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Letter from the Vicar

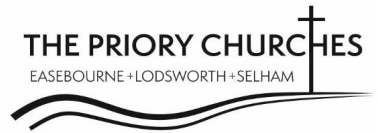
Dear Friends

Each year in Lent, in our three churches, we support a charity as part of our Lenten journey. Over recent years that charity has been Education West Africa, a small West Sussex based charity that helps school children in Sierra Leone. The charity, set up by Rod and Penelope Sharman, helps children to attend school by providing uniforms and essential classroom equipment. In Sierra Leone, children cannot attend school without a uniform, the cost of which is beyond most families. So simply, in Lent, we set the challenge of sending a child to school by donating £10.00, which covers the costs involved. This is such a simple and



effective way of changing lives – providing the most important thing in our world, an education.

I first met Rod and Pep when I went to Sierra Leone with the Diocese in 2005. The country was still suffering from the ravages of civil war and everywhere you



looked people's lives were poor and difficult. Rod and Pep where there promoting relationships between West Sussex schools and schools in Freetown and Bow. I was humbled by their love of education for all in our world, having both spent a life in education here.

These small charities are the backbone of our charitable work across our world. Their impact, once collectively assessed, is enormous. So once again this year, can we find it in our hearts to change the life of a child in Sierra Leone. For just £10 you will be giving opportunity to some of the poorest children in our world to find an education.

If you would like to support this work, then simply put £10.00 in an envelope marked EWA and place in the collection plate on a Sunday morning. Or if you would like to make your donation through the bank, then please email me at derek.welsman@outlook.com. As I so often say, in Lent it is so much more rewarding to do something positive than to solely give something up, as is our tradition in the church.

May I wish you all a blessed and Holy Lent.

Rev Canon Derek Welsman

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CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH 2022

Tuesday 1	2.00pm	St Mary's	Women's Fellowship
Wednesday 2	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 6	Lent 1		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong
Monday 7	7.00pm	St Mary's	Lent Group
Wednesday 9	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	St Mary's	Afternoon Tea
Sunday 13	Lent 2		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Monday 14	7.00pm	St Mary's	Lent Group
Tuesday 15	7.00pm	St Mary's	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 16	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Thursday 17	7.00pm	St Mary's	Deanery Synod Meeting
Sunday 20	Lent 3		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Celtic Service
Monday 21	7.00pm	St Mary's	Lent Course
Wednesday 23	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 27	Mothering Sunday		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Monday 28	7.00pm	St Mary's	Lent Course
Wednesday 30	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

CHURCH DIARY Cont'd

APRIL

Sunday 3	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong
Monday 4	7.00pm	St Mary's	Lent Course
Tuesday 5	10.30am	St Mary's	Coffee Morning Women's Fellowship
			Standing Committee
Wednesday 6	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

Afternoon Tea - Wednesday, March 9 at 3.00pm in church

First of all, many thanks to everyone who attended our February Afternoon Tea. It was great to see everyone and look forward to seeing you all again on 9 March. If you would like to join this group for a couple of hours of chat and friendship please come along and join us.

If you would like a lift, please contact Hilary (01730 813923), Jan (01798 342233), or Sue (01730 812105). Take care during the coming weeks and The Social Gangs look forward to seeing you all again, or for the first time.



Greetings Cards



Handmade greetings cards for all occasions—made from recycled materials. Please look out for these bespoke cards and help support the Church Spire Fund. They will be for sale after the morning services.

Thank you
Caroline Pede

Church Big Spring Clean—Saturday 26 March

It's that time of year again to spring clean our beautiful church. This is your chance to come along and to help clean St Mary's, brushing away cobwebs, dusting and polishing the pews, hoovering the pew runners, brushing off the kneelers, sweeping the floor and hoovering the carpet. So please come along, even for a short time, to help in the big spring clean and to 'do' community for the village of Easebourne and the many visitors to the church. Many hands make light work! Refreshments will be provided.



Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church to give me an idea of numbers for refreshments and for the allocation of jobs. We start at 9.00am for the high places and 9.30am onwards for other areas. For further details either speak to me in church or give me a ring 01730 816643.

Alison Davis, churchwarden

Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader
6 March		Luke 4: 1—13	John Backshall
13 March	Philippians 3: 17 to 4:1	Luke 13:31—end	Bill Howkins
20 March	Isaiah 55: 1—9	Luke 13: 1—9	Jan Harling
27 March	Colossians 3: 12—17	Luke 2: 33—35	David Christie

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

Women's Fellowship

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March in the church at 2.00pm. Unfortunately Jane Hyde is indisposed. We wish her well and have rescheduled her talk for October. Instead we are pleased to say that Pam Stevens will be giving a demonstration of cake decorating.

Ann Harfield, Tel 813810



Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service is prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and will be celebrated all over the world in 7 regions. The theme of the service is God's promise, found in the book of Jeremiah: "I Know the Plans I Have for You", focusing on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace, a sign of hope for all God's people. Our service will be held at Midhurst Methodist Church, North Street, Midhurst on Friday, 4th March at 2.30pm and you are warmly invited. Covid permitting, we plan to have light refreshments after the service.

For further information please contact Sian Mitchell—sianwyn51@gmail.com

Broadband in our Church by Anthony Knight

When Covid-19 first struck and lockdown was imposed in 2020, churches suffered badly. Services were cancelled, including weddings and funerals, and many churches closed altogether. How could we continue the work of the church and reach out to those now confined at home or in care homes and unable to get to church?

