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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL PLATINUM JUBILEE EDITION

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Friday 3rd June 2022

2.00pm – 9.00pm

Location – The Plough Field, Church Hill

Bring your own picnic, drinks, rugs, folding chairs etc

Free HOG ROAST from 4.00 pm

Rounders, games, sack races, running races, tug of war etc from 2pm

Ice creams

Face painting

Hosted by the Parish Council for the residents of Pyecombe.

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From the Rectory

MID DOWNLAND
PARISH

You may have noticed the new tapsel gate at the entrance to Pyecombe Church and a new set of gates to the graveyard extension. Like many of us, the gates were showing their age and it is wonderful to see them rejuvenated.

It has been lovely too, to see the church in use again in recent weeks - with the teas and plant sale on Saturday 21st May attracting a steady flow of visitors and raising a very worthwhile £400 towards church funds, and the afternoon tea followed by Pycombe Choir performing their greatest hits on Saturday 28th May in support of Malagiri School. Thank you to everyone whose hard work ensured the success of these events.

As the Easter season comes to a close, the church calendar enters what is known as ordinary time. Like the countryside that surrounds us, the changing of the seasons is shown by the changing liturgical colours. The white of Easter gives way to the red of Pentecost and then to the green of what the church calendar calls 'ordinary time'. Much though I rejoice in the hope of the Easter message, I do like returning to ordinary time when we can settle into the regular routine of hearing the gospel unfold week by week. For me it's a bit like coming home to my own comfortable bed after being away on holiday.

This year we will be hearing from Luke's gospel.

It is the longest and most detailed of the gospels. It contains what I think of as Jesus's manifesto, recorded in chapter 4, where Jesus lays out his stall at the beginning of his ministry by reading from the scroll of Isaiah:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And saying: 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

It is a gospel that challenges the abuse of power and lifts up the cause of the poor, the powerless and the oppressed. It uniquely brings us the nativity story and talks about God's ever-open welcoming arms with two of the best known parables - the prodigal son and the good Samaritan.

Do feel welcome to join us at any of the Mid Downland Parish churches as we follow the story week by week.

With every blessing

Revd Tim

Pew Patter

Following on from the Pew Patter I wrote at the end of last year telling of our intentions to restore the tapsel gate, the article was read by Mr Chris Hughes who is the grandson of Mr & Mrs Burt, and of Margaret Hughes, formerly of Frithmans, London Road, Pyecombe. 50 years ago Mr Hughes generously paid for the tapsel gate and the cemetery gates, both of which have lasted well. Chris, like his grandfather, has kindly paid for our beautiful new tapsel gate which we are immensely grateful for. You may

also have noticed that we have a lovely pair of new cemetery gates. These were also donated by the family of a gentleman whose mother was evacuated during the Second World War to Pyecombe, where he was born. To both families we are hugely grateful and hope they appreciate how much their generosity means to us all. Thank you! On a point of interest, Chris Hughes has taken the old cemetery gates away to be used as plant supports in his garden, so they live on.

We recently held our annual plant sale in the churchyard, which raised over £400 in just under two hours. Thank you to everybody for their help, especially to Anne and Sarah, and to those who grew plants for us and made cakes.

Our next church function for the Mid Downland parishes is the **Poynings Fete on Saturday 2nd July** in the afternoon. On **Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September** we will be holding the **Pyecombe Flower Festival**. (See below for details.)

With all good wishes for a lovely summer,

Sally Brown, churchwarden with Betty Eade.

Pyecombe Village Fayre & Flower Festival

Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th September

The traditional Pyecombe Village Fayre & Flower Festival will be held at the beginning of September, as last year. However, the format will be slightly different as we are only planning to run it on the Saturday. The Sunday will be an informal space for people to gather for tea and coffee and to view the flower displays at leisure.

The theme for the flower displays is "Happy and Glorious", which, apart from following on from the national Jubilee celebrations, should leave plenty to the imagination. On the Saturday, the church will be open from 10am to 4pm. The marquee will be in place in the churchyard and teas, coffees and cakes will be served as well as the traditional ploughman's lunches. There will also be a licensed bar. We are hoping to have the usual mix of craft stalls in the churchyard. Throughout the village, we would like people to take part in another scarecrow competition outside their houses. The scarecrows can be brought up to the church on the day of the Festival. We would also love it if children could do a flower display on their favourite toy to display in the church porch and for which there would be prizes.

