

# WINCHESEA PARISH MAGAZINE

1st July 2021



Patronal Festival Service at St Thomas' on Sunday 4th July



## **John Dunk - 90 not out**

Congratulations to John who celebrated his birthday on 15th June. On the day, the Lord Warden (right) whisked him off, with daughters Pat and Julie, to Walmer Castle for a birthday lunch.

President of Garden Society and past Mayor of Winchelsea, John's term as Speaker of the Cinque Ports coincided with Lord Boyce's first year as Lord Warden and they have kept in touch ever since.

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Alan and Mal - Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 2017

## **Alan McKinna**

A celebration of Alan's life will take place at St Thomas' at 2pm on Wednesday 7th July.

All are very welcome to attend. Numbers in church are reduced because of continuing Covid restrictions so there will also be a live stream to the New Hall.

The service will be recorded and put on YouTube - the link will be put on the town website. [winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)

If you haven't been in recent contact with the family but would like to attend, please contact Andrew McKinna so that we can register you for Covid tracing - 07939 515482 [mckinna.family.celebration.of.life@gmail.com](mailto:mckinna.family.celebration.of.life@gmail.com). We may have to direct you to the New Hall as numbers in church are limited.

If you have been in recent contact about attending, we look forward to seeing you and you don't need to phone in beforehand.

If you would like to make a donation in Alan's memory, either to the Church or to the New Hall, that would be most appreciated.

*The McKinna Family*



## Hospice Gardens

St Michael's Hospice will be opening six gardens in Winchelsea on Saturday 3rd July from 10.30 till 4. £6 for group admission.

The gardens are *1 Strand Plat*, *Alards Plat*, *King's Leap*, *The Well House*, *South Mariteau* and *Cleveland Place* (not *Cleveland House* as we mistakenly put in the last magazine)

The Winchelsea Beach garden opening in June raised £3,600 for the Hospice.

[www.stmichaelshospice.com](http://www.stmichaelshospice.com)

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## **900 visitors for NGS Open Gardens**

£6,300 was raised for charity on 19th June when twelve Winchelsea gardens opened for the National Garden Scheme. Stars of the day were the catering corps who had to devise a whole new way of doing things so that teas could be served in the open air. A big thankyou to the many people who baked and decorated cupcakes, and to the team who acted as stewards for the car park.





## **Church Market**

The June outdoor market raised a record total of £922. £517 of that came from the plant stall masterminded by Judith Payne and Ant Parker. Second hand book sales made £150.



At the market, a presentation was made to retiring Church Treasurer, Pamela Jefferies. She sends her thanks to everyone for their kind wishes and generosity.

Funds also benefited from the sale of coffee at the church on the day of the NGS Open Gardens when more plants were also sold. £475 was raised.

**The next Church Market will be on  
Saturday 7th August.**

There won't be a market on Saturday 3rd July at the church as preparations are made for the wedding of Robert Palmer and Chantal Butcher that day, but there will be a plant sale in the Rectory garden starting at 10.30am.

Coffee will be served while you peruse the plants for sale and, of course, catch up with friends and fellow gardeners.



Judith and Ant will be selling pelargoniums - mostly the bedding variety - plus some scented ones and pelargonium sidoides, also nicotiana sylvestris and various other plants ready to be popped into those gaps.

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## Reflections from the Rectory

Last year was the 850th anniversary of the death of Thomas Becket, to whose memory our beautiful church is dedicated.

As it happens it was also the 800th anniversary of the translation of his remains to a shrine worthy of the saint, which survived until the Reformation when it was dismantled under the orders of Thomas Cromwell as described in Hilary Mantel's final volume on the life of Cromwell, "The Mirror and the Light".



The translation took place on 7th July 1220 and our Patronal Festival is always celebrated on the first Sunday in July to commemorate this event. (The 29th December, the day of his martyrdom not being especially suitable for a local celebration).

You may remember that last year it was the final Sunday on which we were unable to gather as a congregation and the service was recorded with contributions from a number of parishioners. I preached my sermon from the beach at Winchelsea and in my thoughts I mentioned the sea behind me, the very waters over which Thomas had returned to Canterbury from exile, where he was eventually martyred. The service can still be accessed through our website.

