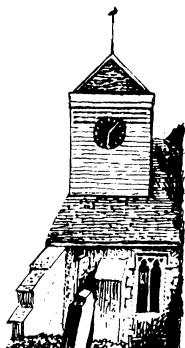


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# St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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### CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



	St Mary's	St Oswald's
1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30 Parish Eucharist	11.00 Family Service
8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
15 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	9.30 Family Eucharist	11.00 Parish Eucharist
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	No Service	11.00 Parish Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Palm Sunday</b>	9.30 Parish Eucharist	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)*

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

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Dear Friends,

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! He answered, 'At the bakers I told God, that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He should provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around, there it was!' Rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, let's use it intentionally for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice says, 'You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:22). The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is. Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in key three areas of His identity: His divine sonship, political power and Messianic role (Luke 4: 1-13). It is as though Jesus was looking into the mirror at Himself to discern what kind of Saviour He should be.

For us, Lent is an opportunity to hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask the

question, 'who am I? It's a season of honest encounter with who we are, what

we've done, and how we should live. What will we see when we hold up the mirror to ourselves? Keeping Lent, the 40 days running up to Easter, could mean taking time to read Scripture, studying a Christian book or spending five minutes each day in silence. We might fast by missing one or two meals, refraining from TV, alcohol, social media, or scrolling on our phones. All of these can help us to give more attention to God in our lives.

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Why not join us for the Chichester Diocese Lent Course on St Matthew's Gospel on Wednesdays at 2pm? The dates and venue are as follows:

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Hooe: The calling of Matthew**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Ninfield: What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Hooe: The teaching of Jesus**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Ninfield: The miracles of Jesus**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at Hooe: The Passion of Jesus**

**You are welcome to attend all the sessions or just some, each one is a unit in itself.**

**Paul**

**PRAYER**

Lord, In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives. But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness. Lord, your word tells us that, whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.

Jesus says He is the Truth. He also says He is the Light of the world. Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged. Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you so much. In Jesus name. Amen. by Daphne Kitching

**St Oswald's**

12th January 2026 – Funeral of Stephen Parry

19th January 2026 – Funeral of Deborah McDowell

*from the  
Parish Records*

## **News from St Oswald's**

The New Year presented us with two funerals in one week. They were both very well attended. Due to the persistent rain during January, the parking was a bit of a problem as the adjoining field was not an option to use. Fortunately with the help of volunteers we managed to park on each occasion over 50 vehicles in our car park. It was tight but we managed. So, thank you to my helpers and thanks for the patience of those attending. It took time to allow you to leave but it worked without too much delay.

Unfortunately, the second funeral was to be a burial but due to the state of the waterlogged church yard, the burial has had to be delayed. We hope that we will be able to have it in March.

### **Notes for your diaries.**

First a Spring Clean in the Church and Church yard on Saturday 7th March from 9.30am. We hope to greet volunteers to help tidy up outside. Inside it will be cleaning and help with reaching the more difficult areas. Outside there are the edges of the path to be cut back, the ground drainage channels to be cleared and an area around the two War Graves needs trimming. We are hoping to cut back one of the now overgrown bushes just to the south of the church. This may be hampered due to nesting birds, but the bushes do need attention. There are a lot of fallen twigs that need gathering up, which can be used to provide "bug hotels" around the perimeter of the church yard. If you can help in any way we would be pleased to see you. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits provided. Thank you.

The second date to highlight is the Church Garden Party on Saturday 4th July. We hope to provide all the usual stalls and fun. If you would like to volunteer to help please let us know. Our contact details are in the magazine.

We sadly report, that Simon Pattisson died on 28th January in Somerset. There will be a Thanksgiving Service in the church on Thursday 19th March at 11.30am. Many of you may want to attend, so where possible can we ask you to come on foot, or car share as the car park could be overrun.

Simon and Janet arrived in the village of Hooe in the early 1990's. They were soon part of the congregation at St Oswald's and Simon was soon part of the bell ringing team. As time passed, they both served on the PCC and Simon was a Church Warden for the best part of 30 years until

2020 when his wife Janet took on the role. They both worked hard for the church and were always involved in village activities. They had many friends in and around the Red Lion and I know that those friendships meant a lot to them . We have so many memories of them and missed them both when they moved to Somerset. They were part of the team and close friends. Simon was simply, a good bloke, a gentle man, and someone who it was worth spending time with.

