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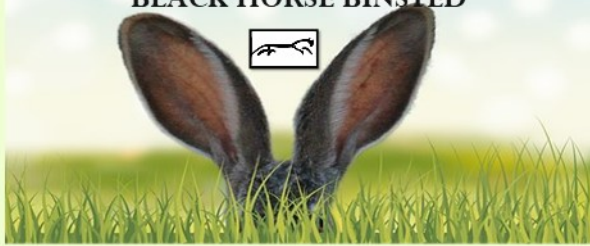
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# ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED

## SERVICES IN CHURCH AT ST MARY'S

### Sunday 6 Apr - Passion Sunday

9.00am Binsted Holy Communion BCP  
 10.30am Holy Communion CW  
 5.00pm Families at 5

### Sunday 13 Apr - Palm Sunday

10.30am All Age Morning Praise  
 6.00pm Holy Communion CW

### Thursday 17 Apr - Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Holy Communion CW

### Friday 18 Apr - Good Friday

10.00am All Age Service  
 2.00pm Hour at the Cross

### Sunday 20 Apr - Easter Day

9.00am Binsted Holy Communion  
 10.30am All Age Communion with Egg hunt

### Sunday 27 Apr - Low Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion BCP  
 10.30 am Morning Praise with children's groups  
 6.00pm Evening Prayer

CW = Common Worship  
 BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662

If you are aged 2-7 years old or 8-14 years old join us for Sunday School **10.30am at St Mary's Church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of April.** craft ,drama, stories, and more.Please contact **Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)**

### ORGANISATIONS OFFERING HELP

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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR



### *Easter Enigma*

As one reads the gospel accounts of the first Easter Sunday one is struck by just how different they are. Matthew and Luke are clearly reporting independent witnesses and so is John to a great extent, although he does share some material with Luke.

However, there are commonalities across the board. They all agree that Jesus was buried in a tomb not thrown in a common grave as would have been expected. (*This was done because Jesus had friends in high places like Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.*) They all agree that it was the women who discovered the tomb to be empty two days later, encountering the angels there. They all agree that Jesus spoke and acted physically – that he was touched or broke bread or ate. They all agree that doubt or even outright unbelief was the response of many of the disciples – sometimes even when they saw him. The resurrection was as much beyond their comprehension as ours. It was not what they were expecting.

The best book I have read which puts all the pieces together is '*Easter Enigma*' by John Wenham, which is still available on Amazon, if somewhat pricey! If you would like to discuss the issues raised why not join us for our Summer **Alpha** course starting on **Thursday 15 May**. (See page 17) And I hope to see you at one of our Easter services opposite to celebrate the living hope that Easter brings.

*Rev Tim Ward, Vicar*



## Talking to...

Each month we ask members of the parish about themselves and their lives. This month we are talking to Pauline Marsh about her late mother, Stella. **Stella Marsh 1928-2024**



My name is Pauline and I was born in Walberton in 1953. My brother Peter was born here also in 1959. We lived in Walberton until 1969 when we moved to Barnham. My Mum Stella lived in Walberton for a very large proportion of her life. In fact she lived in Dairy Lane until 2021 when she went to Westergate House Nursing Home for care. Both of her parents are buried in the Churchyard.

Mum was born in Yapton but lived most of her early years on Ford Aerodrome until it was bombed by the Luftwaffe in August 1940. Her family home was lost as well as many of the family's possessions. The family relocated to Stoneyfield Cottages in Eastergate Lane. Mum attended Walberton and Binsted Primary School under Mr Davis who was so impressed with her sporting ability that she was made Captain of the Stoolball team. She made lifelong friends there.

During her lifetime Mum worked in many of the local businesses in Walberton, the first being the paper shop (now Hartley Cottage) owned by Mr Wally Vallance. She was fourteen, and like many of her generation, working life started at fourteen. It was during the war and many of the young men were in the forces. Mr Vallance needed someone to cycle to Barnham Station on the trade bike to pick up the papers and as there were no boys available to do the job Mum filled the role. She loved it. Ruth Mumford worked in the shop too. In fact Ruth continued to live with Mr and Mrs Vallance as they moved to various other locations around the country. Mum would cycle back from Barnham with the papers, help to put them into delivery order for the paperboys and then deliver her own round. She recalled cycling around Binsted in all weathers even in snow to make sure the residents of Binsted would have their papers and periodicals. Ruth did another round in Binsted and they had to run the gauntlet of the Italian prisoners of war, working in the field along Yapton Lane, whistling and catcalling to them as they cycled passed.

Sometimes Mum was left in the shop on her own which was very daunting with all of the troops in the village, popping into the shop for cigarettes after being in the Holly Tree. There was considerable excitement when Walls ice cream was introduced to the shop and the girls were given strict instructions on how to cut the correct amount to go into the wafers so as not to give the profit away. She

knew most of the residents in the village at that time. She helped Mrs Allan Booker with her little boy for a while too. She was there during the late Queen's Coronation, watching it on their new TV and helping with drinks and food for the guests.

Walberton Women's Institute ran a canning session for anyone who wanted to preserve their produce and another of Mum's jobs was queuing up at aged thirteen with the ladies of the village in the old Village Hall (on the site of Little Croft).

In 1947, after a period of working in Chichester Mum had to leave work to look after her younger sisters, as their mother had died. She worked part time at The Dell Nursery, now the Care Village, in Eastergate Lane, where she met her husband, Sidney Vernon Marsh. They were married in St Mary's Church on 23rd October 1948. Mum had been baptised there some years earlier.

While I was young and just started school mum was approached by Mrs Rye, the school cook, to work in the canteen. This was the old school, now called L'Ecole. I was at that school too until the new one was built in 1964. On a Friday afternoon they could hear teacher Mr Jones, yawning his way through the afternoon.

When Peter was young, Mum worked for Mrs Head and then Mrs Gibbs at the Fish Shop (now Walberton Green House). She became very adept at filleting fish, boning bacon and keeping the secrets of the customers to herself. She knew the bad payers and the bad managers of their finances. She knew which delivery men were trying to cheat by charging for twelve pies but only delivering eleven. Mum was there during the Apollo moon landing in 1969. Nurse Lightfoot, who delivered my brother and me, and most of the children in the village, lived in what is now called Nurses Cottage in West Walberton Lane. She would come into the shop every day for an apple. Because an apple a day kept the doctor away!

Dr Force-Jones was the doctor who attended Mum's family when they moved to Walberton. Dr Jelly was our doctor. His practice was in Arundel but he had a surgery in a private house in Walberton (Albert Villa) where Miss Burchell lived with her cats, Mum would answer the house phone during those surgeries. Those were the days when people came and waited in the front room for the Doctor to see them.

Like all villages at that time, Walberton had many shops. By the pond were two shops, one selling wool (Brailswood) and sundries and the other selling groceries (Pond House). The three Humphries shops at the end of Dairy Lane sold Haberdashery, Groceries and Meat. The Shop 'up the steps' (Magnolia Cottage) sold groceries, and Fishes shop (Old Stores House) at the end of the village also sold groceries. As the name suggests the Paper Shop (Hartley Cottage) sold Papers, tobacco, sweets and chocolates. The Bakery (The Old Bakery) was next door. If you wanted your shoes repaired they were left at Willow Cottage, next to the fish shop, for the bootmaker, Mr Timlick, in Barnham to collect, repair and return. **(Continued on P.13)**

# WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2025

Sunday Mornings 6<sup>th</sup> , 13<sup>th</sup> , 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday and 27<sup>th</sup>  
all at 10.30am. Good Friday - Open Communion  
10.30am



## The Day when Death Died!

I think it's reasonable to assume that the winter season has now receded, and we can look forward to the warmer days and lighter evenings. The appearance of familiar spring flowers, blossom and buds on the trees is very welcome and this burst of activity in the natural world is a great joy at a time when there is not much to get excited about. A new world order seems to be emerging, and it is causing growing concern in many quarters as people fear for the future. Despite all that is going on at the human level, God's order expressed in nature, remains unchanged. When Noah came out of the ark, God said to him, ***"I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night, shall not cease."*** He has kept that promise ever since irrespective of what has been taking place on the earth.

