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The lovely Christmas drawing on the cover was made by a Year 5 pupil at Easebourne Primary School. Thank you very much to the artist!

The deadline for the February issue of United will be Friday 14th January.

We always welcome interesting articles and attractive images from our readers. Send to: easebourne.united@gmail.com or Tel 816542

Letter from the Vicar



Dear Friends

The bible tells us that the shepherds were terrified when the angel of the Lord appeared to them, to proclaim good news of the birth of Christ – I bet they were! These simple folk, going about their work, one of the poorest groups in society, would not have expected such an event – why would the all-powerful, creating God chose them? This is an important question, and the answer might be as simple as – why not?

Getting the message of Christmas across is not a simple task. The story is about Hope, Peace, Joy and Love; all very appealing things. But in a busy world, in hurried lives, it requires a bit of space and thought to appreciate these things – a luxury many people don't have.

In the Priory Churches through December, we will give people the chance, and space, to come and reflect with us. There will be no scary angels (unless of course you come to our carol pageant in Lodsworth, where I dress up as an angel—make up your own

minds on this?), but there will be a message of hope, peace, joy, and love. And whether you are a shepherd or not, the message will be the same 'great joy for all people' as the angel proclaimed.

So, across December, in our three churches there will be three carol services, two Christingles and one carol pageant. There will be our usual Sunday services for Advent and of course the important Christmas celebrations. We will welcome our schools into church for their services. It all kicks off with the Tree of Hope on Thursday 2 December at 6.30pm, and please also see details of our Messy Church Advent event below. I hope at some point our paths cross and we enjoy moments of community together. After all that we have been through, we all need a bit of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this year.

Full details of our services and events will be on our website

www.thepriorychurches.co.uk

Many Christmas blessings
Revd Canon Derek Welsman



More details from
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Alison Davis (01730 816642)

3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 6th December
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Other Sundays	10.30am Holy Eucharist	<i>after the 10.30am service</i>
Wednesdays	10.00am Holy Eucharist	<i>on most Sundays.</i>

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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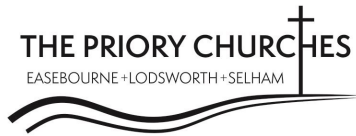
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2021

DATE	EASEBOURNE	LODSWORTH	SELHAM
5 Dec Advent 2	10.30am Family Service	6.00pm Carol Service	8.30am Holy Communion
12 Dec Advent 3	10.30am Holy Communion	4.00pm Christingle	No service
17 Dec Friday	No service	6.00pm Carol Pageant— begins at village hall	No service
19 Dec Advent 4	10.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Carol Service	No service	6.00pm Carol Service
24 Dec Christmas Eve	4.00pm Christingle 11.00pm Midnight Service	No service	No service
25 Dec Christmas Day	11.00am Holy Communion	9.45am Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion
26 Dec Christmas 1	10.30am Holy Communion	No service	No service

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This is to let all my dear friends in the Church Family know that I shall not be sending Christmas cards again this year. I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Love from Pam Newbury

CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 5	Advent 2		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 8	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	St Mary's	Afternoon Tea
Sunday 12	Advent 3		
	8.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wednesday 15	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 19	Advent 4		
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St Mary's	Carol Service
	6.00pm	St James	Carol Service
Wednesday 22	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Friday 24	Christmas Eve		
	4.00pm	St Mary's	Christingle Service
	11.00pm	St Mary's	Midnight Service
Saturday 25	Christmas Day		
	9.00am	St James	Holy Communion
	9.45am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 26	10.30	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wednesday 29	No service		

JANUARY 2022

Sunday 2

Epiphany

8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong

Wednesday 5

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 9

Baptism of Christ

9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

Tuesday 11

10.30am	St Mary's	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning
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Wednesday 12

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 16

Epiphany 2

8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
6.00pm	St Peter's	Celtic Service

Wednesday 19

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 23

Epiphany 3

9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

Wednesday 26

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 30

Plough Sunday

10.30am	St Mary's	United Service
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FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2

2.00pm	St Mary's	Women's Fellowship
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Wednesday 3

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 6

4 Sunday before Lent

8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong

Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader	Intercessor
5 December Advent 2		Luke 3: 1—6	Irena Greaves	
12 December Advent 3	Zephaniah 3: 14 to end	Luke 3: 7—18	Colin Datchler	Martin Dexter
19 December Advent 4	Micah 5: 2—5a	Luke 1: 39—45	Veronica Jull	Wendy Trafford
24 December Evening Service	Isaiah 52: 7—10	John 1: 1—14		
25 December Christmas Day		Luke 2: 1—7		
2 January Epiphany		Matt 2: 1—12	TBA	
9 January Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43: 1—7	Luke 3: 15—17 & 21-22	Ann Harfield	
16 January Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62: 1 –5	John 2: 1—11	Peter Greaves	Caroline Hutchins
23 January Epiphany 3	Nehemiah 8: 1– 10	Luke 4: 14—21	Simon Hendry	Colin Datchler
31 January Plough Sunday & Candlemas		TBC	Roger Sked	

Women's Fellowship

Last month, following a service of Holy Communion, we held our Annual General Meeting. Officers elected were: Chairperson Sue Absolom; Secretary Ann Harfield; Treasurer Daphne Wakeford. Elected to the committee were Pam Stevens, Joy Jones and Liz Bounton.

