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ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED

SERVICES IN CHURCH AT ST MARY'S



LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Does God exist?

To me it is a question of on which side of the argument the burden of proof rests.

The universe appears amazingly fine-tuned for life, which is called its 'habitability' and life itself is highly complex even at the simplest level. Every living cell is a miracle of biological engineering.

When you come across something with the appearance of design it is reasonable to assume there is a designer until and unless a simpler explanation is demonstrated. We do not understand why our universe is habitable or how life came to exist and, as Prof Dawkins admits, may never do so.

The burden of proof rests, then, with those who think that biological information – that is life- came into existence of its own accord to demonstrate how this happened. This has not been done, not by a long chalk. See Prof James Tour's work on YouTube.

Not to believe in a creator you have to believe in a language or code which invented itself (DNA) and a book which wrote itself (the genome) all by accident. Now that is faith! In any case it is not possible to prove that events which occurred in the past were genuinely random.

As St Paul wrote, 'For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.' Romans 1. Amen to that.

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar



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 and 3rd Sunday of May.** Craft, drama, stories and more. Please contact **Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)**

Sunday 3 May – Easter 5

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

Sunday 10 May – Rogation Sunday

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

Thursday 14 May - Ascension Day

- 10.00am Holy Communion CW

Sunday 17 May – Sunday after Ascension

- 9.00am Mattins
- 10.30am Informal Communion with children's groups
- 6.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday

- 10.30am All age Communion CW
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP

Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday

- 9.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Morning Praise

CW = Common Worship
BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662

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

Talking to...

Each month we ask members of the parish about themselves and their lives. This month we are talking to Caroline Wilson, who is our PCSO for our parish.

Caroline Wilson has been a PCSO (*Police Community Support Officer*) attached to Sussex Police for the past 20 years and serves the villages of Walberton, Binsted, Slindon, Barnham, Eastergate, Westergate, Fontwell and Aldingbourne, which is quite a large area to police, but after meeting her over a cup of tea, the energy and enthusiasm she gives to her job clearly comes across. Her husband is a police officer with Sussex Police and they have 2 children aged 13 and 14.



Caroline and her brother grew up in Somerset and from an early age wanted to follow her father into the police force. He had been a Metropolitan Police Officer, looking after the Houses of Parliament and other high profile buildings in London. In the days when they had a policeman standing outside 10, Downing Street, it could have been him!

Although the police force was always her main ambition, she also loved amateur dramatics and spent a lot of time involved in various local productions both in acting roles and stage production. At the age of 18 she moved to London to attend drama school and in 1997 obtained a degree in Stage Management and Technical Theatre. Part of her work placement was at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough and her first production was *Absent Friends* by Alan Ayckbourn. Her stage management skills were highly regarded in the industry and soon she was travelling the country from Windermere to Chichester meeting many stars of stage and screen. Eventually she was travelling the world from New York Broadway to Brazil, Taiwan, Hong Kong and all stops in between! Although she loved her work, being away from home for long periods, eventually caught up with her and after 10 years decided enough was enough. She came to Sussex working for 5 seasons at Chichester Festival Theatre and decided to stay and join the police force as a PCSO. There she met her husband who originally hailed from Cornwall, so the West Country connection continued! She looks back at a part of her life which was fulfilling, exciting and full of adventure, but very hard work and she has no regrets that she decided to call it a day. The job of a PCSO is a very rewarding profession which can expose all types of humanity and no day is the same.

A PCSO's responsibilities cover a wide range of subjects in the community, including responding to 101 calls, family disputes and signposting to child services when necessary, welfare checks on vulnerable people, adults mental health, missing persons, drug gathering intelligence, road closures due to accidents and liaising with other agencies when required.

Caroline is in close contact with Walberton when she is on duty and rest assured if you require a visit from her, she will visit you as quickly as she can. Only the other day a resident was singing her praises to me after she suffered a very upsetting and worrying scam that Caroline helped her with, giving her advice and her knowledge. She attends Coffee Stop once a month in the Pavilion and dates can be found in the Parish News or the Walbinfo website. Do go and see her if you have a problem and rest assured she will help you.

Laurie King

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.

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- ✓ Enjoy a social outing
- ✓ Stay connected with their community



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For more information please contact Mary Lewis 07946 523969

WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

May 2026

Sunday 3rd , 10th , 17th , 24th and 31st All at 10.30am.

Good Friday - Open Communion at 10.30am



The Moon – The Faithful Witness in the Sky

The launch of the Artemis 2 spacecraft on the 1st of April with four astronauts on their journey around the far side of the moon, has been a welcome distraction to the death and destruction that has taken place in the Middle East in recent days. The mission itself has been hailed as a remarkable achievement of science, but it is also true that science has been used to create the kind of weapons that are in common use today. It has often been said that technology is neutral, but it can be used for great good or great harm. The outcome is in the hands of those who use it.

