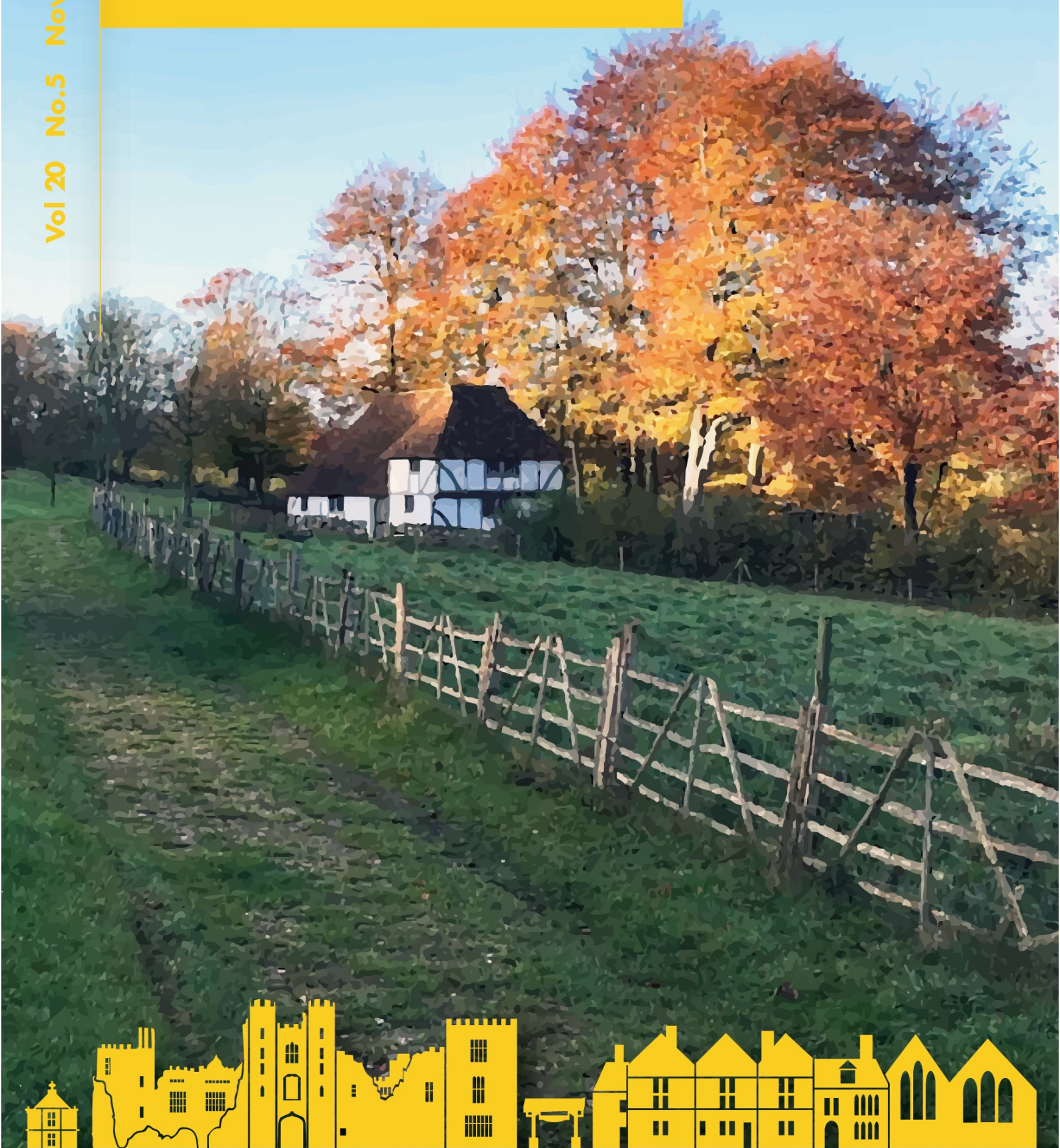


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The photograph on the front cover is the medieval house from Sole Street, one of the more recently erected buildings at the Weald & Downland Living Museum.

The deadline for the combined December/January issue is Monday 15th November 2021. We always welcome interesting articles from our readers.

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Letter from the Vicar



Dear Friends

Last year's season of remembering was cancelled as the country once again entered a period of lockdown. I'm sure in our own way we stopped on Remembrance Sunday to remember those who had lost their lives in active service – but it wasn't the same.

This year, once again we can engage with this important season in the normal way. The season begins with All Saints; the time when the church gives thanks for many people who have spoken of the things of God into each generation. Then on 2nd November we have the service of All Souls, when we remember those who are close to us who have passed away. Please note that we will be holding an All Souls service at 7.00pm on the 2nd at St Mary's – please come along if you would like to light a candle in memory of someone. Then on Sunday 14th November we come together as a nation to remember those

who have lost their lives in war and conflict.

Each moment of remembering, across this season, is a chance to understand how important remembering is to us in our lives. The importance of those who speak out, those who have shaped our lives and those who fought for our freedom – these remembered people have been pivotal in our story; and it is only right that we stop to reflect this. It also reminds us, that we too can be important to others – who in future will reflect back upon us and gives thanks for what we said, did or actioned? I love the season of remembering – in the church, its start a subtle shift in our calendar as we move towards Advent. So many people to remember and gives thanks for; 'we will remember them...'

Revd Canon Derek Welsman

Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader	Intercessor
7 Nov 3rd before Advent		Mark 1: 14—20	Wendy Trafford	
14 Nov Remembrance	Psalm 16	Mark 13: 1—8	TBC	Clergy
21 Nov Christ the King	Psalm 93	John 18: 33—37	David Christie	Clergy
28 Nov Advent 1	Jeremiah 33: 14—16	Luke 21: 25—36	Jan Harling	Clergy

N.B. If you are unable to do your reading, please phone Hilary Craig on 813923.

