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Easebourne village and St Mary's Church magazine

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The deadline for the July/August issue of United is Wednesday 15 June. We always welcome interesting articles and attractive images from our readers.

Send to: easebourne.united@gmail.com or Tel 816542

Many thanks to Val Carver for the cover photograph.



From the Vicar

Meet our new curate

Liz Yonge will be joining our churches in July this year as our new curate. Her ordination will be on Sunday 3rd July – so her first Sunday in church with us will be the 10th July. We pray for Liz and her family as they prepare to join us. Liz writes...

Hello!

I am really looking forward to getting to know the villages of Easebourne, Selham and Lodsworth this summer and serving as assistant curate within their beautiful churches.

God-willing, I will be ordained on Sunday 3rd July in Brighton, having studied Theology, Mission and Ministry part-time at Ripon College, Cuddesdon for the last two years. I have really loved learning more about God but, having been used to seeing hundreds of kids each week in my previous role as Children, Youth and Families worker, I am excited to be joining such a bustling community just a few days after my ordination, and am very grateful to Derek and to you all for welcoming me into your lives.



My first aim is to walk around each of the villages and get to know the geography, what is going on locally and meet as many people as I can, both inside and outside of the churches, so if you see me looking lost then please help me out!

I have an amazing support crew in my husband Alan and our children Matty (sporty), Ginny (bookworm), Jess (animal mad) and Ethan (dinosaur-loving maniac), and, whilst we will remain living in Chichester, you will get to see us all (and our two yappy dogs, Muffin and Maisie) around the place a lot, so do say hello when you see us!

Every blessing,

Liz x

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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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CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE 2022

Wed 1	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 5	Jubilee Celebration		
	8.30am	St James	Jubilee Service
	9.45am	St Peter's	Jubilee Service
	11.00am	St Mary's	Jubilee Service
Wed 8	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	St Mary's	Afternoon Tea
Sunday 12	Trinity Sunday		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wed 15	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 19	1st Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Monday 20	4.00pm	St Mary's	Easebourne Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 22	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 26	2nd Sunday after Trinity		
	10.30am	St Peters	Well blessing
	11.00am	St Peter's	Open Air Service
Wed 29	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
JULY			
Friday 1	4.00pm	St Mary's	Memorial Service
Sunday 3	3 Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong

St Mary's Reading Rota for June

Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader	Intercessor
5 June Jubilee	Romans 13: 1—10	Luke 22: 24—30		Clergy
12 June	Romans 5: 1—5	John 16: 12—15	Wendy Trafford	Clergy
19 June	Galatians 3: 23—end	Luke 8: 26—39	David Christie	Clergy
26 June	(No service at St Mary's)		Hilary Craig	

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

Women's Fellowship

At our May meeting we were pleased to welcome guests from Midhurst and Petworth to our Beetle Drive. In all, 23 of us enjoyed a fast and furious evening playing beetle. First prize was won by Fred from Petworth, second prize by Jackie, also from Petworth, and the booby prize was won by Jeanette from Midhurst.

Refreshments were served and the evening ended with the drawing of the raffle, many of the prizes having been generously donated by our visitors. The profit from the evening will be split 50-50 between the Spire Fund and our Fellowship funds.

Please note—there will be no meeting in June. In July we hope to go out for a cream tea at a local garden centre.

Ann Harfield, Tel 813810

Afternoon Tea - Wednesday, 8th June at 3.00pm in church

If you would like 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 Gang look forward to seeing you all again.



Poet's Corner

A 272: A Road

with apologies to Sir John Betjeman and Miss Joan Hunter Dunn

Miss K Lovett-White, Miss K Lovett-White
So lovely by day, so lovely by night.
What wonderful, breathtaking journeys we took,
Through England, through Europe; each cranny,
each nook.

I drove you to Paris, and on down to Nice,
One year we kept driving and ended in Greece,
We lingered in Tuscany, stayed on in Rome,
But my favourite journey was bringing you home.

Those overseas memories started to fade
As soon as we entered a West Sussex glade,
With the ducks on the duck pond at
Wisborough Green
And the locals and yokels outside The Queen.

Oh merry old England! How good to be here
With the meat and two veg and a pint of warm
beer.

And you in your gingham, a smile on your face
And me by your side like a three-legged race.

We dawdle past scenes of your triumphs of yore
The golf course at Cowdray where you bellowed
“fore!”

You strode down the fairways, relaxed and at ease,
The only girl there who played off the men's tees.

And polo at Midhurst, what bliss! Oh what joy!
Astride your young pony you rode like a boy.
I watched from afar near a thicket of gorse.
Oh lucky your captain! Lucky your horse!

And so past the church by the river at Trotton,
Riviera adventures now all but forgotten.
Up the hill, round the bend, you kick
off your shoe,
The sun's going down on the two-seven-two.

I pull into your drive with the fading of light,
Beside me, eyes closed, Miss Kate Lovett-White.
I sit there in silence. You rouse from your doze.
You yawn and you smile and you wrinkle
your nose.