Over the last three years we raised £515.00 for Tandem, our chosen charity. This month we are looking forward to a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 7th December at the Greyhound Inn. We propose to begin the New Year with a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th January in St Mary's at 10.30am. This will be in aid of the Church Spire Fund.

It has been so good to see all of our members again and meeting in the Church has been very successful.

Ann Harfield
Tel 813810

Poet's Corner

Advent by Sue Absolom

Out to the shops in such a rush
Panic buying in the store
We need this, we need that
Can't buy less, must have more.

We cannot run out of anything
Not at this special time of year
Would it spoil our Christmas
Many will think it so, oh dear!

Imagine no succulent turkey
No crispy roast potato
Or the humble green sprout
Some would miss them, I know.

There's the brandy-soaked Christmas pud
To which someone will put a match
We're usually too full to eat it
But it's tradition - open wide, down the hatch!

There are many families this Christmas
Who, sadly, won't have much at all
Relying on Foodbanks and handouts
They won't be 'decking the halls'!

What can parents buy their children
Many expect so much these days
Maybe something they can treasure for ever
Rather than the latest advertised craze.

Let's stand back for a moment
And give some thought as to why
We celebrate each year at this time
Think back to a bright star in the sky.

A baby was born in a manger
And His birth had been prophesied
Of the Arrival of this Baby Jesus
And how He would, eventually, be crucified.

Though His time on earth was short
The world could never be the same
He filled it with His teaching
No one would ever forget His name.

Celebrate this Christmas by all means
And give thanks for the child from above
Who was born to save mankind
Showing us Faith, Hope and Love.

Christmas Afternoon Tea—Wednesday 8 December

Our Christmas Afternoon Tea will be held on Wednesday December 8 at 2.30pm in Church. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME. As in previous years, children from the Primary School will be singing carols and Christmassy songs under the leadership of Mary Knight (Church Organist) and Kathy Stevens (Primary School teacher for music). We are sure you will all enjoy this traditional start to the Christmas season.

Afternoon Tea—Wednesday 12 January

Our first Afternoon Tea in January 2022 will be on Wednesday January 12 at 3.00pm in Church. We look forward to seeing you all there, and if you would like a lift, please contact Hilary (01730 813923), Jan (01798 342233), or Sue (01730 812105). Gill, Gladys, Jane. Hope to see you all there.

A Covid Reflection OR A Year in the Life of our Church

It is time now to reflect on the previous year. And what a year! The essential thing is that we have survived, and survived it well, and I feel we have come out of it in a fit and better state. While it has set a few trials and tribulations, it

could not have been achieved with the cooperation of everyone at St Mary's. We have at times been a bit bossy, but everything was done to keep the church open and functioning to those who needed

it. We all became remarkably expert as to what was needed - distancing, masks and hands. St Mary's had the distinction of being open earlier, and for longer, in the pandemic than any other church in the area. This was achieved without being reckless, being aware of everybody's needs. This included a great team of people who engaged in pastoral care, phone calls, distanced visits - in order to stay in touch with the more vulnerable.

While all this was going on we had to deal with several more pressing building items. The church bell tower is in need of a fairly costly repair. Getting people on site safely to view, cost and appraise the way forward has proved difficult. Nevertheless, we are moving forward. Eric Bounton is masterminding a course of action, and a final "drone" survey will put the final pieces into the jigsaw. Another structure has been the War Memorial. Built in 1921, we had hoped to have this restored

and stable by its centenary year. Covid put paid to that, as well as some bureaucracy, but Phil Stringer has been the moving force, getting estimates, liaising with the Diocesan Architect, applying for funding grants (and getting them!) to such a point that the monies are nearly all in place. The year 2022 should see this work completed.

The last of our buildings that requires consideration is the Refectory and its

two floors. It was already not possible to use it for food preparation because of Food Standard Regulations. But more recently a Fire Safety survey stopped us in our tracks. Basically, two open wooden stairways, vulnerable people, and lack of warning systems meant it would be impossible to evacuate the regulated number of people in the time required. The implication was that we had no alternative but to stop using either upper or lower floors with immediate effect. This was plainly and simply a legal requirement. Initially a bomb blast moment, but again, with everyone's cooperation, we have rallied round, found alternative and inspired ways of using the church space, with a little bit of scene shifting, and repurposed our social gatherings. We have yet to get our heads around how to use the church space to suit all events, but with everyone's help we will!

Again, thank you all!

Roger Sked, churchwarden



I can't quite believe that Christmas is fast rushing upon us and we are making plans for the festive season 2021 for the homeless in the Chichester, Bognor and Arun areas. In 2020 the folk of Easebourne and area were so very generous - it meant that all the things that we all like to have at Christmas could be provided. The 18kg turkey provided enough for the 70 people in the hostels, recovery service and day centres. We were able to send cooked gammons, big pork pies, cheese, pickles, desserts, tangerines, crackers and biscuits, fruit juices and much more.

Covid-19 meant I couldn't have my usual "industrial" kitchen with lots of volunteers to prepare everything in the kitchen of one of the hostels so I persuaded (pressed) anyone who put their head above the parapet to prepare things at home and deliver them to me in the day centre in the middle of Chichester early on the 24th. The list is 24 lbs of potatoes and 18 lbs of parsnips (which have been "Aunt Bessied" ready for the oven), 150 pigs in blankets, 16 lbs of carrots and 12lbs of Brussels sprouts. A large amount of stuffing and gallons of proper gravy was also prepared. The 6pt plastic milk bottles serve as ideal containers for gravy to be safely delivered when more volunteers arrived at 1pm to deliver all the goodies. Every unit has a sheet of instructions starting with "Mrs M says". The instructions mean that every unit has a fresh meal with nothing from the microwave.

