lloyd taking over as the Safeguarding Officer for Egdean. Christine will put in place the necessary checks and training.

A resolution was passed for two members of the PCC to be responsible for Reporting Serious Incidents to the Charities Commission, and Jennifer Foster (Churchwarden) and Charles Bray (Treasurer) were unanimously elected to be responsible for taking such immediate steps or actions as may be required to secure and protect the PCC's property, assets and reputation.

Family Service Topics were agreed as follows:

6th November	'Sparkle'
4th December	Christingle
8th January	Epiphany
5th February	Candlemas
19th March	Mothering Sunday
9th April	Easter Day
7th May	Rogation
4th June	Pets Service

Harvest Festival Collection - will be donated to the local food bank this year

The Carol Service was arranged for Sunday 18th December at 4.00 pm, Christmas Day is on Sunday 25th this year. There will be no service at Egdean on Sunday 1st January 2023.

The date for the next PCC Meeting was arranged for Thursday 26th January 2023.

Christine Dallyn

Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
4.00 pm Requiem Mass for All Souls
Please come to St Mary's Church



If you would like a loved one remembered, please leave their name on the list on Col Maude's table.

MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

Early in September, 224 eager young students joined Midhurst Rother College in the new Year 7 intake, making the College community of 1171 students the biggest it's ever been. The new intake in their somewhat roomy, shiny new uniforms, soon found their bearings, made new friends and settled into life at MRC. Within no time at all, thoughts turned to those who would be applying for Year 7 and Sixth Form next year. In late September, 190 Year 6 students from schools across the Rother Valley joined the College to experience a day in the life of an MRC student. Taster sessions from science, English and maths plus team building were on offer, as well as a grand tour of the building. It also provided the opportunity to meet other Year 6s who would be joining them at MRC next September. A busy day was had exploring MRC, meeting teachers and making new friends. All left the day full of excitement and enthusiasm for their upcoming move to secondary school. This was followed by a well-attended prospective Year 7 open evening, where families visited to explore the facilities and see what the various departments would offer the children when they joined the College.

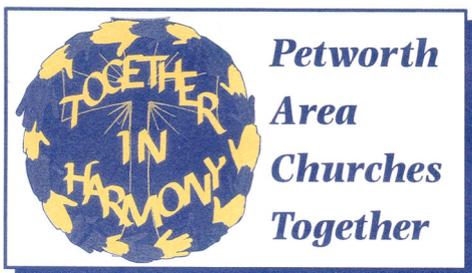


Early in October, it was then the turn of the Year 11 students to experience a day in the Sixth Form. As well as wearing their own clothes and trying out the subjects they are considering for A level, students were also able to spend the day in the designated Sixth Form classrooms, study areas and Common Room. This day was also followed by an open evening, where students and parents had the opportunity to discuss A level options in greater depth with subject teachers.

Applications for Year 7 places must be made online through West Sussex County before the national closing date of Monday 31st October 2022. The national allocation date for places is Wednesday 1st March 2023.

New year 7 intake





P A C T N E W S

Petworth Area Churches Together
working together in harmony

NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

SEEKING A NEW CHAIRMAN

Bob Sneller, our esteemed Chairman for the last three years, is stepping down at the end of the year, and we are seeking a new Chairman from the wider Christian community. The normal term is two years but Bob has kindly stayed on for an extra one.

PACT represents 24 local churches but only 7 Parishes in the area in and around Petworth and we 'work together in harmony', to use our strap line.

We have seven major events in the year - Church Unity Week and Service; Palm Sunday Procession (with donkeys!); two Lectures in the Spring and Autumn; a Kids Club each August, and the Festival Service launching the Petworth Festival.

The good news is that all these events have strong Sub Committees who do the administration, and the Chairman appoints these at Meetings (6 a year).

Judy Burden is our Minute Secretary, and the Minutes and Agendas are dealt with.

Meetings last just over an hour. We are looking for a church goer who will take us forward. You are welcome to visit us for one of our Committee Meetings or talk to me on 01798 342151.

Gerald Greshamcooke@gmail.com

Pactpetworth@gmail.com . <https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/>

NATIVITY EXHIBITION

We plan an exhibition of Nativities for this Christmas. It is hoped that the school and other regulars will be taking part. If anyone would like to be involved, please give me a call.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

Petworth's Tree-mendous Christmas

Spend the 2022 festive season at the National Trust's Petworth House and Park and discover magnificent Christmas trees across the beautifully decorated House. Also enjoy choirs in the courtyard, late-night openings and a Christmas Makers Market.