Once again we will celebrate our Patronal Festival in early July and this reminded me of Thomas Becket. There is currently an exhibition on Becket at the British

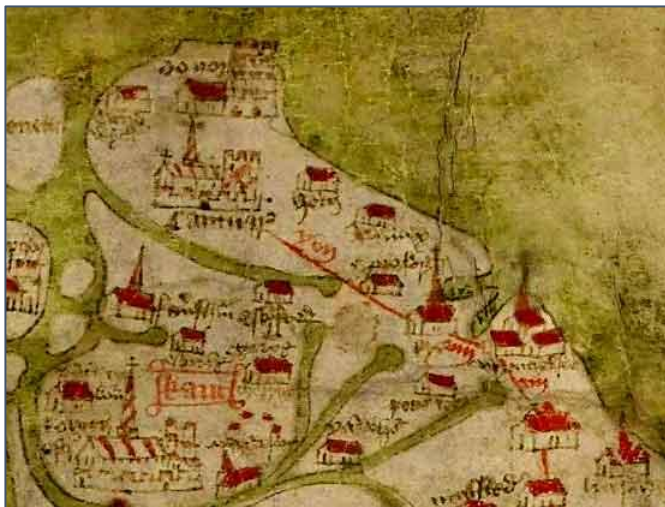


Museum, which I believe had been planned for last year.

It is entitled *The Murder and the Making of a Saint* and recreates the story of his life and the establishment of the shrine in Canterbury. I certainly plan to go to see it for what will be my first trip to London for well over a year.

Some of you may be aware that in 2016 Will Parsons discovered a pilgrimage route, now dubbed “The Old Way” on a 14th century map which traced its path from Southampton to Canterbury.

Since then the British Pilgrimage Trust has been trying to establish it as an English pilgrimage route and before lockdown we welcomed several pilgrims, some of whom stayed St Richard’s Church on their journey.



The route can be found marked on the Gough Map which dates from around 1360 and although it is traced in red, it was unnoticed until five years ago. It passes through both churches in our benefice, St Nicholas in Icklesham and St Thomas here in Winchelsea.

It is significant that there are number of churches dedicated to St Thomas on the pilgrimage and there is a suggestion that the route was established during the reign of Henry II, when he wanted to show remorse for

the murder of his Archbishop. It is even thought that the king himself may have followed it in search of expiation.

We know from Chaucer that pilgrimages to Canterbury were important, St Thomas could bring healing. He honours Thomas as the aim of pilgrimage; as he puts it, *the hooly blisful martir for to seke*  
*That hem hath holpen, whan that they were seeke.*

Most of us would not seek healing from our Patron today but the notion of pilgrimage is important and growing in popularity. Journeys may be over many miles on foot but they can be spiritual too, so tread carefully when you enter the church; you walk where travellers have trod throughout the centuries.

I pray that as we remember St Thomas this month we remember, those who have been before us, those who we hope to welcome as they travel through our town and our own short-comings, our hopes, our fears, our joys and our ends and dedicate our pilgrimages to God.

## **Sunday Services**

Our regular Parish Eucharist takes place at 11am on Sunday mornings. All are welcome. We hope that restrictions may be lifted by the end of the month and if there are any adjustments to the current service pattern, they will be announced in the magazine. I am hopeful that we will be able to resume Morning Prayer, which was taking place on a Wednesday.