My father served in the British army during World War II and was an ardent admirer of Sir Winston Churchill. As a young boy I can remember him repeatedly playing recordings of the Prime Minister's speeches and particularly the one on "Britain's Finest Hour" delivered to the House of Commons on the 18th of June 1940 about a month after he took office. The following is part of what he said. "The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us now. Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free, and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will say, 'This was their finest hour.'" The phrase that often comes back to me is, 'by the lights of perverted science'. No doubt he was referring to the Nazi government which had a eugenics programme going since the mid-1930s, but it could be equally applied to the development of the atomic bomb, two of which were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

How sad that humanity has used its developing knowledge for such destructive purposes. Vladimir Putin has threatened the use of nuclear weapons to discourage any opposition to his invasion of Ukraine, but he knows that should he implement them, Russia itself would also suffer the consequences making vast areas of land uninhabitable for decades, if not centuries to come. Returning to the Artemis 2 mission, those astronauts have seen things which few humans have ever witnessed before. To glean the maximum benefit from their journey, the spacecraft was equipped with the most

sophisticated cameras available but even these do not match the incredible capabilities of the human eye with its ability to instinctively adjust to changes in lighting conditions, colours and textures. It has been described as the most technologically advanced instrument on the planet! I have been very interested in the descriptions the astronauts provided as Earth shrank and the Moon grew on their approach to it. There was also a point when the Moon's gravitational pull exceeded that of Earth, thereby 'sucking' the spacecraft towards it. No doubt the lives of those four travellers will have been changed forever by these experiences. Comments they have made suggest an enhanced appreciation of how precious our home planet is and how remarkably it is able to sustain human, animal and plant life. Everything we have learned confirms to me what the Bible teaches us about Creation. Science can never disprove God, it can only discover the amazing things that He has done! As with any aircraft travel, the two most stressful moments are the take-off and landing. To return to Earth, the Orion spacecraft (named 'Integrity' by its crew) had to pass through Earth's atmosphere travelling at around 24,000 miles per hour. This had to be done at exactly the right angle and its heat shield needed to withstand the extremely high temperatures generated by friction during this process. Unfortunately, this shield failed on one mission in the past with the subsequent loss of life of all those on board. Although this is a serious technical issue when trying to return from space, it is the very means by which we are protected from nearly all space debris which would otherwise land on our planet. Thank God these astronauts were able to carry out this manoeuvre successfully and return safely after their epic journey around the Moon!

Whilst this journey into space was being undertaken, hundreds of people have been losing their homes and lives in the Middle East conflict, Russia's war on Ukraine and many other violent disputes still taking place. It seems to me that very often it is old men who are making far-reaching decisions for a world they won't be around to live in and leaving the younger generations to suffer the consequences. The fundamental problem is in the human heart as the prophet Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?" That includes every heart – yours and mine! Only one Person has the answer and His name is Jesus. He came into this world with the express purpose of laying down His life at the cross of Calvary so that we could be reconciled to God and receive the forgiveness of our sins. The offer of everlasting life comes to all those who believe in Him and meet God on His terms rather than imagining we can make up our own. This world is craving for peace but there will never be real peace until Jesus returns and all that's happening at present suggests it will be soon! You and I can't speak for the world, but we can make our own decision to follow Jesus whilst His invitation is still open to us.

Pastor Ray.



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WALBERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Results of the Spring Flower Show held on Saturday 21st March

We were blessed with the most glorious spring day that encouraged lots of visitors to our first show of the year.

We had 244 entries divided into 61 classes. The best Spring Show to date. A huge thank you to the members who participated to make it such a success.

Cups & Trophy Awards for Spring Show

Silver Challenge Cup

Best exhibit in the Daffodil Classes Steve Holden

The Millennium Cup

Best exhibit in the Tulip Classes Sue Pitman

The Peggy Findlay Memorial Bowl

Best Overall exhibit in the Flower Classes Patrick Dealtry

Silver Salver

Best exhibit in the Floral Art Classes Christine King

The Rosemary Burgess Award

Best exhibit in the Pot Plant Classes Mary Lewis

The John Adam-Smith Award

Best exhibit in the Fruit & Veg Classes Sue Pitman

Silver Salver

Best exhibit in the Cookery Classes Liz Hewson

Best exhibit in the Handicraft Classes Christine Hunter

Best exhibit in the Photography Classes John Harris

Best exhibit in the Children's Classes Mabel Coomber

It was good to see so many of you at the AGM. We hope you are enjoying reading through the 2026/2027 schedule and deciding what classes you hope to enter in the Summer Show. Hopefully there is something for everyone. You can also find the schedule on our website www.walberton-gardeners.com

The yearly subscription has remained at £8.00, giving members free entry to any speaker we engage, and hugely subsidised discount on the annual coach trip, and free entry to the Gardeners Club Summer Tea Party.

Thursday 14th May 2.30pm Visiting Speaker, Barry Norman RHS.

“Preparing for the Annual Show”

This tutorial will teach you everything you need to know about entering fruit, flowers and vegetables into a show. So there will be no excuse for not entering because you will know exactly how to display your beetroot, tying your onions and trimming the correct

amount of foliage from your exhibit.

Coffee and cake will be served. Members free. Guests £5.00

Outing to Borde Hill Gardens Tuesday 9th June

The coach will leave Maple Parade at 10.00am and return leaving Borde Hill at 4.00pm.

The cost to members £20.00 and to non members £25.00. To reserve your seat please contact Brenda Bailey 07881 552980 by 9th May.

Walberton Open Gardens Sunday 21st June

Thank you to everyone who has offered to open their garden this year. Without you there would be no Open Gardens.

We do need more volunteers to help with stewarding in various areas particularly car parking throughout the afternoon.

The Snowdrop Trust will be serving teas in the village hall and Sage House will be selling plants. All we need is a glorious summer's day to encourage lots of visitors to our beautiful village.

Summer Flower Show, Dog Show, and Village Fete Saturday 4th July

As usual the Flower Show will take place in the Village Hall, even more classes than ever before to enter.

Dog Show and Village Fete on the Playing Field.

If you would like a stall please contact Brenda Bailey. We love all the local charities who have participated in the past as well as local people selling their jewellery, pottery, and cards, to name but a few. We welcome stalls especially for children and perhaps this year we will have a bouncy castle and the return of Wellie Wanging.