Petworth's Tree-mendous Christmas in Petworth House

Sat 26th Nov 2022 – Mon 2nd Jan 2023, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. Closed 24th and 25th Dec.

Petworth House is open 10.30 am – 4.30 pm, last entry 4.00 pm. The garden and main car park are open from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Normal admission applies (free for National Trust members).

Explore Petworth House to see Christmas trees taking centre stage this season.

Step into an **enchanted winter forest** in the Marble Hall, and see the woodland creatures from deer crafted with garden greenery to little mice.

Continue your journey to discover the Christmas trees that take inspiration from their surroundings.

Marvel at the **12-foot tree** in the Square Dining Room, that reflects the hobbies of the seven generations of the family whose portraits hang on the walls.

See the **chainsaw carved trees** that stand proud against the backdrop of Grinling Gibbons' carvings and Turner paintings.

Explore the Little Dining Room's Christmas tree inspired by florals patterns from the collection.

You won't miss the **Red Room's showstopping tree**, with decorations created by partners and the local community.



Christmas Makers Market

Sat 3rd Dec, 10.00 am – 7.00 pm (Main car park open until 8.00 pm) and Sun 4th Dec, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Located in the Battery House Studio.

Find your Christmas presents and a treat for yourself at this festive makers market that features high quality artisan gifts. You'll find a range of beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art. This event is held in partnership with Petworth Pop Up: Makers Market.

Petworth Lates: Tree-mendous Christmas

Experience the magical festivities at Petworth House when the lights sparkle after dark and listen to a **choir singing** in the courtyard on both dates. **Normal admission applies, National Trust members free.** Visitors can arrive via Church Lodge reception (by St Mary's Church in Petworth town) or the main visitor car park.

Sat 3rd Dec, open until 7.00 pm, last entry to house 6.30 pm

You can explore the Christmas Makers Market in the Battery House Studio, full of Christmas gift inspiration, along with Petworth House.

Wed 21st Dec, 6.00 – 8.00 pm Winter Solstice, last entry to house 7.30 pm

See the spectacular Christmas display in Petworth House out of hours on this winter solstice evening.

The Arts Society West Sussex

**The Annual General Meeting for Members only
will be held on Tuesday 1st November at 1.30 pm
followed by a talk at 2.15 given by**

Hilary Guise on

‘Artists of the Montmartre’

Artists of Montmatre heralded the coming age.

The three most significant artists were Edgar Degas,
Toulouse-Lautrec and Auguste Rodin.

On 6th December Sandy Burnett will give a talk on

‘Tchaikovsky to Tin Pan Alley’

Celebrated musician and broadcaster, Sandy Burnett will
share a selection of much loved Christmas music from

The Nutcracker to JS Bach.

Mulled Wine will be served after the talk

Talks held at 2.00 pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB

Doors open 1.40. Coffee and tea served afterwards

Non-members welcome for £7 (cash only please)

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

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Peter Allwood

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Rossini

Petite Messe

Solonnelle

Emilie Capulet, Piano

Edward Dean, Harmonium

St Mary's Church, Petworth

Saturday 26 November 2022, 7:30 pm

Tickets £15 from www.chantryquire.org.uk or on the door



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CHANTRY QUIRE

On Saturday 26th November the Chantry Quire is pleased to bring a performance of a choral favourite, Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle, to St Mary's Church, Petworth. The concert will be directed by Peter Allwood and accompanied by Emilie Capulet on the piano, and Edward Dean on harmonium.

Whilst Italian Gioachino Rossini is generally thought of as an operatic composer, he did compose other works, including many songs, chamber music, piano pieces and sacred music. This Messe was written mainly in 1864, more than 30 years after Rossini had retired from opera writing, and is influenced by Bach and other Baroque composers, with daring rhythms and colourful harmonies. Originally intended for 12 voices, including female singers, performance was at first refused by the Pope as female singers in church were not permitted. It will be sung here accompanied as originally intended by a piano and harmonium.

The performance at St Mary's starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15, available from the Chantry Quire website.

www.chantryquire.org.uk, or on the door.

The Chantry Quire is sponsored by Fargo, Goodwood and Making Music.



