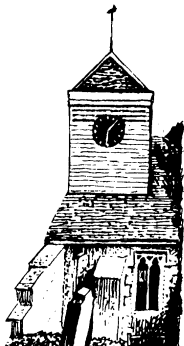
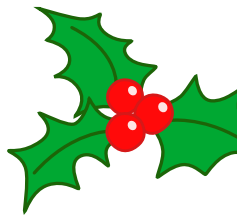


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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

## NOTICE BOARD



# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>St Oswald's</b>
7 th Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
14 th Dec	No Service	11.00 Joint Parish Eucharist
16 th Dec		7.00p.m. Carol Service
21 st Dec	3.30p.m. Carol Service	11.00 Parish Eucharist
24 th Dec	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
	6.00p.m Parish Eucharist	
25 th Dec		<b>Christmas Day</b>
		11.00 Parish Eucharist
28 th Dec	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
4 th Jan	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
11 th Jan	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist at Methodist Church, Ninfield	
18 th Jan	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
25 th Jan	No Service	11.00 Parish Eucharist

### **Opening times for Private Prayer**

St. Mary's - Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm Where Possible

St. Oswald's - Open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm

*Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ [www.ninfield.org.uk](http://www.ninfield.org.uk)*

### **APPOINTMENTS** All enquiries about

Baptism, Marriages, reading of Banns or any other Church matters should be made to The Church Wardens, details on the back page

### **PARISH NEWS**

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This publication is produced and distributed by Members of both Parish Churches.

Dear Friends,

As you are reading this, the run up to Christmas will be in full swing (Mind you it has been in the supermarkets since September!) – our senses assaulted, and our brains on overtime – so much to do and get done. No wonder Jesus spoke about ‘peace’ so often. I wonder if ‘peace’ is part of your Christmas experience? Can we really experience peace in the midst of such a busy season.

I have always felt an extraordinary sense of calm, simply walking through the church doors. A place to breathe, to just be, no expectations or requirements, no pressure. Just calm. Funnily enough, I don’t feel this sense of calm walking through my own front door! There is always something to be ‘done’! I think many of us feel guilty if we are not always ‘doing’ something. I often quote the phrase ‘Be still and know that I am God’ but its easy to say and not so easy to achieve!

But it is precisely when we are busy ‘doing’ that we miss the small, sacred moments that God has prepared for each of us every day of our lives. Some say that God no longer performs miracles – I say that He does, every single day – it’s just that we are too busy to notice. This poem by Barbara Johnson puts it well.

“A man whispered, ‘God, speak to me’ and a meadow lark sang. But the man did not hear. The man yelled, ‘God, speak to me!’, and thunder rolled across the sky.

But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said ‘God, let me see you!’.

A star shone brightly, but he did not notice. The man looked around and said, ‘God show me a miracle!’, and a life was born. But the man did not know. So the man cried out in despair, ‘Touch me God, and let me know you are here!’ - so God reached down and touched him, but the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.”

This Advent, this Christmas, take time to be still. Be still and notice the God who loves you, still speaks using more than words, and still performs miracles today. And can I wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

Paul  
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Dear Father, Christmas is coming. It's all such a rush – planning, shopping, spending, wrapping, posting, stressing! What's it all about? Lord, help us, in all the rat-race busyness, to make time to focus on that baby at the centre of it all. That baby who is Your Son, who was with You in the beginning and who, with You, created all things; that baby who brings life and light and hope and salvation; that baby who was and is Jesus, God, made man. Lord, we thank You for that baby-gift to us – the greatest gift there has ever been. Thank You that because He came, grew up, lived, died and rose again, there is light in the darkness of this world's mess – light that can never be put out, that evil can never overcome. Jesus is the Light of the World. Putting our trust in Him, we thank You Lord, for Christmas – for Your grace and love for us. In Jesus' name. Amen. By Daphne Kitching



**Editors' Comment...** Well, we think everyone this month has written in, it's wonderful, thank you, but it does mean we have had to squash some things in, sorry if yours is affected, but it that or we leave it out! And a couple have been left out. But they'll be in the next issue in February.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and that 2026 brings health, peace and contentment.

Thank you all for your continued support *Nicki & Carol*



## News from St Oswald's

### **Churchyard tidy-up - 13th October**

Thank you to the volunteers who helped making the churchyard neat and tidy. Also we have had the two strimmers serviced and repaired ready for the next time. We even have the dates ready for 2026 for future tidying – 7th March, 1st August, and 21st November.

Please, if you can spare an hour or two on those Saturday mornings we would be delighted to see you. All ages welcome tea and coffee breaks catered for! Reminders will be in the Parish News.

The church has been kept locked after the attempted break-in to the Vestry. The door and frame were damaged but is now repaired. Thank you to John White for his work. After a consultation with the Parochial Church Council, we feel that we should continue to leave the church open during daylight hours as we know from the Visitors book many people do visit our Church. We hope there will be no more attempted break-ins.

The two Remembrance Services, on the Village Green on Remembrance Sunday and on Armistice Day were well attended. Our thanks to Rev. Steph Prosser for standing in whilst Paul was away. Thanks to those who prepared the Village Green with the Remembrance display. Also thanks to the Bellringers who muffled the bells and then rang for the Sunday Service.

