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The deadline for the September issue of United is Monday 15 August. We always welcome interesting articles about Easebourne people and the history of our village.

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The hollyhocks you see on the cover flower in the churchyard in July.

From the Vicar

Dear Friends

I had the opportunity over the Jubilee week to watch a documentary about the Queen's life. It is such an interesting story; one of privilege but also huge amounts of

commitment and service. The monarch does not choose to be our King or Queen; it is a role steeped in history and public duty. I'm not sure I could do it, let alone for 70 years?

But when you step back from it and view from a wider perspective, isn't it

amazing what the Queen has been for us as a nation. I wonder how many new hospitals, shopping centres or other public building she has opened, always smelling of new paint. Can you imagine the state banquets, garden parties, and the wonderful joy of representing our wonderful nation across the world?

On the 21st April 1947 as she celebrated her twenty-first birthday, the then Princess Elizabeth said 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service...' And that is what she has done, even to the age of 96.



At a time of pandemic recovery and continuing uncertainty; at a time of war once again in Europe and the fear of tyranny; at a time of spiralling costs and

the rising spectre of poverty and recession, there can be no greater encouragement than a Queen whose life of service should be an example to us all. As she serves us, so we should serve each other. Confident that 'service and serving' brings

out the best in us all and contributes to our world in a way that is enriching and life giving.

The prayer for the Jubilee reads: 'Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown us. Help us to follow her example...'

May God bless our Queen and bless us all.

Revd Canon Derek Welsman



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Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Eucharist on most Sundays.

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First Sundays 6.00pm Evensong

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CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY & AUGUST 2022

JULY 2022 Sunday 3	8.30am 10.30am		Holy Communion Family Service
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Thursday 28	12.30pm 7.00pm	St Mary's	
Saturday 30	2.00pm	St Mary's	
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10.30am St Mary's Family Service

St Peter's Evensong

6.00pm

	St Mary's Read	ing Rota for Jul	y & August	
Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader	Intercessor
3 July 3 rd after Trinity	Galatians 6:7-16	Luke 10:1-11 & 16-20	TBC	
10 July 4 th after Trinity	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37	Peter Greaves	Revd Liz Yonge
17 July 5 th after Trinity	Colossians 1: 15-28	Luke 10:38-end	Jan Harling	
24 July 6 th after Trinity	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13	Alison Davies	Katharine Minchin
31 July 7 th after Trinity	TBC	TBC	Phil	
7 August 8 th after Trinity		Luke 12:32-40	ТВС	
14 August St Mary	Isaiah 6:10-end	Luke 1:46-55	Roger Sked	
21 August 10 th after Trinity	Hebrews 12: 18-end	Luke 13:10-17	Bill Howkins	
28 August 11 th after Trinity	Hebrews 13:1-8	Luke 14:7-14	Mike Wharton	

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

Afternoon Tea - Wednesday, 13 July and 10 August at 3.00pm in church

If transport is a problem please contact Hilary 813923), Sue (812105), or Jan (01798 342233). The Social Gang look forward to seeing you all again in July.

Beetle Drive/Fish & Chips Evening

Remember the ones we had in the 'old days' in the Refectory! This will be held on Wednesday September 21st at 7.00 pm in Church. Further details will be available in August. So watch this space!! Take care during the coming weeks and the Social Gang look forward to seeing you all again.

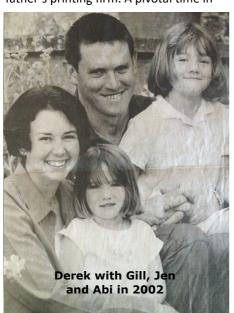
Derek Welsman-Twenty Years as Vicar of St Mary's

This month, Derek celebrates his twentieth anniversary as our parish priest at St Mary's. When he was appointed to Easebourne he also became chaplain at King Edward VII Hospital, which involved working with and supporting the Macmillan Unit based at the hospital. The hospital sadly closed in 2006, but two years later he took on the parish churches of St Peter's Lodsworth and St James's Selham, a move that would eventually lead to the creation of the Priory Churches – the concept of three churches and one PCC. Derek still maintains a close link with the Midhurst Macmillan service to this day.

Derek was born and brought up in Farnborough and after attending local schools he went to Guildford Technical College as part of his preparation to join his father's printing firm. A pivotal time in

Derek's life was his conversion to Christianity at the age of 15. After initially attending a charismatic church, he settled on a more conservative Anglican church where he made lots of new friends.

He met Gill in 1987 at a friend's party, and he was convinced she was the one. They married in Egham in 1991 and moved into a small house in Farnborough near the printing business. Around this time Derek decided to leave the printing firm and follow his calling to the ministry. He attended a two-year course of study at Trinity College Bristol and was ordained as a minister in the Church of England at Guildford Cathedral on 4th July 1999. He became a curate at St Peter's, Ash, and moved to Ash with Gill and their two young girls Jen and Abi.





