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The photograph on the cover of Cottage 62 was taken by Judi Lion
from the Midhurst Camera Club. Many thanks!



Dear Friends

September is a wonderful time of year. Firstly, the seasons start to change. We now begin the journey into autumn – the jumpers come out, evenings draw in and the whole colour of nature transforms. It is also the season of schools returning – hopefully after a good break for our teachers and magical family holidays. Now is the time, once again, to focus on learning. This is a time of transition, moving up classes or schools. Time to encounter new teachers and collectively engage in one of the most important times of anyone's life. I see it as a real joy to be able to go into our schools and share in their life. Sometimes I find myself in the classroom supporting the teaching of RE. Every week I help deliver the assemblies with the support of our talented musicians. I also enjoy being a governor; being a critical friend to the school, asking the important questions and helping to shape the future course of teaching.

We are very lucky in our parish to have two very good schools - both the

Primary School and Conifers. At Easebourne Church of England Primary school, we welcome Caroline Hulbert as our new head teacher. We pray for Caroline and her team as she embarks on this new phase of her teaching career. She leads a very talented group of teachers and teaching staff who are dedicated to the children in their care.

As the Priory Churches we pray for our schools as the children return. We give thanks for creative and energetic teachers who inspire our children to learn. We pray for our parents, who juggle busy working lives. When our schools return, an energy returns to our village life; children walking to school, parents on the drop off. So, most importantly we pray for our children, that they are safe and happy in their learning.

Many blessings for a new school year.

Rev'd Canon Derek Welsman

Beetle Drive/Fish & Chips Evening Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm in the church



Remember the ones we had in the 'old days' in the Refectory! Please sign up on the list on the cross aisle after church. Hope to see you there. For more information phone Jan (01798 342233)

The Benefice of ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, EASEBOURNE
with St Peter's Lodsworth and St James Selham

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S

First Sunday	10.30am Family Eucharist	<i>Coffee is served in Church</i>
Other Sundays	10.30am Holy Eucharist	<i>after the 10.30am service</i>
Wednesdays	10.00am Holy Eucharist	<i>on most Sundays.</i>

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

SERVICES AT ST PETER'S LODSWORTH

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

SERVICES AT ST JAMES SELHAM

1st & 3rd Sundays
8.30am Holy Communion

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Derek – A Celebration of Twenty Years at St Mary's

On Sunday 24th July many gathered in St Mary's for a service of celebration to mark Derek's ministry of 20 years with us. There was an atmosphere of love, joy and celebration. Within the service the readings and some of the hymns and prayers were those that we had at his service of Institution and Induction in 2002. In his sermon Derek talked about his years at St Mary's, the enlarging of the benefice to include Lodsworth and Selham, and the formation of The Priory Churches. He thanked us, as his church family and friends, for journeying with him, supporting him and his family, and for the privilege he felt in serving us. He himself thanked Gill for being his rock, always by his side.

Before the service ended we presented Derek with a Book of Thanks in which we had written our memories. A collection had been taken and we were able to give him a Jerusalem Stole (see photo on p. 18) and a gift token for fishing equipment. He will also receive a canon's cassock when ready from the tailors. We also thanked Gill and presented her with a large bouquet of flowers, and we gave them both a beautiful engraved lantern candle vase. Following the final blessing, the Music Group sang their own tribute to Derek. (Words below composed by Gill, Lynne & Rob are a parody of a song by the group Radiohead—a favourite of Derek's). Following the celebration we all enjoyed a glass of prosecco to toast the past twenty years.

Alison Davis

It's your anniversary, we'll sing this special song
All these years at St Mary's—that's twenty years done.
But now that you're a canon are you gonna get fired?
If we light the touch paper, then you could retire.



Cos you're our priest
You're our vicar
We know why you're still here
You just belong here.



Because you're so tall can't look you in the eyes
We talk to your knee caps and sometimes your thighs
Your shoes made of leather and a cap with a feather
Derek you're special—deluded, but special.



Cos you're our priest
You're our vicar
We know why you're still here
You just belong here.



Afternoon Tea - Wednesday, 14 September at 3.00pm in church

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



CHURCH DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Thursday 1	7.00pm	St Mary's	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 3	1.30pm	St Mary's	Wedding
Sunday 4	12 Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong
Tuesday 6	2.00pm	St Mary's	Women's Fellowship Quiz Afternoon
Wednesday 7	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	St Mary's	Wedding
Sunday 11	13 Sunday after trinity		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wednesday 14	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	St Mary's	Afternoon Tea
	7.00pm	St Peter's	PCC Meeting
Sunday 18	14 Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10. 30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Celtic Service
Wednesday 21	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	St Mary's	Fish and Chip Supper/Beetle Drive
Sunday 25	15 Sunday after Trinity		
	9.00am	St Peters	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion with Baptism
Wednesday 28	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Confirmation Service
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Sunday 2	16 Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Harvest Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong

Children's Society Boxes

It is now time for the boxes to be emptied again. Jane Dawson is happy to collect them if you are not able to get to church. Please contact Jane on 07795 100808 or 01730 815111.

