

WINCHELSEA PARISH MAGAZINE

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Jacky Barker



Reflections from the Rectory

It is already in the middle of April and I hope that by the time you see this the swifts will have returned to Winchelsea Church. Seeing the blossom break and the trees spring forth their leaves in this beautiful part of East Sussex, I am always happy when the swifts arrive.

They depart again by early August and the skies are graced with their presence and the wonderful screeching sound that they make for only three months each year. Their arrival and the burgeoning of spring are a time for hope and thanksgiving.

However there is much too unsettle us at this time. Those of us who felt that the passing of the pandemic would allow life to resume some kind of normality have been shocked by the war in Ukraine. But if we are honest with ourselves, war and famine and the outrage of violence between men is not new. It is just that in the Ukraine it is nearer.

This endless balance of joy and fear is part of life. As a Christian, the season of Easter always reminds me of this. You will read this after we have passed through the drama of the Easter story. Maundy Thursday, the celebration of the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet, moves us to the shocking events of Good Friday – injustice and a merciless death on a cross: reminders of the horrors taking place in the world today. They give

way to the emptiness of Holy Saturday, that period of waiting and wondering and then at last to the day of Resurrection.

The way Christ overcomes death is more eternal and profound than the return of the swifts and the onset of summer but both are signs of hope. I wish you all every blessing for the Easter season. The message of the gospels is that the Lord is with us until the end of the age.

Jonathan

8 o'clock Service resumes

Our regular Parish Eucharist takes place at 11am and we are planning to restart the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service at St Thomas' on the first Sunday of each month from May onwards.

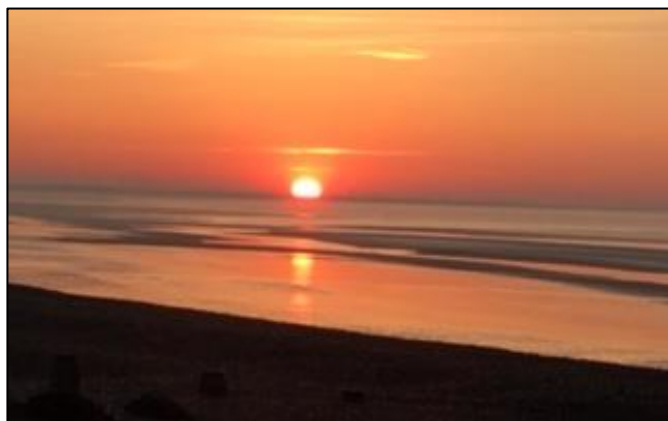
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The meeting to elect churchwardens and PCC members and to receive reports on the life of the church will be held on Saturday 21st May at 10am at St Thomas'. The meeting is timed to allow all who wish to be at the traffic consultation meeting at 11 to attend both.

Fellowship Lunch

Fellowship Lunch in May will be on the 20th and not the usual last Friday in the month. 12.30 for 1pm in Winchelsea Beach Village Hall. Anyone can come, there is no charge for the meal but donations are invited and we have to know who is coming for catering purposes.

Please ring Mary Parker on 07927 107678 or 01797 229798 to book or for more information.



Dawn Service at Winchelsea Beach on Easter morning.
Cynthia Martin, Eric Rowe



Easter Monday Mayoring

In accordance with ancient tradition, the Mayoring Ceremony took place on Easter Monday and the new Mayor, David Merrifield, was duly installed. The swearing in took place in the Court Hall as tradition demands and in order to make the rest of the Ceremony accessible to all Town residents, this was held in St Thomas' Church.

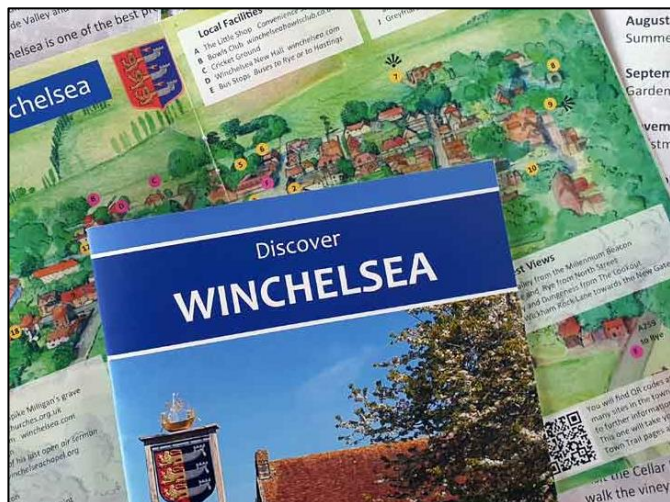
Approximately 180 guests and residents attended, including the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, the High Sheriff of East Sussex, our Member of Parliament and the Mayors of three head ports of the Confederation of Cinque Ports.

