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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everyone who gives up their time and energy to organise events in support of our village church. I picked up some bargains at the plant sale that are now brightening up the garden.

The church has been at the heart of the community for almost 850 years; that milestone comes next year.

That's why people feel that the stones are soaked with prayer. They are, soaked with centuries of prayers of thanksgiving and celebration, prayers of hope and aspiration, prayers of despair and sadness. Do feel free to add your own at any time.

In all that time, Pyecombe church has been there for people as they pass their life's milestones. Each Christening, wedding and funeral of course is unique, but they do also connect us with that long train of history, and with those who have walked this path ahead of us. And when we come in quietly to offer personal prayers or to join in public worship, again we are in procession with countless others who have done so before us.

That's why the cakes baked, the plants sold, the events organised and supported are so significant. They ensure that the church is here for those who need it today and tomorrow and into the future as others join the procession behind us.

Thank you for keeping the church in the heart of the community.

With every blessing,
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.

PYECOMBE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

(*part of the Village Weekend)*

SATURDAY 6th JULY and SUNDAY 7th JULY

The theme for your flower displays this year is

"LOVE IS...."

Hopefully by now you will all have received a flyer asking you to take part in our annual Flower Festival. Our biggest annual social event is the Village Week-end/Flower Festival, which this year is on July 6th and 7th. This very popular Flower Festival brings back people year after year to admire all the displays in the church, made by you, our villagers. The theme for flower displays this year is Love Is.....

Love Is.....will mean something different for each one of us!

From loving dogs, to nature, comedy, sport, family, religion, any of these should provide all of us with inspiration! From a simple rose in a vase, to the most elaborate themed display, we will love them all!

For those new to the village, we would love you to take part in producing some sort of flower display. This is not a competition, and we are not competitive, it's just all of us wanting to make the Flower Festival the best it can be, with the church looking fantastic for all our visitors. So, please have a go!

I would be grateful if you could contact me with the name of your display by Wednesday 3rd July so that we can print the cards to be placed with your flowers. As per usual flower displays can be brought to church all day on the Friday until 5.30pm, or Saturday morning before 10.30am.

We really look forward to seeing all of your contributions, large or small!

Please contact Mieke on 07956 368282 or email miekethomas@btinternet.com



Pew Platter

The Cowslip is a flower we don't see as much as we used too, but we are lucky enough to have them in the churchyard, so big thank you to Dave Harper for mowing round them!

We continue to get many visitors from all parts of the world, who leave comments saying "How lovely it is to find the Church open and the welcome and facilities we provide"

In May we had the first of the two weddings that are booked for this year. The weather stayed fine, and it was lovely to welcome everyone to our lovely village church.

It came as a shock to us all to learn of the sudden death of John Walker, who for over 50 years was our organist at Pyecombe, and he also played for Clayton church. What many changes, and many Parsons, John must have seen through all those years.

We also lost Albert Corbett, who lived in Pyecombe for a great many years, and he and his wife Rae worked tirelessly for the Village and the Church, and are very much missed by all their Pyecombe friends.

The Plant Sale in May went well again, thanks for all the workers, and also thanks for the very welcome and tasty refreshments.

Our Annual Village Flower Festival and Fayre will be on the 6th and 7th July 2019. This event was started many years ago, to bring the whole village together.

So even if you have not put anything in the Church, or are helping in anyway. Do please come and support us and meet your fellow villagers.

Leaflets always available in the Church so you can keep updated on the church Services and events in our Downland Villages.

The Church Team.

Parish Council Jottings

The Parish council continues to work with both the Mid Sussex District Councillors and West Sussex County Councillors on items that are important to the Parish.

Recently we have been made aware of the requests from residents for a crossing point on Clayton Hill and would like to share the following information from WSCC:

"As part of the West Sussex County Council 'Beautiful Outdoors' Programme a series of improvements were planned on the Public Rights of Way network around the County, alongside an Experience West Sussex marketing campaign. The works have been external funded by LEP grant funding and the vast majority of the schemes were delivered in 2018/19 but there is one scheme in our area that will be delivered in the autumn of this year.

The work was originally approved as part of the bid and will improve the crossing location to make it easier for users to pass and cross safely.

The footway on the western side of the road, opposite the entrance to Pyecombe Golf Club, will be widened; the crossing point made clearer through markings on the road and improved signage installed. The designs have been shared with user groups and safety audited."

We hope that this will help to alleviate the problems. However if this is not the case then do please contact us. There are other avenues which can be given consideration including a submission for a Community Highways Scheme for any additional works.

On Friday 14th June we took delivery of the two new benches which will replace the old ones on the bank adjacent to the Church and also on London Road. These should be erected over the next week and will also be shortly joined by our new litter bins.

Some of you may have seen the recent publicity by LAMBS (Locals Against Mayfield Building Sprawl) surrounding the possible new development by Mayfield Market Town. This 7,000 house new town development would destroy Henfield, Wineham, the surrounding villages and thousands of acres of unspoilt Sussex countryside. Several meetings have already taken place to discuss the impact that this proposal would have on Pyecombe, Hassocks would be the closest train station therefore all roads around our Parish would suffer from the huge increase in additional vehicles.

