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# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## Rector's ramblings.

In March, we will begin a slightly amended pattern of services in the four parishes that make up the Downland Benefice. The Red Graham Jeffrey, who has been involved in these parishes in one guise or another for some forty years, retired on the day of my appointment. For the past several years he had been licenced only to Edburton, so a pattern of services developed between Poynings, Newtimber and Pyecombe while Edburton was left to its own devices.

Our Benefice Council and individual Parochial Church Councils have decided that in order to fully embrace Edburton into the fold we will amend our pattern so that there is a 10.00 a.m. service of Holy Communion in one of our four churches every Sunday. Services will run on the first Sunday of the month in Edburton, the second in Newtimber, the third in Poynings and the fourth in Pyecombe. If it helps you to remember, they come in alphabetical order. When there is a fifth Sunday we will be in Poynings. We will continue also to hold evening services and to come together for special occasions.

Many people already did come to whichever of the three churches was hosting our morning service; I very much hope that we will all now adopt a four week cycle so we can bring together the worshipping community of our Benefice on a weekly basis and get to know one another better. You can be sure of a warm welcome wherever we meet.

Please join us.

Every blessing,

Revd Tim Harford

## 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

Gale force winds, driving rain, sunshine, freezing ice and snow. But the snowdrops are out in the church yard, a sign that spring is on its way!

Our Carol Service in December was a great success with The Village Choir and the Mid Sussex Brass Band. Thanks to both of them plus thanks to those who did a reading and the refreshments afterwards. All of which makes this evening a very special village event.

The Midnight communion Service taken by our new Vicar Tim Harford was also well attended.

We have a lot to look forward to this year, the Easter celebrations, and we also have two weddings plus the village events which make use of our lovely church.

Many people visit the church which is open every day and they continue to leave encouraging messages!

There is a great deal going on this year so watch out for the notices!

The Church, the Parish Council, the Tidy Team and the Social Committee all work very hard at keeping this a very special village, so please do come and support us, or help, in any way you can to ensure we stay the united caring village we have always been.

*The Church Team.*

***Hello can anyone help me?***

*I came home recently to find a scroll of paper in my letter box (who from I do not know)*

*It was photographs/sketches of Woolworths and Roslings of London road, Brighton 1964-1965. I started work with Woolworths in 1964 and stayed 28 years 3 months.*

*I would like to find out who it was so I could thank them.*

*Joyce Hill – Spooky!*

## Parish Council Jottings

The Parish Council were saddened to hear of the recent death of. Albert Corbett was a long standing member of the community and served as Parish Clerk for more than ten years. Our thoughts and condolences go to his family.

South Downs National Park continues to promote its Take The Lead campaign aimed at dog walkers in the area. If you would like to sign up to the scheme more information can be found on their website at:

https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/take-the-lead/

Here is some of the advice contained in the initiative:

Lots of you visit the South Downs National Park because it is a great place to walk your dog. There's lots for them to explore including heathlands, forests, farmland and historical sites.

Responsible dog walkers are very welcome in the South Downs National Park. Taking responsibility for your dog is especially important in spring when young livestock are particularly vulnerable. The South Downs is also home to many ground-nesting birds, and any disturbance can stop a successful brood. If you see signs asking you to keep your dog on the lead, please do so.

## FOUR STEPS TO BEING A GOOD POOCH

- Keep dogs on a lead near livestock
- Bag and bin your poo, any public bin will do
- Protect ground nesting birds. Stick to the paths, especially between 1 March – 15 September
- Do not enter military training areas when the red flags are flying

In line with this advice we reiterate the need to keep dogs on a lead near any livestock especially with lambing season underway.

Parish Council elections will take place on 2nd May 2019. Notices will be published nearer the time however if you are interested in nominating yourself please contact me for further information/advice.

## *Recent planning applications in the parish:*

SDNP/19/00598/FUL Pyecombe Manor, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. New chalet style, detached two bedroomed dwelling, with associated landscaping works. Demolition of old swimming pool pump room. Application in progress.

SDNP/19/00932/FUL Office premises adjacent Chantry Lodge, Pyecombe Street, Pyecombe. External alterations. New and replacement windows and doors, replacement of one open sided porch with two open sided porches, erection of new open sided porch on west elevation. Application in progress.

SDNP/18/06540/HOUS 6 Forge Close, Pyecombe. Erection of garden annex ancillary to main dwelling. Application approved.