Yes, of course we need volunteers to help the Stall Holders set up, and help clear away at the end of the day. Please contact any of the Gardeners Club Committee if you can spare a few hours to help.

Other Events in May

- 1-3 May** Gardeners World Spring Fair (Beaulieu)
- 2 May** Plant Sale - Yapton Cottage Gardeners
- 10 May** Plant Sale - Lavant Horticultural Society
- 19-23 May** Chelsea Flower Show
- 26 May** Fun with Floristry - Bognor Horticultural
- 3-6 June** Festival of Flowers - Chichester Cathedral

The Walberton Allotments in Yapton Lane are fully subscribed and are flourishing. However, the Fontwell Allotments have vacancies. To obtain one, you need to apply to the Parish Council.

Happy gardening

Liz Hewson

Hope

How confusing life is at times!

Easter should be a time of hope for us all. Over the past two weeks, we have seen press coverage of what humans can achieve by travelling into space further than anyone has gone before. We have also seen pictures of devastating bombing and suffering and the bravery of ordinary families in so many war-torn areas. What is daily life like for families in these places and for the huge number of displaced people living in refugee camps? Whatever their faith, do they and can they find hope for a better life? It may be hope that keeps them going.

As individuals we can do very little to ease the heart-breaking state of the world - except pray. However, we can and do achieve positive things here in Walberton. Sitting in the April MU meeting yesterday and looking round our small but very active group, I realised that we really do continue to contribute to life in the community in so many different ways. Every member uses their particular talents to create, volunteer and support so many organisations and individual people. And our own lives are enriched by doing this.

By the time the May Parish News is published, whatever our hopes for a permanent ceasefire and peace, none of us know what the reality will be. What we can be sure of is that groups like our Mothers Union - as well as many others in our local community - will be carrying on as normal trying to bring a little more hope and support to anyone who needs it, whatever is happening far from our village.

Sue Cox

REST

The labours are over,
the labours are borne and died,
the work done, the toil no more;
all the seasons are gathered in,
and brought to the store:

Rest now, for the ending of the days
is with you, and shall stay with you,
and not leave you unfed or wanting more,
not in this tide of years that swells upon the shore,
where you stand seeing the vastnesses that are to come,
and you within the whole of everything.

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Notices found in church newsletters – that didn't quite come out right!

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last weekend in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



Walberton Open Gardens

Visit the Pretty & Varied Gardens of Walberton

Sunday 21st June 2026
1.00-5.00

Free Parking - Refreshments - Plants
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WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Hello Sunshine,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed some of the lovely weather we have had. The planter at the front of the hall is starting to bloom beautifully and I must send thanks to Brenda from the gardeners club for always dedicating her time for us.

We are currently advertising for a Treasurer to join our small friendly committee.

Do You have skills in this area or have a knack for numbers? Can you spare a few hours a month to help support the village hall? We would love to hear from you, get in touch by emailing Penny, manager@walbertonvillagehall.org

The 80s Disco on the 15th May, tickets are selling well, This will be a first at the village hall and it will be a great night with a professional DJ and bar so don't miss out and join us, buy your tickets available via ticket source and enjoy sounds of the 80s. All events throughout the year are fundraising events that support the maintenance of the hall and costly improvements for you all to enjoy. The events committee are all volunteers and give their time and touch of magic to every event.



Why not get involved, we always welcome new ideas and volunteers so get in touch.

Date for your diary 25th July, flowers and cream tea, Keep updated by following us on Facebook [@walbertonvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/walbertonvillagehall) or find out exciting plans and events on our website. Both of these you can use links to book your tickets for any of our upcoming events. Local posters around the village and notice boards can be found with information on dates and how to book too!

Penny



WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I am concentrating on one scam this month where a distinguished member of our community could so easily have become the victim of a team of very clever criminals. At the last minute she realised that this was a scam and reported it immediately to Action Fraud and the police as well as informing myself.

This was the email she sent to Action Fraud :-

"I received a call on our home landline this morning and have discovered that this was indeed a scam. These are the details which I hope may enable you to follow up. The call was from 0800 208 4972.

The male caller claimed to be from Nat West fraud department - fraud adviser named Simon Haynes. He was well spoken and articulate. He asked about a transaction on an account, giving the last 4 digits of the account - BT payment for £372.18 - I did not recognise the account number but he then gave me the last 4 digits of 2 other accounts I have with Nat West - these were correct.

I became suspicious and he 'transferred' me to their customer services department to get verification that he was genuine. The hold message quoted NatWest and sounded genuine.

Alex confirmed that Simon Haynes was indeed a fraud adviser with Nat West and transferred me back to Simon. He quoted case number C90160218 and said as I was still unhappy that he was going to block the account and the only way to unblock it was to physically visit a branch with ID.

He then proceeded to tell me that as I was so unhappy and uncertain that he would put a block on all my accounts with NatWest. At this point I realised that at no time did they ask me to verify my identity ouch!

I hung up and called the number on my debit card. Nat West confirmed that all my accounts were safe but I should regularly check them. I have notified our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator and hope that others will not end up being scammed. I consider myself intelligent and scam aware but this was so convincing that he had me on the phone for over 10 minutes."

Caroline Wilson, our PCSO with the police, went to visit her soon afterwards and explained how these criminals can get our information and make it sound so logical. We really must all be so suspicious of anything we receive which isn't quite the norm.

