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Wallberton, Binsted & Fontwell
in this month's edition:

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- o Summer Events



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Our British bumblebees

Did you know we have about 270 kinds of bee in the UK, including 24 types of bumblebees? Here are just six of them:

Early Bumblebee: – Found throughout the UK. Rather small, with distinctive lemon-yellow bands on thorax and abdomen, and an orange tail. An important pollinator of our soft fruit.



Common Carder Bee: – One of our most common bees, and often still feeding in November. Fluffy, brown and orange, with sometimes darker bands on the abdomen.

Tree Bumblebee: – Found in England and Wales, and recently Southern Scotland. A fuzzy bee, with brown-orange hairs on its thorax, a black abdomen, and a white tail.

Red-tailed Bumblebee: – The female is very large, with a big red 'tail', while males are smaller.

Garden Bumblebee: – A scruffy-looking large bee, with a long tongue and face. It has yellow bands at the collar, rear of the thorax and at the first segment of the abdomen, and the tip of the tail is white.

Buff-tailed bumblebee: – The biggest of our bumblebees, with a yellow collar near the head and another on the abdomen. The queen has a buff-coloured 'tail', while the workers have white 'tails' and black hair on their faces.

Be kind to our bees. They are in steady decline across the UK.

The Rev Dr Jo White

Wednesday Afternoon Club – 17th June

Join us in the small room at the back of Walberton village hall at 2.00pm for an interesting talk about **THE BLUE IDOL**.

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ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED

SERVICES IN CHURCH AT ST MARY'S



LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Summer Delights

As I get older, I appreciate the summer months more and more. And one of this season's delights is Walberton Open Gardens. (See page 13) From the bijou cottage garden to the grand landscaped variety our gardens are to be enjoyed and celebrated. Gardens are a wonderfully English phenomenon. The rain, which we so often moan about, enables things to keep growing rather than drying out and turning brown.

Andrew Marvel wrote about the peace of an English garden.

'Fair Quiet, have I found thee here,
And Innocence, thy sister dear!
Mistaken long, I sought you then
In busy companies of men;
Your sacred plants, if here below,
Only among the plants will grow.
Society is all but rude,
To this delicious solitude.'

If last month I appealed to reason, this month's appeal is to beauty!
Can it really be meaningless or is it rather as the seraphim call out:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6)

God's glory is all around us we just need to open our eyes.
The church will be open with flower displays throughout the afternoon and there will be an Open Gardens evensong at 6pm to give thanks for our blessings.

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar



Sunday 7 June Trinity 1

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

Sunday 14 June Trinity 2

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

Sunday 21 June Trinity 3

9.00am Mattins BCP
10.30am Holy Communion CW with children's groups
6.00pm Open Gardens Evening Prayer BCP

Sunday 28 June Trinity 4

9.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Ising Morning Praise with children's groups
6.00pm Holy Communion CW

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of June.** Craft, drama, stories and more.

Please contact

Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)

ORGANISATIONS OFFERING HELP

Mothers' Union	01243 552292	Mary Lewis
Village Friends	07925 217843	Meg Brackley
Wednesday Afternoon Club	01243 555893	Ann Wells
Parish Clerk	01243 554528	Shona Turner
St Mary's Church Office	01243 552792	Ali Stacker

Farmers, TikTok, and people kissing cows

Here is a story that you couldn't make up. There is a craze on TikTok of influencers interacting with cute cows, and they have attracted thousands of followers.

So now people are wandering onto farms in search of cute cows, to cuddle and kiss for the camera. Highland type cattle, with their 'floofy' adorable thick fringes and shaggy coats are especially targeted.

Except that the cows, however cute, do not know about TikTok. So, they do not welcome complete strangers who want to wrap their arms around their necks, or pull their tails about, to get "good online content".

One Yoga teacher entered a field and did handstands among bewildered cows, to create an interesting backdrop to a video.

A father slung his son up on top of a cow's back, and was surprised when the cow ran off with his son still on board.

30 people cornered one herd at sunset and used flashing cameras to take pictures and videos of the frightened animals.

The farmers are worried. As one said: "these people risk being trampled, charged or attacked. Cows are not domesticated animals. They are highly unpredictable creatures. They can kick hard. If you upset one, you will regret it – and you will never out-run it."

The Ven. John Barton



Village Friends Needs New Volunteers

Village Friends continues to provide valuable companionship and support to people across our six village area, and we are currently looking for new volunteers to join us.

Could you spare around one hour a week to befriend someone locally? A regular visit, chat, or shared cup of tea can make a real difference to someone who may otherwise feel isolated.

Alongside our befriending service, Village Friends has continued to run weekly coffee mornings, bringing people together for friendship and conversation. We have also introduced new standing and seated Qigong classes, which have been warmly welcomed by participants.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with Village Friends, we would be delighted to hear from you. (Contact details on P.61)

Meg Brackley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

West Sussex Community Minibus

Could you spare **just 4 hours a month on a Thursday afternoon?**

We are looking for **Volunteer Drivers and Escorts** to help support our **Community Minibus Service**.

This important service provides **shopping and social trips** for members of the community who may otherwise struggle to get out and stay connected.

Your time could help someone:

- ✓ Get their weekly shopping
- ✓ Enjoy a social outing
- ✓ Stay connected with their community



Even **a few hours a month** can make a **big difference**. ❤️

For more information please contact Mary Lewis 07946 523969

WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

June 2026

Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th All at 10.30am.

Sunday 14th June - Open-Air Service on the green at 4.30pm (weather permitting)



Uncertainty! Instability! Confusion! – Where do we go from here?

Uncertainty seems to be the 'order of the day' at the present time. We used to be able to predict much of what might be taking place on the world stage at a particular time, but now unexpected events seem to be occurring on a daily basis. When 2026 began, it was hoped that interest rates in the UK would be reduced, the economy would begin to recover from several years of stagnation, prospects were improving for reducing hospital waiting lists and there was a sense that the country might be turning a corner, making life better for everyone. Sadly, that optimism evaporated on the 28th of February when the current war against Iran started and the Middle East was plunged into further chaos. When the Iranians closed the strait of Hormuz, serious instability was caused to global markets which are dependent on ships transporting their cargoes through that waterway.