In a few weeks' time, we will be celebrating Easter but what does that really mean? For some it will be a break from work, perhaps an opportunity to take a holiday or maybe even sunbathe in the garden and share time with the family. Attending a place of worship may not be on your agenda but although you may not have realised it, Easter is directly relevant to you because it addresses the issue of life and death, which is something we all have to face eventually. It's a subject that most people don't like to discuss, preferring to defer that conversation to some future occasion when it might be more appropriate. I must say, that can be difficult in an environment where so many television commercials concentrate on promoting care-free funerals which for me, trivialises a very serious subject. However, death is the destiny of each one of us and even the wealthiest person cannot escape its inevitable claim. The ultimate question really is what comes after death? Do we cease to exist as some would suggest, or does life in some form continue on the other side? Will we have to give an account of our behaviour in this world or is that idea just a product of some religious experience? What we believe will no doubt inform the way we conduct ourselves in this life. The disciples of Jesus were in no doubt about life after death because they had seen Him die on the cross and then come back from the dead speaking to them over a period of forty days about the Kingdom of God.

This is where the message of Easter is so important for each of us because it offers a quality of life beyond the grave which is available by no other means. This is the central message of the Gospel and should not be lost among all the other controversies which can embroil the Christian Church today. The writer to the Hebrews in chapter 1 wrote this, ***"God, who in various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the worlds, who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high ..."***

The crucial issue applying to each of us is that God has recognised our sinful state and acted to do something about it. The Bible is clear that all have sinned and fallen short or missed the mark – that means you and I. In our natural state we are not fit to abide with a God who is pure and holy and so He has acted to make it possible for our sins to be forgiven – and thereby taken away from us. This was only possible through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ. His sacrifice offers us not just eternal life, but a quality of life beyond our imagination. Easter declares victory over death, in fact, it pronounces the day when death itself died because our representative, Jesus, though crucified, dead and buried, rose triumphantly from the tomb and for that reason is able to offer everlasting life to all who put their faith in Him. For centuries, doctors and scientists have been reaching for the tree of life so that they could prevent people from dying, but the answer has been there all the time – Resurrection life in Jesus Christ! What does this mean for you? You may be thinking that you are fit and healthy and perhaps you'll give it some thought when you're a bit older. That situation could change very quickly. No one's health is guaranteed, and other circumstances can impact our lives when we are least expecting them.

If you have read this far, please take seriously the offer you are being given, not by me for I have no way of making you such an offer, but by the Person who gave you this experience of life in the first place. Yes, you can shelve it, put it aside to consider another day but be aware that now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Unfortunately, we hear of people dying every day and often through needless acts of violence. We can become so used to such accounts through the news and social media that the horror of them ceases to alarm us as it should. Death, however it comes about, is a serious matter affecting not only the deceased person themselves but their friends and family too. The good news is that it doesn't have the last word anymore, because death died when Jesus rose again. In Him, that victory can be yours.

Pastor Ray



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## St Mary's Walberton Bell Ringers Commemoration of VE80 anniversary of VE Day

The St. Mary's Bell ringers are participating in the suggested nationwide ringing of bells on **Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May** to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. We will ring for the anniversary from **7.30 until 8.0 pm** and then continue with our normal practice session until 9.0 pm.

If anyone in the area would like to have a go at learning to ring the bells, you are welcome to come along and see us on any Thursday evening after 7.30 pm. You will get to know what happens and see how it is done.

**Colin**



## (Talking to Pauline Marsh continued from P.9)

Before D-Day Mum recalled that every spare patch of grass in Walberton was taken up by American and Canadian troops preparing for D-Day. On 6th June 1944 the villagers woke up to silence. The troops were all gone. A sad loss to many of the young women of the village.

In 1969 Mum became the Warden of Churchill House in Barnham. A job she did for five years. Many of the residents were local and Mum knew them from her childhood. She returned to Walberton with Dad in 1985 to live in Dairy Lane. They had lived in the lane with Mrs Lewis for a year, in Scarfell, when they were first married. We used to enjoy the tales Mrs Lewis would tell of the ladies of the Walberton Evergreen Club, which she belonged to.

As an agricultural worker Dad qualified to be given a brand new house on Homefield Crescent in 1950. They left Mrs Lewis and moved into their new Home.

During her early married life, Mum was a member of Young Wives. She also trained, under Miss de La Hall of Caseta, Copse Lane, to be a Red Cross Nurse. When she returned to Walberton in the 1980's she joined the Walberton Friendly Club. Mum met up again with friends she had made in her early years in Walberton, Molly Murrell, Molly Westbrook, June Murrell and a hairdresser from Barnham whose husband worked at Gourds bakery next door to Mr Vallance's Paper Shop and when asked if he knew Stella who worked there, he said the only one he knew was the one always on her bike. That was Mum.

As a child and young woman Mum knew most of the people in the village. Either she had delivered papers to them or served them in a shop. When the new Linden Homes development was being built she offered suggestions of people who'd made a significant impact in the daily life of the village and various roads are named after them. Dowling Way after Tommy Dowling, who could always be found in the village pound and Vallance Mead after Mr Wally Vallance.

As the years went by the village changed and expanded but she could always recall the names of everyone who lived in the village during the fifties and sixties some of whom never left the village. Roy Jackson and John Adam-Smith to name but two. She loved the community in the village at that time and mourned the loss of it during her later years as she became one of the few remaining people who remembered those times.

**Pauline**

## WALBERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Spring has arrived at last.

The results of our first show of the new season that was held on Saturday 21st March will be in the May edition of the Parish Magazine. You could find them on the website

[www.walbertongardeners.com](http://www.walbertongardeners.com)

When you enter the hall for the Spring Show and see all the displays of the Spring Flowers it really does remind you how wonderful nature is.

### Annual General Meeting Saturday 5th April Pavilion

The AGM is due to start at 10.30 but coffee and homemade cakes will be available from 10.15am. This will give you time to pay your subscription and pick up the new 2025/2026 Schedule. We hope you like what we have planned for the new season.

It seems a long way off but we all know how time flies once the weather warms up we are out in our gardens. Our first arranged outing is to Apuldram Roses on the afternoon Wednesday 18th June. Hopefully the roses will be at their best and by the end of the visit we should all be experts at growing roses.

### Summer Flower Show, Dog Show and Village Fete. Saturday 5th July

The Gardeners Club can't run these village events without help. You don't have to be a member to volunteer to assist at the Dog Show or Fete. Please contact

one of the committee if you can give a few hours to help run these events for the enjoyment of the community.

### Jobs to do in your garden In April

April's here and spring has sprung at last. As the weather warms up and early flowers start to bloom, all of a sudden there is a load of jobs to do.

Lawns now need attention. Everything from edging up, cutting, watering and feeding. If you have bare patches, now is the time to sow new seed.

Order annual plants, such as begonias, petunias and geraniums ready for your hanging baskets, tubs and borders.