Most of us are so fortunate with friends and family and a community with whom to enjoy the festive season. If you would like to donate towards the Stonepillow Christmas please either pop it through my door, give it to me when you see me or give me a call. 01730 813586.

Katharine Minchin

Kelross Lutener Road Easebourne. GU29 9AT

Festive Christmas Cookies

This is a variation of the recipe for chocolate chip cookies, an old American favourite from Betty Crocker's cookbook. Made with dried cranberries and a little cinnamon, they are quick to make (but they disappear even quicker!)

Ingredients:

180gr margarine	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
75gr brown sugar	½ tsp bicarb of soda
75gr white sugar	½ tsp salt
1 large egg	60gr chopped pecans or walnuts
240gr plain flour	150gr pack of dried cranberries

Heat the oven to 190°C. Mix together the marg, sugars, and egg. Sift the flour with the dry ingredients and stir in. (You can use half brown flour if you want.) Mix in nuts and cranberries. Drop rounded spoonfuls onto a baking sheet (not too close together!) and bake for 8 to 10 minutes.



New Corten Planters

Some of you may have spotted that seven Corten planters have been positioned in three locations around the Parish. They are going to take a while to settle into their sites and for the plants to look their best, but by the spring they should look amazing as an abundance of bulbs make their appearance! These planters were funded by Chichester District Council from the 2020 New Homes Bonus, a fund that the Parish Council has successfully applied for over a number of years, and has contributed to many Easebourne Park projects. The fund aims to improve quality of life by creating cohesive and vibrant communities.



Planning

We have been made aware that the following planning application has now been withdrawn by the applicant - *SDNP/2104043/FUL - Recreation Ground and Allotment Gardens, Egmont Road,*

Easebourne. Erection of 20 dwellings with access, parking and landscaping following demolition and site preparation.

Metis Homes had been advised that should they have chosen to pursue the current application, the report prepared for the SDNP Planning Committee by the Planning Officer, would have recommended refusal of the application.

The letter from the Planning Officer to Metis Homes, detailed the reasons for the refusal recommendation and can be viewed on the South Downs planning portal. Metis Homes will now need to consider these reasons which must be reflected within any future development design submission for this site. At the time of writing, the other 2 applications for development are still being considered.

Easebourne Park public toilets

Some considerable progress has been made with respect to the Parish Council's ambitious plan to install public toilets and a pop-up coffee point in this award-

winning park. Generous funding has been allocated by South Downs National Park Authority, Chichester District Council and recently the parish council was awarded £10,000 towards this project by the National Lottery Communities Fund, a further endorsement that this community project has widespread official approval.

Whilst the Parish Council has some way to go towards complete funding, over 75% of necessary funds has now been raised. All being well, the plan is to have the construction start in March 2022 and complete by end of April.

Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP) and Easebourne Park efforts

A group of FrEP volunteers recently undertook tree planting and tree maintenance in the community park. Two large trees, kindly donated by Aylings Garden Centre to replace two trees vandalised over a year ago, were planted whilst grass around others cut away. FrEP volunteers are to plant almost 1,000 mixed daffodil bulbs in the coming days to ensure the park has a delightful splash of colour next Spring. To understand what FrEP is up to, please read the separate article in this publication, and perhaps volunteer your help.

FrEP Chairman Frank Davies expressed thanks to those who helped with the planting in October. He reported that the good weather on the day made it possible to do a lot of clearing and general maintenance in the lower part of the Park. Some volunteers have generously agreed to give more time to continue this ongoing work.

Contact FREPsec@btinternet.com for membership enquiries.

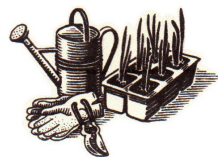
Green Volunteers

The Midhurst Green Volunteers continue to schedule in Easebourne sessions to help maintain our paths, verges and green areas, but sadly continue to receive little support from our village residents. It is therefore increasingly likely that after the beginning of 2022, the team will no longer continue with Easebourne sessions. If you are one of the many who we know value the difference the Green Volunteers make, please help us maintain their amazing support by joining future sessions. The volunteer sessions always take place on a Tuesday and Saturday morning, from around 8am to 10am, but you can come along during that time. All equipment is provided, just bring some gardening gloves and a willingness to get stuck in!



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Snippets from a Gardener's Diary by John Humphris



Wildflower Meadows

(Continued from November issue)

At Sutton Place during the 1980's there was a meadow between the Catholic Church and the road about seven acres in extent. This area, although part of the estate, had never been farmed because access was difficult. It had been noticed that the common red poppy was growing here and there, and it was decided to make it into an annual wild flower meadow and encourage a range of wild flowers to flourish. (This is not to be confused with a wildflower meadow where the wild flowers grow in turf.) They were keen to have a naturalistic and organic approach and a local farmer who kept horses was asked if he would use them to plough the field in early spring. There was little need to plough deeply for wild flowers - about four inches was considered deep enough - and soon many seedlings appeared. The range initially was small, it had been decided not to bring in a wild flower mix but to see what the local population of wild flowers looked like first.