In 2001 St Mary's Easebourne was advertising in the Church Times for a new parish priest. With Gill's encouragement he applied for the role and was successful at interview. Derek came to the parish in July 2002. Someone remembers Derek helping with the washing up during his interview in the Priory – a good move!

When you talk to Derek you are struck by his friendliness and his positive attitude to life. He is a very committed Christian and keen to talk about his faith. He however welcomes everyone to our church whatever their belief. People come to church not only to worship, but to enjoy the peace of place and the real sense of community which Derek has worked hard to develop further and deepen. His love of birds, motorbikes and Arsenal Football Club are infectious. The impact of the church in the community and the welcome by the congregation to visitors are vitally important to Derek and his ministry.

In July 2002, a youthful Derek Welsman gave an interview to the Midhurst and Petworth Observer on what he was seeking to achieve as he started on his ministry at Easebourne. He highlighted that a key theme for him was togetherness and reaching out as a church family into the wider community. His clear vision was of a friendly, accessible church at the heart of the community and valued as such by

the community it serves.

By any measure he has been highly successful. In his time with us at Fasebourne he has remained true to that vision. Attendance has remained strong and at key times of the year crowd control has been required! Links to the local schools have never been stronger. The fact that with the support of his church wardens his churches remained opened during the covid pandemic (when government regulations allowed), ensured the church was always accessible to those who needed it at the most challenging of times. Easebourne is a popular venue for weddings and baptisms thus ensuring the church remains central to village life.

In his twenty years at Easebourne he has had to respond to a multitude of challenges, and not just the demands of three busy parishes. When the diocese needed him, he became the Acting Archdeacon of Horsham for a critical period dealing with the implications of the pandemic. He has been and remains the Rural Dean for Midhurst developing and supporting the local clergy. In recognition of his impact, he was installed as a Canon and Prebendary of Middleton at Chichester Cathedral on 4th July 2021. Most recently he was chaplain to the High Sheriff of West Sussex for the shrievel year 2021/2022. (Shrievel is an ancient word that

There will be a service of celebration of Derek's ministry at St Mary's on Sunday 24 July at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome!

derives from the word 'sheriff'.)

It is fair to reflect he has achieved all and more of his goals when he set out on his remarkable journey as a youthful and ambitious newly ordained priest in his first ordained role at Easebourne twenty years ago. The jet black hair is now flecked with silver, but his love of family, community and God burns as strong as ever. St Mary's has been so blessed these past twenty years with Derek leading us, guiding us and supporting all within the church family and wider community.

So, we send our heartfelt love, thanks and congratulations from the communities of Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham to Derek and his family for this very significant anniversary.

Contributed by Alison Davies, Phil Stringer, with excerpts from *Easebourne Village Vignettes* by Tina Litchfield.



Above: Derek leading Messy Church in the Refectory

Above right: Derek invited the children to participate in the Communion service.

Right: Celebrating Derek's 50th with a cake with a fishing theme—one of Derek's hobbies.



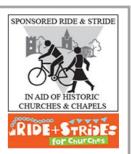
Your New Church Warden - Phil Stringer

Phil Stringer has been appointed as a church warden at St Mary's. Phil has been connected to the village and the church for most of his life. Following a working life in the army and the civil service working for the Ministry of Defence, he retired three years ago. He is connected to our local schools as vice-chair of governors at MRC and clerk to governors at Easebourne Primary School. He is a volunteer for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with his area of responsibility including war graves in a

number of local churchyards and cemeteries. He is also the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Midhurst and District branch of the Royal British Legion. Phil is married to Nicci and they have two grown up children, George and Molly.

Ride and Stride 2022

The annual ride and stride event helping to preserve Sussex churches will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022. The idea is to ride, walk or run to a number of churches in your locality to raise money for the church of your choice and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust – your contribution will be equally divided between the two. Sponsor forms are available from your church or Phil Stringer. For more information see the website: www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.or.uk



Jubilee Street Party in Vanzell Road by Alan Austin

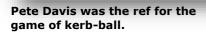
Our party was a great success with most of our neighbours and friends joining together to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. It all started about 1.00pm on Sunday with all sorts of games being played in the street—table tennis, a NERF shooting gallery, remote controlled racing cars whizzing around, alongside scooters and bikes competing for space and attention, whilst the so-called grown-ups played kerb football. At 3.00pm things turned more serious with the arrival of plate after plate of delicious savoury food. Then someone noticed Lucinda Davis carrying a Platinum Pudding towards a table already loaded with some lovely desserts. (See pics next page.)

