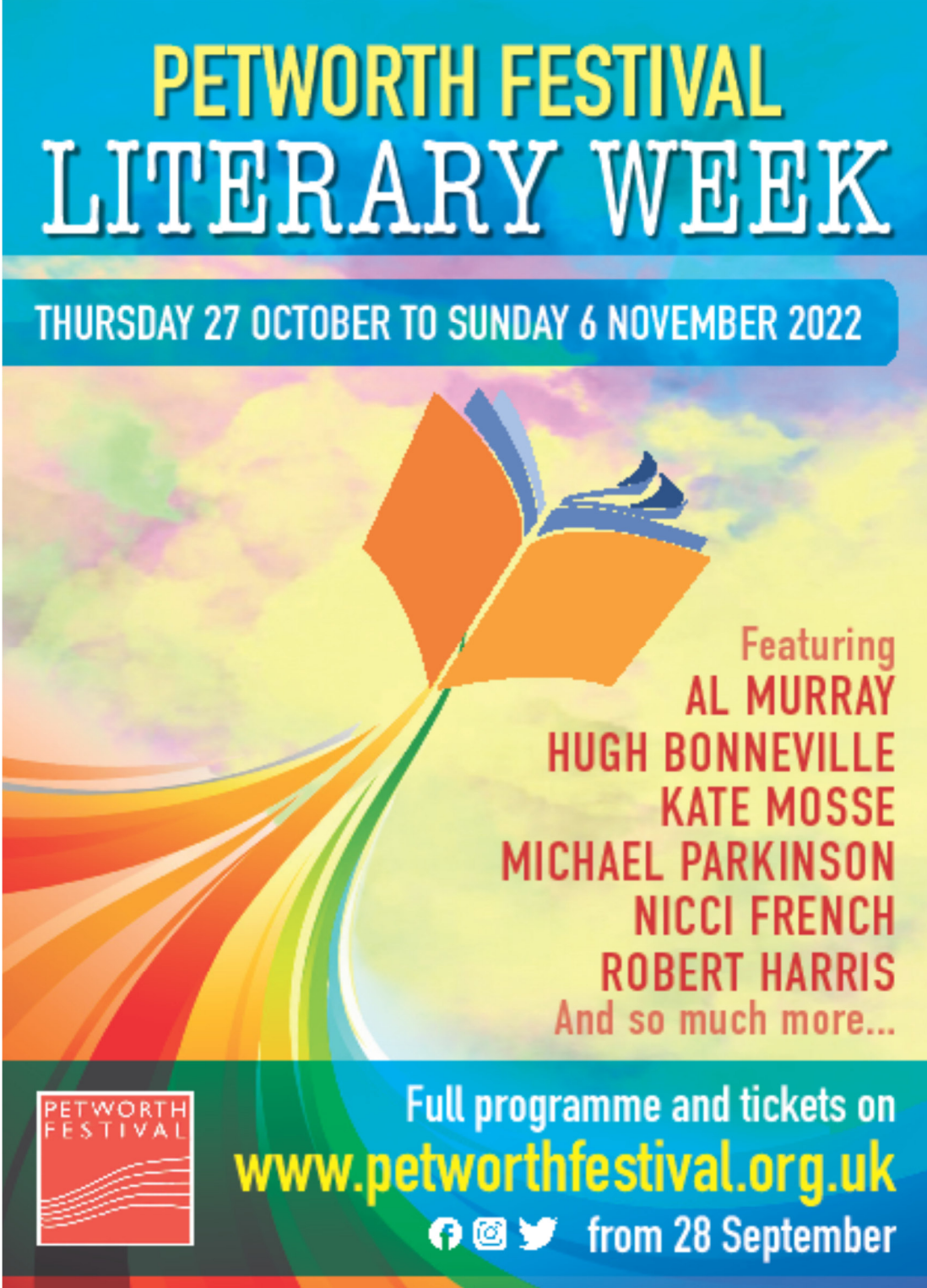


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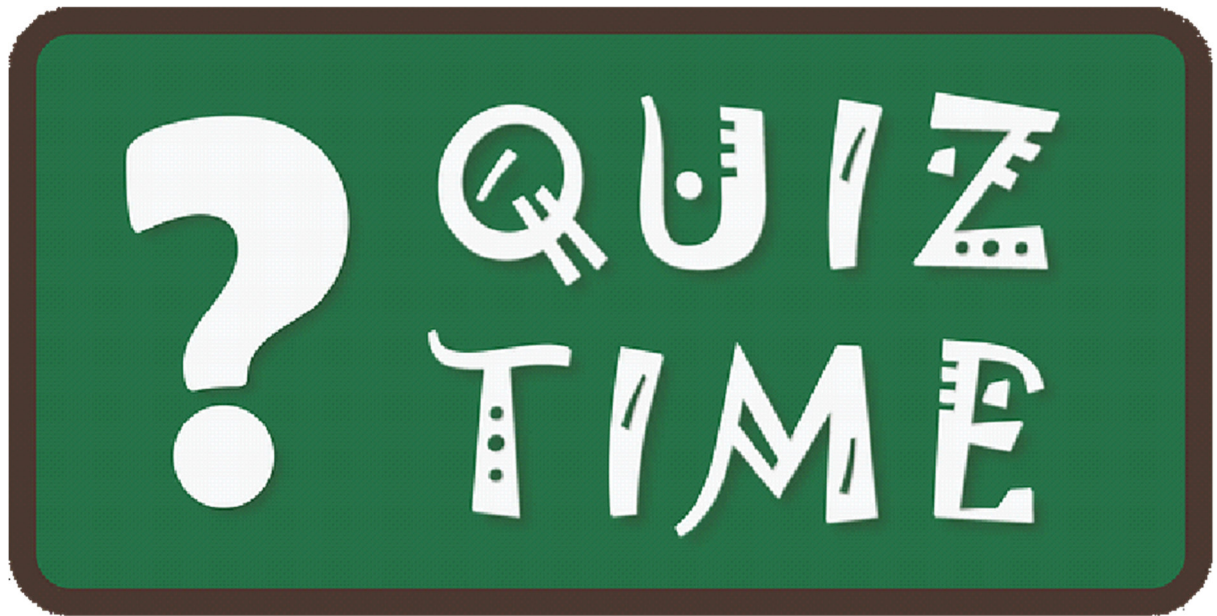
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## FROM CANON MARK GILBERT