The
Children's
Society

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should feel
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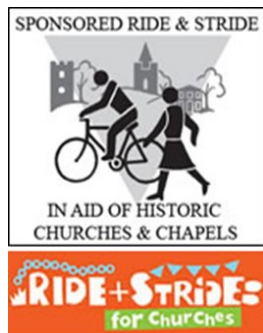
St Mary's Reading Rota for September

Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader	Intercessor
4 September 12th after Trinity		Luke 14: 25—33	TBA	
11 September 13th after Trinity	1 Timothy 1: 12—17	Luke 15: 1—10	Ian Heustice	Rev Liz Yonge
18 September 14th after Trinity	1 Timothy 2: 1—7	Luke 16: 1—13	Laura Owen	Martin Dexter
25 September 15th after Trinity	1 Timothy 6: 19—end	Luke 16: 19—end	Wendy Trafford	

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

Ride and Stride 2022

The annual Ride & 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



Women's Fellowship

Last month we enjoyed a relaxing afternoon playing board games and all agreed it was a fun way to spend a hot summer afternoon in the cool of the church.

On Tuesday 6th September at 2.00pm in St Mary's, we will be having a Quiz with guests from other groups. All are welcome to join us but please let Ann Harfield know you are coming as pews have to be moved and tables erected. There will be a raffle with profits in aid of the Spire Fund.

Ann Harfield 813810

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 200 CLUB **July 2022 draw winners**

1st Prize - £100	No 215	Bryan Scholey
2nd Prize - £75	No 73	Margaret Pratt
2nd Prize - £75	No 236	Anna Acke
3rd Prize—£50	No 108	Betty Chatfield
3rd Prize—£50	No 166	Mike Dawson
3rd Prize—£50	No 176	Sandra Murphy



August 2022 draw winners

1st Prize - £100	No 70	Ouvaroff children
2nd Prize - £75	No 240	Patrick Savage
2nd Prize - £75	No 13	Ian Haggis
3rd Prize—£50	No 215	Bryan Scholey
3rd Prize—£50	No 105	Phil Stringer
3rd Prize—£50	No 2	Arthur Douglas-Nugent

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

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

Please note, winners will receive monies by bank transfer.

ROTARY HANDOVER

At the beginning of July Rotarians, ladies of Inner Wheel, and friends gathered at Cowdray Park. Simon Flint said how much he had enjoyed his year as President. One of his final tasks was to welcome a new member, Michael Balmforth, to the club. Simon made awards to two members who had given exceptional service by presenting them with Paul Harris Fellowship Awards - an award given to those giving 'Service above Self' in a magnificent way. As chair of the Community and Vocational Committee, Hazel Morley has organised Rotary presence at a large number of events in Midhurst and Petworth and beyond and continues to do so. The Youth Activities team has been led by Robert Morrison who has given unstinting time

and expertise throughout the years and will continue to do so in the Rotary year ahead.

Simon Flint handed over the Presidential regalia to Julian Goodale and wished him well for the coming Presidential Year. Julian said he was delighted to follow in his late father's footsteps. (Frank Goodale was a Founding member of this Club.) Julian's mother Peggy is an honorary member of Rotary and is an active member of Inner Wheel. Julian thanked his wife Diane for all her support.

Julian presented the Vice President's regalia to John Maguire and said he looked forward to working with him in the coming year. Julian also welcomes the opportunity to work closely with the new Inner Wheel President, Chris Barrett.

Music & Drama Dept Tour to Cornwall by Madeleine Hathaway



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With great excitement 51 students and 5 staff from Midhurst Rother College's Music and Drama Departments headed off to Cornwall on their first ever joint tour, and the first tour since Covid restrictions were lifted. During the full-on five days, the students had the opportunity to perform at some of the county's most amazing venues to a wider audience, including the beautiful

Trebah Gardens, the inspiring Truro Cathedral and underground in the chamber of cathedral proportions at Cairnglaze Cavern. The group were also permitted to perform at the world renowned Minnack Theatre where they sang an A Cappella version of *Harbour*, written by local Midhurst musician, composer and singer Anna Tabbush.



Sally Tidbury, Head of Music, said of the trip, "It is an experience they will cherish and something they will look back on for a long time after they leave school. We are so proud of our students and all they have achieved. They were a real credit to MRC and have really benefited from the tour both socially and creatively."