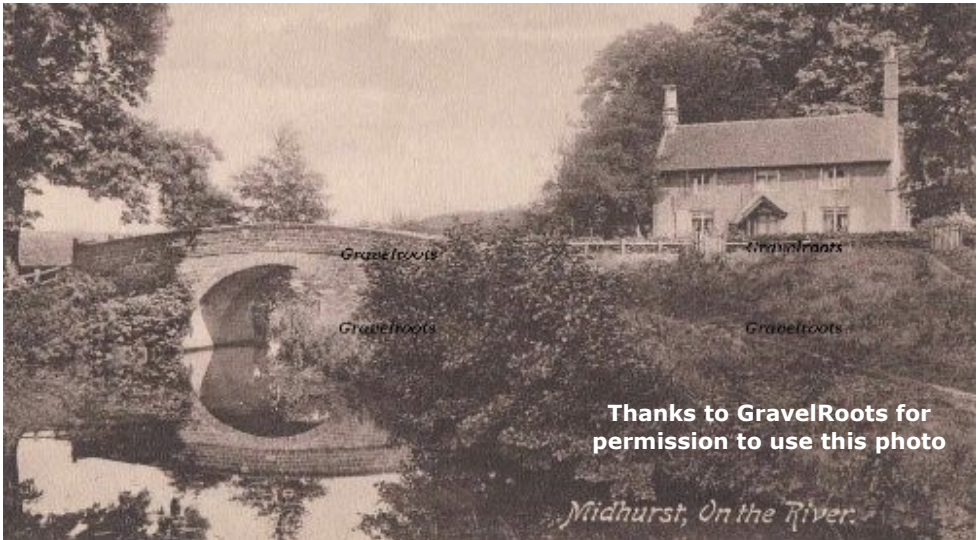
I break the enchantment and open your door.
You step onto the gravel. The end of our tour.
You graciously say “thanks awf'ly, old chap.”
I say “you're most welcome” and touch my
peaked cap.

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Ed's note: Sue Absolom is taking a break from writing her verse this month. Many thanks to Harvey Tordoff for sharing this lovely poem.

How we produce your magazine

Your copy of Easebourne United has been printed since 2016 by our local printers down at the Wharf. We heard a lecture a few weeks ago by local archivist Dave Rudwick who showed images of The Wharf as it was at the end of the 19th century. At that time the River Rother was navigable and barges delivering goods to Midhurst could sail up the spur under the little bridge and into The Wharf, which, as you would expect, was a boat basin. Yes, a body of water sufficient for several boats to dock, exactly where KerryType and the other businesses are now located.



KerryType was founded over 40 years ago by Jane Haycock with a loan of £30 to buy a long carriage electric typewriter. At home with two little boys, she soon repaid the loan by doing typing jobs at her house called KerryWood. The business grew enormously in the next months and she was able to move into an office space at Peachey House (opposite the Police Station) where Jane could boast the ownership of the first photocopy machine in Midhurst that could enlarge and reduce. (Jane called the business KerryType after their house.) The business had not been long at Peachey House when Jane purchased Chancton House, the premises where the business still operates.

When Jane's two boys Darren and Jonathan finished school, they both joined the business—and Darren is still there. Jane retired a few years ago but is still involved as financial director. Darren is the managing director and his wife Donna is company secretary and Desk Top Publishing operator.

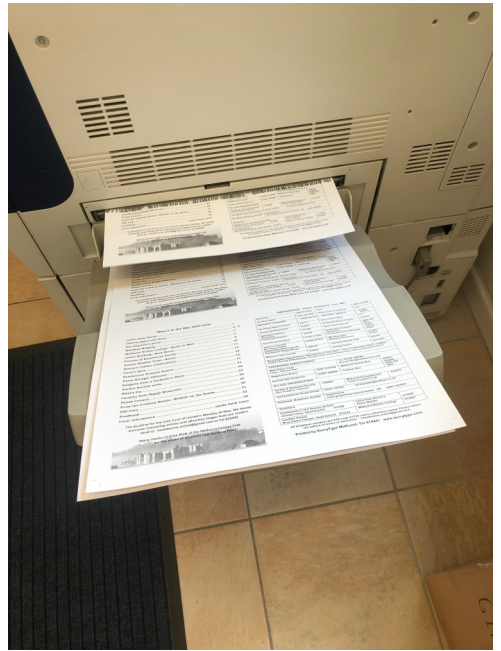


We the editors very much thank our readers who contribute articles for the magazine. We process the articles using Microsoft Publisher, and are grateful to Hooli Designs for formatting the cover pages. When the magazine is ready for print we email it over to KerryType. Donna receives it at her desk and prepares it for print.

Darren oversees printing on the huge Xerox 560 machine that you see when you visit KerryType to buy your office supplies and order printing at the front desk. Besides our magazine, they print brochures , programmes and leaflets, promotional literature and wedding stationery, etc. They also print plans up to A0 size, banners, and sign boards.



Photo courtesy of Christopher Ison Photography



Darren prints our covers and inside of covers on heavier stock paper on the big Xerox. (Here is our May issue being printed.)



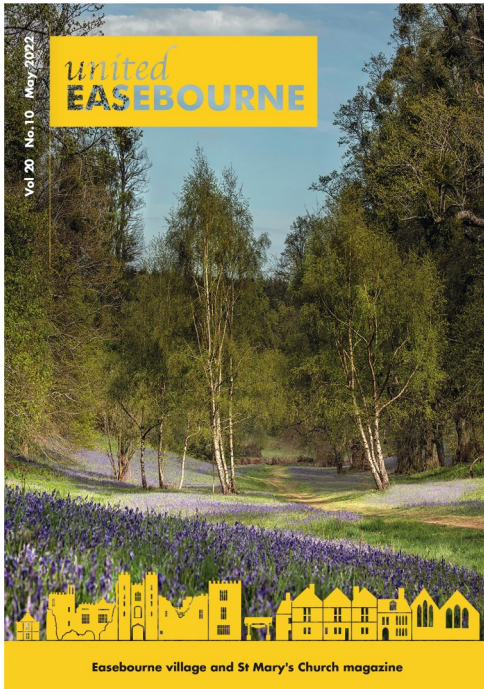
The B&W inside pages are printed at 105 pages/minutes on a Canon 8205.