The immediate consequence has been to raise the cost of oil substantially thereby increasing the price of transport, food and fertiliser, to name only a few of the products affected. Hopes have been raised on several occasions that the conflict could soon end with an agreement satisfying all sides but at the time of writing, such an outcome is still a distant prospect. Even when hostilities cease completely, it will probably take many weeks – if not months – for normal service to resume and in the meantime, price rises for us all seem inevitable. It would be naive to think that we can hide ourselves away from the consequences of events taking place in other parts of the world as so much of our lives these days are interconnected. For those planning to fly abroad for a holiday this summer, the questions are mounting. Where is it safe to go? Will the flight be cancelled? What will the cost be with the price of aviation fuel rising? Other forms of transport will be facing their own challenges too.

On May 7th elections were held in many parts of the country, and the outcome has brought further instability to an already fragile political landscape. The two-party system we've become familiar with over decades has passed and what is emerging seems to reflect a troubled society that doesn't really know where it's going or how to get there. The Book of Judges in the Old Testament describes a period in the ancient history of God's people when life was far from stable. They lived through some very difficult times as their

enemies oppressed them, but when they cried to the Lord, He raised up Judges like Gideon and Samson who brought them relief. However, once the leaders died, they returned to their old ways, embracing idol worship and other decadent behaviour. Two verses stand out to me in this book, the first being from chapter 2 v 10 which reads, **"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel."** I believe we find ourselves in a similar situation today and for the same reason. We have abandoned our Judeo/Christian foundations on which our laws and way of life used to be based and replaced them with other philosophies that produce very different fruit.

In the last chapter of Judges and the last verse we find this revealing statement. **"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."** The result was chaos! When a football team does badly, all eyes are upon the coach who rightly or wrongly carries the can for the failure. When things go wrong for the country, we tend to blame the governing party and ultimately the Prime Minister. Perhaps we should look at ourselves and ask what part do we have to play in the country's welfare? Of course, our contribution on any level is tiny but it might be more significant than we realise. In the first book of the Bible, Genesis and chapter 18 from verse 20, God reveals to Abraham that an outcry has reached Him concerning Sodom and Gomorrah because their sin was very grave. Abraham interceded saying surely the Lord would not destroy the righteous with the wicked? It was agreed that if fifty righteous could be found then all would be spared for their sake's. Abraham made five further petitions eventually securing a reprieve if only ten persons could be found! In the event, there was not even ten and the city was destroyed. I still believe that the Word of the Lord to our nation today is, **"Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, He also has forsaken you."** (2 Chronicles 24 v 20)

Prosperity is something which constantly eludes us. We may think the answer lies in electing new leaders or a different political party but every time we are disappointed because a nation that enjoyed God's favour in the past, has turned away from Him embracing many false gods and ignoring the path of life which He has revealed to us. There is a high price to pay for godlessness, and we are paying it right now in the epidemic of shoplifting, violence on our streets, the curse of pornography and many other crimes that proliferate. If we truly desire to see a transformation in our national fortunes, then it is time to seek the Lord because He is the only one capable of bringing it about. Whatever lies ahead, Jesus is still the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

Pastor Ray



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Walberton Open Gardens

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Sunday 21st June 2026
1.00-5.00

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& Sage House, Dementia Support

WALBERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Most gardens are in full bloom now and the summer vegetables beginning to be enjoyed.

Tuesday 9th June. Coach outing to Borde Hill Gardens.

The gardens are divided into rooms so there is always something in full bloom.

The rose garden should be at its best depending on the weather of course. The walled vegetable garden will be bursting with life, as it supplies the restaurants and coffee shop on site. Plenty to choose from.

The coach will leave Maple Parade 10.00am and return leaving the gardens at 4.00pm.

The Gardeners Club is subsidising the cost of the coach. The cost of entry into Borde Hill and the coach is to members £20.00 and non members £25.00. If you have not reserved your seat yet, there may be the odd seat still available. Contact Brenda Bailey 07881 552 980.

Walberton Open Gardens Sunday 21st June

This is an opportunity to show the many visitors who come to Open Gardens our lovely village at its best. Even if you are not opening your garden, it's so nice to see so many residents make an effort to tidy their front gardens, thus enhancing the look of our village.

The Snowdrop Trust will be serving teas in the Village Hall and Sage House selling plants. These two charities will be the beneficiaries of any money made from Open Gardens so let's hope for a beautiful summer day.

Ticket available on the day or pre bookable through TicketSource. £6.00. Per person, Children under 16 years old free of charge.

Open Gardens take a lot of planning and hard work by just a few people but more help is needed on the day. If you could spare a few hours to help please contact Brenda Bailey. If we don't get more volunteers from the village, events like Open Gardens will cease to happen.

Summer Flower Show Saturday 4th July

This is the biggest show of the year with 123 classes available to enter. We hope the talk Preparing for the Annual Show has inspired you. Where are all the children in Walberton? Children's Classes are free to enter and this year there is a choice for them to grow something, draw a flower, or make some Rocky Road. All classes can be found on the website. www.walberton-gardeners.com Please encourage your children or grand children to enter. These are our gardeners of the future, let's encourage them.

Fun Dog Show - Entries open at 1.30pm. All the usual fun classes to enter. Lots of rosettes and prizes to be won. Seating all round the arena so you could spend the afternoon watching the Dog Show but don't forget to visit the Flower Show and Fete.

Village Fete

Have you booked your stall yet? All charity stalls are free and only £10.00 for others.

We are finalising plans for the Fete hoping to have more fun things for children. Could you organise Welly Wanging for your organisation? This was very popular at our first Fete. All the usual things will be there, ice cream, food trucks, coconut shies, tombola, raffles, lucky dip. Lots of lovely things to buy from some very talented crafters. Something for all the family, and of course teas and homemade cakes for you to enjoy.

The six members of the Gardeners Club committee can't possibly run all three events so your help is needed especially to run the Village Fete. It's your village Fete, so please volunteer a few hours of your time to help with this event otherwise it will die.

Dates for your diary.

Friday 21st August Members Afternoon Cream Tea. Village Hall

Pop the date in your diary so you don't miss out and get your name to Brenda.

Autumn Show Saturday 19th September

Blacksmiths Corner - Progress over the first year.



Hope to see you on our visit to Borde Hill.

Keep a lookout at Blacksmith Corner as it should be coming into full bloom, thanks to a few members of the Gardeners Club who now look after it. Happy gardening.

