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October 2017

50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's



NOTICE BOARD

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Date	St. Mary's	St. Oswald's
1 st October	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.15 Family Service
8 th October Harvest	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.15 Parish Eucharist
15 th October	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.15 Parish Eucharist
22 nd October	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.15 Parish Eucharist
29 th October	No Service	11.15 Combines Service with St. Mary's

Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ www.ninfield.org.uk

APPOINTMENTS All enquiries about Baptism, Marriages or reading of Banns and concerning any other Church matters should be made to The Church Wardens, details on the back page

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From

Phil Ringrose Churchwarden St Marys



With the holidays over and the children back at school our thoughts are turning to Harvest. I have had an excellent year with good yields of raspberries, plums, runner and broad beans which are safely stored in our freezers. The apples and pears are looking good and will be picked over the coming weeks. I do hope that any of you who grow your own fruit and vegetables have had a successful year. I find it so rewarding to see the fruits of all the hard labour during the winter and spring in preparing the ground etc.

With Harvest in mind, both churches in Ninfield and Hooe will be celebrating the event during the 8th October services presided over by the Reverend Paul Frostick.

At a meeting of St. Mary's Parochial Church Council, it was agreed there would be Charity Sundays when members of the congregation could donate to specific charities announced several weeks in advance. The first of these will be during St. Mary's Harvest Service and the charities chosen are as follows:

1. **WATER AID** - this is an organisation that provides technology amongst other things to enable communities in Africa to create deep boreholes to ensure that they are able to access clean water during periods of drought, which are becoming more frequent. We will have envelopes in church for donations to this worthy cause.
2. **BEXHILL FOOD BANK**- this organisation provides emergency food to the less well off in the Bexhill area and is supported by and manned by volunteers from the local churches. Please could you provide tins and other dry goods which can be distributed.

We very much hope that the policy of Charity Sundays will be successful and be the first of many to provide much needed help to those less well off abroad and in the local community.

NEWS FROM ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

**Harvest Festival
Sunday October 8th
11.15am**

Please note that with effect from 5th November 2017,
normal Sunday services at St Oswald's will start a

**Harvest Supper
Hooe Village Hall**

**Saturday October 7th
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For St. Mary's

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Wednesday Service

10 a.m. Holy Communion

please check the weekly sheet in Church for alterations

Prayer of the month

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In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

PEGGY & WALTER BALLARD

PEG & MOG

HOOE

The family of Peg and Mog would like to express their thanks and appreciation to all those who kindly sent their condolences and sympathy following the sad and sudden loss of their much loved parents. They were life time residents of the village, Mog taking on the role of Chairman of the Parish Council for many of those years. Thanks also go to everyone who attended the funeral on 11 September 2017, it was a great comfort to see so many there and to know Peg and Mog were so well regarded.

Are we all back to normal after a reasonably decent summer - weather wise? Children are back in school, holidays over (for some of us!) It's a good thing that our villages are busy with lots of activities, clubs and the village market.

To show the diverse activities that happen in our villages, in August we had the amazing Summer show, followed by the magnificent Flower Festival, September the brilliant Harvest Supper at Hooe and next month our traditional Bonfire Night. Our country life is far from boring!

Nicki & Carol



NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

The summer months tend to be a little quieter in Church Wood, which has enabled us to attend to maintenance and repairs around the village. Damaged notice boards, benches disappearing beneath brambles and flooding pathways have all received attention from our team of volunteers in recent months. However, in July we were asked if we could host an evening BBQ for the Methodist Church Youth Club. A few hours collecting fallen timber and twigs enabled us to all enjoy a most pleasant time adjacent to the picnic area. It was lovely to see such well behaved youngsters enjoying and learning about the woods.

Unfortunately holiday commitments prevented us entering a float in the carnival this year, but our stall in the marquee with numerous photos of our work throughout the woods through the seasons was well visited all day.

Regular visitors to Church Wood will notice some trees with fluorescent orange markings. These are usually diseased or unsound or are preventing new saplings from receiving light so are scheduled for removal. The resulting timber is usually put to good use in bridge repairs, levelling pathways or creating nesting areas for the wildlife.

It really surprises me that there are residents in the village who have never been to Church Wood. It is such a beautiful spot to just wander through, enjoying the sounds and the sights. It's so peaceful most of the time, and at others it's filled with laughter of children playing and families having picnics. If you are one of those residents, I really recommend you visit this wonderful asset of the village.