Give your greenhouse a thorough clean ready for action with your young plants and seeds.

Lift and divide established border perennial plants, eg hostas etc.



Feed shrubs etc with slow-release fertiliser.  
Tie in climbing roses. Also new shoots of clematis & honeysuckle.  
Prune Forsythia plants as soon as they have finished flowering.  
In the vegetable garden support your new beans & pea plants.

With this list of things to do in your garden during April will there be enough hours in the day to complete all the tasks?

Happy gardening

Liz Hewson

## Recipe - Percy Road Flapjacks

This recipe came from a friend via a friend etc ....and originated from someone who lived in Percy Road, Oxford – hence the name! Deliciously sticky to make and to eat.

You will need an 8'' square baking tin (all the better if it is loose bottomed) well lined with non-stick baking parchment, and

4oz butter,  
4oz demerara sugar,  
4oz golden syrup,  
8oz porridge oats,  
2 teaspoons ground ginger, and  
3 bulbs stem ginger – chopped.



Melt the butter, sugar and syrup in a saucepan over a low heat. Remove the pan from the heat and add the oats, ground and chopped ginger. Combine well. Turn into baking tin and cook at 140 degrees (fan) or Gas mark 3 for 30 mins.

Leave to cool for about 10 mins before turning out onto a board and cutting into wedges. Allow to cool on a wire rack.

Anne Brearley-Smith

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

For April St Mary's is praying especially for:

The pupils, teaching staff, Headteacher and Governors at Walberton and Binsted CE Primary school.

If you would like prayer for any needs you might have please phone Jean Strickland (552825) or email [houseofprayer@stmaryswalberton.org.uk](mailto:houseofprayer@stmaryswalberton.org.uk)

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

In February we held our AGM and in March and April there will be our usual meetings, but also.....

In February every year we hold a 'Wave of Prayer' service, which this year gave us an opportunity to remember and pray for MU members in Mudi and West Nile in Uganda and Mundri in South Sudan and Seoul in South Korea. We received brief updates of what is happening in 2 of those countries, but sadly there was no information available from Seoul..

To enlarge a little on the Wave of Prayer concept MU online describe it as:  
'a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other. It runs throughout the year so that the work and members of each and every area in which Mothers' Union is active is prayed for at some point.'

In March, Mothering Sunday is marked by some of our members making up little posies of spring flowers to hand to every woman in church on their special day. Particularly nice I think at a time when the church is bereft of flowers during Lent.



In April we shall be manning our cake stall on Friday 11th April; at Coffee Stop in the Pavilion. An ideal opportunity to stock up on home baked goodies in time for Easter.

**Next MU meeting 10th April in church.**

**Sandra Pegram**

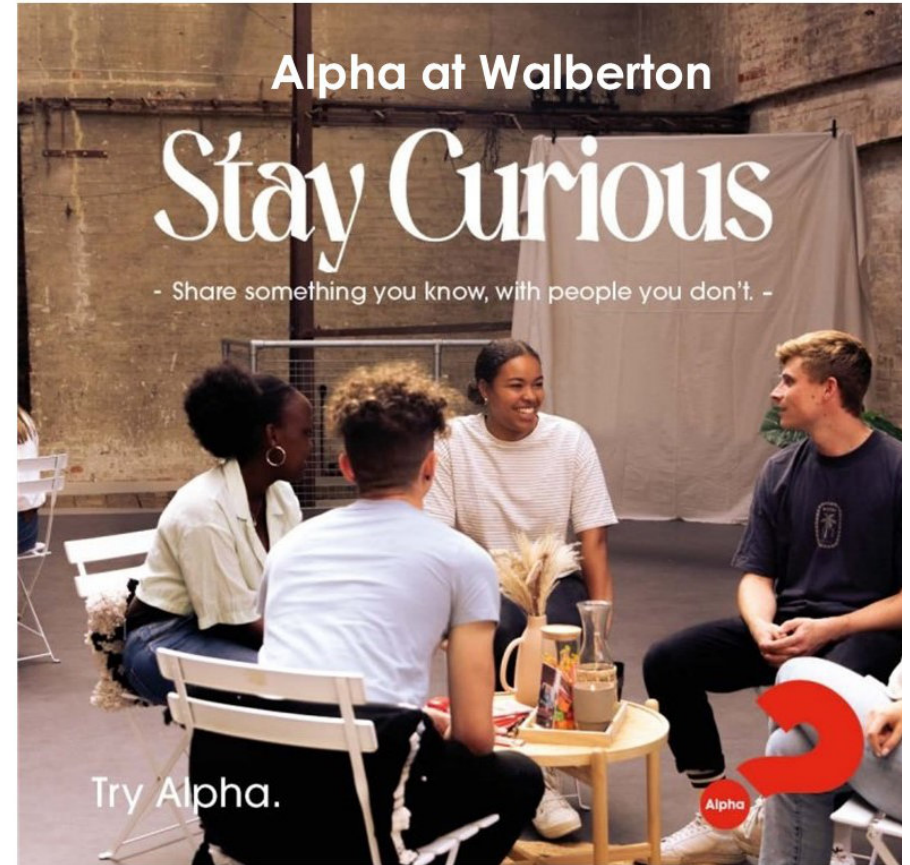
**Listening to God Group** - The Listening to God group will be on Tuesday **1st Apr 2025**. We arrive from 6.45pm for a 7pm start finishing around 8pm.

Please email Vanessa Church on [vchurch@btopenworld.com](mailto:vchurch@btopenworld.com) if you would like to attend.

Thanks, **Vanessa**

### Trivia Question of the Month ;

What's the national sport of Canada?  
(Answer on P. 19)



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## WalbertonPre\_School

March has been a busy month for us. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes – always a favourite activity! The children all ate their own pancake and then we had a wonderful time having pancake races with some spare leftovers. It's quite a skill to run, carrying a frying pan containing a pancake and trying to flip it as you move!

We are really excited to have been invited to make a display for the Walbinfont Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which will have happened by the time that you read this. I hope you got the chance to visit the church and admire the work of all the talented local people. And, of course, I hope you especially enjoyed our display – we have made it from the Chinese Dragon that we made as part of our Lunar New Year learning activities. We also made a collage which was inspired by a print from the Dutch artist, Gustav Klimt. Both the collage and the dragon were made by the pre-school children over many days, so it is wonderful to have the opportunity to display the fruits of all of their industry to the wider world.

As the weather gets warmer, it is a pleasure to spend more time

outside. For the first time this year, we have taken our packed lunches outside to enjoy eating them in the sunshine – what a treat! Lets hope the lovely weather continues...

The children's Chinese Dragon that we made as part of our Lunar New Year learning activities for the Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

**Helen Baxter**



### Trivia Question of the Month (Answer)

What's the national sport of Canada? **Answer: Lacrosse**

Lacrosse was declared Canada's national sport in 1859. However, in 1994, Canadian Parliament passed Canada's National Sport Act, which made lacrosse the national summer sport, and hockey the national winter sport.



### Wednesday Afternoon Club – 16<sup>th</sup> April

Come and join us at 2.00pm in the small room at the back of Walberton Village Hall for a chat over light afternoon tea. If you wish, bring along a decorated Easter hat.

Only £2 per person to cover refreshments, no pre-booking required.

