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The autumn photo on the cover was taken by Clive Blott
of Midhurst Camera Club, near Cowdray golf course.



As events in world history go, the Last Supper surely has to be one of the most influential. Jesus gathers a simple meal with friends, played out on the historical backdrop of Judaic tradition. This moment becomes the central act of gathering and worship for the church; developed over centuries and still today as important as ever.

The theme of the meal is remembering. Jesus takes bread and breaks it between the disciples, he blesses wine and shares it – ‘do this in remembrance of me’ he says. The meal connects the disciples with Jesus’ suffering, but it also unites them with his life and teaching. In this moment is found the power of forgiveness, the lasting legacy of service and the passionate desire of God for peace.

Each Sunday, these themes underpin our worship. And as we enter the season of remembering, they take on added importance. The simplicity of the message loosens the foundations of all that which

would work against such important things. A world without forgiveness is a world that continues to make the same mistakes. A world that ‘serves self’ instead of ‘serving others’ is a poorer place. And, a world that attends to the opposite of peace, is a world that is littered with pain and hurt.

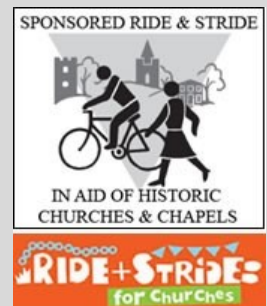
The simple meal, or Holy Communion, as it is more commonly known, reminds us of the simplicity of getting it right. Its setting is a familiar one to us all; family and friends gathered for a meal; chatting, discussing and remembering. In these moments relationships are strengthened, issues are sorted and memories forge deep and lasting desires.

As we remember, let us hope that the simple message of Jesus, to remember him and his life, will remind us too of the importance of why we remember at this time of year.

Rev'd Canon Derek Welsman

Ride and Stride 2022

The annual ride and stride event helping to preserve Sussex churches took place on Saturday 10th September 2022. We had three groups visiting churches locally to Easebourne and down to Chichester. They raised a fantastic figure of £857 of which half will be given to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and half to St Mary's. We also had five visitors to the church during the day. Thanks go to Roger for setting up on the day and to Irena, Pattie, Roger and the team from St Mary's for completing the challenge.





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They say 'time flies when you're having fun' and that is certainly true in my case! I can't believe November is already here and it is four months since I joined the Priory churches - although in some ways I feel I've been here for years already!

Curate's
Corner

I spent July and August learning the various Sunday services we offer across the Benefice and getting to know our worshipping congregations. We also had the joys of many summer weddings, each yielding different frocks and flowers, yet all united as amazing occasions, full of love and laughter, with families and friends delighting in the hope and promise that a loving commitment before God bestows.

September had me unashamedly stealing babies for cuddles and playing with toy cars, under the guise of giving carers a break at our new Little Lambs toddler group (see advert for details). It was great to meet so many local families and start to understand how we can best serve our children. We were delighted our Harvest Messy Church was so popular, with 54 children sharing songs, stories, crafts and food, and are already looking forward to our **Advent Messy Church on Wednesday 7th December.**

I hope to meet more of you over the coming months as we honour All Souls and Remembrance Sundays, start our discipleship groups, and turn towards Advent. I am always happy to have a cuppa, so if you have any community ideas to discuss or just want to talk (poor Derek could use the break!), then do free feel to drop me a line.

Every blessing,
Rev'd Liz Yonge

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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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Tuesday 1	10.00pm	St Mary's	Little Lambs
	2.00pm	St Mary's	Women's Fellowship AGM
Wednesday 2	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Mary's	All Souls Service
Sunday 6	3 Sunday before Advent		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong
Tuesday 8	10.00am	St Mary's	Little Lambs
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Deanery Synod
Wednesday 9	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	St Mary's	Afternoon Tea
Friday 11	9.00am	St Mary's	Conifers Remembrance Service
Sunday 13	Remembrance Sunday		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Remembrance Service
	10. 30am	St Mary's	Remembrance Service
Tuesday 15	10.00am	St Mary's	Little Lambs
Wednesday 16	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Mary's	PCC Meeting
Sunday 20	Christ the King		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peters	Celtic Service
Tuesday 22	10.00am	St Mary's	Little Lambs
Wednesday 23	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Saturday 26	9.30—12.00 noon	St Mary's	Christmas Fair

CHURCH DIARY (cont'd)

Sunday 27	Advent Sunday		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10. 30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Tuesday 29	10.00am	St Mary's	Little Lambs
Wednesday 30	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
DECEMBER			
Thursday 1	6.30pm	St Mary's	Tree of Hope Service
Sunday 4	Advent 2		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Carol Service

Why the fuss about the Bell Tower?

Following a quinquennial inspection of the St Mary's Parish Church in 2018, several high priority repairs were identified by the inspecting architect. These were the repair and renewal of the shingles as a result of significant woodpecker damage to all facets of the spire. There were also substantial works required to the Bell Tower, including repairs and renewal to the lead parapet gutters, refurbishment of the cast iron rainwater goods, and masonry repairs including repointing and stone replacements to the elevations, the interface with the boundary wall and refurbishment of the weathervane. The total cost of this project is expected to be over £187,000.