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When: Saturday 28th October 2017, 7.00 for 7.30pm

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NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

is very pleased to announce the arrival of new chairs, padded seats, - very comfy and a lovely warm red - very welcoming! So once they have all been scotch guarded to help keep them clean, your next visit to the Hall will far more pleasant. The Committee would like to thank Kevin Regan for his hard work in securing a grant to pay for these chairs along with some new plastic ones, again in red and a couple of trolleys to move them about on. I wonder what will turn up next? Watch this space!

I just wanted to say - I visited the Horticultural Society's Summer Show and I was just amazed. The standard of the entries this year, as well as the variety, was outstanding. Hats off to all those who took part as well as to the brilliant organisers. Talking to some of those there I understand that this year had one of the biggest entries for several years, and I can believe it. If you didn't go along, I can assure you, you missed a real treat.

It happens every Spring and Summer - so get organised and go next year, you won't be disappointed.

And as for the Flower Festival, truly stunning, congratulations to all of you who exhibited and again, to all those who organise the event. A lot of hard work but so worthwhile. The colours of the arrangements and the approach to the design to relate to their titles was inspiring. I know I have used a lot of descriptive adjectives in this, but really, there is no other way to describe these two amazing events. Thank you to all of you involved.

NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET

Saturday 21st October

MEMORIAL HALL

9.30 - 12.00

There are some great stalls at the market and it really is well worth a visit, so come along and see for yourselves.

As well as Stella's lovely pies, there are Emma's cakes, fresh fruit and veg, a great butcher, not to mention Robin's eggs!!

Anyone know a cheese or fish monger who would come along?

To make enquiries please phone Chris on 893388

As well a good place to shop it's a good place to pop in for coffee and a natter with friends - see you there!

There will be a December Market, but we are planning something very different, details in the November issue



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HOOE OPEN GROUP

In the month of August HOGS have an Away Day, this year it was at Hillier's Garden Centre, North of Stone Cross. It would not now do justice to Hillier's to call them just a garden centre, as it is now a great place to shop. An extensive number of Outlets and coming soon will be a large Farmers Market..

The Pine Café was just the most perfect place to end the afternoon, where HOGS and friends partook of a marvellous Strawberry Tea, with fresh baked fruit scones, cream and jam, a great afternoon was had by all.

At the September meeting there was a presentation of perfumes and cosmetic products from The Body Shop, given by Stephaney Scarlett, representing the company. The first part of the presentation outlined the foundation and development of the company, from the early days when it was founded in 1976 by the late environmental and human rights campaigner Dame Anita Roddick, The Body Shop started life as a small outfit in Brighton selling just 25 products. Customers were encouraged to recycle packaging (partly because Roddick didn't have enough bottles at first!) and there was a real emphasis on natural ingredients that were ethically sourced and cruelty-free. Now the range consists of over 300 products and there are more than 2500 stores worldwide. Dame Anita Roddick died in 2006 from a fall at her home. The company is now owned by the International cosmetic giant L'Oréal.

If you would be interested in joining a group of ladies who enjoy socializing, why not come along to Hooe Village Hall, at 2.30 on the second Friday of any month. If you wish for more information about the Club's activities call Edna on 01424 842591

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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

At our meeting in September, we were very pleased to finalise the first donations from funds raised at this year's Carnival Weekend.

Our chosen Charity for the year has been Alzheimers Society/Rural Dementia Action Research and the Committee agreed a donation of £2,500 to be given to the East Sussex Area branch office.

Other donations approved were £500 as sponsorship for Adrian Thomas and his 52/52 Challenge - 52 Marathons in 52 Weeks, raising money and awareness for Mental Health and Depression - The Committee also suggested sponsoring one of the many pairs of running shoes needed! - and will be happy to invite Adrian to a forthcoming event to hear his story plus the progress with his running and his Charity.

The next donation was for £250 to the Village Society, to help towards equipment, and other stuff needed for their continual upkeep of our Village and Church Woods. Everyone at the meeting agreed that Ninfield is lucky to have such dedicated volunteers doing a fantastic job.