During the Ceremony the new Deputy Mayor, Peter Cosstick, was appointed, and the new Freeman, Ian Kingham, was sworn in, as was the new Sergeant at Mace, Josephine Melvin. Jo Melvin takes on this role following the retirement, after many years' loyal service, of Eric Streeton.

In addition to the Mayor, David Merrifield, the Jurats and Trustees of Winchelsea Corporation for the coming year will be: Peter Cosstick (Deputy Mayor), Tony Moore, Mike Melvin, John Rodley, David Page,

Robert Holland, Carol Scoines, Berni Scott, Rosemarie Roberts, Stephen King (Treasurer) and John Clarke.

The Ceremony was followed by two receptions and David and Sandra would like to thank all those who helped make the event a great success.



Discover Winchelsea

The Corporation has just published a new twenty-page brochure to promote the town. Fully illustrated, it is designed to give potential visitors a flavour of the place with information on what to see, what to do and where to stay.

The free brochure has been distributed round outlets in the area and you'll find copies locally at the pub and in the church and museum. It is also available to download from the home page of winchelsea.com

The brochure has been funded by the Corporation and by paid advertising from local businesses. Peter Cosstick developed the concept and David Page designed it.



Spring Show

The first Garden Society Spring Show since Covid took place last month. Cup winners (pictured above) were Judith Payne - who won the Overall Winner's Salver, Cynthia Martin, Jennifer Sutherland and Celia King.

Barrie Sutherland won the Best in Show award for a splendid fern in a pot and Jennifer Sutherland won the People's Choice award for her 'Spring Hedgerow' flower arrangement.





Firebrand

Spring Garden Opening

Winchelsea hosted a record number of visitors for the Spring National Garden Scheme opening on Easter Saturday - almost 600. Nearly £3,000 was raised for NGS nursing charities. The Friends of Conquest Hospital raised an additional £600 for their projects by providing teas. Ten gardens will open on Saturday 18th June for the NGS and on Sunday 19th for the Friends of the Hospital at Rye.



www.ngs.org

conquestfriends.co.uk



The Well House



Rye View



Periteau House



NGS Garden opening awards

Lawrence and Felicity Youlten received a National Garden Scheme award for opening *Periteau House* over a span of 20 years, and Sue Stradling for opening *Magazine House* for 5 years.

Presentations were made by the NGS Chief Executive, George Plumptre, at the meeting for East and Mid Sussex openers held at Bates Green on 7th April.

There will be a delayed presentation later this month to Sarah and Jonathan Jempson for opening *Cleveland House* for over 30 years before their move to Iden last autumn.



Jazz with the
Tara Minton Quintet



St Thomas' Church Winchelsea TN36 4EB
Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm

Tickets online at winchelsea-arts.org.uk
and at the door

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Winchelsea Arts dips a toe in the waters of Jazz. taraminton.com
Tickets and information at winchelsea-arts.org.uk



Puddings and Pathways

Puddings and Pathways is a show in celebration of the regenerated 1066 Country Walk.

Circo Rum Baba will be performing their show '1066, What Women?' a light hearted look at the forgotten females of 1066 told in three scenes at three venues along the 1066 Country Walk.

The timings are as follows:

11am: Scene 1 in St Thomas' Churchyard in Winchelsea

12pm: Scene 2 at Wickham Manor Farm and Vineyard

1.45pm: Scene 3 at The Queens Head in Icklesham

18hours.org.uk/streets-of-rother



visit1066country.com



Icklesham Parish Council

Meetings in May

Monday 9th: Planning Committee at Rye Harbour Village Hall at 6.15pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council

Monday 16th: Annual Parish Meeting 7pm in the New Hall, Winchelsea.

Monday 23rd: Planning Committee then Allotments Committee in the Court Hall, Winchelsea, at 6.15pm.

Traffic Calming

A Public Meeting will be held in the New Hall on Saturday 21st May at 11am. The Council's consultants and representatives of ESCC should be in attendance. Training on the use of the new data recorders has taken place.

Winchelsea Beach Sewerage

The Council has received the following from Southern Water:

“Dear Winchelsea Beach Residents. We want to keep you updated with the latest information and improvements we are implementing going forward for Winchelsea Beach. We are working closely with Jenna and the Parish Council to keep communication flowing between Southern Water and all residents within the local area. We are currently discussing the tanker plan and options remove the tankers from the road to make

it safer for the residents and road users, whilst minimizing the noise disturbance. We are also working closely with our assets team for a long-term solution on our Sewer System. We thank you all for your patience at this time and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.”