### *Come ye thankful people come...*

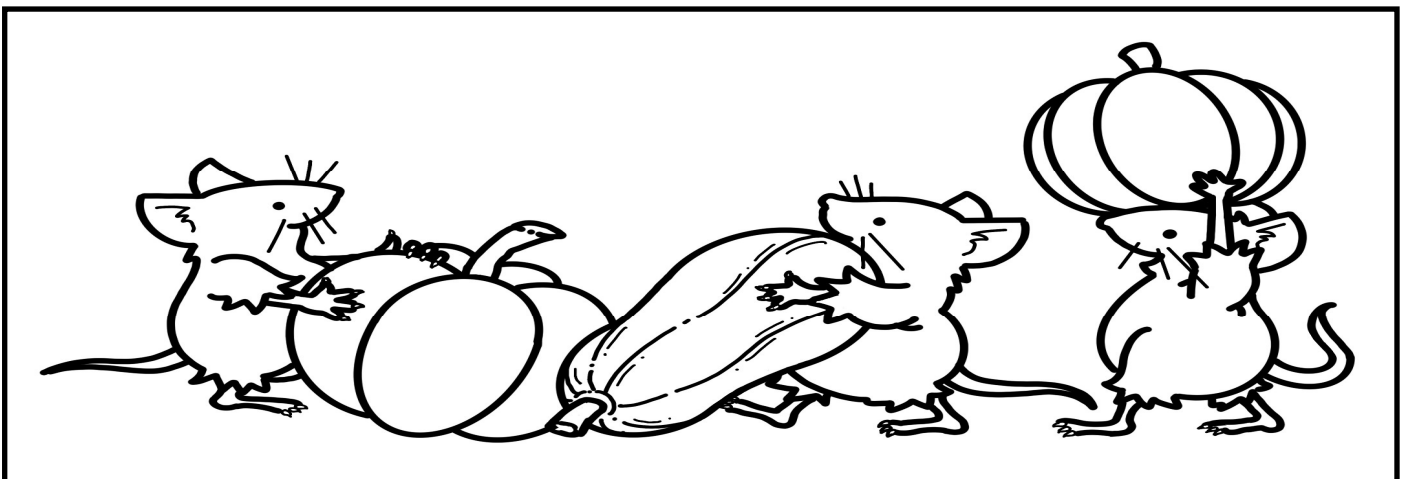
Harvest Thanksgiving is one of the most popular celebrations in the life of most Anglican parishes. What may be surprising to us is that Harvest services as we know them are relatively modern, only dating back to the Victorian period. Of course, the safe gathering in of the crops has been celebrated in rural communities from time immemorial, but it seems to have been nineteenth century urbanization that really stimulated the growth of the modern church Harvest Festival. It was perhaps a way for many who lived in towns to be reminded of their connection with the land and the world of nature.

In the twenty-first century Harvest Thanksgiving remains a favourite service in both town and country. Nostalgia for rural life is undoubtedly still a factor in this, but there are many other reasons for this popularity. The most obvious is that attending a Harvest Service is a very enjoyable experience: we all love to sing those great Harvest hymns and to experience the wonderful sight (and smell!) of a church festooned with fruit, vegetables and harvest flowers.

Going a bit deeper – the popularity of the Harvest Festival Service is surely due to the deep need we have as human beings to give thanks to God for all that sustains our lives, especially for our food. Food is important to us, not just as a means to keep alive but also for the enjoyment that preparing and eating it provides – the huge growth of ‘foodie’, cooking and baking programmes on TV is a powerful witness to that! Harvest Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the true source of all that both sustains and enhances our lives.

Enjoy the hymns, enjoy the smells, give thanks to God for food and for those who produce it, rejoice in God’s creation, and think of how we can more effectively help those who do not enjoy their share of the good things of the earth.

*Fr Mark*





**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.**

A collage of breakfast items including coffee, pastries, and a church logo. The central part of the collage features a white mug of coffee with a wooden spoon, a plate of pastries, and a logo for St Mary's Petworth. The logo consists of a black silhouette of a church building with a steeple, and the text "St Mary's Petworth" in a bold, sans-serif font. The background of the collage is a light, neutral color.

**Free Family breakfast 9:30-10:15 St Mary's Petworth.**  
**Followed by family jubilate service. On Sunday 6th November**

## RIDE AND STRIDE - SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

What a difference a year makes!

On September 11th 2021 I decided to try to take part in the Sussex Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' - an event Jean and I had taken part in since the early 1980s until illness and lockdown intervened. Because of my disabilities Chichester was the choice to walk around as it is a compact and level area. You may remember my report in the October magazine last year.

The only walk I could do this year was - again - in Chichester. I did look at other large centres that are within range for me, but none of them would have been as productive as our Cathedral city, bearing in mind my difficulties. Unfortunately, Helen could not accompany me this year, but another friend, Neil, offered to take me to the city on his way to another appointment. He said that he could pick me up at the end of the event as well! The route would be very similar to a year ago, although there were minor changes in the venues available this time.

My starting point was **St Richard's Roman Catholic Church**. Last year there was much activity there with several services taking place, but this time the Church looked deserted from the outside, although there was one person inside praying in an area lit only around the altar.



On then, via Market Street to The Hornet and **Jasmine House Chinese Restaurant**! The Welcome sign on the door said that it was The Hornet Bible Christian Chapel. The Bible Society used it until 1907, then it became a Methodist Hall until 1968. At Eastgate is **St Pancras**. As last year it was closed, but in previous visits I had seen that the interior had been changed into a multi-use area.