Come to Petworth on Saturday 19th November for our Autumn Concert at St Mary's Church. This concert is a change from our usual classical offerings which are always so well supported by the people of Petworth. The programme begins with jazzy arrangements by John Rutter of spirituals such as *Steal Away* and *Deep River*. The next item is *Songs and Sonnets of Shakespeare* - a group of seven folk songs written by the bard and set to music by jazz pianist George Shearing OBE. The choir will also sing a few *Songs from the American Songbook*. The concert, which starts at 7.30 pm, will be accompanied by a small jazz ensemble and a mezzo-soprano. Tickets at £17 can be purchased via our website:

www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK



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- BREAD SAUCE
- CHRISTMAS CAKE
- CHRISTMAS PUDDING
- COFFEE
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- CUSTARD
- FAMILY SIZE BISCUITS
- FAMILY SIZE SWEETS
- OR CHOCOLATES
- FAMILY SIZE SAVOURY SNACKS
- FRUIT CAKE
- GRAVY GRANULES
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- MINCE PIES
- TINNED HAM
- TINNED HOTDOGS
- TINNED MEATBALLS
- TINNED NEW POTATOES
- TINNED SALMON
- STUFFING MIX

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE IN DATE!

Thank you!

With autumn well and truly upon us our thoughts are moving away from Harvest and forwards to Christmas and winter. We are so grateful to all the churches that supported us so generously with Harvest gifts - these have helped us restock our foodbank to full levels in anticipation of the winter months.

We had a wonderful AGM and celebration service at Chichester Cathedral at the start of October. This was a great opportunity to thank all of our supporter community for everything they have helped us to achieve over the last few years, and to talk about our plans for the future.

Our practitioners are busy planning activities for half term and Christmas to bring some fun during these difficult times. We are very pleased that we will be able to hold Christmas parties in all areas this year for the first time since 2019 - these are always so much fun for our families and really memorable occasions.

We are currently in the running for support from the Asda Foundation and would be very grateful for your help. Unlike the Tesco vote, which requires people to visit a store in person to vote for their favourite charity, Asda can be done online. To vote for us please visit <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens>, select 'Eastbourne' from the drop down list and then FSW from the available charities. You can vote once every 7 days between now and the end of the year, so we would really appreciate as much support as we can get.

If you are planning to hold a toy service or Christmas food collection for FSW, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Spencer in the office with any dates - if you would like a speaker then we will do our best to come.

Thank you for all your continued support of FSW's work through prayer and with practical and financial support.

September's work in numbers

232 individual visits and 781 calls with families supporting 339 adults and 262 children

55 supported meetings with other agencies

28 group sessions held supporting 246 parents and 164 children

147 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Give thanks for all the support we have received through Harvest donations from schools and churches

Pray for all the families we support who are anxious about the increased energy bills, and the impact this will have on their household budgets

Pray for all the adults we support who are experiencing serious mental health issues but cannot access specialist treatment - this is a growing number and has a real impact on family relationships. Give them strength and peace as we help them.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising ad Marketing

Family Support Work

Christmas is approaching fast and one of the great needs will be toys, and gifts suitable for families who are having difficult times and be unable to afford Christmas presents for their children. The red box will be left out for any donations. Apart from toys and gifts, some nice Christmas goodies, which could be made up into Christmas hampers for families. These would be very acceptable, as well as the usual tins and packets.

There is a list of suggestions (Christmas Wish List) on the noticeboard in the South aisle. There is no need to wrap any gifts as FSW will need to know what will be suitable for individual children, and their families. Donations of wrapping paper will also be greatly welcomed. We would be grateful if any contributions could be brought to Church by 30th November.

Children's Society Collecting Boxes

November and December are the time when the collecting boxes are opened. If it is possible to bring them to Church I will be very grateful or, if more convenient, give me a call so collection can be arranged.

For any further information please call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

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HAMPERS GREEN PETWORTH

5TH NOVEMBER

5 - 8pm



FOOD ♦ DRINKS ♦ ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC PARKING IN PETWORTH HOUSE CAR PARK ONLY



FOR MORE INFORMATION



PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE **The Friendship Centre**

Our Bingo sessions this month are on Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 16th November at 2.00 pm. The minibus will be available to take you to the Centre.