Modern internet technology has made it possible to “live stream” televised activities, using fairly simple video camera and audio equipment to connect to social media platforms, such as Facebook, YouTube or individual websites. We decided to experiment with live streaming of our Sunday morning services. As there was no telephone line to bring a broadband connection into the church we had to connect via the local 4G mobile phone service. That link should have been adequate for the purpose but we soon found that local demand for mobile phone service, especially during the Polo season, degraded the link making it impossible to transmit the TV signal reliably. We needed a direct connection to broadband in the church.

Initial investigations considered the provision of service to both the church and the Refectory but then, because of safety concerns, it became necessary to abandon the Refectory and to concentrate all social activities into the church. This made broadband provision simpler. In the early Summer of 2021 approaches were made to various potential suppliers of broadband services. We had a problem. No-one was prepared to make a survey or give us a quotation because the church did not exist! Despite being there for 770 years the

church did not appear on any address database and had no official postcode. We pointed out that Queen Elizabeth 1st had managed to find the church but that did not seem to impress the broadband suppliers.

There is a department of the County Council in Chichester that allocates road names. They were very sympathetic and helpful and, after some investigations, agreed an address and postcode for the church – which is St.Mary’s Church, Easebourne Lane, GU29 0AG. Royal Mail, who allocated the postcode, require that any recorded address has a secure means of receiving post, so an elegant pink postbox was installed in the church porch. Now we could proceed. Because we needed a telephone line to carry the broadband signal, BT was asked to make a survey and to quote for supply of a business line. (The church is officially a “business”.) There followed an interesting, but rather frustrating, series of conversations with BT representatives who wanted to know the nature of our business – one would think that this was not the first time that they had dealt with a church as a customer.

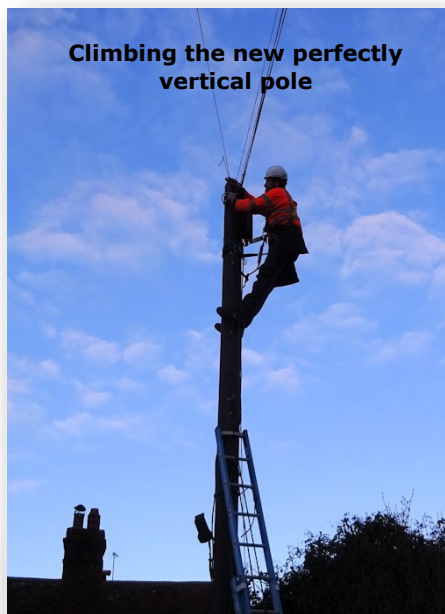
Another complication then arose. We learned that we were to have a new curate in 2022 who would need to work from an office in the church, so our installation would need to include a suitable telephone as well as the broadband link. We specified the broadband speed that we would require for live streaming, BT quoted for the supply of service and the project was launched. How would the new line be connected to the church? There were two

main possibilities. One was to lay an underground cable from the connection cabinet in Easebourne Lane, across the churchyard. The other was to bring an overhead cable from the existing distribution pole at the East end of the church. Either solution might involve consultation with the Diocesan authorities and, possibly, the negotiation of a faculty. Fortunately, the Diocese had recently introduced a system of relaxations in the regulations for such works but still required advance notice to approve any installation plans. At that stage no installation plan had yet been agreed with BT.



The 'D' pole

Initial research revealed another problem. The pole behind the church, DP551, serving the cottages and the Priory buildings, was a "D" pole. That means that the pole, already leaning over towards the Priory, was condemned as dangerous. It could not be climbed, nor could any new connections be made to it. That information was reported to Openreach (who manage the local networks for BT) who immediately sent a



Climbing the new perfectly vertical pole

technician to investigate. He arrived, inspected the pole and declared it to be "D". I pointed out that I had already reported that fact and suggested that BT/ Openreach should have already identified the problem when the order was placed. In my early days in the Post Office Engineering Department, the unit responsible for surveying, estimating and issuing works orders for such jobs had up-to-date records of all distribution poles, especially "D" poles.



Exterior fitting

Openreach then set a date for the installation. A technician would attend between 09:00 and 12:30 on the chosen date. I waited in a cold church for 4 hours until two Openreach vans and three men arrived at 13:00. The team assembled to inspect the site and discovered, apparently for the first time, that DP551 was a “D” pole! They went away, promising that something would be done. After several days another appointment was offered. This time only one technician attended, on time, and proceeded to survey a route for the new line to enter the church with the minimum of damage to the building. He too discovered that DP551 was “D” but had a possible solution. He knew that the cable carrying our new line was already terminated at the base of the pole, so an underground cable could be run along the bottom of the stone wall and under the church path without having to climb the pole. This plan, however, would require the negotiation of a wayleave with the Cowdray Estate. The technician set off to find the estate offices and was never seen again.

There followed a period of over a month, including Christmas, and nothing more happened, except that BT sent details of a special offer for businesses planning to close over the Christmas period! We went away for a week in early January. When we returned we were delighted to see that DP551 had been replaced. Now the project could continue. A new date was set for Openreach to survey and instal the new line. On 19th

January the technician climbed the new pole and connected our cable. Bringing the cable through a doorframe and into the church proved problematic, so a second visit was required the next day. Meanwhile I had provided power extension cables in the church to serve the broadband router and telephone. Internal wiring was completed quickly and, at last, we were on-line.