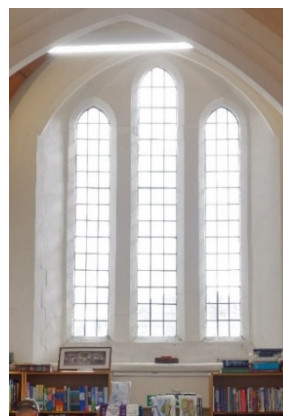
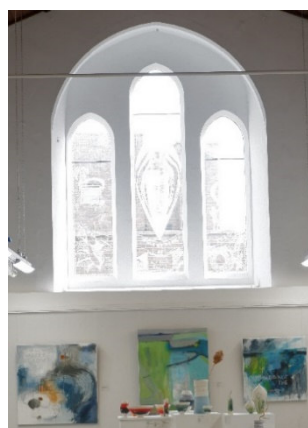
After starting to go to the next visit I saw - and was greatly taken by - a sculpture of John Keats on a bench by Vincent Gray. It shows him 'with a notebook looking up towards the city centre and the cathedral' which was almost certainly the inspiration for Keats' work 'The Eve of St Agnes'. In January 1819 he stayed with friends of his parents nearby at 11 Eastgate Square where there is a plaque. This romantic poet, who used to visit and take tea with an elderly lady who lived in Vicar's Hall, South Street, died of tuberculosis at the early age of 25.



In St John's Street is the church of **St John the Evangelist**, now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. A favourite of mine, it still features an interior that reflects the early 19th century, including - as our Church did - a three-decker pulpit. It was a treat on entering to hear and see a violinist playing. Just around the corner is **Baffin's Hall** in Baffin's Lane, at one time a Presbyterian and then a Unitarian Church, dating from 1721, but sold in 1930 when the Unitarian group in Chichester died out.



I crossed East Street into Oxmarket to **St Andrew**, which is now an art gallery. As it was open this year I was able to see the engraved East window. Similarly, on entering **St Olave** on North Street you see the 3 lancet windows, but these are replacements dated from 1956 after it was redundant and became the Christian bookshop. The Church, however dates from the mid-11th Century and probably was founded by Scandinavian merchants.

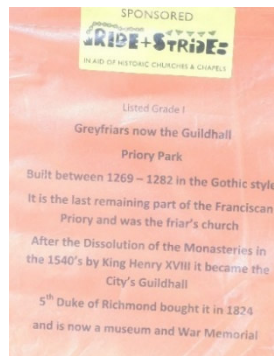




On returning to St Martin's Street we see **St Martin's garden**, which was the site of St Martin's Church dated from 1260, but was demolished apart from the outer walls in 1906, and the congregation moved to St Olave.



Priory Park was the site of the Franciscan Friary (Greyfriars), and the **Guildhall** was the Friar's Church, built in 1287 but is now a museum, unfortunately closed during this event.



My lunch break was at a little café in the park, and then I continued north to Broyle Road, and **St Bartholomew's Hospital Chapel**, originally the centre-piece for an alms house for '12 poor and aged persons' - 6 of each sex. While I was there a family stopped and were interested in what I was doing, so I explained about the sponsored event, and described a little about the history of this building. At Northgate roundabout is **St Paul's**. This year there was nobody to greet, and no signing sheet, but a flower arranger acknowledged my visit so I could include it! Next back inside the city walls to Chapel Street and the **Providence Chapel** 'opened in 1809 for a congregation of dissenters of Calvinistic persuasion'. High on the wall is a memorial to two locals who were martyred in 1555.



I varied my route from last year, and went to **St Faith** on Cathedral Green, a ruin dating from 11th Century and then converted to a dwelling house in the 16th. In West Pallant is **All Saints** which was from 1969 to 2004 used as the Red Cross Centre.





Crossing into Canon Lane I passed Vicar's Close to view **Chantry Chapel**, which is now part of a private house. St Richard's Walk provides a route via the Cloisters to the Cathedral and West Street. On the way is the **Bishop's Chapel** which, unfortunately, was closed although there was a sign-in sheet this year.



The **Duke and Rye** on West Street opposite the Cathedral used to be St Peter the Great. It was built in 1852, the congregation having met in the Cathedral until then. (When the Cathedral was moved from Selsey after 1075, it was built where the original main city Church was, and the congregation were permitted to use part of the new building.) St Peter's was the Mother Church of the city, also known as the subdeanery. In 1979 it was made redundant because of dwindling congregations, the need for major repair and being overshadowed by the Cathedral, the congregation joining St Paul's at Northgate. Since then this building has been through several guises, and is a restaurant and bar now.

The **Cathedral** was the last visit. Outside the West Door is the striking sculpture of St Richard by Philip Jackson. In the building there were many people, and after signing the form I decided to take a picture of the Arundel Screen. I realised when I got within range that in front was an area devoted to the memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and the book of Condolence.





This was the only sign of national grief I saw all day, but I thought it was fitting that it was to be my last image of the day. **God bless Your Majesty; thank you, and may you rest in peace.**

Neil had waited for me and picked me up to bring me home, and we finished my very pleasant day with a cup of tea and a chat! Lastly, thank you to all who have sponsored Lewis Parr (who was riding locally) and myself for this event.

*Vic Constable*

## **FOODBANK**

### **Urgently needed items for Chichester District Foodbank (Trussell Trust)**

#### **We have run out of some items**

The Petworth donation points are at: the Co-op and the Sacred Heart Church.

Please only donate items that are in-date and unopened. 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.

Nappies sizes 5, 6 and 7 (run out)

Treats eg. chocolate bars, energy bars (run out)

Tinned fruit

Biscuits

Washing up liquid

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Shaving foam/gel, Deodorant

Tin openers

Kitchen roll

If you'd prefer to donate money online, then please go to:

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

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



## PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of 'Petworth Week', all of our children had the opportunity to explore different aspects of Petworth's history and geographical features. Activities included visiting numerous shops to see what they have to offer and life behind the counter; children visited Petworth House to learn about the significance of the Gunpowder Plot in relation to our local history. Children will learn about the history of the Percy family and will get the opportunity to discover more about the history of Petworth House; visiting the Cottage Museum is always special and gives the children an important insight to life in the town. Our children also conducted geographical fieldwork, which included pedestrian, car, shop and litter surveys, around the town.

On Thursday 29th September, all of our key stage two children attended a service at St Mary's Church to remember the lives lost when a bomb hit the Boys School in 1942. The children then attended a service at the cemetery. This is always an incredibly moving occasion and should never be forgotten.

### **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*

#### **Harvest Festival Sunday 2nd October at 9.15 am**

Please let Jenny or Christine know if you would like to help decorate the church for Harvest Festival. We will be decorating on Friday, 30th September from 9.30 am if you would like to join us or contribute any produce/flowers/greenery.

