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October 2026

Walberton, Binsted & Fontwell

in this month's edition:

- St Mary's Alpha Course
- 100 Years Ago
- Autumn Events

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

Sunday 4 October Trinity 18
9.00am Binsted Holy Communion BCP
(Held at the Old Binsted Rectory)
10.30am Holy Communion CW
5.00pm Families At Five

Sunday 11 October Trinity 19
9.00am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Morning Praise with Children's Groups
and a Baptism
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 18 October Trinity 20
9.00am Mattins
10.30am Holy Communion CW with Children's Groups
6.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 25 October Last Sunday in Trinity
9.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Morning Praise iSing
4.00pm In Grateful Memory

CW = Common Worship
BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662

If you are aged 2-7 years old or 8-14 years old join us for Sunday school **10.30am at St Mary's Church on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of October.** Craft,drama, stories and more.
Please contact **Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)**



Letter From The Vicar

Good News

You may have noticed that we are having a considerable amount of work done at Binsted church on both the outside and inside by way of general repairs. (*As a consequence, our 4 October service will be outside at the Old Rectory opposite the church. Wrap up warm!)* The total cost of the work is in the region of £75K. This is in addition to the £40K we spent on the bell tower and £9K we spent on the internal pillar replacement in the last three years. Our thanks are due to Sussex Historic Churches Trust, The Friends of Binsted Church, The Bassil Shippam and Alsford Trust, Walberton Parish Council, The Ian Askew Trust, The John Booth Charitable Foundation as well as various private donors for their contributions. As you can imagine this will wipe out our PCC reserves so if you would like to contribute, please contact Ed Martineau, our Treasurer via the Church Office in William Booker Yard (*Cheques to 'Binsted PCC'*) or see his telephone number on the contacts page.

I am glad to say that a group of parents from the school are wanting to do **Alpha** this term, but we have decided that **Tuesday lunchtime** is the most convenient time (***See page 52***). We will begin on **6 October at 12noon** at the Vicarage including a free lunch. Do let me know if you would like to join in. The first video is 'Who is Jesus.' If you would like to get a flavour beforehand try googling 'Alpha Episode 1' for a 22 minute introduction to the course.

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar



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

Enter through the Narrow Door

He said to them, 24 "*Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.* (Luke 13)

I was waiting for Evensong to start and had got most things ready. I usually sit outside while I wait if it is nice. It was a very hot day and I wondered where everyone was. My seat was beside the south door and people normally trundle in past me, some early some just in time.



This Sunday I did not see anyone and I was getting worried. What I had forgotten was I had opened the west door and the north door to get a breeze blowing in. The congregation had all gone in those entrances.

We normally use the south door because that has a porch, notices and the smartest entrance. The west door is normally for brides and the north door is rarely used at all. It has lots of steps going up and down.

Houses are similar. In many places the front door was hardly ever used except very special occasions and friends and family would go around the back because they knew mum would be in the kitchen, near the rear door.

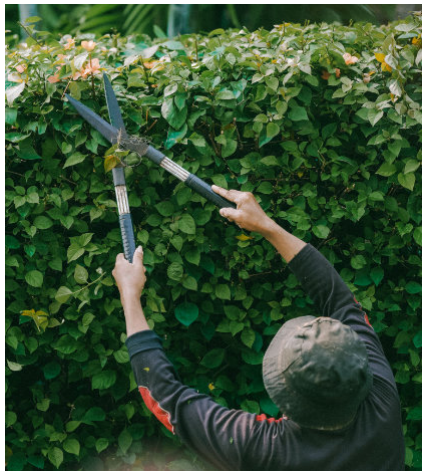
What did our Lord mean "enter by the narrow door"? Perhaps walled cities had big gates and if you went in you would be seen by everyone, but authorities would check what your business was. It was the obvious way in but there would also be small secret doors which only locals knew. Perhaps they were short cuts or direct routes to the best places.

The easiest and obvious are not always the most direct, or best.

David Pickup

Why it is easy to break the law in your own garden

You would be forgiven for thinking that tidying up your own garden is about the most harmless thing you can do. But – beware – there are a few things which may bite back!



Pruning trees is a necessary job. But any tree with a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on it can be downright scary: legally, you need permission from your local council to carry out any work on one, or you may face fines up to £20,000.

Then there is the tree that grows in your neighbour's garden, but which has branches jutting into your garden. What do you do with it? What can you do it? The law says you are not allowed to cross into their garden to take any action. But if their overhanging branches are causing an issue in your garden, you are allowed to cut them back to the point at which they cross your boundary line. But – wait for it – the branches that you have cut off are not yours – they must be given to the neighbour, if they want them. Otherwise, it is your responsibility to dispose of them.

As for any fallen fruit from the overhanging branches from the tree in your neighbour's garden? The law says that it is still their fruit, and you must offer to bring it around to them if they want it. But bizarrely, you cannot simply throw it over the fence, or they could 'do' you for littering or even fly-tipping! And without their permission, you must not eat the fruit of their tree, because it is a criminal offence under the Theft Act 1968, Sections 1-6.

As for your hedge? Be careful of it between March and August, as the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) warns that "It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs."

After all that, you may decide it is safest to sit in the shade with a drink and a good book…

(This is just a light-hearted look at things, and before you get into any difficulty with your garden or neighbour, please consult a professional for help.)

Tim Lenton

WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2026

Oct - 4th, (Harvest) 11th, 18th and 25th All at 10.30am.



"The Lamp of the Body is the Eye"

The year 2026 is likely to live long in our memories because of the five heatwaves and extremely low rainfall we have experienced this summer. As we approach the latter part of the year, the weather pattern has shifted and cooler days lie ahead. One of the changes that I have noticed the most is the way the nights are drawing in and there are the first signs of nature preparing to close down for the winter. All this is familiar territory, but it is a reminder to us of how consistent God's order of Creation is.

When Noah came out of the Ark after the flood, God's word to him was, "While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night shall not cease" and that has remained true from that day to this. Because of this consistency, it's possible to sow and reap and produce crops which can sustain life on earth – what a miracle! It's easy to take things for granted, as we often do, until something goes wrong. In many parts of the country, the harvest has been below expectations mainly due to the lack of water.