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with St Peter's Lodsworth and St James Selham

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First Sunday 10.30am Family Eucharist
Other Sundays 10.30am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Eucharist

*Coffee is served in Church
after the 10.30am service
on most Sundays.*

Morning Prayer: 8.30am most weekday mornings except Wednesday & Friday

SERVICES AT ST PETER'S LODSWORTH

Second Sundays 9.00am Family Service
Fourth Sundays 9.00am Sung Communion
First Sundays 6.00pm Evensong

SERVICES AT ST JAMES SELHAM

1st & 3rd Sundays
8.30am Holy Communion

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CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Tuesday 2	2.00pm	St Mary's	Women's Fellowship AGM and Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Mary's	All Souls Service
Wednesday 3	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Living in Love and Faith Course
Sunday 7	3 Sunday before Advent		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong
Wednesday 10	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	St Mary's	Afternoon Tea
Thursday 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY		
	8.45am	St Mary's	Conifers Service
	11.00am	St Mary's	Easebourne Primary School Service
Sunday 14	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY		
	8.30am	St Peter's	Remembrance Service
	10.30am	St Mary's	Remembrance Service
Wednesday 17	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Mary's	PCC Meeting
Sunday 21	Christ the King		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Celtic Service
Wednesday 24	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Thursday 25	3.00pm – 5.00pm	St Mary's	Conifers School
Sunday 28	Advent Sunday		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	St Mary's	Baptism

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Thursday 2	6.30pm	St Mary's	Macmillan Tree of Hope Service
Sunday 5	Second Sunday of Advent		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Nine Lessons and Carols

Women's Fellowship

Last month owing to a technical hitch we were unable to have the planned film showing. We now hope to have this at a later date. Instead we played Bingo which was good fun, quite hilarious at times & enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd November at 2pm in St.Mary's beginning with Holy Communion & followed by the A.G.M.

Ann Harfield
Tel 813810



More details from
Lynne Todd (01798 861399) or
Alison Davis (01730 816642)

3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 6th December
at St Mary's Church, Easebourne
for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & Easebourne

A relaxed and informal church
with a warm welcome for the whole family

*Crafts, songs, celebration, food and plenty of
opportunity to have fun and make a mess!*

Afternoon Tea—Wednesday 10 November

It was lovely to see you all at October's Afternoon Tea.. The next one is on Wednesday November 10th, from 3pm to 4pm. If you would like transport, please let one of The Social Gang know.

Gill, Gladys, Jane, Hilary (01730 813923), Jan (01798 342233), Sue (01730 812105).
Hope to see you all there.



Harvest Celebration at St Mary's

On Sunday 3rd October St Mary's Church celebrated Harvest, giving thanks for the richness of provision in our lives and remembering the many who have little and go hungry. The church was full, beautifully decorated with glorious flowers, and Easebourne Rainbows and Brownies read prayers and sang us a lovely Harvest song. The gifts of produce and the collection were all donated to Stonepillow, a local charity for the homeless in this area.

Following the service many from the church family stayed on in church for a delicious Harvest lunch. This was the first large social event held in church following the closure of the Refectory and it proved very successful. Pews were moved, tables erected and the Social team provided a wonderful buffet spread, both savoury and sweet, with wine, teas and coffees. Many thanks must go to them and to all who made our Harvest celebration



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 200 CLUB October 2021 Draw winners

1st Prize - £100	No 196	Judith Allen
2nd Prize - £75	No 21	Joy Karn
2nd Prize - £75	No 266	Roger Sked
3rd Prize—£50	No 61	Jane Bricknell
3rd Prize—£50	No 150	Hilary Darling
3rd Prize—£50	No 167	Jane Dawson

**200
CLUB**

If you would like to join the 200 Club please contact:

Mike & Margaret Wharton, tel 810474, email mike@mwassociates.eu.com

Please note, winners will receive monies by bank transfer.

The Order of St Richard of Chichester

On Saturday 9th October at Chichester Cathedral, Katharine Minchin received from the Bishop of Chichester the Order of St Richard. This special award is presented each year to people in our churches who do remarkable things. The diocese describes the award as: An annual award for lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community, or the Diocese.



Katharine received this award, nominated by our church family, for all her work with the homeless in Chichester and the surrounding area. Katharine has cooked for the homeless for over 26 years at both the Glassworks in Chichester and the night shelter at St Jo's Chichester Hostel. Katharine also organises, through our churches and school, weekly collections of food and other items for our rough sleepers. The Order of St Richard is a very small way for us to give thanks for all that Katharine does – her dedication and hard work is an inspiration to us all, and we give thanks to God for her and the part she plays in our church life.

Rev Derek Welsman



Presentation ceremony in the Cathedral

The Priory Churches continue to support Stonepillow by collecting items of food for use at their shelters. These items can be left in the trolley at St Mary's, or handed to the wardens at St James' and St Peter's.

This month's requests are for black bin liners, coffee, sugar, tomato puree, tinned tomatoes, curry powder, Oxo beef cubes, Worcester sauce, and strawberry jam.

Katharine Minchin



Poet's Corner

Priorities by Sue Absalom

The year moves on regardless
As we wait patiently for good news
That will lift the shadow of worry
Hanging over me and you.

Covid, unfortunately, is still with us
And the Flu expected as well
Hospitals are under pressure
On these we must try not to dwell.

We're warned to expect shortages
In the coming months, and beyond
Of food, petrol, energy supplies
All of which we are so fond.

But let us just think for a moment
Wouldn't our men of yesteryear
Have given anything, but their lives
To be in the predicament we have here.

They volunteered without knowing
What lay ahead for them all
They chose to serve their country
And answered the rallying call.

How many now would give up
Their comfortable lives to leave
And be sent to foreign lands
To fight for what they believed.

There maybe hardships ahead
But never can anything be as bad
As giving your life for your country
In a world that, at the time, seemed mad.

We'll certainly weather the shortages
But give a thought at this time of year
To the courageous men and women
Who fought, and gave up all they held dear.

There'll be no shortage of Poppies
Please donate, and wear one with pride
For the work of The British Legion
And for the bravest of brave who died.