#### **Sussex Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride**

Thank you to all who participated, manned the church and sponsored participants, we are gathering in the sponsorship money and an update on money raised will be given when known.

*Christine Dallyn*

*Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC*

## THE QUEEN, ST MARY'S AND MARIANNE

How lovely and how fitting that the bells could be rung for our Thursday evening Patronal Festival service on 8th September, the day when the Church at large honours the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of course of our own parish church here in Petworth.

Our guest celebrant for this special day was the Bishop of Lewes, the Right Revd Will Hazelwood, with us both to preside at the Eucharist and to baptize and confirm popular St Mary's regular, Marianne Scallon. An impressive number of friends and well-wishers were in attendance.



For the opening procession on this joyous day we aptly sang *Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising* (one of the best short prayers that I know). Bishop Will then greeted us all, particularly welcoming family and friends supporting Marianne, but also asking us to keep The Queen in mind following the afternoon announcement of health concerns. An introductory act of reflection and penitence followed, and then we joined together heartily in a congregational version of the customary *Gloria in Excelsis* used at the Eucharist.

It was during this *Gloria* that one of our wardens quietly handed Fr Mark a note carrying information we later learned had been urgently texted from home to one of our altar servers at church. Fr Mark and Bishop Will briefly conferred. By now some of us began to realise the situation. Once the *Gloria* ended, the Bishop interrupted the service to inform us that the death of the Queen had just been announced. Gasps and sobbing inevitably followed.



Fr Mark and Bishop Will gently invited us to keep a time of silence. It was a longish silence, and one inevitably filled with pain and shock - and not a few gasps and sobs - but it helped. Then, and more fully later on in his address, the Bishop very helpfully explained that it was there, in church together, that we were in the best place to be to hear such painful news.

The Queen, he said, as a most devout Christian and churchwoman herself, would be comforted to know that faithful Christian subjects of hers were together in worship and prayer in God's House when the news came.





She would understand that, amid very appreciable distress, we would be very open to those powerful, abiding realities of the Christian faith that help us to say our prayers and keep going, and sometimes in the face of very difficult circumstances

Following the address, Marianne and supporters gathered round the font with the Bishop where, with evident emotion but also underlying composure, she made her baptism vows about turning away from sin and evil, and turning to Christ and following him. Despite the sad news we had received earlier, there was evident joy - both Marianne's and that of all present - as the Bishop marked her forehead with the sign of the cross and then poured the blessed baptismal

water upon her. Following this, he duly confirmed her with the customary laying-on-of-hands with prayer and signing with the oil of chrism.

When all was done, there was rapturous applause for Marianne and deservedly so. Marianne's very public declaration of faith and her intention to follow Christ touched us all. We hadn't in any way forgotten the sad news we had received earlier. But Marianne's witness had sharpened our own Christian conviction, and had also strengthened us to see the sadness of our Queen's passing in the light of her gloriously good and faithful Christian life.

For the latter part of the service our attention turned to the altar, from where the Bishop, supported by Fr Mark, led us in a wonderful celebration of the Holy Eucharist. So for the very first time, Marianne was able to receive the precious Sacrament of Holy Communion, the sacrament ordained by the Lord himself where 'the Body and Blood of Christ...are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper'.

Helpfully, special prayers for the Queen and all mourning her were offered at appropriate points in the service, and towards the end Fr Mark invited us to sing the National Anthem, for the last time saying *God save the Queen*. It was a very emotional moment.



Joy and wonder shone out at St Mary's that night, despite the great sadness we all now had to bear. We didn't have to creep home in silence. With due decorum, but with great joy, we were quietly able to celebrate Marianne's special day with cake and wine at the back of church as we continued to give thanks for the faith that had brought her to baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion, that same faith which The Queen believed and followed so sincerely throughout her wonderful Christian life.

The Queen was most truly 'Defender of the Faith'. We give thanks that King Charles has already publicly declared himself a committed Anglican Christian and specifically embraced the same title.      GOD SAVE THE KING.

*Fr Richard Hoyal*

### **GIFT DAY - SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER**

Our annual Gift Day is almost upon us, once again, and we are writing to ask you for your assistance. We appreciate enormously the help which we receive from the community as a whole, not only from active members of the Church's congregation but all others who recognise the contribution that is made by St Mary's Church to the wider community.

Our church rests upon our local community. There is negligible contribution from outside sources. Without St Mary's Church, Petworth's Summer and Literary Festivals could scarcely exist and throughout the year it welcomes a variety of other concerts, recitals and lectures. It is the meeting place for groups such as parents and toddlers. It attracts tourists.

It is complex and costly to maintain a large, Grade 1 listed, historical monument with its St Thomas Chapel, thought to be one of 7 chapels erected by Henry II as penance for the murder of Thomas Becket in 1170, and its C13th Chancel. The organ itself, dating from 1904, is a very impressive and demanding one. Our expenditure upon repairs and maintenance, heating and insurance are necessarily high.

We will receive your donation most gratefully. Please use the link on our website to donate online if you wish.

<http://www.stmaryspetworth.org.uk/Finances.html>

Or you can donate by online banking to:

Petworth PCC St Mary's Church 40-52-40 00010730

Alternatively, please leave your envelope in the transparent topped boxes on the right as one enters the Church. Also there will be someone within St Mary's from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm on Saturday 8th October to receive donations. Please remember to increase your donation by completing the Gift Aid section.



**PACT Autumn Lecture**  
**Friday 14 October at 7.30pm**



# **Supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

**Roger Pask**

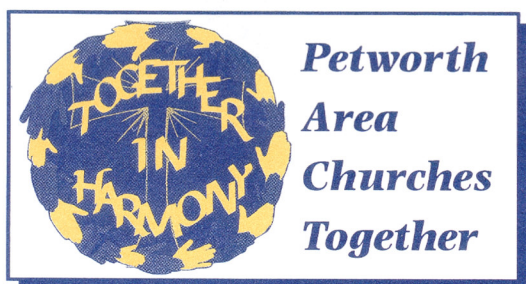
We are delighted to welcome the founder and trustee of Sanctuary in Chichester - part of the wider City of Sanctuary movement - to discuss how, as Christians, we can respond to the crises and challenges of the present times. People from Ukraine, Afghanistan and elsewhere are arriving in our area in great need, having lost everything and suffered devastating trauma. Sanctuary in Chichester is committed to welcoming them and helping them to survive before supporting them to integrate, heal and thrive.