The Petworth Minibus will be visiting Wisley for their Winter Glow on Wednesday 23rd November in the evening and there are spaces for Over 60s members if you wish to go - please contact me for details.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 27th November in the URC Hall and will be followed by the Christmas Tea - please sign up on the list in the Over 60s Centre.

Caroline Stoneman

House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

NOVEMBER IN PETWORTH

As November casts the penultimate hand,
Swirling mists weave through the pine trees' stand.

With smoky plumes, flaming bonfires burn; the
Fireworks show off, holding a sparkler is learned.

Remembrance Day dawns, prepare for parade,
Remembering past conflicts is no charade.

The twentieth day brings historic Chartered Fair,
With dramatic change for the Market Square.

When ceremony takes place to 'light up the tree'
Tradition has it, broad beans in ground shall be.

Where used to be dances and sometimes a ball,
Films, talks and goods sales are now in Town Hall.

Petworth in November is a grand place to be,
With cafés a plenty for a welcome cup of tea!

Teresa Charman©2022

**COPY DATE FOR THE DECEMBER MAGAZINE
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UKRAINE

The Rouble had been devalued overnight. I was shown bank books in which money had been saved to buy a small car or an additional room for a newly married son. After devaluation the same sum would purchase only two loaves. I was given a room in a former private house, owned by the Church, which also housed the school kitchen and the students' dining room. That description sounds very normal. The 'normality' was, for the kitchen had two cookers, only gas hot plates working, ovens not functional, large pans for soup and potatoes. Worktops were covered in plastic, food preparation was all done by hand. Two large tin baths on the floor contained the water for vegetable cleaning. If I do not mention meat preparation it is because there was no meat. For the first 3 months the only food was potatoes, cabbage and the occasional onion. This was the menu for breakfast at 7 o'clock, lunch at 1 o'clock and supper at 7 in the evening. I sat at a table with the girls, the whole school, including the teachers, eating together the very well cooked meals. The three cooks, none of whom had been professional cooks before, were incredibly producing appetising food from the limited ingredients. The one addition to the vegetables was bread which was baked every day in the village. The cooks became my friends, as the kitchen was next to my bedroom. I put all ideas of fire safety to the back of my mind.

I was alone for many hours. I could talk to the school headmaster and one teacher in English. I did not understand Hungarian nor Ukrainian. Ukrainian and Russian were spoken in the shops in the city of Beregszasz (Berehova) 7 kilometres away. I could leave the village (2,500 people) on foot, or wait until the school minibus was going into the city. An early visit to Beregszasz revealed neglected buildings, shops with nothing to sell, the former great market halls collapsing. The golden stature of Lenin stood in front of the cultural centre, the building a ghastly reminder of Soviet domination. The cultural centre had been the city's Great Synagogue. The Jewish population had all been transported by the Nazis. The Russians encased the Synagogue in concrete. Somehow that entombing of a building and a people sickened me.

I went to meet relatives of Hugo Gryn, next door to the house in which he had grown up and from where he had been transported to Auschwitz. In his book, 'Chasing Shadows' Gryn tells the story, which I was to hear from many of my contacts and which explains, I think, the mixed heritage of present day Ukrainians as well as the Hungarians on the border.

A man from Berhova arrives at the gates of heaven. 'Before you can enter', says the guardian angel, 'you have to tell the story of your life'. 'Well,' the man replies, 'I was born in the Austro-Hungarian Empire to decent and God fearing parents, received my education in Czechoslovakia and started work as an apprentice in Hungary. For a time I also worked in Germany, but I raised my own family and did most of my life's work in the Soviet Union'.

The angel was impressed. 'You certainly travelled and moved about a great deal'. 'Oh, no', the man protested, 'I never left Berehova'.

Ukraine is still a mixture of nationalities. I was able to visit L'vov in 2001. This is a very beautiful city which declares by its architecture, elegant, cultured, designed, considered, 'I am Polish'. L'vov has a large Polish speaking population and was part of Poland until the Nazi invasion in 1939. My visit coincided with the first joint NATO/Ukraine Manoeuvres. The NATO contingent was the Royal Irish Regiment of the British Army. They were using a recently built military camp (USA constructed) on the outskirts of L'vov. I was able to sit in a cafe and have an hour-long conversation with the army chaplain, who was living at the camp with both British and Ukrainian troops. Ukrainian soldiers were billeted separately and fed separately, but were encouraged to use the British NAAFI. The chaplain told me that, on payday (Friday), British soldiers had given loose change from their pay packets to the Ukrainian soldiers so that they could buy extra food in the NAAFI. Two young Ukrainian squaddies had been arrested by their officers, who had accused them of stealing money. The British chaplain had been asked to intervene. The accusation reminded me of the 'betrayal' of friends and colleagues during the Stalin era. The legacy of Soviet rule will, I think, live on for a long time.