When commodities are scarce, prices increase and we are being warned to expect this to happen in the coming days. The cost of living has already risen substantially since Covid and many people - especially those on low incomes – are feeling the strain. Despite this we have much to be grateful for. We have not been subject to the scale of natural disasters that have affected other countries such as Venezuela and Nepal where there has been huge devastation and loss of life which has impacted local populations. Having said that, the UK has struggled to contain wildfires which have caused damage to homes and livelihoods across the country.

Away from the natural world and its challenges, there are plenty of other issues to occupy our minds. Across the world there are geo-political issues which are a threat to our way of life. War troubles many nations as do cyber-attacks on national infrastructure, the plague of pornography, concerns that governments cannot keep their people safe and economic restraints which limit what can be done for those in need. It would be easy to let these matters, and many more, overwhelm us and I believe that is what is happening to a lot of people especially among today's younger generation. There has never been a time when we as human beings have been bombarded with so much information reaching us through our eyes and ears and much of that material is potentially harmful if believed. Once we have viewed an image, it has power to influence our behaviour in a positive or negative direction. This is what lies behind advertising. We are presented with an impression of a product which appears to meet all our requirements and the seed is sown. Repeated exposure to the same advert is likely to persuade us that this is the product we need to purchase. This process is familiar to us as we see it in operation every day on the television and elsewhere, but a similar principle is at work when it comes to the use of smart phones which can draw in images from across the world in a matter of moments. The UK government's online safety legislation is an attempt to protect young people from viewing images that could have a detrimental effect on their mental health and illustrates the growing concern that technology, wrongly used, can have.

Nearly two thousand years ago, Jesus taught that the lamp of the body is the eye. That might not have seemed very significant at the time, but it has massive implications for today's society. In essence, He was saying that it matters what you allow into your life through your eyes because once those images have been allowed access, it is virtually impossible to remove them. If they are good, wholesome images they will contribute to a healthy mind but if they are negative - such as scenes of violence, murder and abuse, they are likely to produce emotions of fear, anxiety and depression. Jesus said, ***"If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"*** There is another Scripture with a similar theme and it come from the book of Proverbs chapter 4 v 23, ***"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life!"*** This implies that whilst we can't control everything that happens to us, it is necessary to choose carefully what influences we allow into our lives because they will ultimately influence our future.

I mentioned pornography earlier as I believe it to be one of the greatest threats to our society in the present day. All age groups are vulnerable and especially the male population. It has the power to grossly distort the relationships between men and women and has been responsible for the breakdown of many marriages. Images taken in through the eyes take up residence in the heart from where they can create negative changes in behaviour. God's Word gives us a wealth of knowledge and understanding on the issues of life, but it is only of value if we study it and put it into practice. Don't think you know better than He does. His warnings are given to keep us safe and encourage us to put our trust in the Lord Jesus who came to save us from the darkness of this world and bring us into the light of His glorious Kingdom. Take the opportunity you have today and follow Him.

Pastor Ray

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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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VIA TICKETSOURCE

Walberton Gardeners Club

The weather has cooled down and the grass is looking green again, but we'll all be complaining about the wet and cold before long.

This year's Summer Cream Tea was enjoyed by 72 members and guests in the Village Hall on Friday 21st August. Fortunately the heat waves had cooled down, so everyone could tuck into sandwiches, scones, clotted cream and jam, followed by a super selection of cakes, pots of tea and a glass of Prosecco.
With the money we raised at the Dog Show we asked our President, Gwendolyn van Paasschen, and the Chairman of the Parish Council Doug McElvogue to present our cheque to The Clymping Dog Sanctuary for £500.00. We were pleased to welcome Sophie and one the rescued dogs called Amy who had lived at the Sanctuary for many years. The Gardeners Club is very grateful for the continued support we received from our president and the Parish Council.

Autumn Show Saturday 19th September
The results of the Autumn Show will be in next month's Parish Magazine. If you can't wait that long they can be found on the website. **www.walberton-gardeners.com**
It will be interesting to see whether the extreme heat of the summer has made a difference to the number of entries we receive compared with other years. The Novelty Section always brings a smile with the misshaped vegetables and the runner bean race.

The committee is already trying to contact speakers for next year and deciding on some new and interesting gardens to visit. Your ideas are always welcome. Please let us know your preference for best days of the week for speakers and visits. We try to change things around. Morning, afternoon, or evening for speakers. Weekday or Saturday! Let us know. Same for visits to gardens. We do avoid weekends as they are so much busier, and often the garden will advise us the best day for the visit.

Jobs in the Garden for October

- Clear fallen leaves from your lawns & paths.
- Lift tender Dahlia tubers, Begonias and Gladioli before the frosts hit. Store them in a frost-free place.
- Protect tender plants. Move to a greenhouse or conservatory.
- Cut back & Deadhead herbaceous perennials, Tidy the borders & Mulch.
- Plant out Spring Cabbages & Winter Veg
- Plant Garlic cloves in a sunny spot for an early harvest next year.
- Plant evergreen shrubs, bare-root fruit trees and Hedges.

Cheque presentation to Clymping Dog Sanctuary



Some of our lovely Members enjoying the Annual Cream Tea



Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 28th November 10.30am Village Hall

This is our last event of the year before the madness of Christmas erupts. Coffee with homemade cakes. Guess the weight of the Christmas cake or for a change it may be a pudding, and a Christmas themed raffle. You don't have to be a member, so just pop along and enjoy a proper cup of coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Don't be too tidy in your garden with the autumn clear up, remember the wild animals and insects that might make your garden their home for the winter months.
Happy gardening. **Liz Hewson**

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Help for Eastern Europe and East Africa

At our October meeting of the Mothers'Union here in Walberton we will once again be filling shoeboxes with all sorts of items, some essentials like toiletries, warm hats and gloves and candles and some fun gifts for the children to enjoy opening at Christmas. These boxes go off to countries in Eastern Europe, such as Romania, via the 'Link for Hope' charity. But this year our branch joined another initiative run by the same organisation called 'Bags for Education'. These bags are packed with goods that will help equip classes and pupils in schools in Eastern Europe. Thus over the summer months we gathered lots of basic school-linked items such as pens/pencils, exercise books etc and bagged them up in bright red bags ready for dispatch.





Although those particular collections are not done at the behest of the MU, thinking about education has prompted me to tell readers about the amazing work done by volunteer MU facilitators, principally overseas, to further literacy and educational development in their particular areas.

To learn more I opened 'mothersunion.org' and the first article I came to related to Burundi, a country which sadly has a high level of illiteracy, and has consequently really benefitted from the help of the MU. I quote below a few of the inspirational statistics detailed in the article.