Gilbert Hannam 350th Anniversary Tea Party

A crowd gathered recently in the sun at Midhurst Rother College for the Gilbert Hannam Education Foundation (GHEF) Tea Party. The event celebrated the 350th anniversary of the legacy of the foundation's sponsor Gilbert Hannam, who had the vision in 1672 to set up a free school in Midhurst for 12 boys. Phil Stringer, Chair of the Trustees, welcomed the guests who included current and past trustees of the Foundation, current and past governors both of MRC and Midhurst Grammar School, local politicians, the past and current Principals of the College. Also current and past teaching staff of both schools, past speakers from our Foundation evenings and, of course, past winners of the prizes supported by the Foundation. Guests wondered what Gilbert Hannam would think of the current school with its 1100+ students and superb facilities.

Village Vignette

Roger Sked

Roger was our church warden at St Mary's since 2015 and now that he has handed the keys to the church over to Phil Stringer, we thought it was about time we get him to talk about his life. He grew up in Farnborough. When he left school with only 3 O-Levels his future didn't seem overly bright. He got a job as a petrol station attendant, but he did extremely well there and learned a lot about automobile maintenance. On the strength of that he joined a Ford dealership on a 5-year apprenticeship and finished up as Parts Storeman. He went on to Guildford Tech to do a qualification in motor vehicle parts practice and came top in his class. He got into motorcycle racing and worked for a while as a mechanic at Brands Hatch and Silverstone. Then he got into car rallying, and for eight years he was the secretary of the Farnborough & District Motor Club. In the 1980's he moved to Chichester and worked in the parts department of the Ford dealership that became Rows of Chichester. But he was most keen to talk about the many aspects of his life that earned him no income at all.

Back in the late 60's (when still a youngster!) he joined the Civil Defence Corps which only existed from 1949 until 1968. That was a civilian volunteer defence organisation set up by the Home Office to protect the country in the case of a national emergency, such as a nuclear attack during the Cold War. When CDC was disbanded,



Roger joined the Royal Observer Corps, another volunteer programme intended for the detection and tracking of aircraft. As an ROC operative, Roger ran a monitoring post on Ford Airfield from a bunker 18 feet underground. He received a commission from the ROC for massively improving their training methods. For his work with ROC he won an award for meritorious service.

By this time, when he was living in Chichester, Roger joined the Air Training Corps as a civilian

instructor and became a RAF volunteer reserve trainer. We had assumed that this role involved many hours in the air. But no, his job was to train young cadets in skills such as marksmanship, athletics, drill, and swimming. All this work was gratis.

He left the Air Training Corps in 2000 and worked for a few years for an engineering supply company, then went to work at Covers in Chichester where he started their wood flooring department. When he retired he started his own handyman business. We can vouch for Roger. If you need a job done where the solution is to think outside the box, Roger is your man.

Then came another big change in his life. His first grandchild was baptized in church – a place he had not frequented for a long time. He started to think about confirmation and after a chat with Derek he did a bit of training and was confirmed by Bishop Mark ten years ago. Derek invited

Roger onto the PCC, and then in 2015 he was appointed church warden.

Being church warden is nearly a full time job. It's not a question of changing the odd light bulb or setting out a few chairs. The two church wardens are expected to attend all services, including weddings, baptisms and funerals. (That means wearing a suit and tie – you can't just show up in your shorts and sandals.) If the boiler packs up, it is the church warden who arranges the repair (unless he can fix it himself). A church warden looks after the fabric and furnishings of the church. He raises the flag, ensures the paths and steps are kept clear, greets the congregation, and generally keeps the peace. The period of lockdown was a special challenge for

the church wardens, who, in order to keep the church open, had to disinfect and sanitize all touchable surfaces every day the church was open. The list goes on and on. Roger enjoyed the job but he now has more time for his many hobbies.

He loves angling and used to keep ferrets. He is obviously into DIY, he enjoys home brewing, cooking and baking. Roger is married to the lovely Mary and he has six grandchildren. If you ask Roger nicely he might invite you to be his 'friend' on Facebook where you can see his frequent postings from his webcam. His back garden is regularly visited by five different moggies, as well as a badger and a hedgehog.

Ed.

From the editors

We'd love to include more stories about local people. Can we come and interview you or someone you know? Just email easebourne.united@gmail.com or give us a ring on 01730 816542. We love putting together your magazine every month but we do depend on you the readers to send over your stories. Please keep us in mind. The deadline is always the 15th the month before publication so for October the deadline is 15 September.

St Mary's Church Choir

Our excellent organist Mary Knight was poorly for a couple of weeks, but she is feeling much better now, thank goodness. It might be a while before she resumes playing organ but at least the choir is back to regular Friday evening rehearsals. We are learning some really lovely music, but we can use some new voices in the choir—both high and low voices. If you would like more information about singing in our choir, phone Mary on 01730 812783.