The Bell Tower was refurbished in 1876 when Sir Arthur Blomfield completed a major overhaul of the church, and it was last repaired in 1925. This project has been necessarily delayed by Covid-19 restrictions, but plans are in hand to start work in Spring 2023.

Phil Stringer

St Mary's Reading Rota for November

Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader	Intercessor
6 November 3rd before Advent		Luke 20: 27—38	TBA	
13 November Remembrance	Romans 8: 31—end	Matthew 5: 1—12	Phil Stringer	Clergy
20 November Christ the King	Jeremiah 23: 1—6	Luke 23: 33—43	Julia Wain	Andy Castledine
27 November Advent 1	Isaiah 2: 1—5	Matthew 24: 36—44	Hilary Craig	Clergy

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

Women's Fellowship

Last month we had a really interesting talk by Jayne Hyde. Jayne walks for 'Walk the Walk' and has done many marathons, half marathons, and various other distances in aid of Breast Cancer Research. Many of the walks involved wearing a decorated bra (where appropriate). If not, the bra would be fixed to her backpack. One instance of this was a walk on skis in the Arctic where they saw the Northern Lights and stayed for one night in an Ice Hotel. Jayne brought with her a selection of her colourful bras and the many medals awarded for completion of the walks.

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 1st November beginning with a service of Holy Communion at 2.00pm.

Ann Harfield 813810

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 200 CLUB October 2022 draw winners

1st Prize - £100	No 266	Roger Sked
2nd Prize - £75	No 24	Irena Greaves
2nd Prize - £75	No 231	Rosali Kemp
3rd Prize—£50	No 103	Phil Stringer
3rd Prize—£50	No 196	Judith Allen
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If you would like to join the 200 Club please contact:

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Please note, winners will receive monies by bank transfer.

Betty Dent 100th Birthday!

Sue Barrett sent over this lovely story about her mum who turned 100 recently, and had a nice party at Vine House where she lives. Betty was born in near Manchester and lived most of her early life in Cheshire. Betty married Frank Dent in May 1946. They had 33 homes in their married life and lived throughout England, and abroad including



Singapore and Aden and travelled extensively, with the Royal Air Force. One holiday was at Treetops in Kenya, where indeed our late Queen was staying with Philip when they learnt of the death of her father. Eventually Betty and Frank retired to Somerset, and spent a happy active life until 2002 when Frank died.

Mum had an active life working during the War with Fairy Aviation Company, and later as a librarian in Aden, and also in retail. Mum also did a lot of volunteer work. During the War she made beds for the child evacuees, and cooked eggs on toast for the troops. Latterly she assisted as a volunteer for the Health Visitor service weighing babies.

Mum left Somerset to come to Easebourne in 2011. She lived at Budgenor Lodge where Sue lives, and enjoyed attending St Mary's church, Friendship Tea, and 4-Sight outings locally. More recently Mum continued her life in Easebourne in Vine House Care Residence, and made her home from home there enjoying the company of the wonderful staff and other residents.

On her wonderful big birthday, Mum went out for a champagne lunch with her two children and their families, followed by a fabulous party at Vine House put on by the staff. Mum loves a good party and is also known as "Jet Set Bet".

As a very close family we have a lot of laughs, and as one observer put it, our joy together is infectious.



Birthday Celebrations

Left to right—Betty's son Ian and his wife Diana, and Sue with Betty and Sue's husband David.

The Sixties

They say if you can remember it
You could not have been there
But I recall the best times
which include the Beehive hair.

Backcombed to an inch of its life
With half a tin of hairspray
A gale could be blowing outside
But in place the hair would stay.

The late 50s and early sixties
Was a great decade to be alive
As it had the best music ever
For Rock n Roll including the Jive.

With a large net petticoat that was
Underneath a fully flared skirt
White Bobby Socks and Pumps
And a nice lad with whom to dance
and flirt.

He'd swing you round the floor
Your skirt would be billowing out
It could be fast and furious
But great fun there was no doubt.

So many big names in this decade
Buddy Holly, Everley Brothers
Elvis, Paul Anka, Ricky Nelson
Brenda Lee, and many others.



We had our own home grown stars
Billy Fury, Dusty, and Sandie Shaw
Cilla, Cliff, Helen Shapiro, Shadows
Eden Kane, Marty Wilde and more.

There was also the Hand Jive
You could sit and still take part
Making movements with hands and arms
It became quite an art.

All we had was Coffee and Milk Bars
No need for anything stronger
The Youth Club where we'd dance and chat
Till Rock n Roll was popular no longer.

It was a lot of fun while it lasted
An innocent time in my youth
I look back with fond memories
As I grow longer in the tooth!

