

**NORTHCHAPEL & EBERNOE  
PARISH MAGAZINE**

*happy*  
**christmas**



**DECEMBER 2023 EDITION**

# Tea & Scones

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Tea & Scones Afternoon

**1st December 2023**

**Village Hall for All**

Conversation, Fun & Laughter

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From 1pm

If possible, let Sharon, Karen or Daphne know you will be attending, just so enough scones can be prepared. Thank you!

## Christmas Services 2023



### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

St Michael's, Northchapel, 10.30am

St Nicholas Service in aid of Family

Support Work

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Ebernoe Cricket Green, 6pm

Carols on the green

Dress warmly for this festive evening of carols

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

St Michael's, Northchapel, 10.30am

Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Ebernoe, 6pm

Carol Service

### Christmas Eve

St Michael's, Northchapel, 6pm

9 Lessons & Carols

being taken by Archdeacon Luke Irvine-Capel

### Christmas Day

Holy Trinity, Ebernoe, 11am

Christmas morning service

being led by Canon John Bundock

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

featuring traditional and contemporary carols  
and Cecilia McDowall's

### CHRISTUS NATUS EST



Saturday 9th December 2023 | 6pm

St Mary's Church, Petworth

The Leconfield Singers  
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English Philharmonia Brass  
Conductor | Graham Willi

Adult: £10-£20 | Child (under 18) Half price  
Tickets | [www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk/events](http://www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk/events)



Retiring collection to Petworth Community Gardens



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Website: [northchapelebernoe.co.uk/](http://northchapelebernoe.co.uk/)

## **Flower Rota for December 2023**

3<sup>rd</sup> No flowers Jane Walter (advent candle) and St Nicholas Sack  
10<sup>th</sup> No flowers  
17<sup>th</sup> No flowers  
15<sup>th</sup> Sophie Dempsey and Jane Walter (Tree and Nativity)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Morgan plus team (Decorate Church for Christmas)  
24<sup>th</sup> Carol Service  
31<sup>st</sup> Sarah Bound



## December Services 2023

3 Dec <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	10.30 am	Northchapel	St Nicholas Family Service
	4.30 pm	Lurgashall	Family Nativity Service <i>Rev. Canon Nigel Nicholson</i>
10 Dec <i>Advent 2</i>	10.00 pm	Lurgashall	Holy Communion <i>Rev. Jack Mulder</i>
	6.00 pm	Ebernoe	<i>Carols on the Green</i>
17 Dec <i>Advent 3</i>	10.30 am	Northchapel	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Lurgashall	Carol Service <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i>
24 Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.00 pm	Northchapel	Carol Service
25 Dec <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Christmas Day Family Service followed by Holy Communion <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i>
	11.00 am	Ebernoe	Christmas Service
31 Dec <i>Christmas 1</i>		Lurgashall Northchapel	No service The church is open for private prayer

# Ebernoe News

*By Ann Tyrell*

**Remembrance Sunday is always special at Ebernoe. Rev. Jack Mulder presided over a wonderfully evocative service and gave a real thought proving sermon.**

It was fitting that Peter Simmonds read the roll of honour, as Peter's uncle is on the roll of honour having been killed in the Petworth school bombing. Nathan Fynes gave us a great Last Post and reveille on his bugle. The clarion call through the still woods of Ebernoe is special.

**Coming soon;**

**Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Holy Communion .

Priest is Rev. Michael Jackson.

Reader; Michael Addison

Flowers; Sally Blackburn and Jemma Freeman

**Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Carols on the Green.

**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Service 6pm Christmas decorations for this.

Grand raffle to be drawn, Wine and mince pies

**Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day 11am Family service led by Canon John Bundock

**Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Plough Sunday.

Canon John Bundock

Refreshments after.

Please bring gifts for the Food Bank.

