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St Mary's Walberton with Binsted
Services in Church at St Mary's

Sunday 1 November All Saints

9.00am Holy Communion BCP (*At St Mary's Walberton*)
10.30am Holy Communion CW
4.00pm Families At Four

Sunday 8 November - Remembrance

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Said
10.50am Remembrance Service
6.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 15 November - 2 before Advent

9.00am Mattins
10.30am Holy Communion CW with Children's Groups
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 22 November - Christ The King

9.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Morning Praise iSing with Children's Groups
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 29 November

9.00am Holy Communion CW
10.30am School Christingle
6.00pm Advent Readings

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 3rd and 4th Sundays of November.** Craft,drama, stories and more.
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Village Friends	07925 217843	Meg Brackley
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Letter From The Vicar
May 1940

Why did Britain continue to resist Hitler after the fall of France in 1940? This has been a question raised recently in the blogosphere. In a word the answer is 'Prague'. In 1938, at Munich, Chamberlain had pressured the Czechs into giving away the Sudetenland because it was predominantly German speaking. In doing so the Czechs lost all their border defences. In March 1939 Hitler gobbled up the remainder of Czechoslovakia taking Prague. It was this breach of Czech sovereignty which caused the British government to see Hitler in a new light. His promises of peace were not to be trusted. In May 1940 at the crucial moment Chamberlain, still the leader of the Conservatives, sided with Prime Minister Churchill in the War Cabinet. Britain's decision to stand alone against Hitler after the fall of Poland and France was predominantly a moral one. Hitler could not understand why Britain would not make peace. Being a naval power there was nothing Britain could do in the short run to reverse Hitler's conquest of Europe, and a prolonged war would only weaken her empire. Churchill hoped that eventually either the Soviet Union or the USA would be drawn into the war, but this was not guaranteed and there were strongly isolationist forces in both countries. In the meantime, Britain had to suffer the U boat campaign against her supply lines whilst Britain blockaded German imports and starved her of precious oil.

Had Britain made peace in 1940 the most significant result would have been that the USA might not have been drawn into the European war in December 1941. Hitler believed that the USA was effectively supporting Britain and so declared war against the USA in that month. The Soviet Union would have faced Hitler alone. The Americans would not have sent the USSR 400,000 trucks. Germany would not have suffered its chronic oil shortages caused by the Royal Navy. The German Air force would have not received a bloody nose in the Battle of Britain and would have been much stronger in 1941. German troops would not have needed to go to Greece and Crete to defeat the British and so delay Operation Barbarossa. Rommel would have had his Africa Corps fighting in Russia not Libya. And, of course, in the end all 9 million European Jews would have been murdered. None of this was foreseen clearly in May 1940. It was a decision based more on instinct than cold calculation and it could have gone the other way. But in George VI and Churchill, Britain was blessed with the right leaders at the right time.

I hope you can join us for our Remembrance Service on Sunday 8 November at 10.50am.

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar



Mike and Elizabeth Gammon

Margo Cole meets a Walberton/Arundel couple who recently celebrated their platinum wedding anniversary after a remarkable



Mike and Elizabeth at their joint 90th birthday party in 2022

life together.

MIKE and Elizabeth Gammon have touched the lives of many people in the five decades they have lived in West Sussex. Readers who grew up in Littlehampton, Rustington or Walberton may remember Mike as their primary school teacher or deputy head; Arundel residents may know Elizabeth from her time as the town's librarian; and locals and visitors alike will have enjoyed their stunning garden when it was open to the public. But the couple, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in March, had an extremely interesting and varied life before they arrived – and a very romantic start to their long life together.


Mike navigating a 78 Squadron Valetta in 1953

They met in Cyprus in 1954. Mike, then a young RAF officer with 78 Squadron, was stationed in Egypt's Canal Zone, working as a navigator on planes carrying troops and supplies. His friend Frank was engaged to Pam, a nurse who worked on the base and, when Frank was posted back to the UK, he asked Mike to 'keep an eye out for her'. Mike duly obliged and, as they got on well, cheekily asked her if she had a sister back home.

"Much to my surprise, she did," says Mike. That sister was Elizabeth.

The two became pen pals, finally meeting when Pam went to Cyprus to recuperate from an illness, and Mike and Elizabeth both went to visit her at the same time. Their first date was at a bar in Nicosia, and they have been together ever since.

They are aware that, without Mike's friendship with Frank, they would never have met: "We're from very different backgrounds and parts of the country," says Mike. Both were born in 1932, Mike to an RAF family in Southampton, and Elizabeth, the daughter of a textile mill owner in Yorkshire. They were 22 when they met, by which time Mike had been through three years' training as an RAF navigator and two years' service in Egypt. Thankfully for the young couple, his next posting was to Yorkshire, so the courtship continued, and they got engaged in 1955.


Mike and Elizabeth's wedding on 31st March 1956

Before they could marry, Mike had to get permission from the RAF, as officers weren't supposed to marry until they were 25. The wedding was held at a church near Whitby, and on the big day, Mike was harbouring a secret: a month before the wedding, he had been told that, rather than staying at Dishforth for the next 18 months as he'd expected, he was being posted to Lyneham in Wiltshire. He managed to put off leaving for three weeks but decided not to tell anyone about the posting until after the marriage – not even Elizabeth. My gut feeling was that Elizabeth's mother would not be best pleased," he explains. "Losing a daughter to live 20 miles away might just be acceptable, but 200 miles certainly was not. So I decided to keep it quiet". He eventually broke the news to Elizabeth half-way through their honeymoon in Devon. Her response? "Let's cut the honeymoon short and go house hunting in Lyneham."

That was the start of a decade in which they moved every two years as Mike was posted from Wiltshire to Canada, then to Lincolnshire, Surrey and Hampshire, with their three children, Tony, Christopher and Annie, all born in different locations. Then Mike got the job that he describes as the highlight of his RAF career, Commanding LXX Squadron in Cyprus, flying transport aircraft from Nicosia and Akrotiri.

When that tour ended, Mike got the first of what was likely to be a succession of desk-based jobs, and the couple faced a decision. "Officers had an option to leave the service at 38 with a small pension or stay in until they were 55," Mike explains. "The arguments for staying were a guaranteed job with reasonable career prospects and good pay. The disadvantage was that I'd spend more time in desk jobs." With the likelihood that they would have to keep moving, and with three school age children, they decided to leave, and on Mike's 38th birthday, after 20 years in the RAF and nearly 5,000 hours flying time, they made a new start. ***(Continued on P. 19)***

WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2026

Nov - 1st , 8th, 15th , 22nd and 29th All at 10.30am.