Easebourne War Memorial

In July, Artur and James, specialists from War Memorial Conservation Company, completed a conservation clean and repair of the war memorial in the churchyard. The work involved a steam clean, repointing the damaged joints to prevent further freeze-thaw damage, and the cleaning and conservation of the bronze name plaques. Some further work is scheduled to address some areas of erosion.

It is worth recalling the words of Frances Moreton, Director of War Memorials Trust, who said, "War memorials are touchstones to our past. Preserving them maintains the link between those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and later generations who benefit from the freedoms for which they fought. War memorials also remind us of the full cost of war so we can hopefully learn the lessons which help us avoid conflict, and further loss, in future".



The plan is to re-dedicate the War Memorial following this work at the Remembrance Day Service on 13th November.

Phil Stringer

Listed Buildings in Easebourne—Sycamore House

(Formerly Sycamore Cottage) Grade II

House. C16 timber-framed building. The north portion has stone rubble infilling and diagonal braces. The south portion has close studding with infilling of stone or red brick in herring-bone pattern and a gable. Tiled roof. Casement windows. Two storeys. Two windows.

Sycamore House—Former Residents by Christine Deadman

In the 1911 census Sycamore House is recorded as having nine rooms, making it one of the larger properties in Easebourne. It was the home of William Alfred Etherington, a builder (age 42), his second wife, Annie Elizabeth, and their five sons (ages 15 to 5 years) and six daughters (ages 14 to 1 year old) all born in Easebourne.

William was born in Midhurst to Alfred Etherington, an Auctioneer and Cabinet maker who in 1881 employed “2 Men and 1 Boy (master)”. In 1891 William was living with the family in Knockhundred Row and listed his occupation as a Carpenter in the census. In 1892, William married Emily Plato, a Governess, who had been residing with them in Knockhundred Row in 1891. They were married in Midhurst, but Emily died the following summer. William then married Annie Elizabeth née Venes in Easebourne Parish church in August 1894. Annie was the daughter of Charles Venes; one the several Venes brothers who lived and worked in Henley, some working in the beer retailing trade. William died aged 50 in 1918.



Photo by Chris Deadman

New Head of Early Years

Conifers is delighted to announce that they have appointed Mrs Kirsty Henderson-Jones as their new Head of Early Years. Reporting to Head Miss Emma Fownes, the role will see Mrs Henderson-Jones oversee early years' education at the school and work with the senior leadership team to develop Conifers' offering for their younger pupils.

Joining Conifers from St John's College Junior School in Hampshire, Mrs Henderson-Jones brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Her past experience includes over 14 years at the prestigious Beaudesert Park School in Gloucestershire where she was Head of Pre-Prep and Director of Studies. During her tenure there, Mrs Henderson-Jones oversaw staffing, budgets, infrastructure, marketing, and events, as well as academic and pastoral issues. She also successfully led the department through two Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) inspections and many new initiatives, including the opening of a Nursery adjoining the Pre-Prep school.

Miss Emma Fownes, Head at Conifers, said: "We are really excited that Mrs Henderson-Jones has accepted the position. From the first time we met her we were really impressed by her enthusiasm, passion for primary



CONIFERS SCHOOL

education and Early Years and her extensive experience in this area. Her integrity and professional approach were clear and she has an incredible passion for the development and care of our youngest children."

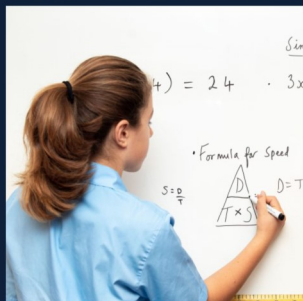
Mrs Henderson-Jones said: "I am delighted to be joining Conifers and to get to know the students. My aim is to put each child at the centre of their own educational development by encouraging their natural curiosity. Children need to be happy to learn which is why I am passionate that their lessons be engaging, supportive and fun. There will also be a big emphasis on outdoor learning and exploring the beautiful surroundings at Conifers to support their development. I am looking forward to showing parents just how academically aspirational we are for their children, while also providing the individual support that students need to succeed on their own terms."



Kirsty Henderson-Jones

“...this is a school that really does empower”

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR THE MIDHURST FOODBANK

by Liz Willing



Early summer is one of the busiest periods for the Foodbank in Midhurst. We deliver KLPs (Kid's Lunch Packs) to children in the area who receive free school meals. Some years ago The Trussell Trust realised that families receiving free school meals in term time struggled enormously to feed their children during the holidays. Consequently, the Trust started to provide a lunch box to cover those holiday meals. Over two weeks in July about 60 volunteers from the Foodbank, as well as Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club, delivered 322 boxes to 161 children (each box contains 3 weeks of lunches). We fed a number of Ukrainian families for the first time for their children who are attending local schools. This was a huge operation and relied on many people's kindness and generosity.