The food bank will also receive collections

## **Ebernoe Christmas raffle**

**Included in this magazine are books of tickets.**

**We deliver the magazine to every home in Ebernoe free of charge, however, printing costs continue to rise, so the annual raffle helps to cover some of the costs.**

**Please support the raffle, the prizes are great and really very Christmassy !**

**Your support is always amazing and much appreciated!**

### **Rural churches and the future.**

It really is important for the Church in Ebernoe to continue to be at the centre of our community, so we need to continue to work hard with our wonderful team to support the church. It was so tremendously encouraging that when Janie Jackson recently invited those who do jobs such as the flowers etc to a morning with chat and coffee there was such enthusiasm.

Thanks so much to Janie and to all who came along. It was particularly great to see the new residents. We love to greet new comers to Ebernoe and warmly welcome all. I was at a recent event which tackled the issues facing rural churches. I spoke to a priest from the Romney Marsh. He has 10 churches in one benefice . I sympathised with his work load. He re-assured me by explaining that most of the churches are in fact mothballed. We need to continue to value our church to ensure its place in our community.

Thank you for your support and Happy Christmas Everyone!

**Please send all contributions for the magazine to:**

**Simon & Karen Arnold via [editor@inechurches.org.uk](mailto:editor@inechurches.org.uk)**

**The deadline for the next issue is the 15th of every month.**

Cash donations for the magazine are very welcome, in an envelope to either: 24 St Michaels Close, 51 Valentines Lea, 5 Luffs Meadow or simply donate via a direct bank transfer to:

**Account Name:** St Michaels Church Northchapel

**Account Sort Code:** 09-01-51 **Account Number:** 46115503

**We Wish All Members of the 3 Parishes a  
Wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year 2024**

# News From Ebernoe Reserve


*By Colin Booty (Voluntary Reserve Manager)*

Good news with which to end the year! The Sussex Wildlife Trust appeal to raise funds to purchase three fields adjoining the northern edge of the reserve has reached its target enabling it to proceed with the purchase. Work will then begin to increase the diversity of habitats within the fields adding to the mosaic of grassland, scrubland and regenerating woodland.

As many of you have probably noticed, it is an amazing year for berries and tree seed. Hawthorn, Rose and Holly bushes are glowing with various shades of red – from pillar box scarlet to darker, tawny port wine. The Redwings and Fieldfares have arrived from Scandinavia and started to feast on the berries. It is also a 'mast' year for trees such as Beech and Oak and the ground underneath them is thick with acorns and beech mast. The Beech seed often attracts large mixed flocks of Great, Blue, Coal and Marsh tits along with finches such as Chaffinch. It's always worth looking more closely to see whether there are any Bramblings present. These are another winter visitor similar in size and appearance to a Chaffinch but with a rusty-orange coloured breast and shoulders and a white rump which is visible in flight.

Storm Ciarán had passed but further heavy rain was forecast so I cancelled our scheduled November work party. Parts of the reserve were waterlogged and some roads blocked by flooding meaning that travel would have been difficult. However, luckily, the worst of the wind seems to have tracked further to the south. A walk around many of the footpaths a few days later revealed surprisingly little damage – with only a few small branches down over the paths.

The Trust's Conservation Hit Squads are due to undertake work to remove young Holly and regrowth from one of the areas previously opened up in the southern end and also cut back some of the encroaching scrub around the cattle bridge between Furnace Meadow and Brick Kiln Meadow as the 'dark tunnel' effect at the bridge seemed to deter the cattle from moving between the two fields. As I write this, the Herdwick sheep are still in one of the field compartments at the southern end where they have been doing a good job of cropping the vegetation before they are removed.



*Photograph  
by  
Colin Booty*

Wishing ewe a  
Happy Christmas

## **Ebernoe Defibrillator Locations**

One defibrillator is stationed at the Stag Pub on the wall to the left of the ladies toilet door. The other defibrillator is stationed at the rear of the cricket pavilion.