COVID Vaccinations in Midhurst

Midhurst Pharmacy have successfully made the transition from the Memorial Hall, moving their Covid-19 Vaccination services to operate out of the pharmacy. This has allowed us to start offering slots throughout the week. It has been a major overhaul, as we continue to offer our Podiatry and Microsuction Ear Wax removal clinics as well in our new clinic room! Our same team are delighted to start seeing patients for their boosters as they become eligible 180 days after their second dose. In line with JCVI guidelines we will be offering Seasonal Flu Jabs at the same time for those who are eligible. Please do not phone the pharmacy - book through the

Midhurst Pharmacy 

National Booking System online or by phoning 119. We are not able to make appointments for Covid-19 Boosters or vaccinations. Please look out on Facebook for our Drop-in Flu Jab clinics -we have plenty of stock available for the whole season. If you have never had a Flu Jab in the past then this is probably the year to make that change.

We look forward to seeing our wider community.

Raj Rohilla, Midhurst Pharmacy

Michael Charles Judge, Priest 1942 – 2001

For those of us who fondly remember the previous vicar of St Mary's, Michael Judge, it's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since his death. With the permission of Michael's widow Meg Judge, we are reproducing this tribute which appeared in the November 2001 issue of this magazine. It was written jointly by the late Miss Pam Evans and by the late Mike Pratt who was the then churchwarden. Mike's widow Margaret has also agreed that we can reprint it.

Listening to and reading the many tributes to Michael since he left us for that Other Shore has been a fascinating experience. The great diversity of things said about him make one realise that in the best sense of St Paul's words he obviously was 'all things to all men'. He could quickly and easily adjust himself to the person he was with in a way that was both loving and sometimes challenging.

Maybe the fact that he was such a complex character himself explains his ability to adapt to and appeal to a wide variety of people. He could deeply empathise with those in trouble in a gentle manner. Equally, he did not suffer fools gladly when slick and shallow opinions were expressed. In a curious way, his greatest strength was in his weakness, in that he did not live behind a façade. It was always the real Michael that you saw and heard. Thus people in trouble knew they were dealing with someone who was not going to palm them off with clichés. One could go to him knowing that he would give an honest opinion. Another endearing characteristic he had was that he did not hesitate to ask for support himself, both spiritual and in other ways if he felt he needed it. Then he would think deeply before making a response, which might not be uncritical.



He was a most unusual man, and his loss will be felt deeply for a long time. He could be infuriating to the well organised, but this sometimes led them to reflect on their own priorities and adjust them. The attendance of a wide variety of people at his Thanksgiving Service, which was the the seating capacity of this large church, spoke volumes. Our hearts go out to Meg and her family whose is the greatest loss.

Michael came to St Mary's in 1989 and for 11½ very happy years he was part of our worship and our lives outside church, and for him there was no difference between the two. Both were rooted in the same deep faith. He enjoyed life to the full. His warm personality, sense of humour – the sudden crack of laughter when something really amused him – made him good company. He loved the countryside, walking, bird watching, absorbing the wonder of God's creation. He enjoyed music and had a lovely tenor voice. His support for Liverpool FC was well known, as was his liking for gin and tonic. He patronized the local hostelry where 'Mick the Vic' was always welcomed with enthusiasm.

Michael loved people and for him children were always very special. He never minded if they occasionally were noisy in church; it was important that they should be there. To Michael 'love thy neighbour' was a rule of life and everyone with whom he came in contact was his neighbour. He had an instinctive ability to find the appropriate response in any given situation – a friendly chat, words of comfort, support, encouragement, or just a hug. To us he was our pastor, sharing with us the joys and the difficulties of our spiritual journey, never afraid to admit that every single one of us had struggles on the way. This was a source of encouragement and strength to us all.



Michael touched and enriched the lives of so many people in the village, the town, the old peoples' homes, the schools and hospitals, in particular his work at King Edward VII, where everyone will greatly miss his help and understanding. He was blessed with the happy knack and gift of being at ease with those he met. All held him in the deepest affection.

Small wonder that over 500 people came to the Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of this modest and unassuming Servant of God.

Community Star Award



EASEBOURNE
Parish Council



Easebourne Parish Council is delighted to announce that the latest award of the Community Star certificate goes to Vickey and Kirisha, the proprietors of the much loved Easebourne Village Store. This coveted award is usually presented to individuals who are recognised as going above and beyond the norm for supporting their community. The Parish Council decided that this award should go to Vickey and Kirisha, as they have quietly done much to support the community, including the church and events in Easebourne Park. In this image, Vickey and Kirisha are presented the Easebourne Community Star award by Chichester District Councillor, Francis Hobbs.

Ian Milne, parish councillor

Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP)

Friends of Easebourne Parish continue with their volunteering. As well as the frequent litter picking, special attention is being given to certain bus shelters that continue to attract a large amount of litter on a regular basis. One of last year's FrEP projects was the refurbishment of some of the Easebourne bus shelters and we aim to keep them fit for purpose, but this work is made more difficult when broken beer bottles, coffee cartons, sweet packets and general rubbish are being regularly discarded inside the shelters. This month Chichester District Council generously awarded FrEP a grant to help us acquire additional equipment for our work. We are always pleased to receive feedback about our work in the parish and should you have any suggestions for new projects we might be able undertake please let us know by contacting the FrEP secretary.

November 16th 09:30 - Mass daffodil bulb planting in Easebourne Park.

If you would like to become a member of FrEP please contact our parish clerk. Even if you are only able to volunteer on a very irregular basis you would be most welcome to join us.

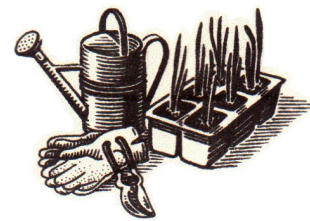
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Frank Davies

Chairman, Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP)

**Parish Clerk: Sharon Hurr, parishclerk@easebourne.org
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Snippets from a Gardener's Diary by John Humphris



Wild Flower Meadows

There has been lots of talk lately on wild flower meadows and naturalistic gardening. Over the last year or so many people new to gardening have become very enthusiastic on this form of gardening and at its best it can be spectacular, but once the main flowering is over there is a lot of clearance to take place, and with larger areas, more like small scale farming.