Laurie King

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

DIARY FOR MAY

May 2	11.00am	Downland Art Society workshop (P.25)
May 7	10.30am	Snowdrop Coffee Morning
May 10	TBC	Snowdrop Event (P.40)
May 12	7.00pm	St Mary's Games Evening (P.29)
May 14	2.30pm	Walberton Gardeners Club Talk (P.14)
May 15	7.30pm	80's Disco (P13)
May 17	7.00pm	Arun Choral Society Concert (P.46)
May 18	7.15pm	Cheese and Wine Evening (P.35)
May 20	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.2)
May 21	10.00am	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
May 26	10.30am	Fontwell Community Hall Coffee Morning (P.29)
May 26	2.00pm	The Arts Society Boxgrove (P.53)
May 28-30	7.00pm*	Walberton Youth Theatre (P.37)(*Sat 6.00pm)

FUTURE EVENTS

Jun 9	10.00am	Walberton Gardeners Outing (P.15)
Jun 21	TBC	Walberton Open Gardens (P.14)
Jul 4	TBC	Summer Flower Show (P.15)
Jul 25	TBC	Flowers and Cream Tea (P.20)

COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR MAY

Thu 7th May Haskins

Thu 14th May Sainsburys Chichester

Thu 21st May Littlehampton

Thu 28th May Highdown Gardens

Friendly Door to Door escorted service :

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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 May 21 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 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



Arundel Bypass disappearing act

A bit of good news for Binsted and Walberton: something that isn't there! The Government's latest Road Investment Strategy for the next five years (RIS3) was announced on 26 March. New road schemes on the A27, were not mentioned.

The massive opposition to the Arundel scheme shown at the Statutory Consultation in 2022 must have been partly responsible for the absence of such a threat in RIS3. A spokesman for the Department for Transport did acknowledge in the Daily Express that 'local opposition' was a reason for cancelling the scheme – though National Highways has never admitted it.



I won't forget my grandson and his friend pressing their 'NO' signs up against the windows of the Pavilion when National Highways ran a public consultation exhibition there. Then going inside to place them on the tables covered with the misleading paperwork puffing the scheme.

I won't forget all the other mammoth efforts - the careful filling in of the badly skewed survey form (designed to make it impossible to oppose the scheme), the liaison between Walberton, Binsted and Arundel groups opposing it, the gathering on the playing field of 400 people with 'NO' placards, and the many other demos.

I enjoy the peace and beauty of Binsted and the countryside around even more with the thought of something that isn't there – the bypass.

Other news in the RIS3 announcement is less good. The Lower Thames Crossing will go ahead – three lanes each way without a hard shoulder, i.e. a 'smart motorway' in all but name. 'Smart motorways' kill. The target to reduce people killed or seriously injured on the roads has been watered down, from achieving zero in 2040, to zero in 2090 – fifty years later.

If you want to read the RIS3 announcement, it's on <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69c4265e471d520038d0f64a/ris3.pdf>.

Emma Tristram



SATURDAY 2nd May 11am-1pm

Hilary Frame, the chairperson of Downland Art Society, is leading a 2 hour workshop - "Creating your own sketchbook". Hilary is a great teacher with an engaging manner and an artist of considerable experience. She will be showing members how to make a "concertina sketchbook": outside if fine or in the pavilion if poor.

In the afternoon, **SATURDAY 2nd MAY 2PM - 4PM** members are invited to bring their framed or mounted pictures for a critique. There will be awards given for each of the following categories:

- Dorothy Tubb Award - for the best traditionally painted oil painting.
- Contemporary Award - for the best contemporary painting in any medium.
- Drawing Award - for the best drawing in any medium.

The day is for members and their art work but visitors are very welcome to watch the afternoon's critique session. As artists, we can always learn from comments on other's paintings.

For more information of 2026 events, see our website, or contact Liz.

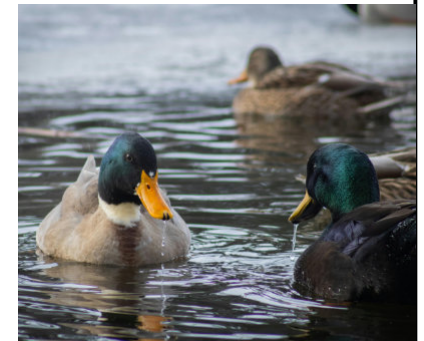
Liz Brown

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

(All DAS meetings are held in Walberton pavilion).

Beware bread for ducks

The Canal & River Trust, which looks after Britain's waterways, has warned that bread is 'junk food' for ducks. It can lead to excessive droppings, which spread disease. If bread is left to rot, it can trigger noxious odours which can kill fish and encourage algae, as well as rats and mice. So – what DO ducks eat? Try corn, peas, lettuce and seeds.



Don't drive when sad

You've seen those motorway signs warning you not to drive when you are tired. But now it seems you are far more likely to crash your car if you drive when you are sad, or when you are angry, or when you are agitated.

A study has found that a healthy emotional state is hugely important for your safety at the wheel; being sad, mad or upset can increase your likelihood of a crash by nearly ten-fold. That compares with fatigue making a crash only three times more likely, while talking on a mobile phone doubles the risk.

Having children in your back seat is a very low risk, and chatting to your passenger or moving to music barely raises the risk at all. The study was carried out at Virginia Tech.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

For May St Mary's is praying especially for:

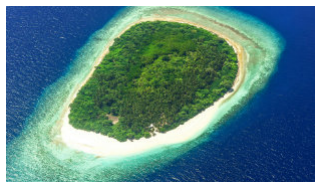
Residents of The Ridings, Fontwell Close and The Chase, Fontwell.