Added to the donations, the Committee agreed that a wall-mounted cabinet for the meeting room at Sparke Pavilion was a necessary financial outlay; there are trophies for Floats, Pram Race, Tug-of-War, Strong-team Challenge, Fancy Dress and It's a Knockout; all should be on display in the Pavilion for everyone to see. However, even after this is done, there will still be some funds left for consideration, so if you have a group or society that needs support or help, please send in a letter of request to Carnival Secretary, Helen Rawlinson heleniumhc@hotmail.com, or through my letter-box at Curlews!

The date of next year's Carnival weekend will be Friday 13th and Saturday 14th July, and ideas have already started forming for another bumper event! The theme will be discussed and decided at the next meeting, which will be the AGM on Wednesday October 11th 8.30pm at the Working Men's Club.

If you are interested in joining this lively and committed group who are passionate about providing good, family fun events for the Village, please come along and join us!

Thank you for your support over this year! Sami Guard. 893699, 07970650321 samantheguard@btinternet.com

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This afternoon, September 13th, Joe, Jenny and Alison, fundraisers working for Pestalozzi International Village, came to tell us about the successes of the educational programme that goes on in Sedlescombe . Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi lived between 1746-1827, in Switzerland. He was the founder of what has now become an education charity that seeks out remarkable young adults with strong academic skills, from deprived countries, that with the help of furthering their power and potential can 'make the difference'. Each year 20 new students are found for a two year scholarship living at the village to be given a Head, Heart and Hands, all round education, a global perspective to help break the cycle of deprivation in their home countries and hopefully will have great achievements. One young lady dreams of helping the young people of her community to overcome poverty, homelessness and exclusion, as they build a new life in exile. She is from a Tibetan refugee settlement in India. Other students at Pestalozzi come from Belize, Bhutan, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, all interacting and learning from each other, their differences in faith and culture.

To date, Pestalozzi village has given over 600 students this opportunity. It always comes down to funding, of course, as it costs over a million pounds to keep the charity in existence.

In our next usual slot of the second Wednesday afternoon of the month at the Ninfield Methodist Hall, Peter Doodes will talk about 'The Hooe Marshes and their part in our History'.

On Saturday 14th October we have an Autumn Craft Fair at the Reid Hall in Boreham Street.

In November, Geoff Hutchinson will present 'An afternoon with Mad Jack Fuller'. This will be very entertaining so please come along and bring your friends!

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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

would like to thank all of you who attended our Michaelmas Event based at the Red Lion in Hooe on 17th September and to say sorry we didn't get a report ready for the last issue of the News, but it really was a last minute decision. We closed the road in front of the pub and put up stalls along the road to the Village Hall where small stalls plus tea and cake were available. There was a fun dog show in the field behind the pub, the sun shone and fun was had by all.

Next event of course is

Bonfire Night - Saturday 21st October

The Ninfield Drummers will lead the procession from Church Lane at 7.15 following the usual route around the village And back to the recreation Ground for the bonfire and
FIREWORKS

If you'd like to get involved please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 18th October
Or phone Carol on 893326

We would like volunteers to help with the bucket collection, marshalling on The Green, serving teas and hot soup etc, not to mention setting up on Saturday morning and clearing away of Sunday morning - interested?
Come to the meeting or phone!!

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday 16th October is the start of our new season. At 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, we kick off with the AGM. This is followed by the welcome return of Kim Parks, with his local photos and commentary – an entertaining reward!.

It is also time to hear about our programme for the year and to pay the annual subs of £4. This is still excellent value, giving free entry to all our events. We also have refreshments and a raffle.

Regulars and new members very welcome – do give us a try!
Enquiries to Rose (892422 or email: rose.franks1@btinternet.com)

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

We thank everyone who attended our Flower Festival over the bank holiday weekend. We had wonderful weather and are very pleased to confirm that this year's winner of "the Peoples Choice" was Linda Goldsmith with her arrangement "CHURCH WOOD", Pearl Mason came 2nd with Millennium Fireworks and Hazel Wood 3rd with the Queens state visit to Ireland. Congratulations to them all.