The easiest and most simple way to approach this is to clear an area in your garden that is not too large and that you feel can be managed easily. Make sure it is free from perennial weeds and lightly fork it over and rake level. There are now a number of firms that sell wild flower seed mixtures listing all the various species in each collection. Choose one that you like and broadcast a good handful over the area per square metre (or as recommended) in early spring, making sure any annual weeds that have germinated are removed first. Lightly rake over the area after sowing and give a good watering if the weather is dry. That first summer is usually spectacular with the attractive range of wild flowers in the mix. Something similar to the above has been done outside the old police station in Midhurst and I have seen it done to great effect on a number of islands along the A41 in Shropshire and in other enlightened counties.

That is the easy bit; managed correctly you may be able to have two or three years from this seed mix before needing to have a major overhaul. At the end of the first summer, once everything has died down and your species-rich mix has set seed you will need to remove all the old stems and

debris, lightly raking over and removing any obvious weeds. It is worth thinking about access, either by having a pathway through or using planks to avoid heavy treading on the soil. You will need to keep an eye out for perennial weeds or some of your mix that are inclined to take over. Careful thinning is always advisable. Do not think that because they are wild flowers they do not need attention, but in small areas this is not a major issue. Just checking regularly is often all that is needed.

To be continued...

Plant of the Month

The best time to see autumn colour at its best is difficult to predict. Archie Skinner, who was head gardener at Sheffield Park, one of the most famous of gardens for autumn colour, always insisted that November 1st or around that date was the best time to see the widest range of different trees and shrubs showing their best colour. Archie was never happy with just autumn colour and was always looking for other plants to compliment them in the autumn. One of the most successful was his planting of new long beds of *Gentiana sino-ornata*. This autumn flowering gentian with bright blue trumpet-shaped flowers form a mat of foliage and looked wonderfully well beneath autumn coloured trees and shrubs. For those that might like to try this Gentian, one of the easiest in a notoriously difficult family, it is a fine companion to *Euonymus elatus*, one of the best spindleberries for autumn colour and ideal for the smaller garden. And also for the smaller garden it is the only hardy begonia to be grown outside. This is *Begonia grandis* 'Evansiana' with pretty pink and white flowers, best on well drained soil as they dislike being waterlogged over winter.

Easebourne Garden & Allotment Society Programme

Meetings in Cowdray Hall GU29 0AW at 7.30pm

(Please note that future meetings will take place on Thursdays.)

Thursday 12 November—AGM. The speaker will be Tim Field talking about garden ponds and water features. The title of his talk is 'Getting Your Feet Wet with Tim'.

Thursday 9 December—Christmas Social and demonstration by Lyn Burlyn called 'Nature's Artistry for Yuletide—Winter's Gift'.

Thursday 10 February—The speaker will be renowned horticulturalist Jim Buttress VMH talking about 'Central Royal Parks'.

For information email to egas@tinagavin.com

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St Mary's Church was 'packed to the rafters', with people in the choir vestry and the priory garden where the service was relayed over loudspeakers. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Horsham, the Rt Rev'd Lindsay Urwin, who also gave the homily. Tributes to Michael and his work were paid by Miss Pam Evans, who in her days as churchwarden appointed Michael to this parish, and the Rev'd Francis Turner, who was instrumental in introducing Michael into the ministry of the Church and was best man at the wedding of Michael and Meg.

Nearly 30 clergy were present from within the Diocese and farther afield. The singing was led by St Mary's choir, and amongst the favourite hymns were 'Tell Out My

Soul', 'Morning has Broken', and 'Lord for the Years'.

To end this tribute, we quote the Gaelic Blessing which was a favourite of Michael and Meg and appeared at the end of the service sheets.

M.P.

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The photo on p. 8 of Michael with 'the bishop's chair' appeared in the local Observer. The chair had been stolen from our church, but the thief apparently had a change of heart and decided to return it.

The editors are always happy to hear about your family events and memorials. Just send an email to easebourne.united@gmail.com



WELLBEING AT COWDRAY HALL

Cowdray Hall & Therapy Rooms is a well-established centre for wellbeing. The centre focuses exclusively on inspirational workshops and events, weekly classes and one-to-one therapy sessions which promote self-development. At a time when the importance of holistic health is widely acknowledged, the centre provides a place where visitors can relax as well as focus on wellbeing.

Alongside Cowdray Hall sits three beautifully appointed Therapy Rooms for hire offering an accessible yet private space for a wide range of practitioners. From part-time therapists looking for a room with less commitment, to full-time professionals looking for a permanent home, we have pricing options which cater to all.

For further information on classes and events at Cowdray Hall and for more details on Cowdray Therapy Rooms, please visit:

www.cowdray.co.uk/wellbeing/

t: 01730 812423 e: therapy-rooms@cowdray.co.uk
Cowdray Hall & Therapy Rooms, Parkway, Easebourne,
Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 0AW



General Knowledge Quiz

Compiled by Carole Sawyer

1. Royal Mail have announced that they will be releasing new stamps to commemorate which sport?
2. The Iron Bridge, the first major bridge in the world to be made of cast iron, crosses which British river?
3. What did Mr Quayle and Mr Block first open in March 1969 in Southampton?
4. The British one-pound coin was first introduced in April of which year?
5. How many countries in the world have names that start with the letter 'J'?
6. In French cuisine, what are often called the 'Diamonds of Perigord'?
7. In the recent technology blackout, which popular social media app was not affected?
8. Which fictional school was created by the cartoonist Ronald Searle?
9. To the nearest degree centigrade, what is the average temperature of a healthy human?
10. Where has a new dinosaur species recently been discovered?
11. Who was the first monarch to live in Buckingham Palace?
12. Danvers, Nantes, Imperator and Chantenay are types of which vegetable?
13. On UK roads, the 'National speed limit applies' sign is a white circle with a diagonal stripe. What colour is the stripe?
14. Charlotte Worthington won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics whilst competing in which Cycling event?
15. Earlier this year a new £50 banknote entered circulation featuring whose face on the reverse side to the Queen?
16. By what name is Sir Percy Blakeney known?
17. Which month in the UK is the longest?
18. Which British television series is filmed at the Weald and Downland Living Museum in Singleton, West Sussex?
19. How many national parks are there in Wales?
20. Who has been announced as a headline act for Glastonbury 2022?