We Will Remember Them

One of the amazing characteristics that we human beings possess is the ability to recall events that have happened to us in the past. Obviously, we can't remember every detail of our lives but those which were particularly enjoyable or traumatic are the ones that register the most. When the current experience we are going through matches with something we have been through before, it triggers similar feelings and emotions that we've known previously. Our expectation should be to build positive memories that we can look back on with satisfaction and fulfilment, but life seldom unfolds in the way we would want it to, and things can occur which leave us troubled and distressed. Unlike physical health issues, mental health is an even more complex area where we can really struggle to find understanding and healing.

If you attend A & E with a broken arm or leg, an Xray will soon identify the problem and a pathway to recovery. However, we don't have machines that can analyse thoughts and eliminate the ones that are causing distress. Thoughts are something of a mystery in that they are abstract, cannot be seen, cannot be weighed, cannot be measured, and yet we all say that we have them and they motivate everything we do. I once heard a statement that had a profound effect on me when it referred to terrorists as "those whose thoughts were more important to them than another person's right to live! " Sadly, we are seeing increasing numbers of terrorist attacks around the world causing immense pain and suffering to ordinary people who just want to get on with their lives in a simple and peaceful way.

In the light of present circumstances, I sometime reflect on the euphoria which was expressed on New Year's Eve 1999 when the world was about to enter the New Millennium. There was such hope and excitement for the future, but we hadn't gone very far when in 2001 the Twin Towers in New York were destroyed by two hijacked planes that were deliberately flown into them and another one hit the Pentagon. The UK was attacked on the 7th of July 2005 when four suicide bombers struck London's transport network, killing 52 people and injuring over 770 others. For anyone caught up in those atrocities, the memories will never go away and even for those of us who weren't directly involved, we can probably recall where we were and what we were doing when the news broke. These events are relatively fresh in the public conscience but earlier ones in our history will come into focus as we draw near to the 11th of November when, at 11.00am in 1918, the guns fell silent on the Western Front and an armistice came into effect between Germany and the Allied Powers, thereby marking the end of World War 1. The 'War to end all Wars' proved not to be so with the Second World Ward erupting just over two decades later. Since then, there have been further conflicts, many of which are still ongoing.

I expect the majority of the present population of our country has relatives who were lost in those two World Wars. Our family has spoken of one who was posthumously honoured after "a magnificent display of courage and determination" before being killed during fighting in northern France. Sergeant Harry Wells joined the Kent Police in 1911, working in Ashford, after previous Army service in India, before re-joining the military when World War 1 broke out. The 27-year-old former police officer led his men towards enemy lines before being killed in the final advance during the Battle of Loos in September 1915. His medal (Victoria Cross) is being exhibited at Kent Police Museum in Faversham until November. According to Wells' citation for the medal, which is held in the National Archive, the Royal Sussex Regiment soldier "took command and led his men forward" after his platoon officer was killed. "Nearly half the platoon was killed or wounded and the remainder much shaken, but with the utmost coolness and bravery Sgt Wells rallied them and led them forward," according to the citation. He was killed when, with very few men left, he "stood up and urged them forward once more." His mother was presented with the medal by King George V in 1916. I'm sure the medal could do little to soothe the pain of a mother's loss.

The horrors of war, if only experienced through our television screens, should make us question what it is that makes us human beings so violent and destructive. We are flawed by a disease which the Bible identifies as sin, and we can do nothing to cure ourselves of it. It has the power to destroy us and separate us forever from the God who loves us and has done everything He can to save us from a lost eternity. That's why Jesus came into His world as a Man to seek and to save that which was lost. He is the only way back to God and has the power to heal the broken hearted and to set the captive free. When the heart is healed, the troublesome thoughts stop penetrating the mind. The promise of God is that all whoever calls on the name of the Lord, will be saved but you do have to ask for His help. Don't wait until it's too late as some have done. Now is the appointed time – now is the day of Salvation!

Pastor Ray

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WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL
FUNDRAISING EVENT

Walberton Fireworks & Bonfire Night

Sunday 1st November

5.30 - GATES OPEN
6.30 - BONFIRE IS LIT
7.00 - FIREWORK DISPLAY

HOT FOOD | BAR | HOT CHOCOLATE | MULLED WINE

CARD ONLY EVENT - NO CASH

No dogs allowed

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Walberton Gardeners Club

The Autumn Show held in the Village Hall back in mid September surprised us all with 287 entries. More than last year. We thought the incredible heat of the summer would have reduced entries especially in the vegetable classes.
The only classes to suffer were the Novelty Section.
Just not enough water to produce the Heaviest potato, beetroot, marrow or pumpkin.
Only one entry for Runner Bean race but the longest Sunflower was over 11ft tall and took three people to carry it into the Hall.

Trophy Winners

- Dahlia Cup best exhibit in the Dahlia Classes
  Laurie King
- Chrysanthemum Cup best exhibit in Chrysanthemum Classes
  Richard Barron
- Fuchsia Glass Bowl best exhibit in the Fuchsia Classes
  Sue Pitman
- Millennium Glass Vase best exhibit in the Cut Flower Classes
  Kate Mills
- Drakers Dibber best exhibit in the Vegetable Classes
  Richard Barron
- John Mills Memorial Bowl best exhibit in the Fruit Classes
  Bob Rogers
- Trug Trophy best exhibit in the Trug Classes
  Bob Rogers
- Silver Salver best exhibit in the Floral Art Classes
  Christine King
- Kendrick Award best exhibit in the Pot Plant Classes
  Sue Pitman
- Silver Salver best exhibit in the Cookery Classes
  Catherine Ward
- Photography Trophy best exhibit in the Photography Classes
  John Harris
- Irene Dawson Trophy best exhibit in the Handicraft Classes
  Christine Hunter

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 28th November 10.30am Village Hall. As usual, good real coffee, home made cakes and a Christmas themed raffle. The coffee morning is open to all, not just Gardeners Club Members. This is our last event of 2026 so we look forward to see you there.

What a year we have had. A summer with more heat waves than anyone can remember, no rain, just week after week of sunshine. Now it will soon be Christmas and who knows what the weather gods will throw at us this winter.

Did you know there is a Community Orchard in Walberton? Did you pick any of the Quinces off the rather laden tree?

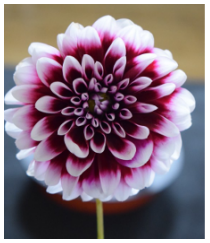
Liz Hewson

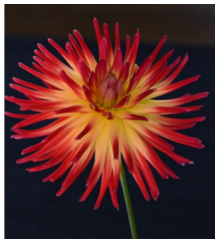
(Photos below are highlights from the Autumn Show)















Mothers' UNION
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ROYAL PATRONAGE



As Mothers' Union celebrates its 150 years of faith in action, for 128 of those years, it has proudly had Royal Patronage. Dating back to Queen Victoria's final years to our current Royal Patron, HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh, members of The Royal Family have shone a spotlight on the work of Mothers' Union for over a hundred years.