We are still pushing forward with the toilet extension. It has not been easy as we need the agreement and permission from Wealden DC and the Diocese. We are hoping for more positive news in 2026.

Christmas is approaching. We are well set for the Carol Service on Tuesday 16th December at 7.00pm. The Minibus will make 3 trips from the Red Lion approx. times 6.15, 6.30, and 6.45 and will do return runs after the service. Our winter parking at the Church is limited so we would be grateful if you could car share if possible. There will be parking assistance but the less cars we have will make life easier.

A Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year to you all.

Jack & Nicki - Churchwardens

**St Oswald's**

Burial of Hugo Paul Shrubbs 22<sup>nd</sup> October

*from the  
Parish Records*

## ***December/January Diary***

<b>November</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Page</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Men's Shed	Sparke Pav	23
28 <sup>th</sup> Ladies Lounge	Working Men's	25
29 <sup>th</sup> Home Made Fayre	Memorial Hall	
<b>December</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Flower Group Christmas Special	Memorial Hall	27
8 <sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society Christmas	Memorial Hall	13
9 <sup>th</sup> Film Matinee	Memorial Hall	10
11 <sup>th</sup> Lunch Club	Methodist Hall	23
11 <sup>th</sup> Ninfield History Group	Methodist Hall	10
12 <sup>th</sup> Xmas Disco	Memorial Hall	25
13 <sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning	St. Oswald's	29
16 <sup>th</sup> Carol Service	St. Oswald's	5
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20 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Foods & Crafts Market	Memorial Hall	20
21 <sup>st</sup> Carol Service	St. Mary's	2/16
<b>JANUARY</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Book Exchange Coffee Morning	Methodist Hall	23
4 <sup>th</sup> Paddington Film Matinee	Memorial Hall	26
9 <sup>th</sup> Hooe & Ninfield Open Group	Methodist Hall	8
10 <sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning	St. Oswald's	29
12 <sup>th</sup> Hooe Parish Council	Village Hall	9
15 <sup>th</sup> Hooe History Society	St. Oswald's	15
22 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch Club	Methodist	23
30 <sup>th</sup> Ladies Lounge	Working Men's	25
30 <sup>th</sup> Men's Shed	Sparke Pav	23

## CHRISTMAS RECYCLING and RUBBISH COLLECTION DATES

**Usual collection day:**      **Revised collection day:**

Thursday 25 Dec	Saturday 27 Dec
Friday 26 Dec	Monday 29 Dec
Monday 29 Dec	Tuesday 30 Dec
Tuesday 30 Dec	Wednesday 31 Dec
Wednesday 31 Dec	Friday 2 Jan
Thursday 1 Jan	Saturday 3 Jan
Friday 2 Jan	Monday 5 Jan
Monday 5 Jan	Tuesday 6 Jan
Tuesday 6 Jan	Wednesday 7 Jan
Wednesday 7 Jan	Thursday 8 Jan
Thursday 8 Jan	Friday 9 Jan
Friday 9 Jan	Saturday 10 Jan

Collections resume on your usual collection day,  
from Monday 12 January 2026

**Garden Waste Collections** are suspended from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December and resume on your usual collection day from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Check your collection days on line: [www.wealden.gov.uk](http://www.wealden.gov.uk)**

Please ensure that the bins are put out at **the edge of your property by 7am** on the day of collection. **Extra recycling** can be placed out in non-black plastic bags next to the recycling bin (except for glass which should be in the recycling bin). All your **wrapping paper and cards** (except foil/glitter) can go in recycling bin. **Recycle your real tree** by cutting it up and placing in your garden waste bin or take to your local Household Waste Recycling Site.

## .Hooe & Ninfield Open Group

We met on Friday 14 th November in the Methodist Hall, Ninfield. Our speaker was Katie (Oh no it isn't; Oh yes it is!) which was the clue to what her talk was about.

Before moving to Hooe she lived in Kent and was an enthusiastic member of at least two Amateur Dramatic Groups. Her love of pantomime became obvious as she told us about some of its history, how each pantomime has the same format which must be adhered to.

She has played most parts apart from the Dame. I think one of her favourite roles was Abanazar in Aladdin, where she came on first to excite and maybe frighten the children a little. She did it so well, one child started screaming and she

was awarded a certificate for over acting!! She liked to make her own costumes and arrived looking great in a pirates outfit. She brought many photographs displayed on boards to show us the stage and the work behind the scenes. Katie asked for stories from members of the Group, so Marie (who was director of Ninfield Amateur Theatre Society) brought along her photo albums of their performances and Irene brought a newspaper article highly praising the group. Its been a while since NATS closed perhaps someone should start a new group. Thank you, Katie, for an interesting afternoon.

Instead of a meeting in December we have a Christmas lunch at the Blacksmiths in Ninfield, so our next meeting is Friday 9th January 2026 at Ninfield Methodist Hall at 2.00p.m.

Remember it is an open group and all are welcome. Hope to see you there. **Nicki & Heather**



## HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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As the Festive Season and 2026 are nearly with us I would like to take this opportunity to say a few thank you's

**To** all residents who regularly take the time to email, call and chat to the Clerk and Councillors, passing on news, information or reporting issues, your continued support is invaluable and much appreciated.

Everyone who regularly attend Parish Meetings, even on the coldest, wettest evenings.

