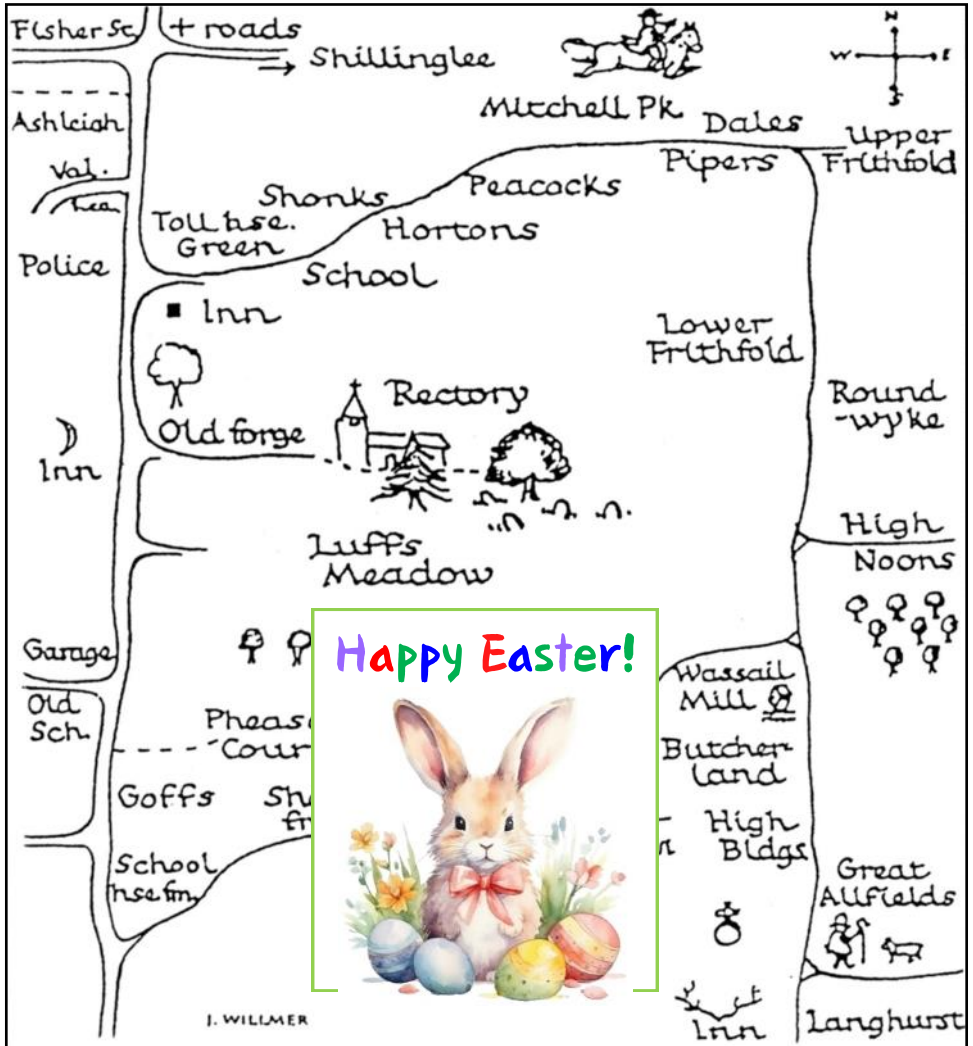


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Tea & Scones on the
28th of March 2024
Village Hall for All

Conversation, Fun & Laughter
Guaranteed!

From 3pm

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

Northchapel Village Lunch

*The Village Lunch will take
place on Thursday
the 21st March*



*Everyone is warmly
welcome*

**23rd
March**

10am - 1pm

Scrub & Grub

£10 per car
includes free bacon sarnie and hot drink

At Northchapel
Village Hall

COME AND
GRAB A COFFEE
AND A BITE TO
EAT WHILST
YOUR CAR GETS
WASHED

HELP
NORTHCHAPEL
SCHOOL CHILDREN
RAISE FUNDS
TOWARDS THEIR
RESIDENTIAL TRIPS.



Why not enter This years annual 5K event?

There's still plenty of time to train for it!

Saturday the 18th May 2024 On the Village Green!

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3 March <i>3rd Sunday Lent</i>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Lurgashall Northchapel	Holy Communion, Rev. M Jackson Holy Communion, Rev. John Bundock
10 March <i>4th Sunday Lent</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Lurgashall Ebernoe	Canon Nigel Nicholson Canon John Bundock
17 March <i>5th Sunday Lent</i>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Lurgashall Northchapel	Holy Communion, Rev. Jack Mulder Rev. Michael Jackson
24 March <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Sunday of Passion</i>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Lurgashall Ebernoe	Holy Communion, Rev. Jack Mulder Holy Communion, Rev. M Jackson
29 March <i>Good Friday</i>	11.00 am	Lurgashall	Good Friday Service of the Word Canon Nigel Nicholson
31 March <i>Easter Day</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Family Communion and Egg Hunt Canon Nigel Nicholson
31 March <i>Easter Day</i>	10.30 am 11.00am	Northchapel Ebernoe	AD Luke Family Service, Canon John Bundock

Ebernoe News

By Ann Tyrell

Sunday February 25th Holy Communion

Priest is Rev. Michael Jackson

Reader; Janet Ford

Sunday March 10th 10.30am Mothering Sunday family service.