**Do join us on Friday 14 th October at 7.30 pm**  
**St Mary's Parish Church, Petworth GU28 0AD**

Free Entry. Wine and Canapés.

Free Parking in Town Centre (6 minute walk)

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# MIDHURST ROTHER COLLEGE

## Exam Success Celebrations all round

After two months of nail-biting anticipation, students and staff at Midhurst Rother College celebrated over the summer when exam results were released.

Beginning on A level results day, Sixth Formers confirmed their places at high-quality university destinations, after receiving an excellent set of A Level results. Despite a challenging few years, due to the pandemic, an impressive 44% of entries at the school achieved A\*-A grades. With an overall 100% pass rate, 71% of entries achieved A\*-B grades and 91% of entries achieved A\*-C grades. Testament to their hard work and academic prowess, three students at the school were awarded all A\*s.

In light of these accomplishments, students at the school have been able to secure places at their first-choice universities - with a number going on to some of the country's top Russell Group institutions.

Among the Sixth Formers celebrating, standout successes include:

**Luke Dee**, who achieved A\*s in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths. Luke will be going on to study Biomedicine at Imperial College London.

**Ben Welch**, who achieved A\*s in Computer Science, Maths and Physics. Ben will be taking up a place at the University of Bath to study Engineering.

**Will West**, who achieved A\*s in Computer Science, Maths and Further Maths. Will has secured a place at the University of Birmingham to read Maths.

**Sebastian Searle-Donoso**, who achieved A\*s in Geography and Maths and an A in Psychology. Sebastian will be studying Psychology at Cardiff University.

**Grace Shepherd**, who achieved an A\* in Drama, Geography, Psychology and an A in Sociology. Grace will be going on to study Musical Theatre at the University of Chichester.

**Annabelle Thacker**, who achieved an A\* in Fine Art, As in English Literature, Textile Design and Photography. Annabelle has secured a place at the University for the Creative Arts to study Fashion.

**Jacob Ferris**, who achieved A\*s in Computer Science and Maths and a B in Religion and Philosophy. Jacob will be taking up a place at Exeter to study Computer Science.

**Tabitha Hall-Parker**, who achieved an A\* in Maths and As in Further Maths and Religion and Philosophy. Tabitha will be studying Maths at the University of Birmingham.

**Maisie Clark**, who achieved an A\* in Geography and As in Maths and Physics. Maisie has secured a place at the University of Bath to study Physics.  
**Keerthi Sathananthan**, who achieved As in Biology, Chemistry and Maths.  
**Marta O'Sullivan**, who achieved As in Maths, Physics and Religion and Philosophy. Marta will be reading Physics at the University of Lancaster.  
**Hazel Fox**, who achieved As in English Literature, Music and Psychology.  
**Amelia Field**, who achieved As in History, Politics and Sociology. Amelia will be going on to the University of Exeter to study Politics.

Alongside these impressive university destinations, the school's Head Boy, Sam Rump, who achieved B, B, C grades is set to join the Royal Navy in January 2023.

The delight continued on GCSE results day the following week, with three quarters (75%) of students achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths and 55% achieving grade 5 or above in both subjects.

The College's top performers were:

**Ruby Lowsley** who achieved ten Grade 9s and one Grade 8

**Emily Kayworth** who achieved nine Grade 9s and one Grade 8

**Rosie Waterhouse** who achieved six Grade 9s and three Grade 8s

**Jasmine Stride** who achieved four Grade 9s and five Grade 8s

**Jack Johnson** who achieved five Grade 9s, four Grade 8s, one Grade 7 and a distinction double star in hospitality and catering

**Henry Loukes** who achieved two Grade 9s, seven Grade 8s, and three Grade 7s

**Tom Dallinger-Jones** who achieved two Grade 9s, six Grade 8s and three Grade 7s

As well as performing well in the core subjects of English and Maths, the College saw particularly strong results in Physics, Textiles, Fine Art and Dance where 100% of entries were graded 4 or above. In Biology and Chemistry, 97% of entries achieved 4 or above. In German, 95% of entries achieved grade 4 or above whilst performance at GCSE was also very strong in Mathematics, Religion and Philosophy, Music and Product Design.

Commenting on this year's results, Stuart Edwards, Principal at Midhurst Rother College, said of A levels:

'Many congratulations both to our Sixth Formers and wider Sixth Form team on what is an exceptional set of A Level results. These results are a highly impressive display of the resilience and determination of our young people who, despite the challenges of the past few years, have remained entirely committed to their learning.'



In relation to the GCSE results, he added: ‘It has been wonderful to see the students achieve the grades they were hoping for. They have all worked very hard and coped tremendously with the disruption and challenges created by Covid. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school community and they should be rightly proud of what they have achieved. I look forward to welcoming these students very soon into our flourishing Sixth Form which continues to provide an excellent array of educational opportunities.’



Collecting results



A level delight



Ben and Luke A Level success



Lucy and Henry are thrilled with their grades



Lilliane, Jasmine, Josh, Emily, Jack and Micah

## FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

I am writing this in a period of uncertainty - a brand new Prime Minister; continued concern about the cost of living crisis and further worries about energy price rises. These are of course not unique issues to FSW's families, but whatever happens over the coming months is likely to impact our families more than most. With the summer family activities a distant memory now, our practitioners are turning to more intensive support for families who are incredibly anxious about their financial situation. There is also a lot of work happening with children who are finding the new school year difficult to manage - particularly those children on the autistic spectrum for whom change is incredibly difficult. It is times like this when the long-term availability of our support makes such a difference, and we are so glad that we can be there for families for as long as they need us.

Away from our direct work, we have been having meetings with many other local organisations and agencies, particularly in the areas where our newest practitioners are working. It is really encouraging that our name is becoming more recognised, and we are very grateful to anybody who has made links or suggested contacts for us. If you are aware of a local group, charity or agency which would be beneficial for us to talk to, please get in touch with Nikki by email: [nikki@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:nikki@familysupportwork.org.uk) - she would be delighted to hear from you.