The contents of the boxes were provided by Seaford College who collected all the produce. The students packed them and delivered them to us in Midhurst as part of their Community Day in June. This was a huge undertaking and we are enormously grateful to them for their support.

The weekly requests for food continue to increase. Since the beginning of the year we have fed about 500 individuals, sometimes as many as 50 in a week. It is tragic that there is such a need within our community, but so good that we can respond to the requests. Please continue to donate food, it is only because of your kindness and generosity that we can help those who would otherwise go hungry.



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.

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CALL US: 07500 666672 or 07999 921348

MORE INFO: www.buddington.co.uk

Sponsored Walk for Ukraine

by Madeleine Hathaway

Just before the recent the heatwave began, but nonetheless on a hot summer's day, students and staff set off on a sponsored walk to raise funds in aid of DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. In view of the hot weather the route was reduced to 8.5k to ensure all students were back under cover avoiding the midday heat. Students carried a Ukrainian flag to remind everyone of why they were walking.

Tutor groups set off at intervals accompanied by their tutor and other members of staff. The remaining staff, along with the

Sixth Form acted as marshals along the pretty much shaded route. Sixth formers also provided water stations. For a bit of fun along the way, these were enhanced by much enjoyed cooling water showers courtesy of super soaking water blasters.

On return to school, students were cooled by ice cream and ice lollies, sold to raise further funds for the appeal. The running total for the event is just under £3,000. The College thank all those who have contributed to date.

Top Marks for Easebourne Park!



EASEBOURNE
Parish Council

Officially opened in September 2018,

Easebourne Park is a unique space for all the community, young and old, to enjoy. Conceived of and provided by Easebourne Parish Council, the Park was designed to blend in with its National Park surroundings, with natural oak dens and trails as well as a mix of traditional play equipment. In 2019 Easebourne Park received a design award from the South Downs National Park Authority. Now it has received a top **5/5** rating from an inspector from the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) who undertook a formal annual inspection the Park this July.



Since opening, the Parish Council have continued to work hard to raise funds in order to further enhance the space. The additional facilities so far include a scooter track with educational road markings, a covered roundhouse, picnic benches, a fully accessible roundabout, and an innovative climbing and play area. Permanent toilet facilities are planned for next year.



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Church Service at Buddington Farm



Derek with James & Catherine Renwick in the potato barn

service as swallows swooped about. The dairy cows next to the large barn waited patiently for their turn to be milked in the two robotic milking machines, and their new calves relaxed in their pens near their mums.

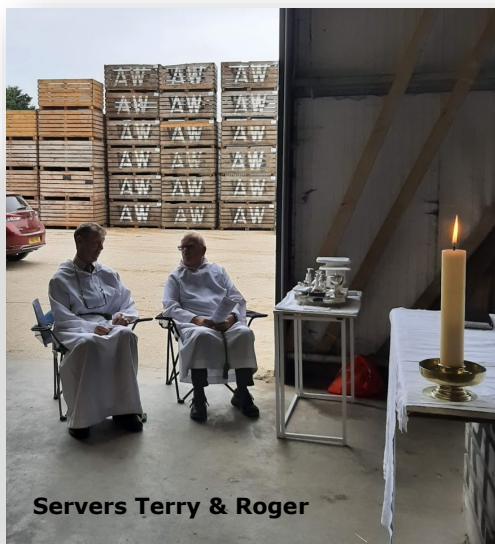
There has been a farm at Buddington for hundreds of years, and the present farmer, James Renwick, told the congregation a little about their operation during the service. His dad Robert took on the tenancy back in the 1950's, and James with his wife Catherine and their four children took over 30 years ago when his dad passed away. Buddington

is a mixed farm – they grow cereal crops and potatoes. During the season they harvest about 25 – 30 tons of potatoes a day which are sold to super-markets and for fish and chips shops.

On the last Sunday of July the congregations of all three Priory Churches gathered in a most unusual venue – one of the large barns at Buddington Farm. An old door over a large wooden potato crate served as the altar and the worshippers brought their own garden chairs in place of pews. Farm workers and tractors carried with their tasks outside the open doors during the



The band led the hymn singing



Servers Terry & Roger

The congregation in the potato barn



They keep a herd of around 120 Holstein Friesian dairy cows, which produce 4,000 litres of milk a day. A few years ago they invested in a milk vending machine which they installed in a refurbished shed. After the service there was a queue of people waiting to fill up their bottles with milk which came from the cow less than four hours earlier.