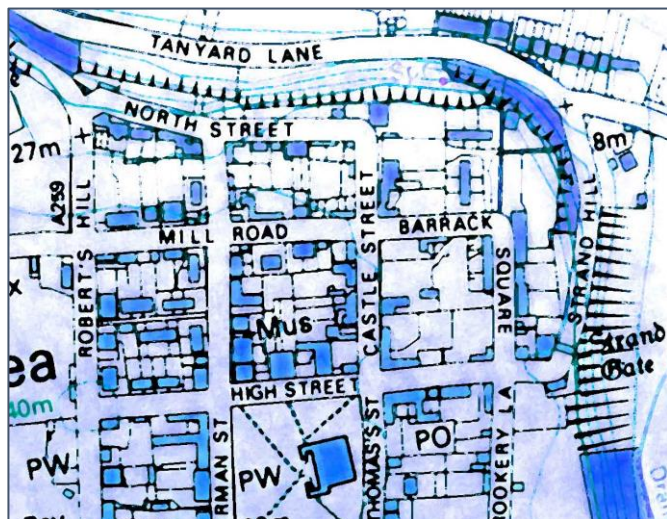
## **Churchyard Working Party**

Thursday August 5th 10:30am – Advance Warning

There are always things that need attention in the churchyard and there will be a chance to help with various tasks such as removing weeds and ivy (with care). If you would like to volunteer please let me or Shirley know. We plan to meet as above and beer and sandwiches will be offered after our tasks. Your help would be much appreciated.

*Jonathan*

[winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk](http://winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk)



## A new Residents' Association for Winchelsea

Many residents think that it is worth forming a new Residents' Association for Winchelsea. The issues which an association could respond to include traffic calming, motorcycle noise, recycling points, public toilets, and other local services.

We believe that much more could be done to make this an even better place to live and to represent the interests of residents in partnership with the parish, district, and county councils and with other public bodies, organisations, and societies.

Membership of the association would be open to all residents within the town boundary. The association would be established with a suitable constitution and organisational status for its initial phase which could then be developed over time with the full involvement of members.

To become a member please email [info@winchelseaRA.com](mailto:info@winchelseaRA.com) or drop the tear-off form into the collection box in the Winchelsea Farm Kitchen from the flyer due to be circulated.

# WINCHELSEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



## WINCHELSEA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are forming a  
**RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION** for **WINCHELSEA**  
working in partnership with our local Councils to give us a  
voice on local issues. **Sign up** and be heard,  
by sending an email to - [info@winchelseaRA.com](mailto:info@winchelseaRA.com)

*A public meeting will be held in due course –  
date & venue to be advised.*



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*Brian Leonard, Jane Taylor, John Clarke, Richard Plumb, Laurie Rutman, Cathy Owens, Paul Veys, Sarah Andrews and others.*



## Farewell to Anne

At the end of June, Anne Simpson, a resident of Higham Gardens for most of the last twenty years, departed for a new home at Milford-on-Sea in Hampshire. This means that she can be closer to her daughter and son-in-law, Mandy and Roddy, who live nearby, and the property has the advantage of sea views every day.

Anne has done so much for the town in the years she lived in Winchelsea, including chairing the original Community Post Office, chairing the Conservation Society, being treasurer of the Second Wednesday Society and a founder member of the original Advent Windows project.

She was also an active member of the Art Group and a collector for the annual Poppy Appeal. Her skills as a seamstress have been much appreciated; she has undertaken a number of important repairs to mayoral robes and church vestments, to say nothing of the creation of many Advent Window badges.

And, of course, her pasties for Church Market will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have sampled them. She will be much missed, but we wish her every enjoyment of her new home, the sea views and new friends.





## **Cricket postponed**

Winchelsea Cricket Club were planning to hold a special match this month in honour of Steve Turner who died two years ago.

Continuing Covid restrictions mean that this has been postponed and will now take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August.

The match will be a fundraiser for the Pancreatic Cancer charity, and the pavilion will be named in Steve's honour.

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## Winchelsea New Hall

As the constrictions of Covid are gradually lifted, the New Hall is easing back into life, rather like a liner emerging from dry-dock. Throughout lockdown, work has continued to improve the fabric, structure and appearance of the New Hall, making the most of the time and space forced upon us.

The last two months has seen the undertaking and completion of the underdrawing of the ceiling, to provide thermal insulation to the roof. This has been a massive project, ably managed by Rob Mortimer, assisted by Hilary Roome, with many others helping with the preparation of materials needed to cover the entire underside of the ceiling. Thank you to everybody involved in the project, which should provide us with real benefits as we move through the year.

Also this month, we am happy to report that the tarmac apron to the front of the hall has been re-surfaced, and the job of replacing the stage curtains is well under way.

Please see the *Calendar of Events* on the website for information regarding bookings at the hall. These take the form of ongoing weekly meetings of groups and societies, fund raising events open to all, and special private events such as weddings.