Priest is Canon John Bundock

Posies for mums. Jeanne Stemp

Reader; Kenyon S

Sunday 24th March 10.30am Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

Priest is Rev. Michael Jackson

No flowers but palms and cleaning;

Reader: James Harvey

Sunday 31st March; Easter Sunday 11am (**note time**)

Family service

Canon John Bundock.

Readers Jackson's.

Flowers; team effort.

Sunday 14th April 10.30am Holy Communion

Readers; Sarah Kenny

Flowers; Kate Chetwood, Mimi Pickard

Sunday 28th April 10.30am Celebration for all and especially those baptised at Ebernoe. Priest is Canon John Bundock.

Very important new date for your diaries:

Monday April 22nd Quiz night at the Stag Inn 7.30pm

Come and join in, maximum 6 people per team. £5 per person.

Bottle raffle and proceeds go to Ebernoe church

Food and drink available to purchase!

If you would like to take part please telephone The Stag on:
01403 820241

May 19th 6pm Rogation at Redhill Farm. Lovely setting on the farm. Canon John Bundock has produced a lovely new service.

Ann Continues...

A Big “Thank You” from the Food bank; Plough Sunday was celebrated, as is the custom at Ebernoe, with us all surrounding the plough. Charlie Wadey is the new custodian of the plough which he brought to the church. A good selection of several bags of food was taken to the Petworth Food Bank, as was £100 from the collection. Canon John Bundock produced an updated service which whilst it retained tradition, moved on from praying for the Women’s land army!

The pet service was amazing, and the church was filled with well behaved dogs! The speaker was Mike White from Hounds for Heroes. We had a little practice for “if I were a butterfly” and instruction with actions from James Harvey and Ed Pickard. Then we all had a go at being everything from a worm to an elephant!

Ebernoe is pleased to support Hounds for Heroes. This charity is based near Petersfield and was set up by Alan Parton, who is still their leader. The dogs are trained to assist disabled service people and emergency workers to live fulfilling lives despite physical and mental issues. Endal, a yellow Labrador, was the first of Alan’s dogs, who was quite exceptional, knowing over 200 commands or instructions. The dogs undergo two years of training and are supported by the charity even when fully trained and living with their participant. Mike explained their method of selecting puppies, their initial training and matching with the recipient. Hounds for heroes are grateful for our combined support.



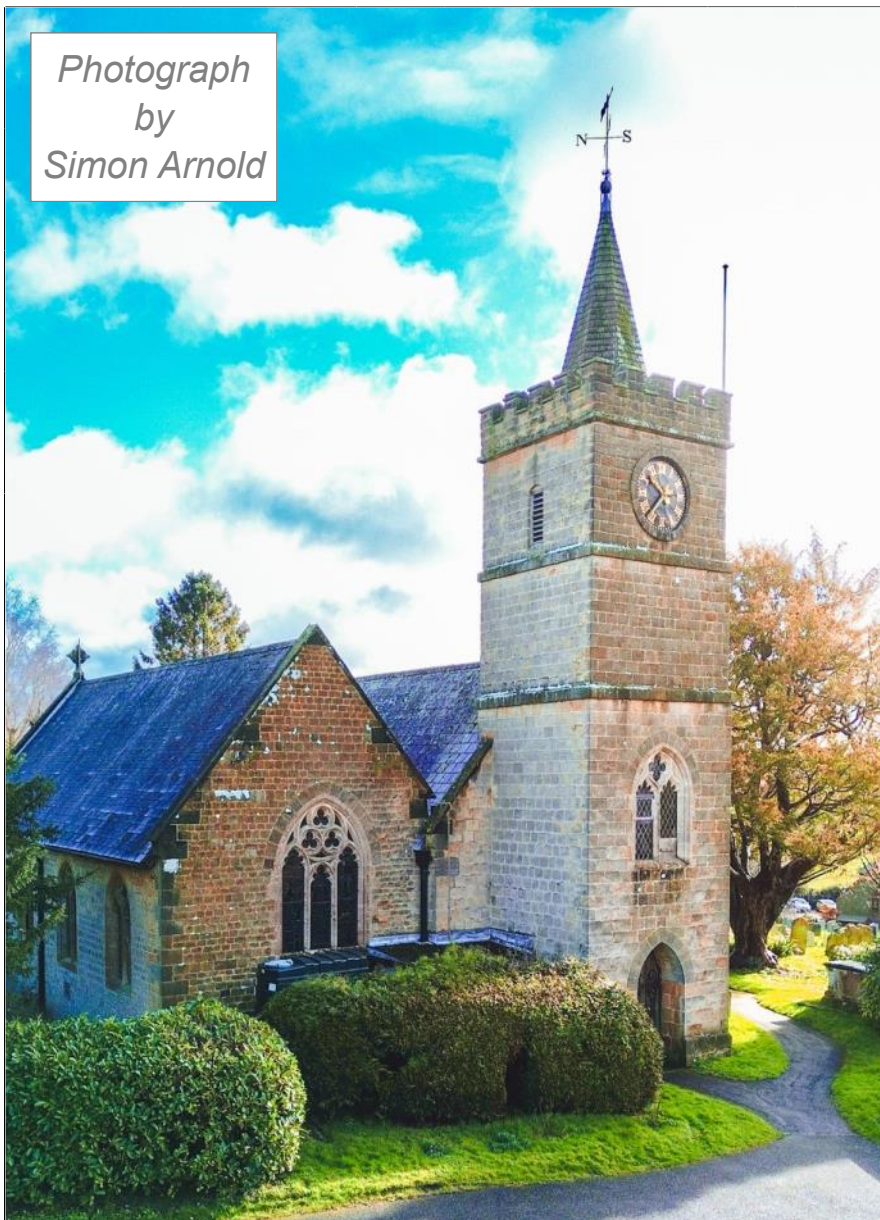
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Pet Service Continued, Photographs by Ann Tyrell