From the editors—Tina and Gavin Litchfield

We have been producing Easebourne United for nearly seven years now, and we are looking for someone to take over as editor. It's great fun and a useful service to the village. Give us a ring and we can tell you what is involved. We would love to find someone from the wider Easebourne community who will continue to make United an interesting magazine for the whole village, not just the church. Email: easebourne.united@gmail.com or Tel 01730 816542.

New Year Seven's at MRC

by Madeleine Hathaway

Early in September, 224 eager young students joined Midhurst Rother College in the new Year 7 intake, making the College community of 1171 students the biggest it's ever been. The new intake in their somewhat roomy, shiny new uniforms, soon found their bearings, made new friends and settled into life at MRC.



Within no time at all, thoughts turned to those who would be applying for Year 7 and Sixth Form next year. In late September, 190 Year 6 students from schools across the Rother Valley joined the College to experience a day in the life of an MRC student. Taster sessions from science, English and maths plus team building were on offer, as well as a grand tour of the building. It also provided the opportunity to meet other Year 6s who would be joining them at MRC next September. A busy day was had exploring MRC, meeting teachers and making new friends. All left the day full of excitement and

enthusiasm for their upcoming move to secondary school. This was followed by a well-attended prospective Year 7 open evening, where families visited to explore the facilities and see what the various departments would offer the children when they joined the College.

Early in October, it was then the turn of the Year 11 students to experience a day in the Sixth Form. As well as wearing their own clothes and trying out the subjects they are considering for A level, students were also able to spend the day in the designated Sixth Form classrooms, study areas and Common Room. This day was also followed by an open evening, where students and parents had the opportunity to discuss A level options in greater depth with subject teachers.

Applications for Year 7 places must be made online through West Sussex County before the national closing date of Monday 31 October 2022. The national allocation date for places is Wednesday 01 March 2023.





Midhurst Community Hub is a new start -up venture for the town and its surrounding area. It is the brainchild of Easebourne resident, Chrissie Abbott, who founded Midhurst Foodbank back in 2014 and ran it for six years. The Hub has a board of trustees

and is a registered charity (**1199385**). Everyone involved is a local volunteer and is committed to making it a success. The Hub will be a one-stop-shop advice centre for people who may have multiple problems ranging from financial/debt/benefit issues, to family and relationship issues, housing/homelessness, mental health problems and so on. As a Hub it has “spokes” that link to specialist expert practitioners in public authorities and the voluntary sector, partnering with over 20 other organisations.

It will be based in the Library at the Grange Centre and will also be accessible as a website and by a single phone number. It will open initially on Monday afternoons and Saturday mornings - these operating days will be extended if demand increases. Volunteer advisers will do their best to advise on the matters personally, but where necessary will make the arrangements for the client to see a visiting expert. A website and phone number will be available by the launch date.

The Hub is supported by Midhurst Town Council, Chichester District Council, and West Sussex County Council, and will be launched by Gillian Keegan MP on 25 November. The Hub “goes live” the following day – Saturday 26th November at 10.00 am at the Grange Centre. **How can I support the Hub?** Interested in becoming one of the volunteers? Have an chat with the Chair of Trustees, Contact:

chrissie@midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk Or for more information or to contribute financially (BACS details can be supplied) email: info@midhurstcommunityhub.co.uk.

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Friends of Midhurst Common

Who would have thought we wouldn't mind getting a bit wet in a shower of rain or not feeling annoyed when the toddlers splash in the puddles? The joy of seeing rain again was so welcome after last summer. I'm sure that given a few weeks and temperatures below 10°C will get us back to the miserable, grumpy mode again when the dog needs to be taken for the morning walk in the wet. Top marks to the grass plant for survival in adverse conditions – my lawn has gone from light brown apparently dead, dry and crispy to a deep, verdant green in just a few weeks.

I recently went onto Midhurst Common after some rain, to find an incredible number of fungus species in evidence. These are a few of the species I saw along with some very descriptive common names: Cauliflower or Brain Fungus, Turkey Tail, Tawny Grisette, Blusher, Boletus, The Birch Polypore. But I didn't see the Fly Agaric.

Autumn provides the best warm, damp conditions for the dispersal of fungal spores. Mushrooms are the reproductive structures of much larger fungal organisms buried in the soil and every teaspoonful of soil is home to 200 metres of fungal hyphae and one billion bacterial cells. This hidden network often known as the Wood Wide Web and is created by an

underground network in plant communities created by the microscopic hyphae of mycorrhizal fungi and bacteria joining with plant roots. This creates communication between plants so that they can share nutrients and minerals. A common example is where in woodlands the plants with high light conditions suitable for photosynthesis transfer carbon to plants located in the shaded understory where light is limited. The largest organism on Earth is thought to be a

subterranean honey fungus in the Blue Mountain in Oregon which measures 2.4 miles across and could be up to 9,600 years old. I rather feel there is a lot more going on in the soil than we ever imagined and another reminder of how easy it is to imbalance Nature's tried and tested ways.