We were recently involved with the very successful NGS Winchelsea Secret Gardens Open Day, and would like to thank Berni and her team for organising this. In July we will be supporting the St. Michael's Hospice Open Gardens, and, for the first time, the hall and its kitchen are being used by the Peasmarch Chamber Music Festival for a supper event.

We are also presently organising the Summer Fete, on Saturday 14th and the Christmas Craft Fair, which this year is on Saturday 13th November.

To make a booking, or to make enquiries as to how you might use the hall, contact 07422 724051 or email [newhallbooking@winchelsea.com](mailto:newhallbooking@winchelsea.com) or go to the [winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com) New Hall pages for all up to date information regarding the hall.

*Thank you,  
from the Winchelsea New Hall Management  
Committee.*

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## **Second Wednesday Society**

14th July

### **The American Sublime**

Art historian Peter Scott explores American landscape painting.

If you aren't already on the circulation list to receive the Zoom link, please send an email to

[2ndWeds@gmail.com](mailto:2ndWeds@gmail.com)

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## Winchelsea Arts New Season

The 2021-22 season of six concerts was launched at the end of June. A single subscription costs £80, £150 for a joint subscription. Individual concert tickets cost £16 and under-18s are admitted free.

You can get up-to-the-minute news by clicking the 'Sign up to our mailing list' button on the website.

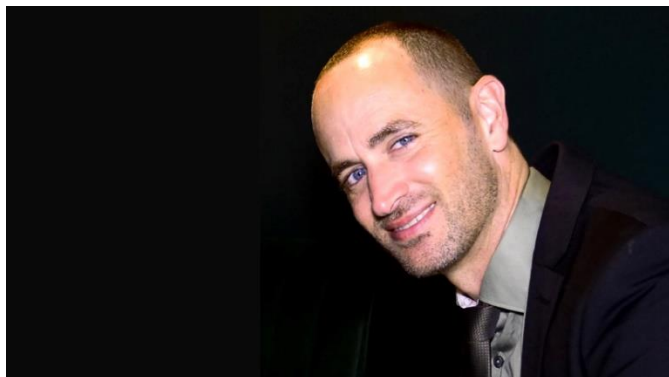
Season tickets and individual concert tickets can be bought online at [www.winchelsea-arts.org.uk](http://www.winchelsea-arts.org.uk)



### **Sunday 19th September 2021 at 5pm** **'Autumn Winds' Magnard Ensemble**

Since making their international debut at the Culture and Convention Centre Lucerne, Switzerland in January 2017, the Ensemble have appeared at venues such as Wigmore Hall, Bridgewater Hall and St Martin-in-the-Fields as well as festivals and concert societies nationwide, including a residency at the Britten-Pears Foundation, Aldeburgh. The concert will focus on music based around the themes of harvest and autumn. The church will be decorated for harvest festival which takes place on the same day.





**Sunday 3rd October 2021 at 4pm**  
**Niel du Preez *piano***

Niel du Preez has inspired live and radio and television audiences in the UK, continental Europe, the Far East, North America and his native South Africa with his expressive and poetic solo playing, performances with leading orchestras and collaborations with chamber musicians from all around the world. His most recent collaboration comes in the form of a duo with Paris-based clarinettist Myriam Carrier. He is also the Artistic Director and Founder of the newly established ArtePiano Masterclass Series and the International ArtePiano E-competition. Niel returns to Winchelsea to perform pieces by Busoni, Beethoven, Chopin, Scriabin and Liszt.



**Saturday 13th November 2021 at 7.30pm**  
**Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Marcio da Silva *conductor***  
**Stéphanie Gurga *piano***

The Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra is the first fully professional orchestra in Hastings since the 1930s when the Hastings Municipal Orchestra was based at the White Rock Theatre, then a major national centre for classical music and the favourite recording studio for the Decca Record Label. In founding a new professional orchestra in Hastings, the artistic director and principal conductor of Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra, Marcio da Silva, set himself the challenge of putting Hastings back on the map as a centre of excellence for classical music - one that will be recognised both nationally and internationally. Their concert in Winchelsea in December was their first ever outside Hastings. The concert will feature music for strings by Nielsen, Mozart and Dvořák, in addition to the D minor keyboard concerto by J S Bach.