**For more information contact**

**Ann Wells on 555893**





## WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

### Hello Spring!

We have been joined at the hall by Emma, a beginner's yoga class for all abilities on Wednesday evenings 6.15pm in our small hall. Emma specialises for anyone that has never tried Yoga before and would like to introduce themselves to it, or maybe you haven't been to a yoga class for some time and would like to get back into it by joining a smaller class each week. There are limited places so if you are interested you can contact Emma via email [yoga.with.emma25@gmail.com](mailto:yoga.with.emma25@gmail.com)

On to our VE Celebrations Quiz on May 8th at the village hall, Tickets for the quiz include a Bangers and Mash Supper! Teams of two, four or six people, so gather your teams together and save the date. Tickets will be available on ticket source very soon so please keep an eye out on our website and Facebook page for more details. The events committee will be putting up posters in the village with all details of how to book, so keep a look out for those and of course any enquiries or questions you can contact myself [manager@walbertonvillagehall.org](mailto:manager@walbertonvillagehall.org). I will be happy to help. The village hall, Church and Parish council are all working hard to bring other celebrations throughout the day and evening and I will keep you all updated once confirmed.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter Penny



## WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

People looking to snap up online holiday deals ahead of the summer are being warned to stay extra alert and do their research before booking their getaways, as new data reveals victims lost a total of at least 11 million pounds to holiday fraud last year. Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a holiday fraud campaign, urging the public who are looking to snap up their next holiday deals online to look out for suspiciously enticing offers online, including on social media, and do their research before booking their getaways. New data shows there were 6066 reports of holiday fraud made to Action Fraud last year, with July recorded as the highest month of reporting with 647 reports. Obviously the full total is considerably higher as these are just the ones they hear about.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM HOLIDAY FRAUD?

Check the travel company is legitimate. Do some research first to check out the company especially if this is not one you've used before. Use consumer websites, or reviews from people or organizations that you trust. Look for the logos for ABTA, ABTOT or ATOL on the company website and if you're unsure, you can use the links below to verify membership.

ABTA - <https://www.abta.com> ABTOT- <https://www.abtot.com/abtot-members-directory> ATOL-<https://www.atol.org>

If you can, always use a credit card to pay for the holiday as most protect online purchases as part of the Consumer Credit Act. Only provide required details at the checkout. When making a payment, only fill in the mandatory details (often marked with an asterisk) such as your address. Unless you think you'll become a regular customer, don't create an account for the company. Always keep your accounts secure with a strong unique password for your email. If a 2-step verification is available, always use it. Lastly be wary of promotions for unbelievably good holiday offers, they very rarely exist! If you do think something is suspicious in an email or online please report it and forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

All this information seems so obvious and it is, but still by the figures above, many people do fall for these scams and lose a lot of money. Victims have been known to have paid all the money for a holiday that doesn't exist and only discover this when they arrive at the resort or hotel or holiday home. How devastating would that be!

With spring at last starting to appear, many people are getting out into their gardens. Make sure you have adequate security on your sheds and garages as this is the time when criminals target lawn mowers and other garden tools and machinery to sell on at car boot sales etc. You can also get them security marked which helps the police if they are stolen to track them down.

So far a crime free 2025 in our three villages and let's keep our fingers crossed that it stays that way!

Laurie King

### Keeping our Penny

The US Treasury is to stop minting one cent pennies. But Downing Street is standing firm: our 1p and 2p coins are not being phased out in Britain. In fact, no British coin has been scrapped since 1984, when the halfpenny was taken out of circulation.

**REGULAR EVENTS** Friday - Outreach Post Office 9.00am [p.23]  
Coffee Stop 10.30am [p.23]

## DIARY FOR APRIL

Apr 1	6.45pm	Listening to God Group (P.17)
Apr 5	10.30am	WGC - AGM (P.14)
Apr 5	7.30pm	South Downs Concert Band (P.34)
Apr 12	7.30pm	Angmering Chorale Concert (P. 52)
Apr 16	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.19)
Apr 17	10.00am	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
Apr 24	7.30pm	Walberton History Group talk (P.17)
Apr 28-May 4	TBC	Downland Art Society Spring Exhibition (P.35)

## FUTURE EVENTS

May 8	6.30pm	VE80 Village Hall quiz (P.26)
May 8	7.30pm	VE80 Bell Ringing (P.12)
May 11	1-3 pm	Snowdrop Event (P.40)
May 15	7.15pm	Alpha Course Taster Supper (P. 17)
May 20	7.00pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting (P. 35)
May 29-31	7.00pm	Shrek - Youth Theatre (P.27)
Jun 6	7.30pm	The Sussex Camerata String Quartet

## **COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR APR 2025**

Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Haskins Garden Centre & Cafe
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Sainsbury's
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Runcton Farm shop/Manor Garden Centre
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Sainsbury's



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## **SAINSBURY'S FREE BUS SERVICE FOR APR 2025 EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

**Departs:** Walberton bus stop, Maple Parade at 09:56am  
**Arrives:** at Sainsbury's Rustington 10.31am  
**Departs:** from Sainsbury's Rustington: 12.00 noon

# NOTICEBOARD

## **FRIDAY COFFEE STOP**

Do come and join others at the pavilion for coffee and biscuits from **10.30am to 12.00 noon** .  
For more information please contact Jean Strickland 07966734298 or 01243 552825

Coffee Stop is welcoming Mothers Union cake sale on **Friday 11th April** just before Easter. so do pop in and see us , have a cup of Coffee, Chat with friends, make new friends and buy a cake. We also collect gifts for the Bognor food bank

The Post Office will be there as usual,  
We look forward to seeing you **Jean**

## **Little Lambs**

If you have pre-school children, why not come along to our 'Little Lambs'; with toys, songs and crafts. A great opportunity to chat and meet others. **St.Mary's Walberton Thursday April 17 at 10.00am**

## **Walberton Place Coffee Morning**

A coffee morning is being held every **Thursday** at Walberton Place Nursing Home. All visitors are warmly welcomed,

## **St.Mary's Church Office Opening hours**

Please note that the office is now open regularly on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** from 9.00am to 11.00 am.

## **St Mary's online Prayer meeting**

Every Tuesday morning from 8.15am, via Zoom.  
(Please ask Tim for the details)

## **OUTREACH POST OFFICE**

Don't forget that the **Outreach Post Office** is open every Friday from 9.00am to 12.00 midday. All the usual Post Office services are available. **Please support** Tracy as she provides this invaluable service to our community. Greetings cards also available.  
(Held in the Pavilion)



## Binsted Footpath news

I received an official document called an Order from the Planning Inspectorate recently about the plan to turn Muddy Lane, Binsted, the track from the church alongside the Rectory as far as the Waymarker and bench, into a Restricted Byway, and turn the rest of Footpath 342 (the continuation of Muddy Lane, through the woods to Arundel) into a Bridleway.



'Muddy Lane' has been locals' nickname for it for at least 70 years (we got the habit of calling it this from our predecessor family in the Old Rectory). And it sticks, despite the fact that the end nearer the church was recently de-mudded with scrapings from renovation of the Old Rectory drive. But the correct name is not 'Muddy Lane' but 'Church Lane', since it is the lane that led from the old Manor house across the parish to the Church, in the days when the Manor family ploughed through its mud in an ox cart to get there.

The 'Order Making Authority' is West Sussex County Council. The full title of the Order is 'Chichester – No1 (Walberton and Arundel Addition of a Restricted Byway and Upgrade of Footpath 342 to a Bridleway) Definite Map Modification Order.'

Restricted byways don't allow cars, vans, or motorbikes – but they do allow walkers, mobility vehicle users, horses and bike riders. Also, anyone travelling in a horse-drawn vehicle. It is said that in the 19th century the Read family of Binsted House used to come to church along Muddy lane, then known as Church Lane, in a vehicle drawn by an ox.