Initial tests showed that the broadband speeds available would be sufficient for live-streaming and downloading video, from You Tube for example. The BT router has a “Guest” facility. That was soon set up and shown to work well. Visitors to the church can log in, without a password, to “BT Guest_Wi-Fi” and access internet services but not administrative functions.

It has been a long haul but we are now an on-line church. Now we can think of imaginative ways of using the broadband connection to enhance the ministry of the church both to regular attenders and to the world beyond St.Mary’s, Easebourne.



Rotary Club Young Chef Competition at Midhurst Rother College

by Madeleine Hathaway from MRC and
John Barrett from the Rotary Club



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Midhurst Rotary College is a firm supporter of the Rotary Youth Competitions which besides Young Chef, include Rotary Young Photographer, Young Writer, and Young Musician Competitions.

Year 10 GCSE Hospitality and Catering students (ages 14—15) recently competed against each other in the local heat of the Rotary Club Young Chef for 2022. The aims of the competition are to learn how to cook a healthy meal, develop food presentation skills, consider food hygiene issues, develop organisational and planning skills and cope in a demanding situation. Their task was to prepare in two hours a 3-course healthy meal comprising starter, main course and dessert for two people, and costing less than £20.00.

After much heat in the kitchen, an array of delicious delights were put before the judging panel—chair of judging Bekim

Shillova, owner of La Piazzetta restaurants in Petersfield and Midhurst, John Barrett, Rotary Midhurst and Petworth and Natalie Bowers, MRC Teacher of Food Technology.

Bekim was very impressed with their skills and congratulated the students in the way they approached the challenges. Joe Etienne, who teaches Year 10 GCSE Food Technology at MRC said “The students should all be very proud of their entries. All the food presented to judges was of a high standard and received excellent feedback.”

The MRC winners were Scarlett Down (1st place), Lewis Blumlein (2nd Place), and Teyen Morrin (3rd Place). In addition to the prizes given to the three winners, all those who took part in the competition will get to visit La Piazzetta in Midhurst to see how the kitchens operate, and also get to try some of the food from the menu!



News from Easebourne Primary School



The biggest news story since the last edition of United must be the appointment of a new headteacher. Together, a team of six governors and three advisers put the candidates through their paces over two long days, with a range of tasks and interviews. We were all delighted when our current Deputy Head, Caroline Hulbert, was appointed. Caroline will do an excellent job, with the school going from strength to strength under her leadership – exciting times! As ever, our school councillors played a significant part, interviewing the candidates, asking a number of challenging questions, including whether homework would continue and whether mobile phones in schools were the way forward!



Caroline Hulbert

This is HOPE Term and our collective worship has centred on aspects of this theme. It's covered topics ranging from the Feast of the Epiphany and Martin Luther King Day, to hope for our world, such as a peaceful resolution to the situation between Russia and the Ukraine. As well as taking weekly acts of collective worship, Derek visits classes to support them with their RE lessons and one visit this term was to Otters (Year 6). They have been unpicking the story of Creation and how this can fit in with modern science. With Derek's help, they worked in groups

to explore some pictures and photographs related to Creation. They had lots of probing questions to ask, such as 'How did God create light without a light source?' and 'Are the planets mentioned in Genesis?'

Meanwhile, Years 4 and 5 had a visit from Hamza, who works with us regularly to support our children's knowledge of Islam. Hamza explained how Muslims believe that the world is like God's guesthouse and that we are his VIP guests; we should therefore treat the world around us (plants, animals, people, and

ourselves) with respect. They show their immense thanks and gratitude to Allah (God) by praying to him five times a day, and by following His rules. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear this all first-hand and to have the chance to raise questions about the Islamic faith.

The houses have now all chosen the charities they will be supporting this term. Red House have chosen the British Heart Foundation, Blue House have chosen Winston's Wish, Yellow House have chosen YoungMinds, and Green House have chosen the World Wildlife Fund. So far Green House have organised a cake sale,

Yellow House have run 'Crazy Hat Day', and Red House have masterminded a Valentine -themed bake sale. Blue House's fundraiser, a disco after school in March, is still to come.

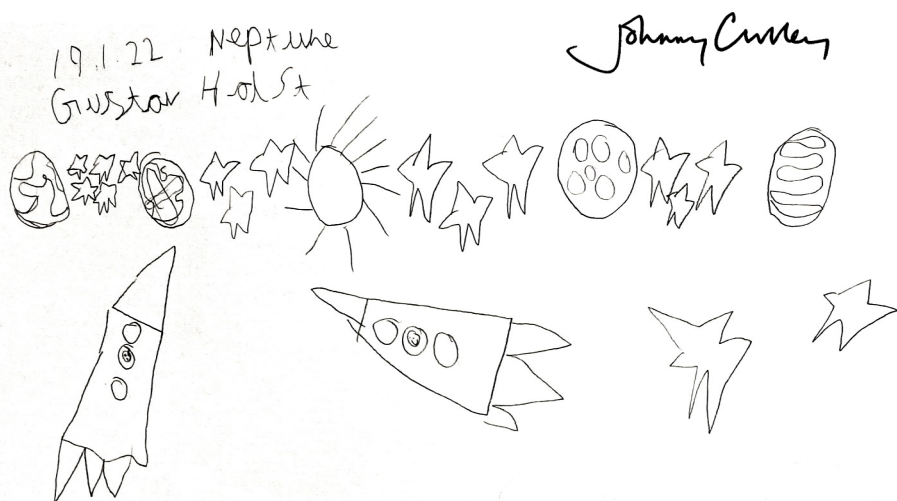
We have also run our second of the year's three after-school visits to the theatre. We took two minibuses full of KS2 pupils from the school went to Chichester Festival Theatre to see *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World*. We learnt about a range of inspirational women from Mary Anning to Marie Curie in a hugely energetic musical.

