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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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From the Rectory

MID DOWNLAND
PARISH

I wish all our readers a
happy and healthy Christmas.

You will be very welcome to join us at any or all of our Mid Downland Parish Christmas Services:

Sunday 4th December

Cora's Corner – opposite Holy Trinity Church, Poynings, 6pm Lighting up of the Christmas Tree, with Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

Sunday 11th December

Church of the Transfiguration, Pyecombe,

6pm Carol Service with brass band.

Sunday 18th December: St Andrew's, Edburton,

4.30pm Carol Service. Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Saturday 24th December Holy Trinity, Poynings,

4pm Crib Service (Children encouraged to dress for our Nativity).

Saturday 24th December St John the Evangelist, Newtimber, 9.30pm 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass (Bethlehem is two hours ahead of us).

Sunday 25th December, Church of the Transfiguration, Pyecombe, 10am Christmas Day Communion Service.

Looking to the New Year, following the success of our All Age Service, which has taken place on 5th Sundays of the month, we have decided to make them more regular. In 2023 they will take place on the 3rd Sundays of January, March, May, July, September, November, at Holy Trinity, Poynings, and will be followed by a said Communion at 11am. The All Age Service includes crafts and activities, drinks and snacks, and is particularly aimed to appeal to young children as well as the young in heart.

Our regular Sunday 10am morning service will continue to rotate round the 4 churches. Up-to-date details can be found on our pages at www.achurchnearyou.com.

1st Sunday of the month: St Andrews Edburton

2nd Sunday of the month: St John the Evangelist, Newtimber

3rd & 5th Sunday of the month: Holy Trinity, Poynings

4th Sunday of the month: Church of the Transfiguration, Pyecombe

In addition, on the 2nd Sunday of the Month, at 6pm an Evening Service is held at Church of the Transfiguration, Pyecombe.

Help needed: Please do get in touch if you think you could take on the running of the Pyecombe 100 Club. It raises about £1000 a year for church funds and we are looking for someone to take it over from Anne Finney. Could it be you?

With every blessing and best wishes,

Tim

Revd Tim Harford, Rector of the Mid Downland Parish.

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Pew Patter

So much seems to have happened since we had our last newsletter. Pyecombe Church had a lovely weekend celebrating a flower festival in September with the theme of 'Happy and Glorious'. Thank you to everybody who made the weekend such a success, from all the downland parishes and villagers for their beautiful flower displays, for support erecting marquees, serving refreshments, to Nick and Jamie's wonderful organ concert on Sunday, plus running stalls, clearing up, and just generally being on hand to help. It couldn't have happened without you all. We raised just short of £2,000.

On the Sunday evening we had a Songs of Praise to celebrate a beautiful weekend, to dedicate our new tapsel and cemetery Gates and to give thanks for all that Her Majesty had done for us over so many years. Who was to know that evening as we sang the National Anthem it would be the last time we would sing it for our Queen. The following week we were to receive the news of her death. On that Thursday evening, as I listened to the news, it was announced that the next day every church in the land with a bell should ring it from 12 noon for one hour. Late that evening on Facebook I put out a request for bell ringers, and amazingly Pyecombe rallied round and provided enough people to do just that. It was an incredible achievement; again, thank you all. Several people who came forward had always wanted to have a go ringing the bell.

In October, we celebrated Harvest Festival, receiving many gifts (thank you all) which we donated to our local hospice. They were so appreciative of our efforts, which really does make it all worthwhile.

As I write this newsletter we are only a few weeks away from our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November at the Adastra Hall in Hassocks, which I hope will be a huge success. Details are on the

back of this newsletter. DO COME AND JOIN US!

On Sunday 11th December at 6 pm all will be welcome to join us at our Carol Service, where the Mid-Sussex Brass Band will be playing along with our wonderful choir. It will be a lovely start to the festive season.

On behalf of Betty Eade and myself, I would like to thank you for your continued support, be it fundraising or attending the services, to Pyecombe choir who, whenever we ask, are prepared to sing for us, to the villagers who quietly assist with so much organisation of events, all of which could not happen without you

We wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Sally Brown

Church Warden with Betty Eade

A Thank You Message from St Peter & St James Hospice

To everyone at Pyecombe Church, on behalf of everyone at St Peter and St James Hospice, thank you so much for the donation from your harvest festival. It was very kind of you all. Our team at the kitchen are looking forward to using it all to create home-cooked food for our patients, families and staff,

Thank you all once again.

Best wishes,

Wendy, Community Fundraiser

Parish Council Jottings

Mid Sussex Consultation Draft District Plan 2021 – 2039 (Regulation 18)

Mid Sussex District Council has published a draft Mid Sussex District Plan 2021-2039 for consultation for six weeks from the 7th of November, **closing at 23:59 on the 19th of December 2022**.

The Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031 was adopted in March 2018. In accordance with legislation and national policy, Local Plans must be reviewed every five years and updated as necessary. The adopted District Plan commits the Council to reviewing the Plan with submission to the Secretary of State in 2023. The draft District Plan 2021-2039 is published for Regulation 18 consultation which is the first formal stage in its preparation.

The Mid Sussex District Plan 2021-2039 aims at achieving the adopted vision and strategic objectives while implementing a revised strategy to guide growth during the plan period. It provides updated and new policies to ensure that the Plan remains effective and in accordance with National Policy. It also includes new housing allocations to meet identified housing needs. The drafting

of the Plan is supported by a proportionate, up-to-date and robust evidence base available alongside the consultation documents.