They left the village in May 2025 to join family in Somerset. In July 2025 they celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary and a number of their friends in Hooe were able to attend. Our thoughts and prayers are for Janet, Rebecca, Clara, Jesse and all the grandchildren. We at St Oswald's remember Simon and the family with fondness and we miss the fun and laughter that we shared with them all.

Jack & Nicki  
The Churchwardens

**Editors' Comment...** Well, I hope you are all ready for a very busy month! As well all the regular weekly or monthly events that always take place there are new fitness classes at the Memorial Hall on Tuesdays; at Hooe you have two chances to help with the Spring Clean to help make the village beautiful; Sami is taking on an enormous challenge to do 65 different dance routines - and is inviting you to pop along and help her, if only for one dance, more if you can manage it!: Then something a lot less energetic, join Veronica to make a beautiful flower arrangement: and if you've had a spring clear out at home, Flower Group has a Jumble Sale. Once you've done all of that, sit down and read the April edition and see what's coming up then!

April see's Easter, and spring, and hopefully sunshine, I think we should by pass the spring showers!!! What ever something to look forward to.

If you didn't see the delivery person to give them £5.00 for the year, if you know where the live, could you pop the money in an envelope, put your name and address in and drop it in their letter box. If you still can't pay let us know by email [ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com](mailto:ninfieldhooenews@gmail.com) and we'll get it sorted  
*Nicki & Carol*



## *March Diary*

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Page</b>
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<b>MARCH</b>		
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## **.Hooe & Ninfield Open Group**

We met on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Methodist Hall in Ninfield and were treated to a talk by an old friend Steve Squirrel. His talk was about women at work in the Second World War. Most people have heard about the Land Army Girls but how many knew of the Forest Land Army or Lumber Jills as they were nicknamed. They managed the forests, cut down trees turned them in to logs, no power tools just old fashioned saws and axes. No health and safety as one woman found out after she managed to lose a thumb using a circular saw. Off to the medics, cup of tea, bandage and then straight back to work.

Steve also talked about the thousands of women who worked in the munitions factories and read some anecdotes of awful accidents. Again the attitude was clear up and back to work 'there is a war on you know'. Must have been difficult especially if you saw your workmates being blown up or badly injured.

The other group Steve talked about were the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) they started off just to help out delivering supplies and equipment but it soon became clear that they were needed for other work and by the end of the war they had delivered over 300,000 planes to airfields, maintenance unit and factories to be repaired. One interesting story was about a young woman who was asked to deliver a rather large transport plane to an airfield, she had never flown this type of aircraft before so she found a notebook with one page of instructions. Off she flew and arrived safely despite a very windy flight. When she arrived the officer asked to see the pilot. She explained she was the pilot but he didn't believe her so ordered that the plane be searched! The other interesting thing was that airfield had grounded all its planes because of poor weather!! The talk gave us a fascinating account of the hard work and how women did their bit for the war and often forgotten about.

Questions were asked, conversations held with tea, coffee and cake.

Our next meeting is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2p.m. All are welcome.

Nicki & Heather

## **FRIENDLY VOICES**

If you enjoy singing (and laughing), we meet in the Methodist Hall on a Tuesday evening (from 7.30pm) and Sparke Pavilion Thursday afternoon (2-3pm), 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 LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Ninfield Local History Group will be holding its AGM on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This will be followed by a presentation on The Brasseys, Normanhurst and the Victorian Dream. Presented by Brian Stockton, the talk will focus on how the Brassey family was product of the extraordinary industrial energy of the Victorian period, how it became established in the local community through the building and occupation of Normanhurst Court and the ultimate demise of this country house and estate, a fate shared by many other houses in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Ninfield Local History Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Methodist Hall in Church Lane, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We welcome members and non-members. The group also opens its 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. We also have a range of publications for sale and these can be viewed and purchased using our online store or in-person at one of our archive mornings

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 using this email:

[info@ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@ninfieldlocalhistorygroup.org.uk).