Jane our 'flag lady' and keeper of the flags, who ensures there is always a flag flying on the Green. Even if it is West Ham FC on occasion!

A big thank you to Gayle who has watered, weeded and maintained the five village planters, with her care and the continued mild weather they are still looking lovely and full of colour.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and our Clerk, Hooe Parish Council would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Chair: Ann Loyd      **Date of Next Meeting: 12 th January 2026**

Contact Details: Hooe Parish Council Clerk, Jackie Scarff 07548 528754  
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## NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

“History is just one dammed thing after another” is a comment attributed to the British historian Arnold Toynbee. He was critiquing the view that history is a simple collection of facts. Part of the fascination of history is looking back to uncover the timeline of events, why one thing led to another and why individuals did the things they did. To understand a deeper meaning. In looking at local history, we want to imagine the lives that people, perhaps our ancestors, lived. Why? Because it gives context to our own experiences and conjures up the sense that we are on a journey.

In this journey we believe that we are seekers of truth. We are armed with mighty tools: official records, first-hand accounts and testimony, photographs, paintings, film and videos, maps, artefacts and architecture. But inevitably truth is an elusive fellow; we must find consensus and corroboration and yet it remains slightly out of touch. Our best efforts will not let us hold the past in the palm of our hands. Our picture of the past evolves, and we form an impression **ig** our minds of why things are the way they are.

Through its programme of presentations and the maintenance and collation of a local archive, the local history group helps preserve these lived experiences so that we can all dip our toe in the pool of knowledge about Ninfield and the local area and creates a space where we can share our memories. In 2025 we have heard about the Sackville family, The Voyage of the Sunbeam, Suffragettes and Suffragists, the history of Pevensey and the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to name but a few.

Our final meeting of the year will be held on 11 December, when we will hear about Priest Hunting in Kent and Sussex by Meyrick Simmons and we will enjoy some festive nibbles by way of accompaniment. Please do check out the programme of talks for 2026 on our website and don't forget, if you have stories or photographs that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you!

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all an enjoyable festive period and prosperous New Year.

Ninfield Local History Group meets each month (not January) at the Methodist Hall in Church Lane, on the second Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We also open our archives each quarter at the Sparkes Pavilion so that you can view photographs and documents relating to the village and the surrounding area, talk to a local expert and share your stories.

You can find out more about the group, see our talks schedule, view photographs, read stories and more on our website:

[www.ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk](http://www.ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk)

or get in touch: [info@ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk).

Brian Stockton, Chair, Ninfield Local History group

**Film Matinees.** Doors open at 1.30 at Ninfield Memorial Hall. Films start at 2 pm. Free entry and refreshments. Film shows are dementia friendly and have subtitles. To book a place (to ensure enough cake) contact Jackie or Rose on 01424 892422 or email Jackie: [jackie.langley1@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.langley1@btinternet.com)

The last film of 2025 is '**Arthur Christmas**' - a feel good movie. On **9<sup>th</sup> December** Thanks to everyone who helped in 2025 and to all who supported us this year, Then after our winter break, films start in March

10 March: Calendar Girls      14 April: King Creol

12 May: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society

9 June: Calamity Jane      8 September: Four Weddings and a Funeral

13 October: Matilda    10 November: Whisky Galore    8 December: Scrooge

**Ninfield Parish Council** meet monthly on the third Thursday apart from January and August when there is no meeting. There is a wide variety of subjects discussed and members of the public have the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to comment or ask questions on items on the agenda. Next meeting will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Most months a member of **the Village Society** attends and reports on jobs that the group have done in the village. The village society do a huge amount on a voluntary basis that makes a difference for everyone who lives in Ninfield. Many things would probably go unnoticed but the Parish Council are very grateful for all the jobs they do.

So what sort of things do the village society do?

They look after Church Woods which has been designated as a Nature reserves – including managing the trees, hedging fencing and pathways. Identifying any issues which they bring to the parish council if they are unable to deal with it themselves.

In addition to this the Village Society repair and maintain other village assets. Benches are repaired (in situ or taken away for more extensive repairs).

The youth Shed by the Skate ramp on the recreation ground has been in situ for fifteen years or more and has had some repair work to the wood over the years. There are some more major repairs that need doing which the Village Society have said they will undertake.

The notice boards are repaired, rubbed down and treated.

The Garden area by the front of the recreation ground was created and is maintained by the village society as are other flower pots around the village.

**The Church Clock** – The Church Clock was provided to Ninfield village by donations from the village community and was dedicated in 1898. The clock is maintained by the Parish Council and when for some reason it doesn't chime its not long before the clerk or one of the councillors receives a concerned enquiry from a resident. There are two volunteers who have been taking it in turns every other day, for many years, to wind the clock so it chimes in the village.

There are two elements to the wind:

the first is to wind the clock which affects the clock hands, this is the easiest bit of the job.

the 2nd element is to wind the bell striker which comprises of a heavy weight to be raised into the bell space. This gradually over a few day drops downwards and provides the necessary energy to power the striker. This part requires some strength to operate the winding handle and raise the weight.

The Parish Council are hoping that there may be a couple of new volunteers who would come forward and continue this tradition to maintain the integrity of the old clock.

Please - if you would consider doing this contact the clerk 07725 843505 or [clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk)

We have received interest to help from one lady and will be organising a time to meet up and show her what's required. This would be a great opportunity for others to come along and see if they would be interested too – many hands make light work, the more volunteers to do this the less often the visit for each person.