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 ;

What is the world's biggest island?

(Answer on P. 58)



Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

May

- 1st Jill and Mo
- 8th Sue and Janette
- 15th Sue and Janette
- 22nd Di and Christine
- 29th Di and Pauline

Pauline Blumer

Walberton Cricket Club Fixtures 2026 Season

Walberton Cricket Club are looking forward to the 2026 cricket season after a successful year in 2025. Matches will take place every Sunday from **10th April through to 27th September**. The games are all friendly matches against other village teams in the local area. Home matches take place at the Walberton recreation ground and all are welcome to attend. We welcome any new players who would like to join the club. If you are interested please contact **Peter Brackley on 07539904939**.
Regards Peter

Walberton CC Fixtures 2026

Date	Playing	Home or Away	Time	Event
April 19 th	Yellow Stump	Home	1.00	
April 26 th	Bury	Away	1.30	
May 3 rd	Ashling	Home	1.30	
May 10 th	Stanstead Park	Away	1.30	
May 17 th	Fittleworth	Away	1.30	
May 25 th	Littlehampton	Away	1.00	Bank Holiday Monday
May 31 st	Ferring	Home	1.30	
June 4 th	Lavant	Home	6.00	Thursday evening T20 Match
June 7 th	Stanstead Park	Home	1.30	
June 14 th	West Wittering	Home	1.30	
June 21 st	Emsworth	Away	1.30	
June 28 th	Madehurst	Home	1.30	Annual Memorial Match
July 5 th	Burpham	Away	1.30	
July 12 th	Watersfield	Home	1.30	
July 19 th	Arundel Grasshoppers	Home	1.30	
July 26 th	Lavant	Away	2.00	
Aug 2 nd	Ashling	Away	1.30	
Aug 9 th	Kirdford	Away	1.30	
Aug 16 th	Slindon	Home	1.30	
Aug 23 rd	Madehurst	Away	1.30	
Aug 30 th	Portsmouth CCC	Home	1.30	
Sep 6 th	Slindon	Away	1.00	
Sep 13 th	Westbourne	Away	1.00	
Sep 20 th	Littlehampton	Home	1.00	
Sep 27 th	Amberley	Home	1.00	



Some Tasty Memories From Walberton's Past

A recipe from the Walberton cook book of the 1980's. Still good today!

CHOCOLATE BANANA CAKE

5oz S.R. flour
¼ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 ripe banana
1 egg
5oz caster sugar
2oz soft butter
½ teaspoon vanilla
a good teaspoon cocoa
a good teaspoon coffee powder
¼ teaspoon salt

Whisk or liquidise egg, sugar, banana, butter, vanilla and salt until liquid. Pour liquid onto sieved flour, soda and other dry ingredients and mix just long enough to incorporate. Bake in a greased and floured 7" square tin for approximately 30 minutes at 375°F.

For a delicious gateau make twice the quantity, sandwich together with cream, cover top with cream and decorate with sliced banana and grated chocolate.



WALBERTON HISTORY GROUP - Apology

We must apologise for the incorrect date in our April edition for the talk by Paul Ullson

"Pirates and Smugglers - Rogues, Rascals and Rum"

(We had the 2nd of April and not the 23rd)

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Join us for a drop-in coffee morning

Fontwell Community Hall

Tuesday 26 May
10.30am-12 noon



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St Mary's Games Evening

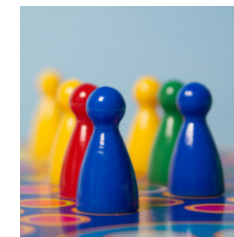
Tuesday May 12 from 7.00pm

Why not join us for a fun evening where we get together to play modern board games for a few hours.

Second Tuesday of each month,

It is a games night on a Tuesday evening once a month.

Please contact Peter Allday if you would like to come along.
(peter.allday@gmail.com)



Marmalade Memories

The Editor was asking, in the April issue, whether anyone had any stories about marmalade.

When I was posted to our company in Seoul, in Korea, in the 1970`s, my wife and I found a country hardly touched by Western life, apart from the presence of the American forces. There were only about two Western-style supermarkets in the country and these only sold American-style goods, so, of course, no marmalade, as it is not much eaten ` across the pond`!

And so my wife set out to make our own. I can`t remember where the oranges came from but it turned out very well and we had a useful store to carry us forward.

Later that year we went on leave from Korea and a colleague was sent up from our Hong Kong office to stand in for me for the time that I was away. He lived in our house for the period and made himself quite at home and we, of course, returned to find that he had consumed our entire stock of marmalade, with great enjoyment!

John Boldero





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BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY

The Siege

By Ben Macintyre

This book should be accompanied by a warning.

Do not start if busy.

In 1980, no.16 Princes Gate, Kensington, was the imposing terraced home of the Iranian Embassy, guarded, as always, by an officer of the Diplomatic Protection Group. It was an unimaginably boring job which suited PC Trevor Lock perfectly. (He had only really joined the police force to 'help old ladies cross the road').

At 11.26 am on Wednesday 30th April, all notions of boring routine ended abruptly when six disguised and heavily armed young men stormed the building. With no time to reach for his Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, Lock briefly made it to his lapel panic button, setting off a chain reaction in a crisis which would grip the world for six long days. The story has been related, documented and filmed but never presented so convincingly as in Macintyre's narrative.



These intruders were not simply terrorist thugs and this was not simply a domestic incident. Well educated, multi-lingual and largely Anglophiles, their mission was to draw attention to the unjust and oppressive regime in Iran which denied the Arabistan people their dues: a grudge rooted in centuries of history. This is their story.