The work of the Heath Team continues on the last Friday of each month. If you would like to join us, contact me to get details of when, where and what we are achieving !!
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Andrew Mitchell - Chairman

P.s. For clarification, there is no clear distinction between toadstools and mushrooms – both refer to the fruiting bodies produced by fungi.

News from Easebourne Primary School



Over the past few weeks, in Collective Worship, Derek and Liz have been sharing bible stories with us which highlight different people of faith. With school council, we have taken this idea a step further and linked it to 'courageous advocacy' - a big idea but a really important one for us this year. It's always humbling to hear our young people talking passionately about injustices they see in the world around them and wanting to be part of the change that makes a difference.

So, our children are working together to discuss the key issues that they really care about – locally, nationally and globally. The list is long and includes loneliness, hunger, homelessness and the environment. Once they have agreed on four, our house captains will each take one for the year and, as a school, we will work together with them to try and make a difference, through fundraising and by giving the children a chance to have their ideas and hopes heard.

As part of their All About Me topic, our Hedgehogs Year 1 class held a Grandparents Day. The children made some wonderful collages of their Nannys and Grandads, some of which we could match with the real

grandparents when they arrived! The class had organised lots of activities on the day and we even had a Grandma who came all the way from Canada to be there.



Squirrels have been out to Pallant House Gallery in Chichester, spending an amazing afternoon creating their own art works inspired by artist Joe Tilson. We have bought some second hand picture frames to create our own art gallery in school and will be displaying their work there soon.

Ms Stevens has chosen our songs for the for the Rotary Music Festival, which she is organising this year, and we've begun practising. This is always a highlight of the year for me, and it was much missed during Covid. We're all looking forward to getting together at MRC after half term to share an evening of great music making together.



Rabbits have been exploring Creation in RE and spent some time filling paint pots with the beautiful things in our world.

We are lucky to have an orchard in the school grounds and it is our

Badgers Class who have the job of harvesting the apples and deciding what to



The MRC Rother Valley Sports Tournament has begun and, goodness me, our children looked SMART heading off for their first tournament! Kitted out in the new Easebourne PE Kit (minus a few pairs of green socks which haven't arrived yet), football teams from Foxes and Otters joined other schools from the Rother Valley.

We have just launched this year's Poetry by Heart competition; all children from Reception to Year 6 choose a poem to learn from memory. We then have a wonderful panel of judges who come in to hear the children perform their poems and to help us select those to go through the regional finals. We have had a national finalist and a national winner in the past two years, and are hoping to build on that success this year.

do with them; last year's class made some rather fine chutney and this year the children decided they'd like to juice them. We were extremely grateful to Cowdray for lending us their apple press and, I have to say, the finished product - Badgers Freshly Squeezed Apple Juice was delicious.

Caroline Hulbert, Head Teacher





For many years I have been involved in distributing bursary funds. For the professional gardener, and also the keen amateur, these provide the opportunity to

travel and see plants in their natural environment, to attend specialist courses or write specialist books, and obtain any other training the average gardener would find difficult to fund for themselves. Horticulture is blessed with support for these bursaries from various

sources. The RHS Bursaries Coke Trust and the Studley College Trust are the two most prominent. The Coke Trust is the legacy from Mr and Mrs Gerald Coke, and the Studley College fund comes from the sale of the women's horticultural college in Warwickshire.

As you might imagine applicants have to be quite clear about their application, the costs involved and exactly how they are going to spend the funds given. Just recently there have been a number of applications from students, and also keen amateurs, to attend a symposium at an Essex College by the Beth Chatto funded grant. There will be a number of distinguished speakers. I was surprised to see that the subject was 'Rewilding' particular areas of the garden, be it a large

garden or an average sized back garden. Many horticultural students do become free-lance gardeners so this subject would be of interest to many of them.



Now you may say to me 'what does *rewilding* mean'? At its most basic it is the means by which some of the most labour-intensive workloads in the garden can be reduced. This of course is a bone of contention for many, as it involves a garden looking more natural and less managed. Wildflower meadows

fall into this category, but all the ones that I know well, such as the one of about five acres at The High Beeches Garden in Sussex, are definitely managed. But the new thinking is to be much less managed than that. And this is where the problem lies as this natural area of garden can soon become out of hand.

Managing a garden naturally is the ambition of many and I am as keen as anyone to see this happen. Unfortunately this is difficult to achieve over a number of years. Wildflower mixes are very popular at the moment, but to integrate them so they look a natural part of a garden is not easy, and over the course of several years that wonderful natural look soon disappears. And then weed seedlings begin to appear and, unless you are paying attention, they

drop seed very quickly and spoil the effect you have worked very hard to achieve. As you can see the idea is to cut down on the work in the garden, but there is a need to pay regular attention and prevent unwanted weed seedlings taking over. And here we come to what rewilding really means. Do you want a garden that is almost completely natural and looks after itself, or do you want to spend time in the

garden and enjoy the range of plants you have grown.