Brian Stockton, Chair, Ninfield Local History group

### **Lunch Club**

The next lunch club will meet on Thursday 26 March. If you would like a place, contact Sam on 07484 847933.

### **Ladies Lounge**

The Ladies Lounge will meet on Friday 27 March from 4.30 to 6.30 pm at Ninfield Working Men's Club (The Tin Hut). This relaxed and friendly meeting is for Ladies of all ages to relax, have a drink, (alcoholic or otherwise), nibbles, cakes and enjoy the chance of having a chat about anything and everything in a convivial atmosphere. A donation only of £1 to the Tin Hut's Charity, plus very reasonable drinks prices! Contact Sami for more details: 07970650321 or email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com)

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## **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Growing season has begun! Seeds are in and on March 9th we have the return of Emma Davies (a very popular speaker from last year) with a talk and practical guide on propagation. As usual, the event will be in the Memorial Hall and doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start.

The Spring Show is creeping up on us, although a week later than usual. Show date is Saturday 28th March, but can we please have entries in by end of day Wednesday 25th. Entries can be emailed into me or dropped off at Stepping Stone Cottage, Lower Street. We will all have the usual gardener complaints (my daffodils are over/not yet in bloom, the frost hit my camellia etc etc) but we always have a great display and it isn't just flowers. You can enter your pot plants, the photography classes, handicraft, domestic (how many will be brave enough to try the Lemon and Nettle Cake) and flower arranging. We would really like to see more in the flower arranging classes. If you've never entered before, we have a novice class 'Spring Wreath' and a miniature exhibit 'Cupcake', plus a display in a boot or shoe. There must be something there to pique the interest.

Additionally, we have children's classes - A sock puppet, a birthday card or a flower display in an egg cup. Plus hopefully a show of daffodils from bulbs planted by the children late last year. Schedules are available at all of our events, plus there are some in the shop and Hope Farm Tea Rooms or I can email one to you.

Spring is a busy time for the committee as we then have our Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on 25th April. Plant donations are always welcome (perhaps put into practice new propagation skills following Emma's presentation on 9th March). More on this next month - but March is going to be a busy month.

### **NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

**7.00pm**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Annual General Meeting**

If you are interested in the workings of the Memorial Hall then this is your opportunity. Come along and meet the Committee, ask that burning question you have, understand where we need help.

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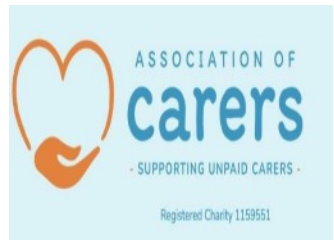
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**NINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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**THURSDAY 19TH MARCH**

**6.30PM**

**The Councillors meet third Thursday of the month and all residents are welcome to go along, so please go along!**

# Ninfield Flower Group

It was with great sadness that I heard, at the end of January, of the death of Christine Purkess. with her enthusiasm and organisational skills to the fore, Christine was chairman of NFG for a total of 14 years and we will all miss her very much.

Our next meeting 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, sustainably run, flower nursery growing Alstroemeria. He will also be giving us an insight into the UK flower industry. There will be flowers available to purchase.

Visitors will be very welcome to Ninfield Memorial Hall where there is free parking. £5 admission. Usual start time 7pm. Refreshments to follow.

On Saturday March 7th we have our first, and possibly only, Jumble Sale of the year. Saleable items may be brought to the Memorial Hall from 9.30am and doors open for selling at 2pm. Admission 50p. Refreshments available and cakes for sale.

On April 13th (first Monday of the month is a bank holiday) Duncan Grant will be our demonstrator with "Rottingdean Delights". Duncan hails from that area so if you would like to find out more about this lovely little village, interpreted in flowers, then come along.

Refreshments from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Visitors £5.

Helen Cunliffe Chairman

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## HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our speaker this month is Steve Davies and his talk, *Unsung Heroes – Restoring Their Military Graves*.

Steve is a former soldier who now cleans and restores forgotten military graves. In this talk he shows us some of the graves he has worked on – and the story of the people in those graves. We meet in St Oswald's church on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

**DID YOU KNOW...** As promised last month, here is the conclusion of the report from 1891, of a bazaar held to raise money for the restoration of Hooe Church.