Above you can see the May issue of United stacked up and ready to staple and fold, and here on the right is our magazine being fed through KerryType's 'Foldnak' machine. After folding and stapling, the magazines are guillotined to even the edges. Then our magazines are boxed up and delivered to Ann Harfield who looks after distribution.

Ann has a team of at least 20 volunteers from the village who deliver the magazine to our subscribers. Ann also has a list of postal subscribers and our magazines are also available at the Cowdray Farm Shop or from St Mary's Church. If you can help with distribution or if you can introduce a new subscriber please get in touch with Ann (contact details on p. 2.)





Here is the finished product—our May issue!

**And here is Production Assistant and Office Dog Lexi.
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At the beginning of May and after an absence of two years, the locally renowned Midhurst Rother College Community Day returned and this annual community event certainly did not disappoint. The event, which aims to bring the local community together, showcases a wide variety of clubs, organisations, charities and local businesses which contribute to the community spirit in and around the Midhurst area. The Midhurst Town Crier, John Travers, welcomed everyone, declaring the very late 2020 event open! With over 55 stalls showing off their wares, there was much on offer for all to enjoy.

Sussex Green Living, Eco Rother Action and the Woodland Theatre lorry were among those encouraging people to live greener and protect the world we live in. New to the event this year were the Chichester Falcons Softball Club, who led short games of softball for all to play throughout the day. One visitor commented, 'there really is something for everyone here, from sports

such as rugby, softball and archery, to local crafts people demonstrating their skills, and local groups recruiting volunteers. It's a fantastic event and so much on offer was free to enjoy - it's refreshing to have a family day out that doesn't cost a lot of money.' Local groups such as Girlguiding Rother Valley District, The Midhurst Green Volunteers, The Midhurst Society and

Easebourne Garden and Allotment Society used the Community Day to introduce themselves and to recruit new members. Event organiser, Maddie Hathaway said, 'this event celebrates the diversity of the groups who help to make Midhurst the community that it is. It aims to demonstrate how individuals can volunteer and support each other as they strive to make the

area a vibrant place to live."

The Community Day will return to its regular late April slot next year on Saturday 22 April 2023. Put it in your diaries now!



University of Southampton Year 10 Global Challenge



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Following the Easter break, the summer term began with a team of ten students visiting the University of Southampton to take part in its Year 10 Global Challenge. The University's first major outreach event post Covid, this showcase research-led event was unpinned by the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The day began with a 'UN Summit' led by Professor Simon Kemp, the University Lead in Education for Sustainable Development, where students were split into teams with student from other schools and explored each goal and vote as a council on the top six priorities. This then led into the afternoon session where students rejoined their own schools to research their chosen goal and prepare and take part in a debate. They also created an academic poster for the

showcase. The students were supported by the University's academic skills team and student ambassadors to conduct their research. The debate was judged by academic guests.

While not the winners of the overall challenge, the students gained so much from the event, including gaining awards for Lead Speaker at the debate. Visiting a Russell Group university and the opportunity to work under the guidance of experts in the field of sustainable development in a Higher educational environment gave the children the chance to experience what study at a top university might be like for them in the future. Taking part in such an event allows them to see where their current studies may lead to in the longer term.



MRC and RVT Get Together



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Reaching out and bridging the gap across the generations, a group of Year 13 students paid a visit to the Rother Valley Together Group. This local lunch and activity club operates out of the Grange Community Centre in Midhurst. Taking along some delicious cakes for the group members, the Sixth Formers chatted to the members and entertained them with their musical talents. Caroline Henderson, RVT Manager, thanked Stuart Edwards, Principal at MRC saying “The students were great ambassadors for your school; friendly, approachable and very comfortable mixing with our members.

There were some great musicians in the group. It was lovely to see them socialising with our elderly ladies and gentlemen with such ease and warmth. It was certainly a highlight in our calendar and the members were very appreciative of the visit and were impressed by the students.”

The College and the group will look for the opportunity for students to mix with our members at future events as it is always good to maintain regular interaction between the young and elderly and hope to build on this in the future.



Midhurst Rother College visit to Rother Valley Together

Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP)

Removal of the brambles on the northern perimeter of Easebourne Park has almost been completed by FrEP volunteers. Further clearance work near hedgerows will be resumed when the nesting season is over. In the meantime, other projects are planned along with regular litter picking throughout the parish. Please contact our secretary via email FRPSEC@btinternet.com or by call **07803933694** if you wish to provide feedback about the work undertaken by FrEP or if you would like to become a member.

Frank Davies FrEP Chairman



EASEBOURNE Parish Council

The Parish Council is delighted to announce the planting of Jubilee Trees in Easebourne Park as part of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. These trees have been very kindly donated by Easebourne United Magazine, St Mary's Church, Easebourne C of E Primary School, the Easebourne Guides, as well as another funded by Easebourne Parish Council.