On the Sunday, the church will be open from 10.00am. Coffee and cakes will be available but not the ploughman's lunch or the bar. The marquee will still be up. In the afternoon organ music, played by Nick Andrews, is planned in the church, where

people can come and go whilst enjoying a cream tea. That will start at 3.00pm and continue until 6.00pm when we will have our usual "Songs of Praise" evening service as closure, and finish at 7.00pm

So, slightly different to previous years but change can be refreshing. If you have any suggestions or, more importantly, would like to help in any way, please get in touch.

Sally Brown

On behalf of the Mid Downland Parishes

Pyecombe Village Choir

It was lovely to be back performing in Pyecombe Church on 28th May, with a concert of our "favourite hits" raising an excellent sum of money for the Malagiri School project. June is busy, with two performances at the Henfield Open Gardens Festival on Saturday 11th and a long-awaited concert at Maycroft Manor on Saturday 25th. Remember, new singers from the village are always welcome! Rehearsals are usually 5.00 – 6.30pm on Friday evenings at the church. What better way to unwind after a busy week!

Jane Cullen (07736 806851)

Afternoon Tea Concert in Aid of Malagiri

We were fortunate with the weather on 28 May, and those who came to the Pyecombe Village Choir concert enjoyed delicious cakes and tea in the sunshine outside the church. The concert was a great success and the audience was treated to a medley of music from old favourites to new songs. An update on the post-pandemic situation in Nepal was given and we heard stories about the school, children and families in the village of Malagiri as well as hearing a video of a Nepalese song from the Headteacher. Thanks to everyone's enormous generosity we raised just over £500 for the school in Malagiri - a wonderful achievement.

Jill Munday

Parish Council Jottings

Millennium Milepost

Eagle eyed residents will have noticed a recent change in the Millennium Milepost situated on the west side of the bridge over the A23 which has been given a nice new coat of paint.

For those residents who may not be aware of the milepost history the Milepost marks the National Cycle Network path from

Brighton, which currently ends in Pyecombe, and is maintained by Sustrans volunteers. Sustrans is a charity which promotes Active Travel & Sustainable Transport – mainly cycling and walking.

The Millennium Mileposts are markers which were put up nationwide along the National Cycle Network, in the year 2000, and were paid for by The Royal Bank of Scotland. There are four designs and the one in Pyecombe is of the Dudgeon 'Tracks' design.

County Local Forum Sessions

This June and July, all residents from across the county are invited to their nearest County Local Forum. The forum is a place for locals to meet their County Councillors and ask any questions they have on county council-related business.

Officers from West Sussex County Council's Communities Team will also be available to help answer any questions on local community matters.

The Mid Sussex County Local Forum session will run on the following day:

- *Tuesday 7 June, 7pm – 9pm: Mid Sussex County Local Forum at East Grinstead Library*

Each session will cover issues from across the district or borough area as a whole.

To attend a session or ask a question, residents should email ***talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk*** *or sign up via Eventbrite at* ***https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/county-local-forums-109139***

Anyone who would like to ask a question is requested to email at least five working days before the planned session, as having the questions in advance will help ensure they can be answered fully in the meeting.

Anyone who isn't able to attend the sessions, but would still like to ask a question, can email and officers will ensure a response is sent back.

#WestSussBus

West Sussex County Council has just launched #WestSussBus - a long-term engagement project - to collect views, suggestions and ideas about local bus services. It's on the WSCC engagement hub and here is the address: https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/westsussbus

The project has its own email address: westsussbus@westsussex.gov.uk . This is a long-term project, there's no end date, and it's likely to be running for at least a year.

Battery fire!

Did you know that batteries can be recycled easily at supermarkets or DIY stores, or at the Household Waste Recycling Centre?

Batteries placed in kerbside bins can cause fires – in recent weeks there have been reports of four fires at the Mechanical Biological Treatment plant in Horsham. Please help us keep everyone safe by keeping batteries out of your bins. That includes those hidden in electrical items such as toys or e-cigarettes as well as the ones commonly found around the house in remote controls and smoke alarms for example.

Mid Sussex District Council also offer a collection of batteries and small electricals if they are placed next to the bin, further information on this can be found via the West Sussex County Council website.

Email Updates:

My thanks to those residents who have contacted me regarding various items throughout the village these updates are very much appreciated and I will always follow up on any items raised. I do now have quite a few residents who have signed up to receive email updates on various items happening both throughout the parish and locally. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email me at parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk

Parish Clerk & RFO

Dawn Langston – parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk

Telephone contact – 07909 332605

Pyecombe Parish Council Annual Report 2021/22

Following the pandemic, the year began with the country tentatively taking steps back to normality, with the Parish Council once again holding meetings in person.