Royal Patronage was first granted on 8th February 1898. This started an enduring relationship between MU and The Royal Family.

In addition to this a Royal Charter has been in place since 1926. This is a formal document granted by the monarch that legally incorporates an organisation, giving it independent legal personality which reflects the status of MU in society.

The combination of these two things has greatly contributed to Mothers' Union ability to grow and operate around the world, allowing our movement to support the millions of people it has throughout 150 years.

FUTURE MU DATES

- **SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER BEETLE DRIVE. 4pm - 6pm** in the small Village Hall. Come and enjoy the fun! £5 Adults/£2.50 Children (8+) tea and cake included. Tickets from Sue Martineau susanmart@gmail.com 07813311941

- **THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2 - 4pm** A talk on the history of St Mary's Hospital Almshouses, Chichester, by Reverend Brian Cunningham. All are very welcome. Meeting to be held in St Mary's Church, Walberton.

(NB Royal Patronage taken from a piece by Clare Howarth, MU archivist.)

Liz Brown

WORRY

The church wall stands before me;
beyond it, the green grass is planted dead with folk;
their lives were once as mine,
ears, toes, and tears,
hunger, grief and wondering,
worries too at what would happen at the end
that seem pointless now:

Old worry, the plant that never grows,
the flower heads unfulfilled;
worry is a stream that has no end,
no sea receives it,
no trees reach out their arms and hold it firm;
there are far greater cares in the world
than your own:

The dead of this churchyard are no less well off,
but have sunshine still within their earthy hearts;
the world beats on;
worry is banished here;
the flowers are ever golden all about.

William Foot



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(Mike and Elizabeth Gammon continued from P.9)

Keen to try running a business, Elizabeth and Mike bought a post office and general store in Sidlesham. They ran it for two years, living over the shop, before Mike retrained as a teacher and started on the career that would take him through to retirement.

They moved to Arundel in 1971 and Mike trained as a teacher. After spells in Littlehampton and Rustington schools he was appointed Deputy Head at Walberton School in 1979, staying for 11 years and becoming heavily involved in Walberton life; joining WOADS, running marathons fundraising for the Village Hall, serving on the PCC and helping Peter Brown to restart the Church Choir, remaining as a member for over 30 years. Elizabeth worked as a librarian, first at New England College, now Tortington Manor, then at Arundel Library.

Elizabeth has always had a passion for flowers and gardening and trained to lecture in flower arranging at Brinsbury College. She has done floral arrangements for local businesses, including Parham House, and for a few years was the flower arranger for the Arundel Festival, as well as being involved with the Corpus Christi Festival at the cathedral. In 2003, the couple opened their garden to the public for the first time under the National Garden Book Scheme, and over the next 10 years, raised over £10,000 by opening on May Bank Holiday weekends.

Sport has always played a big role in Mike's life, and this continued long into retirement. His achievements include being part of the Sussex team that won the over-50s cricket championship, running the London and Paris marathons, and serving as captain, chairman and president of Avisford Park Golf Club Seniors. He is also a three-time British orienteering champion – once in the M85 category (for male orienteers aged 85 and over) and twice in the M90 category.

Mike and Elizabeth now have seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and were joined by family and friends when they celebrated their anniversary with a party at Boxgrove.

(Our Thanks to Margo Cole and the team at 'The Arundel Bell' for allowing us to re-print this article.)



Walberton Village Hall

Hi All,

We have two great events approaching at the Hall before the end of the year.
Firstly our annual fireworks fundraiser on Sunday 1st November, a tremendous amount of work is involved for this event to take place, the committee who are all volunteers themselves give their time and effort to ensuring the firework evening is not only a spectacular event but that everyone is safe and the wellbeing of the community is always the top of their list. Please if you can volunteer some time to ensure events like these continue, get in touch we welcome all help offered, please contact me via email
manager@walbertonvillagehall.org

Sadly this year we will not be running Father Christmas grotto, We simply do not have the volunteers and time for various reasons. With a much lower attendance last year the committee felt this year we would take a break as Santa is so busy and return next year hopefully bigger and better with additional activities.

Great news, our Wreath making workshop is back for this year with our professional florist Caroline on Saturday 5th December. This event was very well received and tickets booked up quickly so head to our website or Facebook page to book your place to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available via ticket source only.

Lastly if you have any ideas for future events or community projects you would like to see at the Hall please get in touch.

Penny

Walberton Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing has been reported to me over the past month with regard to criminal or suspicious activity in our three villages. We seem to have come out of the summer months unscathed in that respect which is a relief, as the hot weather, with doors and windows left open, can be such a magnet for burglaries along with garden sheds and garages. Now going into the darker months, we still have to be vigilant and make sure we have adequate deterrents against any criminals. As a trusted partner of Neighbourhood Watch, STAYSURE shares our policy of helping people feel safe and supported wherever they are. It's worth looking them up on their website.

In case you have not been informed already, the UK's traditional landline network is due to close in January 2027. We need to make the move to Digital Voice well before the deadline for switchover, so your BT services are not disrupted. If BT gets in touch with you about switching, make sure you confirm the appointment soon. Still need to book your appointment or need some help? BT customers can call the customer service team on 0330 1234 150 or simply dial 150 from your landline. If you're not a BT customer but have questions then contact your phone provider directly for advice and support. You can discover more on the BT website.

Sussex Police has launched a new operation dedicated to tackling the illegal use of e-bikes and e-scooters. In the 12 months to June 2026, Sussex Police received a total of 2504 reports of e-bikes and e-scooters being ridden illegally. This is an increase of 53.7% from the 1629 reports received in the previous 12 months. These reports are in addition to incidents responded to by officers out on patrol. People have been seriously injured in collisions involving e-scooters and it is worth noting that 53% of riders identified were aged 25 or below and 35% were teenagers or children. The police are very concerned about this statistic and are continuing to work with the local community including schools, colleges, parents and carers to educate young people on the significant risks associated with riding e-bikes and e-scooters. Time and again The Neighbourhood Policing Team are told of concerns by residents of riders speeding through pedestrian areas, parks, footpaths and roads. Choosing to ride these illegally could also have serious consequences for a young person's future, including contact with the criminal justice system before they are even old enough to drive! The bottom line is e-scooters are illegal to use in public spaces - unless through an authorised rental scheme - and e-bikes must meet legal requirements. Both can pose a significant risk to all road users when used illegally or irresponsibly. The total of e-scooters seized by the police this year up to and including July 2026 was 173 in Sussex and e-bikes 148. These vehicles when seized can be destroyed and the rider can be fined up to £300. The police encourage any of us witnessing illegal or dangerous riding to report it to them, with as much detail as possible, as this helps them to identify offenders so they can take action.