It was fascinating to see how this meadow developed with annual red poppies and many different cornflowers being

predominant. After three or four years with the poppies providing a spectacular picture against the backdrop of the small Catholic church we were very pleased with the results. However as is often the case with annual meadows that are ploughed each year, gradually unwanted seedlings started to appear. Milk Thistle was the worst of the unwanted weeds and although we had the whole team of gardeners to try to pull out these unwanted seedlings in an area this large, it proved to be an impossible task. This is the major problem with annual meadows and although difficult to manage in large areas, a gardener who enjoys developing a small area in this way and is able to keep unwanted weeds under control will gain a lot of pleasure from this kind of wildflower gardening.

Almost all true wildflower meadows are in turf or developed from a lawn such as the one at High Beeches Gardens near Handcross, and the smaller one at Borde Hill which was the result of being in an area where it was difficult to do more than just mow it regularly to keep it tidy. The one we



developed at Borde Hill was at the bottom of a steep field and between two woods known as Warren Wood and the Tolls. It covered about an acre or so of ground and because it was difficult for the farmer to cultivate and turn his tractor it had remained untouched for many years. After a while we noticed a range of wild flowers appearing, and more importantly native wild orchids. As a pathway ran through this area for visitors to visit the collections in both woods, we began to manage it as a wildflower meadow. Each autumn around November time it was cut with an auto-scythe as this machine cuts cleanly at ground level rather than chopping up the foliage. This is important as every scrap of foliage needed to be removed so that the soil gradually became nutrient poor - so important for encouraging wild flowers and limiting the growth of unwanted weeds and the turf. It was also cut again in early spring before any new growth developed. It took a number of years to achieve good results but eventually the spread of wild flower species reached a stage where we were able to bring in the

Sussex Wild Life Trust for a survey. This involved several members of the Trust walking through the area with one member holding the list of all the native wild flowers common to Sussex, and as each species was seen it was then ticked off the list. We were then given a report and a list of all the native wild flowers for our records and any comments they had on our management of the area.

This is obviously on a larger scale than the average garden owner would consider but the principal remains the same. If you have a small area you wish to develop it is worth either raising seedlings or buying in young plants in pots which can be planted in the area. This is easily done by cutting out a square of turf and forking over the ground a little bit deeper than the pot depth and planting them, around October/November being a good time, or early spring. If the weather is dry make sure to water in well. Finally, there is a lot of information out there. If you google wild flower meadows you can check what is available and then decide what to buy.

Plant of the Month With tree planting being so important at the moment, we need to take care not to plant species that will become too large for your space. Recently I have seen a number that are ideal for the smaller garden. Acer griseum is a choice small tree with wonderful peeling bark and lovely autumn colour, and after thirty years has still not grown too large. Acer incisa, the Japanese Cherry, will also not grow too large and has a number of named varieties which will give pleasure for many years.

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 10 February—The speaker will be renowned horticulturalist Jim Buttress VMH talking about 'Central Royal Parks'. N.B. Our Handbook for 2022 will be available in the new year with details of all our talks and events, and the schedule for the August Produce Show. Contact the secretary if you would like to join our friendly local garden society. Phone Tina 816542 or email egas@tinagavin.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.

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General Knowledge Quiz

Compiled by Carole Sawyer

1. Which billionaire recently joined three other passengers to blast into space aboard New Shepard?
2. Which motorway in the UK is the longest?
3. By what name is ethylene glycol better known?
4. Which novel follows the lives of the March sisters?
5. In 1851 the Great Exhibition in London was held in a specially built building given what nickname?
6. Earlier this year, who presented his first edition of Mastermind?
7. Which traditional French fish stew originates from the port city of Marseille?
8. How many blank tiles are there in the board game Scrabble?
9. What is the name for the shortest day of the year?
10. Which British city elected the first ever Green Member of Parliament?
11. What is the name of the new James Bond film which premiered in September?
12. What is the name of the tallest of all penguin species?
13. What is the name given to the area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns in Northern Ireland?
14. What is the study of plants called?
15. Which English football club was recently sold to a Saudi-led consortium?
16. Name Stieg Larsson's most famous book?
17. Who has replaced Sue Barker as host of the BBC game show 'A Question of Sport'?
18. There were riots in England in 1752 because Britain lost 11 what?
19. Who recently changed its company name to Meta?
20. Which supermarket chain spoofed the John Lewis Christmas advert?

And five Christmassy questions

1. What happened in the 1914 Christmas Day truce during the First World War?
2. What was the original colour of Santa Claus' suit?
3. In which country did Panettone originate?
4. In the film 'It's a Wonderful Life' what happened every time a bell rings?
5. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?

Answers on page 24

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With live events back on the calendar, Midhurst Rother College is once again busy hosting events for students from the Rother Valley Primary Schools. Back in September, 180 Year 6 students joined the College to experience a day in the life of an MRC student. Taster sessions from science, English and maths, plus team building were on offer, as well as a grand tour of the building. It also provided the opportunity to meet other Year 6's who would be joining them at MRC next September. A busy day was had exploring MRC, meeting teachers and making new friends. All left the day full of excitement and enthusiasm for their upcoming move to secondary school.