Dragonflies (Reception) learnt that it is not always easy for the birds to get food if the ground is frozen, and they made some Cheerio bird feeders to put in their gardens. Hedgehogs (Year 1) have been learning about Judaism and in particular a Mitzvah which is a good deed; they acted out the story of Zoe and her Grandpa with some great acting skills from our volunteers. In Squirrels (Year 2), the

children listened to Gustav Holst's *The Planets*. When they listened to *Neptune*, they drew pictures of what the sound might look like. (See drawing by Fergus below.) Rabbits Class (Year 3) have had weekly swimming sessions in Haslemere, whilst Badgers (Year 4) and Foxes (Year 5) have enjoyed weekly Forest School sessions. Badgers were invaded by Hrothgar, the Viking warrior, and held captive in the Sports Hall all day! Otters (Year 6) had a week of 'Bikeability', learning how to ride their bikes safely. Meanwhile, as part of their 'Sow, Grow and Farm' topic,

Foxes (Year 5) visited Buddington Farm and learnt about a range of different farming processes and techniques linked to the mixed farm.

Our children have also competed in sport. Our Year 6 team won an indoor athletics competition and our Year 3/4 boys placed first in a cross country competition, whilst the girls came second.



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New Head Teacher at Conifers—Miss Emma Fownes



CONIFERS SCHOOL

Conifers School is delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Emma Fownes as their new Head. Having previously been Deputy Head and Head of English at Boundary Oak School near Fareham since 2009, Emma is a highly experienced, award-winning, educator who brings over 20 years of teaching experience to her new role at Conifers. She was recognised for her 'Outstanding' qualities as a teacher and was awarded the prestigious National Teaching Award for South of

England. Emma holds a BA (Dual Hons) in English Literature and American Studies, as well as a PGCE, and her impressive background in pastoral care, senior leadership, curriculum design and teacher mentoring makes her an ideal fit for the position.

Conifers and Boundary Oak schools are both owned by Quo Vadis Education, the education group led by CEO Aaron Stewart, and Executive Head & Co-founder James Polansky. In her new role as Head, Emma will work closely with Aaron and James, along with the Senior Leadership team, to lead Conifers school in the next exciting chapter of its rich history.

Miss Fownes said: "It is a real honour to be joining the team and taking on the role of Head at Conifers. This post is an

incredibly exciting opportunity for me, given the school's undeniable charm, its impressive ethos and the experienced teaching staff. Conifers is already a very supportive environment where children really do love learning. It was apparent from the first day that the staff encourage children to follow their dreams and help them to believe in themselves, resulting in great progress both academically and socially. I am excited to continue nurturing this."



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Inspection Report shows that we are already making huge strides in this area, with their assessment describing Conifers as a happy and stimulating environment where each pupil can prosper academically, socially and emotionally."

Visit <https://www.conifersschool.com> to find out more about Conifers

? General Knowledge Quiz—*Compiled by Carole Sawyer*

1. What is the alternative name for the Chinese gooseberry?
2. Whose law states that 'Anything that can go wrong will go wrong'?
3. The world's highest uninterrupted waterfall, the Angel Falls, is in which country?
4. Can you name the only human disease to be eradicated by a global vaccination campaign?
5. The Queen recently expressed a wish that when Prince Charles becomes King, his wife Camilla should be known as what?
6. Leo Tolstoy is best known for his two longest works – can you name both?
7. What did Robert Catesby lead?
8. 'Bright Eyes' by Art Garfunkel was used in the soundtrack to which 1978 animated film?
9. In which century was William Shakespeare born?
10. Who is the first woman to land a quadruple jump at the Winter Olympics in Beijing?
11. Which artist painted 'Guernica', 'The Weeping Woman' and 'Le Reve'?
12. What is the largest wild animal in the British Isles?
13. Which long-running radio programme was devised by Roy Plomley?
14. What is the fifth letter of the Greek alphabet?
15. Which word is used for a period of play in a game of polo, each of which lasts for between seven and seven-and-a-half minutes?
16. Who has been the Channel 4 show Countdown's resident lexicographer since 1992?
17. How many pennies are there in an old pound?
18. What is the most commonly broken bone in humans?
19. The Aegean Sea is located between which two countries?
20. What is the text abbreviation TYVM short for?

Answers on page 24



Snippets from a Gardener's Diary by John Humphris

Growing Clematis

My love affair with Clematis started late. None of the early gardens I was working in had ideal conditions to grow them, and when I moved to Borde Hill it was very much a woodland garden with little space, walls or fencing to grow them.