St Michael's Church Northchapel on a Wonderfully Sunny Winter Morning

*Photograph
by
Simon Arnold*



News From Ebernoe Reserve

By Colin Booty (Voluntary Reserve Manager)

Some years ago a number of veteran trees in the southern half of the reserve were halo thinned – a process in which younger trees and vegetation were removed from around the old trees to let in more light and air. This helps to prolong the lifespan of mature trees. Following this, Holly had been regrowing so it was time to cut this back and to uproot young saplings. We worked on several areas and I thought it would be interesting to estimate the ages of the trees involved. There are a number of variables that can affect growth rate – such as species, soil condition, aspect and age. However, by measuring the circumference of the tree at about 1.5 metres above the ground one can produce an estimate based on a tree increasing in girth by about 2.4 cm a year. This indicated that some trees were c.200 years old and some perhaps nearer 300. Fancy trying on a tree near you? An interesting information sheet, on estimating the age of Oak trees and a ready reckoner based on oak trees growing in open conditions in SE England, can be found at [3212 Oak estimator.pdf](http://3212Oakestimator.pdf) (wbrc.org.uk)

Following the successful fundraising appeal, the Sussex Wildlife Trust has now completed the legal transfer process and the three fields, known as Forest Copse, above Furnace Meadow are now part of the reserve. At the time of writing, details are still being arranged but SWT is planning an event on 21st March in Kirdford Village Hall involving presentations about biodiversity on the old Butcherlands Fields and Ebernoe and future management plans including for the new fields.

The mild weather has prompted early signs of Spring - although Winter may yet have a sting in the tail! There is now much more bird song, as some species start to establish their territory. If you find identifying birds by their song difficult why not try an app such as the free 'Merlin Bird ID' app. Although developed in the USA by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology it is applicable to Europe and, in fact, much of the world. The son of a friend of ours used it, when out with me, and it was fairly quick and accurate.

*Photograph
by
Colin Booty*



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

As we write this for you we are looking forward to our second Soup & Roll lunch event and our Jumble Sale.

Hopefully many of you will have had time to pop to the Jumble Sale to bag a bargain or enjoy a coffee with friends.

We held our first PCC meeting of 2024 and set the date for our APCM which will be held on 18th April 2024 @ 7.30pm in the church.

If you are not already on the church electoral roll please consider contacting us and joining as this helps when trying to get the vacancy for vicar filled. Our fingers are firmly crossed in the hope someone out there is looking for a lovely parish church such as ours.

Please do check the list of services for information on services in Northchapel, Ebernoe & Lurgashall.

If anyone would like more information about a service in the church please do get in touch with either one of us. Thank you!

Village Hall News March 2024

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 and/or contact the bookings secretary Sharon Holden: 07747863338 or bigbirdholden@hotmail.com

Village Lunch March 2024

The next Village Lunch will be on **Thursday 21st March**. 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 707202; Stephie Hipkiss 707478; Lynda Bell 707415

Petworth Surgery

Patient Participation Group

By Jane Dadswell

Introducing the new Petworth Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG), where any patient of the Petworth Surgery is welcome to join!

We organise events to enrich patients experience of the service they receive, as well as passing on information from the surgery to its patients. As the group is still in its infancy, there is still plenty room for new members to join, bringing new ideas to enhance the overall Petworth Surgery experience. If you don't drive we can arrange transport. All are very welcome!

We had our first Drop-in on the 10th of January and several community-based groups attended. Post Covid it was wonderful to have so many lively local health professionals networking and planning aspects on how to best to serve you.