The MU literacy programme began in Burundi in 2000, and for the next 10 years Mothers' Union delivered literacy and numeracy instruction across the country, thoughtfully geared to the diverse nuances of each of the communities they served.

In 2010 they joined forces with 3 other agencies in order to achieve the greatest possible results. And those results, gathered by independent study and research, are so encouraging. The researchers found that:

'*between 2001 to 2022, more than 144,000 people — almost 80 per cent of whom were women — had learned to read and write, and now have a formal literacy qualification. This accounts for almost three per cent of the adult literate population in Burundi.'*

Those statistics, brilliant and impressive in themselves, have shown that by improving literacy, communities, and this perhaps applies particularly to women, have became more confident about growing and changing their lives. As Claudette Kigeme Mothers' Union Provincial Coordinator, Mothers' Union Burundi writes:

'It is with a huge sense of privilege and achievement and, above all, thanks to God that we are delighted to share the impact of our Mothers' Union Burundi Literacy and Financial Education Programme over the last 20 years. I have been involved with this programme from the beginning and can genuinely say it has transformed the lives of so many people in communities across Burundi.'

NB Claudette's piece and more information about the MU Literacy and Numeracy programme can be found on the Mothers'Union website.

Sandra Pegram

CONTRASTS

A whisp of breeze
shuffles the flame,
a drop of rain
spurs the grass;

So too does thought
inspire the brain
for good or worse,
that is the claim:

The smallest evil can kill a man,
the buds of love enfold the world.

William Foot



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Fontwell Community Centre

Thursdays @7pm - Yoga
These friendly classes offer a chance to slow down and take some time away from the busyness of everyday life. Through a gentle combination of breathwork, mindful movement and peaceful relaxation, the classes help connect mind and body, leaving you feeling calm, refreshed and restored. Yoga has many wonderful benefits, including releasing tension, improving balance and flexibility, reducing stress and supporting better sleep. Beyond the mat, the classes are also about community, with friendly chats, laughter and a warm welcome for new faces. The bright, comfortable hall provides a lovely setting, with parking available. Whether you're new to yoga or have practised for years, you'll be warmly welcomed. For more details contact **Zoë 07702 276447.**
Instagram: zoeandtheyogajourney

Tuesday/Wednesdays @ 7pm -The Moon Reset Circle
Moon Reset Circle is a welcoming community for women, created to provide a little time and space to slow down, reconnect and work towards the life they want. Our gatherings follow the phases of the Moon, with New Moon sessions focusing on fresh starts, intention setting and manifestation, while our Full Moon sessions are centred around reflection, release and letting go. Each session includes guided meditation, herbal teas, journalling, gentle rituals and time to connect with other women in a warm and supportive environment. We meet fortnightly at 7pm at Fontwell Community Centre. Everyone is welcome, whether you're completely new or have joined us before. @Themoonresetcircle

Fridays @5pm - Midlife Glow Fitness
I am passionate about helping women feel stronger, healthier and more confident through the different stages of midlife, particularly perimenopause, menopause and beyond.
As a woman going through this stage of life myself, I understand the physical and emotional changes, the lack of confidence that can sometimes come with them, and the barriers that can make exercise feel difficult. I also know first-hand what a difference the right kind of exercise can make. Midlife isn't something we need to fix and fitness isn't about chasing a younger version of ourselves — it's about feeling strong, energised and positive in the bodies we have now. My classes are friendly and supportive, with no pressure to be perfect, just encouragement to move, laugh and get stronger together! Contact **uschi@bbbrecruitment.co.uk**

Richard



Walberton Village Hall

Hi All,
Some fantastic news from the Village Hall this month. You don't have to wait until next year for another 70s & 80s disco, after such incredible feedback from all of you who came, our events committee have put together another one on **Friday 9th October!** *(See P.30)* A fantastic evening of music and dancing is planned with our professional DJ. Leg warmers are encouraged, dancing is essential and a good time is expected. Tickets are available only via **Ticket Source**. The links to purchase tickets can be found on our Facebook page, website and signage around the village. Please give our Facebook page a follow and keep up to date with all news and events happening at the village hall.

Tickets are now live for the annual fireworks display. A very popular community event for the village. The displays are always incredible, all choreographed with fantastic music. Please ensure you purchase your tickets for the event prior as tickets are not available on the night. A huge amount of planning goes into this event and volunteers are always welcomed especially for the clear up after the event, so if you can spare some time to support your community please get int touch **manager@walbertonvillagehall.org.uk**
There will be the traditional bonfire lighting, Fireworks display, food trucks, bar, hot chocolate and mulled wine available on the night. A really special event for everyone. Head to our website **www.walbertonvillagehall.co.uk** or our Facebook page walberton village hall for links to book and keep updated with all information. Both events are now card only - no cash accepted.

All events are fundraising events and all monies raised go towards vital improvements to our village hall, so get involved and support all our events it would be great to see you! **Penny**

Walberton Neighbourhood Watch

I am sorry to have to report that just as I am writing this article, a caravan has been stolen from Barnham Lane, Walberton on Sunday 6th September. Two men with Irish accents, stocky in their 40's were seen in a grey VW Tiguan with Irish number plates. The caravan, an Alicanto, had English plates, if not already removed. A witness saw them at approximately 3.15pm driving erratically through Fontwell Village having almost lost the caravan going over the speed bumps! If anybody saw anything, please let me know or telephone the police immediately.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne has launched her annual Safer in Sussex Survey. The survey seeks views from Sussex residents on : how safe you feel in Sussex: how easy it is to access police services (in person or online): future changes to policing - including use of technology. Feedback from the survey will help inform local policing priorities, influence national police reform and ensure that Sussex Police remain visible, accessible and effective to the public.