Liz Hewson



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

I was sorry that I was unable to attend Sandy Mead's funeral in May. As I contemplated my memories of Sandy, with her commitment and long service on the committee, it also made me reflect on others of our Mothers' Union group who we have said goodbye to over recent times. Rosemary, with her gentle character, her legendary Welsh Cakes, and her concern for the suffering world. Dear Jean Lane who, in spite of being very unwell herself, still found time to ring myself, as well as others, to check we were OK. They, like many of us, enduring the pangs of old age, the painful knees, joints and the lessening of physical strength. Yet still they packed boxes for the poor in Eastern Europe, supported the work of "Little Bundles" and the Bognor Food Bank.

With knitting needles, sewing machines, baking, supporting fund raising events, and praying for all the recipients. Like us they probably felt that their small efforts were not of much worth in a world of pain, injustice and sadness. Yet the reality is that these little acts of compassion and service bring comfort and help to those in a society suffering from the hurts and injuries that modern day life can inflict.

They will not be forgotten and have left us richer for their devotion and service, not just to Mothers' Union, but a lasting testament of their faith. Each one of them an Angel of light and compassion.

Matthew 25 vs 40 *"Then the King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me'.*

We may not be serving on the front line where others, more able and called to a more active service toil, but we can be the stretcher bearers binding up the wounds, bringing comfort, showing compassion, and delivering practical help to those in need.

Maureen



The Bells Ring Out

The bells ring out, as they have rung
single, treble, full carillon,
these many centuries past, peace, war, and plague,
bringing the faithful to meet their God:
who am I to deny their call,
by idleness, sloth, or disbelief?

Sound all to prayer;
our fathers knew more than I shall ever learn
in our present age of fret and storm;
so let the bells chime loud and clear;
sloths we are today and pigeons bare,
without the faith of which they speak.

William Foot





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Modern Life

I told a joke on a 'Zoom call', and no one laughed! It turns out that I am not remotely funny!!!

Anon



**Summer Flower Show
Dog Show &
Village Fete**

Saturday 4th July 2026

**Walberton Village Hall &
Playing Field 1.30 - 4.30**

Entrance £2.00 cash only

Dog Show Registration from 1.30
First Class 2pm
£2.00 per class

**In Aid of
Clymping Dog Sanctuary**



WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Hi All,

What a busy start to the year the

Village Hall has had, I cannot quite believe we are in May already. I was thinking if many of you know just how much goes on at the hall week to week. This year so far we have had 17 childrens parties, from fairy themed, farmyard themed, football themed and many many princess parties!

We have had Toy Fairs, Wheely fun club dynamic cars sessions, Theatre productions by Walberton players, Gardening shows, Cream teas, charity cycle events, Toddler groups, Sensory music play, Choir practices and Southdown bands performances. We also have over a dozen regular hirers on different days and times and all of those can be found on our website or notice boards at the hall. For any information on joining, You can email me manager@walbertonvillagehall.org, I am happy to answer any questions you may have about any classes or sessions.

We have availability for a group or class on Mondays in the large hall between 9-5pm so if you know of a class or think the large hall is a fit for your group please get in touch. Lastly, we are still looking for a Volunteer to act as our treasurer within the committee. So if you feel you are good with numbers and can spare 4/5 hours a month we would love to hear from you. Join our small friendly committee and be part of what supports the community so vitally.

Dates for your diary

- Sunday 21st June Open Gardens
- Saturday 4th July Summer Fete and Garden Show
- Saturday 25th July Cream Tea and flower arranging
- Saturday 1st August our annual Music Night
- Sunday 1st November our annual Fireworks Night

I look forward to seeing you all there, enjoy the sunshine!

Penny



ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?

Our small village hall charity is seeking a volunteer to act as Treasurer to join our friendly team.

If you have a knack for numbers, a desire to make a difference and can spare around 4-5 hours a month we'd love to hear from you.

A rewarding role awaits – please get in touch for more details!

Manager@walbertonvillagehall.org



WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Another uneventful month in our villages when it comes to criminal activity and long may that last! The summer is finally upon us and the Police and Neighbourhood Watch are giving advice on how to protect your home if you're lucky enough to be going on holiday. All the advice is obvious, but it's surprising just how easy it is to forget something in the preparation to get away.

Make a checklist that covers your whole home and ensure that you tick off each one as you go. Check that your front door, back door and windows are all properly locked and double check all upstairs windows are closed and secured. Visual deterrents are effective in discouraging potential burglars - if your property looks difficult to enter, they are much less likely to try. Ensure you have quality locks on all windows and doors. Obviously if you have a full alarm system this is an extremely effective visual deterrent but even a replica alarm box at the house can prove to be useful too. Don't forget the garden as these burglaries are on the rise, so it's important to treat garden security seriously. If it's possible, put away any outdoor furniture, bikes or barbecues before you go away. Garden sheds can be a tempting proposition for potential thieves - many homeowners will store a lot of valuable equipment there, including expensive power tools. Make sure your shed door and lock are both high quality and add an extra padlock if needed. Again, I repeat that the above is what most of us do, but the police say that it is common for people to go away in a hurry and forget to secure something important, and then of course your insurance probably would not pay up!

If you have a trusted friend or neighbour nearby, they can help you keep your home safe while you enjoy your time away. Ask them to visit your home to check the post and water the plants, as well as walking around and switching on the lights in different rooms. Making the house look occupied is one of the most effective ways of deterring opportunists.

Laurie King

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

DIARY FOR JUNE

Jun 4	10.30am	Snowdrop Coffee Morning
Jun 6	2.00pm	Downland Art Society (P.27)
Jun 9	10.00am	Walberton Gardeners Outing (P.14)
Jun 10	9.15am	Downland Art Society workshop (P.27)
Jun 16-25	11-4.pm	The Art of The Newlyn School Exhibition (P.35)
Jun 17	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.2)
Jun 18	10.00am	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
Jun 20-21	10.30-4pm	Walberton Potters Exhibition (P.37)
Jun 21	1.00-5pm	Walberton Open Gardens (P.14)
Jun 27	TBC	Southdowns Concert Band (P.30)

FUTURE EVENTS

Jul 4	1.30pm	Summer Flower Show (P.19)
Jul 5	10.30am	Charity Cricket Match (P.40)
Jul 25	TBC	Flowers and Cream Tea (P.20)
Aug 1	TBC	Annual Music Night (P.20)
Aug 21	TBC	Gardeners Club Members cream tea (P.15)

COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR JUNE

Thu 4th Jun Manor Garden Centre & Runcton Farm Shop

Thu 11th Jun Sainsburys

Thu 18th Jun Afternoon tea TBC

Thu 25th Jun Sainsburys



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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.