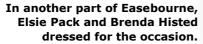
God Save the Queen!













Summer at Conifers is well underway with a great love of learning and a sense of community taking place across our glorious grounds.



Nowhere has this been more evident than at our recent family den building competition. What a

CONIFERS SCHOOL

wonderful opportunity for all the children to not only express their artistic creativity, but also to work collaboratively with their families and peers. We were pleased to welcome many families in what was a superb competition. This event will certainly be added to our annual calendar.

At the end of last half term, we proudly donned our red, white and blue clothes to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It has been lovely to listen to the children's growing knowledge of Queen Elizabeth II and to see them taking part in history projects in celebration; the culmination of which was our whole school picnic which was enjoyed by everyone. Since returning to school the children have lots of their own street party stories to tell us all, and tales of how they enjoyed watching history play out on their televisions.

The excitement is building for our whole school musical production called 'Oink'. Rehearsals are well underway and I am so proud that all of our children and staff from Reception to Form VIII are fully involved; whether on the stage, in the choir, or as part of the backstage crew. I am thrilled that the children have the opportunity to learn important critical thinking skills and to gain confidence. The show will be the culmination of lots of hard work from all of the staff and children.

As my first year as a Head at Conifers draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the journey our school has been on from instilling a growth mindset into school life, celebrating a successful ISI compliance inspection, to new pupils joining our community, and staff appointments ready for September. I often comment to parents that I see our school as small and mighty - something I know we are all extremely proud of.



I am looking forward to getting to know our local schools and community more in the new academic year and being able to welcome them to our inter-school events and to visit the local sites.

Emma Fownes, Head at Conifers School

SUMMER AT MIDHURST FOODBANK

by Liz Willing



The need for help and support is present throughout the year. Requests for food regularly come to us, either by phone, or through various support organisations who provide a voucher to those in need, to be fulfilled by us. We feed between 15 and 30 individuals every week.

Needless to say, this requires significant resources, both volunteers and food donations. We have a large number of volunteers involved in supporting the needy within our community: volunteers who collect every week from the various collection points within the town. Volunteers who weigh and check those items before they go onto the warehouse shelf. Volunteers who pack the food ready for delivery, volunteers who deliver the food parcels. In addition, we have a volunteer in charge of all our administration and a volunteer who organises all the KLP's for every school holiday.

We shall be providing about 170 children with food to replace their free school meal in the summer holidays. This involves delivering 340 KLP (Kids lunch packs) boxes (2 per child) before the schools break up for the summer. A huge operation involving at least 60 volunteers.

We are always keen to welcome new recruits to our team, so if you feel that this is something you would like to be involved in, please contact me:

midhurstcoordinator@chichesterdistrict.fo odbank.org.uk

Please continue to give food to us at the various collection points: Tesco, Sainsburys, Midhurst Parish Church, Midhurst Methodist Church, Midhurst RC Church, Cowdray Golf Club, Edward VII and the Lodsworth Larder. We can only feed the hungry if the community supports us with donations of food. We are so grateful for the support we receive.



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

FIND US: Buddington Farm GU29 0QP EMAIL US: alfierenwick@hotmail.co.uk CALL US: 07500 666672 or 07999 921348 MORE INFO: www.buddington.co.uk

MRC has a newly planted (tiny) forest!

by Madeleine Hathaway

Working with Chichester District Council, delivery partner of the HM Treasury Shared Outcome Fund, co-ordinated by Defra, the tiny forest is part of research trials aiming to increase tree cover outside of woodlands across England. A principal area of research is how to support an increase in urban trees whilst providing spaces that are accessible for people for reduced costs.

The "Tiny Forest" concept is a relatively new approach to establishing trees in the UK. Developed by the Japanese botanist Dr Akira Miyawaki, they have proven to be a popular approach to increasing urban trees and restoring degraded land in South and East Asia for a number of years. The Tiny Forest (a.k.a. Miyawaki method) has also been shown to have positive impacts on wildlife biodiversity and carbon sequestration where they have been established.



Using an approach that focuses on soil rehabilitation, avoidance of herbicides and relying on native vegetation, the "tiny forests" create a wooded environment with a much higher density of planting than conventional tree establishment methods.

Following identification of a suitable site by Sophie Hamnett, Tree Project Officer at CDC, the 270m² plot was prepared and fenced by Council contractors. Planting took place at the end of February, with students and staff helping to plant the 422 saplings made up of an intimate mix of native species informed by local species records. A plan of care is now in place for the trees and the project will be monitored by CDC's Project Officer.