Affordable Housing

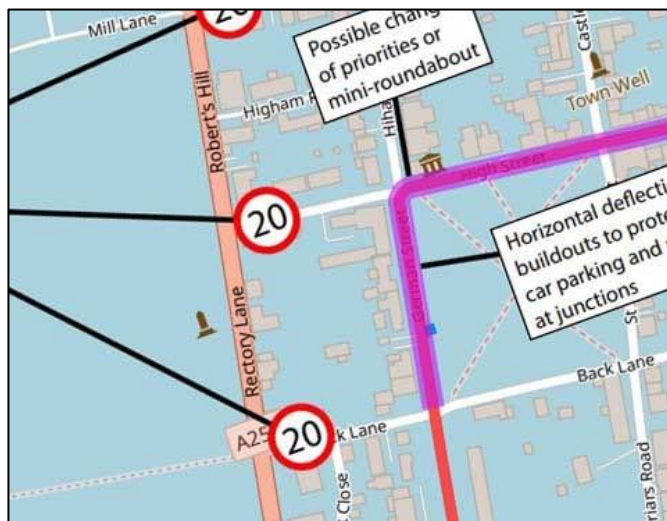
There will be an Allocations Information Drop In event for prospective tenants on Wednesday 18th May from 4pm to 7.30 pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall. This is an opportunity to learn about the qualification criteria, rent levels and purchase costs for the shared ownership units.

Finally...

This will be my last column as Chairman as ill health is making me review my ability to continue my role as a parish councillor.

Cllr Peter Turner

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Winchelsea Residents Association

The Winchelsea Residents Association held its second general members meeting on 23rd April with a good attendance in the New Hall. Members heard reports of progress on several issues.

On the proposed traffic calming scheme the WRA had encouraged the parish council to arrange a public meeting at which all Winchelsea residents and businesses can hear about and provide views on the options considered to date. The parish council has now confirmed the meeting date 21st May at 11am in the New Hall. GTA consultants, the author of the options study published in December 2021, will be present. This will be the opportunity to ask questions of the consultant and other parties involved in the project to date.

On public toilets there has been the success of the opening of the disabled toilet for general use, which happened at Easter. WRA is urging further action by Rother to enable the women's toilet to open. All of this are steps towards finding a permanent solution.

New issues were also raised at the meeting. The WRA Committee plans to set up a new group to support improvements to the A259 along the whole route to the north and west sides of the town.

Plans for a new Social Activities group, to complement and coordinate existing activities, were also announced. Any residents wishing to contribute to either of these groups are very welcome.

Members raised the issue of accessibility in the Town with concerns about the absence of adequate drop-curbs along the pavements. WRA will be exploring how it can help and report back to members.

WRA welcomed as guest speaker Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall, Lead Member for Strategic Planning and Chair of the Planning Committee at Rother District Council. Jonathan outlined the potential benefits and practicalities of neighbourhood plans, which had been adopted by several villages in Rother. He said that a neighbourhood plan enabled communities to have more influence and control over decisions taken by the district council.

In Winchelsea, a plan would not encompass housing development but it could focus on design, given the special character of the town. Other wider planning related issues could also be covered. It was recognised that establishing a plan would require strong support and considerable resources and commitment from local residents. The WRA would welcome views from residents about whether a neighbourhood plan would be worthwhile and, if there is obvious support, who may be willing to give their time and relevant experience in researching and drafting such a plan.

Finally, members were reminded that the association's first AGM will be held on 2nd July at 2pm in the New Hall, when the constitution and other arrangements established last year will be reviewed and the committee will welcome interest from any members wishing to join the committee during 2022-23.

winchelseaRA.com



Millennium Artefacts Society

After the hiatus of the last two years during which the Winchelsea Millennium Artefacts Society was unable to hold its annual art show, we have however since then been able to fulfil our commitments to maintain two of our three town artefacts.

This year we designed a new stand for the Tapestry which is housed in St. Thomas' Church. It has been expertly made by a local craftsman in oak in keeping with the woodwork in the church. It is now on wheels so can be moved around freely to the delight of the rector and the church wardens.

At the end of last year we commissioned the successful remaking of the Beacon's basket ready for this year's Celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The lighting of the Beacon will begin the weekend of the town's celebration starting on Thursday 2nd June.

Winchelsea will be part of this national occasion when 1500 beacons of all kinds will be lit around our shoreline and beaches, from hill tops, castle battlements, on church towers, village greens around the country where celebration will also take place to provide a lasting reminder of the historic moment in the life and reign of the Queen.