**Saturday 18th December 2021 at 4pm**  
**Wassail - A Festive Concert by Candlelight**  
**Pegasus Chamber Choir and Ann Rachlin *commère***

Ann Rachlin, and the Pegasus Chamber Choir conducted by Matthew Altham, present a range of seasonal music focusing on the secular traditions of these islands, not least that of wassailing, as well as from further afield. Ann Rachlin will explore some of these which, until recently, were a feature of Kent and Sussex, The Garden of England, where apple trees, used for cider making, were wassailed at the end of the year to promote a good harvest for the forthcoming season. Repertoire will include, Vaughan Williams' *Wassail* and *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* by Elizabeth Poston.



**Sunday 20th March 2022 at 4pm**  
**The Musicians and Choirs of**  
**King's College School Wimbledon**

Music has always been of prime importance at this south west London school, and this afternoon concert will feature over fifty young musicians performing a wide range of music for choirs, solo instrumental music and small vocal ensemble. Many of the performers are music scholars for whom music is their passion.



**Saturday 14th May 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**Tara Minton Quintet**

The Tara Minton Quintet present their new album  
*Please Do Not Ignore The Mermaid* - an impressionist

dive into mermaid myth and legend with a strong environmental undercurrent. Drawing inspiration from jazz legends John Taylor and Kenny Wheeler alongside French composers Debussy and Ravel, this is a unique jazz suite with harp at its centre. The ensemble is led by harpist, vocalist and composer Tara Minton and features Phil Merriman on piano, Tommaso Starace on soprano saxophone, Ed Babar on double bass and David Ingamells on drums.



[www.winchelsea-arts.org.uk](http://www.winchelsea-arts.org.uk)

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## **Winchelsea Summer Fete 14th August**

The summer fete will take place this year on Saturday 14th August from 12.30 on the cricket field, providing there are no restrictions imposed by the Government that will prevent us.

There will be the usual attractions including the Fun Dog Show, a traditional Brass Band, Medieval Games, Tombola, Bottle Stall, many other stalls, a BBQ and refreshments.

### **To donate bottles of wine to the Bottle Stall**

please contact John Lusk on 07889 604862 or 01797 224290

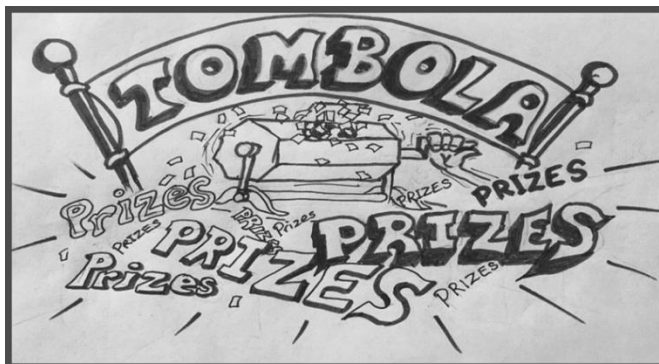
### **If you would like to have a stall**

please contact Carol Scoines on 01797 222772

### **Tombola Stall**

Following the success of the stall in 2019, when we raised over £300 towards the refurbishment of the New Hall, we are running a stall at this year's fete. To do this we need your generosity with donations.





Donations large or small of gifts, nick-nacks, household or garden, games and toys for children will be gratefully received. We would also like to offer a consolation Lucky Dip for children who do not receive a prize with their ticket.

Please contact Lyn Davidson on 01797 223754 if you wish to donate gifts. Lyn will collect your items or you can drop them off at 1 Barrack Square by 9th August.





## **Conservation Society to visit Knole in September**

The society is planning a visit to the National Trust estate at Knole, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday 15th September.

Included in the entrance charge is the main house, the medieval barn, the conservation studios, gatehouse and grounds.

More details soon of costs and guided tours of the newly conserved attics.

*John Spencer*

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## **Museum open again**

During lockdown the Museum has been re-decorated and had a through clean. The Museum Committee have worked hard on refreshing and reorganising the displays.