Perhaps this is a nice historical echo. But there is a problem. In paragraph 4 it says the Restricted Byway would 'have an average width of 5.8 metres'. It repeats this figure in later paragraphs. Actually, the track is 3.2 metres wide at most, between the wall of the Rectory and the ancient hedge along the track. That is including the verges. The bed of the track is only 2.3 metres wide.

So what are they proposing to do? Grub up the hedge which is protected by law? Demolish our wall, part of a building Listed Grade II? I have already written to them about this proposal, pointing out the problem, to no effect.

The Order will be considered by a Planning Inspector, who may also decide to visit the site. The address to write to about this plan is [rightsofway2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:rightsofway2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). The reference number of the plan is ROW/3253424M3. The Order itself can be seen on row\_3253424\_on.odt. (The spaces are underscores.) A booklet about giving evidence is on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-of-way-guidance-booklet>.

It may be a storm in a hoof-print. But some of the many people who use this track might like to read the Order, see how illogical it is, and write to PINS pointing this out. You need to write in by a date 8 weeks after 7 March. Contact me on [emma@tristram.biz](mailto:emma@tristram.biz) if you would like a copy of the Order.

Emma Tristram

### Good Friday

I was standing in line at the bank when there was a commotion at the counter. A woman was very distressed, exclaiming, "Where will I put my money?! I have all my money and my mortgage here!! What will happen to my mortgage?! You can't do this to us!" It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read: 'WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY'.

### St Mary's Church Electoral Roll Renewal

2025 is the year when the Roll is completely renewed. You are eligible to join if you are over 16, are baptised and either live in the Parish or have worshipped regularly at St Mary's for six months from outside the Parish.

Forms are available in Church or at the Church Office in Booker's Yard during opening hours. The Roll closes on **Sunday 20th April** ahead of the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday 6 May 2025**.

Thank you! **Julie**

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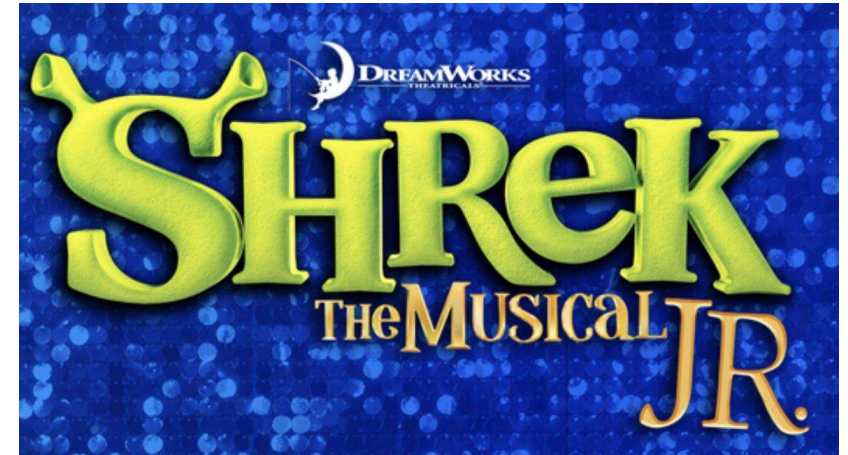
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## Copse Lane Centenary

The first houses were built in Copse Lane in the early 1920's. I wonder if there were objections to losing green fields to houses? This is a short article on how it came about, and I must first acknowledge that much of the information comes from Enid Hall who lived in the lane for many years. She was a talented artist who also took an interest in the history of the village and in 1938 began publishing a series of articles in the Parish Magazine. These came to an end with the outbreak of the war when publication of the magazine ceased.

As we understand it, primitive man preferred living on the hills so in pre-Celtic times Walberton did not exist. Later they moved down to take up farming on the high-quality arable soil. The Romans came and went, leaving the Saxons and probably the land around Walberton began to be settled by farmers.

The Domesday book shows Walberton as Walburgetone. Other spellings include Waubergetone and Waburton. "Place names of Sussex" show it as "The farm (tun) of a woman called Wealberg."

The group of farms making up the village would have had tracks linking them together and to the fields. These would have included links to Walberton Common which was a large area of land north of the A27. It is thought that parish boundaries were fixed by the 7th Century and have changed very little since. (I understand that some land north of the A27 transferred to Slindon in the 1980's). So, tracks including Copse Lane have been here for a long time, although maybe not with this name. There is a suggestion that it may have been called Coppice Lane at some time, but Enid does not mention this.

In 1630 the field to the east side of the lane was owned by John Boniface\* but I can find no record of the owner of the fields to the west side. However, by 1868 the land was owned by Arthur Prime of Walberton House, and it remained in the ownership of the Prime



family until 1897 when the "lands plus timber, timber like trees, tellers pollards and saplings" were sold to Charles Henty of Avisford House. After this it passed through other owners until the Booker family bought it in 1923 and started building houses. The first owner of the house I now live in bought the plot for building for £85 in 1924, but some of the houses were built a year or so before that.

From that time, it has been used to access properties in the lane and as access for walkers and horse riders to the bridleway network and is mapped as a bridleway in accordance with the 1949 Act.

There are stories of smugglers using the lane and no doubt it would have been one of many routes used by smuggling gangs to avoid capture. From 1275 wool would have been smuggled abroad to avoid tax so may have come down the lane and later contraband was landed wherever it could be along the coast and moved inland as far as London for sale. For information about smuggling, I recommend an article "Smuggling in Sussex" by Geoff Westcott from Yapton History Society.

\* Extract from True Plott of the Manor of Walberton belonging to Thomas Barrat Squire - taken in the year of our Lord 1630 by Thoms Kingston.  
**David Garraway**

### Ukrainians in desperate need of help

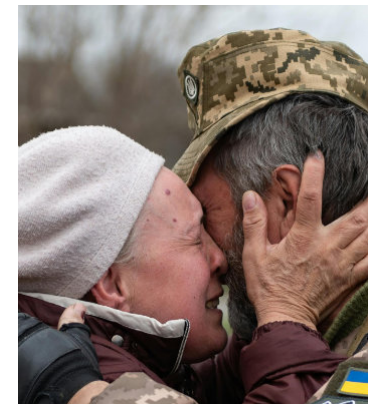
As Ukraine recently marked the third anniversary of the Russian invasion, charities have warned of the desperate need for humanitarian aid for the country.

An estimated one in three people in Ukraine have been displaced by the war. Roughly 3.6 million have been internally displaced, while 6.5 million have fled the country. 90 per cent of these refugees are women and children.

The children remaining are also traumatised, with schools destroyed, homes bombed, and an ongoing lack of food. As World Vision warns: "The emotional burden faced by Ukrainian children cannot be overlooked."

One Ukrainian mother says simply: "We see death. We see destruction every day. There's too much pain and sorrow."

Russia launched its largest-ever drone strike on Ukraine on the eve of the anniversary.



## Village Friends

Caroline Marshall is a long-standing volunteer with Village Friends. As well as being a special lady, and a wonderful, caring volunteer, she also always makes our flower displays for our lunches. Here are a few words about some of her experiences as a volunteer.