As a national event the Pageantmaster's timetable for the beacon lighting is very precise when all of the 1500 beacons will be lit at the same time. If we had a town crier a proclamation would be made at 1.00pm on the day that beacons will be lit in the evening and a piper will play the specially composed *Diu Regnare* at 9.35pm before the beacons are lit at 9.45pm

The Winchelsea Millennium Artefacts Society invite you to a Reception in the New Hall at 8pm where there will be a cash bar. The Mayor will introduce the proceeding for the evening, The Rector will say a prayer followed by the National Anthem and then the piper will play the anthem as we process to the Beacon.

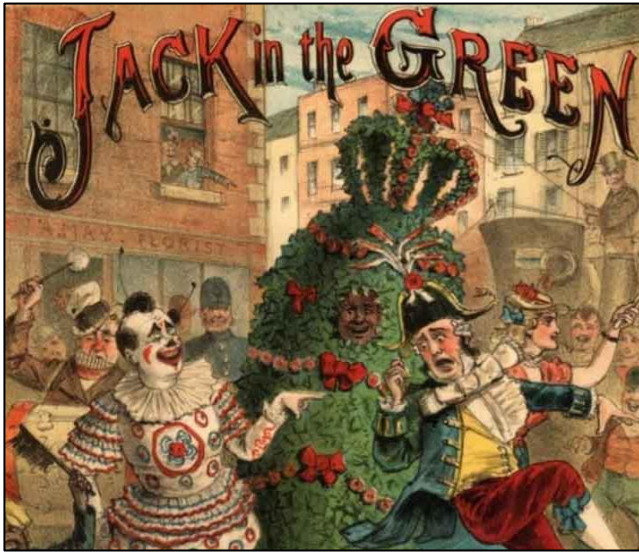
Geraldine I'Anson, Hon Secretary

Big Jubilee Picnic

Come and join friends and neighbours for a Winchelsea celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Bring your own picnic gear and picnic, or buy from the BBQ laid on by the New Inn team. Beer, wine, soft drinks and home-made ice cream will be available to purchase.

Hooe Silver Band will play and East Surrey Morris Dancers will round off the afternoon at about 4pm. No need to book. Just come! Sunday 5th June, Winchelsea New Hall and Cricket Field from 1pm





Goddesses, Muses and Spirit

May, named after Maia, the Ancient Greek Nymph. Her name means Mother or Growth. Without us having to lift a finger, she's already given us joyous displays of wildflowers, spring flowers and blossom.

For the Romans, Flora was the Goddess of flowers and fruit. And from the Pagan calendar, the first few days of May bring us the bold, loud, fantastical Jack in the Green. We still have one of the UK's largest celebrations on our doorstep in Hastings. In the rest of the country May Day events include the crowning of May Queens, Morris Dancers and dancing around the Maypole.

Of late I've been unable to watch the news; the tragedy unfolding in Eastern Europe has become unbearable. Instead I've immersed myself in my original love, History of Art and binge watched the major new BBC series "Art that Made Us".

In History of Art you learn that perceived history is written by the victors, but the true reflection of a society and the times in which they lived, is in the Art of the day. Literature, Music, Poetry, Architecture, Painting and Sculpture are the mirror of their era.

Art and more specifically Statues, was the subject our April Speaker, Andrew Ashton, came to talk to us about at Second Wednesday. From their allegorical and commemorative origins in the Ancient Civilisations, think Muses or Emperors; through to their political statements of power, privilege and flattery, as typified during the Victorian era; and back to representations of human endeavour and emotion in modern times, such as the Statue of Liberty or the Angel of The North.

He explained to us how our view of Greek and Roman Statues is in fact just modern folklore. With our narrow eye and our tendency to want to keep everything in aspic, we attribute them with ideals of purity and grace not intended at the time of their creation. We turn a blind eye to their original meaning and context. Like the buildings and temples of the era, they were in fact brightly painted. Walking through Ancient Athens or Rome, we would have recognised a modern high street, not a gallery in the V&A...

One of my personal favourites is the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. Ever changing, it is alive with the 21st century. In 2009 Anthony Gormley's exhibit, "One and Other", put a different member of the public on the plinth for an hour, over the course of 100 days. They were free to do what they wanted for that hour. I applied for one of the 2,400 spots, but didn't get picked. I was in good company though; Gormley applied too and wasn't selected either.

Dance is another of the Arts that reflects the spirit of a People. The need to gather, share and express your feelings communally, through synchronised movement, remains one of the ways in which a culture creates and maintains its social cohesion and identity. Who better therefore, than Paul Youten and Maddy Coelho to talk to us about the History and evolutionary pathway of Scottish Dancing. Paul is part of the Management Committee of the Royal Society of Scottish Country Dance, in Edinburgh. Maddy teaches Scottish Country Dancing in the New Hall on Thursdays.