In the Carpathian mountains, which lie east of the Hungarian plain and the Tisza river, there are German speaking villages and groups of mountain dwellers who probably speak local dialects unaffected by whoever happens to be ruling the country. Romanians in Transylvania are Hungarians unable to use the original main road into Ukraine to join up with families in Beregszasz. The border now divides them.

The long straight road from L'vov to Kiev (which I was told is pronounced 'Kif') bypasses all other cities. In 350 miles we never saw another person on the roadside. In Kiev I stayed as the guest of a young couple in a multi-storey block of flats. The building was uninspiring on the outside, loose concrete, Russian poor workmanship, but inside it was comfortable and clean. It had a cooker but, as in Nagyberég, no oven. Perhaps no one roasts anything in Hungary or Ukraine. The couple took me into Kiev using the amazing metro. Shops in the main district were full of western goods; clothes, shoes, furniture, but far beyond the pockets of the Ukrainians. Russian was still the language of the business district. I was told it was 'high Russian' as in 'high German'. Ukrainians were still being oppressed. In Carpathia, where I was based, unemployment was 75%. I'm not sure what it was in Kiev, but I bought a Russian boy doll (early plastic) from an elderly man sitting in the gutter at the edge of a street market. He was selling his whole life possessions. I paid him the cost of a loaf of bread.

Janet Davidson

To be continued



Billingshurst
Choral Society

MUSIC DIRECTOR: MARCIO DA SILVA

SAINT-SAËNS
Oratorio de Noel

SCHUBERT
Mass in G

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Danse Sacrée et Danse Profane

Saturday 19th November 2022 7:30pm
St Gabriel's Church Billingshurst



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THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS

GREEKS WHERE WE BEGAN - GILES RAMSAY

Wednesday 2nd November at 10.45 am

Barry graduated from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth with a BA in history, formed a touring theatre company bringing new plays to audiences in rural Wales, was then employed for a year as an actor/writer with the Channel Theatre Company in Ramsgate, Kent, before giving up acting and becoming a cartoonist instead.

For the last ten years he has been performing his cartoon workshop Release Your Inner Cartoonist in its many different guises, to audiences as diverse as schoolchildren, business executives and festival goers.

For a great many members of The Arts Society, the cartoonist Carl Giles was as much a part of the festive season as the Christmas tree, crackers and the Queen's Speech. So popular were the Giles annuals as Christmas presents that they helped to make him Britain's best loved, most successful and wealthiest cartoonist. The talk looks at Giles's life and work with a particular emphasis on his seasonal cartoons, particularly those featuring Grandma and the Giles family. They include some of his funniest cartoons.



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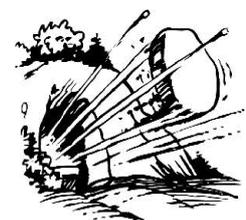
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6th	TRINITY 21 <i>Joab 19, 23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 1-5, 13-end, Luke 20, 27-38</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	‘Sparklers’ Family Service (Egdean)	9.15 am
	Jubilate Family Mass	10.30 am
	 SUNG REQUIEM MASS for All Souls	 4.00 pm
11th	Act of Remembrance (gather around the war memorial)	10.45 am
13th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>Malachi 4.1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13, Luke 21.5-19</i>	
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
	Parish Said Requiem Eucharist (No Sermon)	10.15 am
	Followed by Act of Remembrance in Church	10.55 am
	 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	 3.00 pm
20th	CHRIST THE KING <i>Jeremiah 23.1-6, Colossians 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean BCP)	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
27th	ADVENT SUNDAY <i>Isaiah 2.1-5, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.36-44</i>	
	Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
	Parish Eucharist (Egdean BCP)	9.00 am
	Parish Eucharist	10.30 am
	HOLY BAPTISM	12.30 pm

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Polecat by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

For most of us, our only encounters with British mammals are spotting them on the roadside as we hurtle past at 55mph. I'm sure many people these days believe that lying motionless on a road verge with its feet in the air is natural behaviour for a Badger. Our road trips may be macabre safaris but roadkill can tell us a lot about the state of our island's mammalian fauna. Hedgehogs, a squashed staple on the roadkill menu a few decades ago, are now hard to find flattened on the highway, reflecting their dramatic fall in numbers in the wider countryside. And recently an unfamiliar corpse has appeared on the tarmac: the Polecat.