With the Forge Close development now nearing its completion of the second phase, we welcome new residents to our village. Although not affecting our village directly, the Mid Sussex District Council District Plan has currently been put on hold, but we should remain aware of any affecting outcomes in the surrounding area in the future.

South Downs National Park continues to oversee all planning issues in Pyecombe, where there have been twelve planning applications during the past year, to which the constructive views and observations of the Parish Council continue to be submitted to South Downs National Park Planning Authority, who as always, has the final decision to determine the outcome.

Parking along London Road continued to be problematic, especially on one occasion when a large vehicle seemed to have taken up residence in a precarious place, and despite numerous attempts to highlight this to DVLA, Police, Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex Highways, and with the Police citing it not to be causing enough of an obstruction, although eventually the culprit responsible moved on. This year however, five years since the Parish Council first formally requested a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for parking restrictions to be applied in the area, after numerous site meetings and discussions, the long awaited yellow lines were painted in an effort to restrict congestion along London Road.

Joy Dennis has been our West Sussex County Council representative and I thank her for the continued assistance with the Parish Council in the past year.

I was saddened to learn of the passing of her predecessor, Peter Griffiths, late last year, and recall fond memories and friendship, together with his unwavering support throughout.

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Your Parish Council has recently once again taken up the challenge to encourage Mid Sussex District Council to update the children's Play Area in the village, and having completed a recent consultation, we will be meeting and discussing Mid Sussex District Council in the months ahead.

Flytipping has been the scourge of many areas across the district, and Pyecombe has had its fair share. Recent changes at Mid Sussex District Council have now resulted in officers receiving training to provide evidence, meaning they can issue prosecution notices to offenders in the future.

Colin Trumble, Alison Bennett and Rodney Jackson have been our Mid Sussex District Council representatives in the past year, and my thanks them all for their continuing assistance with the Parish Council

Thirteen years since the opening of the BP Garage/M&S Shop has seen it grown in popularity, serving the village as well as the wider public. Adjacent to the site is an area that the Parish Council continues to put forward as a Village Project, to improve the surrounding area, with our plans currently being reviewed before being submitted to South Downs National Park.

This year marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and plans are in place to hold a village event next month, and further projects to celebrate the momentous occasion include bulb planting later this year.

Both the Pyecombe Village website and the Village Newsletter, sponsored by the Parish Council, continue to keep residents informed, and my thanks to Tim and Jane Cullen, as editors of the newsletter, for their valued contribution.

Dawn Langston has been our Parish Clerk and RPO throughout the year and her diligence in this role shines through, and I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the council, to thank her for her conscientious work and dedication shown towards us all over the past year.

My thanks also, to my fellow councillors, in our voluntary role, for their contribution and assistance in the past year.

Your Parish Council meets on a regular basis, every other month, where meetings are held alternatively both here at Wayfield Park Farm Shop, and in Pyecombe Church, as a public meeting that remains open to all.

David Wilson, Chairman, Pyecombe Parish Council

L♥VE YOUR VILLAGE! (Wednesdays)

Since the beginning of the year a few of villagers have been meeting on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am for a couple of hours to do litter picking, tidying, and cutting back of the footways and banks around the village. A Facebook post is put up on Tuesday and an email circulated to those who have asked to be kept informed saying where we are meeting and what we are doing. We have cut back the roadside bank from the church down to the Plough, cut the verges and tidied up around the village sign and the planters, and we are working our way down the London Road clearing the vegetation overhanging the path and the debris from the pavement. It is much wider and more useable now. Doing regular litter picks has definitely had an impact on the appearance of the village. The task next Wednesday, in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, is to trim the grass verges by the village signs and put some new plants in the planters.

There is no commitment to come every week; people come as and when they can, for an hour or whatever time they have. If you want to be kept informed, send me an email at morourke09@gmail.com or look on the Pyecombe Facebook. It would be lovely to see you one Wednesday.

Mary O'Rourke



Pyecombe Church 100 Club Winners

March-22	Mike Sloman	78	£20
March-22	Marcus Saich	63	£10
April-22	Alex Drew	2	£20
April-22	Geoffrey Strong	105	£10
May-22	Judy Godfrey	48	£20
May-22	Andy Au	4	£10

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 or anything that would have been passed around the campfire to keep the sense of community strong in days gone by.

In order to be included in the September issue, please send articles in anytime from now until 26th August . You can email them to timcullen@pyecombe.org.uk or post a written piece either in the letter box at no.14 The Wyshe or at no.15 Pyecombe Street -marked ***newsletter.***

Many thanks,

Tim & Jane Cullen (eds)

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