I was born at the end of the war in Scotland and had a fairly austere upbringing with my brother, where children should be seen and not heard. My aunt Rachel looked after us a lot. She had worked in the hospital at the edge of a battle field in Belgium and was definitely a great influence in my life. When I was ten she took me to Dr Barnardo's near Leuchars and she said: *'See how lucky you are to have shoes on your feet!'* Aged 20 I went to work in London and in a park one evening a tramp ran up to me and I was frightened. He said *'please don't be frightened, I have fallen on bad times and life is hard. I was a jockey for Sir Gordon Richards, I cannot wash and have to sleep on a park bench at night and life is awful!'*



Moving to Sussex in 1969 I was asked to be a Samaritan Vice President and was involved with many lonely people. In my last Village I looked after a wonderful old boy who was living in dire conditions. The house was full of mice and rats and the windows wouldn't close. People didn't like him and thought of him as 'grumpy'. But he had an amazing life serving on ships in the Atlantic convoys. He loved to talk about his harrowing adventures on the sea in the extreme cold. I think he was very brave and he loved to tell me about it all. He got his Atlantic Convoy medal 60 years after service and was so proud. From another old lady I learnt that even when you are 90 you love a bit of fun and don't like to be treated as old or thought that you shouldn't be doing a long walk- we had many adventures in the woods. She loved rambling.

I have learnt over the years that everyone has had a 'life', that the pace of life does not give time to helping the old, that compassion and getting together with coffee mornings and lunches is such a great service to the community, and this is what Village Friends does in strengthening our friendships.

We are so lucky at Village Friends to have so many wonderful volunteers and meet so many interesting people. Please get in touch if you'd like to volunteer.

**Meg Brackley**



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## **BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY**

### **There are Rivers in the Sky**

**By Elif Shafak**

Shafak has an unparalleled talent for weaving poetry, legend, myth and fairytale with life's searing and brutal realities, bewitching at one moment and horrifying at the next. Reading her novels, we learn much that is fact (she is a relentless researcher) but above all, become mesmerised by her imaginative narrative.

In 'There are Rivers in the Sky' her canvas is water; a constant theme of raindrops, snowflakes and rivers (the Thames and the Tigris particularly) infiltrating the lives of her three main characters in their respective 19th and 21st Century timelines.

But I am already ahead of myself, for we start way back in Nineveh, in the library of an opulent palace where King Ashurbanipal, the leader of the wealthiest empire in the world, is enthralled by his blue tablet relating the captivating Epic of Gilgamesh, a poem from ancient Mesopotamia. Our admiration for this well-read and intelligent ruler quickly gives way to disdain as we learn how his privileged and exotic lifestyle comes at the expense of his subjects. Wells have been deliberately poisoned. There is sickness. Choked with corpses, rivers are polluted. There is widespread drought and famine.

Fast-forward to the winter of 1840 and we meet 'King Arthur of the Sewers and Slums', a child born prematurely in the most deprived conditions on a stretch of the Chelsea waterfront on the banks of the river Thames. Named by the toshers who deliver him, he defies the low expectations of his family circumstances, turning out to have incredible aptitude and memory. So despite his background, he gains meaningful employment - first with an eminent publisher (where we meet Charles Dickens briefly) and then, given his unbelievable skill in decoding cuneiform script, at the British Museum. At 18 years of age he is the Assistant to the Keeper of Oriental Antiquities, with dreams to pursue. Dreams which he lives out, years later, as he embarks on an expedition to Nineveh in search of fragments of the ancient epic poem.

By this time, we have been introduced to nine-year-old Narin, living on the banks of the River Tigris in south-east Turkey in 2014. She is one of a dwindling number of the Yazidi faith and we meet her as she is being sprinkled with holy water during her baptism. The ceremony is rudely interrupted by bulldozers clearing the ground for the



construction of the controversial Ilisu Dam. Their operators delight in intimidating the small group of 'devil-worshippers'.

Raised by her story-telling grandmother, Narin knows her hearing is deteriorating and will eventually fail and, now, that her very home will soon be obliterated by the waters of the new dam. Her grandmother makes plans to take Narin to the holy Valley of Lalish, in Iraq, to complete the baptismal rite in accordance with their faith. It is a journey of longing and hope, marred by palpable fear as they step into the terrain and horrors of ISIS extremists.

Our third character, Dr Zaleekhah Clarke, has also appeared by now. It is 2018 and, oblivious to the rain, she is walking along the Chelsea Embankment, clutching a few personal belongings, heading for her newly rented houseboat by Cheyne Pier..... heading for a new life free from the husband she has just left. A scientist in her early thirties, she works at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, devoting her life to studying water - the oldest, most common and, in many ways, most mysterious substance known. Of Turkish descent, but orphaned from the age of seven, she has been brought up, rather grandly, by a wealthy aunt and uncle and almost as a sister to her cousin. Genuinely appreciative of the opportunities afforded by them, the modern-thinking Zaleekhah nevertheless disappoints by her choice of career and lifestyle.

Shafak paints three well-defined characters, each facing different cultural and personal challenges but, eventually, drawn together in the same tapestry. Here we find a shared reverence for the mystery of water together with a deep fascination for ancient legends and antiquities. Swept up in their intricate stories, the reader is also confronted with a number of controversial and moral issues, most of which we wrestle with to this day. Who actually owns cultural heritage? Can 'progress' be justified if it is at the expense of human rights and environmental damage? What price a human being?

At 450 pages, this is not a book for the faint-hearted but it delights the soul as well as stirring the mind and heart.

**Anne Brearley-Smith**

Notes which may be of interest to the reader:

- The Epic of Gilgamesh is regarded as the foundational work in the tradition of heroic sagas (eg Hercules)
- The character Arthur is loosely based on George Smith – the working class genius hired by the British Museum to decode cuneiform and who later travelled to the Ottoman Empire. A self-taught pioneer Assyriologist, he translated the Epic of Gilgamesh and dedicated his life to the ancient poem.

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**



**Annual Parish Meeting**

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year on **Tuesday 20th May at 7pm** in Walberton Pavilion. Light refreshments will be available from 6pm.

This meeting is less dry and formal than our usual council and committee meetings. It is your opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors, including those who have recently joined us. This is your chance to find out more about what our role is in the Parish, what we have been working on over the past year and our plans for the future.

We need your feedback on what you would like to see in the Parish as well, whether it relates to development, facilities, the local environment or something else. While we have ideas about what we would like to achieve, we are keen to hear from you concerning what you would like to happen in our community.

We will be extending invitations to our West Sussex and Arun District Councillors, our PCSO and our local MP. We will confirm who is attending closer to the time, but again this is your chance to voice your opinions on whatever concerns you.

We encourage as many as possible of you to attend and look forward to seeing you in May.

**Andy Vawer**

**WALBERTON HISTORY GROUP**

Present an Illustrated Talk by Jon Pope

**"The Commonwealth War Graves Commission"**

**Past & Present**

Thursday April 24th 2025 @ 7.30 pm

The Pavilion - Walberton Playing Field

All welcome - **Non members £2** at the door

## An Easter Hymn

Alison has written four hymns covering the seasons of the church and we will be sharing them with you through the year.

Jesus conquered death and sin  
Let's arise and trust in Him  
For if we knock upon His door  
He will answer "Knock no more"

Road to Emmaus the meeting place  
Two disciples met Jesus face to face  
For tho' we do not always see  
This stranger is our closest friend

He turns our darkness into light  
And 'mid the toil there is no fight  
With our Redeemer ever near  
There is no thing for us to fear

Receive this love of Jesus Christ  
Being faithful through our lives  
Rejoicing in thankfulness evermore  
Come, let's always praise our Lord



Alison



**DOWNLAND ART SOCIETY SPRING EXHIBITION** takes place in the Norfolk Centre, Arundel from Monday 28th April - Sunday 4th May. Do come along and see the wonderful art work that members have been doing over the past year. See our Website for all events.