The only other option we will have to keep the clock telling the time and chiming would be to have it fitted with an automation unit. This would cost £8,000 - £10,000

**If you are interested please do get in touch.**

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the Village Society for all they do around the village.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a new cllr to join. It's a really interesting role that would suit anyone who loves living in Ninfield. We do have to work within legislation and have processes to follow but most people understand and respect this as we are working for the village and spending public money. There is a lot of information on the councils website identifying policies and processes that are followed. Information about the audits that we go through to ensure we are following procedure – it's a bit like schools being audited by OFSTED.

If you are interested please contact any of the current councillors or the clerk to find out more.

The Parish Council are planning to publish a newsletter once or twice a year and would very much like to work with someone who writes to help ensure content is engaging. Please contact the clerk if you would be interested in doing this.

Jackie Scarff    Proper Officer & RFO to Ninfield Parish Council    Email: [clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ninfieldpc.co.uk)    Website <http://www.ninfieldpc.co.uk>

## NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

if you receive this in time, please do not forget our December Christmas meeting will be Monday 8th December in the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. We do not have a speaker at this meeting - it is a social event with nibbles. Please bring along a plate of food (we welcome anything from a bag of crisps to Christmas cake!) and your brain for our Christmas brain teasers. 2026 schedules will be available at this meeting and all following meetings.

We held our AGM in October with a review of the last year and a presentation from Barry Chaseley on bees and beekeeping. The committee all stood again with Robin Goldsmith voted in as Chairman and Maureen Chaseley stepping forward to assist as treasurer. Membership fees will remain at £7 per annum and payment can now be made by bank transfer. If you have not yet renewed your membership or would like to join as a new member, then please contact me on 07707683187 or [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) for payment information.

In November, the society handed out over 120 bulbs and pots to the children at Ninfield School, Muddy Boots and at the Village Market. All part of our drive to encourage younger people to get involved in growing and (hopefully) showing. We will also be donating spring bulbs to both the Village Society and Church.

We do not meet in January, but please pencil in Monday 16th February at 11.30 for our Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall. Coffee, cake, chat and seed swaps - not a **bad way to start they year**.

**Happy Christmas and New Year.**

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## HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

In December, our members are kindly invited back to Catslide by Peter and Pam for a social evening. This has been a very pleasant, regular feature for a number of years now and we are very grateful to Peter and Pam for all the work they put in to make the evening such a success.

Our first speaker of next year is one of our own, Dick Carey, who will give a talk on “Reminiscences of a local lad”. Dick has lived, worked, played and held a number of high-profile positions in our village throughout his life and continues to take an active role in village affairs. This look back at village events through his lifetime is sure to spark a lot of interest with our members.

We meet on the third Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026, as usual in St. Oswald’s church at 7.30 p.m.

We have a nearly full programme of speakers for next year, when we meet on the third Thursday of each month. The list is as follows:-

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Dr Jeremy Leach - **A life of grime - From sludge to Nudge**; Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - Steve Davies - **Unsung heroes - Restoring their military graves**; Apr 16<sup>th</sup> - Stuart Corner - **The secret life of the honey bee**; May 21<sup>st</sup> - Gary Newport - **Journey into space**; June 18<sup>th</sup> - Ken Brooks - **Beside the seaside**; July 16<sup>th</sup> - TBA (possibly a social); Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - Melanie Gibson-Barton - **Eva Braun - Victim or contriver?**; Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - Dr Owen Johnson - **What I did in the (Hooe) Bogs**; Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - Fabian Richter - **The St Helena plot to save Napoleon**; Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - Alex Markwick - **Bexhill Heritage**; Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Social.

DID YOU KNOW... I have written a lot this year on the village during the two world wars and as it is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the second dreadful conflict, I thought I would search the archive for Christmas stories from that era. I found two heartwarming accounts, one dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1941;

HOOE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT —The Hooe Village Hall Committee gave their usual Christmas treat on New Year's Eve to about 80 children. In spite of rationing there was no scarcity of good things for the tea, and the difficulties of getting presents for the tree were all overcome. The committee wish to thank all subscribers to the treat.

...And this dated 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1945, just 5 months before the war would end.

HOOE Children's Christmas Treat - On Friday, children of Hooe to the number of four dozen, attended the village Christmas tea and entertainment arranged by the Hall Committee of the Parish Council. A capital entertainment was provided by Mr. Jack W. Fowler ("Uncle Jack"), who performed several fascinating conjuring tricks, afterwards showing Punch and Judy, minus Dog Toby, but with Joey, Bobby, Adolf and Winston (the last two having a boxing match in which Adolf was knocked out). Mr. J. J. Newport revealed that it was Mrs. Newport's and his 50<sup>th</sup> Christmas treat with the children of Hooe. It may be recalled that the food provided on one occasion during the previous war was mainly of apples retrieved from under the snow in the vicar's garden. The workers were, Mrs. Albert Baker, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Newport, Mrs. Pilbeam, Miss Pilbeam ("Lottie") and Mrs. R. Vitler.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our readers, contributors and supporters a very happy Christmas and New Year. We are grateful for the continued support of people in both our villages and beyond and look forward to another successful year in 2026. Peter Hayward

## **Friendly Voices**

We are singing at a couple of village events in December; the Village Market on 20th December and Carol Concert in Ninfield Church on 21st December and have been trying out some new Christmas songs (in addition to the standard fare). We have also been asked again to sing at Carers Cafe's run by Association for Carers - so we really are in full singing swing. We meet in the Methodist Hall on a Tuesday evening (from 7.30pm) and Sparke Pavilion Thursday afternoon (2-3pm). We do take a break over Christmas, but will return on Tuesday 13th January. Why not come along and join in with us - all are welcome. We are not a choir, just a group of people that get together for the fun of singing. You do not need to be a good singer, just enjoy a good sing! Call me on 07707683187 or email [k.crittell@btinternet.com](mailto:k.crittell@btinternet.com) or just turn up at one of our sessions.