Our focus will shortly be turning to the Christmas planning - incredible to think we are already at this point in the year. If you're planning a toy service, Christmas food collection or any similar activity for FSW then please let us know as we would love to support these in any way we can.

We continue to do our very best for our families, but as ever this isn't possible without the huge support we receive across Sussex, so a huge thank you to everybody for your continued commitment to helping us in this endeavour.

### August's work in numbers

- 278 individual visits and 791 calls with families supporting 448 adults and 407 children
- 24 supported meetings with other agencies
- 48 group sessions held supporting 502 parents and 573 children
- 170 food deliveries made

### Prayer points

- Pray for a number of families we are supporting who have suffered sudden and unexpected bereavement of a parent
  - Pray for the increasing number of refugee families we are being asked to support
  - Give thanks for the new volunteers who have joined FSW recently and are contributing so much in terms of support to families and to practitioners
- Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising***



## A SITE FOR SORE EYES

There is a song I like to sing,  
Of Petworth's Virgin Mary Spring.  
Whose water cures most everything,  
But specially sore eyes.

Sure as God's love, its constant flow,  
From pipe above to well below,  
Thence to the Shimmings river goes,  
By subterranean drain.

I touched the water to my face,  
And hailed Mary, full of grace,  
And often in this special place,  
I unblocked the drain.

The holy water, healing lotion,  
That leaves the site of my devotion,  
Will reach the river, sea and ocean,  
If I unblock the drain.

When I am gone to meet my God,  
Will someone walk the path I trod?  
Or will they pay for Dyno-Rod,  
To unblock the drain?

The water's everlasting motion,  
That leaves the site of our devotion,  
Will reach the river, sea and ocean,  
To heal the World again.

That was the song I like to sing,  
Of Petworth's Virgin Mary Spring.  
Whose water cures most everything,  
But specially sore eyes.

*Gordon Stevenson*

### PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be on Tuesday 11th October at 12 noon in the URC Hall where the menu will be sausage casserole, followed by apple crumble, tea or coffee, all for £7.50. Booking essential through me on (01798) 342942.

*Caroline Stoneman*



## **Petworth Village Bus**

*Local Organiser Caroline Stoneman*

The Petworth Village Minibus will be doing a shopping trip on Friday 7th and Friday 21st October, both to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham, unless passengers would like to go somewhere else. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on 5th and 19th at 2.00 pm.

Last year we had a very enjoyable visit to RHS Wisley for their Winter Lights Show and I would like to repeat the trip this year. The provisional date is Wednesday 23rd November and the bus fare will be £9 for minibus members and £10 for non-members. Entrance to the event is £9.85 for RHS members and £17.55 for non-members. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining this trip - if there is enough interest, I may be able to organise a second visit.

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

The Minibus is also available for our Ukrainian visitors, particularly those who have difficulty accessing transport, for shopping or trips to the seaside. For further details please contact Eddie Boyes on 07799 653140.

## **OCTOBER**

Scents in autumn air move and change,  
Sometimes unpleasant, tickling noses;  
Decaying leaves on woodland floor.  
A sense of raw beauty shows in shapes  
Of branches in naked trees exposed.

All things calm as natural growth slows,  
With slim pickings this year for squirrels  
And birds, as heat and dry affected all.  
Call the dog for an early evening walk;  
Eyes open for sloes to embrace the gin.

*Teresa Charman*©2022



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### **The autumn deer rut at Petworth Park**

The deer rut is one of nature's greatest wildlife spectacles and it is one you can witness at the National Trust's Petworth House and Park in West Sussex. Every autumn the young fallow deer males or bucks compete in order to attract the most females for mating by battling it out with their antlers. You'll hear the clash of antlers from some distance away, often before you spot the deer rutting.



Photo: Laurence Perry

### **What to look for**

The most activity happening soon after dawn but carrying on throughout the day

The successful bucks forming a harem of several females, known as does

The loser being chased away by the victor

The bucks resting in isolated areas after a rut to gather their strength

### **Witness the rut - Deer rut guided walks**

You can join a two-hour guided walk in Petworth Park to learn more about this species, what the rut is all about and observe seasonal behaviour, with the chance of watching rutting stags. We recommend bringing binoculars, and there will be an element of hiding and remaining silent. Walks are £5 per person, children free. Walks will run on 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 and 21 October, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Booking essential visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth-house-and-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth-house-and-park) or call 0344 249 1895

### **What's on for October Half Term at Petworth House and Park**

*Saturday 22nd October - Sunday 30th October, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Free event, normal admission applies (free for National Trust members)*

This half term families can explore the Pleasure Garden and have fun spotting the pumpkins hidden across the grounds while strolling through crunchy leaves. Then, search out the seasonal colours and different leaf shapes at Petworth that are marked on the colour catcher chart. Collect what you find, and help create deer shaped wild art installations by attaching your leafy collections to the animal models.

Find out more at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth-house-and-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth-house-and-park)

## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Queen Elizabeth 11. What a Queen she has been. Her service to us all has been exemplary, I look back over the years and feel thankful that she was there. An inspiration to all. Bless her and God bless King Charles 111.

On Sunday 11th September I attended County Hall for the Proclamation introduced by the new Lord Lieutenant, Lady Emma Barnard, and read out by the High Sheriff of West Sussex, Mr James Whitemoref. After the Proclamation from the High Sheriff, all Towns, Villages, Boroughs, etc. were free to carry out their own Proclamation and many did. On my way home I was stopped in the traffic in Petworth as the Chairman of Petworth Town Council was reading out the Proclamation for Petworth. Most Parish Councils, if not all, cancelled their September meeting until after the period of mourning.

During the week 19th to 25th September all County waste and recycling sites were due to receive unwanted medical items like walking aids, this has now been cancelled and I have asked the Cabinet member if she will look at providing another week.

Once again Trading Standards has been successful with prosecutions for illicit items in retail shops, such as tobacco products. They do a great job, when their sniffer dogs get into a premises where products are hidden it isn't long before they find things that shouldn't be there.