The Museum will be open from Thursday to Sunday between 1st July and the end of October. Times are 12 to 4pm except on Saturdays when the Museum opens at 10am.

Admission costs £3, though Winchelsea residents and children enter free. Before too long we plan to have contactless payment available but for the time being payment for admission and items from the shop has to be made in cash.

Curator, Jo Turner, has been busy recruiting the volunteers who look after the Museum when it opens and training sessions have been taking place to make sure everyone knows what's what.

[www.winchelsea.com/museum/visit-us/](http://www.winchelsea.com/museum/visit-us/)



## Seal of Old Winchelsea

The Corporation still has the original matrices of its medieval town seal which is one of the oldest in England, dating to the 1270s.

It was always assumed that there must have been an even older version, and an impression of it has just come to light, attached to a document in the archives at Ghent in Belgium.

The picture was sent to us by Professor Nicholas Vincent of the University of East Anglia who has been researching Cinque Port seals.

He says that this “is likely the very earliest seal of Winchelsea, here attached to a document that can be dated only approximately between June 1237 and October 1272 - I would guess from the handwriting somewhere closer to the 1250s or ‘60s. Note that it describes itself as 'The Seal of the Barons of the Lord King, <of Wi>ncelsea' (SIGILLVM BARONV DNI REG <DE W>INCHELESE)”.

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# **Friends of the Ancient Monuments & Museum of Winchelsea (FOAM)**

## **Invitation for new residents to join a “Welcome to Winchelsea” Town Walk**

*On Saturday 24th July 2021*

*11am -12.30pm*

*Starting at The Court Hall and Finishing at the New Inn*



**The walk will be hosted by local expert guides who will provide a brief introduction to Winchelsea’s rich history. The tour will include some of our ancient monuments as well as the Church of St.Thomas the Martyr**

To reserve your free place for the tour, and to help us manage numbers please contact Stuart Raine  
01797 222772 [stuartraine@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartraine@btinternet.com)

### **Note that this tour is for newcomers to the town.**

FOAM are working on the possibility of offering the tour to a wider audience further down the line.

[www.winchelsea-foam.org.uk](http://www.winchelsea-foam.org.uk)



## FOAM seeks volunteers

Friends of the Ancient Monuments & Museum of Winchelsea wishes to recruit volunteers to serve on the committee and in addition people to undertake guiding for the Cellar Tours.

FOAM raises funds to help Winchelsea Corporation with maintenance of the various medieval monuments and the museum. These are not funded from any other source including local or national government.

The FOAM Committee organise fund raising events including the Cellar Tours and following a reduction in volunteers need urgently to replace them.

The Committee needs a Secretary who will take meeting notes about six times per year including an AGM. The length is fairly short - one page of A4 is usual - indicating the by bullet points the decisions taken and requests made. Meetings last about an hour.

In addition two Cellar Tour guides are needed with an interest in history, other guides will help with organising a script and accompany initially to help with delivery. There are five cellars and the tour takes about 1½ hours. These tours raise by far the greatest amount of money for FOAM and are of great importance.

If you could help, please contact chairman, Stuart Raine [stuartraine@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartraine@btinternet.com) 01797 222772.





## Winchelsea walkers

Many thanks to all Winchelsea walkers for participating in the Rye and Winchelsea Community Walk on 16 May. Winchelsea raised £1120 through entry fees, sponsorship and donations of which £715 has been donated to FOAM.

In addition a further donation of £170 has been made direct to FOAM in recognition of your efforts. Special thanks to this donor who was unable to walk on that day, but has helped us wonderfully with this donation.

So FOAM get £885 towards their efforts to support the Corporation and Ancient Monuments, a pretty good effort again for which again many thanks or the support.

*Stuart Raine*

(And congratulations to Stuart who will be chair of Rye and Winchelsea Rotary Club for the coming year)

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## **Winchelsea Wine Society**

Thirty or so members of the community have responded to the possibility of setting up a society and sixteen were able to come to a meeting in the New Hall at the beginning of June.

Brian Leonard facilitated a very positive discussion which brought forward ideas for events and activities that a society might undertake, including wine tastings, local vineyard visits, talks and social events, and more.