# Ninfield Bonfire Society

## NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY – It Takes a Village!

### What a night!

Ninfield Bonfire & Fireworks Night was an incredible success. The weather cleared at just the right moment, giving us the chance to deliver a spectacular fireworks display. Pulling off Ninfield Bonfire Night takes a huge amount of teamwork and goodwill – and this year, our village truly rose to the challenge. The support, dedication and community spirit were outstanding.

### A Massive Thank You to Our Main and Supporter Sponsors for 2025/2026

A big thank you to the Ninfield Bonfire Society Committee and members for all your hard work, to the visiting societies for lighting up the village, and to our Main Sponsor, **Haffenden Roofing**, along with all our Supporter Sponsors for their continued backing.

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The Bonfire and Fireworks Night is a **free community event** and remains an important part of village life. It is made possible through the dedication of volunteers, visiting societies, and the generous support of local businesses and residents. We are grateful to everyone who helps keep this tradition going safely and successfully each year.

### ***Special Thanks***

- **Wizard Fireworks Ltd** – Jordan, Hayden & team for another superb display.
- **Revive Medical Solutions** – Gary & team for your continued support.
- **Dragon Event Services Security** – Shaun & team for keeping the roads safe.
- **Steve Sims (Eastbourne Bonfire Society)** – for your support and supplying event radios.
- **Delicious Donuts** – Charlie & Sue, and Brad Mitchell for great food on the night.
- **Graham Cooper’s Team** – Vince, Freddie & Heidi for glow sticks.
- **John Black** – for providing our PA system.

**Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association** – Sami & Ian for the “Ton Sack,” and Emma & Cat for torch distribution.

- **Ninfield Working Men’s Club** – Chris & Debbie for assisting with parking for visiting societies.
- **Ninfield Bowls Club** – for providing power at the Recreation Ground.
- **Ninfield Garage** – thank you, Ruby, for parking spaces for carers.
- **Meridian Marquees** – Dave for help with the effigy.
- **Gary Keeley** – for assistance with the torch bats.
- **Parker & Son** – James for providing ground mats.
- **The Blacksmiths Inn** – John, Emily, Georgia & team for ongoing support.
- **Ninfield Parish Council** – for use of the Pavilion & Recreation Ground.
- **Chris Bryant (Battel Bonfire Boyes)** – for organising diversion signage.
- **Polegate Equestrian Centre** – for allowing us to harvest brushwood.
- **Pete Holland** – for road signs and ground mats.
- **Roger Verity** – for last-minute generator use.

- **Wealden Drainage Ltd** – James, and **TOP PLANT** for turf cutting.
- **Brewers Decorator Centres** – for donating paint.
- **Safer Rother Partnership** – for arranging the VMS signage.

Your time, help and generosity make this event possible every year – **thank you all.**

## **Events in December**

### ***Monthly Meeting***

**Wednesday 17th December, 7:30pm**

Ninfield Working Men's Club (TN39 9EE)

Everyone is welcome – long-standing members, new members, or anyone curious about what we do.

### ***Ninfield Village Market***

**Saturday 20th December, Christmas Market - 9:30am–12:30pm**

Ninfield Memorial Hall (TN33 9EE)

Come and visit our Tombola, chat with members, learn how to join, or browse our merchandise. The market includes local produce, crafts, plants, cakes, vintage items and more.

### **Grand Christmas Raffle**

We held our Grand Christmas Raffle on **Wednesday 29th October** at the Blacksmiths Inn, and it was a huge success.

Thank you to **Leah Stapley** for her dedication in organising the raffle and securing sponsorship this year. A big thank you to every local business that donated a prize – your support is invaluable.

### **Prizes Included:**

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- Pongos – Bottle of Baileys

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- Ninfield Village Stores – Wine
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- Ninfield Stoolball – Voucher
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**Season’s Greetings** Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy 2026 from all at Ninfield Bonfire Society

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Thank you for supporting Ninfield Bonfire Society.

*Remember, Remember the 5th of November –  
 let’s keep the flames of tradition burning bright.*

## **NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>h</sup> DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS FOODS & CRAFTS MARKET**

**9.30 - 12.30**

**Come along and buy your feastive local meat from Helen,  
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**Cakes & bakes from Anne & Jo, Fern’s delicious honey,  
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**And who knows what else might be there for you to taste!**

**If you are looking for that little present for someone.**

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## Worms Eye View

**I have recently read several memories of people during World War II** and this has made me think of my time and doings during this period. I was only five years old when WW2 broke out and obviously didn't realise the seriousness of the situation, but enjoyed various sections of events that happened during this period.