They do not require passwords or codes and for ease of use they both have voice instruction on how to use them

## **Northchapel Defibrillator Location**

The defibrillator is located at the top of the Village Green by the notice board. The defibrillator may be accessed in emergencies by phoning 999 who will give you a code for the keypad enabling the door to be opened. Full instructions on how to use the defibrillator can be found inside including voice prompts

## **From the Church Wardens at St Michael's, Northchapel**

*By Judy Burden & Sharon Holden*

We had a great turnout for our Remembrance Service in November, look out for the photograph of Hallie & Nell with Rev Jack Mulder in front of our poppy display.

By the time you read this we will have held our Christmas Market and drawn the raffle for which many of you bought and sold tickets and maybe have even won a prize. Hopefully raising money for our church.

We look forward to our Christmas Lunch on the 1st Dec, the St Nicholas Sack Service on 3rd Dec and Nine Lessons Service on Christmas Eve.

We have invested in a sum up machine which enables us to take cashless donations from those of you who do not carry cash, this was a great asset at the Christmas Market.

As this is our last report before Christmas we would like to express our thanks to: All the PCC members, the flower rota ladies, all our readers, visiting clergy and our organists Madeline & Anneli, also the bell ringers, volunteers of the work parties, our young members who come along to read or help where needed and of course huge thanks to our Parish Magazine Editors who have done a great job keeping us all informed of the latest news and updates.

Last but not least we would like to thank Kate Gambles and her family. Kate has worked tirelessly for us for the past 6 years but has decided the time has come for a change. Huge thanks to Kate for everything she has done and the very best wishes for the next chapter of her life.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

## **Haslemere's Cards for Good Causes Shop**

*By Maggie Monteath*

Haslemere's Cards for Good Causes shop will be open from Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> until December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 at Museum in Haslemere. They will be selling Christmas cards, many with a religious theme, on behalf of a very wide range of over 40 Charities including RNLI, Cancer Research UK, Mind, The Alzheimer's Society, Marie Curie, GUTS and SSAFA. They will also have a range of gift wrap and tags and a selection of gifts.

For further info: call Haslemere Museum on 01428 642112  
or visit the website: [www.cardsforcharity.co.uk](http://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk)

## **St Michael's Church & Churchyard**

### **Working Party Dates**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**Timings: 10am to 12 noon**



Volunteers warmly welcome to help keep our village church looking beautiful inside and out. There are always plenty of jobs that need your help, no experience necessary.

Refreshments Served!

**Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact:  
Clifford Bell – 07799 246905 or cliffordbell@btinternet.com**

## **Mornings @ the Half-Moon Inn, Northchapel**

Come and join our coffee mornings.

Only £3 for unlimited coffee or tea with a toast tea cake  
from 10am till 12pm.

### **Next date is:**

- ◆ 6th December

### **Our Christmas luncheon will be on:**

20th December

3 course meal, drink of your choice, tea & coffee  
all for just £20

Please book as we do get busy on the Christmas meal.

Call us on 01428 707270

or email [ejsandieson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ejsandieson@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Pilates**

Pilates classes with Kathy are running on Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and the classes are very popular. Pilates is a great way to keep fit and supple! For more information please contact Niamh Dodd [doddnr@gail.com](mailto:doddnr@gail.com)

# Northchapel Parish Council 2023/24

## Chairman

Mrs Sharon Holden (Village Hall and Housing)

## Vice-Chairman

Miss Laura Green (Play Area and Village Green)

## Councillors

Mr Alex Baker (Planning)

Mr Melvin Greet

Mr John Sochovsky (Highways)

Mrs Daphne Trussler (Footpaths and Rights of Way)

Mr Ed Warren (Northchapel Youth)

2 x Councillor Vacancies (Applicants Welcome)

**Please contact the Clerk or Councillor if you are interested in joining.** *You need to be a minimum of 18 years old and either be registered as an elector or during the previous whole 12 months:*

*Occupied land in the parish as an owner or tenant or  
Had a main place of work in the parish or  
Resided in or within 3 miles of the parish.*

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## Reporting Issues

Please contact **OPERATION CRACKDOWN** for anti-social driving (i.e., speeding, careless and aggressive driving and driving whilst on a mobile phone) and abandoned vehicles. Either via the website [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) or 01243 642222

**To report all non-emergency POLICE matters**, call 101 or visit [sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/](http://sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/)

**Want to report a pothole or flooding?** [westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/](http://westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/)

**To report a problem with a right of way directly** then either report online [www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/) or email [pro@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:pro@westsussex.gov.uk) or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council.