I will be very interested to see the reports on these seminars and how they intend to rewild areas of garden and parkland. I will talk more on this subject in a future article.

John Humphris VMH 01730 812080

Easebourne Garden and Allotment Society

Our next meeting is our AGM on **Thursday 10 November at 7.30pm** in Cowdray Hall. After the short meeting we will have a talk by Jackie Currie on Alliums. Jackie holds a National Collection of Allium species and cultivars, and has used her design skills to create exhibits at the RHS Chelsea and RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Shows, where Alliums were showcased at every stage of growth: from bulb to plant, flower to seed head. It should be a very interesting talk. Visitors are welcome—fee £2.00. Tea will be served.

To join the Society, contact the secretary, Tina Litchfield, on 01730 816542, or email EGAS@tinagavin.com. It only costs £4 a year to join, or £6 for a couple.



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The annual Poppy Appeal has been launched and will run until Remembrance Sunday on November 13th. As last year, the district appeal will not include a house to house collection, but poppies will still be widely available. Trays of poppies will be available in as many businesses, schools and churches in the area as possible. In addition, you will have plenty of opportunity to make donations online or by text, which proved very popular last year. There will also be a street collection in Midhurst from Saturday 5th November until Saturday 12th November.



The key messages this year are that our Armed Forces Personnel are willing to risk everything to protect us. Wearing your Poppy shows the Armed Forces community past and present the nation's admiration for their service and commitment. And because of the unique contribution of our Armed Forces, the Royal British Legion will be there throughout their lives, whenever they need us. This is what the money you donate will be put towards, so thank you for your continuing support of the Poppy Appeal.

Phil Stringer

Poppy Appeal Organiser, Midhurst and District RBL

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS



Firstly, a huge thank you for your support of the foodbank, we are delighted to be collecting donations from the basket in Easebourne Church on a regular basis. We continue to be busy every week, feeding between 20 and 30 people every week.

We are now planning for Christmas. We expect to deliver around 160 lunch boxes in December, to replace ten school lunches during the Christmas holidays. Each family will receive a Christmas goodie bag with their delivery. We shall also be giving goodie bags with our

regular Christmas deliveries. We are fortunate that Midhurst retailers are supporting us in this initiative. We have placed ten boxes covered in Christmas paper in shops. Customers can buy a small gift from the shop and place it in the basket. Participating retailers are: Between the Lines, Blown Away, Comestibles, Open Country, Serenity, Stepping Out, Stuff, The Notepad, The Upholsterer and The Sweetie Shop. It is a way of the community coming together to share and so spread a little Christmas cheer.

Liz Willing, area coordinator

School Trip around Easebourne!



CONIFERS SCHOOL

A couple of weeks ago Form 2 went on a trip around their local area to find human and physical features. In Geography, the children learnt that a human feature is something that has been built or put there by humans, and a physical feature is something that is formed by nature. After break, they put on their wellies and high vis jackets ready to go for their walk around Easebourne village!

First, we walked up the road to St. Mary's Church then continued round the corner to the Easebourne Village Store. We learnt that it is also a post office! Further up Easebourne Lane, we saw the White Horse

pub that has a car park next to it. As we wandered up Glaziers Lane, we saw the cemetery. We had to be very quiet as people were laying flowers down for their loved ones. All of the places we saw so far were human features.

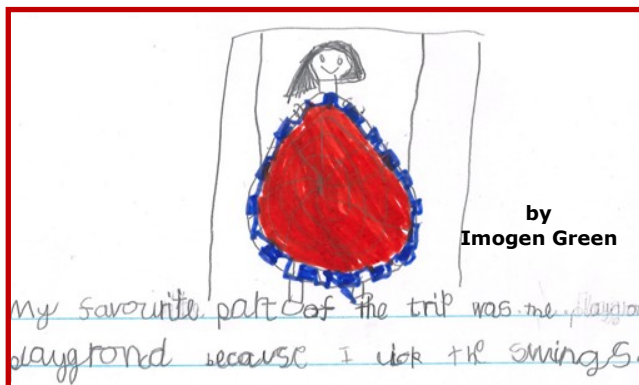
We crept through a small path into some farm fields. Where we debated whether a field is a human or physical feature. In the end we decided that it is a human feature.

"A field is a human feature because we take care of the land and plant seeds to help us grow crops." (*Sam Stewart, Form 2*)

We saw in the distance there were some woods which are a physical feature.