Plans are afoot to carryout some much needed fundraising, which will hopefully enable our surgery to purchase a number of nebulisers that can be loaned to patients suffering with asthma, COPD , and other breathing conditions .

Our next 'Drop-In' is planned for Wednesday 20th March 2024, from 1 to 2pm. This meeting will focus on parents and carers of young children. We will have a nutritionist, a dentist, a financial adviser and various other life-enhancing and enriching organisations in attendance. Refreshments will be provided and everyone is warmly welcome, so, please do come and join us.

In the summer we also plan to hold a similar style 'Drop-In' for the 60 plus community, details to follow.

If you have an idea for a Drop-In topic, please do let us know!

Any questions or queries please contact:

Susan on 07814 916949 or Jane on 07710 410787

Pilates

Pilates classes with Kathy every Tuesday from 9.30 to 10.30am

Everyone is welcome, classes are very popular.

Pilates are a great way to keep fit and supple. For more information please email Niamh Dodd via doddnr@gmail.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*
- *Had a main place of work in the parish*
- *Resided in or within 3 miles of the parish*

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Northchapel Local Community Action Plan

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

Phone number: 01798 860788

Full details can be found on the Parish Council website

www.northchapel-pc.org.uk/northchapel-community-action-plan/

Many people are finding things tough at the moment due to current 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's available to you at:

chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaig

Become a Councillor, have a voice in your community

Would you like to become a Northchapel Parish Councillor? Are you interested in parish matters and would like to find out more? Would you like to be part of decision-making committees, commenting on local planning applications, helping with community projects and generally making Northchapel an even better place to live, work and visit? The Parish Council meets every other month on a Thursday night at the Village Hall. Meetings are no longer than a couple of hours. The post does not take up large amounts of time but the time you give will be invaluable to your community.

Why don't you make a difference?

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk or speak to a Councillor for more information.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7th March 2024 at 8pm at the Village Hall

At its last meeting on Thursday 4th January 2024, the Parish Council agreed to keep the precept for the financial year 2024/25 at £30,000. The following 2023/24 grants and donations were paid in January:

Northchapel Primary School £1,532 (£300 Annual donation plus a one-off donation of £1,232 for subscription to WSCC school library service and Maths TT Rockstars subscription)

Northchapel Village Hall £500 (Annual donation)

Petworth Over 60's Club £50 (Annual donation)

Petworth Cottage Nursing Home £100 (Annual donation)

Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance £300 (Annual donation)

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £50 (Annual donation)

4Sight £110 (Annual donation)

Northchapel Primary School also requested help with a contribution to the annual upkeep of the community swimming pool. It was agreed that instead of a donation, that the repayment of the loan (£500) for the year 2023/24 would be waived.

All minutes from previous meetings, can be found on the website northchapel-pc.org.uk

Village Speed Project

The current volunteers for the speed watch group have now completed their initial online individual training and a date is being set for the official training to start. This will hopefully have taken place before the end of March, enabling us to initiate speed watch sessions.

More volunteers will now be able to join the speed watch training, so please get in touch if you'd like to be part of the group!

The Parish Council have started to discuss options and best first steps for lowering the speed limit with a recommended traffic and speed consultant that has supported other local Parishes in lowering the speed limit through their villages.

By Laura Green

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: operationcrackdown.org or 01243 642222

To report all non-emergency POLICE matters, call 101 or visit www.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/

To report a problem with a right of way directly then either report online: 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: prow@westsussex.gov.uk or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council

Bonfire guidelines can be found on Chichester District Council's website: chichester.gov.uk/pollution

Dog Fouling, how can you help? Report offending dog owners to CDC's Enforcement Officers. Provide details of the time/day, location, a description of the owners and the dog, if relevant a car registration number, the Enforcement Officers will investigate. Email: 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.

WSSC Recycling Centres: Book to Recycle

From Monday 12th February 2024, you will need to book to visit all Recycling Centres in West Sussex.

Slots can be booked up to 14 days in advance, including the same day where available: westsussex.gov.uk/BookToRecycle or phone 01243 642106

MUGA Update

By Laura Green

This year I got off to a good start completing grant applications. One new application has been submitted and a second application is underway. There are other grants that could be accessed, but as is often the case, they require a large amount of time and paperwork. Due to family and heavy work commitments, my spare time is very limited, but, more applications could be completed with help! So, if there are any volunteers interested in getting involved with the process, please do get in touch with me. Laura Green - lauragreen240@hotmail.com

Village Events Update

By Laura Green

We are looking for sponsors for our 2 main village events. This financial support goes a long way to covering a good chunk of the expenses for the Summer Fair & the Bonfire & Fireworks. We are also looking for other sponsors for the School 5k. If you have a business or work for a business that might like to support these events, please get in contact with me. Laura Green - laurgreen240@hotmail.com

PTA School Fundraisers

By Laura Green

Northchapel's 5k event is the morning of the 8th of May 2024



Run or Walk, this event is aimed at all abilities, and it's for everyone! So, come along and sample the spirit of friendship, community, and for your own personal sense of achievement. Medals for all participants!