St Mary's Church Open

Both St Mary's Walberton and Binsted will be open during daylight hours till Oct.

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 June 18 at 10.00am**

Walberton Place Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is being held every **Thursday** at Walberton Place Nursing Home, from 10.30am. All visitors are warmly welcomed.

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)

The Binsted Bugle



The Binsted Knucker Hole

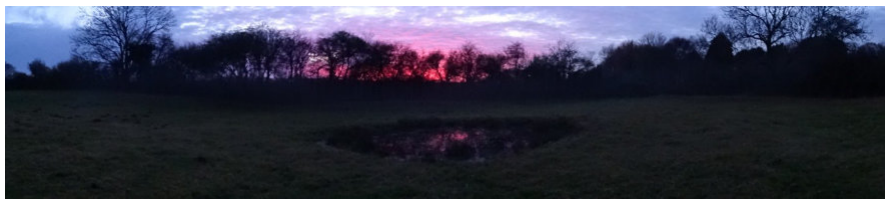
Binsted Farmer Luke Wishart wrote that the 'Knucker Hole' in Burgess's Field, south of Goose Green, 'was a mythical hole, like the one at Lyminster which houses a dragon. Said to be the home of dragons, and bottomless'.

His father Ernest Wishart had looked into this in the 1920s: there was talk of 'water witches'. Luke however being of a scientific frame of mind, 'arranged to place our irrigation pump into it to test the water capacity. The pump ran dry in just over 10 hours, and we could see the bottom. It filled up rapidly as soon as we stopped pumping. We didn't find any dragons – but ... they may have escaped overnight.'

Another theory is that the knuckers hide, if the pond is drained, in the clay beneath the bottom. 'Knucker' comes from an old Saxon word *nicor*. It is typical of oral tradition continuing since Saxon times that the local versions of these ponds' old names, as popular awareness of their supernatural denizens faded, transmuted to more familiar similar words such as 'knacker'. In Saxon Germany they are more widely known as a kind of water sprite or 'Nixe'; in Britain, they are only known in Sussex, the land of the South Saxons - indeed only in West Sussex. Possibly the knuckers were naturalised to England after arriving with the invading Saxons as early as the fourth century.

Theories about the origin of these small, round, bottomless, perpetually cold-water-brimming ponds are varied. Some say they were made by the knuckers themselves; others that the knuckers adopted pre-existing natural formations most probably created as sink holes. Certainly there is something dangerous not to say uncanny about them.

Here is storyteller Michael O'Leary's photo of the Binsted Knucker Hole pond:



The Binsted Knucker and its twin the Sompting Knucker (whose pond-hole area has the only other rare 'flushed fen' habitat in the West Sussex coastal plain) are celebrated on the Binsted Village Way marker at the end of Church Lane, inaugurated February 2017. The Waymarker also features the Green Man, a Pan-like god-man-in-

nature guardian figure found in old churches. In the mid 19th century, the Thatched Cottage had some sculptures similar in character built into its wall facing the track called Hoe Lane where this track comes up from the Knucker Hole into the village. At this time when the feeling for the unpredictable spirit of the Knucker would still have been strong, this placement of the sculptured horned-head and beard, which had been found in the 'Minchins Copse' woods at the other end of the Parish, may have felt like bringing the Green Man woodland guardian to the place where he was most needed.



Other knucker holes are found along the coastal plain at:

- **Lyminster** - where the knucker dragon celebrated in numerous stories was slain by one Jim Puttock
- **Sompting** - where local lore in the 1940s told of the dangers and fears surrounding the sinister 'bottomless' pond where, two generations before, a cart and horses had been swallowed up and a farm worker pulled in and drowned. This knucker hole is overlooked by the railway line, and from a distance by the 10th-century Saxon cathedral of the downs, St Mary's Church Sompting, where Knights Templar readied themselves for service in the crusades - perhaps including a practice joust with the knucker dragon here?
- **Worthing** - near Ham Bridge
- **Lancing** - at Honeymans Hole, on the north side of Lancing Airport (now known as Shoreham Airport). How this hole got its name is unclear: one story is that honey was forces slang for night soil, and that the honeymen or night soil man from a camp tipped the night soil into the knucker hole, whereupon he was deservedly swallowed up, together with cart and horse.

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Sandra Cooke



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- ✓ Stay connected with their community

Even a **few hours a month** can make a **big difference.** ❤️

HOW CAN WE HELP?

For June St Mary's is praying especially for:

Residents of Avisford Road and Manser Road.

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

Trivia Question of the Month ;

In Rome, which animal is protected under the law?

(Answer on P. 58)



Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

June

- 5th Elizabeth and Pauline
- 12th Elizabeth and Pauline
- 19th All help for Father's Day and Open Gardens
- 26th Di and Christine

Pauline Blumer



SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2 - 4PM

Julie King will be demonstrating Hares in Watercolour. Julie's career as a printed textile designer in industry has had a strong influence on her work. She often sees her paintings emerge with a decorative element in them. Julie will demonstrate her way of using watercolour to describe hares on a loose background.

WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 9.15 - 3.15pm A workshop follows the demonstration to allow members to try out the technique for themselves. Please let Liz know if you are interested in joining the workshop as a visitor.



All are welcome to see Julie's demo on the previous Saturday. For more information of 2026 events, see our website, or contact Liz.

Liz Brown

pjbrown294@btinternet.com (www.downland.org)

(All DAS meetings are held in Walberton pavilion).

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS ~ Walberton

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|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Burial of Ashes | May 1 | Georgina Betty Morrieson |
| Funeral | May 5 | Sandy Mead |
| Burial of Ashes | May 6 | Stella May Ley |



Fresh from a very successful concert at St Nicholas Church, Arundel, when the Angmering Chorale performed Handel's *Exodus: Israel in Egypt* under the baton of Dominic Grier, the choir is practising for its next concert.

Unusually, that piece required two choirs so the Chorale split in two, sometimes singing in 8 part harmony and for other sections singing as one choir – new to many of our members. It was not a well known piece and many in the audience had not heard it before but their reaction was positive and appreciative, 'We were so glad we came – it was such a wonderful evening'.