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

Members of the public are encouraged to attend our public meetings. 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.

*Dawn Langston – Clerk and RFO*

## Parish Clerk & RFO

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

Tuesday 14th May 2019

## Social Committee News.

The final results came through from Pyecombe's Winter Fayre at the end of November, we made £1460 profit which was an excellent result, last year it was £991. All stalls were up on the previous year, the additional stallholder's added value as they offered different and interesting items for sale which we haven't had before.

The Christmas Wreaths went down a treat and so did the meringue orders from Pangdean that kept on coming in after the Fayre. The URC in Hassocks was successful, better than the Hall in Hurstpierpoint but having two rooms was a little difficult. We have looked at other venues and decided on Adastra Hall in Hassocks for 2019. We shall let everyone know of the date nearer the time.

Again we wish to thank everyone for their support.

Our next event is the Plant Sale, which will be on the weekend 18th/19th May; we will let you know nearer the time whether it will be the Saturday or Sunday. Previous years we have bought 'plug' plants and grown them ready for the sale but we don't have a greenhouse any more so buy from small local nurseries. We've been able to source some excellent ones and have the opportunity of buying a greater variety of plants. So along with the plants that are donated we should have as a magnificent display at very competitive prices.

We will be holding a Quiz Night later this year, date to be confirmed.

Our annual flower festival will be held as usual on the first weekend of July, 6th/7th so put the date in your diary for this fun event. We are always looking for new ideas to add to our traditional programme of events so if you have something you have seen that you think would be of interest, please let us know.

We've had a taste of Spring, even if it has changed recently but there's hope that it will return soon for March and April.

Best wishes,

*Karen 07818568999*

## L❤VE YOUR VILLAGE!

I'm sure, like us, you will have noticed the amount of litter that gets chucked about in and around our village. This together with the fact that the council/ highway does not spend much time cutting down overgrown trees and bushes, or clearing pavements means that Pyecombe is not looking it's best.

We started the Pyecombe monthly clean up just over a year ago, as we would like to change that! We are very keen to have a clean and well kept Pyecombe and we launched the "Love your village" group to get the clean up going.

We met with a representative from West Sussex County Council who pointed us in the right direction regarding Health and Safety, Public Liability, and informed us about any grants or help available.

Just to remind you, our aim is to

- Keep litter under control
- Clear and cut back branches on overgrown footpaths and pavements
- Paint and maintain gates leading into the village (in conjunction with Parish Council)
- Generally improve the look of our village, planting bulbs etc

We had our first clean up of this year a couple of weeks ago, and sadly it was the worst ever turn out for helpers. But, even with just 4 of us, we managed to clear and fill countless bags of litter, planted up and refreshed the planter at the bottom of Church Hill, and cleared the triangle of weeds and leaves.

We meet on a regular monthly basis and of course we are looking for helpers! So much can be achieved in a short time, so do come and help, even if it's just a couple of hours. It really makes a difference!

The dates for our clean up weekends are advertised in advance on our Pyecombe Village Facebook page, and posters are placed around the village.

If you have any suggestions on how we might improve our village, or would like to find out more, than please contact either:

*Mieke Thomas 07956 368282 or Mary O'Rourke 07976884165*

We would also like to thank those of you we see walking around Pyecombe picking up litter at any time, clean up weekend or not!

## Story Time

This is a true story.

His name was Fleming a poor Scottish farmer. One day whilst trying to make a living for his family he heard a cry for help from a nearby bog; he dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There mired to his waist in black muck was a terrified boy screaming and struggling to save himself.

Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings and an elegant dressed man stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy that farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you" said the nobleman "for saving my son's life". "No, I can't accept payment for what I did" the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son" the nobleman said. "Yes" the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal, let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy, he'll no doubt grow up to be a man we'll both be very proud of", and that he did.

Farmer Flemings son attended the very best schools and in time graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming the discover of Penicillin.

Years afterwards the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia, what saved his life this time – penicillin! The name of the nobleman was Lord Randolph Churchill; his son's name was Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said "What goes around comes around"
"Work like you don't need the money"
"Love like you've never been hurt"
"Dance like nobody's watching"
"Sing like nobody's listening"
"Live life like heaven on earth"

If you are interested in this story pass it on and brighten someone's day. Nothing will happen if you do not pass it on; the only thing that will happen if you do pass it on is that someone may smile because of you.

*The next newsletter is due out in June. 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 June issue please send articles in anytime from now until May 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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