**Bonfire guidelines** can be found on the CDC website: [www.chichester.gov.uk/pollution](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/pollution)

**Dog Fouling....How can you help?** If you spot a dog owner failing to clean up after their dog, you can report them to CDC's Enforcement Officers. If you can provide details of the time/day, location, a description of the owners and the dog, and if relevant, a car registration number, the Enforcement Officers will be able to investigate.

Just email [environmentalprotect@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalprotect@chichester.gov.uk) or call 01243 785166

**Polite Notice:** Please may residents be reminded that hedgerows and trees bordering our parish roads and pavements are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners, not West Sussex County Council Highways. This is especially important on our rural roads where sight-lines and widths are already limited.

Please be considerate and check and cut if required.

## Book a Bus Service

To "Book-a-Bus", residents need to download the "Ride Pingo" app or call the WSCC call centre on 01243 858854. Bookings for the fully flexible service can be made for up to five passengers per trip!

**Northchapel Parish Council wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2024**

## **Northchapel Local Community Action Plan**

If you would like to help with shopping, getting medication or just a friendly phone call, please contact the parish clerk who will put you in contact with someone friendly who can help.

Anyone able and willing to volunteer to help vulnerable residents in Northchapel please also contact the Clerk:

Email: [clerk@northchapel-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@northchapel-pc.org.uk)

Phone number: 01798 860788

Further details can be found on the Parish Council Website

[www.northchapel-pc.org.uk/northchapel-community-action-plan/](http://www.northchapel-pc.org.uk/northchapel-community-action-plan/)

Many people are finding things tough at the moment due to the increasing cost of living pressures. Chichester District Council have launched a new 'Supporting You' campaign to highlight the range of help that you can access. Find out more about the support that is available to you [www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaign](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaign)

## **Northchapel Youth Club**

**Tuesday evenings**

**(West Sussex schools termtime only)**

**7-8.30pm at Northchapel Village Hall**

**£1 per session per child**

**9-15 years old**

**Ed Warren**

**[ed\\_warren180@hotmail.com](mailto:ed_warren180@hotmail.com)**

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# Northchapel Club Update

*By Ed Warren*

It's been a busy few weeks in the club with many varied events. From the steam drain out, the Kids Halloween party, a quiz night, the village bonfire and the bingo, in truth we've been flat out, and we now have the run up to Christmas!

It's been refreshing to see so many new faces in the club, enjoying the breakfast mornings, the Friday food events, and the bingo and quiz nights.

We are now welcoming the village shoot who come in for their bacon rolls before starting out, they then return afterwards for drinks etc. More new faces with new groups using our great facility! Our Friday food is proving a real hit, with homemade specials added each week! Our Saturday morning breakfasts are extremely popular and we now offer freshly filled rolls and hot snacks every Saturday afternoon.

The most satisfying aspect, is to see so many people from all walks of life using the club. People are starting to realise what a great village asset we have, and how much we are able to offer. Our drink and snack selections are without compare!

It turns out, the more popular the club becomes, the more inviting the club is for others!

Local produce, we now stock Northchapel Gin sold by the bottle or by the glass, as well as a good stock of Luffs Meadow honey. We do love our local produce.

Christmas is coming, and the Christmas draw sheets are up and the clubs calendar is busy, so, come and in see us, Ed, Scelena, Danielle and Joe, we look forward to welcoming you all.

## **Calendar:**

3rd December 7.30pm Bingo

16th December 7.30pm Prize Bingo followed by the Grand Christmas Raffle Draw.