One final thing, many people don't realise about Neighbourhood Watch is that it is a charity (charity no. 1173349) and quite small too! It's a team of just twelve people who support a network of volunteers across the country. Well done to them!

Laurie King

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

Diary For November

Nov1	**7.00pm**	Walberton Fireworks (P.13)
Nov 5	**10.30am**	Snowdrop Coffee Morning
Nov 7	**10.00am**	Shoebox Appeal (P.29)
Nov 7	**4.00pm**	Beetle Drive (P.2)
Nov 7	**2.00pm**	Downland Art Society (P.27)
Nov 11	**9.15am**	Downland Art Society Workshop (P.27)
Nov 12	**2.00pm**	Talk on the history of the Chichester hospital Almshouses (P.16)
Nov 14-15	**5.00pm**	Walberton Youth Theatre Christmas Show (P.47)
Nov 19	**10.00am**	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
Nov 28	**10.30am**	Walberton Gardeners Coffee Morning (P.37)
Nov 18	**2.00pm**	Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.2)
Nov 21	**5.00pm**	Chantry Quire Concert (P.49)
Nov 26	**7.00pm**	The Walberton History Group AGM (P.27)

Future Events

Dec 3	**10.30am**	Snowdrop Christmas Coffee Morning (P.40)
Dec 5	**10.30am**	Christmas Wreath Workshop (P.25)
Dec 12-13	**11-4pm**	Christmas Open Studio Trail (P.38-39)
Feb 18-20	**TBC**	Walberton Players Performance

Community Minibus Service for November

Thu 5th Nov Findon Garden Centre
Thu 12th Nov Sainsburys
Thu 19th Nov Lunch Outing
Thu 26th Nov Sainsburys

Friendly Door to Door escorted service :
Please call Mary Lewis 07946 523969 for bookings and enquiries

Sainsbury's Free Bus Service for November Every Tuesday and Thursday

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

Noticeboard

Friday Coffee Stop

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

Free Meeting Space at Walberton Place

We are pleased to be able to offer the use of our meeting room completely free of charge to local organisations.
For more information, please contact **Marcus on 01243-551549**

Administrator required: For the Community Mini-bus which runs on a Thursday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact **Mary Lewis on 07946 523969**

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 November 19 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

If you have been past St Mary's Church Binsted recently you may have noticed the contractor fencing that is blocking the way into the church. We are currently undergoing major repairs and refurbishment. The internal walls are being repaired and repainted and the wood work and glass of the porch is being repaired. We will be replacing the old degraded polycarbonate window covers for metal grills and some of the mortar in the buttresses have been repaired already.



All these works meant that we weren't able to worship in the church as usual on the first Sunday of October. However, Mike Tristram hosted an out door service in glorious warm sunshine outside the Old Rectory . Thank you Mike (and Emma) for hosting and for generously providing us with refreshments afterwards.



The building works continue so we have planned to have our 9am Service on November 1st at St Mary's Church Walberton as the weather is unlikely to be suitable for an outdoor service.

Our heart felt thanks to all of our generous donors who have made this programme of building work possible. These include Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Friends of Binsted Church, Walberton Parish Council, Bassil Shippam and Alsford Trust, J. Booth Charitable Trust and a number of generous personal donors.

Do come and visit us to see the completed work when it is finished hopefully in the next 6 to 8 weeks and contact one of our churchwardens if you would like to contribute towards the work or would like any more information about the church.

Sandra Cooke - Church warden St Mary's Binsted



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** in our local area. Training will be given and for drivers under 70, a standard driving licence is all that is needed.

This important service provides door to door **shopping and social trips** for members of our 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**. 💙

How can we help?

For November St Mary's is praying especially for:

Residents of Dowling Way, Montague Place and Rosemary Lane

for an awareness of the love of God in their lives.

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 name of the smallest ocean in the world?

(Answer on P. 58)



SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2-4pm

Kate Tugwell will be demonstrating how to paint a kingfisher in watercolour. Kate is a professional animal and portrait artist tutor. She splits her working week as a commissioned artist and art tutor, running her art business from home and also teaching at venues around Sussex.

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 9.15AM - 3.15PM

Our last workshop of the year: Kate will be helping us as we explore the vagaries of watercolour paint.

Please email Liz if you are interested in joining the workshop. pjbrown294@btinternet.com always, visitors are welcome.
Liz Brown

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

Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

November

6th	Remembrance Poppies - All Help
13th	Janette and Sue - Remove Poppies
20th	Janette and Sue
27th	First of Advent, No flowers

Pauline Blumer

WALBERTON HISTORY GROUP

AGM and Social Evening

Talk "Lancing Carriage Works - the impact on a small village"

By Tina Cooper

Thursday 26th November 2026 7.00 pm

In the pavilion - Walberton playing field

All welcome - Non members £3

ABE Creatives Christmas Open Studio Trail

Get ready to step into the festive spirit with the very first ABE Creatives Christmas Open Studio Trail! See the map and varied lists of exhibitors, three of which are in Walberton, The Drawing Room Studio, The Forge Gallery and The Cat and Kiwi Upholstery



This **December, 12th and 13th** artists and makers of the Six Villages area are opening their doors and inviting you behind the scenes. Across six venues, you'll find over 30 talented local artisans showcasing their creativity — from jewellery, ceramics, and textiles to painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet the makers, explore their studios, and discover unique, handcrafted gifts made right here in our community. Many of the artists regularly exhibit across Sussex, but during this special festive trail, you can find them "at home," sharing their work in the spaces where it all begins.

Join us to celebrate creativity, craftsmanship, and the warmth of the season — and perhaps find that perfect piece to take home.

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(See page 38-39 for event map)

Belinda

Shoebox Appeal



Link to Hope

JOIN US
HELP US, HELP THEM

FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Romania • Moldova • Ukraine • Bulgaria

Saturday 7th November 10am to 12pm Walberton Village Hall

Link to Hope is a Christian led, Sussex based charity, helping to rebuild lives and communities in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania.

We will be filling and wrapping shoeboxes for Christmas. Volunteers will then travel to Eastern

Europe and deliver the boxes personally to some of the poorest and most marginalised families. Shoeboxes are just one of many projects in place and are a way of building relationships with the most vulnerable, opening doors to people and situations where help is desperately needed.

Please bring any of the following items: Average Size Shoe Box, Christmas Wrapping Paper,

Sellotape, £3 towards transport costs, Gloves/Scarf/Hat (new or knitted), Soap and Flannel,

Shampoo (300ml max), Toothbrush &Toothpaste, Candle & Holder, Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes,

Playing Cards, Crayons, Pencils, Rubber & Sharpener, Soft Toy (with CE label),Tape Measure/DIY Tool,

Head Scarf (lightweight), Solar Powered Calculator, Safety Razors, Hairbrush/Comb,

Sweets/Chocolate (EU Origin BB June 2026), Colouring Pad (A5), Reading Glasses/Magnifier, Mug,

Wooden Spoon, Cutlery, Lavender Bag, Work Gloves, Small Hot Water Bottle, Pens, Writing Paper, Wind -Up Radio/Torch, Scissors, Nail Clippers, Sewing Kit, Cloth Handkerchief, Small Toy eg; yo-yo, skipping rope, small car, bouncy ball, puzzle.