They will be back at the Chorale's home venue, St Margaret's Church, Angmering for the forthcoming concert. Like two of the performances in 2025, the first year under Dominic's leadership, it will combine a diverse selection of pieces – some well known and others less so – under the title *Summertime: a transatlantic journey*. They are expecting to have a full church so book your tickets early for 7.30 on the evening of 4th July. It promises to be another enjoyable evening. Tickets are priced at £16. Details can be found at www.theangmeringchorale.org.uk

The choir is a friendly group and is always looking for new members. It rehearses at Angmering Community Centre, Foxwood Avenue, Bramley Green at 7.30 each Thursday evening. They are rehearsing for this concert and, after the summer break, will start again on 3rd September.

Carolyn



Remembering John Constable

It was 250 years ago, on 11th June 1776, that John Constable, British landscape artist, was born.

Widely known as a painter in the Romantic tradition, Constable had a deeply conservative faith centred on the Church of England, which he viewed as an essential stabilising force in society. His painting of Salisbury Cathedral is regarded as a symbol of this.

Born in East Bergholt, Suffolk, to a wealthy corn merchant who owned Flatford Mill, he was expected to take over the business: although he was the second son, the eldest was regarded as incapable. But John Constable was always focused on painting, and the business was eventually taken over by his younger brother.

Constable enjoyed painting the areas he knew well – primarily those on the border of Suffolk and Essex which is now known as Constable Country. "Painting is but another word for feeling," he wrote to a friend. He regarded nature as a reflection of God's creation and his own work as spiritual, though a tour of the Lake District in 1806 did not convince him of the attraction of mountains.

He is now highly valued, but he was never successful financially in his own lifetime, though he was elected to the Royal Academy at the age of 52. He was more popular in France than in England, but refused invitations to travel to promote his work, saying he would rather be a poor man in England than a rich man abroad.

After the death through tuberculosis of his wife Maria Bicknell at the age of 41, Constable became depressed: it had been a love match that triumphed over opposition from her wealthy relatives, and he was left a widower with seven young children. He continued to paint, but in a different style, darker and semi-abstract, but still compelling.





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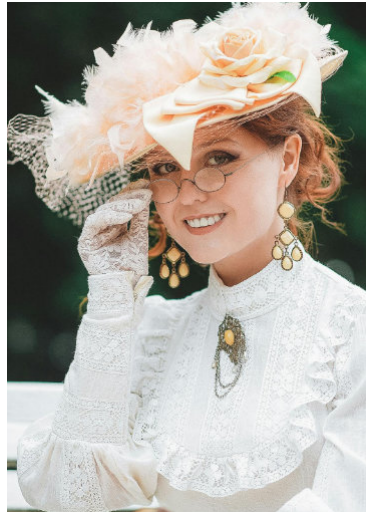
The Other Bennet Sister

By Janice Hadlow



Some readers are quite upset at the way characters (Mr Darcy!) from well-known books are hijacked by authors apparently too lazy or untalented to invent new characters themselves. Others welcome these old friends back into being again, to derive even greater pleasure through re-acquaintance.

As well as being a severe form of flattery, such re-launches are an opportunity to set records straight or develop further the lives and personalities of established figures. Mr Wickham, for example, has recently undergone a degree of re-habilitation to present him as better-rounded in personality and less devious in character. Charlotte Lucas, who appears at some length in this novel, is seen to be facing and responding to the identical challenges of another character from the Austen stables.



This other character is, of course, her friend, Mary Bennet, who has made a triumphant return at the hands of Janice Hadlow, not only starring in a TV series (arguably slightly marred by diversity) but also developing steadily through some 600 pages of the novel. She is `the other Bennet sister`, who appears very fleetingly prior to this but, with the successful marriages of her siblings, is called into the limelight, to battle, as Charlotte does, with the fact that her perceived lack of `marriageability` is a serious problem in a world of such limited opportunities, outside of marriage, for women.

Not only are her personality and character interestingly examined along the way but also the deficits of her parents', her mother's, of course but, more surprisingly, her father's, who comes across as a rather darker character than in the various dispensers of bonhomie that we have been used to in previous adaptations. Mary, through her own need to understand the dynamics of marital attraction, begins to identify a wide range of marital relationship deficits themselves.

The book is, arguably, substantially more impressive than the TV

series. We catch glimpses of other major players from *Pride and Prejudice*, notably the older Bennet sisters, Mrs Bingham and Mrs Darcy and Lydia, aka Mrs Wickham, who seems to deserve much of the rough handling she may have suffered at the hands of Mr W, through being a perfect cow to Mary Bennet at every opportunity. Another returnee, Caroline Bingham, does not disappoint in her mastery of the stony glare and withering put-down when crossing swords with Mary. Welcome additional characters are the unlikely brother of Mrs Bennet, Mr Gardiner and his wife. As a London merchant of Gracechurch Street, with a grasp of some of the main essentials of family life in any era, he sparkles, although his wife maintains that they do not do so particularly; an indication of their basic niceness.

The new young men among the characters are, of course, the love interest. Tom Hayward and Will Ryder are nicely rounded. They serve as foils to Mary's keen mind and their responses are well-observed and recorded. Mary escapes from the confines of her siblings' houses and revels, as we do, in the grandeur and gaiety of London, at Vauxhall Gardens and the newly-opening shopping opportunities brought about by the Industrial Revolution. As she is introduced to his work, we experience especial pleasure as Wordsworth becomes a guide and mentor to Mary, upon Westminster Bridge and during the marvellous expedition with her and her friends to the Lake District.

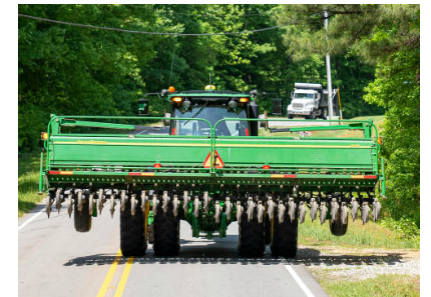
All in all, a well-observed study of a person increasingly aware that responsibility for one's own happiness and progress in life rests largely with oneself.

John Boldero

Country roads can be beautiful, but deadly, so Beware

Be careful on rural roads. In the ten years to the end of 2024, nearly 10,000 people died on Britain's rural roads. And so NFU Mutual launched an on-going campaign in 2020, to warn people of the dangers. The website offers some excellent, practical tips to staying safe. Visit: <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/campaigns/rural-road-safety/>

Don't speed, because anything might be waiting for you in the road just around the next bend: bales of hay, cows, sheep or even a tractor!



Bringing hope to the fatherless

In the book of James, we are reminded: "True and pure religion in the sight of God is to care for orphans and widows in their distress."

This is the calling of Kisumu Children Trust, a small UK-based charity supporting orphans and vulnerable children in Kisumu, western Kenya.