These fruit trees will be planted in Carbon Corner, the part of the Park next to the much-admired tree sculptures, where fruit trees have already been planted. They have been kindly donated by those wishing to offset their travel carbon footprint, and to add to environment efforts

The planting efforts will be accomplished by volunteers from Friends of Easebourne Parish and others from our community.

**Parish Clerk: Sharon Hurr, parishclerk@easebourne.org
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Listed Buildings in Easebourne—Gosden's Farmhouse

Listing NGR: SU90185 23138

C17 house, refaced in the C18. Coursed stone rubble with red brick dressings and quoins. Tiled roof. Casement windows with cambered head linings. One French window on ground floor. C19 gabled porch. Two storeys. Four windows.



Former Residents of Gosden's Farmhouse by Christine Deadman

William Rivers is noted in Kelly's Directory as the Farmer at Gosden's from 1890 to 1915. He married his wife Ellen (nee Soal) in Midhurst in the spring of 1878 and they were living in Midhurst at the time of the 1881 census. William's occupation at that time was a carman and Ellen was a dressmaker. [A carman is a Driver of (horse-drawn) vehicles for transporting goods.]

At the time of the 1891 census William was a Farmer residing in Easebourne Street with Ellen and his family: daughters Lizzie (age 7), Nellie (age 5) and son Albert (age 1). There was a single male boarding with them whose occupation was a Horse Carter. Ten years later, Nellie had become a Probationary Teacher, and



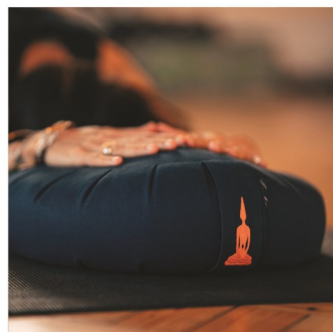
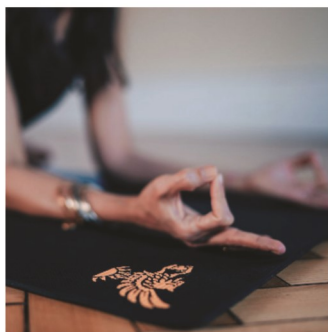
William and Ellen had become parents to another daughter Esther (age 8).

Ellen died in Midhurst in early 1905 age 63.

At census time in 1911, William was living at Gosden's Farm with his second wife of four years, Isabel, his son Albert (age 21), and his two daughters Nellie (age 25) and Esther (age 18). Living also at the farm was William Osborne (age 38), a single Farm Labourer who occupied one room. William died in May 1915. The beneficiaries of his will according to probate records were his wife, Isabel, and secondly Richard Percy Bridger (farmer at Souters Farm; also a listed building).

Ed Note:

Retired farmer Robert Bridger who lives at Nutsey is the grandson of Percy Bridger. Robert was born at Soutars along with his sister and his brother. Back before the War the Bridger family managed the 450 acres of the three farms up Easebourne Street – Soutar's, Bellings, and Gosden's.- which had become part of the Cowdray Estate.



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Ghost Moth

by Michael Blencowe,

Learning and Engagement Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust



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A few years ago, as the sun set over the South Downs, I was wandering through a wood on a twilight hike. Through the trees I noticed about a dozen figures decked out in brilliant white gathering in a small clearing. I hit the floor and, buried amongst the bracken, watched as other white figures joined them. Each individual slowly started swaying, swinging hypnotically like a pendulum suspended on an invisible wire. The whole silent scene felt eerie, otherworldly, ancient. I was spellbound and barely breathing, scared I would be discovered and this mesmerising performance would end. As some of the figures swung fixed to their stations, others oscillated wildly, whirling and crashing into each other. The light was fading fast and as my surroundings dissolved into shadow the swaying white figures seemed luminous against the gloom. Then, as the full moon rose and illuminated the glade, the action slowed, the figures retreated and I was left alone in the gloaming.

The ritual I had witnessed was the dance of the Ghost Moths: elaborate courtship behaviour performed by the males on warm summer evenings across Sussex. That moonlit glade had been temporarily transformed into a miniature moth disco where these incredible insects pirouetted, pranced, swaggered and strutted in an

attempt to attract a female. More 'Saturday Night Fever' than 'The Wicker Man'.

And, like tiny Travoltas, the male Ghost Moths know that to stand out on a crowded dancefloor you need a flashy white suit. Their wings are whiter than white and look as though they have been hand-painted with Tipp-Ex. The female Ghost Moth has a more subdued wardrobe and wears pale yellow wings with elegant orange swirls. Males also have another trick up their sleeve (or in this



case their trouser legs). Their hind legs contain furry scent-brushes, which release pheromones into the air like an over-powering aphrodisiac. Once the ladies are lured, it's the individual moth's dancing which seals the deal. It can be murder on the dancefloor and scuffles start as the males try to assert their positions. It's a behaviour known as lekking and the dominant dancers will lead a lucky lady of the lek into the surrounding shadows.

In days gone by the moth's mysterious, ethereal waltz was interpreted as something supernatural and it has been suggested that the dance of the Ghost Moth gave rise to local legends of fairies and Will-O'-The-Wisps. If anything, the reality is just as magical and spellbinding to watch.

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Midhurst Town Council, Easebourne Parish Council and Cowdray Heritage are joining together this June to celebrate a unique milestone in our history, Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth.