Brian has since circulated the list to see which items get the greatest response and to find out who would be willing to help to make them happen. Please contact him if you'd like to know more.

[brianleonard779@gmail.com](mailto:brianleonard779@gmail.com)

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## **Reed - Rodley Wedding**

John and Deborah would just like to thank everyone who supported this event on 26th June. Although too many to mention, we are grateful to those who did so much in the church, whose buildings and land were made available to us, who helped with accommodation, those who put up with the extra noise and those who came to the churchyard to watch. To say nothing of all the positive thoughts for the weather. It all made the happy day even more special and ensured that Drew and Sophie's wedding went incredibly well.

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# Winchelsea Anniversaries

475 Years Ago

Winchelsea is exceptionally fortunate in having three medieval entrance gates, Strand Gate, Pipewell Gate and New Gate, still standing proudly astride its approach roads. Their listing as Ancient Monuments indicates their national rather than merely local importance because nationally a considerable majority of such structures have been lost through the demands of modern traffic.

Surviving documentary evidence suggests that it was in 1546 that a fourth entrance gate was lost. In that year Winchelsea Corporation issued instructions to John Walter and John Lowes to 'remove the Pewes Gate'.

As the low lying land below Sandrock Hill is still known as Pewes Marsh, we can reasonably assume that this gate was on the line of the A259 from Icklesham to Winchelsea, probably near or at the top of Sandrock Hill. The reason for this decision is a matter of conjecture but it is known that at that time the Corporation was encouraging travellers to enter the town rather than pass by on a road which still existed on the low lying land to the west and north.

With Winchelsea in considerable decline the resulting trade would have been important. If the Pewes gate was narrow and inhibiting such traffic, that would be a likely reason. In those days they were good at recycling and the Corporation may well have had a building project on which the Pewes Gate's stone could be used.

Whatever may have been the situation all those years ago, a note of this kind, surviving in the archives, reminds us of the vital importance of supporting the Corporation and the Friends of the Ancient Monuments in preserving the gates which have survived.

*Malcolm Pratt*

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## **Rye Food Bank**

Cam will continue to pick-up doorstep donations on the third Tuesday of every month and any donations that may have been placed in the crate at St Thomas'.

The next collection date is Tuesday 20th July. If you would like to donate food items the Rye Foodbank, please give him a ring, so he can co-ordinate a socially distanced pick-up, from your front door. Thank you!

*Donald Cameron-Clarke 01797 226414*

### **This is what Trussell Trust foodbanks aim to include in a typical food parcel:**

Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice,  
Tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce,  
Lentils, beans and pulses,  
Tinned meat, tinned vegetables,  
Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits,  
UHT milk, Fruit juice

Food banks will also provide essential non-food items like toiletries and hygiene products where they can.

Recently, Rye Food Bank has also been able to add fresh fruit and veg to the parcels they give out.

[www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)



## **Rescue Boat**

July has arrived, along with summer holidays and visitors in the sunshine (well, and the rain too). As ever, the coastline - and the volunteers here at Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat - remain busy.

So, what's been going on? Our volunteer beach, base and boat crews have been involved in incident support and First Aid throughout June. In fact, we're regularly administering First Aid on weekends and anticipate this will increase as the summer holidays progress. If you have visitors staying, please make them aware of how easy it is to slip, trip and fall on the rocks and other hazards on local beaches.

Online, we took part in the Royal Life Saving Society's Drowning Awareness Week in June, helping raise awareness of how to reduce risk at local beaches. We've dedicated a website page to this, so information and links to the RLSS resources can be available across the other 52 weeks of the year too.

We also have exciting news about our Communications Project. Although we still have a little way to go with raising all the funds we need to upgrade the hardware used by our beach crews too, the dashboard platform

and helmet bluetooth system for the Pulfer boat crews have now been successfully installed. Already, this has made a huge difference in terms of clarity of communications.

The system has the added benefits of being entirely hands-free for boat crew and is fully compatible with systems used by HM Coastguard, Search and Rescue helicopter teams and the RNLI, so our collaborative communications should now be much more effective.