We will continue to monitor the situation with other local parishes and will keep you updated with any developments.

It is always nice to see residents at the Parish Council meetings, but 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.

Remember that the Parish Council is there to work for and on behalf of residents. So please do drop me any email with anything that you would like the Council to consider or look into. You may be surprised to find that on most occasions your Parish Councillors share the same concerns!

Dawn Langston – Clerk and RFO

Parish Clerk & RFO

Dawn Langston – parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk
Telephone contact – 07909 332605

Parish Council Meeting ~ Dates for 2019

9th July 2019
10th September 2019
12th November 2019

Rubbish

In myself appointed, position of unofficial rubbish collector (U.R.C) for Pyecombe I have over the last couple of years, come across some rewarding discoveries.

Namely one £30 cash haul scattered over the grass verge by the BP garage,2 bottles of prosecco and a four pack of Heineken (possibly a hidden cache for some local youths….sorry kids) ,a pair of Gucci sunglasses(value £120) and most curiously a full set of brand new Le Creuset pans and griddle set.

Now I'm not suggesting that anyone who might care to join me in my quest to keep our village appearing less litter strewn would enjoy similar treasure troves as I have but who knows what lurks amongst the hedgerows and bushes of our humble hamlet.

All I can suggest is that as you walk your hound, pop down to the M&S Shop for the 8 o'clock specials or just whenever you stroll through the village hand in hand with that special person in your life, you might take any old placky bag and collect any detritus you may come across, fill your bag and pop it in your bin back home. For this you'd obviously best acquire yourself one of them picky-up sticks which makes the job easier and less of a health hazard.

In closing I have a personal message to the gentleman/lady who regularly purchases several scratch cards from the BP garage and then uponst their return home ,in the Pyecombe Street direction, commits the following atrocity many times over…..scratch-lose-discard, scratch-lose discard, you get my drift. This has been the scenario for some considerable time.

May I suggest that you either stop wasting your money or start disposing of the cards appropriately at home!

Thank you
David Harper(URC)



Pyecombe Music Festival 2019
Friday 30th August - Sunday 1st September

Pyecombe Music Festival 2019 barROCKS itself onto the horizon with a great combination of Baroque and modern music to suit all tastes! We have three main events:

Friday 30th August, 7.30pm, Pyecombe Church
Baroque Trio Concert



Bob Ahern – Tenor
Jon Rattenbury - Baroque Guitar
Mark Smith – Theorbo
This entertaining and talented trio will perform music from the Baroque era, featuring songs and instrumental pieces by Lully and Jose Marin. They will be chatting about the music and instruments as they go along and if you have never heard of a Theorbo before, here it is! Come and experience the sound of this fascinating instrument.

Saturday 31st August, 11am
Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas* at Poynings Church

There is plenty of excitement surrounding this event. In the week leading up to the Festival we are launching the first ever Pyecombe Opera Project – P.O.P.! A cast of wonderful young singers will be rehearsing at Pyecombe and Poynings Churches to stage a production of *Dido & Aeneas* at the Brighton Unitarian Church on Saturday 31st August at 7.30pm, under the musical direction of Jane Money (Cullen) and Nick Andrews.

The cast, with our own Nara Clapperton in the title role, will be delighted to see you at their rehearsals during the week and, in true Glyndebourne tradition, are inviting you to attend the final dress rehearsal which will be held in Poynings Church in the morning at 11am. This will be a complete run of the whole piece with instrumental accompaniment (in effect, the first performance!). So do come and be a part of this event particularly if you are new to opera. Composed in the 1680s, it is only an hour long but is full of drama, passion, humour, revenge… and dynamic Director/Producer, Susannah Greenan, will be bringing a very modern perspective to this ancient tale!

Sunday 1st September, 4pm, Pyecombe Church
The Four Seasons with Pyecombe Village Choir

This cleverly devised programme, inspired by David Finney, takes us on a musical journey from the Baroque wonders of Vivaldi to the Beatles and beyond, with a dash of Flanders and Swan on the way! It will also feature the first performance of *December Night* by talented Pyecombe songwriter, Richard Lewis.

The Festival would not be complete without a performance from our terrific choir! Now in its fifth year, the choir continues to enjoy bookings throughout the year and has a number of fine instrumentalists amongst its members who add extra colour and interest to performances.

Tickets

Tickets can be reserved in advance from Jane Cullen – **cullmon.jm@gmail.com** or 07736 806851
A Festival Pass for all 3 performances - **£15**
Tickets for each individual performance - **£6**
Under 16s **free**
Refreshments will be available at all performances.
Proceeds from the Festival will go towards the upkeep of Pyecombe Church with a donation to Poynings Church for the Saturday performance.
NB: If you would also like to attend the performance of *Dido & Aeneas* at the Brighton Unitarian Church on the Saturday evening, tickets for this are **£10** and should be booked in advance (contact details as above). This performance is not part of the Festival.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival. It is for everyone to enjoy and we hope you will want to be a part of it!