Liz Brown [pibrown294@btinternet.com](mailto:pibrown294@btinternet.com)

([www.downland.org](http://www.downland.org))

(All DAS meetings are held in Walberton pavilion).

### Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

#### April

- 20 Easter Flowers - All meet 9.00am Saturday 19  
(Each to buy white flowers circa £5/6)
- 27 Pauline and Janette - rearrange flowers etc.

**Pauline Blumer**

## Community Hero

I am sure many of you will have noticed how the community orchard, near the pond, has been needing some TLC over the last few years. Well, you can imagine my delight when I walked past the orchard in early March to see a young man tending the orchard, mulching and pruning the trees.

I stopped to chat to him and ask about what he was doing. He told me that he was taking over the role of caring for the orchard in April, but felt it needed attention now.

That is what I call a community hero! Doing a job that needed doing! And I must say looks great!



So a big Thank you from us all to Perry, from West Sussex Mowing! I think we are in good hands going into the future of the orchard.

Andy Harris

### Do you know a community Hero?

If you know someone who does a great job for community and maybe does not get recognised for it, then why not put them forward for a 'Thank You' in the Parish News.

Just let us know a little about them and why you feel they should be a community hero. A photo would be nice too, but don't forget to check with them that they are happy for their name and photo to be printed. Come on, let's get recognising those Heroes!



Andy Harris

## IN TORTINGTON

The long, straight lane points on,  
thickly-hedged,  
a post box at the kerb,  
immaculate in black and red,  
a guardsman on parade:

old England lies in these shadows,  
the boys at marbles in the yards,  
the girls with posies and penny dolls;  
and by the church the long grasses,  
heavy with sunlight,  
the white laced cow parsley,  
a shroud upon the tombs:

here, for the many, darkness came an age ago,  
yet their breath still stirs the daisy heads;  
the language of the earth is ours to understand;  
time will gather in its years,  
as it has always done.

### William Foot



## We visited an Art Exhibition on our doorstep!

The children had a wonderful time visiting the Walbinfont Arts and Crafts Exhibition held last month at St Mary's Church.

Each class across our school produced their own work of art to be displayed and celebrated at the Exhibition, some inspired by famous artists such as Van Gogh. On their visit to St Mary's, the children were inspired to learn that there were over 26 artists living in and around our growing village of Walberton, each with a different style and interest in media types.



The children got to meet some of the artists ...

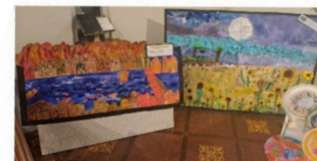
***Jenson in Year 6 was inspired by the painting of the white horses galloping through the sea by Liz Brown. He was overjoyed to have then met the artist who created this piece! Liz was interested in what drew him to her art piece, "I just love horses and this painting was just beautiful."***

***"There was so much cleverness in the Church today!" Lyra Year 2***

***"We loved having time to browse the artwork, so much colour and time has gone into this." Tommy Year 6***

***"Thank you to all the artists, it was just AMAZING!" Emilia, Year Reception***

Here is a celebration of what the children produced:



Thank you to our friends and neighbours in Walbinfont, for allowing our school to exhibit our art pieces. We will remember this experience of visiting a real exhibition and meeting some of our local and talented creators!

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## PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL

*"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* **Romans 5 v 8**

### St Mary's

Pray for everyone who will worship during Holy Week and Easter; may they experience afresh or for the first time the difference that Jesus' resurrection makes.

Pray for the our pastoral support, that those who are no longer able to worship in church may still feel part of the church family.

### Our Community

This month we pray for the pupils, teaching staff, Headteacher and Governors at Walberton and Binsted CE Primary school.

Pray for new residents in our villages that they would feel welcome and have opportunities to play a part in their local communities.

### Our Nation

World Health Day, 7th April: pray for healing for those going through challenging treatment and for strength for those supporting a family member through illness.

Pray for young people who are not in education, work or training, that opportunities would open up, particularly as the government changes the welfare system.

Pray for initiatives to further the development of renewable energy.

### The World

Pray for overseas aid projects that are experiencing a cut in their funding; may alternative sources of support enable their work to continue.

Pray for an end to violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, for safe passage of humanitarian aid for all who have fled their homes.

Pray for all involved in peace talks and mediation in areas of conflict.

### The Church

As we remember how Jesus suffered, pray for Christians experiencing persecution for their faith in Him, particularly for those who have converted from another religion who find themselves rejected by family members and neighbours.

Pray for a move of God's Spirit and a time of revival and renewal.

**PARAPROSDOKIANS** are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them and now we pass them on to you ...

Some examples to get you to smile, laugh and genuinely enjoy:

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If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

They always begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

To steal ideas from someone is called Plagiarism. To steal from many is called Research.

In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency' - notify: I always put 'DOCTOR.'

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one these days.

AND... I am not arguing with you, I am just explaining why you are wrong.

**Andy Blumer**

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem...

The Chief Priests were plotting



Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



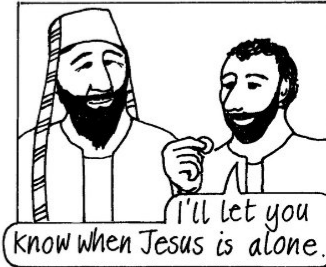
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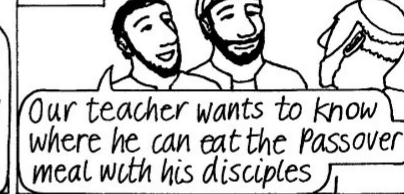
30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed  
Ex. 31:32



Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



They did, and asked the house owner



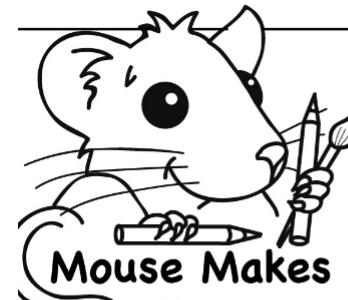
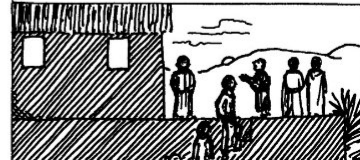
The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.



On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us. Jesus put an end to death by dying for us, and showed us the resurrection to come by His raising to new life!

### Jesus is risen!

The angel said:  
"Jesus ...is not here, for He has risen, just as He said."  
Matthew 28:6



### Jesus is here

Jesus said:  
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."  
Matthew 18:20

READ the story of the resurrection in:  
**Matthew 28:1-10**  
**Mark 16:1-19**  
**Luke 24:1-49**  
**John 20:1-29 and 21:1-14**

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### Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:  
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."  
John 14:3

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## Walbinfont - Art and Craft Exhibition

St Mary's Church Walberton became the focus of an art and craft exhibition covering many different talents and art styles of artists across the parish. Over 750 visitors came through the doors over three days.

It was a great success and we will be covering the event in much more detail next month. But we all wanted to say a big 'Well Done' to all involved in this brilliant event.