Little Oaks News

By Sharon Hill

It has been a busy term so far at Little Oaks. We have welcomed some new children who have all settled in very well. We have been learning about our senses this term and started off by creating a sensory wall with a range of different textures to explore. The children have loved touching all the different panels and we have been thinking of words to describe how each one feels. Some of our older children practised their pencil skills by writing captions describing the different textures. We had a 'Guess the smell' competition where those who were brave enough, were blindfolded and used their noses to detect the smell of a range of different food items. The children have played listening games and some of them made their own listening ears to use on our listening walk around the school. Everyone's favourite activity was our food tasting where we tried a range of different food items and had to sort them into sweet, sour and salty food groups. The children were very good at trying new things and identifying their flavours. We used our sense of sight as we went on a nature walk around our village spotting some of nature's treasures. Although it was a bit wet and muddy we chose a lovely sunny day and walked a long way, starting up in The Frith. We found an empty bird's nest, identified leaves and trees, found some pine cones and explored our shadows. The children really enjoyed seeing the cows and lambs at the farm, with one of our children commenting that she could watch them all day! It was great fun having a snack in the woods, playing on the wooden bridge and of course splashing in muddy puddles.

Another activity that children have enjoyed this term has been mark making and drawing using a variety of media. They have taken part on a large scale using big paper on the floor, which some children prefer as they find it more comfortable. We have also seen children spending lots of time at the craft table. For some of our younger children it's been all about exploring mark making and learning to hold a pencil effectively. Our older children have been drawing pictures of models that they have made as well as animals and monster truck. Some of the children have been writing their names and captions their pictures too. We also had lots of fun with a new way of drawing portraits. We used a clear plastic sheet and marker pens to create funny faces, Gruffalos and cats. It was a fun way of encouraging the children to use a pen effectively and they thought it was absolutely hilarious!

Outside the children have loved using the large wooden blocks to build balancing beams and ramps for the cars and bikes, as well as rockets, buses and tractors. It has been great to see some of our youngest children persevering and building their confidence in balancing and climbing, and using their imaginations to build and engage in role play. The children have also practised their maths and literacy skills with the parking game, where they had to... *Over leaf*

Little Oaks News Continued...

... find the correct parking space by choosing the right number, letter or shape to park on. We share our garden with Caterpillar Class (reception and year 1 children) and work closely with the teaching team. One of our goals for improvement is to audit and improve our outdoor area. The staff team are currently working hard with lots of new ideas to challenge and inspire the children's learning. The strong links that we have benefit the children immensely as they prepare for the transition to start school.

We are all looking forward to joining the main school to celebrate book week in March. Children will be encouraged to share their favourite books from home and dress up as their favourite character on World Book Day. We will be inviting our pre-school families to come and join in with our 'Books for Breakfast' event too, a great excuse to share our love of books.

If you have a child 2-4 years old who would be interested in joining us at Little Oaks, please contact us. We currently have spaces available and you are very welcome to come and visit us first. Please call 01428 707352 or email shill@northchapelprimary.co.uk for further information.





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Simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and sign up (which takes seconds), from then, every time you buy something through the easyfundraising website (the easyfundraising website takes you to the website you want to buy from!) a commission is generated automatically which is then sent to St Michaels Church. *It really is magic!*

Thank you to Madeline Thomas for this Nifty Thrifty Heads Up!

If everyone gets behind this project, much needed essential funds will be generated for St Michaels Church and it won't cost you a penny more! ... *So, lets do it!*



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Northchapel Club Update

By Ed Warren

Another busy month with encouragingly high numbers of membership renewals. We attracted and welcomed new members to the club, which is fantastic news! Membership is quick and easy to accomplish, endowing huge value on all members, not least because this helps the club keep drink prices lower than in pubs! The Club proudly hits its centenary year this year, and, in-light of this, throughout the coming year we will be holding a number of events to celebrate. We at the Club all agree, it would be glorious if we were able to announce that the Club now boasts more members than it has had for many years. If the Club in its centenary year were to exceed 300 members, which is quite feasible, it would indeed be a monumental reason for celebration!

The Club has now firmly established itself within the 21st Century, and as a club is in a far healthier position than it was only a few months ago.

The positive reviews the Club is now attracting are the direct result of lots of hard work and excellent PR. Please help make the Club's Centenary year a very special year, come in and join in! Take a look at the Club's website, which showboats all information regarding the Club:

www.northchapelclub.com alternatively seek us on Facebook at NorthchapelClub or even better, just pop in to see us.

Upcoming Events

March 3rd Cash Bingo at 7.30pm sharp

Breakfast morning - Saturday 9th March (23rd March No Breakfast) 10-12

Hot Food Every Friday 6-9

Easter Events TBA please check club website or Facebook.

Looking ahead; we have booked a very exciting outside event for after the village fete on Saturday 6th July. The Club will be hosting the Worthing Steel Band, playing from 5pm, more details to follow.