James told the congregation that there will always be challenges for the farming industry, but with hard work and ingenuity this mixed farm has managed to weather those challenges and to look forward to the future. So the next time you are stuck behind tractors or combine harvesters on country roads, please forgive an occasional delay and think about our farmers and how hard they work to put food on our tables and reduce food imports.

Waiting to be milked



The milk vending machine

News from Easebourne Primary School



The last few weeks of the Summer Term were jam packed with lots of additional activities on top of our normal curriculum.

Our Nursery children enjoyed their second trip to Alice Holt – it is always amazing to see how far they have come between visits. Taster sessions from Aspire for multi-sports and from Laura's Explorers Woodland Group were such a success, that we are now offering these sessions weekly from September.

Anticipation and excitement were the order of the day in Dragonflies Class, as our Reception children waited patiently for their butterflies to emerge from four chrysalises. They rested for a while and had some food and water before being released. The children explored the symmetry of butterfly wings and made their own butterflies using natural materials.

A visit to the Weald and Downland Museum by our Year 1 Hedgehogs Class involved them taking part in a 'Childhood' workshop

and visiting various historical houses. The children were surprised to learn that some families had up to 8 children who slept in just 2 beds! They learnt how to make linen, fed the ducks, and ended the day playing with some Victorian toys, including having a go at walking on stilts.

It was Squirrels' turn for Forest School and our Year 2's were really creative, making woodland creatures from clay. They've been exploring our site; identifying the different plants, trees and creatures which live there.

Our Year 3 Rabbits children were delighted to have their terracotta clay turtles back, having been professionally fired and glazed. The class had worked all day with the Midhurst Art Society using a range of techniques to create these beautiful pieces which are stunning.



Each year we work towards our John Muir Bronze Award and our Badgers Year 4's really enjoyed their sessions working with the Sussex Wildlife Trust on Iping Common this term. They have worked collaboratively to create beautiful nature journals to showcase their learning. In preparation for their full residential next year, both classes also enjoyed a (Cont'd on p. 33)



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FrEP volunteers continue to litter pick on a regular basis throughout the parish. We also look after the parish planters, clear litter from the bus stops and water the fruit trees in 'Carbon Corner'. Recently the wooden carvings in the park were cleared of vegetation that was completely hiding them from view. Tidying hedgerows in the burial ground and the footpaths and other pathways around the park will need our regular attention. Last month the grass verges at the entrance to Hollist Lane were mown and the areas around the planters were strimmed.

Jobs and other events planned for our volunteers during the next months include:

- Helping the Parish Council during the 'Picnic in the Park' on 3 September. We will have a stand in the Park and would welcome both members and non-members of FrEP to visit us for a chat. If you're considering joining FrEP come and find out why it would be a good idea to be part of our merry band of volunteers.
- The FrEP AGM - Friday 16 September at 1700 in the Park Roundhouse.
- Footpath clearance in various locations.
- Planting eleven more fruit trees in 'Carbon Corner' during late autumn. These trees are being provided by the Parish Council. If anyone would like to offset their carbon footprint by funding a fruit tree, please contact the Easebourne Parish Clerk – parishclerk@easebourne.org. There is also a plan to supplement last year's bulb planting with hundreds more daffodil bulbs within Easebourne Park.

Please contact our secretary via email **FRPESec@btinternet.com** or call **07803 933694** 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

Fernhurst Choral Society



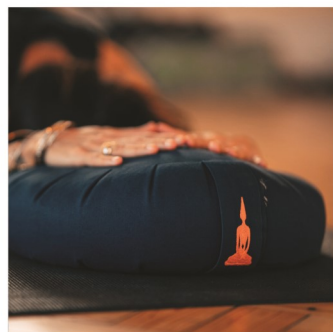
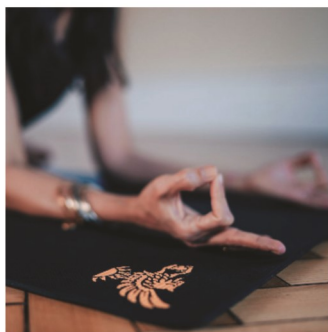
If you love to sing and have thought about joining a singing group, do come along to our first rehearsal at Fernhurst Village Hall GU27 3EH on Monday 5th September at 7.30 and give us a try. We are actively looking for new singers in all voice parts. You don't need years of experience singing in choirs to be a member of FCS, but you do need to be committed to a bit of home practice and regular attendance at our Monday evening rehearsals. We have a very good conductor and it's great fun. For more information phone the membership secretary Tina Litchfield 01730 816542, or visit our website:

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? General Knowledge Quiz—Compiled by Carole Sawyer