Lighting the Beacon

On **Thursday 2nd June**

residents are invited to join together to take part in a long and unbroken tradition of lighting a beacon to commemorate this historic occasion. Gather at the top of St Ann's Hill, accessible behind Garton's Café on Market Square, from 9pm onwards and the beacon will be lit at 9.45pm, following cornet player Rhys Parry and Midhurst Community Choir singing a Jubilee piece.



Jubilee Picnic

On **Saturday 4th June**, head towards Cowdray Ruins from 12.00 noon where a celebration of Her Majesty will take place in the form of a Jubilee Picnic. Get settled in front of the main stage and enjoy an afternoon of music and entertainment. Bring a picnic, or enjoy food and drink

from one of the many fantastic suppliers who will be bringing the best of British. There will be free fairground rides, face painting for the children, and a variety of stalls,

tombolas and games from local community groups and charities.

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL

For more information please visit www.midhurst-tc.gov.uk.

What's On Locally



Fernhurst Choral Society

Accompanied by soloists, organ, brass and timpani
perform four celebratory pieces

A Joyful Celebration

Bruckner
Parry

Haydn
Bach

7:30 pm Saturday 11th June
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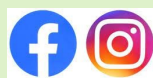
Tickets: £15 (NUS students & accompanied under 18s FREE)
Available from: www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk , 01730 815708 or on the door

The Midhurst Society

You are invited to the next talk at the South Downs Memorial Hall GU29 9DH, on **Thursday 16 June at 7.30pm**. Our AGM will be followed by a talk by Dr Ian Goodall about **The Discovery of Insulin**. He tells how Canadian Frederick Banting battled against the odds to discover a life-saving drug which saved the lives of millions.

The Midhurst Society meets 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. 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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THE GARDEN SHOW AT STANSTED PARK

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10 - 12 June 10am – 5pm Daily

Art, Design, Your Garden & You!

Talk on Tuesday 21 June at the Methodist Church Hall. Doors open at 2.00pm, when refreshments will be served. The talk will start at 2.30pm. Dr Bob France, who has visited Midhurst U3A many times before, will talk about Sarah Wells 'The Worst Housekeeper'. She was the mother of HG Wells and struggled in poverty to raise her family here in Midhurst. Why did she take up the role of housekeeper at Uppark when she was almost 60? It is not necessary to book - just come along. £2 entry fee for Midhurst u3a members, £3 for visitors.



Petworth Cottage Hospital needs your help

PCNH (founded in 1867) exists today as a care home for 32 residents covering the spectrum of short-term, long-term, respite and palliative care of the highest standard. We function as a non-profit Charity. The last two years have proved challenging both in terms of running the home and raising funds. The team has risen to the challenge marvellously and we have assisted and supported some 40 residents with their fees, most of whom have lived within the environs of Petworth, thereby fulfilling our responsibilities as a Charity.

The Friends of PCNH are a body of local volunteers who raise additional funds through specific events that contribute towards the cost of essential and non-

medical items to improve the well-being of the patients.



Volunteers have only recently been allowed back in to help support the regular staff with the provision of fresh flowers in public areas, morning coffee for residents and tea & cake in the afternoon. They also support in one other critical way – bringing the outside world into PCNH with news and a change to daily routine and company. *We are particularly keen to welcome new volunteers now.*

If you feel that you could help as a volunteer at PCNH, and / or would like to help financially please do get in touch with us on 01798 342785 or by e-mail enquiries@pcnh.co.uk.

? General Knowledge Quiz—*Compiled by Carole Sawyer*

1. Pecorino cheese is made from the milk of which animal?
2. How many stars were on the US flag in 1940?
3. Where did the Great Fire of London begin on 2 September 1666?
4. What do you call a person who climbs tall structures such as chimneys in order to carry out repairs?
5. Which British city is hosting the Commonwealth Games this year?
6. What name is given to a memory aid that helps you remember an idea or phrase with a pattern of letters, numbers or relatable associations?
7. Diego Maradona's football shirt was recently sold for a record-breaking amount, how much did it fetch?
8. Historically, to enlist in the British Army was to take the King's what?
9. What does the cookery term 'Julienne' mean?
10. What is the name for a network that allows communication within an organization?
11. What are the four main blood groups?
12. Which group recently gave a concert in a metro station in Kyiv, Ukraine?
13. What name is given to the device that fastens the neckerchief worn as part of the Scout or Girl Guides uniform?
14. What is the name of the largest ocean on earth?
15. Which country consumes the most chocolate per head?
16. Artist Michael Armitage is to design a new what denomination coin to go into circulation next year?
17. The Unicorn is the national animal of which country?
18. Who is currently fourth in line to the British throne?
19. By what name do we often call nitrous oxide?
20. What did Snickers bars used to be called before the name was changed in 1990?

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News from Easebourne Primary School



In my experience, few people actively enjoy exams! As I write this, children in our Year 6 class, Otters, have just finished taking their KS2 SATs tests. Because of COVID, this is the first time that these end-of-primary-school tests have been taken since 2019 and the children were understandably apprehensive. However, they did very well, maintaining a positive and calm approach throughout the four days and can now enjoy the end of their primary career to the full.

Our congratulations go to Becci Parker, our Y6 class teacher and maths/ICT lead, on being appointed to the role of Deputy Head from September. We also warmly welcome Aggie Krzanik to Dragonflies as a teaching assistant.

Squirrels (Year 2) went pond dipping at South Pond where, despite the incessant rain, they enjoyed four different activities with the South Pond volunteers. Squirrels spotted a heron, Canada geese and their goslings and Egyptian geese. The children had a great afternoon even though it was wet and would very much like to thank the volunteers who gave up their time.