Youth Club

The Youth club is a great asset to the village and runs every Tuesday evening through the school term from 7-8.30 pm. Children aged 9-15 years old are welcome. £1 per child per week plus tuck shop money.

For more information please contact Ed Warren on 07879990482.

Little Acorns Toddlers

We are lucky to have parents who run this every Friday, term time only, at the Northchapel School from 9.30-11. It's all very relaxed and a great way to meet new people, make new friends and let your children run around in a safe environment. £2 per family. For details please contact Ed Warren 07879990482

FRIDAY MENU

Northchapel Club

BURGERS		FISH	
HALF-POUND BURGER	£6.25	COD AND CHIPS	£6.50
Half pound burger served with chips, coleslaw and onion rings.		large cod fillet in batter, served with chips.	
CHEESEBURGER	£6.50	SCAMPI AND CHIPS	£7.00
Half pound burger with cheese served with chips, coleslaw and onion rings.			
MIGHTY CLUB BURGER	£8.00	OTHER MEALS	
Half pound burger , bacon, egg and cheese slice, served with chips, coleslaw and onion rings.		2 JUMBO SAUAGES AND CHIPS	£5.50
CHICKEN BURGER	£6.50	JACKET POTATO	£4.25
Chicken breast burger served with chips, coleslaw and onion rings.		Choice of Tuna Mayo, Beans, Cheese or Coleslaw 30p per filling	
VEGI-BURGER	£6.50		
Veg burger served with chips, coleslaw and onion rings.			
ON ITS OWN		KIDS	
HALF POUND BURGER	£4.75	SAUSAGE AND CHIPS	£4.00
		Small Sausage, small chips and a choice of peas or beans	
CHEESEBURGER	£5.00	BURGER AND CHIPS	£4.25
		Quarter pound burger served with chips	
CHICKEN BURGER	£4.50	CHEESEBURGER AND CHIPS	£4.50
MIGHTY CLUB BURGER	£6.00	CHICKEN NUGGETS AND CHIPS	£4.00
		chicken breast nuggets served with chips and beans or peas.	
VEGI BURGER	£4.50	SCAMPI AND CHIPS	£4.50
		6 pieces of Scampi, with chips, and peas or beans	
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Farm Diary *by Sue Moss*

We have been busy during January with lambing, we finished the first group of Ewes early in February and will begin again at the end of the month with the later ones. Julian has planned the lambing periods to give a three week break between the two groups this year. In the early flock we have had 59 Single Lambs, 90 sets of Twins and 4 lots of Triplets.

The lambs have been strong and healthy and luckily we have not had any cases of Schmallenberg, a disease that causes awful deformities in lambs and is quite distressing to deal with, there have been some incidences of the disease in the South East this season. We have turned most of the Ewes and their Lambs out in the fields around the farm, the Ewes are always pleased to get back out to grass, the lambs soon group up and rush along the edges of the fields playing.

The Hoggets are gradually grazing the Turnip and Kale crop at Honeydowns, we have also enjoyed eating some of the turnips and Kale. We bought a group of 125 North Country Mules last September, some to breed from and some to sell, they have also been moved to the top field at Honeydowns to graze the Turnips and Kale.

We have fifty young Ewes who will be having their first lambs, they have been bought in to one of the large barns where they will stay until they give birth. We can keep a close eye on them as they have their lambs, if they give birth outside they sometimes just leave their newborn lambs. Fortunately our blocked drain that caused flooding in one of the barns was rectified by passing a camera through the drain and then jet blasting to shift the blockage (a lump of concrete and part of a feed sack), the hole was filled in and the barn is back in use.

We are gradually tidying the garden, the spring bulbs have been really pretty this year. Julian has spread farmyard manure over most of the vegetable patch, we still have parsnips and brussel sprouts to use. We like to grow most of our vegetable plants, the seed order has arrived so the greenhouse will soon be full of trays of seedlings.

My budgeting skills are being tested again as they have just been to view a second hand tractor at the local John Deere dealer. Our Polaris ATV has to return to the dealer in the next few days for repairs and Rob has arranged to have an equivalent electric vehicle on demo until ours returns, we replace it every two years so it will be interesting to compare the two.

Farm Diary Continued...

My Hens are laying plenty of eggs now, I am hoping to hatch some eggs this spring but I don't currently have a Cockerel , if anyone is looking to rehome one I would be pleased to give it a home.



Farm Diary *Continued...*



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Every child needs a family. Do you have room in yours?

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While the children that West Sussex County Council cares for are all in safe accommodation, a number are living a significant distance from their school and friends. 65% of these young people are aged 11 to 17 and they are waiting to find a local foster family – someone like you – to guide them through this important time in their lives.

There are many types of care, from respite (usually one weekend a month) to Supported Lodgings, where you can help a young person aged 16-21 learn the skills needed to live independently.

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The Annual Northchapel 5K Event

By Ruth Blanco

Our annual village 5k event shows that there are lots of runners in and around Northchapel, so we decided to start up a weekly social run.