Midsummer Fest 2022 'Midsummer Fest 2022' was Mrs Strachan, Head of Drama's modern take on Shakespeare's 'A

Midsummer Night's Dream'. Robyn (Puck) is a social media influencer controls people's thoughts and opinions to the point that our four teenagers lose trust and respect in each other, friendships form that create laughs and embarrassment at a Music Festival run by Theseus and Hippolyta. A group of bad musician's form 'The Mechanicals' led by Quince and the infamous Nick Bottom. A social media blog that Titania (Lady Gaga – Pop star) interprets Bottom to be the next star while Oberon (Elton John – Pop star) encourages to take revenge! Fairies as litter picks, Narrators that tell the audience the story and keep us on our toes and a dad feeling the full force of a teenager on the edge!

Local primaries filled the theatre for dress rehearsals and the house was full for both of the following nights. The feedback was overwhelming for this amazingly talented bunch of students from year 7 all the way through to year 12. Not just the cast, but our Year 10 band members, Year 9 dancers and the fantastic Sixth formers who helped front and backstage!

News from Easebourne Primary School

Our oldest children, Foxes and Otters, visited Midhurst Rother College to see a modern take on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', with an exciting messaging theme via social media. It was good to see many ex-pupils taking part and we were very grateful to MRC for inviting us. Meanwhile, our youngest children, Dragonflies, visited South Pond and were led in four fascinating workshops by the pond volunteers who brought the pond and its ecology to life for the children. Dragonflies were also visted by 'The Animal Man' who brought along an armadillo, a snake, a tarantula, a bearded dragon, an owl, a tenrec and a tortoise! (No, I had never before heard of a tenrec either!)

In our attached nursery, even younger children have been learning about different occupations, and were really lucky to have a visit from the Midhurst fire engine and firefighters. The firefighters talked to the children about the important number to call in an emergency, 999, and the children all got to have a go with the water hose.

Our PTFA have been busy too. You may well have seen the signs around the area, generously put up by Henry Adams and advertising that Circus Pazaz was coming to town. They arrived on a Sunday and played to three capacity audiences, with good weather throughout. The next day, every class had a circus skills workshop which were hugely enjoyed. The total profit made was £1,296.21 which will benefit our Forest School.

Classes took part in The Big Plastic Count and became more aware of the plastics that are in circulation and, as a result, have a better understanding of how important it is to reduce the amount of plastic.

We enjoyed great weather for our Jubilee Celebrations which wouldn't have



been such a success without the huge organisation put in by our midday meals supervisors, Donna & Gemma, from orchestrating face painting to setting up the chairs, hanging the bunting and pumping up balloons. Hedgehogs, our Year 1 class, also enjoyed creating jubilee decorations for some local elderly residents who are part of the Rother Valley Together Group but were unable to join in with a Jubilee Street Party, so had their own at the Grange Centre. The children made all sorts of things from fingerprinted flags to various types of bunting, including Union Jacks, and queens in various outfits, paperchains (which was our favourite) to party hats. They all had a fantastic time sticking gluing and painting and received a lovely letter of thanks for their efforts.

Our EcoWarriors visited the wild part of God's Acre, the churchyard of St Mary's, to photograph what they found, using iPads. They intend to identify as many of the

plants as they can, using the Plantnet app. As well as plants, they also found a number of creatures, including this one, snapped by Vicky (Y4H) as it negotiated a tricky corner!



This year, we were able to hold Sports Day with an audience of parents – COVID restrictions had meant they were not able to attend for the last two years. A great

time was had by all. The result was a close run thing, with Blue Panthers winning with 171, the Red Arrows giving them a run for their money, only 4 points behind on 167. We were extraordinarily lucky that the Queen was able to join us – you can see her announcing the winning house, if you look closely!



our two Year 4 classes have started towards achieving their exciting John Muir Award. They travelled to Iping

where they met representatives from the Sussex Wildlife Trust. The children took part in a heathland bug hunt using sweeper nets and several rare species were spotted! They also had a scavenger hunt, looking for animal stamps and identifying a variety of skulls and skins! In the afternoon, they built dens for animals (the fluffy toy kind) and bugs. They had a great time.

"It was really fun! We had a long chat about the animals that live there like adder snakes and insects. We used sweeper nets to catch lots of bugs and I caught a rare pink grasshopper. " (Sebbie)

Every year, our Year 6 children have the opportunity to join an after-school club

and learn how to assemble and then drive a battery-powered car called a Goblin! In half-term, most of the club members met at Seaford College for a Goblin meet. The children were divided into two teams. each driving one of our Goblin cars, and every child had an opportunity to push/ drive in one of the events. Andy Taylor and Anthony Knight made sure that everything went as smoothly as possible and everyone had a great day. The school came away with the award for the best presented team.