Form 2 drew their walk on a map of Easebourne and stuck in pictures of the features they saw.



by
Imogen Green

other features including
Easebourne Primary
School, traffic lights, the



After that, we walked past
the allotments. There were
lots of flowers and plants
growing. We saw tall
sunflowers and delicious
strawberries. Then onto our

My favourite part of the trip WAS the
playground because I like to look at
the sculptures because there are
beautiful.

by Lizzie Fourie

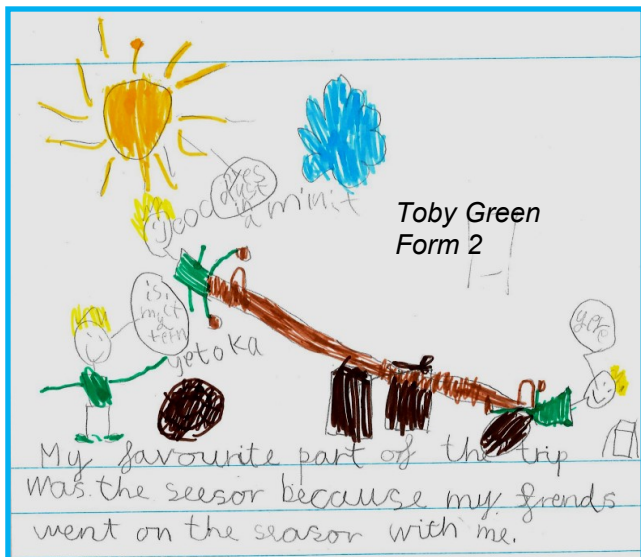
favourite part – the playground! We spent
some time playing and enjoying all the
different equipment. We also loved
looking at all the wooden sculptures
around the outside of the park.

football club and the garage. We also
walked up the hill to see the medical
centre, pharmacy, and hospital. These
were also human features.

As we continued our walk, we saw some

Finally, we stopped at the bridge and saw
the river Rother. There was a sign on the

bridge to show where
Midhurst and Easebourne
parishes were on either side
of the river. This was one of
the physical features of our
village. Quickly, we rushed
back to school to have our
lunch after a wonderful
walk.



Toby Green
Form 2

Written by Form 2 and Mrs Allan

? **General Knowledge Quiz**—*Compiled by Carole Sawyer*

1. Which university was founded first, Cambridge or Oxford?
2. The Little Mermaid statue by Edvard Eriksen sits on the promenade of which Scandinavian capital city?
3. What type of foodstuff is Kulfi?
4. Which country won the 2022 Eurovision Song Contest?
5. Which UK City is to host the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest and why?
6. Roger Bannister famously was the first to run a mile in under 4 minutes, but what became his occupation?
7. In which Edinburgh cathedral did the Queen's coffin lay at rest for 24 hours, allowing the people of Scotland to pay their respects?
8. In music what does the term Allegro mean?
9. Visiting the UK in mid-February 2022, what were Dudley and Eunice?
10. Earlier this year, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe was freed from which country?
11. What is the capital of Hawaii?
12. What is the proper term for your funny bone?
13. In the film 'The Lion King', what kind of animal is Timon?
14. Who tried to copyright the word 'archetype'?
15. Recently, the UK government announced plans to ship English Channel migrants to which country?
16. Is a tomato classified as a fruit or a vegetable?
17. Name Henry VIII's six wives?
18. In the Euro 2022 semi-final the Lionesses beat which team and what was the score?
19. In June 2022 who headlined the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury becoming the youngest ever act to do so?
20. In September this year, which two tennis stars cried together on court?

Answers on page 30

For most of us, our only encounters with British mammals are spotting them on the roadside as we hurtle past at 55mph. I'm sure many people these days believe that lying motionless on a road verge with its feet in the air is natural behaviour for a Badger. Our road trips may be macabre safaris but roadkill can tell us a lot about the state of our island's mammalian fauna. Hedgehogs, a squashed staple on the roadkill menu a few decades ago, are now hard to find flattened on the highway, reflecting their dramatic fall in numbers in the wider countryside. And recently an unfamiliar corpse has appeared on the tarmac: the Polecat.

Before being killed by cars, Polecats already had a long history of persecution in England – mainly for eating poultry and notoriously stinking to high heaven. To Shakespeare, and many others since, 'Polecat' was an insult. The species was exterminated from Sussex around 1890. Indeed, the entire English population was banished to the wilderness of Wales. Yet we were happy to welcome their watered-down, domesticated form – the Ferret – as cuddly pets and ruthless Rabbit hunters.

After a century in exile, purebred Polecats are making a comeback. This re-colonisation was the basis for a recent

investigation by the Vincent Wildlife Trust who requested roadkill Polecat corpses for DNA testing to verify their pure Polecat lineage (as opposed to Polecat/Ferret hybrids). I was soon dodging traffic on the Steyning by-pass and excitedly picking up a dead Polecat. Being mustelids, Polecats naturally smell but, take my word for it, they smell a lot worse when they've been dead for a few days.

Despite discharging a whole can of Glade, my wife smelt that something was up seconds after I set foot in the house. Putting a dead Polecat in your freezer will test even the strongest of marriages.



Thankfully, after some smooth talking, my marriage is still intact but there are still some fish fingers that neither of us are brave enough to eat. Next morning a package arrived from the Vincent Wildlife Trust containing heavy duty bags, some cool BIOHAZARD stickers and printed instructions for posting Polecats.