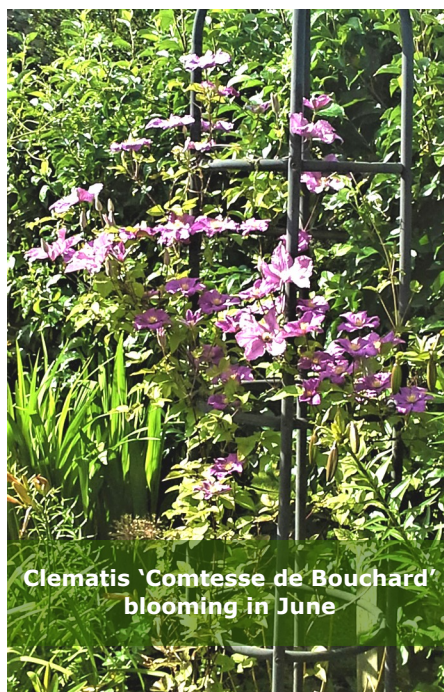
Sutton Place was immediately different - it had one very large walled garden covering more than one acre and when Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe's major new garden scheme began, this included a second walled garden on the east side of the house. With high walls, deep fertile soil and aspects from full sun to full shade these were ideal conditions to grow, not just clematis, but many other climbers.

If you are going to grow climbers on walls or fences they need support, and whether it is someone's small back garden or large walled ones as above, the principal is exactly the same. The first task is to wire the walls. This is not only a major job but expensive - once completed though it will last for many years. The wires need to be around 18 inches apart, and each section of wall will need galvanized brackets drilled into the wall, with at the one end an adjustment nut and bolt to tension the wires. Through trial and error we found that 2.5 mm galvanized wire was the best size, being rigid enough to not bend when heavy plants were laid on them yet sufficiently pliant when it had to be tensioned up.

One of the major problems close to walls is how quickly the soil dries out in draught conditions. Clematis are gross feeders and if compost or manure is added when the

ground is prepared for any new planting and once planting is complete a mulch of more compost is added, this will do much to prevent clematis suffering in very dry conditions. A common mistake also is to plant too close to the wall or fence. Plant at least 12 inches away from the support and begin the training of new shoots with bamboo canes...These canes can be tied to the wires making a framework ready to support the early growth. Many gardeners train their clematis on to a trellis, which in many ways is much easier to manage as tying in can be done directly to this support.

That is then the nitty gritty reality of growing these wonderful climbers. It is easy to just stick them in and hope for the best, and there are some species and



Clematis 'Comtesse de Bouchard'
blossoming in June

hybrids that will survive that kind of treatment, but long term good preparation of ground and preparing a good structure will be worthwhile.

Looking at my notes I see it was 2012 when the Easebourne Garden Society invited Marcus Dancer to give a talk on clematis. He was a specialist grower from Hampshire who had previously worked at Hilliers. In those days he would sell his plants at the farmers market in Petersfield and also by mail order. One of the most interesting parts of his talk was depth of planting for different types of clematis. For instance, all evergreen clematis such as *C Montana* should not be planted too deep, and the very large flowered hybrids, which are often subject

to wilt disease, should be planted deeply. They have thick roots and benefit from extra feeding and an application of a systemic fungicide. And then, do not plant *C alpina* and *C macropetala* too deeply, and yet *C viticella* and *C tangutica* should be planted deeply. All of this was most interesting and not something I had really thought about. It is worth remembering though that his advice on planting the larger hybrids deeply is important as many people have lost these to wilt disease, through a combination of shallow planting and drying out. (To be cont'd in April)

John Humphris
810052

Easebourne Garden & Allotment Society Meetings in Cowdray Hall GU29 0AW

Thursday 10 March—An afternoon talk starting at the earlier time of 2.30pm by Kate Dziubinska who is a ranger for the South Downs National Park. She will talk about the Wealden Heath.

Visitors are welcome—entry £3.

Coach Trip to RHS Wisley—Tuesday 7 June We may have spaces left on the coach for this all-day outing to Wisley. Cost if you are a member is only £18 which includes entrance and a cream tea in one of their cafés. Non-members can join for £22 but you can become a member of the Society for the extra £4. Please contact Jackie Haggis, email jackieh5@gmail.com or Tel 812230.

Our **Handbook for 2022** is now available 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. It costs £4 per person or £6 for two people at the same address.

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Storm Eunice! – Friday 18 February 2022

We all had good advance information, but still Storm Eunice caused a lot of disruption in Easebourne and the surrounding district. It started blowing hard in the morning and the electricity switched off for most of us at 11.30. The editor was sitting at the computer working on this edition – fortunately just having brewed up a cup of coffee – when the screen went blank. So a cold lunch for us on Friday the 18th of February.

The day after the storm we drove up to Buddington Farm to buy our milk and met with farmer John Renwick. Indeed they do have a generator there which is powered by one of their big tractors. So there was no problem milking their herd of dairy cows using their robotic milking machines. They also deployed a smaller generator for the milk vending machine, but, as John said, there were not many customers driving up to fill up their bottles during the gale!