The work of restoring this fine old fabric was commenced some time ago, and now the chancel and nave have been completed at a cost of £1,100, all of which was subscribed by the land owners and residents, the chief contributions being the Duke of Cleveland £100, the Vicar £100, the Hon. T. A. Brassey £200, and Mr. Routh £100. The remaining parts of the church, viz, the tower, porch, and chapel, will cost about £250, and subscriptions to this amount will be gladly received by the Churchwardens. The bazaar was held in the schoolroom, in which four large stalls were erected, leaving but very little room for the visitors to move about in, while outside the building, under a tent, refreshments could be obtained. The art stall was presided over by Miss Brand, and this lady displayed a very fine stock of all those pretty odds and ends which go to make up an art stall, including several exquisite specimens of paintings on plaques, stools, splash boards, etc, while hanging up were two pencil drawings of Hooe Church, framed, the wood being part of the original rafters out of the roof. There were also lamps (one a kingfisher in shape, a clever model), several pieces of glass ware, a fine umbrella stand composed of pieces of china cemented on a pipe, mantel borders, and nic-nacs almost without end. At the next stall Mrs. Routh and Mrs. Brand acted as saleswomen, and here excellent business was done. They had shown much tact in the selection of articles, all of which were well within the means of those who came to buy. At this stall a speciality was made of children's clothes, the back of the place being filled with these articles. Dolls, pincushions, flyrests, balls, bags, cases, lamp shades, etc, etc., were also on sale. The umbrella stall was presided over by Mrs. Sutton (wife of Archdeacon Sutton), and clay figures, cushions, children's dresses, and woollen and fancy articles in great

variety were sold here. At the fourth stall Mrs. Hayward continued to do well. One could easily see that a deal of time had been expended on the pretty work exposed for sale. The tent used for refreshments was decorated with lovely flowers,

While the sides and roof were made bright with bunting. On Wednesday, thanks to the very fine weather which prevailed, as well as to the fact that the entrance fee was largely reduced, a very good number patronised the bazaar, and excellent business was done by each of the stall-holders. During the day the now well-known Catsfield String Band performed a selection of music, which added no little to the success of the whole.

A later issue gave the amount raised by this endeavour as over £79.

Peter Hayward

**Lunsford Cross.** This is the junction of the A269, Pear Tree Lane and Potmans Lane. The Manor House was named after Sir Thomas Lunsford, according to popular legend.

Sir Thomas may have had links to royalty. You have to search his maternal lines and go back 400 years. Sir Thomas Lunsford's 5th great-grandfather was John Lunsford (Jr.), c1391 - c1419. John married Elizabeth Etchingham, whose father was Thomas Etchingham. His mother was Joan FitzAlan, and her father was John Fitzalan whose mother was Eleanor Plantagenet. Her father was Henry Plantagenet, and his father was Edmund Plantagenet, and his father was King Henry III, c1207 - c1272. Therefore, King Henry III was Sir Thomas Lunsford's 12th great-grandfather!

It is also said that Royal connections can be made through Mary Sackville (to Edward I) who married John Lunsford (Sir Thomas' great-grandfather); as well as Margaret Fynes/Fiennes (also to Henry III), who married William Lunsford, Sir Thomas' 2nd great-grandfather. The Lunsford Coat of Arms (that we are all most familiar with) seem to originate around the year 1547 with Sir John Lunsford -- Sir Thomas' great-grandfather -- known as the Arms of Lunsford of Sussex.

However, their Coat of Arms can be traced back as John de Lundresford (c1109). There was a reference to a window at Battle Abbey. It is said to display the Coat of Arms and reads something like, "In honour of John's years of service, the arms of Lunsford." To be associated with Battle Abbey would indicate they had a Norman background, and to be granted Arms in 1109 would still be heavily

influenced by the Norman landowners.