After an interesting exchange at the post office counter, my roadkill casualty was posted. A few days later, it was declared 100% Polecat; further evidence that Polecats have returned to Sussex. It's great to have them back and many farmers are welcoming them too, as they do a great job of dispatching Rats and Rabbits. Look out for them in your headlights.

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Maintaining and improving our locality is always a priority for the council, both via major projects such as Easebourne Park, and in smaller, everyday ways such as the installation of new rubbish bins in the bus shelters at St Mary's Church and Conifers. We hope they will help to keep the bus shelters a clean and pleasant waiting area.



Spring Colour

Another upcoming project is the mass planting of daffodil and crocus bulbs in Easebourne Park which will be

undertaken by FrEP (Friends of Easebourne Parish) this month. The Midhurst Green Volunteers will also be planting bulbs within the village. We should be rewarded with a glorious splash of colour next spring for all to enjoy!

Tree Planting

The fruit trees purchased by the Council to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will

also be planted in the park later this year. These activities rely on amazing volunteers. If you wish to help in any way, please visit our website (see below) for details of how to get involved.

Temporary Footpath Closure

There is a temporary closure of footpath No 1287 due to a landslip from its junction with the A286 Henley Old Road to Sand Hollow. Unfortunately there are no available alternative routes. The path will remain closed for six months or until the works are completed.

Keep Up to Date! Finally, as always, please keep an eye on our website and the village Facebook page for details of what is happening, including details of where and when the Midhurst Green Volunteers are undertaking their work to keep the village looking its best, should you wish to lend a hand.

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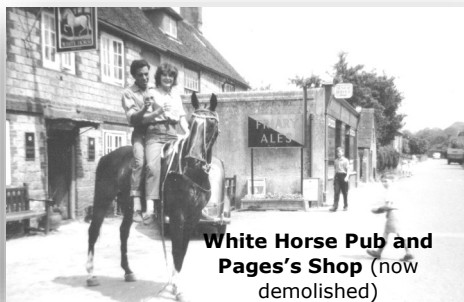
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Easebourne Polo Memories from the early 1960's

Our reader Marie Merritt was one of the girl grooms back in the day when the Estate owned 70 to 80 polo ponies. The ponies were stabled at Todham, at stables at Cowdray House, and at the stables which have now been converted to the Cowdray Farm Shop. William Woodcock was the stud groom who oversaw the girls, and Harold Freeborn trained the ponies and used to ride out with the late Lord Cowdray. Marie thought you would be interested to see some of the photographs she collected from the time. Some of these photos have been featured in the publication 'Polo Times'. Please contact Marie if you would like to share your memories—tel 816356.



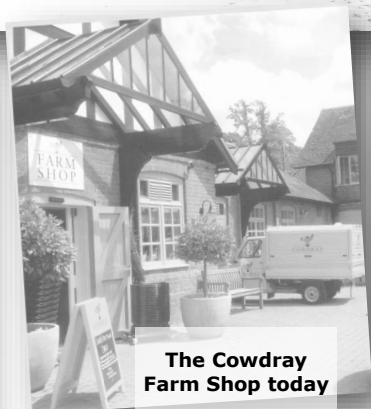
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**The polo girl grooms in front of
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**The girls in front
of the Priory**



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Friends of Easebourne Parish (FrEP)

Easebourne Parish Council have now fitted waste bins in our bus shelters. After a disappointing start, users of these shelters appear to have realised what the bins have been placed there for. FrEP will be monitoring and emptying these bins as part of our on-going tasks.

Our volunteers have resumed cutting back brambles and trimming hedges around the

Glaziers Lane cemetery as well as the foot paths in that area. The planned planting of 15 additional fruit trees in 'Carbon Corner' within the park is due to commence this month.

We need many more volunteers to help us carry out our work so do consider joining us even if you are only able to volunteer on a very irregular basis. If you would like to become a FrEP volunteer please contact our secretary via FrEPsec@btinternet.com or **07803933694**.



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Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson GCB FRGS RN

During the tidying of the churchyard in May, I re-discovered the grave of Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson GCB FRGS. Sir Arthur and his wife Lady Jemima were based in the Midhurst area since the turn of the century. They lived in Iping and West Lavington before retiring to Park Cottage in the grounds of the Cowdray Park Golf Club. Sir Arthur died in Contrexville, France on 26th June 1929. In retirement, he became a governor at Midhurst Grammar School and Vice-President of Midhurst Cricket Club.

He was buried with full naval honours at a funeral service at St Mary's on Monday 1st July 1929. Among the pallbearers were the glitterati of the Royal Navy high command including Earl Jellicoe, Admiral Sir Charles Madden, Admiral Sir Montague Browning and Admiral Sir Sydney Freemantle. A further twenty-two Admirals attended the funeral. Eight chief petty officers

bore the coffin out of the church and three volleys were fired over the grave, buglers sounded the last post and two messengers from Admiralty placed the Lords Commissioners' floral tribute at the head of the rhododendron lined grave. The Royal Marines provided a band and firing party.