I hope parents with children ready for Secondary School next year saw the notifications regarding their children attending a Secondary School in September 2023. Now is the time to register.

You may have seen in the Press that the contract to provide EV charging on streets has started in West Sussex. There is a good reason why Chichester District Council didn't sign up, it has already installed EV charging in 9 car parks, you can see this in Petworth. In a place like Petworth it is not practical to lose parking places on the streets as, when EV charging is installed, those parking spaces are lost permanently to other cars. Where appropriate, the District Council will join programmes for introducing EV charging.

I hope you're keeping well and, if you need to contact me, please use [janetdunton@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:janetdunton@westsussex.gov.uk) or my mobile 07979152898.

Sadly, I changed my Wifi from BT to another supplier and at the same time they cut off my landline. I am now doing battle to try to get it restored so, at the present time, you can't reach me on my landline.

*Janet Dunton*

*County Councillor Petworth division*

## UKRAINE

It was midnight, Ukraine time, when I crossed the Hungarian Ukraine border for the first time in September 1998. I was carrying £100 in sterling and 600 dollars in a money belt and I had two suitcases stuffed full of hand-knitted baby clothes and warm clothes for children, as well as my own survival kit for the next six months, the limit of my visa.

The border of Csop was lit by high overhead floodlights. It was like entering a set for a black and white Cold War film. I was travelling with a Canadian/Hungarian, David Pandy-Szekerasz, who had been crossing the same border for 15 years, carrying aid and equipment to the Hungarian population, cut off from their 'homeland' since the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. In 1993 the Soviet Union had been broken up and the Hungarians were now officially Ukrainians.

David's ancient van was packed with boxes and books. I didn't know the details, except after leaving Hungary and before leaving 'no man's land', David opened a box containing a chainsaw, which he expertly dismantled, distributing the component parts across the van floor, concealing them under blankets. He grinned at my puzzled expression and said it was OK for the chainsaw to leave Hungary but it would be impounded by the Ukrainian border guards to sell it for their own private income. David also pointed out that the guards were still wearing USSR uniforms and were undoubtedly Russian. We had to fill in entry papers (the documents written in Cyrillic script). The office was dimly lit, the 60 watt bulbs just below the 20 foot high ceiling. As the guards could not read our English details it was vital, David said, to make sure the copy I signed was identical to the first, (no photocopier). The customs officials were threatening. I had been plunged into a different world.

My first night was spent in a Dutch-built children's home run by the Hungarian Reformed church. This was to be the first and last modern building I saw in 5 or 6 years. After breakfast, when I was fed fried eggs and bread fresh from the oven, I was collected by the Bishop in his 10 year old Russian car and driven on a road, constructed of more pot holes than tarmac, to my home for the foreseeable future, Nagyberég, where I was to teach English in the Church's residential school (Gimnasium), which had reopened in 1995 after being closed, as were all churches and schools, for the whole of the Communist era.

There were 3 classes, 15, 16 and 17 year olds, total school register 52, boys and girls from Hungarian villages in the area between the border and the Carpathian foothills. Within 15 minutes of teaching my first class, the legacy of the USSR, the legacy of the Soviet Communism, hit me like a physical blow. One of the boys asked me what I thought about something in the text we were studying. I said 'What do you think?'



I shall never forget the expression on the faces of all 12 pupils; astonishment, fear, disbelief. They had never been allowed to think. No one in the Soviet Union had been allowed to think.

My initial shock was confirmed much later when one of the older pastors told me the rule:

Do not think

If you think, do not speak

If you speak, do not write it down

If you write it down, do not sign it

If you sign, don't expect less than 10 years in a Gulag

The children I was teaching were the third generation to live under these rules. Their grandparents had been taken away to prison camps, often because they were 'betrayed' by their neighbours. In Nagyberég I met the well-known weaver, Ilduka. When she was 6 years old her mother had been taken away to Siberia for 10 years. Her crime, she had been keeping a diary. Ilduka said they never knew why keeping a diary had been a crime, nor who had given that information to the police, but it must have been a friend. Maybe the 'informer' had forgotten the rule, 'do not speak' so betraying a neighbour. The lack of trust still affected everyday life. I discovered that I was trusted, (the only English person they had ever met). Ilduka trusted me, the school weaving teacher, Marianne, trusted me, but when I tried to introduce them to one another there was an insurmountable barrier. I thought it would take at least another generation to repair the damage done by the authoritarian, stifling regime.

There had been further catastrophic damage when the Russians had left in 1993. The commune system had collapsed overnight. Two generations of farmers, who had supplied the USSR with wheat and live stock, suddenly had no machinery (destroyed by departing Russians), no access to markets, either to sell or buy seed. Unable to harvest, wheat had rotted on the fields. Factories had been shut down, the work force abandoned unpaid, but worse, all the buildings were stripped of equipment so that production was impossible. 3,000 cows in Nagyberég had supplied milk for the whole region, the dairy loading churns onto trains on the single track railway twice daily and employing 500 men. Milking was no longer possible in the commune dairy, the milking parlour and all the equipment wrecked. Within a day cows had to be claimed back by individual owners, milked by hand, taken to pasture, kept at home. Each cow left home at daybreak to join the herd as it passed along the village street in the control of one man. At milking time the herd returned and the cows went back through the gates into their own byres. If the gate was shut the cows would stand patiently outside waiting to be admitted.

*Janet Davidson*

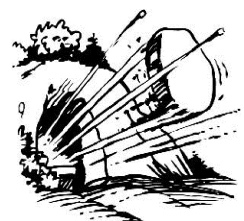
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# CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

<b>2nd</b>	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>HARVEST AT EGDEAN</b> <i>Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4, 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am <b>Harvest Family Service (Egdean)</b> 9.15 am <b>Parish Eucharist</b> 10.30 am
<b>9th</b>	<b>HARVEST AT ST MARY'S TRINITY 17 (EGDEAN)</b> <i>Philippians 4.4-9, John 6.25-35 (Harvest)</i> <i>2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19 (Trinity 17)</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am <b>Jubilate Family Harvest Mass</b> 10.30 am  <b>Harvest Lunch St Mary's</b> 12.30 pm
<b>16th</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <i>Genesis 32.22-31, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <i>Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18, Luke 18:9-14</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am Parish Eucharist (Egdean) 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
<b>30th</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> <i>I Daniel 7.1-3,15-18, Ephesians 1.11-23, Luke 6.20-31</i> Holy Eucharist 8.00 am MATTINS at Egdean 9.00 am Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>



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# **PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE**

## **The Friendship Centre**

Together with the Nation, the members of Petworth & District Over 60s Centre mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II, welcome King Charles III and wish him a long and peaceful reign.