Every Saturday at 9am we meet outside Northchapel club and set off on a very social and chatty 5k run together. We are all at different stages - some are coming back to running after a break, some training for a marathon, some running their furthest distance yet outside.

It's great motivation to have a set time and to run in company, and we encourage each other every week. We often end the run with coffee and a bacon roll in Northchapel club on the weeks that they serve breakfast.

Everyone is welcome, just turn up at 9am on Saturdays and give it a go!

Any questions or to join the Northchapel Runners WhatsApp group get in touch with:

Ruth 07921679533



Petworth Village Bus March 2024

Caroline Stoneman – Local Organiser

There will be a shopping trip on Friday 1st March to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham and a trip to Horsham or a destination of your choice on Friday 15th March. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on Wednesdays 6^h and 20th March in the afternoon.

On Friday 29 March (Good Friday) there'll be a lunchtime trip to the Toby Carvery in Goring (to be confirmed). The shopping and pub trips must be booked through me 01798 342942. We always welcome new volunteer drivers and escorts; please contact me for further details.

Petworth & District Over 60s Centre

The Friendship Centre - March 2024

The Centre, in Trump Alley, is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon, come along to meet old friends, make new ones and enjoy a chat.

Bingo will be played at the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) on 6th and 20th of March starting at 1.30pm. The minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre.

We have been invited to join Easebourne Ladies for a Beetle session on Tuesday 2 Apr at St Mary's Church Easebourne at 2.00pm and transport can be arranged if necessary.

There'll be a Coffee morning on Saturday 6 Apr in the URC Hall and we'd welcome contributions for the raffle, tombola, cakes & bric-a-brac.

Caroline Stoneman – House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

Petworth Lunch Club March 2024

The next Petworth Lunch Club is on Tuesday 12 March at 12 noon in the URC Hall, the menu will be Sausages in Onion Gravy with Potatoes and Vegetables, followed by Jam Sponge and Custard. We regret that due to rising costs we have had to increase the cost of this meal by 50p to £8, incl. tea or coffee. Please book on (01798) 342942. If you would like to join us or find out about the Club please contact me – we would particularly welcome anyone who would be willing to help serve – no washing-up involved! *Caroline Stoneman*



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P A C T News *By Gerald Gresham*

Working Together in Harmony

On Sunday March 24th, the weekend before Easter, our annual Palm Sunday Procession takes place through Petworth, starting at the Sacred Heart Church in Angel Street at 3pm.

This is a great occasion with, hopefully two donkeys, the Petworth Town Band marching and playing. We walk to Middle Street, High Street, and then to stop outside the URC for a short telling of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

On to Market Square, - the traffic stops for us - and ending at St. Mary's Church for a cup of tea.

Last year about 100 people walked with us – do join us this year, either at the start or along the route.

Palm Sunday is a day when Christians remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey and being greeted with palm branches by the crowds. This momentous event foreshadowed his ultimate sacrifice for humanity, as he would be crucified and resurrected a week later.

March's Men's Breakfasts

Our Men's Breakfast Speaker for Saturday March 2nd will be General Andrew Keeling CB, CBE late of the Royal Marines.

He served for 34 years, having served in all the trouble spots of the era –Borneo, Aden, Cyprus, The Falklands, as well as Northern Ireland and Iraq. His title of his talk is "Life on the Ocean Wave".

8.15 for 8.30 in Tillington Village Hall. All men invited - no booking necessary, simply £7 on the door. Gerald Gresham 01798 342151

Petworth House & Park News for March

Spring Festival

Our sensational new festival will celebrate the arrival of spring, featuring talks, demonstrations, art and craft workshops, family activities, a community art installation and an enhanced display of radiant daffodils. The festival will run for three weeks from 23 March to 14 April. Normal admission applies.

Spring Makers Market

A range of artisan gifts and beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art will be available. This event is held in partnership with Petworth Pop-Up. Normal admission applies.

Saturday 23 March, 10am - 4pm

Sunday 24 March, 10am - 4pm

Gardening Talks and Demonstrations

Gardening enthusiasts will be treated to a series of talks and demonstrations from specialist speakers including Gardeners' World's Frances Tophill, author Robyn Booth and curator of Munstead Wood Caroline Ikin.

Please see our website for dates and times.

Spring Workshops

Get into the spirit of Spring with our creative workshops. Suitable for all skill levels. Materials will be provided. Booking is essential. Please call 0344 249 1895 or visit our website.

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26 March, 10.30am - 1pm, £60 per person

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Willow Weaving

27 March, 10.30am – 12pm, £28 per person

Botanical Drawing for Beginners

29 March, 10.30am – 4pm, £65 per person

Foraging Walk

This guided walk with Terra Vitum will explain the myths, folklore, history and edibility of common and unusual wild food, and offer a unique chance to explore the park and gardens.

Saturday 23 March, 10.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm. £49 per person.