At the time, no-one else on the scene knew where Arabistan was! Unbeknown, thousands of miles to the east, other political forces were at play, only too eager to manipulate these pawns into a situation which would aid their own sinister agenda.

Within minutes of hearing the alarm, DPG officers of neighbouring embassies arrived, followed by police, from nearby stations and Scotland Yard, still uncertain what exactly they were dealing with. By 12.06 pm, when a trained negotiator made his opening salvo, it became clear that this would have far-reaching, international and, possibly, ugly connotations. By 12.10 pm, the press and TV crews were flocking to the vicinity. Right time, right place, it would springboard the young Kate Adie's career.

Macintyre excels in creating pace and tension. Inside no.16, the



intruders were frustrated beyond measure by the stalling and (in their view) the 'trickery' of the police, whose hands had been firmly tied by the resolute Margaret Thatcher, only one year into office. For them, all was not going according to plan. Minds whirred, emotions yo-yoed, tempers flared.

The 26 individuals who had been innocently going about their business but were now hostage (Embassy staff and visitors alike) were reacting with varying degrees of terror and confusion as they were reassured of their safety one moment only to be threatened the next. This is very much their story.

Midst all, Lock, desperate that his revolver should not be discovered, kept a constipated vigil over his fellow captives; and his police hat firmly on.

The police were now fronting a major incident, evacuating nearby buildings, corralling the press, setting up close-circuit television, dealing with bystanders (later to include protestors and cranks) contacting Arabic and Farsi interpreters and handling delicate and volatile negotiations with this unpredictable group of foreigners. A forensic psychiatrist from the Maudsley was summoned to advise on tactics and to monitor the well-being of the police and negotiators, all working under unrelenting stress.

The SAS unit based in Hereford had been alerted 20 minutes after Lock pressed his button. By evening, 45 soldiers were stealthily making their way in convoy towards London, sufficiently geared up to repel a small invasion. Already on 'alert', they took up position in the Royal College of General Practitioners, housed conveniently adjacent to the embassy, at no.15. Little did they know the premises had been bugged by MI5 and the Anti-terrorist squads, based down the road at no. 25. (This was the Royal School of Needlework, home to intricate and precious embroideries and tapestries, where smoking was strictly forbidden. So desperate for a fag did they become, they commandeered the Montessori nursery school next door. Permission to do so was only granted on the firm undertaking that they would care for Nibbles, the school's pet gerbil (accidentally left behind during evacuation) and, on no account, disturb the duck nesting on the windowsill. A rare 'gem' of normality in this whole saga).

Macintyre has no difficulty in conveying the mounting frenzy as the eyes of the world became glued to developments in London. Nerves became frayed as sleep deprivation, exhaustion, uncertainty and stress took its toll on the physical health and mental stability of all parties inside and outside no.16. Moments of relief were fleeting. Given that the demands of the kidnappers were not being met, there was growing despondency that, ultimately, the hostages would be shot. **(Continued on P.34)**

(Continued from P. 33) When matters reached crisis point during the evening of Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, Margaret Thatcher sanctioned the SAS to go in.

Such is his commitment to researching the minutest detail, Macintyre's commentary is breathtaking as he unravels the jig-saw of each move and its consequences from then on.

Plans for the assault had been meticulous. But things did not go entirely to plan. In the raging battle where senses were annihilated by the cacophony of exploding bombs and grenades, and smothered by impenetrable gas and billowing smoke, split second synchronisation was lost. Equipment became jammed. Some protective gear failed. Amid falling debris and outbreaks of fire, there was carnage and chaos. In a bid to save themselves, the terrorists randomly opened fire, while disoriented hostages scrambled for cover until such time as they could be wrenched to safety and freedom outside. Viewers looked on with incredulity.

Britain's standing in the world changed that day but, 46 years on (almost to the day) it is a chilling reminder of our vulnerability.

Operation Nimrod took 11 minutes. It would leave a permanent legacy. For some, an enduring trauma. For others, fame - capital on which to build careers and reputations. Commendations and awards, promotions and knighthoods were bestowed. Among them, the heroic PC Lock was awarded the George Medal for 'outstanding courage, sustained bravery, calmness and devotion to duty'. It did not sit at all comfortably with him. (Macintyre tells us that his wife kept the medal in her knitting basket). But it will always be his story.

Anne Brearley-Smith

God never put anyone
in a place too small to
grow in. – **Henrietta Mears**



Welcome to a
Cheese & Wine
Evening
incorporating the AGM
At
Walberton Village Hall
Monday 18th May
Time: 7.15pm

All welcome


Fraud! A Cautionary Tale

My wife received this letter a few days ago, and its amazing just how realistic it looks! Unfortunately she has not won the money but it was fun working out just what we would have done with it if she had!

Laurie King

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31-03-2026

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Dear Ms King,

We are delighted to inform you of the International FIFA World Cup Easter Lottery Program held on 23/03/2026. Due to mix up of names and numbers the results were released on 13/03/2026. Your name attached to ticket number:038/76 with serial number: 084 drew lucky numbers: 13-21-27-36-38-45 with bonus ball 4 which consequently won in the 4th category, you have therefore been approved the winner for a lump sum pay out of Nine Hundred Thousand Pounds (£900,000.00) congratulations! Note: This is a tax-free draw and all participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from Over 390,000,000, individuals worldwide.