Doughnuts were on the menu as outreach events continued in October with a Year 4 Art Day. This event is part of the Rother Valley School's Enrichment Programme, which provides a wealth of enrichment days for the locality's more able primary students across the year groups, and is coordinated by MRC. Under the guidance of the Head of Art, Mrs Murray-Killen, 26 students from 12 schools designed doughnuts, created icing using powder paint and PVA glue, then set about moulding the doughnut shape out of paper and

ModRoc. The moulds were then painted and decorated with the icing and sequin sprinkles. The result was a beautiful inedible sight to behold. A thoroughly messy and sparkly (but not particularly tasty) day was had by all.

A stronger constitution was needed for the Year 5 Inspiring Science Day last week, with heart dissection at the top of the menu. Led by Mr Page, teacher of Science at MRC, 20 would-be vets and doctors explored how the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems work together to oxygenate the cells and tissues of the body. Activities included investigating the effect of exercise on the heartbeat, measuring lung capacity and building a model lung. It finished with students carrying out a heart dissection and labelling the parts of the heart. Not for the fainted hearted (no pun intended) and don't be alarmed, as all participants were pre-warned and only those wishing to take part in this task joined the session.

Next on the programme in early December is a Creative Textiles Day for

Year 5 students, when budding costume designers will learn the basics of using a sewing machine and create a decorative festive item for their home.





Year 6 Primary School students visit Midhurst Rother College

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The Foodbank team is 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

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News from the Cowdray Estate

Jonathan Russell, CEO

Filming at Cowdray



Filming takes place across Cowdray at a diversity of locations including the Cocking Limeworks and Quarry, Cowdray House, Cowdray Ruins, the Deer Park, as well as at various picturesque cottages including Gosdenheath. Film crews vary hugely in size depending on whether it is a large Netflix production, Hollywood film, magazine photoshoot, television series or much smaller arthouse films. Not only does filming help promote Cowdray and the local area, but it also benefits the local economy. Particularly prior to the pandemic, large film crews would stay in hotels and use the cafés and restaurants in Midhurst and the surrounding area. Crews would also be encouraged to use local contractors whenever appropriate.

The filming process starts through an enquiry which usually comes either via agencies or directly to the marketing team, who then assess the request and work out if it is viable. If so, a recce is arranged usually overseen by Nick McDonald, the Estate Land Manager. For bigger feature films there are often several recces which could involve up to 50 people before the location is finally confirmed. Detailed contracts are exchanged, and health and safety assessments are carried out before filming can commence.

‘We are delighted to welcome film crews to Cowdray and show them everything that we have to offer,’ said Nick. ‘The quarry is a particularly popular location as we are one of the very few places close to London that has a vacant quarry, and it is seen as a good blank canvas for film crews to interpret as they wish. For the bigger films, filming usually involves one- or two-weeks preparation on the chosen site, followed by maybe one- or two-days filming - which might equate to as little as one or two minutes in a film.’

Films shot at Cowdray include the feature film ‘Mary Queen of Scots’ where there was a simulated explosion using lights and dramatic effects at Cowdray Ruins, and a promotional video for ‘Top Gear’ involving driving across various locations on the Estate. Television series have been ‘Made in Chelsea’ and ‘Grantchester’, as well as ‘Britain’s Got Talent’. Fashion shoots for *Town & Country* magazine, *Vogue*, *Le Chateau* and *Hackett* have also used the Estate as a backdrop. ‘There is always a representative from the Estate who oversees the filming as it is important for someone to have local knowledge and be a point of contact between the film crew and the Estate,’ said Nick.

‘We are as accommodating as we can be and often film crews require furniture and paintings to be moved from Cowdray House, or they ask to paint windows or require cosmetic alterations to cottages. We are generally happy to accommodate as long as properties are returned to their former state. When the film or television series is released, it is always exciting to spot Cowdray.’

Filming in the quarry



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Turkey: Naked Christmas Lunch

by Michael Blencowe,

Learning and Engagement Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust



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Post-modernist author William Burroughs named his infamous 1959 novel after ‘a frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of every fork.’ Like the drug-fuelled characters of *Naked Lunch*, 76% of Brits will soon be itching for their festive fix from a bird which has taken a strange, disjointed trip through time and space to land on our plates. So, before you start gobbling this Christmas, allow yourself a frozen moment with the defrosted, oven-cooked, gravy-coated bird perched on the end of your fork. Let’s talk turkey.

There are just two species of turkey in the world. The stunning iridescent Ocellated Turkey is confined to the Yucatan peninsula, while the commoner Wild Turkey has a range that extends from the sun-baked savannahs of central Mexico north through the oak forests of the United States.

The Wild Turkey is a monstrous, spectacular bird. The huge males prowl the forests, their ruffled black feathers billowing like a cloud of volcanic ash. From this darkness erupts a bare, blue reptilian head with lava flows of red, warty skin dripping from it. These grotesque, leathery skin-flaps – the snood, wattle and caruncle – inflate



with blood and are irresistible to females.

This extraordinary animal was revered by primitive people who plucked its feathers for ceremonial rituals. Centuries ago, one population of Wild Turkey from the hills of south-central Mexico was tamed. By the time the Aztecs ruled the roost they wore turkey, ate turkey and prayed to Chalchiuhtotolin, their turkey god.

Spaniards returned from their Aztec conquests with ships laden with gold, silver and turkey. Not long after, in 1524, turkeys landed in England where some geographic confusion about their country of origin gave the bird its name. Soon these supposed Turkish delights were being carved and served to the wealthy. Henry VIII may well have been one of the first Brits to enjoy a turkey for Christmas lunch and then no doubt spent the rest of the afternoon asleep in front of the jester.