Speaking about the survey, Katy Bourne said "the views of Sussex residents are at the heart of effective policing. This short survey is an opportunity for you to tell me how safe you feel, how easy it is to access police services and what you think the future of policing should look like. Every response matters and will help me inform both local priorities and wider conversations about policing, especially now that the Government is considering major changes to our current county constabulary. I do hope you will take a few minutes to get involved and share your views with me" The survey takes around 3-5 minutes to complete. You can find the link by searching for **Safer in Sussex 2026 Survey** - Fill in form. For any technical faults please email **isabel.fitzgibbon@sussex-pcc-gov.uk**

Yet again we have a scam warning as Sussex police are witnessing an increase in cases where fraudsters are posing as working for Amazon in order to access the victim's account or personal bank details. One report stated that the victim had received a telephone call from someone claiming to be from Amazon, informing her of suspicious activity on her Amazon account and there was an expensive iphone in her basket online. They told her that she had been hacked and asked her to share her screen and share her bank details. The fraudster took £900 from her private account. These individuals are calling victims, claiming that someone is purchasing expensive items on their Amazon account, and they want to confirm that it is correct. When the victim states that it is not them making the purchases, then the fraudster gets into action to "rectify" the matter. Eventually this ends up with them having access to the victim's online banking, often claiming that they are moving the money to a "safe" account which of course is completely untrue. If you receive an unexpected phone call claiming to be from Amazon just hang up. It will be a scam!

I am pleased to end my report with the good news that we now have a new PCSO for our villages. His name is Matthew Doran and he can be contacted on **matthewdoran@sussex.police.uk**

Laurie King

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

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Oct 1	**10.30am**	Snowdrop Coffee Morning
Oct 2	**10.30am**	Macmillan Coffee Stop (P.39)
Oct 3	**2.00pm**	Downland Art Society (P.27)
Oct 6	**12.00pm**	Alpha Course (P.52)
Oct 9	**7.30pm**	Village Hall Disco (P.30)
Oct 10	**9.30am**	Snowdrop Goodwood Trackday (P.36)
Oct 15	**10.00am**	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
Oct 17	**7.30pm**	The Pearl Trio for Snowdrop Trust (P.40)
Oct 17-18	**TBC**	Chantry Quire workshop weekend (P.49)
Oct 21	**2.00pm**	Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.2)
Oct 22	**7.30pm**	The Walberton History Group (P.27)

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov1	**7.00pm**	Walberton Fireworks (P.13)
Nov 7	**10.00am**	Shoebox Appeal (P.27)
Nov 7	**4.00pm**	Beetle Drive (P.2)
Nov 14-15	**TBC**	Walberton Youth Theatre rehearsals (P.47)
Nov 28	**10.30am**	Walberton Gardeners Coffee Morning (P.15)
Feb 18-20	**TBC**	Walberton Players Performance (P.34)

COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR OCTOBER

Thu 1st Oct Rustington
Thu 8th Oct Sainsburys
Thu 15th Oct No service
Thu 22nd Oct Highdown Garden Centre
Thu 29th Oct Waitrose, Chichester

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

SAINSBURY'S FREE BUS SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 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.

St Mary's Church Open

St Mary's Walberton will be open during daylight hours till the end of October.

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 October 15 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

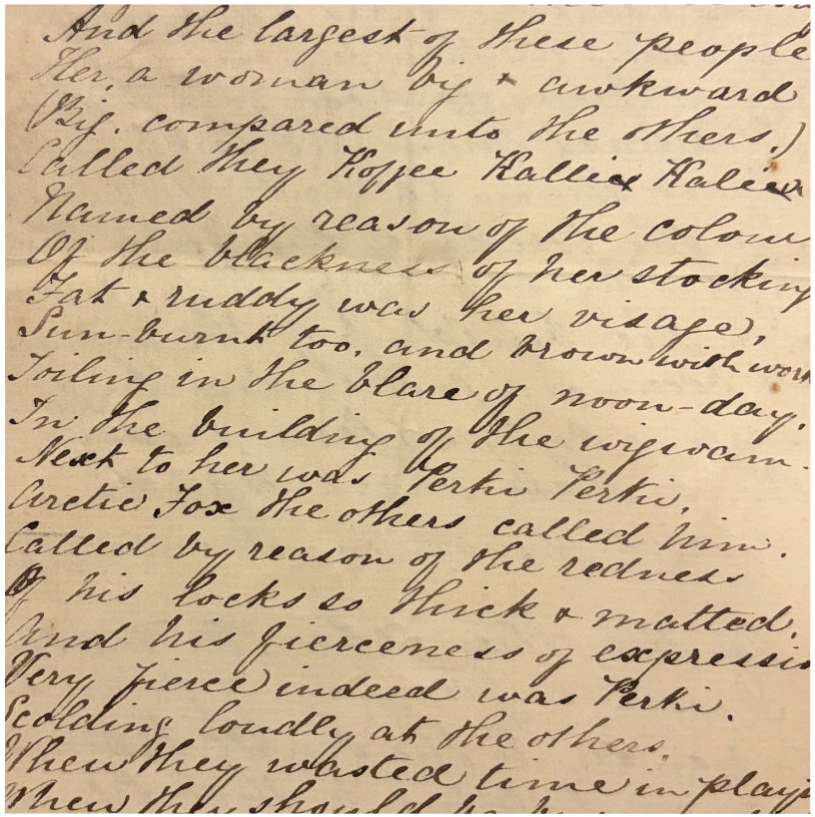
Every Tuesday morning from 8.15am, via Zoom.
(Please ask Tim for the details)

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)

Documents handover and Puk Wudges

At last, the box of family documents about the Old Rectory, Binsted, which Denis Ellison brought here and entrusted to me in 2021, has been taken to the West Sussex Records Office to be properly catalogued and looked after. I wrote here about the box then, e.g. about the newly discovered 'snagging list' for the building of the Rectory, but fighting the Arundel bypass took over (remember the Scoping Report of 2021, full of lies and euphemisms about the proposed bypass?) and I never got round to making the handover happen.


And the largest of these people
Her, a woman big & awkward
(Big. compared unto the others,)
Called they Koppee Kallie Kalieu
Named by reason of the colour
Of the blackness of her stocking
Fat & ruddy was her visage,
Sun-burnt too, and brown with work
Toiling in the blare of noon-day,
In the building of the wigwam.
Next to her was Perkis Perkis,
Arctic Fox the others called him.
Called by reason of the redness
Of his locks so thick & matted.
And his fierceness of expression
Very fierce indeed was Perkis.
Scolding loudly at the others.
When they wasted time in play
When they should

Denis is the great-great-grandson of Henry Christopher Bones (later called Lewis), who built the Rectory, commissioning a very good architect, S.S.Teulon. The documents had been passed down the generations, always going to the eldest in the family, so Denis had received if from his mother, who was the oldest in her generation. When he came with the box in 2021 he had never been to Binsted before.