Henry I (c. 1068 – 1 December 1135), was King from 1100 to his death in 1135. He was the fourth son of William the Conqueror and on William's death in 1087, Henry's elder brothers Robert Curthose and William Rufus inherited. Robert given Normandy and William "Redhead" given England, thereby leaving Henry landless. He subsequently purchased the County of Cotentin in western Normandy from Robert, but he allied himself with William Rufus against Robert. When William Rufus died, Henry seized the English throne ahead of Robert, promising to correct many of William's less popular policies. One might therefore assume that John de Lundsforde was of material assistance to Henry I. Pevensy became a battleground for the second time, after the Norman invasion in 1066. William found out about his barons' plot to overthrow him, and went to besiege Odo at Rochester. Odo fled for Pevensy Castle. The king followed and promptly began a siege there instead, delaying action against Rochester. Although Robert did not join the rebels in England, he sent a contingent of soldiers to support them but William sent his own fleet and his navy won a decisive victory. Robert's fleet had cost 3000 livres; so the money from selling the Cotentin was gone. After six weeks, Pevensy fell and Odo was captured. William then besieged Rochester with many great Norman magnates, such as Robert of Belleme amongst the rebels. With no aid from Robert, the defenders were forced to surrender. Bishop Odo was exiled and lost all of his lands in England. That's probably how the Lunsfords came to hold land around Pear Tree Lane and St Marys Lane.

Thomas's father was also Thomas, and he was fined for not attending the coronation of James I of England in 1603. This moves us closer in time to the English Civil War when the Lunsfords were Royalists. There's even a possibility of them being our own Three Musketeers! All three of these cavalier Lunsford brothers, were loyal to King Charles I. For this reason, some believe that these three were the true-life inspiration for Alexandre Dumas' classic novel, The Three Musketeers. Sir Thomas' two brothers, Herbert and Henry, at one time or another, if not continuously, both served in Sir Thomas' regiment and held rank therein. Further -- there was even a 4th brother, William, just like in the novel. If Mr. Dumas had a true-life inspiration for the Musketeer's, the Lunsford brothers certainly fit the bill! (with acknowledgement to the Lunsford family extracts). K.R.

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# News from Ninfield CE Primary School

## Ninfield School Business/Community Governor Vacancy

Ninfield C of E Primary School is a small friendly village school, part of the Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust (DCAT), located in a growing village in East Sussex.

We are looking to recruit a Business/Community Governor, to strengthen our Local Governing Body (LGB) and provide a wider perspective to the LGB. Ideally, we would like to find someone local who understands the environment and can further strengthen our connections within the local community. Suitable applicants from further afield would also be welcome.

Being a governor is a rewarding role that gives you a chance to learn more about the strategic leadership and decision-making that shapes our school. It's an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to broaden their understanding of governance and to use their existing expertise to support our school.

If you're interested and would like to find out more, please contact the clerk in the first instance: [clerk@ninfield.academy](mailto:clerk@ninfield.academy) .

The time commitment involves six meetings per year, held in person at school. Meetings currently take place on Tuesdays after school from 4:45 pm and last no more than two hours. There is also a requirement to conduct three governor visits per year.

This is a fantastic way to contribute to the running of the school and develop useful skills, and to support the development of our young people.

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## **NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY**

A fallen tree at the northern end of Church Wood has taken a lot of time of late. It is astonishing how much spoil comes from a mature tree with twigs and branches to be removed before we get to the trunk which we have to cut up before removing. We always try to recycle usable wood into stakes and the rest into firewood, the remainder goes through the wood chipper to surface our footpaths. A lot of the stakes are used to replace those broken when the tree fell and we then refit the barbed wire fencing, all whilst working on a slippery slope amongst brambles in a gale !

In addition we have had to clear a lot of debris from the waterways to prevent the weirs from blocking. Each time we do this we marvel at the work done by our predecessors to create ditches which feed our three ponds, the water then flowing to Pevensey Levels.

**FINAL REMINDER : OUR AGM**

**THURSDAY 5TH MARCH: 7 PM      METHODIST HALL.**

We try to make our business as brief as possible then light refreshments are provided before our guest speaker Mr Barry Chaseley talks to us about the wonderful world of Bees.

**NINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

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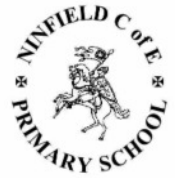
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## News from Ninfield CE Primary School

It has been another busy few weeks in school, and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the wonderful learning experiences taking place at Ninfield.



### FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

We are so happy that for the children have Ladybirds have been have been having the wonderful to see them looking as though - but with the biggest



our Forest School sessions begun. This term our lovely going to the woods and they best time. It has been returning from the woods they've had a full mud bath smiles on their faces!

Spending time outdoors is such an important part of children's development. Being in nature helps them build confidence, learn to take safe risks, work together, and grow their curiosity about the natural world. The woods offer endless opportunities for hands-on learning - listening to birds, noticing seasonal changes, exploring textures, and using their imaginations in ways the classroom cannot always provide. Most importantly, the children experience the simple joy of being outside, moving freely, and connecting with the world around them.

### YEAR 2 SHOPPING TRIP



Our Year 2 children finished their unit of learning about money in maths with a very exciting real-life adventure—taking £1.00 to spend in the village shop! The children loved having their own money to spend and quickly discovered that £1.00 doesn't always stretch quite as far as you might hope. To add to the excitement, they were even allowed to eat their purchases back at school. The children felt very decadent enjoying chocolate and sweets in the classroom - a treat that made the learning even more memorable! A huge thank you to the class teacher for bringing the children's learning to life in such a fun, practical way. Experiences like this help children make meaningful connections between what they learn in the classroom and the real world, building confidence, independence and a deeper understanding of everyday maths.

We look forward to catching up with you in the next edition of parish news.

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## Worms Eye View

Anne has always had an interest in writing and since 2002 she has been writing articles in our Parish News. Her articles can be on any topic but a lot of her stories must come from gazing out of her kitchen window watching the birds on the feeding table, getting annoyed when the squirrels try to pinch their food. She also has a magnificent view of her farm and much of her inspiration must come from watching the animals in the fields. In 2011 a booklet was printed which contained all her monthly articles and Heather Sinden (with a little help from Peter Hayward) added appropriate photos, printed and bound the booklets. 250 copies were sold and the proceeds went to St Oswald's church. A further edition was produced in 2015. She has had such an interesting life and her knowledge of nature, history and the church is amazing, but did you know she is also a keen supporter of Brighton & Hove Albion. Anne has decided to have a break from writing her articles and I am sure I am not the only one who will miss them. I suppose at 92 she is allowed a rest.

Nicki

### **Ask children about angels – *and this is what you get!***

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. – Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. – Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. – Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son, who's a very good carpenter. – Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. – Antonio, age 9

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## **NEWS, REVIEWS, UPDATES ETC!**

RAIN, rain, rain....ugh!

But at least the hosepipe ban has gone!

That short dark month, nearly done..

Now Spring is just about to be Sprung!

The Year of the Snake has shed it's last skin,

And the Fire Horse energy blasts it's way in.

It's time to renew, to take hold of fresh chances...

And to come and raise funds with me, doing 65 Dances!!!

**LADIES LOUNGE:** I do hope to see you at our Ladies Lounge gathering at the end of FEBRUARY which is FRIDAY 27th, from 4.30pm, at the Working Men's Club! Come and enjoy some lovely relaxed, supportive, fun company with fabulous women! The Bar will be open, the open fire welcoming, and snacks and cake available! There's shoulders to cry on, jokes to be laughed at and support to be treasured. Huge thanks go again to Debby, Belinda and the Committee of the WMC for their wonderful ongoing support. Next date MARCH 27th.

Call me 07970650321 for more information.

### **SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY DANCEATHON 65@65 -**

A CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY!, Memorial Hall 2.30-9.30pm and the premis will be for me to do 65 Dance routines, at 65 years old, in 6.5 hours..!!! There are 2 Charity elements - 1) MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE, and 2) ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MUSIC PROJECTS; both will benefit from this Fundraising Challenge.

Door entry only £5 - stay as long as you want. Donations accepted on the day and by media links available.

There'll be a Licenced pay Bar, Food available all day, routines to learn, others to watch, all styles of dance to enjoy!

Starting at 3pm with MOVEMENT 2 MUSIC, then BALLROOM/TEA DANCE, BALLET, LINE DANCE, DANCERCISE, BURLESQUE, SHOW DANCE and , hopefully a DISCO finish!!! Look out for some

classic, original routines from shows A Chorus Line, Sugar Babies and the opening Tap routine from the film Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.