The turkey’s domestication continued. In eastern England, specialist poulterers developed breeds such as Norfolk Black, Cambridge Bronze and the Broad Breasted White—the bird that we eat today.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

Wanted - IT Enthusiast

We are hoping to live-stream services over the Christmas period via You Tube and the St.Mary's church website. We need a volunteer to operate a video camera, wi-fi link, OBS Studio and associated sound system, including a small mixing desk. Is there anyone out there studying Music Technology or Computing who would like some practical experience? Please contact Anthony Knight, anthony@sussexknights.uk.

Suffragettes in Easebourne Street!

by Chris Deadman

The Old Vicarage was the home of Joseph King Cummin and his family when he became Vicar of St Mary following the death of Reverend Henry Wood, who was buried in Easebourne on April 28th, 1892. Joseph was born in Limerick and studied at Trinity College, Dublin graduating with an M.A. He married his wife, Elizabeth Christian, at Queens Park in the Parish of Chester in 1870. The parish records of St John in Chester show that he performed the christening ceremony of his eldest child, Geraldine Vinvela, in October 1871.

In 1881 Joseph was the Curate of Uckfield Church where he was living with Elizabeth and their six children: Geraldine Vinvela, Nicholas, Christobel, Elsie Myra, Christian Hilda and Cara Monice. Their youngest daughter, Mary Louise, was born in 1882 in Uckfield.

Joseph and his family came to Easebourne in 1892 and Easebourne Parish burial records show that just three months after Joseph conducted his first burial ceremony at St Mary's in August, his daughter Christian Hilda Cummin died (age 17). Joseph did not officiate the burial.

The Old Vicarage is an eleven roomed dwelling, and the 1901 Census reveals that five of Joseph and Elizabeth's adult children were resident with them together with two female servants. Nicholas was noted as an Army Officer in The Royal Munster Fusiliers. The census ten years later taken on 2 April 1911 reveals a very different picture.

Joseph (age 69) was a widower, his wife having died in 1910. His son's death was registered in Midhurst in 1907. His daughters Mary Louisa (age 29) and Elsie Myra (age 34) were at home. The census also tells us that Joseph's eldest daughters Vinvela (age 40) and Christobel (age 36) were supporters of the Suffragette Movement. It was noted in red on the Census form that his two eldest daughters were "Suffragettes wandering about all night". The census also tells us that Miss Roff, the infant's mistress at the Elementary

School, was also supportive of the Suffragette movement. Writing to the Census Registrar she wrote "I regret to have to refuse information as a protest against the voteless condition of women occupiers". The Registrar, F.A. Tallant, completed the entry in the Census retrospectively with the words "entered as per instruction in letter dated 13/3/11" and wrote her name, estimated age and

her single, marital status in red.

Note - *As part of the protest against the government's continued refusal to grant women the vote, the suffragettes organised a mass boycott of the census. Many women made sure that they stayed away from the family home all night, in other cases the head of the household refused to list the female household members, sometimes entering a protest slogan on the form.*





Listed Buildings in Easebourne—The Old Vicarage

Grade II*, Listing 18.06.59 Contributed by Phil Stringer

House. 18th century front to a possibly older building. Ashlar set in galletting with red brick dressings, quoins, stringcourse and parapet. Tiled roof. Glazing bars intact. Projecting porch with semi-circular head, lead top and door of six fielded panels. Brick chimney breast on north east wall. Two storeys and attic. Five windows. Two gabled dormers. Listing NGR: SU8965822720

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



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Winter storms on Midhurst Common recently caused a partial obstruction of one of the Public Footpaths when a tree fell. After noticing this whilst walking my dog, I reported it to The Cowdray Estate. They responded quickly and made the area safe. Thank you.

Another winter issue for Bertie, my Miniature Schnauzer. Recently he stopped and refused to move, rather alarmingly holding his hind leg up in the air. No, no broken bones or deep lacerations but a very prickly, fallen holly leaf was attached to one of his pads. Easily rectified and thankfully no repercussions.

Heathland maintenance can be difficult at this time of year. Some workdays have recently been cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. However, I thought I should remind you of the works we do and that you may wish to consider volunteering to help maintain the regenerated heathland on The Common and keep the stunning views of The South Downs.



Friends Of Midhurst Common

Volunteer days are every last Friday of the month to clear birch, pine and general areas of scrub. The team meets at 10.00am and works till around 1.00pm – see below for contact details.

We are always interested to know what you are spotting as you walk over The Common – consider taking photos to send to me or report anything which you might think would be of interest – especially species of plants or animals not regularly spotted.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and don't forget to go for a walk on Midhurst Common and admire the view from Sunset Hill over The South Downs.