1. Which element is 'Cu' in the periodic table?
2. Who wrote the poem 'Jabberwocky'?
3. How many balls does Snooker begin with?
4. Which European capital city used to be two cities either side of a river?
5. What is lepidoptery the study of?
6. What year was the BBC founded?
7. A 'shrewdness' is the collective noun of which mammals?
8. What does the computing term USB stand for?
9. What does the French word *abracadabrantesque* translate to?
10. What is the 6th Greek letter?
11. Where in a purse or wallet would you find the badge of the Palace of Westminster?
12. The amount of substance in atoms and molecules is measured in what standard unit (shares the name of a subterranean mammal)?
13. Shiva – the destroyer – is a god in which religion?
14. Mount Vesuvius destroyed which Roman city?
15. Mathematically, what is the value of pi to 4 decimal places?
16. What is the name of Percy Shelley's poem containing the phrase '*Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!*'?
17. William H Bonney is the pseudonym for which American outlaw?
18. Who was the commentator for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2008?
19. What dog breeds are crossed in the mixed-breed 'Gerberian Shepsky'?
20. Which month is the title of the Earth Wind and Fire track that reached No.3 in the UK singles chart?

Answers on page 28



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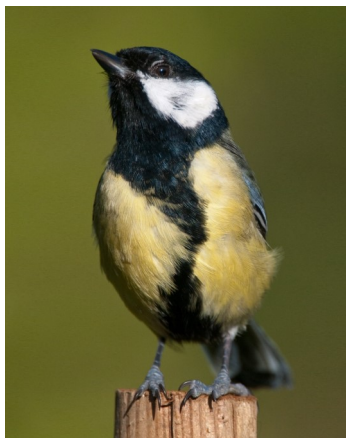
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Just for the record; I've never trusted them. Unlike all the other familiar, friendly faces on my back garden bird table there's just something about the Great Tit that's always made me suspicious. Perhaps it's my mistrust of uniforms. The Great Tit's smart plumage with a collar, black tie and a glossy black cap makes them look too official, too authoritative. And that bright yellow chest? Far too garish for the garden.

Their behaviour isn't exactly endearing either. Great Tits are the bullies on the bird table. They'll aggressively assert their authority and violently peck at other birds as they plunder the peanuts. When a house-hunting Great Tit can't find a suitable hole to nest in, it'll simply evict a Blue Tit and move in.

Their dominance is also heard in spring when their two-note song, "Tea-cher! Tea-cher! Tea-cher!" rings out through our woodlands. It was this "Tea-cher!" that taught me my first lesson in bird song identification; an easily recognisable two-note war cry used to proclaim the tit's territory. But I was soon to learn that not everything was how it seemed. Each male actually has an average of four different songs, which can be sung at three different tempos. This varied repertoire is a sly Beau Geste trick employed to trick other Great

Tits into thinking that a woodland is more crowded than it really is. The birds who know the most tunes secure larger territories and breed more successfully. And it's a trick that fools me each year too; if I don't recognise a bird call in the woods it's always a Great Tit.



Through aggression and deceit, these birds have successfully established an empire that spreads from England to China. And it's from the far-flung corners of this empire that we've recently received reports of some rather worrying behaviour. From Finland came news of a group of Great Tits changing their vegan diet of seeds and

nuts to something much more meaty: other birds. In Hungary, scientists made the chilling discovery of a population of Great Tits which have developed a taste for the brains of hibernating bats. Sure, these are isolated incidents at the moment but with human society plunging rapidly towards the abyss and an army of Great Tits acquiring a taste for blood and brains, is it unreasonable to hypothesise a post-apocalyptic future where humans are at the mercy of plagues of zombie Great Tits? Close your windows people – they're coming for us!

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Friends Of Midhurst Common

I trust that by the time you read this we will have had some rain. Dog walking is being done early and late and the garden looks like it will be changed forever. That book received at Christmas on Mediterranean plants for the garden has come off the shelf and is being studied more carefully. What's good? Vitamin D deficiency is unlikely this summer, the lawn mower lies at rest in the shed and those with solar panels are the only ones content with their electricity bills....

Anyway, how is Midhurst Common?

Certainly, the biggest concern we have at present is the threat of fire, especially on the heathland. If you are on The Common and see a fire and ring the Emergency Fire Services, the best way to give your location is by using the App What3Words on your mobile phone. It's a free download. Having given the location, the Fire Brigade should know how to access that point. In general, the plants seem to be surviving but yesterday I saw that the rhododendron was wilting. Although it is sad to see any plant struggling, the loss of a few of this hugely invasive species might be no bad thing!