On Monday 2nd October at 7.30p.m. in the Memorial Hall we shall welcome Lucinda Knapman with her demonstration entitled "Season of Mist". We welcome non-members to this evening at a small charge of £4.00 this includes refreshments. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 14th October. In the Memorial Hall, doors open 2p.m. Lots of bargains. Anyone who is unable to attend but would like to donate please telephone Jennifer Collett on 01424 892878, or bring to hall after 9.30am

Forthcoming events - Monday 6th November Jean Allan with her demonstration "Winter Pleasure"

Friday 1st December GILL MCGREGOR – "WHITE CHRISTMAS". Tickets for this evening are now on sale. £10.00 including refreshments, please contact Mrs H.Cunliffe on 01424 844916 or send to her a SAE with a cheque to 21 Blackfields Ave, Bexhill on Sea TN39 4JL

For further information about our events, please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or email the group on ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

East Sussex is planning a consultation on the future of it's Libraries, including the mobile one. So if you use the library or have strong views please see

East Sussex Libraries – The Way Forward and the supporting papers from www.eastsussex.gov.uk/librarystrategy. Or a copy at the library.

Recipe of the Month

One Pan Egg and Veg Brunch

- 300g baby new potatoes
- 1 knob of butter
- 1 yellow pepper, cut into small chunks
- 1 red pepper, cut into small chunks
- 2 spring onions finely sliced
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 sprig thyme leaves picked
- 4 eggs
- ½ tbsp vegetable oil
- Toast, to serve

Method

1. Boil the new potatoes for 8 mins, then drain.
 2. Heat the oil and butter in a large non-stick frying pan, then add the courgette, peppers, potatoes and a little salt and pepper. Cook for 10 mins, stirring from time to time until everything is starting to brown. Add the spring onions, garlic and thyme and cook for 2 mins more.
 3. Make four spaces in the pan and crack in the eggs. Cover with foil or a lid and cook for around 4 mins, or until the eggs are cooked (with the yolks soft for dipping into). Sprinkle with more thyme leaves and ground black pepper if you like. Serve with toast.
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The September meeting was the first after the summer break, although there were still planning meetings to attend.

There was, what is now a monthly discussion, about finding people who would be interested in being a Parish Councillor.

Parish Councillors make a real difference in their community. You don't have to be a fully formed Councillor from the start!! If you have the good of the village at heart and are willing to learn how best to help then that is what is important. . Training is available for new councillors through the local supporting organisations but most importantly the Council acts very much as a team, fellow councillors are always there to support each other and Ninfield is lucky to have some long standing councillors who have oodles of knowledge.

Interested? If you would like to find out more about being a Ninfield Parish Councillor and learn how you might get involved in parish activities, contact any of the current councillors or the clerk at ninfieldpc@btinternet.com or 07725 843505 for an informal no obligation chat. You could also come along to one of our meetings the next one is Thursday 5th October at the Methodist Hall at 7:15pm

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The film show is open to those with dementia, their family, friends and neighbours.

If you would like to attend please call 01892 602757 or email: communitydevelopment@wealden.gov.uk.

This event is being organised by Wealden District Council in conjunction with Wealden Dementia Action Alliance and Home Instead Senior Care.

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We feel that such an achievement is worthy of local recognition with a visit from Wealden's Chairman who would like to present a card and gift to the couple to add to their celebration.

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Ninfield Parish Council

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HOOE HISTORY GROUP -

Our July speaker was Ian Everest, who did not disappoint with his talk on “Shepherds of the South Downs – their lives and times”. Ian is a particularly good speaker, as he has a genuine knowledge of all the subjects he covers. He was also able to show some old video footage which greatly enhanced the evening. Our visit to the Turkey Road Brickworks was also very well received by those who attended. The weather was good and Steve Chapman, the Site Manager, showed us around the plant, explaining the process in great detail as he went. He has seen a lot of change there in his 26 years, but with new innovation and machinery, the plant remains at the forefront of brick making in the South-East and appear to be a particularly good example of a local manufacturer.

By the time you read this, we will have had our September talk, at Hooe Village Hall, Thursday 21st at 7.30 p.m. This is to be given by Dave Hatherall, on “Lowther’s Lambs”, the recruitment by Claude Lowther of men in East Sussex to go and fight in World War 1. Dave is one of those people who forms a particular interest in a subject and diligently researches it to enable him to talk about it with considerable knowledge and enthusiasm, as he did with “Wings over Hooe” on an earlier visit.

The 19th October, 7.30 in Hooe Village Hall we will have a short AGM followed by a talk to be given by Rev Peter Doodes on the lost village of Northeye. Peter is one of our committee and has carried out extensive research on the history of Northeye, through written reports and artefacts that have been found. If his previous talk to us is one to go by, this promises to be another wonderful evening.