With this year's new growth, the labyrinth in the grounds, with the willow classroom at its centre, is looking better than it ever has. The holes were plugged with new saplings at the end of last term, there is lots of greenery and the hedges now have real height – we've just got to keep on top of it! You can even see it clearly on Google Maps! Our Year 5 Labyrinth Guardians have been giving it the once over this week and are

now embarking on identifying the different trees that make up the hedging so that they can produce information posters to explain to everybody how to spot the different species for themselves.

Recently, Anna Tabbush came in to lead our assembly. Anna is a composer/arranger, choir conductor, singer and multi-instrumentalist based in West Sussex. Anna taught our children *Harbour*, a song she wrote two years ago as a powerful message to refugees and world leaders that refugees are welcome. The simple, lovely song featured in *Songs for Sanctuary*, a fundraising music event in aid of refugees held in the market square in Midhurst on Saturday and some of our families attended the event to join in with the massed singing of *Harbour*. The children made it very clear that they would like Anna to visit again!

We recently welcomed John Barrett and Simon Flint from Rotary to Friday's Celebration Assembly. They presented Phoebe (Year 5) with the prizes she had won for her entry into their annual writing competition and Phoebe's entry was read out to the whole school. It was a moving story about the main character's determination to do something about pollution by tackling the problem of littering. Simon was so impressed that he suggested it gain momentum, inspiring a project which he hoped to convince his fellow Rotarians to support, so watch this

space. The two Rotary representatives were awarded the Little Cup of Kindness for all that Rotary did to support the school and the Rother Valley locality.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we had put our three school winners forward to the *Poetry By Heart* KS2 Classic Competition, held at the Globe Theatre on London's South Bank. Since then, we have heard that Alais (Y4H) has been selected as one of the ten national finalists in this year's KS2 Classic Competition. Alais has been invited to the Globe Theatre later in the term and we wish her every success.

As you would expect, the children participate in a wide range of activities and we try to recognise this commitment when we can. I thought readers would be interested to hear about three of these children.

Isla (Year 3) had an awesome, if a little nerve-wracking weekend, when she travelled to London to perform in a London theatre in the finals of her competition where she placed second (silver) for her solo song and dance of *Toot Sweets* and first place (gold) with her group dance performance.

Many of our children play for Midhurst & Easebourne football teams. Recently, Jake (Year 3) received the Player's Player Trophy and Ethan (Year 3) was awarded Player of the Year! They are both dedicated to their team and have a passion for football.

The PTFA have been working really hard; the focus of their fundraising being to

support our forest school provision. Most excitingly, they have booked Circus Pazaz and you may have seen signs around the area, generously put up by Henry Adams for us. The community will be able to go to one of three Sunday shows and the children will all enjoy a circus skills workshop on the Monday, before the little big top is taken down and the circus leaves town.

Finally, I thought you might enjoy a story from Vinnie in Rabbits (Year 3). Here is Vinnie's account of an encounter with a swan:

One sunny day my mum was on her way to pick me up from school when she saw a black swan lying at the side of a country lane. She wasn't sure if it was injured but she didn't want to be late picking me up from school so she carried on her journey. On our way home the swan was now in the middle of the lane. We decided to try and help it because it looked like it had a damaged wing. Mum tried to ring the bird sanctuary but there was no answer. We decided to try and rescue the swan, mum got a coat from the car to put over the swan but the swan waddled down the lane. We walked slowly down the lane following the swan. We walked up and down the lane for 45 minutes trying to catch the swan, when suddenly the swan started running and flew away. I think it was tricking us!

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Johnny Culley is Retiring!

Headmaster Johnny Culley at our C of E Primary School will be heading for pastures new at the end of the school year so we asked if he could tell us a bit about himself and his time at the school.

Johnny was born and raised in the south of England and comes from a family of teachers. After a bit of teaching English in Istanbul, his first proper teaching job was at Dunhurst, the junior department of Bedales School. Then he spent some years as head at Harting Primary School before

coming to EPS. That was not long after the school moved from the old school way up Easebourne Street to the spacious former Intermediate School premises on Wheelbarrow Castle.

What have been the high points of his job here in Easebourne, we asked. Without hesitation he replied that his greatest joy is the children and their achievements.

Johnny's passion is that each individual child should feel both included and that they belong, and his staff strive with him towards that goal. A number of specialist staff support children who may have additional educational, emotional and behavioural needs. If you visit the school you can often see children showing care and friendship towards those who are more vulnerable.

Easebourne Primary School is fully integrated in the community with support

from the school's patron, Lord Cowdray, and the Cowdray Estate, the South Downs National Park, the school governors and the PTFA. St Mary's Church also plays a

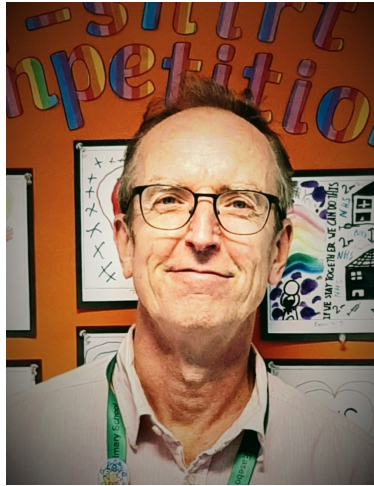
big role in school life with our really supportive vicar, Derek Welsman, who is also one of the school governors. Our school has a fantastic location near the centre of the village - surrounded by spacious grounds and woodland and with the successful parish council project, Easebourne Park, right next door. The school works hard to run lots of school

trips, special events and after-school clubs.