I have twice made some sort of list of the documents. My old list did not seem very good, so I made a new one recently, dividing them into 18 folders, and it was good enough for Jenny Mason of the Records Office to say they would like all of them. Most of them are very dry, but of interest to historians of architecture, the church, advowsons etc.! For instance it is now clear that John Bones, father of Henry, paid for the building of the Rectory.

In making the list I found a little manuscript poem. It started like this:

'On the shores of Gitchee Gumee (*Otherwise the pond of Binsted*)

There abode three small Puk Wudges (*Three malicious little peoples)*.

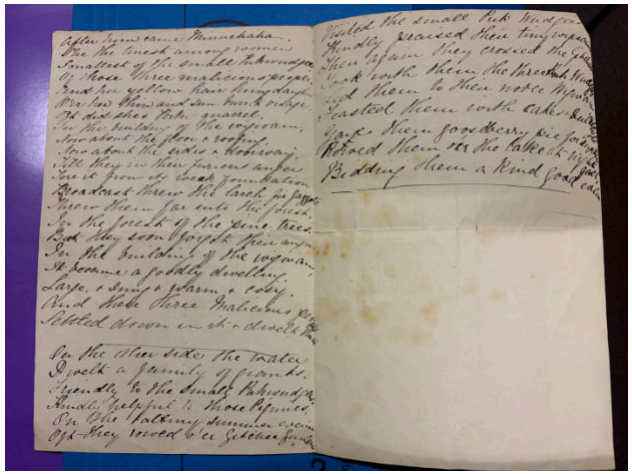
On the bank they built a wigwam…'

I hope to get the whole poem back from the Records Office eventually and be able to quote it in full. It must be by a member of the Lewis family, and about three of the children who lived in Binsted Park near what is now the Madonna Pond (also called Binsted Pond). It might have been the children who lived at Kent's Cottage. I looked up Puk Wudges and to my surprise found out that: 'A Pukwudgie (also spelled Puk-Wudjie) is a mischievous or menacing dwarfish human-like creature of Native American lore.'

This ms poem was not just in the metre of Longfellow's poem 'Hiawatha', and quoted it, but Pukwudgies actually appear in 'Hiawatha'! AI added:

In Canto XVIII, "The Death of Kwasind," they plot against and murder Hiawatha's close friend, the gentle giant Kwasind. …His only vulnerability is a blow to the head with a pine cone. Exploiting this secret, the Pukwudgies gather pine cones, ambush him while he is nap-sailing down the river, and kill him.'

There may be more surprises in store. **Emma Tristram**



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 October St Mary's is praying especially for:

Residents of Alfred Day, Farrier Way and Cooke Road, Fontwell.

for an increasing sense of community in Fontwell Meadows.

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 study of insects known as?

(Answer on P. 58)



SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2-4pm

Autumn Critique : members are invited to bring their framed or mounted pictures and sketchbooks to the session. Marcus Finch, our president, will be our judge.

It is always a lively and interesting afternoon when paintings are discussed, encouragement and helpful comments given.

Awards will be given for the 2 categories:

Tom Groom award for a painting themed "The Beach" in any medium.

Dominic Carlton Sketchbook award for the best presented sketchbook.

As always, visitors are welcome.
Liz Brown

Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

October

2nd	Harvest Festival - All Help
9th	Elizabeth and Pauline
16th	All Clear Harvest Festival
23rd	Diana and Kate
30th	Mo and Christine

Pauline Blumer

WALBERTON HISTORY GROUP

Presents an illustrated talk by Janet Bounds

"Mudlarking - Tales From the Thames Foreshore"

Thursday Oct 22nd 2026 at 7.30 pm

In the pavilion - Walberton playing field

All welcome - Non members £2

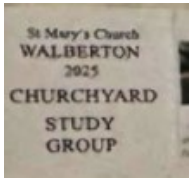
WALBERTON History Group – a busy 2026 Summer

What a super day we had for the Summer Fete where we set up our displays in the Pavilion. Belinda's many boards/folders included the 1756 Manorial Map and her Walberton Park Place or House (?) display as well as the latest from the Churchyard Study Group, plus a model wearing historic scout uniform.





We had a very busy day sharing knowledge and meeting friends, neighbours, visitors and new villagers, many of whom also enjoyed chatting to Brian about his excellent book: MOMENTS IN TIME.







Teresa once again displayed the Fontwell history and Ball's Hut & Toll boards, plus her 1921 census project folder and the 1939 registers. The 100 Year Old News file was also available to browse.



Teresa displayed her work once again, plus a new project covering the 1939 register for the Yapton area which proved of interest.

Just 6 weeks later Vince set up some of Belinda's work at the Yapton & Ford Village Hall for a multi-local history event which was very well attended, taking up all 3 rooms with various stands. Brian joined us and was kept busy with enquiries. Other attendees were West Sussex Record Office, Ford to Hunston Canal Group, Chichester Ship Canal Trust, The Arundel History Forum, Chichester Local History Society, Rustington Heritage Association and of course the Yapton & Ford Local History Group. Refreshments were very welcome. Hopefully this event will be repeated in the next couple of years.

TJG

Link to Hope

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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.

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Books You May Enjoy

A Terrible Kindness

By Jo Browning Wroe



This month marks the 60th anniversary of the terrible Aberfan disaster, when thousands of tons of coal waste from the Merthyr Vale Colliery broke loose and engulfed Pantglas Junior School, killing 144 people (including 116 children and five teachers). This novel is a moving tribute to that awful event.



It opens on 21st October 1966, with young William Lavery having the night of his life at his first black-tie do. But, as the evening unfolds, news hits of a landslide at a coal mine. It has buried a school at Aberfan.

William decides he must act, so he stands and volunteers to attend. It will be his first job as an embalmer, and it will be one he never forgets.

His work that night will force him to think about the little boy he was, and the losses he has worked so hard to forget. But compassion can have surprising consequences, because – as William discovers – giving so much to others can sometimes help us heal ourselves.

Although the subject of this book is very dark, it shows how a community can come together to show love in the worst of circumstances.