Answers on page 31

What's On Locally



Midhurst Town Council

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*Christmas
Street
Party*

Craft Market
Food and Drink
Late Night Shopping
Christmas Lights Switch-on

Music
Santa's Grotto
Entertainment
Fairground Rides

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021 5PM - 8PM
IN MARKET SQUARE AND SURROUNDING ROADS



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CHORAL SOCIETY
Reg. Charity No. 1068101

**Handel's
Messiah**

Fernhurst Choral Society
Conductor: Timothy Ravalde

7:30 pm Saturday 20th November
St Mary's Church, Petworth, GU28 0AE

Tickets: £15 (NUS students & accompanied under 18s FREE)
Available from: www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk, 01730 815708 or on the door

MIDHURST FOODBANK CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS



It may be only October, but the Foodbank team are already making plans for Christmas deliveries. Our biggest operation is delivering the school children's lunchboxes.

Preparations are already well underway to record all those children who need a lunchbox for the Christmas holidays. Schools this year have all requested a larger number of vouchers, so we are anticipating delivering around 200 boxes in the second week of December. This requires more food, particularly a few Christmas goodies, as we try to give each child a Christmas goodie bag as well as the standard box. Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club always support us in this which is invaluable. If, however, anyone feels that they would like to donate Christmas gifts... sweets, biscuits, cosmetics, toys or games, these would be much appreciated. Please, however, be aware that such gifts need to be distributed well before Christmas. So it is incredibly useful if the bulk of donations are with us by the end of November. The warehouse is manned on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 -11.30, there are also collection points in the churches,

supermarkets. Wizzbits Toy shop will also be collecting throughout November. Every little helps!

As anticipated, we are becoming busier as winter approaches, fuel prices and the cost of living rises combined with the fact that furlough has ended and benefits have been cut have all impacted on the numbers of individuals we feed. We are frequently delivering every day and feeding at least 20 people a week. So many people live on the edge of poverty and such changes push them to the point of being unable to cope. The community of Midhurst is very generous in giving and for this we are very grateful.

We have established a close working relationship with Kirsty Hewitt, the Deanery family support Worker. She is already working with a significant number of young families and providing amazingly worthwhile support to those struggling to cope. She can be contacted by email:

kirsty@familysupportwork.org.uk

midhurstcoordinator@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Liz Willing Midhurst Foodbank Coordinator



Fresh milk is being sold from Buddington Farm along Hollist Lane. Our milk vending machine sells fresh, gently pasteurised, and non-homogenised whole milk - straight from the cow that very morning. Also, home-grown potatoes and local free-range eggs. Bring your own containers or buy one of our 1-litre reusable glass bottles. Open 24/7.

FIND US: Buddington Farm GU29 0QP

EMAIL US: alfierenwick@hotmail.co.uk

CALL US: 07500 666672 or 07999 921348

MORE INFO: www.buddington.co.uk

Easebourne's War Memorials by Phil Stringer

We have four memorials for the village in Easebourne Church listed on the Imperial War Museum Register of War Memorials in the UK. This database aims to compile a comprehensive record of all war memorials in the UK. There are over 83,000 entries. Our entries are:

1. Lt Robert O Leach and men of Easebourne prayer desk - not currently listed. A gift from Mrs Leach, made by Caleb Soame, with names inscribed by Craily Hewitt.
2. St Mary's Parishioners WW2 Roll of Honour - this is a plain varnished board that is Grade 1 listed and protected and listed on the National Heritage List for England maintained by Historic England. Names inscribed by Miss Helen Hinkley.
3. St Mary's Church Victory Bells WW2 - a pair of inscribed bells and associated tablet, not currently listed. Cast by John Taylor Ltd of Loughborough in 1946. Gift from Mr and Mrs John Poyntz Purcell.
4. Easebourne Cross - A small Latin cross on square plinth and octagonal four stepped base. Names on plaque. Grade II* listed. Designed and built by Sir Aston Webb and dedicated on 1st October 1921.

A joint team from the church and parish council has applied for a grant from the War Memorial Trust to repair and restore the Easebourne Cross. Registered conservators have assessed that the pointing of the stonework throughout the memorial has begun to crumble and fail. If the failing pointing is not addressed, then this will lead to a rapid deterioration of the memorial and masonry generally, allowing further water penetration and frost damage. It is planned that all of the existing mortar is carefully checked and tested with any missing, loose/open and defective pointing replaced. In addition, contractors will carry out a full conservation restorative steam clean to the memorial, including the bronze plaques, to remove biological growth and corrosion caused by pollution.



In the last few weeks, we have heard that a grant for half the costs of the repairs has been approved. We now seek further funds and we hope to complete the project in Spring 2022.

News from the Cowdray Estate

Jonathan Russell, CEO

Deer at Cowdray



COWDRAY

There is a long-standing connection between the Cowdray Estate and deer. The first record of deer on the Estate was about 800 years ago. The original Cowdray House, now known as Cowdray Ruins after being destroyed by fire in 1793, had a grand hall called Buck Hall which was decorated with eleven life size wooden animals. The current Cowdray House has an impressive entertaining area named after the original Buck Hall. There is also a beautiful stretch of countryside by Benbow Pond which encompasses Oaters Wood and the historic Queen Elizabeth Oak known as the Deer Park.

Cowdray employs one of the few full time Deer Managers in Britain's lowland areas. Jason Griffin has worked at Cowdray since 2009 managing the wild deer population on the 16,500-acre Estate in a sustainable

and environmentally friendly way.

Jason said: "Maintaining the highest professional standards and caring for the welfare of the deer is fundamental to us at Cowdray. We are careful to maintain a natural balance between the male and female population and all our venison is a biproduct of needing to control excessive damage that is done by a wild deer population that has grown too large with no natural predators. "Even the most hardened conservationists seem to understand that the deer population needs to be sensitively managed."