Jane Cullen

Hidden Towns and Villages in Sussex:

To test your knowledge on local towns and villages we have included this short quiz. To give you an idea we have completed the answer to number 1. Answers for numbers 2 – 40 will be given in the next issue.

1	A quiet refuge	Peacehaven
2	Arsenal 1 Chelsea 2	
3	A shallow river crossing	
4	A decaying parson	
5	This falling ice is false	
6	How to support collapsing buildings	
7	A portable crucifix	
8	A nasty habit of bulls	
9	A drastic remedy for boils	
10	Creepy .....?	
11	A lawn for game	
12	Part of a fish and a Spanish gentleman	
13	A grain	
14	Chews the cud and a sheep enclosure	
15	Found in a church	
16	A large scale fight	
17	What a smokey lamp needs	
18	A replete monarch	
19	Wide and wet	
20	Done to roads before the stones go down	
21	A crossing for chefs	
22	An equestrian measure	
23	Mud and heavy weight	
24	Dried grass and what a bee does	
25	Trees in a line	
26	Good value	
27	Bob's card game	

28	A compass point and part of a candle	
29	What one does with sails	
30	Crossing the river at Shoreham	
31	Fido will do this to a bone	
32	A female horses home	
33	A container and a shady walk	
34	What you do after a good performance	
35	Where free range chickens roam	
36	A freshly cut down tree	
37	How to propel a punt	
38	A fruit is ready to pick	
39	A dazzling century	
40	Where to cross salty water	

Recipe Page

It would be fantastic if we were able to resurrect the recipe page!

If you have any family favourites that you would like to share on a regular or one off basis please email them to **parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk**

I'm Fine Thank You!

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as can be,
I have arthritis in both my knees, and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in,
Arch supports I have for my feet, or I wouldn't be able to stand on the street,
Sleep is denied me, night after night,
But every morning, I find I'm alright,
My memory is failing, my heads in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in,
The moral is this, as my tale I told, that you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we are in!

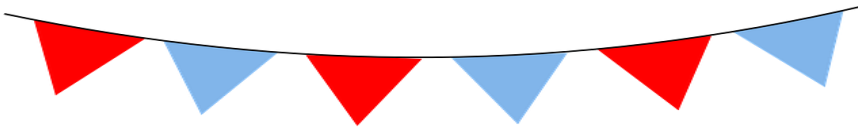
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The next newsletter is due out in September. We would love to receive articles from you to share with your community. These can be news, items of interest, local history, jokes, recipes anything that would have been passed around the campfire to keep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

To be included in the September issue please send articles in anytime from now until August 20th. 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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Ed. *Dawn Langston*



Pyecombe Fayre and Flower Festival 2019

Saturday 6th July

Church open 11.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Theme : " Love is…"
Flower displays in the church

Exhibitions by local artists and crafts people

Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Ensemble 12.30 – 2.30

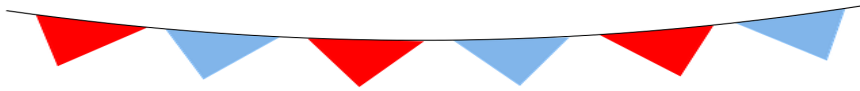
Scarecrows on display against church wall

Refreshment, bar and tea tent open all day

Ploughman's lunches from 12 – 2 pm
"Good as New" tent sale;

Raffle to be drawn on Sunday

3.00 Fancy Dress dog show



Sunday 7th July

Church open 11.00 am - 4.00pm.

Flower displays in church

12.30 Pyecombe Village Choir

Ploughman's lunches from 12 – 2 pm

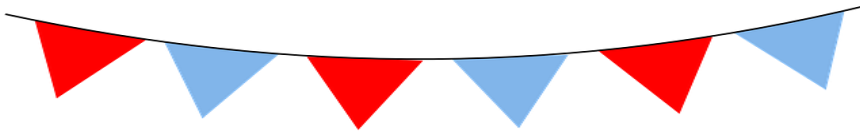
Refreshments and stalls until 4pm

Art and Craft displays

3.00 pm Scarecrow competition judged
4.00 pm Raffle draw
6.00 Songs of Praise in Church

Followed by 100 Club big draw
Wine, soft drinks and savories served in the churchyard afterwards.

No bikes in the churchyard at any time please.



FLOWER DISPLAYS AND HOMEMADE CAKES

Please bring your flower displays to Mieke in the church any time on Friday. This year's theme is "Love is…" so that gives you plenty of scope. Displays, however small or simple, are always most welcome. It is not a competition. What makes it unique is the variety of ideas and the simple ones are often the most memorable. It would be great to have some hanging baskets as well.

We always need homemade cakes in the tea and coffee bar so please bring them to the marquee on Saturday or Sunday morning or any time on Friday.

Give me a ring if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Tim Cullen

Pyecombe Fayre and Flower Festival Co-ordinator
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