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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Rector's ramblings.

Advent marks the beginning of the new church year. This year, it also marks a new chapter in my life and that of the Downlands benefice. Until recently I was working for the Anglican mission agency USPG, which started life in 1701 as SPG; The Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.



I was interested to learn that I will be the many times successor of the first SPG missionary, the Revd George Keith, who became Rector of Edburton after returning from America in 1704.

He was the full time Rector of just one of the four villages to which I have been appointed on a part-time, house-for-duty basis. I am also working for YMCA England and Wales, another venerable charity now focused on the wellbeing of young people in some 114 communities throughout England and Wales and the largest provider of accommodation for young people in the country.

I have been working for church based charities for the past 16 years or so. Engaging with social justice in a national and international context has been an enriching and, at times, humbling experience. But I have always also valued being involved in the ministry of the local church, most recently helping out various parishes in Brighton and Hove during vacancies, just as I know a number of priests have been helping out here. I am delighted to be establishing a spiritual home in this beautiful part of the country and look forward to getting to know you in the coming months.

My first Sunday services are on Advent Sunday, 2nd December, at Holy Trinity, Poynings and St Andrew's, Edburton. And then, as we approach Christmas, I will look forward to greeting you at our various festive services as we celebrate the coming of Christ, 'the true light, which enlightens everyone', into the world.

With every blessing,

Tim Harford



Welcome to Tim Harford our new Rector.



A peaceful oasis in a hectic world

Our village Church is open every day between 10am and 4pm in the winter (10am to 6pm in the summer).

We are pleased to offer a warm welcome to many, many visitors who are walking the South Downs Way - people seem to be grateful for a drink and a loo, and they also appreciate the peace and quiet offered by the building.

Pew Platter

What a wonderful display of colour nature has given us again this year.

Our Harvest Festival was well attended, thanks to those who contributed, and as always the produce was divided between St. Peter & St. James Hospice and the Martletts Hospice. Both are always very pleased to receive our donations, as their "Thank you" letters tell us.

We said a sad farewell to Alf Milner, on 1st November with a packed church. We will all miss him, and our love goes to his family.



Like the rest of the country our Remembrance service this year marked 100 years since the end of World War One and the names of Pyecombe, Newtimber, Poynings and Edburton villagers who gave their lives in both wars where read out at our service.

Our next evening service will be our Carol Service when we again welcome the Mid Sussex Brass Band who help us start the Christmas celebrations. At each of the above services we are joined by "The Village Choir", so a huge thank you to them for their support.

The December services are:

Sunday 23rd December communion at 11:00 am
When we welcome Tim Harford our new Rector.
Monday 24th December 11:30 pm the first communion of Christmas led by Tim Harford.
Christmas day service 10:00 am will be held at Poynings Church this year.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The Church Team.



Parish Council Jottings

The Parish Council were saddened to hear of the recent death of Alt Milner. Alf was a long standing member of the community and served as a Parish Councillor for more than thirty years. Our thoughts and condolences go to his family.

As the weather continues to be very wet we would like to ensure that residents are aware of their Riparian responsibilities. If an area experiences constant flooding, this becomes a nuisance to the community, can restrict access to property, makes everyday living difficult and results in considerable expense and inconvenience for those that have been flooded.

A little more information in case you are not familiar with Riparian Ownership…

If you have a watercourse, ditch, stream, river or culvert on or next to your land you are known as a 'riparian owner'. Riparian owners are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of watercourses on their land to ensure that they are not a flood risk to other people or property.

Well maintained watercourses can significantly benefit the local community by reducing flood risk and creating habitats for wildlife.



The riparian responsibilities for landowners under law are to:

- Ensure the flow of water is not obstructed or polluted
- Maintain the bottom and sides of the watercourse. (including managing any trees and vegetation growing on the banks).
- Remove any obstructions, such as rubbish, fallen branches or garden waste.
- Maintain any structures (such as trash screens, culverts, weirs and mill gates) on it.

If you are unsure of any aspect of your Riparian responsibilities further information is available via the West Sussex County Council website at www.westsussex.gov.uk/ditchtheproblem

Recent planning applications in the parish:

SDNP/18/06068/FUL Land East of Church Lane, Pyecombe. Full application for four residential dwellings with access and associated landscaping.

SDNP/18/05700/PA30 Office premises adjacent Chantry Lodge, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. Change of use from office building to three self contained flats.

SDNP/18/02026/FUL Land off A273, Pyecombe. Proposed installation of a 20m phase five monopole with three cabinets, grasscrete parking and paving slab path to provide network coverage to the nearby railway line to the West of the proposed site.

SDNP/18/05131/FUL and SDNP/18/05132/LIS Pangdean Farm, London Road, Pyecombe. Erection of oak framed glazed link as covered entrance to main barn.

Please remember you are welcome at any of the Parish Council meetings and between meetings are always welcome to email any concerns or questions to council via the email address shown below.

If this is not possible and you would like to keep up to date with Parish Matters all Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Website.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone.

Dawn Langston – Clerk and RFO

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Dawn Langston – parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk
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Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15th January 2019



ALFRED WILLIAM MILNER "ALF" 1924 - 2018

"Thank you" Pyecombe, for your many cards, messages, and tributes you sent in Dads memory. As well as the practical help you have given over the last two years. When something like this happens, living in this village is like a warm blanket is wrapped around you.