Jason's role is to ensure that the deer do as little damage as possible to the trees, crops, and to property within the boundary of the Estate, and primarily focusses on the culling of three species of wild deer – Fallow, Roe and Muntjac.



The Farm Shop sells the award-winning Estate stalked venison from the Cowdray Butchery. Fallow deer are the main species of deer used for venison, which is available all year round, but the season is predominantly from November to the end of March. Venison is proving more and more popular as this locally sourced, sustainably managed meat is lean, healthy and nutritious. A variety of cuts are available with the most popular being diced venison, delicious in winter stews and casseroles, as well as Cowdray's homemade gluten free mix of venison sausages which have a mild taste and prove popular with children.

Across the Estate, there are roughly over 1,000 wild deer, with larger numbers of deer typically located south of Midhurst.



Jason Griffin

"As there is an absence of predators, if the deer population wasn't kept under control the numbers would rise to

an unsustainable level", Jason Griffin said. "This would result in them doing untold damage to the Estate's property and would also have a negative impact on the Estate's businesses such as forestry and farms as well as other businesses that operate on the Estate.

"A high deer population is also detrimental to the deer themselves as there is an increase in disease and less food to sustain the herd in winter. Allowing deer to destroy vegetation also decreases the habitat for other species."

In the spring and summer months, Jason focuses on tree protection and maintenance to structures and during the winter, Jason's time is primarily devoted to culling. Deer tend to move around at the beginning and the end of the day. In winter, the days start later so stalking begins at around 6.30am; in summer involves being on the ground at first light which could mean a 3am start.

"Deer stalking is all absorbing," said Jason. "You feel such a strong connection with the countryside. I feel very privileged to work on such a beautiful estate as Cowdray"

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Listed Buildings in Easebourne—Easebourne Street

Cottages 25 and 26

Contributed by Phil Stringer

House, now two. C18. No 25 is stone rubble and projects slightly with a hipped roof. No 26 red brick and grey headers. Tiled roof. Casement windows. Two storeys. Six windows. Included for group value. Listing NGR: SU8959022672

The Midhurst Society has provided this useful link to all the listed buildings in Easebourne: www.midhurstsociety.org.uk/history/listed-buildings-easebourne/58/

Ralph Dummer of 26 Easebourne Street

Ralph Dummer, Private TF/200643 of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was living here in 1911 with his parents Samuel and Eliza, and his sister Eva. Ralph was a Drapers Errand Boy, however prior to enlistment, he worked on the Cowdray Estate with horses.



Brigade which attacked the Ottoman Turkish positions on a hill line which dominated the local area south of Hebron and was on a main route to Jerusalem. In confused fighting, the main hill was eventually taken following

No 26 Easebourne Street is noted on the 1911 census as being a dwelling of three rooms, one of the smallest listed dwellings in the street. Ten years earlier the house would have felt very crowded when Ralph was living with his parents as well as his older brother Albert and his sisters Bessie, Blancher, Ada, Eva and baby Bertha.

Ralph enlisted in Horsham in 1914 and joined the 4th Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment. The battalion took part in the Suvla Bay landings as part of the Gallipoli campaign in 1915 and following their withdraw, was then sent to Egypt as part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. This force conducted the Palestine campaign, led by General Allenby, that moved from Egypt, across the Sinai and then to Gaza, Beersheba and eventually to liberation of Jerusalem in December 1917.

Pvt Dummer was killed on 6th November 1917. His battalion was part of the 158th

five Turkish counter attacks and brutal hand-to-hand fighting. The Brigade prevailed and the Turks withdrew towards Jerusalem. The Brigade suffered 36 officers and 584 men killed or wounded. (For more on this campaign see: From Gaza to Jerusalem by Stuart Hadaway).

Ralph's personal effects and war grant payments amounted to £33/10/8 were paid to his father in two payments, one a year after his death and a final payment in April 1919. Interestingly, the record states he was killed in action in Syria. The West Sussex Gazette mentions his death in their edition of 6th December 1917.

Private Dummer is recorded on Panel 26 (upper) of the Jerusalem Memorial which commemorates 3,300 Commonwealth servicemen who died during the First World War in operations in Egypt or Palestine and who have no known grave. He is also commemorated on the Easebourne war memorial and on the prayer desk inside the church.

Mink: Fashion Victims

by Michael Blencowe,

Learning and Engagement Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust



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'The Wind in the Willows' is one of Britain's most beloved books. Yet this story of riverbank wildlife would have lost some of its charm if, in the final chapter, Kenneth Grahame had introduced a new character; a deranged American serial killer who eats his victims.

It's easy to cast American mink as the bad guys. With long, sleek bodies equipped with razor sharp teeth they're natural born killers, as vicious in water as they are on land. Part polecat, part piranha. But it was the mink's adaptation to winter and water - thick, waterproof fur - that was its downfall. Enter the real villains of this tale; the ghastly humans who craved mink fur coats and the greedy ones keen to profit from a mink massacre.

American mink were first imported to the UK in 1929. By the fifties, British mink farms were springing up everywhere, including Sussex, producing pelts at full pelt. But fur farmers had overlooked one important thing; mink were smarter than they were. Mary Potter remembers the Buxted farm; "they built the cages with ordinary wire

netting. The mink made short work of that and escaped. With stronger netting, they started again with more mink, but again, the wire was no match for their teeth. After a third attempt with stronger wire netting they gave up and just released them."

The result of a new alien predator invading our waterways was catastrophic.

Kingfishers, ducks, moorhens, fish and toads suddenly found themselves on the mink's menu and were swiftly dispatched with a Dracula-style neck bite. The worst victim was the water vole – Ratty from 'The Wind in the Willows' - which mink almost completely eradicated from Sussex.

The late (and legendary) Jim 'The Fish' Smith walked and worked the River Ouse for decades. He first encountered a mink when one cruised past him downstream on a piece of driftwood. "I had never seen a mink before and at first had no idea what it was," said Jim "but it wasn't long before we saw God knows how many along the river." During the sixties, Jim and four others were employed to trap and humanely kill mink along the Ouse. "In those days we were doing nothing else but trapping mink. We were catching 25-30 a week."