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Who Do You Think You Are? The workshop in July went well and we have a small band of keen researchers going forward and finding out about their family history. If you missed the workshop and would like some advice on getting started please drop by on Monday mornings in the New Pavilion (upstairs).

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th October with Lynn Cornwell talking on 'Romano British remains found around Boreham Bridge. As always we meet at the Methodist Hall at 7.30 and if you would like any further information please contact Rod Ffoulkes on 893635

I've been thinking again – M.M.

Aren't foxes ruthless killers? If they get into your hen coup they will kill the lot but only take one bird. They kill for the fun, don't they? No, they DON'T! a study has revealed that if the poor hens were left there, the fox will return each night for another, then another until they have all been taken. As foxes don't know when they will next feed, they will kill all the hens to secure their supper for the next few days. They are opportunists, not ruthless killers. I'm afraid there is only one species who kill for fun!

I think that is enough on that subject. On a more pleasant note, I watched two crows trying to dislodge a heron that had perched on the edge of my pond. He was not impressed with their efforts and just sat there with the aloof air that only a heron has perfected! These strange birds look as though they have lost an argument with a steam roller!!

My 'resident' crow family is very entertaining. I watched one pull up the fat-ball net with its bill, transfer its grip to one foot, pull it upside down and tip out the fat-ball. I had wondered why I kept finding some on the ground, now I know. I often spy on the crows. They think the bread I give to the birds is too dry so they dunk it in their water pan! I previously recounted the story of a crow killing a rat in my garden. I have just seen another rat (after the bird food) being chased across the garden by a crow. Luckily this rat was nimble and dived back under the fence in time. Recently two crows sat watching whilst a very upset family of magpies mobbed a sparrow hawk that had caught one of them. Their efforts were futile.

Let's change the subject again, it's all getting a bit gloomy! Are you finding that in the last couple of years many seeds don't germinate? Also, that plants don't seem to thrive in multi-purpose compost? I know we must not continue to use peat but I really feel that the plants are not happy. Oh dear, I am still being gloomy - must be in that sort of mood. So, I promise not to moan about the abundance of ants on my garden! At least the woodpecker comes and gets rid of some of them for me – bless him!



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NINFIELD AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

are thrilled to announce that they will be holding an Exhibition and Sale of Work, on Saturday 4th November, in the Ninfield Memorial Hall. It will be open from 10am until 4pm. Tea and cake will be available.

Why not come along to admire the work of these local artists and shop early for Christmas for that original artwork. (Purchases will need to be in cash only on this occasion, or by cheque, with agreement from the artist). There will be opportunities to watch Fine Artist - Trevor Spinks at work and an additional opportunity, for adults, to try out various media with group members. There is a Children's Art Competition too that will be judged and awarded on the day. Get painting kids! Watch out for the notices around the village, for the details.

The group currently has 17 members practicing a wonderful array of talent, across a wide range of media and style. Drawing and sketching, watercolour, oil painting and painting with acrylics can be witnessed.

If you are interested in joining us, why not come along and have a cuppa and a chat. Some of our artists are relatively new to the media but are reassured that there is always someone with more experience willing to support or advise and there are materials to try. Each member artist brings their own project to work on but there are always ideas to be shared and shown.

Our meetings are on Wednesdays, at 2pm until 5pm, in the Memorial Hall. Adults only please.

Interested in joining us? there are still some spaces available!

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their church. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them.

She slammed the door in their faces, but to her surprise, it bounced back open.

Convinced these young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Madam, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."

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WORM'S EYE VIEW

I am writing this on the 1st day of the month, so of course when I woke up this morning and remembered it was the 1st, I said to myself "white rabbits". Do you say this old saying? You should it is supposed to bring you good luck; however I am not sure if it is for the whole month or just the first day. It really does seem too much to expect good luck for a whole month!

There are many old sayings for the month of October and one I follow in particular, that is not to eat blackberries from now on, it is unlucky as either the Devil will have spat on them or trodden on them. There has been a wonderful crop of blackberries this year, indeed most fruit has done very well, but do resist fresh picked blackberries until next season.

Amongst other sayings I know are:-

- October always has twenty one fine days.
- A warm October, a cold February
- If the oak wears its leaves in October you may expect a hard winter
- For every fog in October, a snow in winter, heavy or light according to the fog
- Now it is October, don thy woolly smock, when chestnut leaves do fall, Cotton ain't no good at all
- If the hare wears a thick coat in October, there will be a severe winter.