31st December 8.30pm Music by the DG All Stars seeing in 2024  
Breakfast Mornings in December are the 2nd & 16th 9.30-Midday  
Hot Food every Friday 6-9pm **Happy Christmas from Your Club!**

## Farm Diary *by Sue Moss*

**We** bought our larger cattle in from the fields when the weather changed and the fields became too wet for them to remain outside, they are now settled in their winter yards where they will stay until spring.

**All** of the calves are now old enough to be weaned and have been moved into large yards within the barns. Having been in small pens of five or six they enjoy the freedom and space of a large pen and it's nice to see them racing around.

**Back** in August we bought some day old chicks, half were Table birds to fatten and the others were Warren egg layers. I have been looking after the Warrens, they have grown into nice strong Hens that should be laying eggs around Christmas. Andy and Julian have been taking care of The Fat Birds as they are referred to and we will be enjoying home produced chicken for the next few months. I have also hatched and fattened two Turkeys for Christmas Lunch.

**Rob** has been working Finn with the sheep when possible, returning from worming a group of Ewes recently we heard that Finn had not been at his most attentive, this had resulted in Finn failing to gather the sheep and Rob running around behind him swearing about a deaf dog !! He has since been having some training with Rob and is learning to respond quicker to commands.

**At** this time of year we catch up with machinery servicing and repairs that we haven't had chance to do earlier in the year .The Sprayer has had its annual MOT test and the JCB has had its Loader Test completed . Odd jobs that we haven't found time for earlier in the year have been completed, one such is clearing the gutters on the barns. On one of the wettest days recently Julian and Rob spent the whole day clearing debris from the barn gutters. There was a little more work required on the new fencing around Calico field which has also now been completed.

**We** enjoyed the village bonfire and fireworks, we are very fortunate to have a team of residents who organise this for us all to enjoy. Milly and I watched from the kitchen window, Rob was pleased to help Rob from Aurora Fireworks set up the display. We all get on very well with Rob from Aurora who shoots here at the farm, we have our own firework display thanks largely to his generosity.

**A** lot of birthdays have been celebrated here at the farm in the last couple of months, mine was a large one this year, I can't believe I'm quite so old! The most recent was Nicky's and we all enjoyed breakfast together, our growing family it's becoming a squeeze around the table. We look forward to Christmas with family and friends and would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas from us all here at the farm.



# Remembrance Sunday Service

*Service taken by Rev Michael Jackson*

*The Reverend seen here with his helpers Nell & Hallie*



## Village Hall News *By Pam Bruce*

**December 2023**

The Village Hall is open for bookings – so don't forget to check the online diary. You can visit the hall website: [northchapelvillagehall.co.uk](http://northchapelvillagehall.co.uk) and/or contact the bookings secretary Sharon Holden on 07747863338 or at [bigbirdholden@hotmail.com](mailto:bigbirdholden@hotmail.com)

### Village Lunch

The **Christmas Lunch** will be on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Everyone is welcome. If you are not a regular and would like to come, or a regular and cannot come, please can you let a member of the team know by the Monday as we do the shopping on a Tuesday morning.

Contact Pam Bruce 01428 707202

Stephie Hipkiss 01428 707478

Lynda Bell 01428 707415

### Village Speed Watch

*By Laura Green*

**Northchapel is now registered as a Community Speedwatch group!**

Northchapel is now officially registered as a Community Speedwatch group.

We need volunteers to help get this off the ground. The initial training is a 2hr group session online. Please contact Laura Green if you are interested [lauragreen240@hotmail.com](mailto:lauragreen240@hotmail.com)

### Village Lottery Winners for October 2023

<b>1st</b>	£55.60	Simon Walter
<b>2nd</b>	£38.92	Marie Armstrong
<b>3rd</b>	£16.68	Caroline Lacey

### Village Lottery

Start next year off correctly, request an application form now for the Village Lottery, it benefits the Village Hall, and who knows, you could win some cash as well!

# Sports at Northchapel Primary School

## Autumn Term

*By Ms Coggin*

The children have loved playing competitive sports this term, in particular Football. Our coach, James from South Coast Sports has been teaching years 2 – 6 football in their PE lessons and Mr Coggin, a kind volunteer has come out of retirement to run an after school club which is proving very popular amongst the girls and boys.