As I write this, we are about to enter Community Week. Our children will be enjoying a range of workshops run by different departments of the Cowdray Estate. Amongst the other activities, we will be cleaning St Mary's Church and we are also busy assembling shoeboxes for a Ukrainian orphan. These will be collected from the school and taken out by drivers from Ukraine Sunflower Aid. Proceeds from a cake sale and donations towards Jubilee t-shirts and badges with children's designs will be donated to support this organisation's work.



Best wishes

Johnny Correy



Thursday's Trooping The Colour, as always A masterpiece of precision and timing For the last of them to arrive at Horse Guards As the hour of 11am is chiming.

To see the Soldiers marching Is really a stirring sight All immaculate in their Scarlet And lines held together so tight.

Friday's Thanksgiving Service at St Pauls Dedicated to Our Queen, a loving Mother and Wife Was most dignified and gracious To thank God for an extraordinary life.

Saturday we had Party at The Palace A look at music of the past 70 years Some more memorable than others But there for young and old to hear.

Sunday's extravaganza of The Pageant Brought the celebrations to a close With its music, colour and vibrancy It was the show to end all shows.

We thank you so much Ma'am
For the Shining Light you have been
You promised to Serve us and your Country
You have, and we shout 'God Save The Queen'.

Jubilee Celebrations

If you were able to attend the joint Easebourne Parish and Midhurst Town Councils' Jubilee celebrations, you would have been part of a crowd of around 300 at the beacon lighting on St Ann's Hill and 2,000 at the music, magic, and food festival at Cowdray Ruins. The official Platinum Jubilee beacon threw up a flame which lit up the top of the hill in a ceremony led by Midhurst Town Council Chairman Carol Lintott, Rev Derek Welsman and Rev Dave Willis, Town Crier John Travers, who read the official proclamation earlier in the day, and music provided by Midhurst Community Choir. The Saturday afternoon event supported by Cowdray Estate provided an eclectic mix of music opened by Easebourne's very own Ellie Baker. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous fresh local food in the catering village and children delighted in the traditional fairground rides and activities. These events really were a fitting tribute to Her Majesty the Queen for her seventy years of service.



Two New Parish Councillors

The Parish Council is delighted to have two new Councillors. Janet Charlsworth of Budgenor Lodge, and Judith Macdonald-Lawson of Hollist Lane, who has returned to the Council after a break of six years. Janet will be focusing her efforts on the Communications and Volunteering strategy for the Council following a career teaching abroad. Judith who previously volunteered on the Council for 6 years and was the Chairperson in 2016 has joined the busy Planning Committee, and will assist another of our Councillors as we look at Environmental and other village projects. We are all looking forward to working with these two enthusiastic Councillors.

We still have one more vacancy for a Councillor so if you'd like to get involved in anything we do, including those areas mentioned above or other areas such as Finance, Highways or Footpaths, please get in touch with Sharon, our Parish Clerk —

contact details on next page.

Easebourne CE Primary School Annual Fete

Once again, the Parish Council will be holding its popular Children's Tombola at the School Fete on Saturday 16th July 2022. As usual the prizes will be an exciting mix of all sorts, with winners choosing their own little bag of treasures, and consolation prizes for all. Please do stop by and have a try!



'Picnic in the Park' –Saturday 3rd September 2022 from 1pm to 4pm

This will be our fourth Last Days of Summer event in Easebourne Park. As usual we invite everyone to bring a picnic and listen to live music in The Roundhouse. We have always been blessed with mostly sunshine (do you remember it was a beautiful warm afternoon in 2019, until the very end when the heavens opened?) so let's hope for another lovely afternoon. More details of the event will be shared nearer the time but for now save the date and we hope to see you there!

Parish Clerk: Sharon Hurr, parishclerk@easebourne.org
Tel: 07342 166188 Parish website:

Planning applications

The Parish Council has now submitted comments on the two current planning applications for the Cowdray and Metis development sites and will continue to monitor the progress of these in the coming weeks. At the time of writing a revised application for the Cowdray Works Yard is still awaited.



Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP)

In three locations around the parish large round metal planters full of colourful flowers have been provided by Easebourne Parish Council. These are now being maintained by FrEP volunteers. We are also looking after the trees in Easebourne Park as an on-going project, including the fruit trees in 'Carbon Corner'. A good number of these trees are becoming well established and it will not be too long before they can offer shelter on hot (hopefully!) summer days.

Litter picking by our volunteers continues throughout the parish. The more volunteers we are able to attract, the more projects FrEP can undertake. Therefore if



you can spare some time, even on an occasional basis, do consider joining us.