For a child without parents in Kenya, life can be very difficult. Some survive on just one meal a day, many cannot afford to go to school. Their health is poor, and their future is bleak.

The children become orphans for many reasons — illness (such as HIV/AIDS), tragic accidents, mental health issues, or abandonment. These children are often taken in by ageing grandparents or extended family members, who are already struggling to provide for their own needs.

To such children, Kisumu Children Trust can bring hope. Just recently, 11-year-old Valerie was matched with sponsors through its child sponsorship programme.

Valerie was only two years old when her mother left her in the care of her grandmother. Today, no one knows where her parents are. But thanks to the support of new sponsors, Valerie can now go to school, eat regular meals, and have hope for her future.




Grace, a 14-year girl in the trust's care, lost her parents when she was very young. She told her sponsor: "No one can defend me apart from God."

Kisumu Children Trust says "there is a profound blessing in standing with these children — in reminding them that they are not forgotten, but that they are deeply loved. We want every child we care for to know that they were not a mistake."

If you would like to help an orphan in Kisumu, whether through prayer, sponsorship, or by spreading the word, please visit

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The Rev Dr Jo White



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St Mary's Churchyard Study Group

EDWARD PENROSE ARNOLD-FORSTER

Edward Arnold Forster, his wife Edith & daughter Iris are in plot 0320. Marked by a cross with a three tier plinth. He had a successful & prosperous life as an industrialist but other family members were more well known.

Born on August 29th 1851 in Lahore, Bengal, the eldest of four children of William D Arnold & Frances A Arnold.

Edwards paternal grandfather was the famous (or infamous) Dr Thomas Arnold, headmaster of Rugby School. William was educated at Rugby and with W. W. Shirley and Frederick Hutchins, drew up the first written rules for football at Rugby School. These rules were approved and published in August 1845, the first known published set of rules for any code of football. His brothers included Matthew, the poet, and Tom Arnold author & scholar.

Edward, his brother & sisters were orphaned when their parents died within a year of each other. Edward was seven years old. They were formally adopted by their Aunt Jane, their father's sister & her husband The Rt Hon William Forster, a wealthy industrialist with woollen mills in Yorkshire. He was primarily a radical politician, a minister in Gladstone's government and also Chief Secretary for Ireland. One of his notable achievements was the passing of the 1870 Elementary Education Act. Paving the way for compulsory free state education for all children to age 12. It was this act that enabled Walberton to have its first National School & for the "dame schools" to close.



(1860 Hugh, Edward and Florence Arnold. Burley in Wharfedale. Image courtesy of archive.org)

Edward followed his adoptive father into the family business, William Fison & Co in Burley in Wharfedale, (Bradford). He remained a director until his retirement. The business in various forms traded from 1641 to 1968. It was a major employer and the largest water driven mill in England. Burley organisations have a comprehensive history of the mills and the Arnold-Forsters in the area.

While Edward carried on their adoptive father's business his sister Florence established The Limerick Lace School and Clare Embroidery, and published "Florence Arnold-Forster's Irish Journal", a rare account of the everyday experience of Irish administration at a critical period in the Irish Land War.

Brother Hugh was a politician & author, he was Secretary of State for War in Arthur Balfour's Conservative government. The youngest sister, Frances was an ecclesiastical historian & author.

Edward married Edith Mary Ford in 1875. They bought a large plot of land and constructed a grand house called Cathedine in Burley. They had five sons and one daughter although their 2nd son died in childhood.

Edward was a Major of The 3rd Volunteer Rifles The Duke of Wellingtons (West Riding) Regiment. He was also a deputy Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

They retired to Portsmouth where his son, a Rear Admiral & published author lived, & then to Copse Lane, Walberton due to Edith's family connections. He died on January 19th 1927.

Compiled by Tina Cooper
Sources Wikipedia
Burley Archives



'It's Been Fired!'

Belinda Wilkins and a few other Walberton potters are preparing for an exciting exhibition of their work, that will be on sale in The Drawing Room Studio (near the Church).

The exhibition is free to visit from **10.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June**. There will be a wide variety of styles. Do drop in and meet the potters. Organised in conjunction with Walberton Open Gardens Sunday.

Belinda



Public Rights of Way (PROW) in the Parish

Public rights of way are a defining feature of our Parish's landscape. They provide a legal framework that allows the public to pass across land, often privately owned, for recreation and connectivity. These routes are protected by law and are formally recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement, maintained by local highway authorities, which is West Sussex County Council for Walberton Parish.

There are several recognised categories of public rights of way. Footpaths are reserved for pedestrians, while bridleways permit access on foot, horseback, and bicycle. Restricted byways and byways open to all traffic (BOATs) allow broader use, including certain vehicles depending on classification. These distinctions ensure that different users can share the countryside safely and appropriately.

The origins of local PROW routes often date back centuries, and in Walberton's case many date back to Roman and even the Bronze age. They reflect historic patterns of movement between settlements, farms, markets, and churches. Today, they play an important role in promoting public access to the countryside, supporting outdoor recreation, health and wellbeing, and sustainable travel. Many paths connect rural communities and link into national trails and wider walking networks, such as the paths from Walberton to Binstead and on to Arundel, or up into Fontwell then Slindon and the South Downs.

Landowners retain ownership of the land crossed by a right of way but must not obstruct or interfere with the public's lawful passage. Equally, users have responsibilities: they must respect the countryside, follow the Countryside Code, and avoid causing damage or nuisance.

Although most rights of way are clearly signposted and mapped, disputes can arise over obstruction, route alignment, or maintenance. In such cases, the Definitive Map provides the legal



reference point.

In sum, public rights of way represent a longstanding balance between private landownership and collective access—an essential elements' of Parishes rural heritage and contemporary land use, and one to be protected and enjoyed.

Here are the official sources for information on Public Rights of Way (PROW) in Walberton:

1. West Sussex County Council interactive map

Use the "View Public Rights of Way" iMap to see officially mapped footpaths, bridleways, and other public routes across Walberton Parish.

This is a practical way to explore routes visually, although it is not itself the legal record.

2. Walberton Parish Council PROW map (PDF)

The Walberton Parish Council map provides a parish-level overview of the recorded public paths in Walberton.

This can be useful for local reference and quick orientation.

3. The Definitive Map (West Sussex County Council)

The Definitive Map and Statement is the legal record for each public right of way.