Also, on The Common, nearer to Carron Lane, I have seen an oak tree which has suffered 'Summer Limb Drop'. This is the

tree's response to a hot, dry period where transpiration needs exceed vascular capabilities – auto-amputation. The Wet Heath area to the South of the heathland looks totally dried up, but the grasses and other plants appear verdant – Nature at its best. The three ponds (sand-pits really) are as low as I have ever known them but continue to provide a source of water and habitat for so many species – without these ponds the Common would not be able to provide such an ecological balance. (See photo next page.)

What else is happening with FoMC?

- On 30 June we had 11 students and two teachers from Seaford College working with our own Heath Team volunteers clearing Birch and Conifer from the Heathland. We hope to repeat this next year on their Community Action Day.
- On 29 July we did a survey in conjunction with the South Downs National Park Rangers of species of flora and fauna on the Common. I hope to report on that soon.
- August – I have done two guided walks for MADhurst to promote the area as an ecological and biological resource for local people.

We are planning to get some mechanical means soon to assist with control of some of the rapidly growing tree species unwanted on the heathland.

Please send questions or comments on anything to do with Midhurst Common to:

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Easebourne Garden and Allotment Society

Produce Show on Saturday 6 August

The members of our local garden society were concerned this year because with the drought, it's been a real challenge to raise prize-winning flowers, fruit, and vegetables. We were all amazed to see not only the good number of entries, but also the quality of exhibits that came from our gardens and allotments and kitchens.

On the Saturday morning, members arrived with their displays, chosen from the Schedule of Classes in our Handbook. There were over 250 entries in total, and many were very good, making it difficult for the judges to make decisions. We all returned after 3.00 to see if we had won a First, Second, or Third for our displays.

A new member, Nicola Cheriton-Sutton, won the cup for Best in Show for her dinner table floral arrangement. John Etherington did very well again this year. He won the Gayford Cup for the most points in the vegetable categories, and he also won the Banksian medal for the most points in horticultural classes.

Molly Etherington won the Dahlia cup. It must have been very hard to choose winners in those four different dahlia categories. Others who won a First, Second, or Third for their dahlias were Val Carver, John Etherington, Jill Halfhide, and Caroline Nelson.

The Harral Cup for the most points in the categories for fruit, flowers, baked goods and preserves went to Jill Halfhide. Her floral arrangement to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was really beautiful. And Nicola Cheriton-Sutton also

won the £5 prize sponsored by Fiona Gowar for the most points in Baked goods and preserves.

Our member Caroline Nelson stepped up to award the cups. Many thanks to Carolyn Davies for the raffle table. There were some really good prizes there and the raffle raised around £50 for the Society. Thanks also to Val Carver for taking lots of photographs.

After the prizes was tea and homemade cake, and time to chat to other members. We are all very sad that our chairman John Humphris was not feeling well on the day and wasn't able to be there. We all wish him the best for a good recovery.

Tina Litchfield, Secretary



Clockwise from right: **Beautiful Beetroot,**
Colourful Carrots, **Veg Collection from**
Lucinda Davis, and **Tantalizing Tomatoes,**
 and **Dazzling Dahlias.**



Nicola Cheriton-Sutton receives the Best in Show cup from Caroline Nelson.

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The Midhurst Society

You are invited to the next talk at the South Downs Memorial Hall GU29 9DH, on **Thursday 15 September at 7.30pm**. The 'History Man' Paul Ullson will come dressed as a Stone Age hunter-gatherer and will talk about life in prehistoric times. 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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sleepover at school with outdoor games, pizza dinner and a visit from the ice cream van.

We took part in the annual Rotary Rother Valley Debate Competition with a Year 6 team, which won overall with a convincing margin, arguing that every 10-year-old should have a mobile phone. We also took two hastily cobbled together Year 5 teams to cover for last minute no-shows, one of which came third. They all spoke very well and were a credit to the school.

Upper Key Stage 2 also put on a brilliant show – 'Shakespeare Rocks!' – which the audiences enjoyed hugely. Having worked so hard to fulfil their potential, we were delighted that our Year 6 children achieved really encouraging SATs results which were well deserved. They spent a day at MRC, in advance of transitioning next term, and rounded off their time at EPS with two nights at the Stedham campsite; enjoying fantastic weather as they made s'mores, watched the sun set,

slept under the stars, heard Nightjars, captured the flag, wove friendship bracelets and chilled, chilled and chilled some more. (See photo p. 20)

We were delighted to welcome Liz Yonge, St. Mary's Curate, to our Easebourne Family. Liz joined us for Collective Worship with Derek and she will be with us for the next three and half years, including being one of our Governors, and we are looking forward to working with her very much.

On the last day, we said a sad and very fond farewell to Johnny Culley and wished him a wonderfully relaxing and well-deserved retirement. I am excited to be taking over as headteacher in September and look forward to sharing more of our school news with you over the coming months.

Best wishes

Caroline Hulbert



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