Time to start limbering up, and get ready to join me for 65@65!

LET'S RAISE SOME MONEY!

To support, and help, please Call 07970650321, or email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com)

**NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION!** Plans are already gathering pace for The Summer Carnival, Fête and Event, which will be the weekend of 26/27th June 2026. There's also a plan for an extra Fundraising event in May; more details as they become available! Committee members will be at the Saturday markets, hoping to sign up willing helpers, Volunteers and Sponsors for the various elements of all the events, please put the next Carnival meeting in your diaries, it will be on 2nd March 2026 @ 7.15pm at Sparke Pavilion, and everyone is welcome to join us!

**LINE DANCE CLASSES-** are a HIT!!! We're having SO much FUN!

A few spaces are still available- All classes are at the Memorial Hall; fortnightly on Tuesdays- 2.30-3.30 pm and Fridays 6.30-7.30pm, all classes £6 pp/per class. Everyone is welcome, Ladies, Gents, youngsters, it's purely for Fun-but of course you can don the Stetsons and Cowboy Boots if you want to! Beginners are very welcome, as are those who 'haven't done it for years!'

It's very good exercise and VERY fashionable at the moment!!

07970650321

Yeeeha!!

### **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

TUESDAYS (Alternates) LINE DANCING Memorial Hall 2.30-3.30pm

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.

LINE DANCE- 6.30 - 7.30pm (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!!!

## **A LIFE OF JOY!**

To celebrate my Esteemed Mama, I am doing an Afternoon Tea, with added Fizzy, on Friday 3rd April, Good Friday, which would have been her 92nd Birthday; at the Memorial Hall, from 3-5.30pm, and those who knew Joy over the years are most welcome to come.

Please, please let me know if you would like to join us- so I can get numbers for catering purposes.!

As I said before, Mum loved the Hall, and everything that goes on here in the Village- she was a super fan of Pat's sausage rolls, and always was first to buy any raffle tickets!

Call or text 07970650321 or email [samanthaguard@btinternet.com](mailto:samanthaguard@btinternet.com)

Thank you .

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

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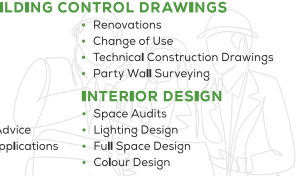
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## Our forthcoming events

**Coffee Morning - Saturday 14 th March:** Homemade refreshments – Free to use book and jigsaw library – Great company!! Why would one miss it?!

**Community Clean Up: - Saturday 21 st March:** Do join us! We will meet at 10.00 in the Red Lion Car Park and aim to return by mid-day. We will be providing rubbish sacks and picks and will have a limited supply of High Viz jackets and gloves. Please bring your own jacket and gloves if you have them. We have arranged for Wealden District Council to collect all the spoils

Since we began the Annual Community Litter Pick volunteers have collected approximately 226 filled rubbish bags. We have lost count of the number of large items collected which have included large oil drums, mattresses, 28 tyres, a couple of fridges, mudguards and wheel hubs.

Sadly, the litter keeps coming. As it is a well-known fact that litter attracts so let's keep the village as clear as possible.

Saturday 11 th April – Coffee Morning

Saturday 9 th May - Coffee Morning

June 13 th /14 th Open Gardens weekend: Please contact Gary, 01424 893007, if you would like to open your garden, he is sitting by the phone awaiting your call! We would also be pleased to hear from you should you have the urge to volunteer at the event.

Please don't worry if you think that you will be missing the monthly coffee morning ..... as this is the usual coffee morning Saturday of the month, we will be welcoming you all and serving refreshments on Saturday from 10.30 as usual, but in the garden of Elizabethan Cottages, not the Church. Let's hope for good weather!

### **Simon Pattison**

It was fitting that the Hooe Bellringers rang a quarter muffled peel at the church on Thursday 5 th February in memory of Simon and in celebration of the many years Simon was one of their bellringing team. We were all extremely grateful to them for their thoughtfulness.

**Village Defibrillators:** You may recall that in the past we have organised safety events, one of which was to explain how to use a public defibrillator.