The relocation of school children from London to our area caused quite a degree of excitement in the local area. To begin with a meeting was held in Summerheath Hall in Hailsham. All the children along with their teachers from the City of London were there and local residents with some spare bedrooms were also asked to attend and 'choose' a child to board with them, My mother went having rearranged the sleeping arrangements in the house, namely I was sharing a room with my grandmother, freeing up one bedroom. We also had a spare room, which had been the lodgers, but he had already been called up. Well, Mother arrived home with three children, a boy and his two sisters. I was absolutely thrilled, as not having a brother or sister of my own; I had gained three playmates, Eric, Victoria and Elizabeth.

It all worked out very well. The evacuees had their own school lessons, Their parents came to visit the approximately once a month and were very nice to me as well, But of course this was not such a good idea to move down to the south coast, as it became very vulnerable with bombing and air fights were a regularity in the skies in the area. All too soon for me, all of the evacuees and several local children were moved to Wales, where it was deemed to be much safer. Air raid shelters were quickly built and when the sirens went of we were all quickly moved into these shelters. Our shelter was in the kitchen. Several bombs went off locally but we were all safe. We were all issued gas masks which we had to carry with us at all times, but luckily we rarely had to use them. Being children we quickly got used to the changes and goings on. However it was great when the war ended and families were reunited.

Happy New Year to you all

Anne

**NINFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP** aims to promote the health and wellbeing of people in the local community. Established in 2018, the NHWG is an umbrella organisation supporting a range of activities.

**BOOK EXCHANGE AND COMMUNITY CAFE** Methodist Hall  
10-11.30 on Fridays.

There will be no Community Cafe on Friday 26th December. We will re-open for Book Exchange on Friday 2 January. HAPPY CHRISTMAS! For further details contact David on 07989729123 or [dj\\_swales@hotmail.com](mailto:dj_swales@hotmail.com)

**HEALTH WALKS** Every Thursday. Trained local volunteers lead a gentle walk of about an hour. Meet 11 am at Sparke Pavilion, Ninfield Recreation Ground near the main entrance off Church Lane. A few more walkers welcome. Please wear suitable footwear.

From the beginning of 2026, these walks will no longer be administered by the Conservation Volunteers Organisation (TVC) because they will no longer receive funding from East Sussex County Council. However the local walk leaders are hopeful that our regular weekly walks will continue into the future without too much change. For more details contact: Robin: 07940324601 or [robin@plowmate.plus.com](mailto:robin@plowmate.plus.com)

**Women's Crafting and Knitting Circle** Memorial Hall. Weekly 10.30 am - 12.30 pm on Friday. £5 per session. A well established friendly group. Phone Jane on 89428 for more details.

**Men's Shed** this friendly group meeting at Sparke Pavilion. 10 am last Friday of the month. Men putting the world to rights over free coffee. For more information contact Dave 01424 892883.

**Lunch Club** Note the different date for December: 11th December.

First lunch in the new year is on 22nd January. If you would like a place, contact Sam on 07484 847933.

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## **Festive & New Year News!**

Amazingly we made it to December...and it's not been an easy Year! 2025 has set extraordinary extra challenges, and, as they say, Life has happened between the plans!

Please have a look at the events and classes below, get in touch if you'd like to know more; and I wish everyone a joyous and uplifting Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and happy New Year: God bless xxx

**LADIES LOUNGE:** Our recent Halloween Trick or Treat Trail was a great success, with the Ladies Lounge lovelies all dressed as scary witches, and the Tin Hut decorated in a spookily fabulous fashion by Queen Witch Marj. Our 'normal' Ladies Lounge gathering at the end of November is FRIDAY 28th, from 4.30pm, and it'll be a relaxed end of year celebration, with Bar, Tea, Cakes and snacks - and thanks go again to Debby, Belinda and the Committee of the WMC for their wonderful support this year!: There may be an impromptu get together at the end of December, we'll see if folk fancy doing something in the 'Betwixmas' week! But otherwise we'll reconvene in 2026, on Friday January 30th.

Call me 07970650321 for more information

### **LINE DANCE CLASSES-** are a HIT!!!

There is one more Class this year, on Tuesday 5th December, 2.30pm, and then we will be carrying on in the New Year, starting Friday 9th January & Tuesday 13th January, then fortnightly thereafter. All classes are at the Memorial Hall; Tuesdays- 2.30-3.30 pm and Fridays 6.30-7.30pm, refreshments are available, all classes £6 pp/per class. Everyone is welcome, Ladies, Gents, youngsters...it's purely for Fun..NO Stetsons or Cowboy Boots...Yet! Beginners welcome, as are those who 'haven't done it for years'!

Please contact me for more information. 07970650321 Yeehaa!!

It's great fun, good exercise and VERY fashionable at the moment!!

### **XMAS DISCO NIGHT!** Time for a Party to see out 2025!

On Friday 12th December, Ninfield Memorial Hall, doors and BAR open at 7pm, music from 7 30pm. ONLY £5, on the door! The Xmas Disco will have all the usual Fun and Sparkle, lots of great tunes, memorable routines, Prosecco et al flowing, and lots of laughs and banter! And..SOME FESTIVE SURPRISES IN STORE!! A great, feel good festive night out, on your doorstep, so, put that date down **NOW!!!**

**NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION!** Several Village groups have been invited to bid for funding for their upcoming projects. The Summer Carnival, Fête and Event will be the weekend of 26/27th June 2026. The next Carnival meeting will be in February 2026, and everyone is welcome to join in and start creating the fun!