The program was designed and promoted by European lottery, **Loteria, El Gordo** and **Commonwealth Bank of Australia** to promote the Canada/USA/Mexico 2026 FIFA World Cup. This has been the biggest ever played in the world which aimed at changing the lives of millions of people. Please to help us proceed with your claims, this information must be kept away from public to avoid unwarranted abuse of the program or fraudulent acts from criminal minded and unauthorized person(s)

To begin your claims, contact Mr Roger Wilson, the Foreign Service Manager of **STANDARD CHARTERED FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS** ON Tel: **02070607420**. Direct Line: **07351437225** ADDRESS: 22 HANNOVER SQUARE LONDON W1S 1HD UNITED KINGDOM for the processing and remittance of your Winnings. Remember to quote your reference number in all correspondence

Finally, all winnings must be claimed not later than 30/05/2026. After this date, the entire Fund will be returned to the INT'L BOARD OF INTERNAL REVENUE as unclaimed. Furthermore, should there be any change of your personal details or address, do inform your claims agent as soon as Possible.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Trees With More Paperwork Than People — A Quick Look at TPOs

In the Parish, some trees have more paperwork attached to them than most of us do — which is perhaps slightly ironic, given where paperwork comes from in the first place! And just like us, not all of that paperwork is always entirely up to date.

Tree Preservation Orders, or TPOs, are a familiar part of village life, particularly in conservation areas like ours. In simple terms, a TPO is a legal protection placed on a tree (or group of trees) because of its value to the local environment — whether that's its visual contribution, its role in the landscape, or its importance to wildlife.

Once a tree is protected by a TPO, you can't simply carry out work to it — such as pruning, cutting back, or removing it — without first applying to the local authority. That applies not just to landowners, but also to anyone undertaking work on their behalf.

It can feel slightly odd that you may need to apply for consent just to prune a tree in your own garden! — but that's often the reality where TPO protection is in place.

That said, a TPO doesn't mean a tree can never be touched. Trees still grow, change, and occasionally become unsafe. The system allows for sensible management — but with the right checks in place.

To most of us, it's "just a tree." To the planning system, it's a map reference, an Order number, a date of confirmation, and sometimes a consultation history stretching back years. And this is where it can get a little more interesting.

Not all TPOs are the same. Some are made and then formally confirmed. Others may be modified, or occasionally lapse if not confirmed within a certain time frame. Over time, records can become harder to interpret, particularly where orders overlap or have been updated.

So, if you've ever wondered whether a particular tree is protected —



or what that protection actually covers — it's always worth taking a moment to check. Arun District Council provides online mapping systems where TPOs can be viewed, along with their status and extent.

Having a TPO in place is a bit like having a parking permit — it matters enormously, but only if it's valid and in force. In fact, anyone can ask for a tree to be considered for protection. So if you have a favourite tree in the Parish, why not consider applying for a TPO — and help make it a favourite for the next generation of the district.

The good news is that the system is there to protect what makes places like the Parish special. Trees play a huge role in the character of our villages — softening development, framing views, and linking the built environment to the surrounding landscape. Understanding how TPOs work doesn't require a legal background — just a bit of curiosity. And the more we all understand, the better placed we are to look after the things that make the Parish what it is.

Shona



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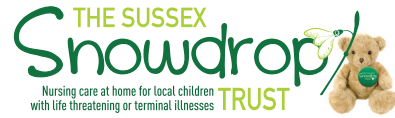
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PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16 v 23

St Mary's

Pray for God's vision as we meet for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and for a willingness to fill vacant roles.

Pray for the children and young people who come to Little Lambs, Sunday School and Families at Five services, that they would come to know Jesus for themselves.

Our Community

This month we pray for the residents of The Ridings, Fontwell Close and The Chase, Fontwell.

Pray for the staff and volunteers at Snowdrop Trust and for all the families in their care as they hold their annual fundraising walk in Arundel.

Our Nation

Pray for those who will be elected to local councils on 7 May, for a true heart to serve their local communities.

At this season of Rogation, pray for our farmers and growers for favourable weather conditions for this year's crops.

Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet as prices rise; pray for charities, food banks and initiatives to ease the pressures they face.

The World

Pray that the ceasefire in the Middle East will hold and countries will reach an acceptable agreement through negotiation.

Pray that the Easter truce between Russia and Ukraine will open the door to ending the violence.

The Church

Pray for a generous response to Christian Aid week; pray for parents living with food insecurity to be able to access training and tools to provide for their families.

Give thanks for God's gift of his Holy Spirit and pray for his fruit to grow in our lives.

"Thy Kingdom Come" days of prayer 14-24 May that God's Spirit may move in people's hearts to reveal Jesus, his love and forgiveness.

St Mary's Churchyard Study Group - Richard Nash

Richard Nash Esq does not show in the Sussex Family History Group of 25 Sussex Graveyards or the Arun Valley and Worthing Outskirts list which has maps with grave numbers so the location of his grave is not known. However, he is shown in a scan of a Parish Register as being buried at Walberton on 21st December 1793***. There are records showing donations from other members of his family inside the church.

Richard Nash and Rev Michael Dorset, who died 20th March 1802 were members of a group organising the inclosure of Walberton Common in 1769. Rev Michael Dorset is shown as buried in the churchyard but Thomas Fowler and John Boniface are not.



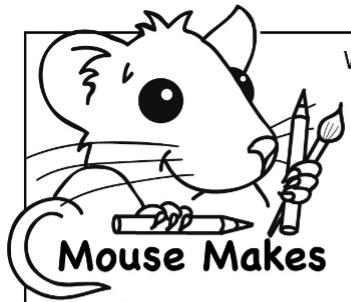
Richard Nash was an important member of the community and one of a group marking the line and dimensions of what became the A27 as part of the common land Inclosure proceedings. His responsibilities also included inspecting local roads to ensure they were kept in repair. He was Chairman of the Justices and there are several records of him approving expenses for maintaining Petworth Prison and for constables expenses for transferring prisoners from one place to another, either to prison or back to their home village.