What a lot to remember!

But thinking about hares for the moment, I was recently walking round the marshes looking & counting as usual, and couldn't help thinking how peaceful it was, the cattle & the sheep were mostly lying down & I couldn't hear the usual roar of the traffic on A259, with its frequent wail of police or ambulance sirens. No, it was near perfect & then as I slowly moved forward, a sudden quick movement in front of me, stopped me in my tracks. Out from the large tussocks leaped two hares, which quickly moved off in different directions. I was as startled as they were stood quite still & watched. They stopped, looked back & then for each other, decided I wasn't a problem & got back together before hiding once again. They really are lovely creature:

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At the meeting on 18th September the Chairman introduced Mr Dale Poore, representing ESCC Highways Department, explained his role and then invited people to raise their concerns. There was much discussion concerning the resurfacing of Top Road, completed over 2 years ago. The main concerns being the eroded edges and drainage issues. He addressed some problems and will investigate those he is unsure of. He is to meet with a member of the community and be shown the problem areas. The Parish Council is interested to see the results of this meeting.

County Councillor Bentley explained the situation concerning the County Libraries. It is a possibility 8 libraries in the county may close, but more pertinent to Hooe and surrounding villages, the Mobile Library may be affected. Various options were suggested by Councillor Bentley and he advised that if a Consultation is recommended, as many members of the community as possible put forward their views. Please keep a look out for this as we have people in the village who rely on the Mobile Library, not only for borrowing books but the meeting and chatting with friends.

A member of the community has been storing items from the original Hooe Michaelmas Fayre. These include a Coconut Shy, a small marquee and raffle boxes. It was agreed that this should be moved to another storage area in the village and be available to use for village fundraising events. A list is being compiled and will be kept with the Parish Clerk.

It's the time of the year to renew allotment tenancies! If you would like to have the use of an allotment please contact Sally Durman, the Parish Clerk. A whole allotment is £40 for the year, or £20 for half if one is too big

The Chairman spoke about the sad passing of Mog Ballard and his wife, who died 10 days later. Mog was an active member of Hooe for many years. He was a member of the football team and Chairman of the Parish Council. He had this role for approaching 40 years. The Parish Council would like to pass their condolences on to the family.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November at 7.30 at the Village Hall. All members of the community are welcome.

NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Services for October 2017:

1 st	10.30 am	HARVEST FESTIVAL with Ninfield Scouts & Rev. Tricia Williams (+ refreshments)
8 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with Grace Garner
15 th	10.30 am	Worship & Communion with Rev. John Hope
22 nd	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with John Troughton
29 th	10.30 am	Worship & Praise with Barry Turnwell
5 th Nov	10.30 am	Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

Events for October 2017:

7 th	3.00pm	Harvest Musical Drama – ‘A Leap of Faith’ with Christian Voices (+ Tea)
11 th	2.30pm	Christian Womens Fellowship
11 th	5.00 – 7.00pm	Messy Active Teens
18 th	3.30 – 5.30pm	Messy Church – ‘Ready for the Wedding’
20 th	7.00pm	President of Methodist Conference – Rev. Lorraine Mellor speaker at Battle Methodist

We look forward to our Harvest Praise when we welcome the 1st Ninfield Scouts with their families & friends. This should be an amazing time of celebration together so do come along if you can.

The Harvest celebrations will then continue on Saturday 7th October when the musical, drama group Christian Voices will present their new play in our hall. We will follow this with some ‘Harvest’ refreshments.

Our Hastings, Bexhill & Rye area of the Methodist Church is also thrilled that the President of the Methodist Conference will be at Emmanuel Methodist Church in Battle on 20th October. Everyone is very welcome.

*Please also note that the Methodist Circuit publishes a magazine ‘Spotlight’ with news from all the churches. www.hbrmethodists.org.uk/ The Christchurch/Bexhill & Ninfield Churches issue a monthly Newsletter (available on request).
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CHILDREN'S PAGE



MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.

The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar. This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

OOOOOOs

All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

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| 1. Odo | 2. Olaf |
| 3. Osyth | 4. Oliver |
| 5. Olympias | 6. Odilia |
| 7. Omer | 8. Oudoceus |
| 9. Osburga | 10. Ouen |

How does an octopus go into battle?

Well armed.

What's round, orange and can't sit down?

A seatless Satsuma.

Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

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