Natasha Robinson

WINCHELSEA 2ND WEDNESDAY SOCIETY



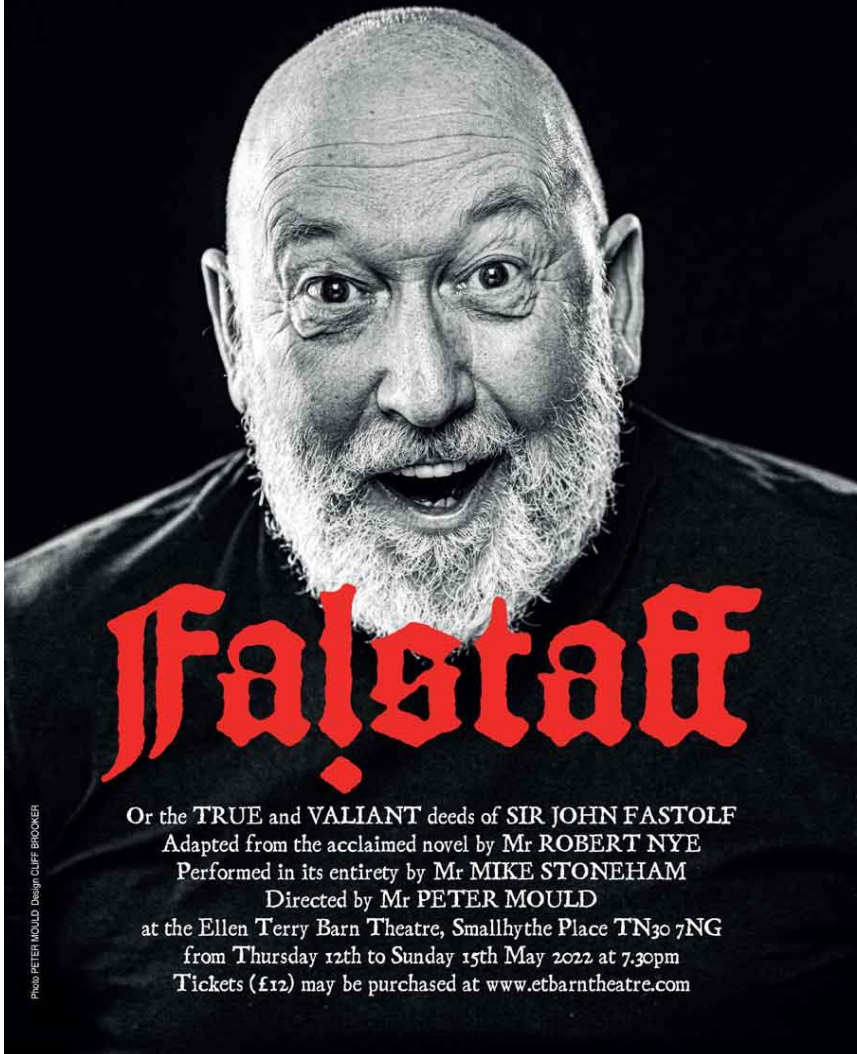
"Strictly ... Scottish Country Dancing"

A talk by Paul Youlten and Maddy Coelho
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Wednesday 11th May at 2:30pm in the New Hall
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Literary Society

'Style, Beauty and Gender' - a conversation with Navaz Batliwalla, journalist, blogger, author of 'Face Values' and 'The New Garconne'

Is style gendered? Navaz Batliwalla will discuss the evolution of gender and identity in fashion and beauty. She will also be signing copies of her books.

At the Lower Court Hall on Friday 20th May. Doors open at 7pm. There will be a short AGM at 7.30 and the talk will start at 7.45pm.

Tickets £5 at the door - including a glass of wine.
Members free.

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Cricket Field gates

The Cricket Club and the National Trust have received a lot of comments regarding the locking of the gate behind the Pavilion and also the gate into the field from the New Hall decking. The Cricket Club are tenants of the National Trust and pay rent to look after and use the field for cricket.

The field is not a public recreation ground as many might think, it is private property, with access via a gate on the A259 which is a public byway. The public byway crosses the field to the fields beyond by the allotments. This access has never been locked and is the only entrance for the public onto the field.

The Cricket Club land is being abused by dog walkers, personal dog walking and training groups from Hastings and the surrounding area. They have used the cricket square, although fenced off, for their training, and are allowing the dogs they look after to run wild on the field and not picking up the dog litter.

The ground has also recently been used by a private personal fitness club, who run classes on the field. For the time being the gate behind the Cricket Pavilion and the one in front of the New Hall decking will remain locked. The gates will be unlocked on the afternoons there is a home game.