Thankfully, fashions and attitudes change. Mink farms are gone but their ferocious, furry legacy remains in our rivers. "These days you don't see that many mink, so I have to conclude that the effort we have put in to controlling them has been successful," said Jim "but you're never going to get rid of all of them."

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Just before typing this, I returned from a lovely walk on Midhurst Common on this exceptionally warm, sunny, dry October day. Maybe as you read it, the weather will have changed, but still worth enjoying our Common, so close at hand and always something interesting to ponder with its hugely varied habitats for plants and animals.

Yesterday I saw a brain or cauliflower fungus, *Sparassis crispa*. This one was about 40cm in diameter and apparently can grow to 60cm! Four stonechats were reported yesterday and of course many robins can be heard in the trees. Sparrowhawks are regulars, and look out for a white-tailed or sea eagle flying over. Three pairs were released on the Isle of Wight in 2019 - 240 years after last recorded in the UK, and should be easy to spot as they are our largest bird of prey.



Friends Of Midhurst Common

getting wild boar coming in from other areas of the UK?

Many butterflies have been spotted on the Bog Allotment, Bepton Road – if interested, let me know and I will put you in touch with Murray, our resident expert. The Cowdray Estate are at present working in The Severals felling mature conifers and removing some rhododendron - this work will be carried on over the next few months and will extend onto Midhurst Common. On the heathland and immediate surrounding areas these trees will not be replaced as we are trying to maintain open areas of heathland habitat which is treeless.

The South Downs National Park Rangers with a volunteer party spent two days in October helping our own Heath Team to remove unwanted silver birch, conifers and rhododendron at the Southern end of the heathland – thank you to them, as this is quite a task for us to keep up with. Take a look at our website for more information in our Autumn Newsletter.



Sparrow hawk in flight

I have just had a sighting of a ginger-haired pig reported on the periphery of the Common. Maybe an escapee or are we

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<https://www.petworthfestival.org.uk/whats-on/>



Tuesday 16 November
at Methodist Church Hall at 2.30pm

Jeremy Prescott will give a talk entitled "For Valour: The story of the Victoria Cross"

He will talk about the VC's origins and criteria, the making of the medal, together with stories of some VC recipients. He will explain how VC awards are commemorated and about Lord Ashcroft's collection at the Imperial War Museum.

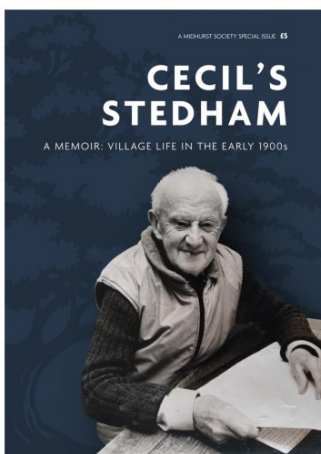
Tea will be served from 2.15 and the talk will start at 2.30 pm, and also via zoom. To participate, which is also currently free to non-members, send an email to midhurstzoom@gmail.com. More details at midhurstu3a.org.uk

Thursday 18 November - Memorial Hall starting 6.45pm

Nina Williams, the Head Forester at the Cowdray Estate will give a talk entitled 'Up Country with Cowdray'. Members free—visitors £5 for 2 people.



News from
The Midhurst Society



Memoir written by Cecil Gilbert, b. 1899. In this book, published recently by The Midhurst Society, he recalls his childhood in Stedham before WWI. He mentions many familiar names such as West, Lintott, and Christmas, and describes the village as it was then, before houses were built on the 20-acre field. It is not just of local interest, but a valuable piece of social history. Life in Easebourne 100 years ago would have been very similar. Buy from The Midhurst Society meeting or from the usual outlets. £5.

100 years of the Poppy and Remembrance



This year, we mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion. Since it was first worn as an act of Remembrance just over 100 years ago, the poppy has become an enduring symbol of support for our Armed Forces, past and present, and every poppy counts. For 100 years Remembrance has been part of the fabric of society, reminding us of our shared history and today it continues to unite people across all backgrounds, communities, and generations. Throughout history the British Armed Forces have defended freedom and democracy.

Every poppy counts. Your support is as vital as ever as the impact of Covid-19 continues to leave some members of the Armed Forces community in urgent need of help. There are many ways you can take part locally by donating in our local businesses, schools and churches. You can also support the RBL's Poppy Appeal by visiting rbl.org.uk to find out more.

Phil Stringer, Poppy Appeal Organiser
Midhurst and District RBL

News from Easebourne Primary School

As I write this, we have just enjoyed our traditional autumn event, Fairies and Scaries, for the first time in two years. The event was hosted by the PTFA and the children dressed up in a wide range of colourful costumes, ate hot dogs and cakes, danced and generally let their hair down! We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated PTFA. The 'F' stands for Friends, which means the group is actually open to anybody in the community, so if you are sitting at home and would like to get involved in the Christmas Fair, there is no reason why you shouldn't!

Consumption of food and drink has become a bit of a feature of the term. Earlier this term, we welcomed some of our old Year 6 pupils back. Along with some of our current Year 6 pupils, they had interviewed members of Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Club by e-mail last year and compiled biographies of them. They finally met some of these Mystery People

to present them with their biographies and have a cup of tea and slice of cake. It was good to see them; they looked very grown-up in their smart MRC uniforms!

Mrs Coates, our Y3 teacher and PE/Sport Lead, threw down a real challenge for five incredibly dedicated children and their families on a Sunday in September. The children began by running up the main face of Butser Hill before looping round to the right and coming across the bottom of Butser to the finish. The Year 6's were racing against children from Year 7 and they had a longer 2km route to follow. Not only did they climb higher but they had to do this loop twice! A massive congratulations to all the children but an extra special mention to Lucy who placed as 2nd Yr 6 girl!