Then we drove to Easebourne Street to see for ourselves some of the havoc caused, and to talk to some of the villagers. We dropped in at Easebourne Village Stores to have a chat with Kirisha and her son Vikish. Kirisha told us that she had to close the shop when the electricity failed because of course with no power they could not operate the till or run the Post Office or the PayPoint facilities. Then we saw Richard the landlord at the White Horse. He was outside with some colleagues clearing up the mess and making safe one of their two marquees which were badly damaged. He said however that they

managed to open for the evening as usual. Later we bumped into Karen and Brian who were walking their dog Tara on Easebourne Street. They told us that where they live they were still without power, because people further up the Street are on a different circuit than those from the centre of the village and the rest of Midhurst. Karen was telling us she has a cousin who works on a local farm that has no generator, and the milking there had to be done by hand. The cows couldn't wait!

We visited the BP Garage and Marks & Spencers food shop and talked to Mark, the manager. He told us that they had earlier secured all outdoor signs, but later with no power for the pumps and for the tills in the shop, they had to close until the electricity came back on about 3.15pm. Across the road at Cook, they had already decided not to open on Friday. All their food is kept in freezers and with a power cut it is very important not to open the freezer doors.

At Easebourne Primary school, Johnny Culley, the headmaster, reminded us that Friday was the last day before the half-term holiday. The kitchen had a full supply of food to serve that day (lovely fish and chips) but when the decision was made early in the morning to close the school, they needed to dispose of all the food before the weekend. The local Foodbank had no capacity for fresh food that day, but they were able to contact families who would benefit from parcels of food. So most of it was collected and

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Above: Kirisha and her son Vikish at the Village Shop; and Brian and Karen walking their dog Tara on Easebourne Street.

Below: Damage to scaffolding curtains at the building works at Challens Yard; and the milk vending machine at Buddington Farm which functioned via a generator on Friday.



18 February 2022



Above: A tree down near North Mill bridge; COOK which remained closed

Right: White Horse pub where their two marquees were badly damaged

Below: more tree damage; Mark at the BP Garage



used. The children 'attended' school via Google Classroom, but of course that facility was interrupted for most pupils when their power was lost at home.

Conifers School also closed for the day, and their students also had their classes remotely via Google Classroom - at least as long as families had power at home! Chloe on the staff at Conifers told us that the spirits and moral of staff and pupils continued to remain high as they approached the end to another busy half term, safely, with our school community all working together.

Midhurst Rother College had closed in advance of the storm anyway, as they have a 200 square mile catchment area. Lessons were online until Eunice put a stop to that plan when the power went off.

Katharine Minchin would have been happy to hunker down at home like most of the rest of us, but she is a volunteer at the Stonepillow day centre in Chichester, and she was concerned for all those vulnerable people who depend on the breakfast they provide. Katharine was concerned about shortage of supplies, until a local primary school on emergency closure came along to donate all the food that their children

would have had for their last day of school before the holiday.

Finally we heard from Sarah at Birch Trees Nursing Home in Hollist Lane. They in fact have no generator so their plans for a fish and chip lunch had to change. However, she said they had some lovely sandwiches for lunch and then a hot supper when the power came back on. Fortunately, it doesn't happen very often, but when it does they have well-practiced procedures in place to ensure everyone stays safe and well. Many of their residents have physically high demands and when equipment fails, it can be hard work. However, the whole team at Birch trees are amazing and pull together. All of the staff know each one of our residents extremely well, so we are able to make sure in situations like this, not only their physical needs are met, but their emotional needs are too.

Everyone we talked to is extremely grateful to the engineers who worked so hard in perilous conditions to get the power back on for most of us so quickly. (Having said that, as we go to press on 20th February, some Easebourne residents are still without power.)

From the editors

Unless you pick up your copy of United in church or receive it in the post, the person who delivers to you will call and ask for your subscription for the year from April 2022. It is still only £5, so it would help if you could have it ready. You can also pay by bank transfer to Barclays, Sort 20 20 62, A/c 535 23 756 (ref 'United' and your name.) If you pay by BACS please send us an email to confirm. Or you can pay by cheque or give cash to Ann in church. If you enjoy reading our magazine, please invite friends and neighbours to subscribe. And please do send us your contributions and feedback.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

Easebourne Parish Council would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council is in discussions with Midhurst Town Council and Cowdray Estate regarding an event to celebrate this momentous occasion and once details have been finalised, we will publish widely.



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Parish Council Planning

A brief update on a number of planning applications for areas with the Parish. As most will know, the three Cowdray and Metis Homes sites are currently pending the resubmission of full applications following the withdrawal of one and advice given by the SDNPA on the others. At the time of writing, we await further information as to when they might be re-submitted.

In addition, there are two planning applications for land at the King Edward VII Estate. By the time of publication the deadline for submission of comments will have passed, so we again await further details from the Planning Authority. Details of submissions will be available by viewing the following application numbers on the Planning Portal **SDNP/21/06432/FUL** and **SDNP/21/06433/LIS**
<https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications>

Mike Noble

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Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP)

FrEP has begun 2022 with new tasks being performed, litter picking continuing, and many more projects planned for the coming months. Volunteers have cut back and cleared vegetation from the southern corner entrance and footpath into Easebourne Park, and made this area much safer and obstruction free.



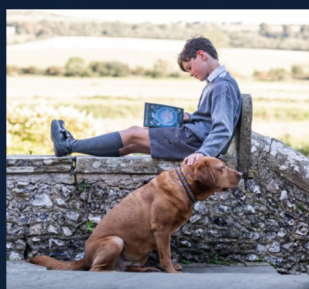
Another FrEP project that is already underway is the cutting back and general tidying up the hedges and surrounding areas of the cemetery in Glaziers Lane. This will be one of FrEP's on-going projects.