The access will remain as always from the kissing gate on the A259. We do not wish to upset the local Winchelsea dog walkers, but we do ask that when crossing the field that the dogs are kept on leads and any dog litter picked up by the owner. There is a bin for the dog litter on the rails between the kissing gate and the New Hall.

Winchelsea Cricket Club Committee

2022 Winchelsea Cricket Club Season

01 May	CROWHURST	H	2.00
08 May	TENTERDEN	A	2.00
15 May	BECKLEY PARK	H	2.00
22 May	ASHBURNHAM	H	2.00
29 May	ROBERTSBRIDGE	A	1.30
05 June	NEWENDEN	A	1.30
12 June	LYDD	A	2.00
19 June	NORTHAM	A	2.00
26 June	BODIAM	H	1.30
03 July	WESTBOURNE	H	2.00
10 July	TOUR		
17 July	WITTERSHAM	A	2.00
24 July	BROOKLAND	A	1.30
31 Jul	NORTHAM	H	2.00
07 Aug	ASHBURNHAM	A	2.00
14 Aug	TBA	A	2.00
21 Aug	CLIVE VALE	H	2.00
28 Aug	SEDLSCOMBE	H	2.00
04 Sep	MERRICKS XI	H	1.30
11 Sep	BECKLEY PARK	A	1.00
18 Sep	MOUNTFIELD	A	1.00



Winchelsea New Hall

So many ways to use the New Hall. Perhaps you celebrated at the Mayoring reception, or attended the Winchelsea Residents Association public meeting, or the Garden Society Spring Show, took refreshments during the day of Secret Gardens, or took part in Winchelsea Wine Society's first wine tasting event, all of which have taken place in the New Hall over the last month.

All this alongside ongoing events, talks, and activities to meet everyone's needs. You might want to join the fascinating talks organised by the Literary Society and the Second Wednesday Groups, (including some amazing refreshments), or exercise your vocal cords singing on a Tuesday afternoon.

If your body needs tuning up, why not try Pilates, Zumba, Tomboogie, even Scottish Dancing, or for more sporty activities try Table Tennis, Badminton, or Indoor Bowls. All of these things happen every month in the New Hall.

Of course, if you want the place to yourself, then why not hire the hall for your own activity or celebration such as a party or Wedding Reception, or anything that requires a large open space with excellent facilities.

A private viewing can always be arranged without committing you to anything. To find out more about any of the above, then please go to the website winchelsea.com/new-hall Let's find new ways to use the New Hall.

Rotary Spring Charity Walk

Sunday 22nd May

You will remember previous Rotary walks have raised quite a sum of money for the Friends of the Ancient Monuments and indeed other charities. We would be grateful therefore if you could join us and not only help our charities would enjoy a community day out.

The walk is approximately eight miles with options of a short walk and medium walk of 2.5 and 3.5 miles. You may walk as a team individually or as a family group the choice is yours. The walk this year will take in Rye to Playden and Peasmarsch. You can start walking at any time from 9-00 to 11-00pm on the day starting at Channons Country Store, Rye Cattle Market.

Rotary ask for a donation of £10 (adults) and £5 (16 -18 year-olds - under 16's walk free) payable on the day. Entry forms and sponsorship forms will be available at check in on the day. If you are raising money for sponsorship this year 100% of that raised will go to your charity. Sponsorship forms to be returned to Rotary along with funds collected which will then be distributed as you indicate. If walkers raise £100 of more, the club will add 10% to the total.

Information can be obtained from Stuart Raine
stuartraine@btinternet.com
or via www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs



Clair Obscur is a female-led theatre company based in Kent. Their latest production, “S.O.E.”, features the characters Vera Atkins and Noor Inayat Khan, as the company tell the gripping story of these two remarkable women and their role in S.O.E.

The WW2 Special Operations Executive is tasked with espionage, sabotage and reconnaissance. As a wireless operator, life expectancy is six weeks. “Madeleine” is the codename for one such agent. Flown by moonlight to occupied France, her job is to keep her circuit connected with London. Gestapo Officer Josef Kieffer is on her trail and the net is closing. Now the war is over, Vera Atkins is trying to uncover the truth. Of all the twelve cases of missing women agents, one haunts her the most: “Madeleine”, the Indian princess, Noor Inayat Khan. The show comes to Winchelsea on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June at 7.30 pm at the New Hall

YouTube trailer: youtube.com/watch?v=f7uIZ-5-3Us

Tickets: wegottickets.com/ClairObscur

clairobcur.co.uk/wp/soe/



No Mow May

May is a busy month and since 2019 has become synonymous with the No Mow May campaign started by the charity Plantlife plantlife.org.uk.