Dr Peter Brierley

SOUTHDOWNS CONCERT BAND

The Southdowns Concert Band rehearse in our Village Hall weekly.
They recently performed on Eastbourne Bandstand to a wonderful audience.
For more information, see our website: **https://www.southdowns-concertband.co.uk/** **Brenda**



VILLAGE FRIENDS

Registered charity no: 1098086

Village Friends is a small local charity serving the Five Villages area, encompassing Barnham, Eastergate, Walberton, Yapton and Aldingbourne, and which offers opportunity for lonely, isolated and bereaved people to be visited regularly in their own homes, and to have the opportunity to meet others at one of our occasional social lunches, with the chance to chat, to meet others, to reminisce, and to laugh at our efforts to master a quiz. or again, to come to and to learn a new skill at one of our regular crafting events.

Traditionally the main thrust of the work of Village Friends volunteers is to visit people in their own homes, always by mutual arrangement, and on the basis of developing friendship, rather than doing shopping or chores.

None of this would be possible without the wonderful commitment of our volunteers.

We currently have around 20 active volunteer visitors, and a similar number of clients, together with 2 people helping with the back-room admin. involved in running a registered charity. We are of course always looking for, and hoping for, more people to join us, either to volunteer or to be visited, or to help with admin. And we are actively seeking a new treasurer.

If you would like to find out more about us we can be found on Facebook, or contacted by phone on **07925 217843, or by email at villagefriends6@gmail.com.**

WALBERTON PLAYERS

Affiliated to NODA

Walberton Players are delighted to announce… The Sisters Are Back!

Following their huge success in 2024, the Little Sisters of Hoboken are returning to Walberton Village Hall for **'Nunsense 2'** from **18th–20th February 2027**!



The five beloved nuns are back on stage at Mt. Saint Helen's School to present a "Thank You" show for their supporters. Sticking to their winning variety-show formula, the sisters must now navigate the stage sets of *The Mikado* (being presented the following week by the Hoboken Music Society!).

Expect more madcap hilarity as the Sisters vie for the spotlight in their latest benefit concert.

Priority Ticket Booking

Be first in line when tickets go on sale in December. Register your interest now by emailing secretary@walbertonplayers.org

Audition Call: Can You Fill Sister Hubert's Habit?

The convent is missing a key member, and we need a talented performer to play **Sister Mary Hubert**!

Sister Hubert is the practical, sharp-witted anchor of the convent. As Mistress of Novices, she acts as the steady, dry, comedic foil to the easily flustered Reverend Mother.

- **Vocal Style:** Big voice required! Broad range spanning operatic parody, rock/country humor, and a roof-raising gospel belt.
- **Comedic Style:** Dry, composed, and sarcastic, using understated timing to contrast the chaotic antics around her.
- **Key Dynamic:** Classic "good cop / bad cop" comedy with Reverend Mother.

Audition & Production Details:

- **Audition Register Deadline:** Tuesday 8th September 2026
- **Rehearsals:** Mondays and Thursdays (starting October 2026)
- **Show Week:** Week commencing 15th February 2027

If you have a powerful voice, strong acting experience, and the confidence to lead a show-stopping gospel finale, we want to hear from you!

To register for an audition slot or for full details, contact secretary@walbertonplayers.org

www.walbertonplayers.org

The Weakford family in the 1800s and beyond

Many weeks ago, I began my churchyard research with Thomas and Ann Weakford born in the last decade of the 1700s and whose graves lie side by side in the churchyard (0027 in church records). The Churchyard Study Group decided to concentrate on the more ordinary village folk about whom little has been recorded in the history books, the craftsmen and artisans, and Thomas, working as a blacksmith, seemed to fit the bill. This family proved to be a surprisingly interesting local family during the 1800s.
Thomas and Ann had five surviving children, losing their firstborn at three months old. They accumulated 28 grandchildren.

Thomas Richard
Thomas Richard, their first son, born 1822, followed in his father's footsteps and became a Smith. He led a colourful life, marrying three times and fathering seven children including a set of twins born to his first wife who it seems died in childbirth or soon after. The 1851 census finds him and his second wife Harriet and children living in Whitechapel where Thomas Richard is now a Police Sergeant. However, a newspaper article of 1852 records him as badly wounded trying to prevent a robbery at a jeweller's shop. By the 1861 census the whole family is back in Walberton including the twins and the three sons from his second marriage. After the death of Harriet in 1863, Thomas Richard marries Elizabeth, moves to Arundel and goes on to have another son and a daughter.

Charlotte
Thomas Senior and Ann's second child was daughter, Charlotte (a tailoress) who married James White in Portsea and had a daughter and two sons. By the 1881 census Charlotte is a widow living in Mile End where her niece, Elizabeth, Thomas Richard's twin daughter, is living with her as a domestic servant.

Ellen
Thomas and Ann's third child Ellen became the wife of William Booker in 1856. Walberton's history books record his purchase of the Caiger building company in 1858 and the establishment of his successful building company. He employed 27 people by the 1890s and constructed many of the houses along The Street and in the village during the second half of the 19th century. WEB and the date can be seen carved in stone on some of these houses - William and Ellen Booker recorded for posterity. William and Ellen had eight children including two sets of twins.

George
Previously in the Parish News I have written in more detail about two of Thomas and Ann's grandsons, Harry, the adventurous seafarer, and Charles, the stay at home bricklayer, from the marriage of their fourth child, George and his wife Ann. George (blacksmith) and Ann also had two daughters and a son who died aged 19 months.

Amelia
Finally, Thomas and Ann's fifth child was Amelia who married George Burch, a thatcher, and they had six children including a son who died. Their youngest child and Thomas and Ann's final grandchild (born after their deaths) was Charles W (1870-1949). The censuses record his employment as follows: 1891 General Labourer; 1901 Cattle dealer; 1911 Horse dealer; 1921 he is listed as an employer running a Contractor and Carter business; 1939 Haulage Contractor C W Burch & Son living and working near the Green.
The W of C W Burch stands for Weakford so the original family name was carried on into the Burch family by Charles Weakford Burch. Burch Grove was built on the haulage company's site in the 1980s. Charles W married Emily and had two sons, Charles Norman and George Clifford. Both sons used their middle names in adult life. Brian Allsopp devotes several pages of his book, Moments in Time, to the rise of the Burch family during the first half of the 20th century. He also tells us that (Charles) Norman Burch married Doris Booker showing the intertwining of the Booker and Burch families and by default the Weakford family.

So, two daughters of Thomas and Ann Weakford married into local enterprising and well known family businesses employing many local residents - businesses that have left a lasting mark on our village and all unbeknown by me at the start of this family history journey.