Sir Arthur had a very distinguished naval career, and his death was described as a

national loss. At the outbreak of the Great War, Leveson was a Rear Admiral at the Admiralty in the influential role as Director of Operations. In January 1915, he was appointed to command the 2nd Second Battle Squadron as part of the Grand Fleet. The 2nd Second Battle Squadron took part in the Battle of Jutland (31 May to 1 June 1916) with his flag being flown from HMS Orion and commanding HM Ships Conqueror, Monarch and Thunderer, all Super-Dreadnought Orion class battleships.



At the end of 1916 he took command of the 2nd Battle Cruiser Squadron hoisting his flag on HMAS Australia. He later went on to command the Australian fleet until September 1918, when he was promoted to Vice-Admiral and given command of the 5th Battle Squadron. In April 1919 he returned to command the 2nd Battle Squadron. He was promoted full

Admiral in June 1922 and his last appointment was as Commander in Chief China Station. He was appointed as First and Principal Naval Aide de Camp to King George V in February 1926 and he finally retired in February 1928.

Phil Stringer

What's On Locally

Midhurst Monthly Market

Midhurst's monthly farmers and artisan market returns on Saturday 5th November in both the beautiful Old Library building and the historic Market Square, both located in the Old Town. Find the market, sponsored by Midhurst Town Council, on the first Saturday of every month from 9am until 2pm.

The Midhurst Society

You are invited to the next talk at the South Downs Memorial Hall GU29 9DH, on **Thursday 17 November at 7.30pm**. Midhurst resident Phil Brooke is Research and Education Manager for the charity

'Compassion in World Farming'. They campaign against factory farming and to get hens, pigs and rabbits out of cages. Phil will concentrate on more humane and sustainable food systems.

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.



Fernhurst Choral Society concert 'Feel the Spirit' on Saturday 19 November



Come to Petworth for our concert in Petworth parish church. This concert is a change from our usual classical offerings. The programme begins with jazzy arrangements by John Rutter of spirituals such as *Steal Away* and *Deep River* with a mezzo-soprano soloist. The next item is *Songs and Sonnets of Shakespeare* - a group of seven folk songs with texts by Shakespeare and set to music by jazz pianist George Shearing OBE. The choir will also sing a few *Songs from the American Songbook*. The concert, which starts at 7.30pm, will be accompanied by a small jazz combo. We look forward to seeing you there! You can buy tickets via our website:

www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk

What's On Locally (cont'd)

Midhurst Arts Society—Tuesday 1st November

The theatre critic for the Guardian, Mark Fisher, will present his lecture at the Methodist Church Hall in North Street. His lecture is entitled 'How to Criticise the Arts'. Tea & coffee served from 10.00am. Lecture starts 10.45am promptly. Guests welcome, fee £7.00.'

Midhurst U3A—Tuesday 15 November

There will be a talk by Gillian Halcrow called 'The Shetland Bus' about the brave Norwegian sailors in their fishing boats who kept links open between occupied Norway and Britain during WWII. It's at the Methodist Church Hall and costs £2 for members and £3 for visitors. Starts at 2.00pm for tea and a biscuit. The talk starts at 2.30pm



General Knowledge Quiz Answers

1. Oxford. 2. Copenhagen. 3. Ice cream (Indian). 4. Ukraine. 5. Liverpool, because Ukraine is unable to host and the UK came second 6. Doctor. 7. St Giles' Cathedral. 8. Quick. 9. Storms. 10. Iran (detained in Iran since 2016). 11. Honolulu. 12. Humerus. 13. Meerkat. 14. Meghan, Duchess of Sussex. 15. Rwanda. 16. Fruit. 17. Anne of Cleves, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Katherine Howard, Katherine Parr, Catherine of Aragon. 18. Sweden 4-0. 19. Billie Eilish. 20. Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal (after the Swiss legend's final match)

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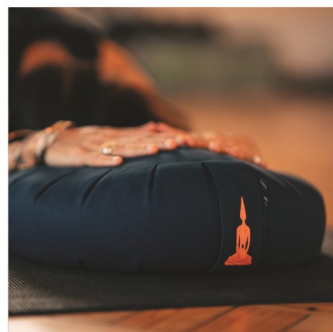
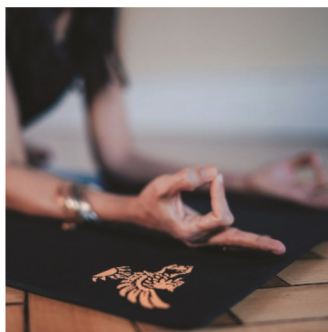
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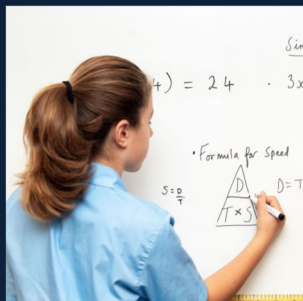
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