For any matters to do with Midhurst Common, please contact as below:

Andrew Mitchell – Chairman

website: www.friendsofmihurstcommon.co.uk

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General Knowledge Quiz Answers

1. Jeff Bezos. 2. M6 (starts at M1 near Rugby and terminates at A74(M) at Gretna. 3. Antifreeze. 4. Little Women (by Louisa May Alcott). 5. The Crystal Palace. 6. Clive Myrie. 7. Bouillabaisse. 8. Two. 9. Winter solstice. 10. Brighton. 11. No Time to Die. 12. Emperor Penguin. 13. The Giant's Causeway. 14. Botany. 15. Newcastle United. 16. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. 17. Paddy McGuinness 18. 11 days (when the Julian calendar changed to the Gregorian calendar). 19. Facebook. 20. Iceland. **Christmas Answers** 1. A game of football between British and German soldiers. 2. Green. 3. Italy. 4. An angel got his wings. 5. A coin

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Friday 3 December from 5.00—8.00pm

Midhurst Town Council warmly invites you to our annual Christmas Street Party. This year the event promises to be bigger than ever, with late-night shopping in our local shops, a bustling craft market in the Old Library, and artisan exhibitors along Church Hill and West Street. Children can watch the magic show in Market Square, feed the pony at Stockley Trading, gaze at the model railway set, laugh and shout on our free fairground rides, and then visit Santa for free in his festive Grotto behind The Upholsterer in North Street. A wide range of local authors will be signing their books in our Literary Corner, exhibiting a wide range of books to suit all ages and interests.

There will be music from V2 radio, the Primary School choir, Midhurst Community Choir, The Salvation Army Band, Midhurst superstar Gabriella Groves, and headlining on the main stage, grandson of the legendary Charlie Chaplin, Rock 'n' Roll's Spencer Chaplin.

For more information please visit www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk or visit Midhurst Town Council's Facebook page.

Tues 14 December at Methodist Church Hall at 2.30pm



Bernard Lockett—'The Heritage of Gilbert & Sullivan'

Bernard will consider the world-wide appeal of G&S in the 21st Century and modern production values. A life-long G&S enthusiast, Bernard is a Trustee of the International G&S Festival, also a Trustee of the Festival's National G&S Opera Company. He has been a speaker on Gilbert & Sullivan for over ten years. 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

Rogate Choral Society on Friday 17th Dec at 7.30pm

Rogate Village Hall

Christmas music and Carols for all to join in, conducted by Giles White and sung by the members of the Rogate Choral Society. Tickets at £12 to include supper, are available from the secretary Katharine Minchin (01730 813586) or from Rogate Stores. We look forward to seeing you all then.



News from Easebourne Primary School

With the autumnal weather, we visited St Mary's Church for the first of our five annual whole-school services to celebrate Harvest Festival. Every child took a contribution up to the altar and these will be taken to Stonepillow to help stock the larder of this great charity that supports the homeless in this part of West Sussex.

Our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors held a cake sale after school. They brought in fairy cakes and buns to sell and the response from families was great. The cake sale made over £70. The children are now planning to write to Refugee Action with their cheque to explain how they raised the money.

We have some sad news this term, with two of our key teaching assistants, Val Cella and Sue Cobbold, both leaving. Between them, they have worked at the school for 39 years! They will be sorely missed, but we wish them well.

Sue Cobbold has, for many years, headed up our wonderful library and we are keen to recruit one or more adults to ensure that our library still receives special attention. If you have some time in the week and a love of books and reading, and would be interested in becoming involved, please contact the school office – we'd love to hear from you!

In the first half of term, 4D enjoyed swimming lessons in Haslemere, whilst 4H made apple chutney using the fruit they had picked from the Orchard. The chutney smelt strong and vinegary. They used apples, which they had peeled and chopped themselves, dates, raisins, onions and star anise, which smelt like liquorice,

and cooked it in the slow cooker for hours!

Over half-term, we received fantastic 'behind-the-scenes' support from the Cowdray Estate. Nina, their forestry lead, came into the grounds with her team and all their machinery and spent the week felling and removing the trees in our woodland that have been affected by ash dieback. For months, our forest school provision has taken place in the orchard because the woodland has been unsafe, but this week, thanks to Cowdray, the sessions have finally returned to our woodland. There was, however, a lot of ash to take out and the woodland is much changed but we are currently waiting for saplings from the Woodland Trust which the children will use to start to replant.

We also celebrated Environment Day across the school. The classes participated in various activities to explore a variety of environmental issues. Year 6 have been learning about Arctic habitats (tundra and boreal forests); they have made egg carton sculptures to demonstrate the environment and then wrote a related acrostic poem. Year 5 focused on the importance of bees in our environment. They created a persuasive poster to encourage people to protect the bees. Year 4D learnt about climate change and what we can do to stop it. They also focused on flooding, deforestation and the greenhouse effect. Year 3 extended their science topic from this half-term by looking at light pollution. It affects 80% of the world and is caused by excess light in the night sky. We need to try



to protect the night sky by turning off the lights!

In KS1, Year 2 have been learning about ways we can protect the environment and made posters to remind others about what they can do. They then went outside to collect lots of natural materials to make an autumn collage. Year 1 (Hedgehogs Class) kept it close to home and focused on hedgehogs as they are an endangered species. They learnt that lots of animals hibernate between November and March,

including hedgehogs, and that they like to hibernate under log piles and leaves. Hedgehogs are under threat due to a loss of habitat and food. They also found out that hedgehogs eat worms and bugs but also like dog and cat food!

With best wishes for Christmas from everybody at Easebourne Primary School



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News from Conifers School



CONIFERS SCHOOL

Another busy but exciting Autumn term is drawing to a close at Conifers and we are already looking ahead at Spring – the children are particularly looking forward to taking in part in even more new co-curricular clubs such as skateboarding, Raspberry Pi, and Harry Potter Club which have been added to our already extensive after-school programme.