All of the consultation documents can be viewed on the Regulation 18 Consultation webpage at **https://midsussex.inconsult.uk/districtplanreg18/** **paper copies of the document are also available to view at all local libraries and at the MSDC Offices in Haywards Heath.**

There are several quite large strategic sites planned within the local area which include sites at Hassocks, Sayers Common and Bolney these may all have an impact on the local infrastructure. Please ensure you take the time to review the proposals and raise any comments.

AFFORDABLE WARMTH Energy support & advice

Any resident in Mid Sussex can access FREE tailor-made energy advice, available to all housing tenancies. Citizens Advice have been helping solve problems since 1939; the energy advice is provided by the Arun and Chichester advisers. They can help with checking the best energy tariffs, energy and household debts, local and national schemes, grant funding and accessing relevant community services. To speak to one of their friendly advisers call; 01243 974063 (Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm) or email energy@arunchichestercab.org.uk

Energy saving measures LEAP – Local Energy Advice Partnership provide FREE support for lower income households across West Sussex. They offer Home Energy visits with free energy saving measures installed. Also, there is a telephone support for money advice, information and referrals to other services, schemes & grants and support with bills. Call: 0800 060 7567 or email: support@applyforleap.org.uk Visit: Applyforleap.org.uk

Energy advice & information - On the West Sussex affordable energy website, you can find a range of trusted information from local services by going to the 'Advice' section and selecting Mid Sussex District Council. There is also energy saving tips, heating, grants and up to date information from the latest government schemes. Visit: www.westsussexenergy.co.uk Warm Home Discount https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme

The Warm Home Discount has been increased to £150 for the winter of 2022/2023 and the eligibility criteria will be extended by almost a third and will benefit up to three million vulnerable households. This is as a direct response to the increase in the Price Cap this coming April. You can get help applying through Citizens Advice by calling 01243 974063 Warmer Homes Programme The Warmer Homes programme offers a range of energy-efficiency improvements up to £25,000 for eligible Mid Sussex residents. Available until March 2023 it includes: -insulation -solar PV panels -air source heat pumps Funding is offered on a first-come, first-served basis and applications take no longer than 5 minutes! For further information including eligibility criteria visit www.warmerhomes.org.uk/programme and click 'apply now' or Call: 0800 038 5737 (freephone) "

Email Updates:

My thanks to those residents who have contacted me regarding various items throughout the village these updates

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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

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Bulb Planting

As part of the Parish Council commemoration for the unique occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, a bulb planting programme has recently begun with well over a thousand bulbs.
Following the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II, additional floral displays will be appearing in various locations around the village during the year of the Coronation of our new King, Charles III.

David Wilson
Chairman, Parish Council

Talking Rubbish! (or Love Your Village!)

This is just a plea to everyone to keep loving your village now that our terrific Wednesday team has disbanded! People are still kindly going out with the litter-picks and clearing some of the pathways, but we really need ***everyone*** in the village to play a part in looking after our environment. It has been suggested that the load could be lightened if people take a "mind my patch" approach. This simply means checking the kerbside/path/grass immediately outside your own property for litter and, if you can, clearing any mess you see. Together, in 2 minutes or so a week, we as individuals could make a significant difference to the appearance of this beautiful village.

Regarding the wider issue of the continuing litter problem in Sussex, please be vigilant if you find yourselves driving behind any waste disposal lorry in the area. If you witness any part of its load being blown off onto the road, report this as soon as possible to the company responsible and to our Parish Council. We followed a Veolia lorry on the A23 a few weeks ago and were horrified to see swathes of polythene etc flying off the top of it. We were able to take the registration number of the lorry and reported it straightaway. Veolia assured us that they would investigate our complaint, and they also confirmed that every one of their lorries has the right equipment for securing the load… I fear it is up to us all to make sure that they use it!

Jane



It is great to be busy again! We've enjoyed singing at the Pyecombe Harvest Festival and Remembrance Services this Autumn, and, thanks to Yvonne Au, introducing the beautifully haunting and meditative sound of Wah-Wah tubes in an extemporised piece at the latter, which we based around the words, "We will remember them".

And now to Christmas… This is always a nostalgic time of year for the choir as we initially got together in order to sing carols around the village, and here we are, 8 years on, singing all year round and still having a lot of fun! We have been booked to give concerts at some of our favourite venues this December – Maycroft Manor, St Anne's Care Home, and St George's Park, Ditchling, where the wonderful Tony and Wendy Pelling will be putting on a fabulous party for residents and friends! We will also be carol singing on Brighton Station on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm to raise funds for the Clocktower Homeless Appeal, and, as always, we are looking forward to singing at the Pyecombe Carol Service on Sunday 11th December – do come and help us raise the roof at that!

Jane Cullen

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Pyecombe Church 100 Club Winners

Oct-22	Liz Saich	16	£10
Oct-22	Sandra Milner	100	£20
Nov-22	Sue Boyce	39	£10
Nov-22	Dave Harper	45	£20



Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas!

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 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 March issue, please send articles in anytime from now until 20th February . 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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Christmas Fayre
Adastra Village Hall, Hassocks
Saturday, 26th November
10:30—3:00pm
Gifts, Art & Craft, Homemade lunches,
Cakes, Refreshments & much more
£100 Grand Draw
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All proceeds to Mid Downland Parish Churches