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The next talk for 2022 is on **Thursday 17 March at 7.30pm** when Easebourne Garden Society chairman John Humphris will talk about the wonderful gardens of Sutton Place. John, who was head gardener there for a number of years, and will discuss the evolution of the garden originally designed by Gertrude Jekyll, and which was re-designed in 1980 by landscape architect Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe.

We meet ten times a year for interesting talks in the Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of the month, and you can find this year's programme on our website: midhurstsociety.org.uk. There is time at each meeting to socialise with a glass of wine. (Please wear a mask if restrictions are still in place.) Entrance is free for members and £3 for visitors. If you decide to join the Midhurst Society on the night, your entrance fee will be deducted. (The membership form is on our website.)

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Listed Buildings in Easebourne—North Mill and Mill House Grade II listed 18.06.59



The Millhouse and the Mill adjoin. The former is to the north east. It has two parallel ranges. The north west range is probably the oldest part of the complex. Early C19. Coursed stone with red brick dressings and quoins. Tiled roof. Glazing bars intact. Two storeys. Three windows. The south east range is probably mid-C19, the same date as the mill. Stone, which has weathered to a greenish

gold. Tiled roof. Gable at south end of west front. South front has a pointed doorway on ground floor and another above with balcony. Rectangular panel with date in gable. Two storeys and attic in gable. Three windows facing south. Four windows facing west, all casements.

B&W photo by John Harrison. Notes contributed by Phil Stringer from the archives of the late John Stringer. Photo on p. 25 is by Harvey Tordoff, by kind permission of Caroline Cheshire.

The Millers of North Mill by Chris Deadman

John Gosden, miller and farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth, were resident here with their housekeeper and servant according to the 1866 Kelly's Directory. The couple were both born in Midhurst. Prior to their marriage in Midhurst in 1843 John had lived with his parents, Goen and Sarah Gosden in North Street. After John's retirement as miller when he was around 65, he returned to live in North Street with his wife, along with their housekeeper of twenty years plus two servants. John died in 1891, aged 80, and was buried in Easebourne.

Following John Gosden, the next miller occupant of North Mill in 1878 was Francis Alwyne Tallant who was 29. He was the son of Francis Tallant who lived at The Priory, as he was the Land Agent & Steward to the Earl of Egmont. The census of 1881 lists the occupation of Francis Alwyne Tallant as "Master Miller & Brickyard Prop" who employed 19 Labourers. Living with him was his brother, Maurice (age 26), his aunt, Catherine (age 58), and a general servant called Jane.

By 1890 Francis was a "Surveyor of Highways" but remained at North Mill in business with his brother as Tallant Bros; millers (water) as listed in the commercial section of the Kelly's Directory. The 1899 Directory does not contain a commercial listing for North Mill, but Francis Alwyne Tallant has a private listing for residing at Roseneath (Dodsley Fields) in Easebourne. Tallant Brothers continue to have a commercial listing as "brick and tile manufacturers etc." at Cocking and Fernhurst. By 1911 Francis Alwyne Tallant had become the Registrar of Births, deaths and marriages for Midhurst (No 1 district) as well as continuing to be a builder's merchant.

In 1905, John Gwillim is listed as miller (water) in the Kelly's Directory. A farmer's son born in Herefordshire in 1876, John, age 25, was a Flour Miller in Coventry in 1901. In 1907, as well as operating the North Mill and the mill at Fittleworth, John took a lease on Coultershaw Mill from the Petworth Estate thus operating three watermills on the river Rother.

Living at North Mill with his wife, son, three daughters and two servants, the 1911 census records his occupation as Flour Miller and Corn Merchant. The listing in the Kelly's Directory of that year also noted that John had "stores" at Dodsley.

General Knowledge Quiz Answers

1. Kiwi fruit. 2. Murphy's law. 3. Venezuela. 4. Smallpox. 5. Queen Consort. 6. War and Peace and Anna Karenina. 7. The Gunpowder Plot (in 1605). 8. Watership Down. 9. 16th Century (1564). 10. Kamila Valieva. 11. Pablo Picasso. 12. The Scottish Red Deer. 13. Desert Island Discs. 14. Epsilon. 15. Chukka. 16. Susie Dent. 17. 240 pennies. 18. Collarbone or Clavicle. 19. Greece and Turkey. 20. Thank You Very Much



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It is because of such generosity that we are able to support those within our community who are experiencing significant hardship. We recently received

a very generous donation from Midhurst Freemasons, and many individuals constantly contribute both cash and food. Such thoughtfulness demonstrates what a caring community we live in. Like all charities, without people's support we could not function. Life has become very much harder for those who live on the edge of poverty. To quote a young mother I spoke to this week, 'I went shopping yesterday but I just did not have enough money!' We feed around 20 individuals each week single people, young families, the elderly, all types of households.

Midhurst is also fortunate to have a Pop up Pantry. This is open at The Grange in Midhurst every Monday between 3.00 and 4.00. Anyone in need can go and fill a carrier bag with food for just £2.50. The food available, supplied by UK Harvest, includes fresh products and is a wonderful additional support for all who struggle.