Packing leaflets/instructions are available NOW from Liz Walby Tel 01243 551751 lizwalby@icloud.com Or go to the website for lots more information and ideas.

Link House, Ferring Street, Ferring, West Sussex, BN12 5JP

The Angmering Chorale's Golden Anniversary Concert

51 years ago the Angmering School opened its gates for the first time. The governing body and the teachers were very keen to build a strong relationship with the local community and a Parent Teachers Association was quickly established. It is no coincidence that the Angmering Twinning Association was formed around this time. Early the following year teachers and parents got together, led by the Head of Music at the school, and the Angmering Chorale was formed. It started rehearsing at the school and held its first concert later that year.

From the start it focused on classical choral music through the centuries, from the 16th right up to the 20th, interspersed with some lighter music. Many of its early concerts were performed at Chichester Cathedral, which must have been a wonderful experience for choir members and the audience. Over the years, under only three Musical Directors, it maintained that varied repertoire and latterly performed two concerts a year at Arundel Cathedral in spring and autumn with the Sinfonia of Arun, and two in the school sports hall in summer and at Christmas with local schools and various musicians including the Patcham Silver Band. The Chorale hopes to re-establish those links with young people.

As well as local concerts, the choir organised tours in Europe, most memorably a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of D Day with choirs from Germany, the Netherlands and France in Ouisterham (with which Angmering is twinned) and Bayeux Cathedral, singing Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man. He is the Chorale's patron and the choir sang the same work in its first US performance in Carnegie Hall and also sang it in the Royal Festival Hall with HM Queen Elizabeth in the audience. In the 7 years before the corona virus outbreak it performed at the Brandenburg Festival in a variety of the City of London's beautiful churches.

In 2024 Dominic Grier became the Chorale's fourth Musical Director and has carried on the tradition whilst the choir continues to evolve under his leadership. One change goes right back to its formation as the home venue is now St Margaret's Church in the village where it will be performing its Anniversary Concert at 7.30pm 14h November joined by the chair of Angmering Parish Council. As well as a number of concerts there over the last two years, it has sung at St Nicholas' Church in Arundel and the Worthing Assembly Hall, with the Worthing Philharmonic Orchestra where Dominic is also the Musical Director. They will be joining him and the orchestra for their Christmas Concert on 13th December.

The Anniversary Concert features Rutter's magnificent Gloria as well as works by Haydn, Wesley, Stanford and choruses from The Messiah which the Chorale has performed on a number of occasions over the last 50 years. It will also feature an organ piece played by our local guest virtuoso, and a little-known piece arranged by Karl Jenkins. The concert is only a few days after Remembrance Day and his In Flanders Field which has featured at the Royal Albert Hall will be a haunting part of the programme. Details of the concert can be found at **www.theangmeringchorale.org.uk** which gives details of how to buy tickets.

The Chorale is looking for new members so, if you are interested in joining and want to hear them sing, or you simply want to enjoy a wonderful evening of choral music they hope you will come along.

Carolyn





Books You May Enjoy

11/22/63

By Stephen King



Now, you are probably asking yourself, why would someone write a book review on a book written by the undisputed master of horror, Stephen King, in the Parish magazine? Target audience, hello?! But bear with me, because *11/22/63* is not a horror in the sense that you might imagine when you see this author's name! OK, I am a bit of a fan of his work, but I do not want to give you nightmares! In fact, I would categorise this book as more of a political thriller.



If you have ever wondered, "What would happen if I could go back and do something differently?" or "What if I could change just one thing in history?" how different would the world be today?

We have all heard about the shooting of JFK in Dallas on 22 November 1963. (Is the book title making a bit more sense now?) But what would happen if someone could have intercepted Lee Harvey Oswald before he had a chance to fire those shots? How different would the world have been if JFK had lived, at a time of great political change and social unrest? This is the question our hero intends to find out.

When a time slip, or wormhole if you will, opens up in the storeroom of Al's diner, our hero, Jake Epping, a high school English teacher from Maine, is given the opportunity to travel back in time and take on the task of stopping Lee Harvey Oswald. Stephen King describes 1950s and 1960s America in incredible detail, capturing both its nostalgic charm and its much grimmer social realities. Jake spends years in the 1950s building a life for himself under the name George Amberson, working as a teacher and researching Lee Harvey Oswald as he prepares for his ultimate mission.

Along the way, an unexpected love story develops with Sadie Dunhill, the high school librarian in the small Texas town where Jake has made his new life. But this is not simply a story about travelling back in time to change history. Jake's actions have consequences, not only for the past, but for the future and the world he eventually has to return to.

I enjoyed this book immensely. As I said, I am a fan of King's work, but this has a somewhat different tone from many of his other books. Although fans may spot some familiar faces when Jake passes through a little town called Derry, Maine. The topic being explored is one that history buffs must have thought about with many political figures and events of the past**: what if...?**

Lisa Amos

A new chapter for Walberton and Binsted School

Children at Walberton and Binsted School returned in September to discover a completely renovated and remodelled library, following a summer transformation.

Nearly £8,000 was invested in new furniture and books to create an inviting space at the heart of the school, where children can settle down with a book and develop a lasting love of reading.



The centrepiece is a striking floor-to-ceiling mural featuring a large oak tree, inspired by the school's logo. The South Downs form the backdrop, with the River Arun, Arundel Castle and Walberton's St Mary's Church incorporated into the landscape.

Hidden among the branches and throughout the mural are references to familiar books and characters for children to spot, bringing stories to life while celebrating the local area.

Headteacher Joe Neale said: "I'm so pleased that we have been able to create this amazing new library for the children. Staff worked incredibly hard over the summer holidays to make this transformation possible, and I'm very grateful for all the time, care and effort they put into it.

"We wanted a space that would draw children in and make them excited about books. They are absolutely loving their new library, and it has already raised the profile of reading across the whole school."

Joe Neale

Sergeant Douglas Gordon Anderson RCAF

Commonwealth War Grave Plot no 0365



With the outbreak of World War Two in 1939 the Canadian Government quickly entered the war in support of Great Britain and declared war on Germany with over 240,000 Canadians voluntarily serving in uniform consisting of 230,000 men and 17,000 women serving in the Royal Canadian Airforce. One of these service men was Douglas Anderson who is buried in St Mary's churchyard, Walberton in a Commonwealth War Grave.