The children have enjoyed inter school sports tournaments at Petworth this term, where they have been competing against Slindon Primary, Fittleworth Primary and of course Petworth. We have had a year 5/6 boys' team who came third in that league, the girls across key stage 2 played for the first time in the league and really held their own against the other schools. Nancy in year 6 almost had a hattrick! Years 3 and 4 played in a league for their year groups and Mr Coggin has been supporting the coaching of these matches. We certainly have some aspiring footballers amongst our younger ones, Irah, Max, Cassius and Liam really made up a strong team.

We also took a mixed girl and boy team to Midhurst Rother College where they played in a tournament with 14 teams altogether. They did fantastically well to come a joint third place with Compton and Marden school, who have recently joined our Rother Valley locality.

Most recently we took a four a side mixed team back to MRC to play in a quick sticks' hockey tournament. Captain Dexter, Nancy, Nell and Jacob were very resilient and played with great determination, winning against some of the bigger schools. They were finally knocked out by St James, Coldwaltham in a sudden death match.

Ms Coggin would like to say well done and how proud the staff and coaches are of the children's efforts this term and we look forward to competing in the football again next term and further sporting events at MRC.



## Village Bonfire & Fireworks

An update from the organisers of the Village Bonfire & Fireworks to let everyone know that a fantastic profit of **£1350** was made on the night despite the turbulent weather! This has been split 3 ways between the School, the Church & the MUGA project.

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support the event & embraced the weather!

As well as being a successful fundraiser it was again a wonderful community event.

A very big thank you go to our sponsors:

- Fix Auto Petersfield
- 3MG Fire Protection
- Talbot & Co
- Nothchapel Club
- Straight Line Fencing
- Madic UK
- Brookland Transport
- Northchapel Transport
- Rake Remediation

without which this profit would not have been possible.

Thank you also to the very many helpers, without which it really would not be possible, the Crosbie's for the donations of their popular Brownies & flapjacks, the Sochovsky's for some extra electricity, Terry Talbot for doing such a great job as compere & for the loan of his PA equipment, Alex Baker for the barriers, & to the Moss' for allowing us to let the fireworks off in their field.

Thank you again to those who gave up their time to help in some way - building the fire, marshalling, helping sell food & drink and clearing up. We could always do with more help so if you'd like to get involved next year please do let us know!

We look forward to 2024!

The Village Events Team



# Little Oaks News

*By Sharon Hill*

Little Oaks children have been enjoying their Forest School sessions this term. They have done very well with learning the rules and boundaries and have had lots of fun climbing trees, using tools and investigating nature's treasures. The children have been starting the session by playing the 'copy me' game using sticks to tap out rhythms on the logs and copying the teacher. It is a really fun way of beginning the session and getting the children's attention so that they are ready to listen. We are preparing to have a fire at Forest School in the coming weeks so we have played the red dragon, green dragon game. Green dragons stay outside the fire circle. Miss Waller showed the children how to light a fire using cotton wool and Vaseline (hidden around the woodland). It was lots of fun searching for the items and there was great excitement as we watched her use a fire steel to set the cotton wool alight. We have explored and collected acorns and hazelnuts which we have used for counting games and making pictures. It has been fun playing games including our old favourites '123 where are you?' and 'Squirrels stash' (hide and seek) and this time we have learnt the 'Eagles Nest' game where the children had to hide and then sneak up on the eagle. The children are having lots of fun whilst learning about nature and ways to keep themselves safe.

We have been exploring our village through nature walks in the Frith and down past Sue and Julian Moss' farm to wet wood. It was exciting exploring in the Frith woodland, collecting acorns, munching on blackberries, investigating chestnuts in their prickly cases and jumping in muddy puddles. The children had fun on the log bridge in wet wood, practising balancing skills and pretending they were 'The three billy goats gruff'. We collected conkers and enjoyed investigating them when we got back. The children explored the texture and learnt some simple maths concepts, including counting, sharing and weighing them.