Essentially the idea is that if you mow less often, then the pollen count will rocket. Research shows that most people mow every two weeks at this time of year, which leads to far less nectar being available for pollinators.

Winchelsea is full of lovely gardens and some good swathes of lawn. You could help increase available nectar by mowing less often or not at all during May (and June/ July), which is a crucial time for wildflowers and grasses, bees, butterflies and insects.

During Summer why not leave your mower in the shed, cut every 3 or 4 weeks, leave areas of long grass, mow selectively. Selective mowing can be incorporated into the lawn by creating paths and patterns. In the churchyard we will be leaving some areas of unmown grass throughout the summer to see what develops. Can you help pollinators too?

If you decide to have a go, take photos and forward to me shirleymeyer@btinternet.com
I'd love to see them!



WAS Iham walk repeated

On Saturday 14th May, Archaeological Society will be repeating 'What's left of Iham' - the village present on Iham Hill before the arrival of New Winchelsea in the late 13th century. The remains of Iham are in the north-west corner of the current town. This walk will be repeated on Saturday 14th May.

What do we know about Iham - the cinque port limb of Hastings - apart from the boundary stones? Did Castle Field contain a Castle and a Round Tower, the Roundel? Was Iham an Anglo Saxon village?

The walk starts at the Town Well at 2.15pm. All are welcome to this free guided walks

Please email Andrew at andrewscottb@aol.com or Merv at mervynhack@sky.com if you are interested in joining the Society, helping on the Committee or the research or require further information about future walks.



Retrospective

Monica and Sami Janssens would like to thank everyone for making the April Retrospective of their mother, Aziza Janssens, a resounding success, and for taking such an interest in her art. They were really touched by residents' generosity and say it means so much to know that a number of Aziza's paintings will be enjoyed in Winchelsea homes for many years to come.

They would especially like to thank the Corporation for letting them hire the hall and making the operation so seamless; Diane Nunn and the staff at St Thomas's Primary School for the hire of the screens; Sue and Tony Moore for getting the wine and serving it in their inimitable, smooth fashion; Julian and Liz Cloke for some brilliant display ideas and helping with the heavy lifting; Isabelle Sambrook for her curatorial expertise, and for helping front of house with Peter Davey.



Wines from around the world

Winchelsea Wine Society held its inaugural event on the evening of 29th April when some 40 members held a sociable 'blind' wine tasting led by Simon Legge. Simon talked through the various features and geographies of the range of wines from around the world, how to understand their characteristics and how to appreciate these by using wine tasting techniques.

During this members tasted six wines served without knowing their identity and recorded their assessments of them followed by learning what they were and with a final vote and discussion on which were best liked and why.

The society will be discussing its programme for the rest of 2022 shortly, which is likely to include visits to one or more local vineyards and there is a planned event on 7th October focused on the history of wine in Winchelsea, noting also the development of present day vineyards in the area.

If you are a local resident with a genuine interest in wine, whether expert or just as a casual drinker, and would like to hear more about the society's sociable activities please email brianleonard779@gmail.com



Rye and District National Trust

Thursday 19th May

Our last Talk of the season will be presented by Danial Demaine, the Collections Manager at Lamb House in Rye. He will tell us all about the general history of Lamb House and its various residents, including Henry James and E.F. Benson and their beloved dogs.

All talks start at 2:00pm at Brede Village Hall, and there will be the usual refreshments at the end. Admission is £4 for members and £5 for visitors, which includes the refreshments.

Thursday 23 June

Outing to Ightham Mote, medieval manor & gardens. This is an incredible old moated house, steeped in history. We have arranged to have a tour of the house and there will be an opportunity to explore the grounds, orchards, streams and lakes. Cost per person (including coach, tour & coach gratuities): £28.00. Non NT Members will also need to pay entry fee. NT members must bring their Membership Cards.

If you would like to join us on this outing please email our Bookings officer Louise Hull at louisehull4@gmail.com (subject NTR&DA Bookings) or call 01424 882983.



Ian Rowlands

Pett Level Rescue Boat

As always, PLIRB thanks everyone who visits us, donates items or just stops by to say hello. Everything we do is thanks to our amazing and growing team of volunteers and supporters – anyone is welcome to join us, see contact details below.

On Sunday 17 April, we paid our last farewell to Lou Parsons with the scattering of his ashes at sea, watched by a great crowd of his family and friends. An unforgettable and inimitable character, Lou was instrumental to the foundation of PLIRB more than 50 years ago. He will be remembered and cherished by so many and we thank him for everything he contributed to make PLIRB what it is today. We launched both boats in calm waters to pay our respects. We send our love to his family. Maybe gone, never forgotten.