Douglas Anderson was born in Guelph, Ontario on the 19th November 1914, his parents were George and Margaret Anderson. His father's brother Robert lived in Walberton which is central to the outcome of this story.

Following his secondary education Douglas worked as an installer of telephones for the Bell Telephone Company of Ontario which also employed his father. In September 1940 he enlisted in the Commonwealth Aircrew Training Plan as a trainee pilot and air gunner. In July 1941 after completing his training he embarked by ship for Scotland and then travelled to the RAF Personnel Reception Centre, Bournemouth where aircrew were prepared and allocated to squadrons throughout Great Britain.

A month later he joined No 15 Operational Training Unit, RAF Hampstead Norris, Berkshire. This airfield was a base for Vickers Wellington bombers and its main role was to ferry these aircraft to Egypt. These flights were to build up aircraft and crew numbers in Egypt in preparation for an assault on German forces in the Western Desert.

Two months later RCAF records list him alongside five crew members as an air gunner in a Wellington bomber X9989 on a ferry flight to Gibraltar on route to the Middle East. The flight took off at 0355 hours on the 25th October 1941 when the plane suffered a mechanical failure, failed to gain height, crashed shortly after take-off and burst into flames at Aldworth, Berkshire. Five crew members were killed on impact with Douglas surviving, although described as 'dangerously injured'. He was transferred to Princess Mary RAF Hospital, Halton, Buckinghamshire where he survived for a month before dying age 27 following a relapse on the 19th November.

Douglas's fellow crew members were buried in the RAF Cemetery at Harwell, Berkshire whereas Douglas was buried in St Mary's churchyard, Walberton. As Douglas's uncle Robert Anderson lived in Walberton we must assume that Robert was informed of his nephew's death and requested the burial in St Mary's graveyard. It was War Graves policy to consult relatives wishes as to where a burial should take place and as a consequence, we have the grave of a young Canadian airman in Walberton who gave his life voluntarily for this country. Following his death his mother received the Canadian Memorial Cross presented to the next of kin where a relative died while on active service.

What do we know of the life of Robert Anderson, the uncle who influenced where his nephew was buried? The earliest record shows he is living at 25 (The) Holding, Eastergate Lane and working as a market gardener, and by 1939 he is living at 'Rosebank', Eastergate Lane continuing in the same work. In 1940 he married Ella (nee Farndell) at St Georges Church, Worthing. They continued to live in Walberton through the 1950's although at his death, aged 76 in October 1975, he was living with his wife in Worthing.

St Mary's Churchyard Study Group

Diana Levantine wins BBC 'Making a Difference' Award

Diana has been honoured with the 'Fundraising' award at this year's BBC Sussex and Surrey 'Making A Difference' Awards.

Diana is recognised for more than 30 years of service to The Sussex Snowdrop Trust, supporting children with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

As co-founder and long-serving unpaid Chief Executive, Di has helped secure vital funding for the charity and kept Snowdrop alive, while continuing to raise awareness through her tireless work in the community.

We would like to add our voice of congratulation to both Di and The Snowdrop Trust. **Andy**



Tangmere Memories

On a sunny day in mid-July,1959, a group of a dozen or so 12 year old school-boys arrived at RAF Tangmere, then still a station on active service, for a visit.

They had a wonderful time, inspecting the hangars and the planes, leaning into the prop-wash of taxiing aircraft, sliding down firemen`s poles in the fire station, watching green Very lights being fired in their honour and finally having tea in the Officers` Mess.

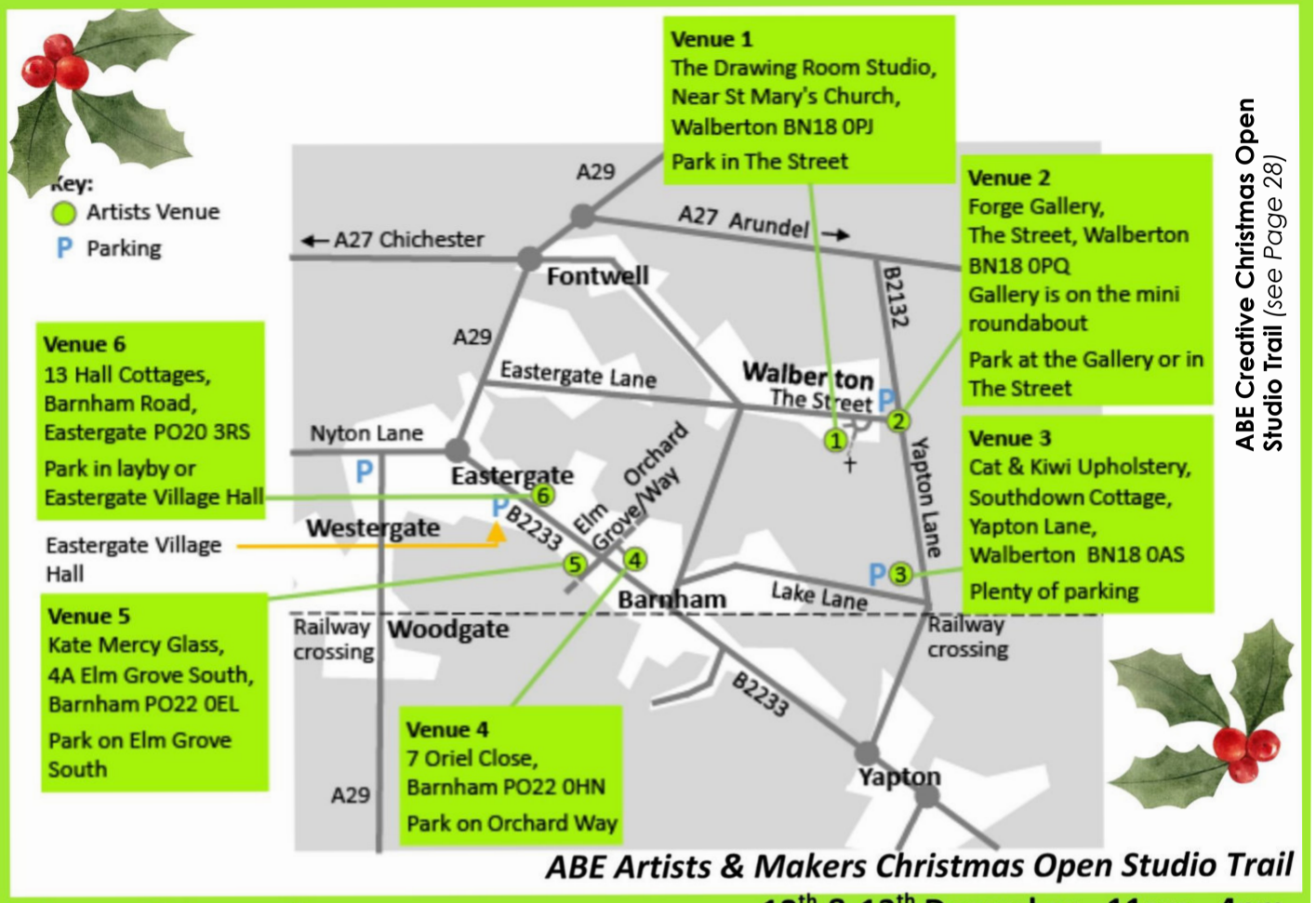
There was also a photo opportunity for the group beside the gate guardian Spitfire at the entrance to the base. Amazingly, this very same aircraft was restored to flying condition, taken into the RAF Battle of Britain flight and flew over Tangmere at the recent Anniversary of the dramatic Luftwaffe raid on the base of 16th August 1940!