Please contact our secretary via email FREPSec@btinternet.com or by calling 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











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Listed Buildings in Easebourne—Cottages 22 and 23 Listing NGR: SU8971022709 Listed 26.11.87

One building. C18 or earlier. Red brick and stone rubble. Tiled roof. Casement windows. One storey and attic. Four windows. Three gabled dormers. Grade II for group value.

Former Residents of Cottage 22 and Cottage 23 by Christine Deadman



22 Easebourne Street (4 rooms)

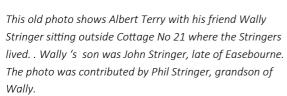
George Chevis (age 46) lived at No. 22 with his wife, Ellen (age 40) and their daughter Edith (age 15) in 1911. At the time of Edith's christening, George was a "Ploughman" but on the 1911 census return George recorded his occupation as "Carter on Estate" and his daughter as a "General Domestic Servant". George died in July 1919 (age 54); the

beneficiary of his will was his wife, Ellen. According to the "Find My Past 1939 Register" Ellen continued to live at no 22 until at least this date. Ellen's demise, aged 75, was registered in Chichester in the spring of 1946.

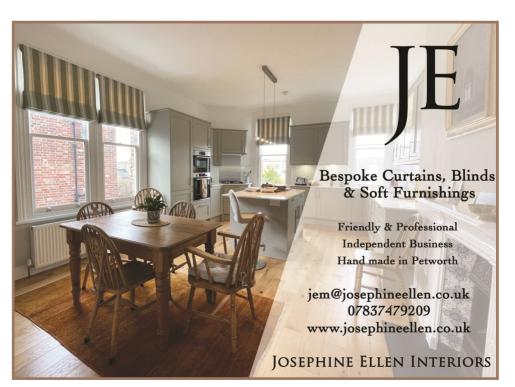


23 Easebourne Street—3 rooms

Albert Terry, his wife Laura (both age 32) and children Charles (age 5), Lilian (age 4) and Marian (age 1) lived here in 1911. Albert was a "Bricklayer on Estate". They continued to be resident at no 23 until at least 1939. (Find My Past 1939 Register).









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Hobby

by Michael Blencowe, Learning and Engagement Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust



Recently I've spent a lot of time on the beautiful West Sussex heaths, where I've been lucky to encounter an animal which always gets my heart beating as it speeds past; the Hobby. Around about now, high in a twiggy tree-top nest, two eggs will be laid. The proud parents have flown all the way from the Congo Basin to raise their family in the Sussex countryside.

Hobbies look debonair and dashing. With their black 'eye mask' and drooping 'moustache' there's a touch of Zorro about them. And, like that enigmatic swordsman, Hobbies are famed for their speed and dexterity. Superficially the Hobby looks similar to the Peregrine, which along with the Kestrel makes

up the trio of falcons that breed in Sussex. But Peregrines are very different birds. They started raising their families way back in April and adult Peregrines are up to four times heavier than a Hobby. Peregrines hunt by putting their weight behind their attack, whereas Hobbies use aerial agility and acceleration; the ninja to the Peregrine's sumo. The Hobby's slender scimitar wings slice the air as they twist, turn and tumble to pluck their victims from the sky in their talons.

These victims are the reason for the Hobby's 4,000 mile journey from Africa, and for their late egg-laying. The birth of

the hungry Hobby chicks is perfectly synchronised with their food supply, which is most abundant in Sussex skies in July and August. Hobbies specialise in catching the uncatchable; swallows, martins, swifts and dragonflies - all accomplished aviators themselves, who probably thought they were invincible whilst airborne. Watching a Hobby hunting is watching an accomplished predator at work.



If you've been on a wildlife walk with me you've probably already heard my favourite piece of Hobby trivia. In 1946 Mr Adolph of Langton Green, Kent had an idea. Presumably, with a name like that, the preceding seven years had been a tough time for Mr Adolph, but now he was free to unleash

his incredible invention upon the world; a game which involved flicking wobbly model footballers up and down a tabletop. This game, he insisted, would be a great hobby for boys and he named his invention just that: 'Hobby'. But when it came to registering the name, the Patents Office said that 'Hobby' was too general a term. Instead, Mr Adolph took the scientific name from his favourite falcon. And so the agile Hobby (Falco subbuteo) became forever linked to wet Saturday afternoons flicking headless Crystal Palace midfielders around the dining room.

What's On Locally

The Midhurst Society

You are invited to the next talk at the South Downs Memorial Hall GU29 9DH, on **Thursday 21 July at 7.30pm**. The charity Canine Partners will bring along one of their dogs and demonstrate how they halp people with physical disability. There is no August meeting



they help people with physical disability. There is no August meeting but in September we have 'The History Man'. Come along, for something completely different!