Our recent Remembrance Service left our new Head, Miss Emma Fownes, 'lost for words' at the way in which our Conifers children embraced the Remembrance Service. 'It made me so proud' she told parents. During the service, which took place at St Mary's Church in Easebourne, Senior pupils read with confidence and delivered the message why we celebrate Remembrance, as well as playing a drum piece in the church. The rest of the school, down to our smallest of Toddlers, showed deep respect during the silence and then beamed with pride as they sat and listened to the service.

The Prep school in Midhurst has also joined the nation and has been taking part

in Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils' voice is an integral part of life at Conifers and as such, our School Council devised a series of activities to help spread the message of 'One Kind Word' - the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week. In addition to inviting pupils, parents and staff to wear odd socks with their uniforms on Monday as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and enjoy what makes us all unique, the school community also spent time throughout the week writing class acrostic poems - One Kind Word, designed anti-bullying superheroes, playing 'One Kind Word' in ball passing across a variety of sports and created kind word jars for their peers.

As we head into Christmas, we looked forward to many events including our Christmas musical gala, Nativity productions, a parent Curry and Quiz night, an evening with esteemed author and educator Christopher Lloyd, and a visit from the North Pole! In addition, children will be spreading some festive cheer throughout the community.

Conifers School in Midhurst welcomes families who would like to tour the school. If you would like to book a tour for the Spring term please contact the Admissions Team Tel: 01730 813243

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Birch Trees Nursing Home

Recent issues with recruitment have been widely reported in the national press. Lorry driver shortages have led to understocked supermarket shelves and mammoth queues at petrol pumps while hospitality staff shortages have caused the temporary closure of national chain restaurants.

When it comes to the health and social care sector, the cost of being unable to recruit staff in this new environment can be devastating. The sector is about to go through one of the worst staffing shortages in its history brought on by a multitude of factors that have been out of its control. Fingers can be pointed at the Covid-19 pandemic, where care homes, unjustifiably in my opinion, got an extremely bad press. More recently there has been the issue of mandatory vaccination, which has led to a number of people who were unable or unwilling to be double jabbed to lose their jobs.

I think the root of the problem stems back further. The role of a care worker has always been seen as a menial task, a basic functioning job which requires no qualifications and offers no prospects. This could not be further from the truth. In our industry, we have to complete training on a wide variety of topics such as safeguarding, equality and diversity, health and safety, communication and Data Protection Regulations, and all of this before the ones you would expect such as basic life

support, moving and handling and how to deliver person-centred care.

Birch Trees has recently been approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a training establishment. We already support carers to do their NVQ's starting at Level 2, all the way up to degree level, and our staff are supported to do all of this while working and earning. Now, thanks to the NMC approval, there is an opportunity for our carers to progress further and gain a nursing qualification. I am currently undertaking a two-year Nurse Associate degree, with one day a week at university and placements throughout the NHS. This is an opportunity for which I am extremely grateful and I am confident I will be the

first of many. Our new Team Leader Amy started with us as a junior carer and over the years has progressed to a senior role within the home. Having completed her Access to Nursing, Birch Trees will also be supporting her to do her nursing training in the near future.



Team leader Amy

2022 is almost upon us and it's the time of year where people are contemplating a new start or a change of direction. Perhaps you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding job, where you could make a real difference to the lives of others and carve out a future career with real prospects close to home? If you are, please get in touch.

Sarah Darnell, Deputy Manager

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MIDHURST VISION

We have been supportive of Midhurst Vision for a number of years now and are therefore pleased to see that various stakeholders are now coming together. Below is the text of Midhurst Vision's announcement detailing their first project, which covers:

- Plans for a greener and more pedestrian and cycling friendly town centre
- Architect designed public spaces including urban greening, biodiversity and measures to mitigate the effects of climate change
- Stages of implementation, starting with design and fundraising
- Consultation in Spring 2022

Proposed start date for the work of late 2022/early 2023

Dawn Cansfield
on behalf of The Midhurst Society



Support your local Goblins! by Anthony Knight C.Eng FIET

Greenpower Education Trust is a UK based charity with an outstanding track record in kick-starting careers in engineering. Greenpower helps unlock potential and sparks enthusiasm for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) through the excitement of motorsport. In association with major partners, such as the Institution of Engineering Technology (IET), Ford and Siemens, Greenpower promotes the design and construction of electric cars, which are built by schoolchildren, and which are then entered for competitive events. Primary schools build and race Goblin cars. Our own Easebourne Primary School has an enthusiastic Goblin Club of Year 6 pupils which meets weekly, after school, to build, prepare and to practice driving and racing their two cars.

Normal school budgets cannot extend to activities like Goblin. The team needs funds to pay for event entry fees, spare

parts and protective clothing. Part of the Goblin project is to raise awareness of the scheme and to encourage donors and sponsors. The cars can carry the names of sponsors, logo stickers, etc., and sponsors will be listed in the portfolio which is submitted by the team at each event. Donors and sponsors are welcome to attend any of the local events, especially the "Gathering of Goblins", usually staged at Goodwood in the Summer where over fifty teams compete.

I have the privilege of acting as Consulting Engineer for the Easebourne School Goblin Club. If you wish to know more about this project, or are prepared to contribute to it in any way, then please contact me first. The Goblin team will write to any potential donor or sponsor to seek their support or to acknowledge any contribution.

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