John Boldero
(standing at the right of the picture below)





ABE Creative Christmas Open Studio Trail *(see Page 28)*



ABE Artists & Makers Christmas Open Studio Trail

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12th & 13th December - 11am - 4pm

Venue 1



The Drawing Room Studio
The Coach House
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Belinda Wilkins - Ceramics
Sue Harris - Ceramics
Liz Brown - Paintings
Jo Dowers - Paintings
Jo Strain - Mixed Media Jewellery
Richard Mansfield-Clark - Forge work
Karen Bull - Paintings
Bernadette Stevenson - Fused Glass
Suzi Rowe van Hoek - Needle Felting

Venue 2



The Forge Gallery
The Street
Walberton
BN18 0PQ

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Call - 07771 535278

Lara Matthews - Ceramics & Prints
Debs Moran - Paintings & Prints
Linda Farr - Ceramic creatures
Mike Copley - Ceramics
Becky Rose - Jewellery
Rosie Lodge - Oil Paintings
Karen Boxall - Stained Glass
Sarah Lot & Harry Madden - Ceramics

Venue 3



Cat and Kiwi Studio
Southdown Cottage
Yapton Lane
Walberton
BN18 0AS

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Katherine Lawrie - Jewellery
Laurie Avadis - Paintings
Tim Charnick - Seaside Assemblages
Shallow Pottery - Ceramics
Paula Chuter- Baker - Paintings
Beachside Kiln - Glass
Darryl Pautz - Metal Sculpture
Cat and Kiwi Upholstery - Furniture

Venue 4



7, Oriel Close
Barnham
PO22 0HN

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Call - 07774 570898

Lulu Willis - Recycled Art

Suzie Bastable - Animal sculptures

Venue 5

4a Elm Grove South
Barnham
PO22 0EL



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Call - 01243 553474

Kate Mercy - Fused Glass

Steve Rickman - Metal Sculptures

Venue 6

13 Hall Cottages
Barnham Road
Eastergate
PO20 3RS



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Call - 01243 542308

Pim Gleadle - Bead Jewellery

Pat Griffin - Paintings & Original Prints

ABE Artists & Makers

Christmas Open Studio Trail

12th & 13th Dec 11am - 4pm

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Prayer Diary for November

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3 v 22-23

St Mary's

Pray for this month's events including the family fireworks and Beetle Drive.

Pray for the children who will take part in this month's Christingle service and their families as we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.

Pray for the young people receiving support from The Children's Society as they face serious life challenges.

Our Community

Pray for residents of Dowling Way, Montague Place and Rosemary Lane, for an awareness of the love of God in their lives.

Pray for a good response to this year's Shoebox appeal and for the families who will receive the donated boxes.

Our Nation

Pray for the work of The Royal British Legion and other organisations supporting veterans and their families. Commend to God's care all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

Pray for all who work in the NHS as winter pressures increase and for those waiting for treatment and surgeries.

The World

Pray for world leaders and negotiators meeting in Turkey for COP31 to discuss and agree on actions to address climate change.

Pray for the responsible use and management of energy supplies that world leaders would move away from using resources as a threat or tool of war.

Pray for the safety and well-being of medics and aid workers active in areas of conflict and need; pray for those who need their care.

The Church

1st November: International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church: Pray for God's strength and comfort for believers experiencing persecution and restrictions on worship, for those in prison and those rejected by their families.

29th November: As the season of Advent begins, give thanks for the hope of Christ and pray for opportunities to pass on the gospel message.

Petworth House & Park News and Events

National Trust

A Magical Christmas at Petworth House

28 November – 3 January 2027

Nature becomes the artist in a magical woodland setting this Christmas at Petworth House. Journey through an enchanting festive display in the grand state rooms. Marvel under the stars, gaze up at the moon and take in the atmospheric winter scenes. There will be towering trees, late openings, creative workshops, all new Festive Brunches and Teas and much more.

No booking required.

Christmas Makers Market

28 November, 10am – 6.30pm & 29 November, 10am – 4pm

Find your Christmas presents and a treat for yourself at this festive makers market. You'll find a range of high quality artisan gifts and beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art. This event is held in partnership with Petworth Pop Up: Makers Market.

Festive Brunches and Afternoon Teas

Mondays – Fridays from 1-11 December

Start your festive visit to Petworth with a delicious Festive Brunch (served 10.30am) or Afternoon Tea (served 12.30pm or 2.30pm) in our beautifully decorated marquee. Limited availability, Booking essential.

Christmas Workshops

Traditional Wreath Making: Weds 2, Sat 5 and Sun 6 December, 10.30am & 2pm

Festive Block Printing: Tues 1 Dec, 10.30am & 2pm

Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Please visit our website or call 0344 249 1895.