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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Two BIG Summer Nights in Midhurst, 27 & 28 July 2022

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Got News for You, Mock the Week, Live from the Apollo and so much more Milton Jones (Wednesday 27 July). The next day two of the most successful and entertaining singer/songwriters of the 80s and 90s, Beverley Craven and Judie Tzuke will entertain us. The double bill is hosted by the literally larger-than-life Matt Barnard. Quite apart from cheering everyone at every possible moment, his beer drinking stunt is worth the price of the ticket alone!

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? General Knowledge Quiz—Compiled by Carole Sawyer

- 1. What is Bath Blue?
- 2. Who wrote the novel 'Brighton Rock'?
- 3. How many Grand Slam titles has Andy Murray won?
- 4. Under which famous opera house does the Phantom of the Opera reside?
- 5. What are the mounds of sand that have been windblown called?
- 6. What is the study of plant life called?
- 7. Demolition of the Berlin wall separating East and West Germany began in what year?
- 8. A group of ravens is known as what?
- 9. In geography, a cataract is a type of what?
- 10. What does 'SD' stand for in the terms 'SD card' and 'micro SD card'?
- 11. What is a short story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson?
- 12.On which Spanish island was Rafael Nadal born?

.....and some Royal ones!

- 13.In which city was Queen Elizabeth II born?
- 14. For how many Commonwealth realms is the Queen currently heard of state?
- 15. How many great-grandchildren does the Queen have?
- 16. Who provided the BBC commentary from Westminster Abbey for the Queen's coronation in 1953?
- 17. What dog breed is the Queen's household often credited with inventing?
- 18. There has been a Trooping the Colour Parade every year of the Queen's reign, apart from which year?
- 19. What is the chemical symbol for Platinum?
- 20. What is the official Platinum Jubilee pudding?

Answers on page 32



Friends Of Midhurst Common

Bog Allotment

Murray Marr sent this report about the bog allotment: 'In general, the site has a high amount of 'edge-effect' which means there's a lot happening in a very small space with lots of different invertebrates

creating a high 'buzz factor'.

'In the densely overgrown areas harvest mice could be nesting. At the start of this willow growing project in 2015, a used nest was found among low scrub while trying to deal with a legacy of fly tipped building rubbish. Most of the dumped material was too difficult to remove having been there for so long but now it has been planted over and completely hidden by

encircling willow 'cages' that hold large compost heaps of grass and scrub cuttings. The result of this approach is to create hibernacula for a very large wintering toad population while in spring Grass snakes can breed in the warmer upper layers. And of course, the different willow varieties grow even faster as the heaps slowly release nutrients back into the soil'.

The FoMC Bog Allotment and associated allotments along Bepton Road used to be part of Midhurst Common before it was enclosed for the town's Spade Husbandry Society in 1835. In 1992 a deep core

sample was taken from here giving an excellent pollen record back to the end of the Last Ice Age. Carbon 14 dating for the bog (at 1.6m depth) reveals a major Bronze Age woodland decline coinciding with a great expansion of heathland 3, 600 years ago. Pollen analysis also shows the first arrival of agriculture in this locality (cerealtype pollen at 2.4m depth 5,000 years ago. The abandoned alder coppice on the bog

> was last cut about a century ago. Alder has been growing here for at least 7,000 years. No longer a commercial crop, alder has had many historic uses: split planks for 5,000 year old track-ways traversing the Neolithic bogs of the Somerset Levels; underwater piles (old Venice rests on them); Roman wooden writing tablets still legible when

recently excavated at Hadrian's Wall); scaffold poles (for Ely Cathedral's mediaeval repair work); timber for carpentry (artefacts found in the Mary Rose); wood for the finest gunpowder charcoal; the oldest clog ever found was in Amsterdam and was made around the year 1230 from alder wood. Willow coppicing is still carried out to this day for basket making. If you have been motivated to learn more, a guided tour of the Bog Allotment could be arranged if you contact me as below.



Please send questions or comments on anything to do with Midhurst Common to: friendsofmidhurstcommon@yahoo.co.uk Website: www.friendsofmidhurstcommon.co.uk

Common Spotted

Orchid on the Bog

Allotment

Snippets from a Gardener's Diary by John Humphris

Produce Show in August

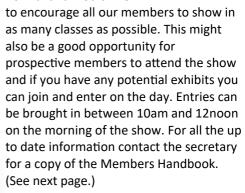
With this issue covering two months I thought it might be useful to include some information on the Easebourne Flower and Produce show which takes place on Saturday 6th August at Cowdray Hall. Although we held the show last year after an enforced break through Covid, it never really felt like we were free from the effect of the pandemic.