JC
Sources: Census, Moments in Time (Brian Allsopp), Find My Past.



Charles Weakford Burch (Founder) 1870 - 1949



Remembering Buddy Holly

Ninety years ago, in1936, Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer, was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. His career was cut short when he was killed in a plane crash in 1959 – an event remembered as "the day the music died".



Holly was raised by a devout Southern Baptist family and was baptised at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in his hometown. His widely recognised talent as a musician and singer led him into the emerging country rock scene, where performers were often exploited by those working behind the scenes.

His influence has been acknowledged by many top singers and guitarists, including Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton.

The plane crash happened during a poorly organised winter tour of the Mid West where the buses supplied were hopelessly inadequate in terms of reliability and heating. Temperatures well below freezing led Holly to hire a small private plane to take three of them to the next venue. The inexperienced pilot crashed the plane shortly after take-off near Clear Lake, Iowa, killing everyone on board: himself, Holly, J P "The Big Bopper" Richardson, who was given his seat because he was suffering from flu, and Ritchie Valens, who won it on a coin toss.

Holly's pregnant wife Elena heard of his death on the radio, and the shock of it led to a miscarriage. This resulted in the convention of not broadcasting the sudden death of anyone without close relatives being informed.

The disaster was immortalised by singer/songwriter Don McLean, who said he had idolised Holly and felt his death marked a watershed between the innocence of the 1950s and the changes brought about by the Vietnam generation. His song, The Day the Music Died, was a long and brilliant solo performance.

Tim Lenton

Parish Council News

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

If you are passionate about your local community, we need you as a Parish Councillor.

Walberton Parish Council is looking for new Parish Councillors - somebody who has local knowledge, history of the parish, has an interest in the environment and is keen to work with the Team.

As a Parish Councillor you can make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with.

We currently have three vacancies on Walberton Parish Council and are now inviting applications from local people to join the Parish Council.

In terms of eligibility, you must be a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen, over 18 years old and registered to vote in the area; or have lived, worked, or owned property here for at least 12 months.

Responsibilities of the Parish Council: The Parish Council is responsible for implementing and maintaining parish assets such as the play areas, playing field, village pond, tennis courts, allotments, open space and orchards to name a few. It also determines how much money to raise through the council precept to deliver these services to the residents of the parish.

What kind of person do we need? You should have an active interest in local issues and things that affect local people and a willingness to represent the views of the community.

What does the role involve: Attending council meetings and committee sessions, often monthly, to discuss and vote on local issues. Addressing resident's concerns and supporting local groups. Acting as a consultative voice on planning applications, crime prevention, and service improvements, influencing decisions made by higher authorities.

Training: Parish councillors can receive free training to help them take on the role effectively. This training covers the council's business and decision-making processes, ensuring councillors are well-prepared to represent their community and make informed decisions. Additionally, councillors can also access free courses to further develop their skills and knowledge in specific areas of interest.

Time Commitment: Parish Councillors typically attend a Full Council and a Committee meeting every month. A meeting usually last about 2 hours. There can be additional responsibilities, such as committee work, site visits, or community events which may require 1- 2 hours per week. The total commitment varies depending on the councillor's interests and the council's workload.

How to apply? To apply, please send an email or letter of application to the Parish Clerk at **clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk** or to the Parish Council office.

In your email/letter you may wish to include your connection to the parish, why you want to be a parish councillor and what skills / experience you can bring to the Council. Applications will be looked at by Councillors and voted on at a meeting of the Council. You will be invited to attend and say a few words to the Councillors.

Being a parish councillor offers the opportunity to shape local services, support residents, and see tangible improvements in the community. It provides a sense of achievement and pride as councillors help guide decisions that directly impact local life.

Make a difference - get involved and make the changes that you want to see. For more information, please email

clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk **Shona**

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Prayer Diary for October

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8 v 38-39

St Mary's

Pray for the members of the Mothers' Union and their work supporting the creche at HMP Ford and the Little Bundles project for new Mums.

Give thanks for the gift of music and pray for all who lead our worship.

Our Community

Pray for God's blessing on those who live in Alfred Day, Farrier Way and Cooke Road, Fontwell.

Pray for the older members of our community and for neighbours and organisations who lend a helping hand. May we be more aware of the needs of those around us.

Our Nation

Pray for young people starting at university this term and families adjusting to their children leaving home.

Pray that this month's budget would protect the most vulnerable and pray for families who will face additional financial pressures.

Mental Health day, 10 October: pray for support and understanding for children and young people experiencing mental health challenges.

The World

Pray for the people of Nepal, for comfort and strength for those who are grieving and for the practical response of authorities and aid agencies drawing alongside communities which were affected.

Pray for the people of Afghanistan, for those who have been forced to return from neighbouring countries; pray for their future as the UN and aid agencies can only offer short term support.

Pray for US citizens as they prepare to vote in mid-term elections on 3 November, and for the impact the results could have on foreign policy.

Church

As October is Black History Month pray for hearts and a vision to see the image of God in each person and pray for all who work towards ending racism and injustice.

Pray for Christian radio stations, including FEBA in Worthing, that listeners would hear the truth of Jesus Christ and have the courage to respond.

FARM AFRICA



Climate action needs to prioritise women

Can you help spread the word about women farmers' vital role in climate action, and why women farmers in eastern Africa are particularly important?

With a heatwave sweeping the UK, our chief executive has written a blogpost on climate action and women as part of London Climate Action Week.

We believe climate action needs to prioritise women. Not just because it's fair, but because it works.

Across our programmes in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania, we see a consistent pattern: **women are leading the uptake of regenerative agriculture practices** that build resilience to climate change by improving soil health and water retention. Female farmers adopt new practices earlier, stick with them longer and achieve higher yields.

For more information go to : **www.farmafrica.org/expert-view/why-climate-action-needs-to-prioritise-women/**

If we are serious about tackling the climate crisis, we need to back the approaches that work. And that means putting women front and centre of the solution.