It includes:

- numbered routes
- official status of the path
- written descriptions

(See: www.westsussex.gov.uk and www.walberton-pc.gov.uk for the above information)

Shona Turner

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PRAYER DIARY FOR JUNE

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6v18

St Mary’s

Give thanks and pray for those who lead our worship.
Pray for our home groups that they deepen faith and strengthen friendships.

Our Community

We pray for God’s peace for the residents of Avisford Road and Manser Road.

Sussex Day, 16 June: Give thanks for our local communities, pray for volunteers and all who contribute to local life.

Open Gardens, 21 June: Give thanks for the beauty of creation and the joy that gardening brings to so many.

Our Nation

Give thanks for our Fathers and those that are father figures to us; pray for strength, wisdom and patience in their family relationships.

Pray for men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. Pray for God’s strength for those serving in dangerous situations and His peace for their families.

Pray for a greater awareness of those who are lonely, for organisations offering support and for communities seeking to build relationships in their localities.

The World

Fifty years since Ebola was first identified, pray for medics involved in treating those affected by serious disease and researchers seeking vaccination and treatments.

Pray that World cup matches would take place without violence or disruption among supporters.

Pray for peacemakers, for leaders and all with influence to seek peace over violence.

The Church

Pray that church leaders will have the courage and wisdom to speak truth to power.

Give thanks and pray for sportsmen and women who openly speak of their faith and give God the glory; may they serve as role models.

Pray for Christians caught up in the middle of war and conflict, for their faith to remain strong and their love for Jesus to be a light and hope to others.

Fathers’ Day

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father’s Day. It’s usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father’s Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one’s mother. Mother’s Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.



Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father’s Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a ‘Father’s Day’ was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father’s Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father’s birthday), but the city council didn’t have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19th, 1910, the first Father’s Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father’s Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father’s Day – a permanent, national holiday.

Editor’s Note: It is recognised that not all father relationships are positive and this article is written from a positive angle. We hope those affected can project this article onto a positive father figure they have, or had in their lives.

Dr Ruth Bancewicz

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..

I will fight the best
soldier in Israel's army
and if I win, you will be
our slaves



David's brothers were in
Israel's army. He came to
bring them food, and he
heard Goliath.



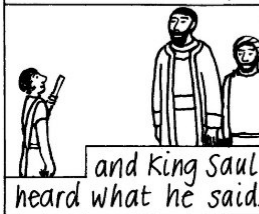
He is insulting God!

David's brothers were not
happy..



You just
came to watch the fight.
Go back to your few sheep.

But David didn't stop..



and King Saul
heard what he said.

We shouldn't be cowards.
I will fight him!



You don't stand a chance.

I have killed lions and bears
with God's help.



Then go ahead.
You can wear my armour.

I can't move with all
this on!



So David took it off.

He took his sling
and chose 5 stones
from the stream bed.



Goliath couldn't believe what he saw.



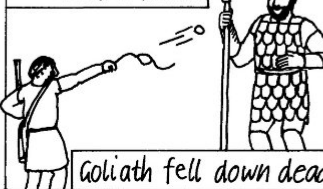
Do you
think I'm a
dog that
you have
come with
a stick?

I have come to fight you
in the name of the All-
powerful God. The Lord
always wins His battles



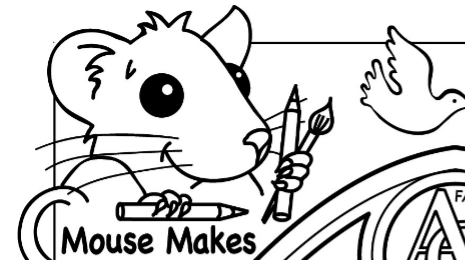
As Goliath came forward..

David slung his stone and hit
him on the head.



Goliath fell down dead.

The Philistines ran
away, chased by
Israel's army.



Mouse Makes

"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
love of **GOD** and the
fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
with you all."

2 Corinthians
13:14

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NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

Successful Effort for School Enlargement

In the parish church of the lovely West Sussex village of Walberton hangs a board which informs all and sundry that in the year 1734 John Nash, Esq., bequeathed £12 per annum and a house for a schoolmaster to teach 18 poor children to "read, sew, and knit". From this beginning has evolved the Walberton and Binsted School, in which about 100 children are constantly receiving elementary education. The day has long passed when the schoolmaster lived rent free, and the rental from the school house, plus the bequest of the aforesaid John Nash, now forms the only certain income which the school managers have wherewith to maintain the buildings. Voluntary effort has, therefore, to be relied upon. Visitors to Walberton cannot fail to be impressed by the growth of the place. New houses are springing up on every hand, with the obvious result that there are going to be a good many more children to educate. In continuation of the good work begun by John Nash, the school managers are desirous of extending and improving the school. It is proposed to erect a new wing, the ground for which has already been secured as the result of a fete organised some two years ago, which yielded £100. Another £600 is wanted to make the school exactly what the managers desire it should be, and this need was the reason for all the unwonted (*sic*) excitement which prevailed in the village on Wednesday, when the grounds of the Vicarage were the scene of a pretty garden fete organised on behalf of the school improvement fund.

Women's Institutes are more and more proving their usefulness in village life, and it was the Walberton W.I. which was largely responsible for the organisation of the effort. The Vicar (the Rev. W.G.Hunter) was the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Fete Committee, with Mr. Nelson Sargent as Hon. Treasurer, and it was a Joint Committee of members of the W.I. and the Parochial Church Council.

The Hon. Mrs Sturdy of West Dean House, who is one of the leaders of the Women's Institute movement in West Sussex, performed the opening ceremony and the event was favoured with delightful weather. Messrs S. Short and D. Southern who were in charge at the gate, must have been highly gratified by the attendance, people coming from all round the district to patronise the stalls and side-shows and to enjoy the entertainments provided for them. In a picturesque corner of the garden the school children gave two creditable performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for which they had been carefully trained by the Schoolmaster (Mr W.T. Davis) assisted by Mrs. Davis and Miss Hellier. The following children took part: - Girls: H Kirkwood, A. Wolsey, B. Stevens, E. Collins, L. Baker, L. Stack, D. McDonalds, M. Jackson and G. Hill. Boys: A. Davis, S Baker, E. Morris, H. Pethers, F. Welch, T. Green, G. Whitty, E. Monk and C. Sandells. Mr. H. de Luca provided a violin accompaniment for the children's singing.