I can only say again, thank you all.

Sandra.

The Village Weekend Sponsors

My apologies to Keith at Duck Lodge who I inadvertently left out in the list of our sponsors in the last edition. We couldn't survive without our sponsors so I would like to take this opportunity of giving a special thanks to Keith for his generous offer of a night in Duck Lodge as one of our outstanding raffle prizes.

Tim Cullen



Social Committee News.

We have just completed the Winter Fayre in the United Reform Church, Hassocks. The event is organised by the members of the Social Committee to raise money to help with the upkeep of Pyecombe Church.

This year we had a new venue and location. We introduced new tables selling different types of goods from hand-made jewellery, hand crafted hats and scarves, beautifully put together plants, good as new toiletries, delicious chutneys and marmalades made by Deerview Fine Foods and a table put together by Newtimber. We also had some of our traditional tables, such as food made and by Pangdean, which is always a treat and lovely Christmas Wreaths for doors and table displays. The day was a great success.

We took over £1600 and the profit is likely to be in the region of £1300 for the Church. Unable to give an exact total as there are still more products we are selling such as our Aprons in the Farm Shop and some more Meringues from Pangdean and Christmas Wreaths.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the event by donating time, coming along and buying what was on offer.

I have included a few photos but hope to get more on the website.

Once again many thanks to all of you, we wish you a Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

Karen Lewis
On behalf of the Social Committee 07818568999

Just a small selection of the wonderful photos supplied by Karen:







Further photos can be seen on the website.



Results of 100 Club.

September.
£10. Share no 33. Judy Godfrey
£20. 120. Joyce Hill

October.
£10. Share no 35. Wendy Desborough
£20. 34. Ken Grocott

November.
£10. Share no. 18. Ian Currie
£20. 80. Jane Cullen

Thank you to Jean Wilkins.

Helen Boyle 1869 – 1957

Helen Boyle was Brighton's first woman GP and transformed the lives of working class women in the area through her ground breaking treatment of mental illness.

Responsible for establishing a dispensary and hospital staffed by women for women, she went on to become the first female Psychiatrist at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and co-founder of MIND.



As a young doctor Helen Boyle arrived in Brighton in 1897 galvanised by her work in London's East End which gave her first hand experience of the mental and physical strain on women living in poverty.

Determined to provide medical services to working class women, with Dr Mable Jones she set up Lewes Road Dispensary for Women and Children in the then deprived area of Hanover. The dispensary offered free or low cost treatment for women who could not afford GP charges, in a sympathetic female only environment. It was a great success.

But Boyles long held ambition was to transform the treatment of working class women with early stage mental illness, whom she fiercely described as "neglected and maltreated until..... they were turned into the finished product - lunatics". In 1905 she founded the Lady Chichester Hospital for women with Nervous Diseases.

Before that time, poor women of Brighton with mental illnesses from depression to borderline insanity exacerbated by inadequate living conditions, nutrition and exhaustion had recourse to no help other than committal to the asylum. Boyles hospital was the first of its kind in England, treating poor women before they became certifiable.



As well as receiving professional acclaim in the medical sector, Boyle was honoured for her work in Serbia in 1915. She never married, but shared her home for the last 17 years of her life with her companion Marguerite du Pre Gore Lindsay. She died in Pyecombe in 1957.

Further information on Helen Boyle can be found at Brighton History Centre.

Anna Kisby Brighton History Group.

Christmas Waste Collection Information

Most of us recycle wrapping paper at Christmas but please remember metallic paper can't be recycled. Try the scrunch test - if it scrunches and stays scrunched, you can recycle it. Just don't forget to remove any ribbons and bows. Please don't leave cardboard boxes outside to get wet as soggy cardboard can't be recycled.

Normal collection date	Festive collection date
Monday 24th December	Saturday 22nd December
Tuesday 25th December	Monday 24th December
Wednesday 26th December	Thursday 27th December
Thursday 27th December	Friday 28th December
Friday 28th December	Saturday 29th December
Monday 31st December	No Change
Tuesday 1st January 2019	Wednesday 2nd January
Wednesday 2nd January	Thursday 3rd January
Thursday 3rd January	Friday 4th January
Friday 4th January	Saturday 5th January

Please make sure your bins are at the edge of your property, at the point nearest the highway, by 7am on the day of collection.

All waste and recycling collections will return to normal from Monday 7th January 2019.

Garden Waste

There will be no garden waste collections between Monday 24th December and Friday 4th January. Garden waste collections will return to normal from Monday 7th January 2019.

Christmas Trees

Remember: Real Christmas trees can be composted in your garden waste bin. Just make sure the lid is closed. Alternatively, there will be temporary sites where you can drop off your real Christmas tree for recycling. These sites will be open between Saturday 29th December and Friday 11th January.
More details are available at **www.midsussex.gov.uk/treerecycling**



The next newsletter is due out in March. We would love to receive articles from you to share with your community. These can be news, items of interest, local history, jokes, recipes anything that would have been passed around the campfire to keep the sense of community strong in days gone by.

To be included in the March issue please send articles in anytime from now until February 15th. You can email them to parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk or post a written piece in the letter box at no. 14 The Wyshe marked newsletter.

Many thanks. Dawn Langston (ed)

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