April also welcomed the return of the Charity Shed. With so many donations of really great items from our supporters, plus buckets and spades and toys for kids, there is something for everyone! Our crew run the shed every Sunday from 10am-4pm. We have had such a wonderful response so far – thank you!

We give a huge thank you to Lucy Hogg for completing her Polar Bear swimming challenge! Lucy braved every weather and sea condition to swim off Pett Level to raise funds for us. No dry or wet suits allowed, Lucy continuously swam in all conditions and raised over £350 which is a massive support to us – thank you Lucy!

While every focus for a lifeboat is to be rescue ready, there is always work behind the scenes. Our volunteers are giving the lookout and crew room a much-needed refresh! It's all work in progress as the team juggle day jobs, but it's taking shape.. thank you to Jo Barry and Adam Flower for their time and leading the transformation.

May 2nd-8th is the kick-off for Sun Awareness campaign which aims to guide and protect all those who are out and about in the sunshine! Remember simple guidelines such as applying high factor sun screen, wearing a hat, keeping children and animals protected from harsh sunlight – simple measures can keep you and loved ones protected.

Tickets for our Grand Raffle are on sale for our PLIRB Open Day! We are hugely thankful to Rye Bay E-Bikes for their generous support of two e-bikes for our grand raffle! Tickets are just £2 each... a bargain seeing as each bike is worth £1,500. Come and see us on Sunday for your tickets. Don't forget – Open Day is Sunday 28th August.

With spring well and truly here and the beaches getting busier, safety awareness remains an important part of our work. Please be vigilant about weather warnings, seasonal tides and currents and stay mindful of the dangers at both the top and bottom of local cliffs, due to continued rockfalls all along the local coastline.

To keep in touch and to purchase our merchandise, please check out our website <https://plrb.com> or our social media: Twitter @PLIRBRescue; Facebook @PettLevelRescueBoat and Instagram @pettlelevelindyrescueboat.



Food Bank thanks

On behalf of the Rye and Winchelsea Rotary Club, I would like to thank all those residents of the two Ancient Towns, who donated to the Easter Food Bank, last month. As a result of your generosity, the level of food donations has maintained a steady level for this time of year.

Of particular note, was your handsome donation of 47 Easter Eggs, which ensured every child received an egg. This was fortuitous as Easter Egg donations were otherwise well down on last year.

I will be making the May doorstep collection on Tuesday 17th May. As ever grateful for your donation and being mindful of others.

Cam

Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar

May 2022

Sunday 1st	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Communion at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Monday 2nd	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 3rd	Mothers' Prayers - 10am - St Richard's
Saturday 7th	Church Market - 10.30am - 12
Sunday 8th	8.30am: BCP Holy Communion at Pett Level 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Wednesday 11th	Second Wednesday Society - 2.30pm - New Hall
Saturday 14th	Puddings and Pathways - 11am - St Thomas' Churchyard WAS Guided Walk of Iham - 2.15pm - from the Town Well Winchelsea Arts Concert - 7.30pm - St Thomas'
Sunday 15th	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Monday 16th	IPC Annual Parish Meeting - 7pm - New Hall
Friday 20th	Fellowship Lunch - WB Community Hall - 12.30 for 1pm Literary Society - 7pm for 7.30 - Court Hall
Saturday 21st	Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 10am - St Thomas' Winchelsea Traffic consultation meeting - 11am - New Hall
Sunday 22nd	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea Rotary Charity Walk
Wednesday 25th	Garden Society Leonardslee visit
Sunday 29th	Benefice Service
2nd - 5th June	<i>Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend</i>
Thurs 2nd June	Jubilee Beacon Lighting
Sat 4th June	Church Market - 10.30am - 12
Sun 5th June	Big Jubilee Picnic - from 1pm - Cricket Field

Further ahead

Sat 11th June	Garden Society Rose Show
Sat 18th June	NGS Open Gardens



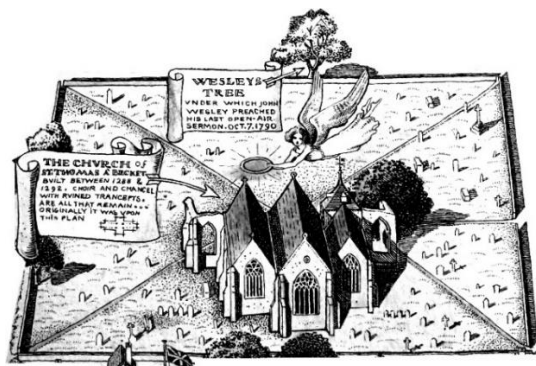
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winchelsea.com

For more information about the Church go to
winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk

For weekly news from the local area go to
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