Before being killed by cars, Polecats already had a long history of persecution in England – mainly for eating poultry and notoriously stinking to high heaven. To Shakespeare, and many others since, 'Polecat' was an insult. The species was exterminated from Sussex around 1890. Indeed, the entire English population was banished to the wilderness of Wales. Yet we were happy to welcome their watered-down, domesticated form - the Ferret - as cuddly pets and ruthless Rabbit hunters.

After a century in exile, purebred Polecats are making a comeback. This re-colonisation was the basis for a recent investigation by the Vincent Wildlife



Trust who requested roadkill Polecat corpses for DNA testing to verify their pure Polecat lineage (as opposed to Polecat/Ferret hybrids). I was soon dodging traffic on the Steyning by-pass and excitedly picking up a dead Polecat. Being mustelids, Polecats naturally smell but, take my word for it, they smell a lot worse when they've been dead for a few days. Despite discharging a whole can of Glade, my wife smelt that something was

up seconds after I set foot in the house. Putting a dead Polecat in your freezer will test even the strongest of marriages.

Thankfully, after some smooth talking, my marriage is still intact but there are still some fish fingers that neither of us are brave enough to eat. Next morning a package arrived from the Vincent Wildlife Trust containing heavy duty bags, some cool BIOHAZARD stickers and printed instructions for posting Polecats.



After an interesting exchange at the post office counter, my roadkill casualty was posted. A few days later, it was declared 100% Polecat; further evidence that Polecats have returned to Sussex. It's great to have them back and many farmers are welcoming them too, as they do a great job of dispatching Rats and Rabbits. Look out for them in your headlights.



*...love the new notice board, Vicar...
...just not quite so sure about the wording...*

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I sometimes wonder if it's worth having an August break because it then means so much catching up, especially as this year this was followed by the very sad death of Queen Elizabeth 11. For reasons I am sure you all understand many things got postponed.

The contract for the Street Sweeping Processing has been re let to Biffa who have been our contractor for the last 5 years, we have saved a considerable amount of money. The contract allows the County Council to divert street sweepings from landfill and push the material further up the waste hierarchy to recycle 99% of the material.

The Cabinet member for Learning and Skills has approved the commencement of a procurement process to establish a new framework agreement for commissioning short breaks for children with additional needs and disabilities to try new experiences, both with and away from their siblings and parent carers. This works well for everyone.

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Please be assured that we are still improving our Children's Services and have recently had a small OFSTED inspection who were happy with progress. The main OFSTED inspection is expected early next year.

I am pleased to say that we have managed to get Pound Street in Petworth resurfaced. It now looks very good.

Recently some residents, and indeed myself, have been concerned with dirty and overgrown road signage. I am pleased to report that there is a team now working on this and slowly, slowly they are getting around the County.

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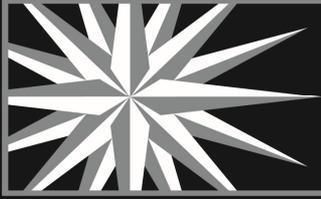
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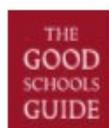


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He had been ever present at the commemoration ceremony at the Horsham Road cemetery over many years, and spoke to the younger generation of children of his experiences.

We also record the passing of **DAVID ANDREWS** who died on 30th September at the age of 75 years.

David was the fourth child of Ernie and Edie Andrews and his early years were spent at the family home in Hampers Green.

Keen on all sports, he was a leading player for our local football club. He and Connie had lived at Martlet Road since the estate was completed in the mid 70s.

David's funeral was held at Worthing Crematorium on 21st October.

CORY BAKER passed away at his home in Valentines Lea, Northchapel on 25th September aged 52 years.

Born in 1970, his parents, Carol and John, lived in High Street.