Representatives of five world faiths

On the subject of interfaith, after a gap for COVID, we once again hosted the Y6 Rother Valley Interfaith morning Yesterday, welcoming 230 Year 6 pupils from 13 other primary schools in the Rother Valley. This was our fourth Interfaith Morning. The children were able to listen to and question representatives of five

It feels a little as though the children are taking over this term! Our Year 6 school councillors have attended remote training with school councillors from other local schools. They have already discussed a range of issues. These included the after-school clubs that each class, at their class council meetings, had decided they would like to see introduced to the school. Their big first project is to revive the school's Playtime Leader scheme where older pupils organise playtime games for the younger children. Lunchtime training for this starts after half-term. Our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors have held a socially distanced cake sale for Refugee Action to support refugees from Afghanistan, raising over £70. Our house captains have booked an assembly to explain to the rest of the school how their new Daily Mile initiative might work.

Meanwhile, on Tuesdays, the Year 5 pupils are leading weekly class acts of collective worship, based on a No Outsiders initiative where children discuss an image from the news with a focus on difference. Subjects so far have included disability, refugees, the lack of statues of named black people, and interfaith.

world faiths: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Our own Year 6 children did a great job as friendly guides and waiters/ waitresses during the morning.

This term's value is Faith and is featuring in many of our acts of collective worship.



These are fully restored now. For Derek's Thursday assemblies, we all come together and Lynne and Rob Todd provide guitar accompaniment one week whilst Mary Knight, the church organist, accompanies us on the piano the next. It is wonderful to be singing again!

In the classroom, there have been lots of highlights. Dragonflies (YR) compared the Easebourne Park with a map from the past to see just how much our wonderful Easebourne Parish Council have transformed it for the community.

Meanwhile, KS1 held their very own Grandparents' Tea Party. Children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels had a ball drawing portraits, asking the questions that they had prepared, and talking with their Grandparents about their family trees. The children had made scones the previous day, especially for the occasion. Delicious!

'I liked giving my Granny Girshie a hug at the Grandparents Tea Party.' (Harry)

Squirrels (Y2) and Foxes (Y5) have been sharing and working on writing together.

'I was really nervous to read out my work but Star was really kind and I felt okay.' (Hope, Y2)

Rabbits (Y3) have been looking at light and how shadows are created. They have enjoyed making puppets and using light sources (torches) to experiment with how shadows change depending on how far or close they are to the light source.

Badgers (Y4D) have visited Haslemere for weekly swimming lessons. Having been grouped in the first week, they then started their proper lessons where they developed their skills.

'The lessons are awesome! And I'm really hoping that I'll be able to swim at the end of it.' (Lunar-Mai)

Badgers (Y4H) took advantage of the beautiful weather and glorious autumn leaves to produce some natural art inspired by Andy Goldworthy and have been picking apples from the orchard to make apple chutney to sell at the Christmas Fair.

Foxes (Y5) have been busy learning more about WWII through our book 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We acted in role as the two main characters. It was lots of fun trying to act like Tom who is a grumpy 60-year-old man!

Otters (Y6) have visited Midhurst Rother College. They were shown around by some very helpful students who answered lots of their questions. They were split into groups to take part in some awesome secondary school lessons: science, English, maths and team building. They had a great day and are feeling more prepared for secondary life.

Finally, a note that we are collecting ink cartridges (not toner or laser cartridges) as an environmental initiative with a fundraising element for the school. If you have any old, unwanted cartridges, please do drop them into the box in Reception.

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World Mental Health - Wear Something Yellow Day at Midhurst Rother College

On Friday 8 October we held our first event to mark World Mental Health Day at Midhurst Rother College. We chose to support Young Mind's Hello Yellow Day, giving students and staff a chance to wear something yellow as a sign that no one here is alone with their worries.

The whole college pulled together to make Wear Something Yellow Day a huge success. A yellow cake sale, three hundred yellow balloons, lessons about ways to cope with anxiety and difficult emotions, a photobooth, and stall full of information signposting support - all contributed to a day that filled the building with happiness. There were some amazing yellow outfits as many staff and sixth formers took the opportunity to wear their favourite yellow suit, bandana, or banana hat.

More than ever, since the pandemic, young people's mental health has been a major concern. Anxiety and depression have increased; and if a young person needs help and there is no one to talk to and nowhere to go they can feel rejected and alone. Thankfully, Young Minds Charity works to increase parent's and young people's access to support.

Worried children and their parents and carers can receive professional advice and support through their helpline. They aim to set up young people's mental health hubs in every town so that no one need be alone with negative thoughts.

Mental illness is more dangerous to young lives than road accidents, illness, or crime. Suicide is the biggest killer of young people in the UK aged under 35 with 1500 families effected each year. 250 of these losses are teenagers. But there is hope. If we can all talk more about our mental health, which is as vital as our physical health, then we can reduce the stigma of mental illness and these young lives can be saved.

We have currently raised over £450 online and a further £300 offline. Thank you to all who generously gave and who will do so now by following the link below.

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Riverbank Medical Centre	812121	Out of Hours NHS	111
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Community Hospital	819100	St Richards Hospital, Chichester	01243 788122
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District Councillor Mr Francis Hobbs fhobbs@chichester.gov.uk	07968 027833	MH Pharmacy Midhurst Pharmacy	813255 813231
Easebourne Village Stores	858130	Cowdray Shop & Café	815152
Midhurst Town Council	816953	Grange Centre	0333 005 0398

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EASEBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mike Noble, Chair Clerk—Sharon Hurr		Tel: 07342 166188 parishclerk@easebourne.org	
Stagecoach Buses	0345 1210190	Midhurst Yellow Bus	07879 556568
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	Tandem Bus	0300 030 3962

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Garden & Allotment Society John Humphris, chairman	810052	Midhurst & Easebourne Youth Football Club	816415
1st Easebourne Scout Group	Sarah Jordan sarahjordan@hotmail.co.uk		
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	Enquiries to www.girlguiding.org/interested OR 0800 1695901		

SCHOOLS

Easebourne C of E Primary School Johnny Culley, Head teacher	813266	Early Days Nursery Annie Beadle	815046
Conifers School Mrs Emma Smyth, Head teacher	813243	Midhurst Rother College	812451

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