There was a spooky feeling in the classroom as the children returned from the half term break. They enjoyed dressing up, exploring pumpkins and mini beasts, and had spooky snacks with ghostly bananas, apple monsters and pumpkin oranges. Our tuff tray has been a great place to explore the pumpkins, cutting and scooping and using them as bowls to fill up with gloopy gloop. We used our special magic bottles to make ...

... potions too. To celebrate Guy Fawkes, we made fruit kebab rockets at snack time, used shapes to make our own rockets and made fire-works out of playdoh. Lots of the children attended the village bonfire and other local events so we have been learning about bonfire night and how we can stay safe. The children were very good at remembering some of the safety rules and we linked the learning to our Forest School sessions where we have to take care around the fire circle.

The safety theme has continued as Little Oaks children have been learning all about road safety too this term. During circle time the children came up with lots of ideas about staying safe including holding hands with a grown up, wearing helmets on bicycles and wearing seat belts in cars. They enjoyed joining in with the actions and words to our road safety song and are beginning to remember the rules for crossing the road - STOP, THINK, LOOK AND LISTEN. To compliment the learning, we had a 'Big build, little build' junk modelling morning with the aim of making our own street. As is quite often the case in early years we only managed to make the road before the children requested to make boats, rockets and horses! However, they had a lovely time and we saw some amazing creations that were inspired by the children and they thoroughly enjoyed using them for role play afterwards. Some of the children also chose to make their own road signs and traffic lights, thinking about shapes and colours and using their cutting and writing skills. Finally, we put our learning in to practise crossing the road safely with a little help from Mrs Fagg's pre-loved lollipop.

As we move towards December we are planning Christmas activities with the children and they have begun to practise the songs to perform at our 'Festive Family Fun' morning. It looks like it will be a fun and busy end to the term.

If you have a child 2-4 years old who would be interested in joining us at Little Oaks, please contact us. We have spaces available for Spring term and you are very welcome to come and visit us first. Please call 01428 707352 or email [shill@northchapelprimary.co.uk](mailto:shill@northchapelprimary.co.uk) for further information. Did you know that you can follow us on social media? North-chapel Primary and Little Oaks Pre-school have accounts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. It is great way to keep up to date with news and events.

***Little Oaks Photographs Overleaf....***





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For December 2023

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#### **Lino Cut Christmas Cards**

7 December, 10.30am – 1pm

#### **Paper Flower Wreath Making**

7 December, 2pm – 4.30pm

9 December, 10.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm

#### **Traditional Wreath Making**

29 November, 10.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm

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9 December, 10.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm

### **Christmas Makers Market**

Explore this Makers Market to discover artisan gifts perfect for Christmas. You'll find a range of beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art. This event is held in partnership with Petworth Pop Up: Makers Market. Normal admission applies.

Saturday 2 December, 10am - 7pm

Sunday 3 December, 10am - 4pm

### **Choirs in the Courtyard**

Join us throughout the festive season and enjoy local choirs performing in the courtyard on weekends in December. Normal admission applies.

Choirs will perform on Saturdays and Sundays at 11.30am and 2.30pm, including two evening performances at 5.30pm on 2 and 22 December.

### **Christmas Lights**

Experience the magical festivities and explore Petworth House after dark, open until 7pm, when the lights sparkle and the choir will be singing in the courtyard.

Saturday 2 December, until 7pm

Friday 22 December, until 7pm

## **Petworth & District Over 60s Centre The Friendship Centre – December 2023**

In December there will be bingo sessions on Wednesday 6th and 20th at 2.00pm, The minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre to all of these activities.

There is a 'pick a lucky number' for a Smart Watch - £1.00 per number. This will be available in the Centre and at the PACT Coffee morning on Fridays, the draw will be on 12 December in the Centre.

The Christmas Tea on 3<sup>rd</sup> December is at the URC at 3pm – if you would like to attend please add your name to the list in the Centre. Transport will be available. Please bring a raffle prize.