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Liz Willing Midhurst Foodbank Coordinator



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Wellbeing at Cowdray

Jonathan Russell, CEO



Wellbeing is integral to Cowdray's ethos and values. While wellbeing is positively promoted throughout the Estate's businesses, Cowdray Hall and Therapy Rooms provides a focal point for self-development allowing people to reassess and recharge from their busy lives.

During lockdown the Hall was unable to open due to restrictions, but the Therapy Rooms remained operational. Therapists, including osteopaths, physiotherapists, sports therapists, nutritionists, and clinical psychologists, were regularly fully booked as it was a time when people either needed support or were able to focus more on health and wellbeing. Cowdray also launched a Virtual Wellbeing Programme.

Rachel Usher, who oversees the Cowdray Hall and Therapy Rooms, said: "We were aware that lockdown was a challenging and lonely time for many and wanted to provide a place where people could feel

supported and part of a thriving wellbeing community, so we were inspired to launch the Cowdray Virtual Wellbeing Programme. This consisted of speaker events, classes and educational 'Talking Points' which were accessed online.

"Now that classes are back up and running at Cowdray Hall there is not the demand for an online programme as many prefer to interact in person. Cowdray Hall and Therapy Rooms are busier than ever."

Classes at Cowdray Hall include yoga, Qigong, Pilates, Tai Chi as well as Mindfulness and meditation. Within the Hall, there is a chapel suitable for more intimate classes and workshops, and then a main hall which can accommodate larger gatherings. There is also a meeting room, library and a kitchen. A range of inspirational workshops, retreats and events also take place at Cowdray Hall.



Adjacent to Cowdray Hall sit three beautifully appointed Therapy Rooms used by a range of practitioners specialising in conventional and alternative therapies. These peaceful rooms are nearly always fully booked by a wide range of practising therapists who offer expert advice in their field.

Therapists include physiotherapists Bill and Becky Potts who founded and run Perfect Motion Physio. With almost 30 years' experience between them in the musculoskeletal field they treat a broad spectrum of clients from pregnant ladies and office workers through to athletes and retired persons. Osteopaths Tom Nottingham and Beth Forrest both work out of the Therapy Rooms as does Nutritional Therapist Nicola Russell. Consultations with Nicola include reviewing the client's health history, diet and lifestyle.

There are also counsellors and psychologists including Dr Louisa McClean, who has 15 years' experience of working with children and families in distress, and Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Sarah Swan, who works with adults across the entire spectrum of mental health issues. Michelle Corrigan also offers counselling and therapy sessions. Bookings are made by contacting each individual therapist with full details provided on the Cowdray website.

There is plenty of parking outside Cowdray Hall and Therapy Rooms and details of all the classes and workshops are available online.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.cowdray.co.uk/wellbeing/>

Easebourne War Memorial—Funding boost from Grants for War Memorials scheme

by Phil Stringer

Our war memorial will benefit from a grant this year of £2,430 from the Grants for War Memorials scheme supported by Historic England. The money will enable the memorial to be repaired and conserved in its centenary year. Those involved in the project come from a joint project team from St Mary's Parish Church, Easebourne Parish Council and with support from the Cowdray Estate.

Frances Moreton, Director of the War Memorials Trust, said, "War memorials are touchstones to our past. Preserving them maintains the link between those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and later generations who benefit from the freedoms for which they fought. War memorials also remind us of the full cost of war so we can hopefully learn the lessons which help us avoid conflict, and further loss, in future. War Memorials Trust is pleased to assist this project to improve the condition of the war memorial." Contact the Trust grants@warmemorials.org or contact Phil Stringer stringers4@btinternet.com or on his mobile 07746 853974.

Our war memorial was designed by Sir Aston Webb and the cost of construction in

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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:

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1921 was shared by a parish subscription and a donation by Lord Cowdray. It was dedicated on 1st October 1921. A joint working group between St Mary's Church and Easebourne Parish Council was set up - led by Phil Stringer, with Church Warden Roger Sked and Easebourne Parish Council leader Mike Noble. The work to be conducted will include repairs to stonework, repointing damaged areas with matching lime based mortar, and a full clean to the memorial and the bronze plaques to remove biological growth and corrosion. Contributions to the costs of the project have also been received from the Cowdray Estate, Easebourne Parish Council and St Mary's Parochial Church Council, as well as the War Memorials Trust.



The War Memorials Trust is an independent registered charity. Established in 1997 due to concerns about neglect and vandalism, it works to protect and conserve war memorials. It provides advice, information and administers grants schemes that assist the repair and conservation of war memorials across the UK. As a charity the Trust relies on voluntary contributions to undertake its work. Supporters include annual and life members, donors, charitable trusts and corporate contributors. www.warmemorials.org War Memorials Trust administers a number of grant programmes supporting war memorials across the UK. Further information on the funding available can be found at www.warmemorials.org/grants. Examples of projects previously supported, which can be searched by county and country, can be found at www.warmemorials.org/search-grants.



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But as the decades pass by
You are not quite in the same mood.

It might be your way to ignore them
But somewhere, some place, there'll be
Official records, and photographs
Recording the birth of you, and me.

The date burns a hole in your brain
How can I really be that old
I haven't done half the things I wanted
Now it's too darn late, truth be told!

Your skin develops some age spots
And hairs begin to grow on your chin
Arthritic joints start complaining
It seems that you just can't win.

The systems not going to forget you
You're on that list somewhere
You'll be inundated with info-
So how about that reclining chair?

Maybe the chairlift will help you
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