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Spring Family Trail

Discover games and activities in our Pleasure Garden on our family trail, look out for six sculptures inspired by nature.

23 March – 14 April, normal admission applies





Northchapel Wastewater Treatment works (WTW) improvements.

As you know we're upgrading Northchapel WTW to allow us to meet new tighter Environment Agency regulations. We want to let you know what we'll be doing in the coming months.

What happens next?

We have now set up our site compound within the existing treatment works and not down the road as previously advised.

We are currently preparing the site to start sheet piling along the boundary to the north of the site. The piles will be vibrated into the ground. While not overly noisy this will be audible. Work is expected to start week commencing 5 February and we anticipate all the piles to be in the ground in 10 days.

Once completed the team will start excavating the ground to install the new equipment.

How will this affect me?

We realise that there are some homes close to the wastewater treatment works and will work hard to keep disruption to a minimum. We will generally work Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5.30pm, but we'll not start any noisy work until 8am.

We want to also make you aware that we may occasionally undertake aerial photography of the site. This will be undertaken using a piloted drone. As your property is located near the treatment works, we want to inform you that this activity will take place.

How to contact us

Please call Matthew Thompson Communication and Communities Lead at GTb on 07810 655423. Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

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The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday March 5th, Chris Aslan will talk about

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Uzbekistan boasts glittering mosques, madrassahs and minarets in the cities on the Silk Road.

On Tuesday 2nd April Prasannajit de Silva will talk on

The Art of Captain Cook's Voyage

Cook's expeditions were the first to include professional artists amongst the crew. They recorded the places, people, flora and fauna they saw but how did they react to these novel surroundings?

Both talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB

Doors open 1.15. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome for £8

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903411086

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Gareth has the following surgery dates scheduled from 12pm-2pm:

Saturday 17th February – Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green

Saturday 2nd March – Onslow Arms, Loxwood

Saturday 16th March – Northchapel Club, Northchapel

Saturday 6th April – Ifold Stores, Ifold

Saturday 20th April – Stag Inn, Balls Cross

Saturday 4th May – Kirdford Village Stores, Kirdford

Saturday 18th May – Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green

Should the dates suggested not be suitable for you or there are any other reasons preventing you from seeing us we are also happy to do home visits, telephone calls or zoom calls.

Our contact details:

Cllr. Gareth Evans, email: gbevans@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 07958 918056

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Our auction calendar for March includes:

25th March: Watches & Jewellery

26th March: Works of Art & Furniture

27th March: Asian works of Art & Ceramics

28th March: Old Master, British & European Paintings

All of these auctions are available to view at our Wisborough Green Saleroom on 21st - 23rd March - (see our website for timings)

Whether you are attending an auction or bringing items in for Valuation, our dog friendly Saleroom, situated in Wisborough Green serves tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches during auction viewings. If you fancy a more substantial lunch the local pub, The Bat & Ball, is just a few minutes away with various countryside dog walks easily accessible.

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Notable local finds include an oil painting of a tiger after George Stubbs. This was discovered in a house less than 5 miles from Bellmans Wisborough Green Saleroom and went on to sell in March 2023 for £38,000. Also discovered locally a 6.69 Carat diamond ring went under the hammer in October 2023 selling for £28,000.

In April, in addition to our regular Wines and Spirits auction, Bellmans will offer for sale the collection of the late Anthony Gardner, a renowned London-based jewellery dealer and collector. The auction will showcase Art Nouveau and Arts & Crafts pieces, including jewellery by Cartier, Liberty & Co, and others, alongside spare parts from Gardner's repairs workshop. Gardner and his partner Michael Becker founded The Purple Shop in the 1960s, specializing in costume jewellery and later luxury Art Nouveau antiques

Bellmans Continued...

The auction includes works by Lalique, Chiparus, Liberty, Omar Ramsden, and Tiffany, offering a rare chance to acquire pieces not seen on the market for almost 50 years. The auction, set for April 16th in Sussex with a preview in London on March 12th & 13th, promises an array of exciting finds for collectors of decorative arts, furniture, and more.

Image caption: *After George Stubbs, Portrait of The Royal Tiger, oil on canvas, 78 x 117cm, Old Master, British & European Paintings, March 2023*

Image caption: *Demetre Chiparus (1886-1947): An Art Deco patinated and gilt-bronze chryselephantine figure of the dancer of Kapurthala, Circa 1925, Estimate £10,000 - £15,000 and a group of pendants including Liberty & Co. and James Cromar Watt.*

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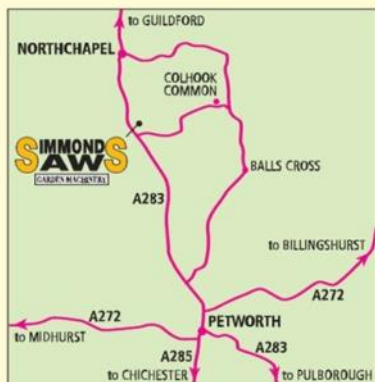
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