Volunteers play a crucial role at EPS—one-to-one reading with children, helping with the Forest School, a Gardening Club, helping on school trips, etc. (Do contact the school office to find out more about volunteering. Tel 01730 813266 or Email office@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

The restrictions of the Covid pandemic were challenging for everyone at EPS. The school remained open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers, and Johnny and his staff worked very hard during that time to ensure that all pupils who were 'attending' from home had the support they needed, including using borrowed devices when necessary.

He said he has been blessed to have great colleagues and wonderful volunteers.



Deputy Head Mrs Caroline Hulbert, also the class teacher of Year 4, will move into the headteacher's office from September. As he prepares to depart, Johnny knows the school is 'in a good place' and will be in very safe hands, and he is looking forward to the next phase of his life.

Everyone is now asking Johnny what he will do in his retirement. He has no specific plans but he and his wife Bis are looking forward to having more time with their three daughters (all of whom live quite

nearby) and their two grandchildren. Johnny hopes to use his new spare time to pursue crafts and to spend more time in their garden, where in fact they keep three hens! They have friends and family in the UK to visit, and he also plans to do a bit of long overdue house re-decoration (but let's give him a bit of time for that one!)

Everyone in Easebourne will miss our lovely head teacher Johnny Culley and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

The muddy parts of Midhurst Common have now dried up as the result of weeks without rain. Despite the very dry conditions the huge variety of plant life seems to be flourishing. As ever there is some plant growth that the Heath Team need to remove to maintain the Heathland – mainly unwanted bracken, silver birch and conifer. The working party meets on the last Friday of each month between 10am and 1pm – please contact below if you would like to know more about this volunteer work.

We held our AGM in April at the SDNP Memorial Hall. We reflected on the past year and looked forward to the next. One of the discussion points was the use of glyphosate on cut birch stumps. The FoMC made the following decision last year: *Members of the Heath Team working on behalf of the Friends of Midhurst Common will not use herbicides, such as glyphosate, that might contribute to personal health and safety risks, or ecological harm to native flora and fauna.* There is on-going



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debate worldwide on its use, with some countries and in UK some local authorities banning its use. I would be interested to know if you agree or disagree with glyphosate usage commercially in horticulture and agriculture and in domestic gardens. Please email your thoughts to the address below.

Membership of FoMC is now £5/year – see the membership form on the website below. To conclude the AGM, we had a recital of a poem by Wendy Pegler as she has done in previous years. This time it was a poem by John Clare *'I'll dream upon the days to come'* – a very suitable poem for those who spend time on our Common. It is simple to find on the internet and I recommend it.

Are you aware of the Bog Allotment off Bepton Road? This is a wildlife haven and very much worth a visit – see you there sometime...

Rhododendron ponticum was first introduced to Britain in the 1700's as an ornamental plant. It has been found to be very invasive, forms thickets and shades out native plants. Its leaves are toxic to animals and repel wildlife from earthworms to birds, even being unsuitable for birds to nest in! It has been described as 'a spectacular thug'. I took the photo yesterday and despite what I have just said, one would think it to be a beautiful flowering shrub we would all want to see in our local woodlands...



Please send questions or comments on anything to do with Midhurst Common to:
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Andrew Mitchell - Chairman

Snippets from a Gardener's Diary by John Humphris



Year Round Colour in the Garden

There is no doubt that large scale bedding schemes are some of the most spectacular features in the garden, with Arundel Castle's spring display of tulips a notable example. Many years ago Brighton Parks Department had some of the best displays in the country, both for early spring and also summer bedding, but compulsory competitive tendering and the reduction in staffing levels made it impossible to continue.

Many gardens still manage to have bedding schemes on a smaller scale and I was reminded of this on a visit to the RHS garden at Rosemoor in Devon in April this year. Once through the entrance to the gardens you have the restaurant on one side and the shop opposite. This then leads into a small courtyard with steps on one side and a sloping walk leading down into the main garden. Both in the courtyard and either side of the

walkways into the main garden small scale bedding schemes are used. These are colour themed with selected polyanthus, wallflowers, tulips and other spring flowers creating a spectacular display. Although a broadly similar range of plants is used each year the colour schemes are always different and many visitors enjoy returning each year to see the changes.

Once down into the main garden there are a number of enclosed areas each with a different range of plants. The ornamental vegetable garden is a popular feature and is full of ideas for what to grow and how to arrange the beds.

For the keen gardener with a small garden there is often not much room for bedding out plants each spring and summer and of course it involves quite a bit of work and preparation. Upon retirement, I was given a very large clay container (see photograph) and with another smaller



container I use these for both spring and summer bedding.

There is still a certain amount of preparation and this is mostly to do with replacing the compost. I find that replacing this once a year is essential and I usually do this after the spring bedding has finished. This is removed and the old compost is taken out and spread as a mulch in the shrub border. Next, most importantly check the drainage. Take out the broken crock and wash any remaining soil away. Replace the crock and cover it ideally with a layer of moss or similar to prevent the soil from blocking the drainage. I now use a compost mix with added John Innes and no peat.