Thanks go again to everyone who has supported the Committee over this, the 90th Anniversary year of Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association.

### **MOVEMENT & DANCE:**

Dance classes continue in 2026, running as follows on a weekly basis

**MONDAY 10am MOVEMENT 2 MUSIC** Memorial Hall, with coffee and refreshments afterwards till 11.30am

**WEDNESDAY 6.30pm DANCERCISE** Memorial Hall

**THURSDAY 9.30am SILVER SWANS BALLET** Methodist Hall

**FRIDAY (alternates)** Memorial Hall

**6.30pm BALLROOM, 7.30pm BURLESQUE/SHOW DANCE.**

**6.30 - 7.30pm LINE DANCING(alternates)**

All classes are £6 pp per class.

Don't forget the Mantra...Move it, or Lose it...it's SO beneficial to Dance, Exercise or Move during the week...you'll feel better in mind, body and spirit!!!

Thanks for all help, interest, and continued support for all classes, shows, events...please come to meetings or get togethers....

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## Ninfield Flower Group

The days are racing away and our big celebration of the year will soon be with us. So it's glad rags on as we welcome guests and visitors to our Christmas demonstration with national demonstrator Lucy Ellis from West Wiltshire. Lucy is the winner of many prestigious awards including several gold medals from RHS Chelsea.

When: Friday December 5th.      Where: Ninfield Memorial Hall.  
Time: Doors open 6.15pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets cost £15 & include light refreshments. These are available on the door or call 07966659552 to book in advance.

We will have two raffles - one for the floral arrangements and one for the general prizes to include Christmas food hampers.

Always an enjoyable, festive occasion so do come and join us for an evening of spectacular floral arrangements.

We round off a very successful year with another delicious Christmas lunch at the Blacksmith's Inn. Always a treat to sit back & have someone else do all the work! Thank you in advance.

And that's it for 2025 during which we have enjoyed, and learned a great deal from, seven talented, qualified demonstrators. Discovered what we can create ourselves at a member's demonstration evening and ten workshops, and run two successful jumble sales.

We take a break in January then in February we hold our AGM.

Our first meeting of 2026 will be on Monday March 2nd when we welcome Ben Cross from Crosslands Flower Nursery in Arundel to talk about his family's award-winning, sustainable run flower nursery growing Alstroemeria.

Visitors will be very welcome £5 admission. Usual start time 7pm.

From all of us at Ninfield Flower Group a very happy and healthy festive season.

Helen Cunliffe  
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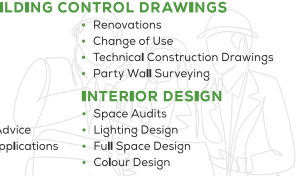
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**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning.** The Christmas Theme is being repeated this year by popular demand! Festive food, Festive Raffle Prizes and more! Last December the library and jigsaw exchange was the busiest ever with people stocking up with reading material and jigsaws to entertain during the holiday period. Such a good idea....

**January 10<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning.** *Join us after the festivities to help cheer up a period which can often feel flat. If we all get together for the morning, we can blow the blues away and - maybe break our New Year Diet resolution by failing to resist the offerings of wonderful home-made cakes. Shhhhs*

**Coffee Mornings** are on the second Saturday of the month. There are always delicious homemade cakes on offer and the free to use library and jigsaw is especially popular. From time to time, we offer an additional attraction so keep an eye out – we would hate for you to miss something.

**Community Litter Pick** As we time our Litter Pick with the National Event, we will let you know when we know!

**Footpath Walk** **The date** will depend on the type of weather we experience during the next couple of months.

### **June 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens weekend**

Our faithful gardeners, who kindly open their gardens for this event, will already be planning for next year. If you haven't yet opened

YOUR garden, why not make 2026 the first time? Gary leads on this event so give him a call to learn more. (01424 893007)

### ***And thank YOU***

**Bras against Cancer:** We have now passed 55 bras across to the charity Bras against Cancer. Many thanks for all your donations. Many were anonymous, being left on our doorstep in plain bags

**Remembrance Display:** Huge thanks to those who created our village Remembrance Display on the Coronation Green. This appears, as if by magic, every year and is much appreciated. Most, if not all, of the items displayed have been designed and made by village residents who quietly produce this display for us all to enjoy and to Remember. It's great to be able to thank them publicly.

**Musical Evening: Good Company** By the time you read this we will have held our Musical Evening – I hope you were one of the many folk came and enjoyed the evening. There will be a detailed report next time, but we just wanted to thank the three ladies of Good Company who, as this was a charity event, waived their usual fee and performed for us completely free of charge.

### **What have we all been up to?**

**Our November Coffee Morning** The church was heaving! We welcomed a few 'first timers' but noticed one or two of our 'regulars' were missing, hopefully all is well with them, and we see them next time.

It was an interesting morning. As promised, Dick displayed his beautifully crafted items which he offered for sale. There will be many delighted people opening their gifts on Christmas morning, I would be more than happy with anything that Dick displayed! Dick is generously donating all his takings to a local charity, full details of total amount, which is now well into 4 figures, and where the money is going in due course.