A small group of members enjoyed a good afternoon quiz with the Easebourne ladies and we won!

Our Bingo sessions this month are on Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th October at 2.00 pm. The minibus will be available to take you to the Centre.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning in the URC Hall on Saturday 22nd October from 10.00 am to 12 noon. All contributions to the tombola, raffle and cake stall would be gratefully received, either in the Centre in the week before or on the day.

Please note that the Centre is currently open only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (unless there is a Bingo session).

We have welcomed a number of new members, some of whom are willing to join the rota for which we are most grateful, thank you.

*Caroline Stoneman*

*House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942*

### **THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH DOWNS**

Wednesday 5th October

#### **CHOPIN AND THE POLISH SOUL**

By Rosamund Bartlett

Wednesday 2nd November

#### **GREEKS WHERE WE BEGAN**

By Giles Ramsay

Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB  
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Further details on:

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## Wasps by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Legendary protest singer Woody Guthrie had the slogan 'This Machine Kills Fascists' emblazoned across his guitar. The lead singer of John Peel's beloved Half Man Half Biscuit had 'This Machine Kills Wasps' across his. Fascists and wasps. Equally hated and despised. But while one are a bunch of loathsome invertebrates that should be slapped every time they start to agitate us, I have to confess I have some empathy towards the wasps.

The wasps' world was created way back in April. A single pregnant queen emerged from her winter-long hibernation, flew, fed and founded a new colony. She single-handedly constructed 30 hexagonal homes from chewed-up wood, laid an egg in each and lovingly tended to her new babies which, when grown, became her workers. Through sheer determination, spit and sawdust they enlarged the colony, constructing an impressive suspended structure. Other workers collected food – caterpillars, flies, spiders – to feed the now-flightless Queen as she produced more eggs.



June was the golden age of the Empire. The colony swelled to almost 6000 wasps. There was a real buzz about the place. An entire self-contained Utopian society in matching yellow and black uniforms working together to serve their illustrious leader. Inside the dome, the temperature was maintained at 32 degrees. When the temperature rose on hot days, the workers united and the whole colony whirred their wings creating a community-powered air-conditioning unit.



But dark rumours started. The Queen was becoming crazy for power. Workers' eggs were being destroyed to ensure only the Queen's offspring were raised. She had started to create other Queens in her image. With no more workers being born, work levels in the colony increased. The wasps were slaves to a tyrant.

Then came the news. The Queen is dead. Her mesmeric hold over every wasp was lost. Revolution! The virgin Queens fled to mate, hibernate and start a new colony next year. Meanwhile the colony falls into anarchy. Paper walls are torn down, the temperature plummets. Rome burns. There is fighting and cannibalism. Those that stay face death from cold and starvation. One wasp manages to escape. Alone, betrayed by his leader, without family, without purpose he is confused and lost in an unfamiliar world. Like so many he turns to alcohol to quieten his pain and the fermented fallen fruits of Autumn provide temporary relief. Intoxicated and hungry he stumbles around searching for sugar.

And now in his dying days he bumps into us: giant creatures with sweet drinks and snacks. Our reaction to this 15mm political refugee? To swat him away with rolled up copies of The Daily Mail. So this Autumn, have some sympathy for the lowly wasp.

## **THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX**

On October 4th Lucy Hughes-Hallet will talk on  
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Cleopatra has been inspiring painters, poets and filmmakers for two millennia. This talk will show how she became a canvas onto which artists have projected their wildly differing fantasies.

On 1st November Hilary Guise will give a talk on  
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**Talks held at 2.00 pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB**

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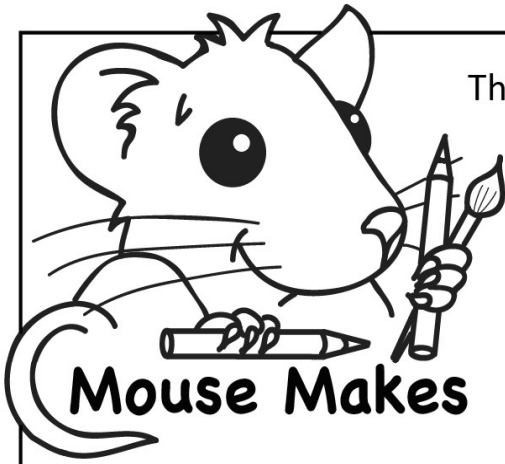
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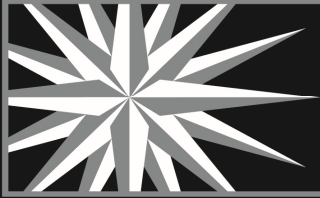
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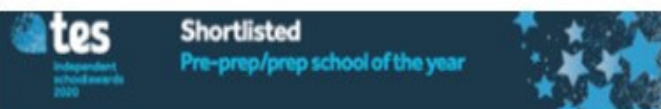
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### HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations to

PATRICK ROCKHEY and MADELEINE WILDING-HILLCOAT from Bracknell in Berkshire who were married at St Mary's on 3rd September,

and also to ANDREW WOOD and CHELSEY CARVER from Oakwood Court following their marriage at St Mary's on 24th September.

### A LIFE REMEMBERED

There are many in the parish who will have supported Sue Thomas in both thought and prayers following the the passing of her husband, Norman. Her loss comes after those of her son, Chris, and her brother Ray in recent times.

**NORMAN ERNEST THOMAS** was well known from his work with the Royal Mail. His Post Office career began at Pulborough, as a telegram boy, but he was soon able to transfer to Petworth as a postman, only to be interrupted by his National Service.

In April 1965 he married his near neighbour at Hampers Green, Sue Taylor, at St Mary's. Norman was a keen fisherman and this occupied much of his time, particularly after his retirement.

The funeral service is due to take place at St Mary's on 4th October





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