Liz, Head of Individual Giving at Farm Africa

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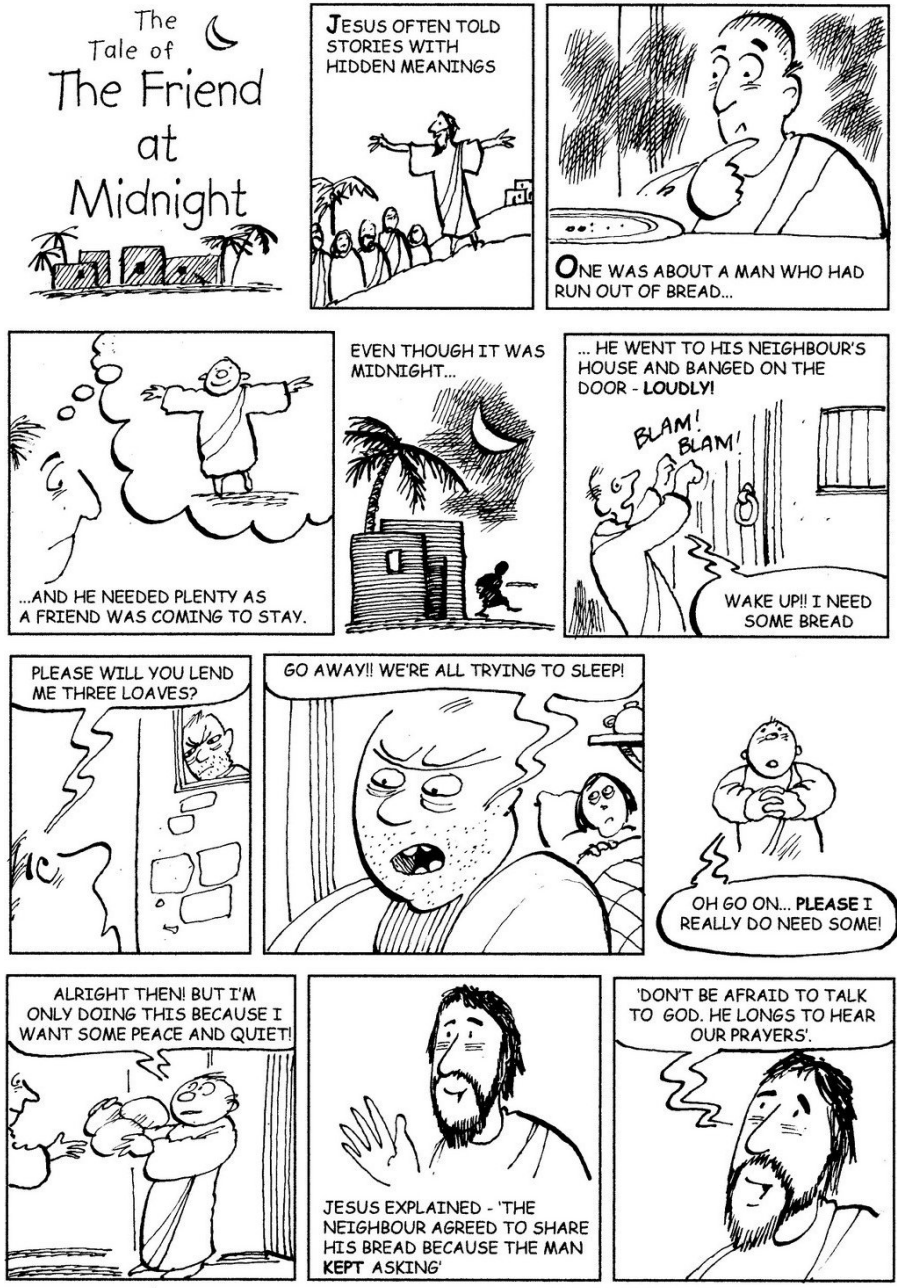

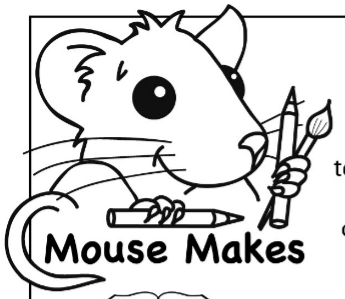

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1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged _____ *Hebrews 4:12*

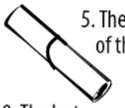




6. God's word is like? A _____ and a _____ *Psalm 119:105*



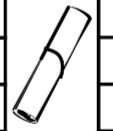
4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.



5. The first book of the Bible.

8. The last book in the Bible.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.





11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the _____ of God. *Hebrews 4:12*

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman





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NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

Whist Drive.

A special whist drive and dance was held in the Village Hall, Walberton, on Wednesday last, in aid of the Village Hall piano fund. Whist commenced at 7 p.m., and the attendance was good. The prizes, which were all given, were awarded as follows:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Stevens; 2, Mrs. Pavely; 3, Miss Rapson. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Benliss; 2, Mr. Hopkins. Dancing followed at 9 p.m., but there was only a moderate attendance. *BRO 27th*



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BRO 27th

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P'mouth Eve News 7th

Bognor and District League.

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Brighton to Petersfield.—Good throughout, excepting Brighton to Old Shoreham, which is only fair.

Brighton to Bognor.—Fair.

Arundel to Chichester.—Fair; road widening between Boxford and Crooker Hill. Emsworth to Havant bad.

Petersfield to Midhurst.—Repairs at Sheet.

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With wide-ranging experience as a music teacher and head teacher, Peter is a freelance conductor, composer, musical director, workshop leader, and accompanist, with a particular passion for choral direction. He is currently music director of the Chantry Quire, and is an occasional guest conductor with other choirs and orchestras. His penultimate teaching post was as Head of Music at Christ's Hospital school when he was also Musical Director of Christ's Hospital Choral Society. He has held workshops with all three participating choirs and is recognised as a brilliant, encouraging and hugely enthusiastic choral director, and one who achieves great results with his choirs.

Full details of the 2-day programme, how to buy tickets for this event and information about War Requiem and its composer can all be found on our new website **wsfc.org.uk** . Day one will focus on the choral parts and will also give participants an opportunity to understand the structure of the piece, whilst day two will involve soloists working alongside the choir before a complete run through of the work at the end. West Sussex Festival Chorus plan to follow up the workshop with a performance of 'War Requiem' in Chichester cathedral on 20 November 2027 and hope this weekend workshop will serve as an exciting introduction to this major project. We do hope you can come to what promises to be an enjoyable and educational weekend and please encourage your singing friends to join us too. Jonathan

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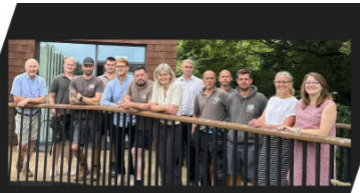

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