During the afternoon the proceedings were enlivened by a "Bandette" of lady instrumentalists, comprising Miss Farne, Mrs. Steward, Mrs. Cox, Miss Gilbert and Miss Keller. In the evening Mr. R.G. Blackman brought over his excellent band and concert party from Arundel, the former providing the music for dancing and the latter giving a much appreciated entertainment. The Vicar's famous model railway was on view, while pony rides and various competitions afforded further diversion. Contd.....

NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

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Successful Effort for School Enlargement

The various stalls, side-shows etc., with those in charge, were as follow:-

Fancy stall: Mrs A. Booker, Mrs A. Palmer, Mrs Auger, Mrs Sayers.

Needlework stall: Mrs Pearce, Mrs Fenton, Mrs Fancourt, Miss Harfield.

Produce stall: Miss Goodacre, Mrs Moley, Mrs Dellow, Mrs Timms.

Shilling stall: Mrs Sharman, Mrs Davies, Miss Mason.

Toys: Mrs Messenger, Mrs Sandells, Mrs MacDonalds.

Sweets: Mrs Youens, Mrs Morrish, Miss Mullins, Miss Childs.

Refreshments: Miss Hunter, Miss Harre, Miss Liddle, Miss F. Booker and assistants.

Ices: Mrs Fish

Cigarettes: Mr Pethers

Hoop-la, etc: Mr William Palmer (Bognor)

Ladder golf: Mrs Andrews

Art gallery: Miss E Booker, Miss Fenton

Cabbage-patch: Miss Burchell.

Cokernuts (*sic*): Mr E Booker jun., Mr Turner.

Pick-a-pocket: Mrs Dart.

Bowling for a pig: Capt. Mozley, Mr Sharman

Rat-catching: Mr Youens

Rifle range: Major Grubb, Mr Jordan.

Hampshire Telegraph 25 Jun

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*I was intrigued by some of these stalls. I'm guessing one is roll a shilling instead of a penny? Ladder golf (in case you were also unaware) is apparently a popular outdoor lawn game where players toss "bolas" ie two golf balls connected by a nylon rope – onto a 3 rung ladder structure, 3 points when the bola is on the top rung, 2 points for the middle and 1 point for the lower rung, usually played to exactly 21.*

*I'm none the wiser re the cabbage patch, obviously not connected to the Cabbage Patch Kids (dolls) from 42 years ago. Pick-a-pocket, intriguing, maybe not to be encouraged these days.*

*Bowling for a pig, possibly the traditional British fairground game where the prize for the winner was historically a live pig, the game being a variation of bowling or skittles. The person with the highest score would win a live piglet to take home and raise, a valuable prize for families, contributing to the origin (supposedly) of the phrase "bringing home the bacon".*

*Rat-catching – our cat was good at that game – maybe an old version of "Splat the Rat" where a furry toy rat is dropped down into the top of a raised drainpipe and the player must hit it with a bat when it pops out the bottom.*

*A very long article but I thought it made interesting reading, hope you have too.*

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Our meadowlands are looking remarkably well after the copious showers of late, and good crops await the mowing machine. In one Walberton meadow the grass is four feet high. The recent rains have greatly stimulated our old enemies, the slugs, and a second sowing of runner beans has in more than one instance been necessary. One Walberton man, in a candle-light search secured a slimy marauder five inches long. A Walberton woman gardener having captured one of these robbers brought it indoors and rubbed it well with salt. It was put in a basin and covered deeply with more salt. But the place of interment was "forked over" next morning without result and "the long, long trail" on the cottage wall showed a path from danger to safety.

*WSG 24 Jun*

Walberton gardens are looking remarkably well, and give promise of keen competition when exhibits are put before the judges at the forthcoming show in August. Broad bean pods, already 3 ½ inches long, will be quite ready for our dinner tables shortly. On Saturday week Midlothian early potatoes were dug, fully equal in size to imported tubers. A head of broccoli was recently cut in a Walberton Green garden measuring 15 inches across the flower and weighing 17lbs.

*WSG 10 Jun*

### CRICKET

**Walberton v Chichester Red Triangle Club At Walberton on Saturday, the homesters wining (sic) by 16 runs. For Walberton Tutton took 8 for 10 and Bristol 2 for 12. For the visitors Squibb captured 5 for 17, March 3 for 7 and Hillier 2 for 13.**

*Chi Obs 23 Jun*

### RAINCOAT THEFT

**With tears in his eyes, Percy Linch, a labourer "on the tramp" pleaded guilty to stealing a raincoat, value 5s., on Saturday, belonging to William Henry Stevens, of 1a Council Cottages, Walberton. He took the coat from a tent on the Walberton Building Estate, on which Stevens works, and was arrested in the evening, carrying the coat, on the main Arundel road at Boxgrove, by P.C. Ireland, who recognised the coat from a circulated description. At first he declared he had picked the coat up, but later, at the Police Station, he admitted the theft. He was sentenced to 14 days hard labour.**

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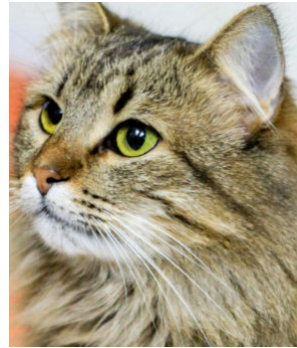
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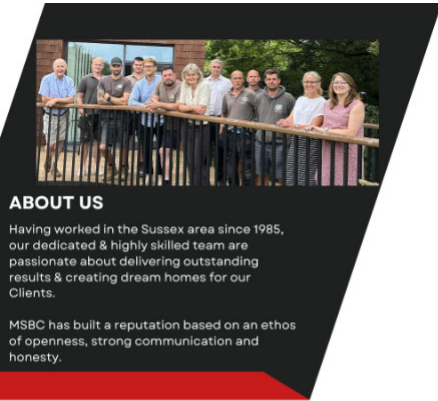
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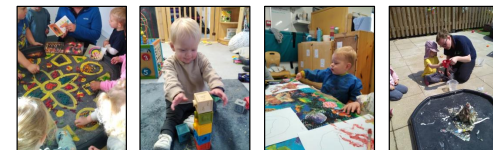
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We are open 7.30am until 6.00pm, 5 days a week, 51 weeks of the year.

We offer a range of nursery sessions including school days, full days, term time and all year. Early years funding accepted for eligible children.



Breakfast and afterschool sessions also available for children attending Walberton and Binsted C of E Primary school, and holiday club for children in Walberton and surrounding villages.

For more information or to book a show round please see our contact details below

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