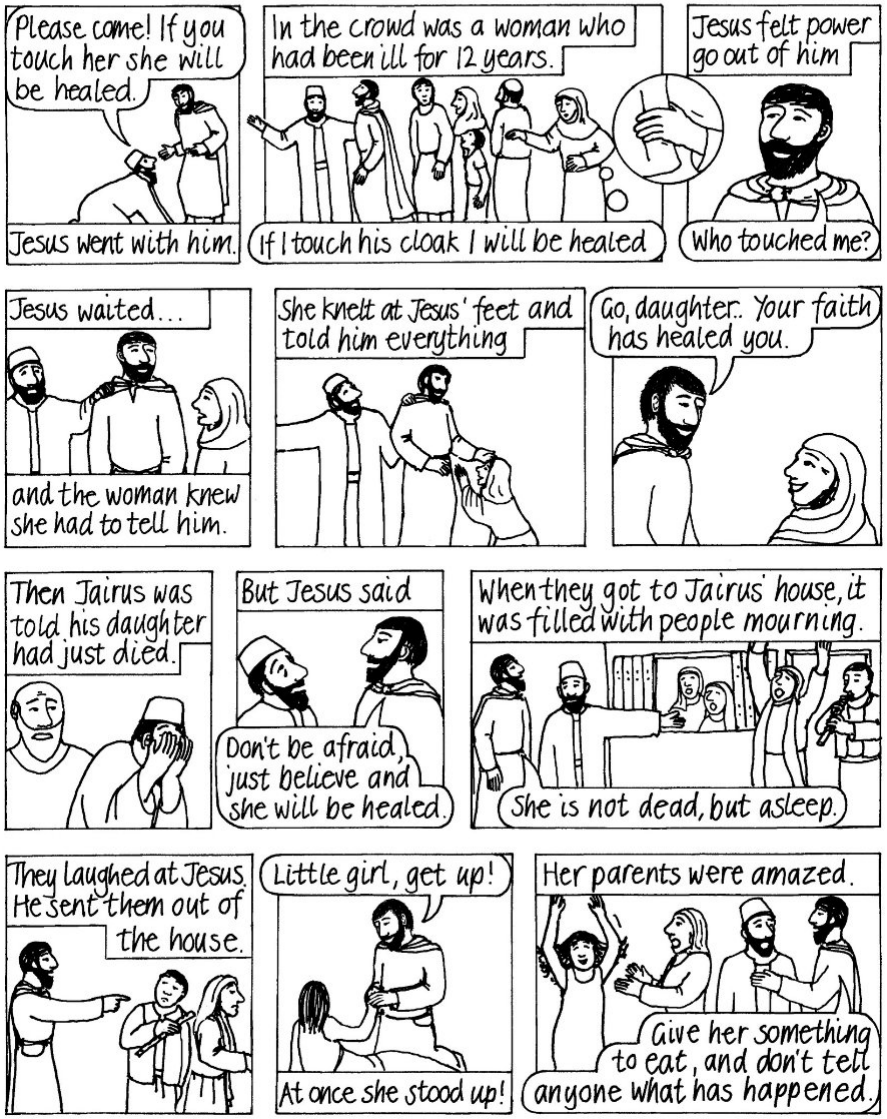
https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth

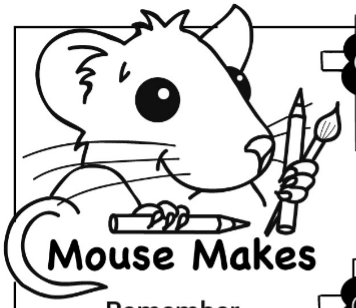
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...





Mouse Makes

Remembrance Sunday is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace, it mirrors what Christ did for us when he gave his life so that we could live in peace with God.

Remember
the words Jesus said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Colossians 3:25

Jesus said:
"No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends."
John 15:13

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NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

William J. Cxxxxxx, of Swiss Cottages, Walberton, was summoned by his wife (for whom Mr. Backer appeared) for arrears of maintenance, amounting to £7, on an order of £2 a week for herself and three children, granted at the sitting of the Littlehampton Bench on August 9th last. Mr. Backer said since the date of the last order, defendant had got £7 in arrears with his payments, but had paid off £1 15s since the last warrant was served on him. On being questioned, defendant said he was employed at Tangmere Aerodrome at a weekly wage of £3 6s. He denied that he was living with another woman. Mrs. Cxxxxxxx, the wife, in evidence, said she was nearly destitute, and would be forced to apply for Poor Law relief if her husband did not pay up. P.R. Lxxxxxxx, of Walberton, the defendant's landlord, mentioned that Cxxxxxx was also in arrears with his payments for board and lodgings. He (witness) and his wife offered Mrs. Cxxxxxx 30s a week until her husband could pay her, but she had refused. Defendant was committed to prison for one month, but the Bench suspended the sentence for a like period to give him time in which to pay his arrears. *BRO 24th*

Royal Automobile Club's Information..state of the roads…Arundel ..dangerous at "Royal Oak" Walberton. *P'mouth Eve News 18th*

A few acres of Walberton land were used this season for growing sugar beet. The crop was good and the roots are ready for the factory. *WSG 4th*

The Rev. Wm. Drury, curate-in-charge at Storrington had a very fortunate escape on Tuesday whilst motoring near Fontwell on the Chichester Road. The car unexpectedly skidded and crashed through a paling fence, overturning and pinning him underneath. Luckily the engine stopped running before the car came "to rest". Mr Drury was pinned in such a position that he could only move a hand sufficiently to scrape the earth away from his nose and mouth in order to get air and was in that position for over a quarter of an hour. Then a party came along and it was with great difficulty and at great risk to the unfortunate clergyman that the car was lifted from him without inflicting injury. Mr. Drury must be "a man of destiny" for it is not long since a steam lorry passed right over him without the wheels touching him.

Worthing Herald 13th



TWO UNFURNISHED ROOMS to let near Fontwell; bus passes door.—Write Box 76, "Observer" Offices, Bognor. *BRO 24th*

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The amount collected on Armistice Day by the sale of poppies for Earl Haig's Fund was £1 10s.

WSG 18th

Walberton footballers have done badly in their last 2 league matches. On Saturday week, playing against Tangmere, they lost 10-0. and in the game with Yapton, on the latter's ground, the score was Yapton 9, Walberton 2. *WSG 4th*

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Chi Obs 24th

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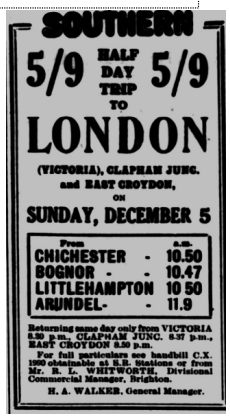



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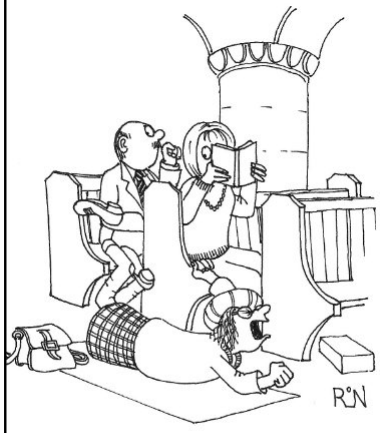

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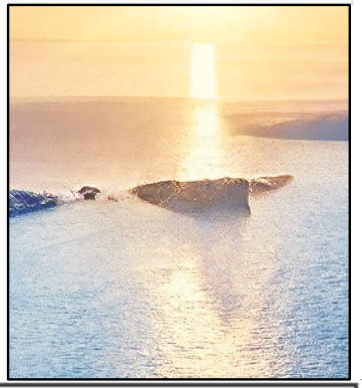

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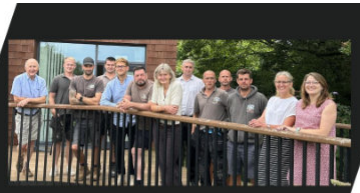

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