**(Photos: Top- Liz Brown, below - Exhibition from above)**

**Andy Harris**



## Obituary for Brenda Dixon

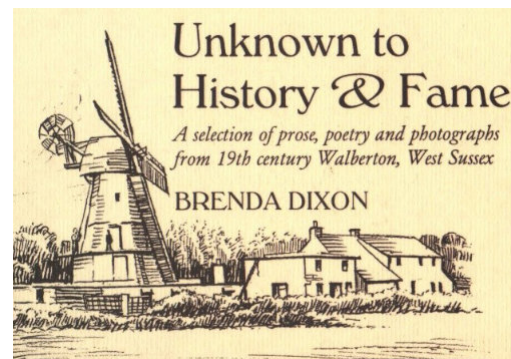
It was with great shock we heard that Brenda Dixon passed away Monday (3rd March 2025) morning. Brenda, along with her husband Charles, were founding members of Walberton Players and they both continued as life members.

Charles regularly played the tenor lead but Brenda was more happy behind the scenes, although she was persuaded by Madeline Doman to go on the stage a few times, including in 1990, for the production Victorianarama.

Her many roles off stage as Madeline's 'right-hand woman' included stage and set construction and painting, stage and props management, providing refreshments and making teas. I remember her most for her ability to apply stage make up to a lot of people in a very short space of time.

In the show South Pacific, in her role as make-up artist, Brenda had to paint a galleon tattoo on to David Fido's stomach as he played the part of Luther Billis. As David rolled his stomach the galleon moved and smudged and Brenda spent most of her time back stage retouching David's stomach!

In 1992 Brenda published 'Unknown to history and Fame' – a selection of prose, poetry and photographs from 19th century Walberton. Available still on Amazon! The royalties from which have been donated to Walberton Village Hall fund and in part helped to pay for the small hall extension in the 1990's.



Brenda also was an active contributor to village life, serving a term on the Parish Council and as secretary of the committee which won 'The Best Kept Village In Sussex' award.

She will be much missed by her family, friends and as a loyal supporter and Life member of Walberton Players.

**Sandra Cooke - Chair of Walberton Players**

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## NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

**FATAL FALL FROM HORSE** Accident at Fontwell  
Joseph Williamson, a Manchester youth employed at Mr. Day's stables at Fontwell, was exercising a horse at Fontwell Racecourse on Monday afternoon, when the animal stumbled. Thrown heavily, he sustained a fracture of the skull. He was removed to the Royal West Sussex Hospital and operated on, but died early yesterday (Tuesday) morning. An inquest has been fixed for tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. *Chi Obs 29 Apr*

A football team from Bury and Westburton visited Walberton on Saturday, and played a match with the home eleven, with this result: Walberton 5 goals, Bury and Westburton 1. W. Older was referee. *Chi Obs 29 Apr*

The funeral of Madam Belloc took place at St Richard's Roman Catholic Church, Slindon, on Thursday morning. Mass was celebrated at 10.30 a.m. By Father Van den Heuval. Father R. Christall of Epsom, late of Slindon, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were; Mr and Mrs Lowndes (daughter and son-in-law) Mr Hilaire Belloc (son), Mrs Susan Lowndes (granddaughter) and Miss Daisy Hersee. Violet Lady Beaumont, Lady Magnay, the Rev. Charles Magraw (Rector of Slindon) and a great many villagers were present at the funeral. Madam Belloc came to Slindon 47 years ago. The Rev. C. Magraw made a touching reference to the late Madam Belloc in his sermon on Sunday morning at the parish church. *W Sx Gaz 23 Apr*

At a general meeting of the Walberton Horticultural Society, in the Village Hall on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> annual show was provisionally fixed for Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and officers and committee were elected. Mr J Liddle, Walberton Park will be asked again to become the Society's president. The Treasurer (Major J.J. Grubb. OBE) reported a balance in hand of £33 5s 9 1/2d. Mr A E Smith, who has been Hon. Secretary for three years has resigned but he consented to join the committee. No successor was appointed. The Vicar (the Rev. W.G. Unter) who was in the chair, again kindly offered the use of the Vicarage grounds for the show. In the 'sixties, when Dr Vogan was vicar to Yapton and Walberton, the two villages, jointly, held flower shows. Mr Charles Ayling on one occasion depicted the scene with his camera, and his little picture is a treasured possession here. *W Sx Gaz 2 Apr*

..After a meeting of the members of the "Mutual" in the School on Friday....a small collection of geological specimens from Walberton and other places was shown by one of the members, and an interesting discussion upon them brought a very successful season to a close. *W Sx Gaz 9 Apr*

The cuckoo's welcome note was heard here on Friday. Swallows, too, are on the rise over Walberton meadows and housekeeper Miss Bell's garden is gay with yellow narcissi, and her young magnolia will be in blossom this year. It was planted on the same site as a large tree of the same variety, which used to bring visitors every spring to admire its white blossoms.

A variety entertainment and dramatic performance, arranged by two residents, the Misses East of Spindlewood, was given in the Village Hall on Friday evening last in aid of the School Improvement Fund..... Miss Hazel Marks and Miss Barbara Marks sang, danced and recited extremely well, their items including "Smuttly Face" and "Mogg" in which the Cupid's dance. The Misses East and indeed, all who took part, are to be congratulated upon a novel and amusing entertainment. *W Sx Gaz 23 Apr*

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## The Angmering Chorale News

The Angmering Chorale held its final concert under the baton of George Jones on 25 November last year. The choir and soloists performed The Messiah to a packed and very appreciative Arundel Cathedral audience and, at the end, George was given a wonderful send off after many years of service to the Chorale.



Since January the new Angmering Chorale has been rehearsing for our next concert with Dominic Grier. We have lost some members, who decided it was an appropriate time for them to go, and gained others from a wide area, east and west of the village who have really enjoyed being made welcome at our rehearsals each Thursday at 7.30pm in the Angmering Community Centre in Bramley Green. We have been practising some brand new material, unfamiliar to some of us, and relish the challenges and joys of singing different styles of music. It has been great to get to know Dominic and work with him and our new accompanist Olly.

We are all looking forward to performing our first concert with them and our organist, in a new venue for the Chorale - St. Margaret's Church, Angmering on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** - *Choral Classics; a selection of anthems, songs, and choruses, presented by our new Musical Director.* Watch out for more information at <https://www.theangmeringchorale.org.uk/programme> Where you can also buy tickets at £10. They can also be purchased at our box office on 01903 - 783918.

We are currently planning our next concert for the second half of June - both musical content and venue - so do watch out for updates on our website and in the Events section of Sussex Local. We want our repertoire to extend to a wide range of music, which the choir will love singing and our audiences will enjoy, and we want our rehearsals and concerts to be friendly, as well as professional. Come and join us! It's great to be part of something new and exciting as well as continuing a choral tradition stretching back almost 50 years, firmly rooted in our expanding village community.

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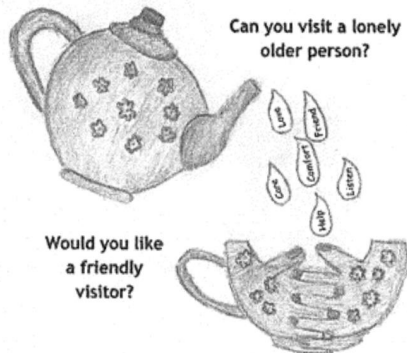
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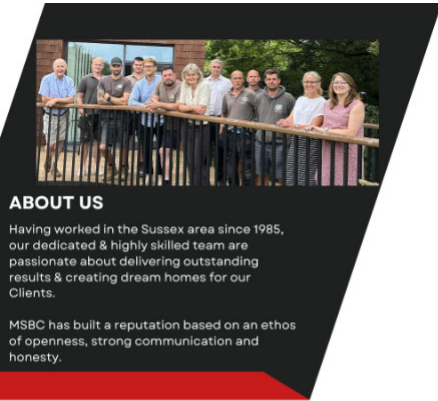
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