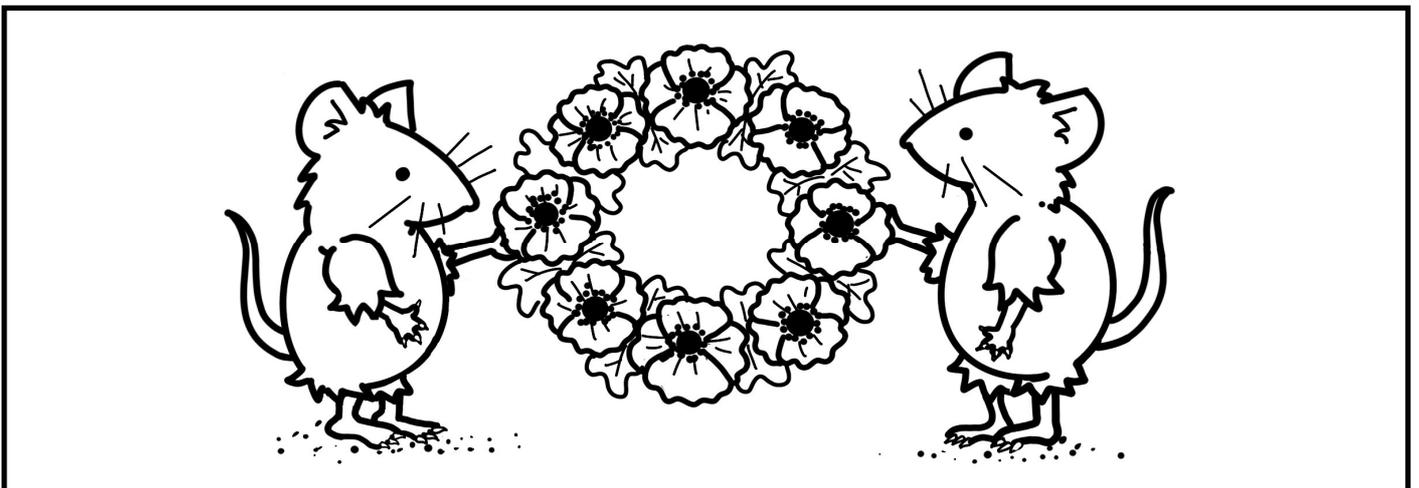
Sadly, his father died in 1985 when Cory was 15, and his mother, Carol, died four years ago.

The funeral service at St Mary's on 19th October was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.

GEOFF JENNER from Park Rise has sadly passed away.

We recall Geoff and Valerie's deep sadness when their daughter, Carley, died in 1987, aged just 18 years, after a long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. An event, one feels, Geoff never really got over.

Following their marriage, the couple stayed with Val's parents at Kirdford prior to them securing a home here in Petworth.



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Harvest Festival

Twenty-six people attended our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October and thank you to everyone who contributed produce and flowers. The church looked so festive, with an array of colourful pumpkins, crab apples, quinces, hops, berries and vegetables.

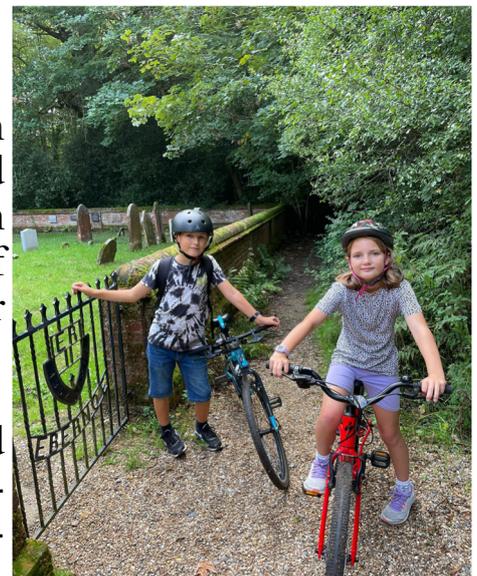
Our Harvest Collection raised £200 for our local foodbank.



Ride and Stride

Eight people and one dog (Sandy) participated in the Ride and Stride this year and their ages ranged from 9 to 96 years! So, no excuses, any age can participate! The total sponsorship raised £2,000 half for Sussex Historic Churches Trust and half for Egdean Church.

Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored and manned the church on the day. Looking forward to even more participants next year on Saturday 9th September 2023.



William and Eva