Exhibits from previous shows



I am really hopeful that this year will be back to normal and would like



Flower and produce shows are very often the life blood of many horticultural societies and it is always sad when a society closes. This happened recently with Milland Horticultural Society, whose show was usually held a week after ours. Given the level of interest by many younger people in grow-your-own I am disappointed that this has not translated into a greater influx of new younger members. Part of the problem I am sure is the lack of space and opportunity. There is a great shortage of allotments and, with modern housing having much smaller gardens, space is at a premium. However, if we can encourage younger people to join, this will be a great help for the Society into the future.

Many members of our garden club are keen and knowledgeable gardeners who have been growing fruit and vegetables for many years. These members are always willing to offer help and advice to new gardeners, and for those who need extra help the best book on the subject is the 'RHS Book on Fruit and Vegetable

Gardening'. This big book covers everything you would ever need to know on the subject, and will be a standard work for many years to come. When first published it was expensive, but it can though be found second-hand and with most of the information still relevant, so it's well worth looking out for.

One of the real benefits of flower and produce shows is not only learning how to exhibit from those who have been doing it for many years, but also for the opportunity to see the wide range and different kinds of flowers, fruit and vegetables available. Having exhibited and judged at shows for many years I am constantly surprised by how often I will see on the show bench a tree, shrub, perennial, bulb, fruit or vegetable that I have not seen before. This is why shows are so important. Visiting gardens is always enjoyable, especially for the chance to see how the design and structure of the garden has been put together. You can see the range of plants within that space. But those shown at our flower and produce shows come from such a wide number of gardens and we can learn so much more about the choices available.

Plant of the Month

The Cape Figwort is the name given to Phygelius capenis. This native of South Africa is hardy in the southern counties when given a sunny position, good drainage and planted on a wall or fence. There is one other species P aequalis which we have in our garden. There is also a yellow-flowered variation called Yellow Trumpet which some of you may have seen grown at the White Horse in Easebourne. This is spectacular in flower, but to my mind P aegualis is the most beautiful. It is described by Graham Thomas, as having slender trumpets of soft rosy coral red, with a lemon throat and mahogany lip. If it likes you it will flower all summer. Google it to see all the endless variations now available.

John Humphris 810052

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Farm Shop and Café

from Jonathan Russell



The Farm Shop & Café is a thriving business at the heart of the Estate. It has developed considerably over the years, with many plans to further expand the business.

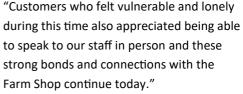
Originally an old stable block, the Farm Shop was established in 2009 with a butchery and deli.

Connections with highquality premium suppliers were established with the focus on organic produce and unique homeware items.

The Café was also set up in 2009 and has grown in popularity over the years. It became known for both its quality of service and the food that it offers. Recently a new summer menu was launched which is filled with a delicious range of dishes including vegetarian and vegan offerings.

Rupert Titchmarsh, General Manager of the Farm Shop & Café, said: "Shopping here is experiential, the staff are knowledgeable, the products vary seasonally – the Farm Shop is a destination venue.

"While we attract customers from far and wide, we also have formed a strong local client base. This was particularly evident during the pandemic when we quickly introduced a delivery service and a click and collect, which was very well received locally.





Since its establishment, there has always been a commitment to ensure that quality and provenance are key factors in choosing products available from the Cowdray Farm Shop. Where

possible, local businesses are favoured to lessen the environmental impact of the offering. Emphasis is placed on seasonal produce, so it could be evident what time of year it is judging by the fruit and vegetables on offer. There is also an enormous range of wild food found across the Estate's diverse landscape including mushrooms, chamomile, fruits such as blackberries, bilberries and a whole host of edible plants. Foraged products are now sold in the Farm Shop and used in recipes in the Café.

In April 2019, the Farm Shop underwent a substantial tenth anniversary upgrade. A new self-service coffee grinding area, gravity bins with an impressive selection of organic nuts and seeds were installed as well as the popular customer operated orange juicer. There has always been an emphasis on reduce, reuse, and recycle but

the refurbishment was a chance to significantly reduce packaging and encourage customers to supply their own containers and choose from a range of local, unwrapped fresh fruit, vegetables and bread. This commitment to the environment continues.

In recent years a new series of initiatives have been launched. These include a takeaway service from Cowdray Express, Cowdray Kitchen offers a range of high-quality frozen foods cooked by our chefs and the popular Cowdray picnic hamper offering has just been refreshed. There is also Cowdray Living, which offers a selection of homeware and lifestyle gifts and Cowdray branded produce.

Only this year Farm Shop Online was launched which allows customers from all over the country enjoy Cowdray produce made in-house, grown locally or sourced from premium quality suppliers. There are also plans to increase the offerings at Cowdray Online, as well as lots of new ideas to further expand the business as a whole.



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