The Christmas Raffle in the Centre will be drawn on Tuesday 12 December.

The Centre will be closed on 20 December and re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

*Caroline Stoneman* – House Committee Chairman  
(01798) 342942

## **Petworth Lunch Club December 2023**

On 3 December our Christmas Lunch is at the Cricketers in Duncton, price £15 for regular members and £25 for visitors. If you have not already made your menu choices please contact Ann Morrill on 01243 780010.

*Caroline Stoneman*

## **Petworth Village Bus December 2023**

There will be a shopping trip on Friday 1st December to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham and a pre-Christmas shop to a venue of your choosing on Friday 15th December. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on 6th and 20th.

*Caroline Stoneman* – Local Organiser



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## **December / January News**

### **Christian Unity Week. January 18-25 2024**

**On Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm St. Giles Church, Graffham GU28 0NL will hold a Christian Unity Service at 3pm Everyone is welcome!**

In the following week, the United Reformed Church (URC) in Petworth will kindly host the week day Lunctime talks, with a soup and roll lunch.

Speakers and dates for the Lunch Time talks starting are; Monday January 22nd Rev. Anne Lewitt (URC); Tuesday January 23rd Father Peter Newsam of RC Sacred Heart; Wednesday January 24th Rev. David Crook (Fittleworth) Thursday January 25th John Riddell (Tillington).

Soup & roll lunch to follow - Booking not necessary

This year the Unity week is guided by the churches of Burkina Faso, previously Upper Volta.

Their theme is the *Parable of the Good Samaritan*. They invite us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis.

Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

Further details from [geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com](mailto:geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com)



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## **Foodbank Update**

### **Harvest Festival donations**

We've received an amazing amount of harvest festival donations this year from schools and churches. This is wonderful as we tend to see donations drop off in summer, this replenishes our stock as we hit our busiest time of the year. Thank you to all those who have organised and donated for harvest festival.

### **Finding a way out of crisis**

As a Trussell Trust foodbank, Chichester District Foodbank (CDF), which includes Petworth, is focused on helping people out of their crisis. What this means is that as well as providing three days worth of emergency food, we also refer people to organisations that are able to help in other ways.

The need for help is such that we have a Citizens Advice worker (CAW) attached to the CDF. The range of issues that our CAW can help with include benefits, housing, debt, utility bills and others. For example, a client may be about to have their gas and electricity cut off so quick intervention is vital. Or a family on low pay may be entitled to more universal credit than they're receiving or financial difficulties may have led to unmanaged debt.

When these problems overwhelm, it can cause a downward spiral and people can find it very difficult to move through their crisis. In the midst of such difficulty, it is also hard to know where to turn particularly if you don't have a computer or smart phone to search for the right kind of support. At Petworth foodbank, our telephone signposting team are able to let clients know where those sources of help can be found as well as a making a referral to our CAW as appropriate.

### **Would you like to be a volunteer signposter?**

We are looking for people to join our team. The role is home-based but you'll be part of our Petworth team, and training is provided. You'll need to be IT literate, with a good telephone manner and able to offer a morning a week of your time. The hours are 09.30 to 12.30 on your chosen morning. To find out more please e-mail [petworth@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:petworth@chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk) With best wishes, the Petworth Foodbank (one of the Chichester District Foodbanks)

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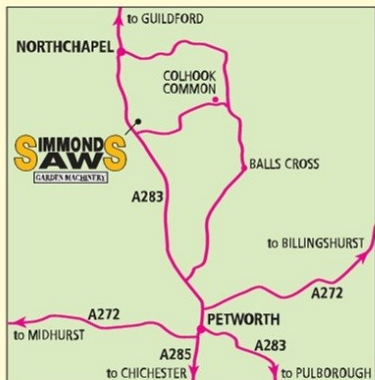
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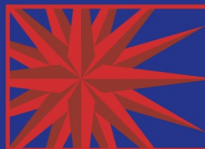
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