This session proved to be very useful. Not only were we shown how straightforward using a machine is, but it also gave us confidence that we could cope in the face of an emergency. Please let us know if you would like us to organise a repeat training demonstration.

In the meantime, a reminder where the village defibrillators are located:

- On the front wall of The Red Lion
- At the Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground
- In St Oswald's Church porch

And a request: If you are a qualified first aider and would be willing to volunteer to give a demonstration on the use of defibrillators please contact us. We would all be very grateful!

Donation – Warming Up the Homeless: We were delighted, thanks to your support, to be able to donate the sum of £500 to 'Warming up the Homeless'

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**Don't forget** – if you would like to hear what HVCG is up to email us and we will add you to our Friends email list.

***Hooe Village Community Group, enjoying working together for the good of everyone***

**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 Café**

Methodist Hall 10 – 11.30 weekly on Friday.

First Friday monthly – Book Exchange and chat over tea/coffee and biscuits. Donations asked for books and refreshments. There is a wide range of books and good company. Community café open every Friday morning. You will be made very welcome if you'd like to join us.

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 11am at Sparke Pavilion at Ninfield Recreation ground near the main entrance off Church Lane. A few more walkers welcome. Please wear suitable footwear.

Contact Robin: 07940324601 or [robin@plowmate.plus.com](mailto:robin@plowmate.plus.com)

### **Men's Shed**

Now an established 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.

### **Film Matinees**

On the second Tuesday of the month in Ninfield Memorial Hall.

Screening and refreshments are free and films are dementia friendly and have subtitles. Doors open at 1.30 pm for the screening at 2 pm.

Our new season of films starts on Tuesday 10 March with the wonderful film 'Calendar Girls'. Do come and join us for a friendly and relaxed afternoon.

For more information or to book a place for March (to ensure enough cake!) contact Jackie or Rose: 01424 892422 or email:

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**Sunday Services for March 2026:**

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**8<sup>th</sup> 3.30 pm Family Worship & Communion with Alan Hurrell**  
**15<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am MOTHERING SUNDAY Family Celebration with Dawn Novis**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 am Worship & Praise Family Service with Revd. Ian Couchman**  
**29<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am PALM SUNDAY Praise with David Hanson**

**Events for March 2026:**

**5 /12 /19 3.15-5.00pm After-school Junior Club**  
**6<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.3 pm Book exchange & Café in Hall & Fridays 10.00-11.30am Community Café**  
**25<sup>th</sup> 3.15-5.15pm Messy Church**

In March our After-school Junior club will be on the 3 dates mentioned above but we also have our Messy Church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March which will have an Easter theme.  
Look forward to seeing young people & families.

We thank Peter & Pam Doodles for all their enthusiastic and dedicated support in organising the Wednesday Christian Fellowship which has met monthly over many years. An amazing witness to our faith & thanks to all. (The group had its last meeting in January).

Special services during March are Mothering Sunday & Palm Sunday as we lead up to, & prepare, for EASTER Day on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special Family service on Easter Sunday at 10.30am including an Easter egg hunt. Should be good. I believe there was also a Pancake day celebration at school during February ... all such fun!!

Have a good March.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples  
to be ready for the end of time. 'A  
rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money  
to look after, depending on  
what they could do.

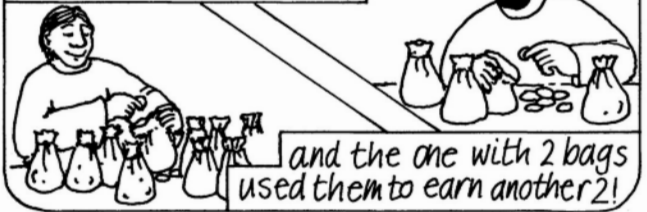


He gave 5 bags of coins to the  
first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone,  
the first two servants  
started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins  
used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags  
used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a  
hole and buried his bag.



When  
the master  
came back,  
he called  
his  
servants  
to him...



The first two showed him they  
had doubled his money, and he  
was very happy with them.



You are a hard man  
who expects us to work. I  
was afraid so I just hid it.

If you knew what I  
expected, why didn't  
you do it?



Get out of here!



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