Like everyone else, we're waiting to see what 19th July brings but in the meantime, restrictions-permitting, our fundraising and events calendar is looking like this:

- We have been invited to take our Tornado boat, donation buckets and merchandise along to the Co-op at Winchelsea Beach on Saturday 24th July and 31st July, so please come along and say hello.
- We're looking forward to being part of Winchelsea Fete on 14th August.
- Our rescheduled Open Day is still planned for Sunday 29th August. This includes the Homewood Leisure Hot Tub Grand Draw. Tickets will be available right up to the draw date, including at our boathouse and at Winchelsea Fete.
- Our Calendar Photo Competition is getting busier, so if you have a perfect photo of the local beaches, please join in. Full details on our website.

Until next time, stay safe, take care and be beach aware. If you'd like to keep in touch, please check out our website <https://plirb.com> or our social media: Twitter @PLIRBRescue; Facebook @PettLevelRescueBoat and Instagram @pettlevelindyrescueboat.

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## Little Shop

Winchelsea Little Shop Association AGM will be held on Saturday 21st August at 10am at the New Hall. All shareholders are welcome.

Any shareholder who has not yet supplied an email contact address is asked to kindly send details to [shopassociation@gmail.com](mailto:shopassociation@gmail.com) as this will greatly help us in distributing information.

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## Do you play?

Have you any instrumental skills which you would like and be willing to share during a church service?

We would like to offer some variety of sound, either alone or with the choir and organ. If this idea interests you, and you would like to talk about it, please contact Marion Lovell on 01424 815247 or [marion@abingworth.plus.com](mailto:marion@abingworth.plus.com)

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Please send copy for the August Magazine to  
[ryeview@gmail.com](mailto:ryeview@gmail.com)  
on or before Saturday 31st July

For Winchelsea Beach information go to  
[winchelseabeachcommunityassociation.co.uk](http://winchelseabeachcommunityassociation.co.uk)

For Winchelsea information go to  
[winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)

For more information about the Church go to  
[winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk](http://winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk)

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# Winchelsea Church and Town Diary

## July 2021

Thursday 1st	Peasmarsh Festival Concert at St Thomas'
Saturday 3rd	Plant sale - Rectory garden Winchelsea Gardens open for St Michael's Hospice Peasmarsh Festival Concert at St Thomas'

<b>Sunday 4th</b> <i>Trinity 5</i>	<b>9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham</b> <b>11am: Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Thomas'</b>
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Wednesday 7th	Celebration of the life of Alan McKinna
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<b>Sunday 11th</b> <i>Trinity 6</i>	<b>9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham</b> <b>11am: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</b>
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Wednesday 14th	Second Wednesday Zoom Meeting
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<b>Sunday 18th</b> <i>Trinity 7</i>	<b>9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham</b> <b>11am: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</b>
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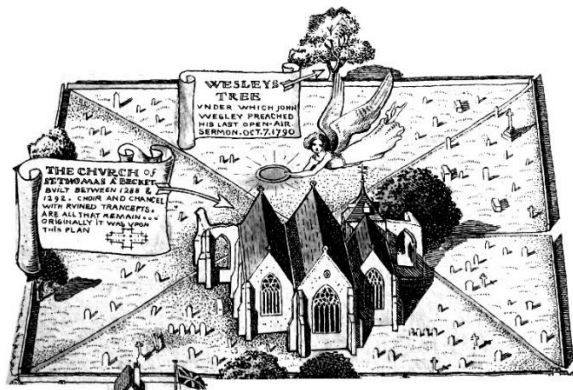
Thursday 22nd	Last Day of School Year - St Thomas' School
Saturday 24th	Newcomers' Winchelsea Walk

<b>Sunday 25th</b> <i>Trinity 8</i> <i>St James the Apostle</i>	<b>9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham</b> <b>11am: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</b>
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<b>Sun 1st Aug</b> <i>Trinity 8</i>	<b>9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham</b> <b>11am: Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'</b>
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Thurs 5th Aug	Churchyard Working Party
Sat 7th Aug	Church Market
Sat 14th Aug	Winchelsea Fete
Sun 29 Aug	Rescue Boat Open Day





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