He lived in Walberton House and owned several farms around Walberton including some land near Pepper Pond (possibly the pond near the allotments?) and a cottage near Walberton pond. In total about 255 acres.

From British History on Line:-

Walberton Common was situated just north of the current A27 and south of Slindon Common totalling about 256 acres. Under the Inclosure Act 1769 it was divided between Richard Nash being entitled, as Lord and Owner of the said Manor and the Demesnes there of, and several other farms to at least 4 fifths (*the whole being 5 fifths*) of the said common. However, records indicate that in fact he received 120 acres, the vicar 7 acres and the remainder was divided between 23 others.

In 1776 Richard Nash was said to have laid open the grounds of Walberton House where he lived and planted round the churchyard. Two years later a map showing an oblong area south of the house extending eastwards as far as Yapton Lane.** Possibly the laid open grounds? The trees on the west boundary near the church are probably about 200 plus years old* so could have been part of the planted round in 1776 although other records show these as being planted by the Prime family. **(Continued on P. 46)**



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

Genesis 1:2

The

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of _____ of the Father.
A _____
Romans 8:15

H _____
John 14:26

The Spirit of

John 16:13

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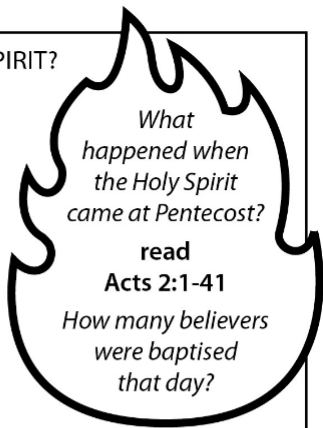
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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

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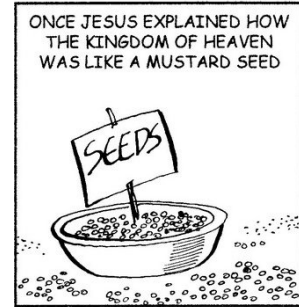
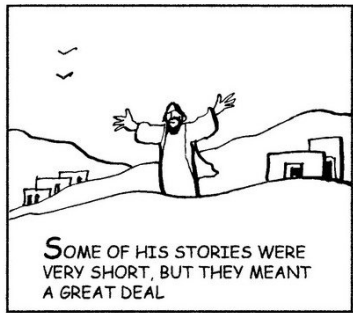
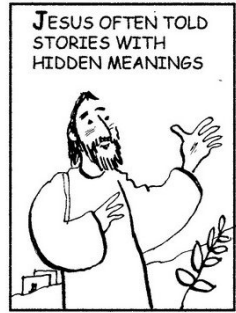
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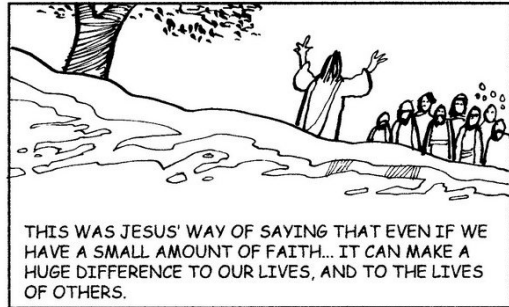
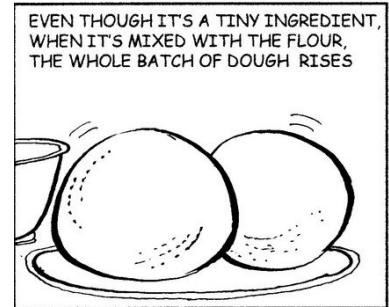
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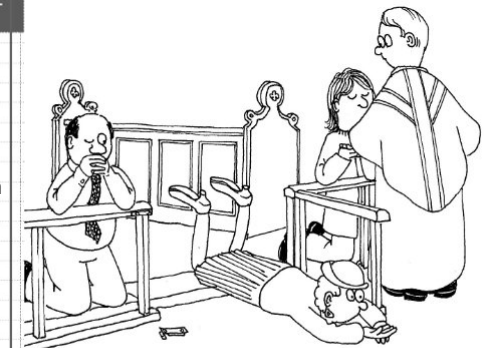
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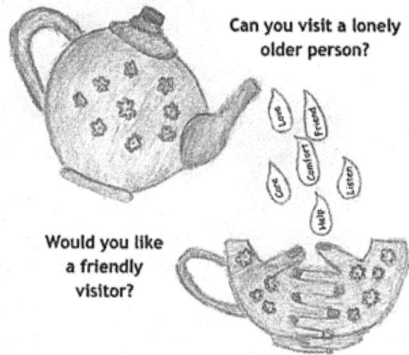
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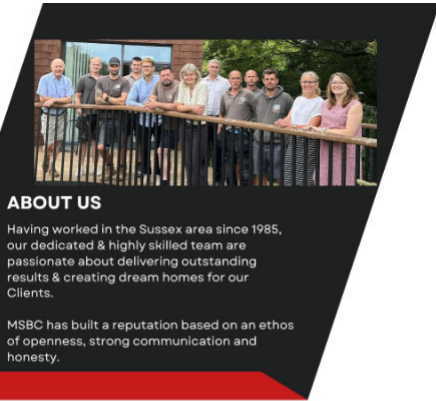
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