Note - there were just a few items left at the end of the morning. So, if you missed out and are interested feel free to contact Dick. There may be some left by the time you read this report.



*A small selection of items displayed. Other items included Bar Stools, benches, chairs and tables*

**Dr Kieran Mullan MP.** We have issued an open invitation and told Kieran he would be welcome at any of our events. So, it was pleasing when he turned up, unexpected, at this coffee morning and then spent about an hour and a half in conversation with many family groups and individuals. His visit was appreciated. Kieran publishes a fortnightly newsletter; he asked me if I could spread the word. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please contact his office: [www.drkieranmullan.org.uk](http://www.drkieranmullan.org.uk)



Well, do you remember Neil with the tea towel and Robert in his pinny!

This month we feature Kieran in the Servery.

Who will it be next month?

*L to R Nicky Pam Jenny Kieran Sally*

## **Keep in touch**

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## WINTER SLIDING IN

Well I actually remembered to put the clocks back this year. Usually I forget so this time I left notes everywhere to remind me. For most of my life nowadays it doesn't matter that I have even the right day so an hour out is of no consequence. Putting them back on a Saturday does mean Church on the Sunday can be compromised as I turn up just as everybody else if starting their coffee.

Winters activities have changed a lot over the years as my calendar will testify to. If it was not for the NHS I doubt if I needed one. In my past I would have lists of shooting dates, my own shoot plus several other shoots, pinned up on the wall. A couple of walls in my old cottage still had the lime and horse hair plaster and you could push a drawing pin into that with your thumb. So my winter pastimes are different but the season will still happen and I will react to it.

The oak trees around the Church yard have excelled themselves this year, you could shovel up the acorns. A feast for any creature that can deal with the tannin rich nuts. The story of the jays harvesting acorns is known to most people; when I was young it was even taught in schools during nature studies. I can even remember the pictures of the elegant jay pushing acorns into the earth, hiding them for winter use. Then of course forgetting where they were hidden and a new oak tree taking root. In nature studies that was under the heading of seed dispersal.

When I first arrived here I marvelled at the number of jays, they were not common in Lincolnshire. I use to see three or four as I travelled down the lane and about the same number as I walked around the Church yard. I haven't seen a jay for maybe six months. It is my hope that they have found an area rich in food and just didn't need to come back. They used to be shot because they are members of the crow family and will take eggs, also their feathers were sort after by fly fisherman due to their colours. Modern dyes fortunately removed that market.

There were also three squirrels that I saw every day, they like acorns as well. I have not seen one of those for again six months!

I think I mentioned that I had a wasps nest under my home and decided to leave it alone, basically to see if they would cause me any problems. They didn't, I was never stung and they didn't bother my dog either. They emerged just by my back door and towards the end of the summer in droves. Even when I was working close to it, splitting logs, they were all around me but never aggressive. They are now causing a slight problem. As they are now starting to die off some have found a way to get into my place, I don't know how. They fly up to the windows or just flop around on the floor. They are still not stinging but I'm worried the dog will bother one and get stung. The queen's will survive the winter and I'm not sure I want them under my place next year.

Some times it is not easy to live with the natural world, it stings, bites, eats our food and then grows in the wrong places. Unfortunately it has become much easier to destroy it. AT

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**Services for December 2025:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Advent Café Worship with local Worship Team  
14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Advent Worship & Praise with John Troughton  
21<sup>st</sup> 10.30 am Christmas Praise & Carols with Revd. Ian Couchman  
24<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE ... Candlelight Family Carols with Revd. Jonathan Todd  
25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am CHRISTMAS DAY UNITED PRAISE @ Little Common Methodist Church  
28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am United Service @ Little Common Methodist Church

**January 2026:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am NEW YEAR Café Worship with Jean Duckworth-Lloyd  
11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am NEW YEAR United Covenant Service with St. Mary's Parish Church; with Revd. Ian Couchman & Revd. Paul Frostick  
18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Family Service of Worship & Praise with Revd. Jonathan Todd  
25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Steve Wise

**Other Events 2025/26:**

- 5/12/19 Dec & Jan. Fridays 10.00-11.30 Community Café including  
5 Dec / 2 Jan 10.00-11.30 Book exchange in Hall.  
Thursdays / Term time 3.15-5.00pm (Weekly) After-school Junior Club  
10 Dec 12.30 onwards Christian Women's Fellowship Christmas Buffet  
16 Dec 2.15-4.30pm Time Together Tuesday  
14 Jan 2.30-4.00pm Christian Women's Fellowship

**28 Jan 3.15-5.15pm Messy Church**

We are pleased to share our programme of family services & activities for Christmas-time & January. Do come along whenever you can. Our special theme will be 'Gifted'.

We will also be pleased to see you at our Candlelight 'Christmas Eve' Family celebration at 4.00pm. Come along in plenty of time to make sure you can get a seat!

From early December our Christmas Tree will be decorated outside of our Hall. We invite you to tie any Remembrance 'Lights of love' stars onto the Tree.

**We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas & New Year.**

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



# Directory of Groups & Clubs

**NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY** Sarah Seymour 07809684488

**NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB:** Secretary: Mrs Val Smith, Bexhill 843436

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