If you can find some decent loamy soil to add to it so much the better. Once the summer bedding is over and all the old foliage has been taken away, the compost can be forked over, with usually a need to add a little more extra compost to bring the level back up ready for whatever autumn and winter bedding you might like to use, such as tulips, wallflowers, violas etc. This winter

bedding is of course in flower for a shorter period usually during the April May period.

Hopefully the summer bedding will be in flower for a much longer period, possibly three to four months, and once established feeding once a week is essential. Finding suitable plants that will flower over this extended period is not easy. I have found Surfinia Petunias one of the most reliable groups of bedding plants, with annual verbena and diascia varieties usually available in garden centers and very long flowering. For the centre of the pot, and to give height, a standard fuchsia such as F Thalia is ideal, or perhaps a large plant of Phormium if you prefer foliage. Add a range of trailing plants for variety, such as lobelia, nepeta, heliopsis petiolatum, etc. - these will help to break up the hard line of the container and act as a lovely contrast to the flowers. I am sure keen gardeners will find other interesting plants to grow and of course there is always next year to try something entirely different.

John Humphris 810052

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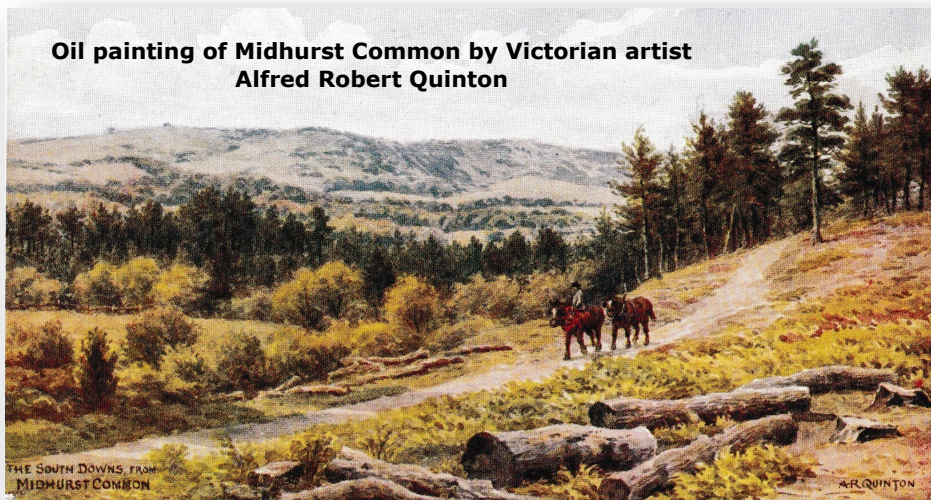
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Rachel Usher, Cowdray's Wellbeing Manager

Rachel talks to Jonathan Russell about her role at Cowdray and about how Cowdray Hall and Therapy Rooms have grown into such a busy hub of activity.



Describe your job as Wellbeing Manager

I am the main point of contact for Cowdray Hall and Cowdray's Therapy Rooms. The Hall and Therapy Rooms are a busy hub of activity, and I am primarily in charge of overseeing and developing this wellbeing-focussed community from taking the initial enquiry, arranging viewings and bookings, through to supporting the therapists or teacher to achieve their aspirations. I also oversee the Cowdray Staff Wellbeing Programme which includes weekly circuit training, Pilates classes and monthly massages, all of which are free of charge to Estate employees.

You have been instrumental in developing the Hall and Therapy Rooms as a business.

Can you describe how it has grown and changed over the years?

At Cowdray Hall, the business has grown from just a few classes a week to more than 20 regular weekly classes with something happening most weekends. The Therapy Rooms are thriving with a constant flow of clients seeking treatments.

What skills do you have that make you suited to the role?

Being organised is an essential skill in this role and probably the most important. With so many teachers, classes, therapists and events taking place it's like a giant jigsaw that never gets finished! No two

days are the same. My role also calls for skills such as empathy, intuition, and good communication.

What first attracted you to work at Cowdray?

I started working at Cowdray Ruins in 2008 in an administrative role. I have lived in Midhurst since the early 1990s, moving to Stedham with my husband Dave, so I have always been familiar with Cowdray and have enjoyed watching weekend polo on the Estate for the past 30 years.



Tell us about the talks at Cowdray Hall?

We are holding a series of engaging talks and events at Cowdray Hall. The aim of this initiative is to give the local community an opportunity to attend educational and

informative events and at the same time showcase Cowdray Hall as a venue.

In April, British astronaut Tim Peake, gave a fascinating talk about his experiences of space. In March, we also held a talk by the popular author Viv Groskop who wrote: 'How to own the Room'. There will be a Forest Bathing event in July which consists of consciously connecting with the environment and absorbing the atmosphere of the forest, followed by a fascinating talk and foraging workshop in the Autumn. To find out more visit: www.cowdray.co.uk/events/

Tell us more about International Yoga Day on June 21st

I am organising a Summer Solstice Evening in celebration of International Yoga Day on Tuesday 21st June. The event begins at 6pm and will be a unique opportunity to experience an uplifting yoga session followed by a therapeutic sound bath set in the beautiful surroundings of Ambersham polo fields.

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7. £7,142,500. 8. Shilling. 9. Cut food (usually vegetables) into small, thin strips. 10. Intranet. 11. A, B, AB and O. 12. U2. 13. A woggle.
14. Pacific Ocean. 15. Switzerland. 16. £1 coin. 17. Scotland.
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