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Reflections from the Rectory

I write this towards the end of September a few days after the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. It is not possible or appropriate to write a reflection such as this without thinking of her extraordinary long reign and dedicated service to these islands and the Commonwealth.

As I have noted in church, the past two weeks have been ones of very mixed emotions. Although I believe most were aware of the situation, the confirmation of her death seemed very shocking.

My immediate reaction was to open the church here in Winchelsea, to light candles and to remain there in prayer for some time. It was a quiet evening and I left the doors wide open with the altar candles burning until around 10pm. I have no idea how many people passed by or entered but a silent witness seemed important.

Since then we have witnessed the extraordinary machinery of a constitutional monarchy seamlessly proclaiming Charles III as the new King. We witnessed the journey of Her

Majesty's coffin from Edinburgh to London, and then the huge numbers of people who wished to pay their respects.

In the media they have been numerous comments and pieces regarding this passing as the end of an era. In the context of the immensely long reign of the Queen and the way in which she encapsulates the spirit of a wartime generation that is certainly true. But for me it is also a time of hope and looking forward. King Charles III has shown great fortitude and energy in signalling the importance of the whole of the United Kingdom and of ordinary people to him. He has promised to try and follow the legacy of his mother. Part of that legacy is as Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Anglican Church.

On many occasions Her Majesty referred to her faith and to the understanding that she is simply a traveller passing through the changing scenes of life. She carried out her duties and her calling to the best of her ability and although her reign was exceptionally long, it was simply the span given to her by the God in which she had supreme faith.

So often her messages to the nation came at times of national difficulty; they were messages of hope. Her Christian faith and dedication gave her great strength and hope.

Although she was born in many respects to life of privilege, her dedication and service was something that required huge faith and sacrifice. Above all she felt the most important element of her life and reign was service to God.

As it happened the last words of a epistle on the Sunday immediately after her death reminded us of this. 'To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen'. She served the nation and the Almighty and for that we give thanks - Long live the King.

Jonathan



Accession Proclamation

A hundred or so members of the local community gathered in Castle Street to hear the Mayor of Winchelsea, David Merrifield, read the Accession Proclamation for King Charles on 11th September.

After the national proclamation at St James' Palace, proclamations are made in stages around the country. Mayors and chairs of district councils gather in their county towns to hear the lord-lieutenant make the proclamation. Then they return to their own communities to repeat it.

For the Cinque Ports things are different. The mayors of the Cinque Ports assemble in Dover where the proclamation is made - traditionally by the Lord Warden, but on this occasion by his deputy.

His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Sarah Kowiz DL, introduced the Winchelsea ceremony.

Ben and Jenny Chishick's son Paul, who is an officer in the Household Cavalry, played his part both in the lying in state at Westminster Hall and in the Queen's funeral. He is seen here (on the right) in the procession at Windsor.





Ukraine Reborn Concert on Sunday 2nd

Emilia Fox, Freddie Fox, pianist John York, and famous cellist Raphael Wallfisch will be gifting their talents when performing at a unique concert, *Ukraine Reborn*, on Sunday, 2nd October at 4pm at St Thomas's in aid of the child victims of war-torn Ukraine.

The event has been organised by music educator, Ann Rachlin, well known to us all in Winchelsea.

Russian missiles have not only injured these children but have destroyed the hospitals in their hometowns, so they are being sent to St. Nicholas Children's Hospital in Lviv. Many have lost limbs, have horrendous shrapnel wounds, and one seven-year-old boy has 45% burns.

The St. Nicholas Hospital is desperate for a new operating theatre and medical equipment to help them cope with traumatised children who now have to rebuild their broken lives, many of whom have lost relatives in the fighting.

All the artists are donating their services to help these injured children while sponsors have covered the concert costs so that all ticket money and donations will go directly to the St. Nicholas Hospital for Children.

Tickets are available from winchelsea-arts.org.uk/ukraine

Donations can be made via the JustGiving page
justgiving.com/fundraising/ukrainerebornconcert



Harvest

Harvest at St Thomas's fell the day before the Queen's funeral so the planned lunch didn't take place. Notwithstanding, the church was filled with beautiful autumnal arrangements as so often in the past.

Harvest at Wesley's Chapel

A Harvest Festival service will be held at 11am on Saturday 8th October at the Chapel with refreshments from 10.30. There will be a collection for the 'All We Can' Methodist charity.



Pagano Quartet

Italian Composers Past and Present

Puccini, Verdi, Morricone and more

Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm



**St Thomas' Church
Winchelsea
TN36 4EB**

Winchelsea Arts

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

£20

free for under 18s



winchelsea-arts.org.uk

[Click here to see the programme](#)



New Hall AGM on Saturday 8th

The Winchelsea New Hall Management Committee invite you to The New Hall Annual General Meeting on Saturday 8th October at 10am in the New Hall.

Please come and find out all about this exciting whole town facility; what has happened over this last year, and what is planned over the next twelve months.

If the hall is not meeting your needs, and you have any suggestions as to its development, then this is the time to let us know how we could further extend and enhance the programme of events, activities, and functions presently on offer.

If you would like to be more directly involved in the running and development of the New Hall, then you may wish to join the management committee.

If this is indeed the case, then please contact John Davidson on 01797 223754 or email me at john.davidson47@outlook.com prior to the AGM if possible.



Parish Away Morning

The Coach House in Old Bexhill
Manor Gardens, De La Warr Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East
Sussex TN40 2JA.
Saturday 22nd October 10.30am to 2:30pm

There will be a chance for members of the PCC and the congregation to meet to consider how we go forward as a church. It is expected that parishioners from Icklesham and Pett will join us. There will be an opportunity to consider how we can work together.

The council created the present Manor Gardens on the manor house site incorporating some of its ruins. Mercifully, the coach house, manor barn and stable buildings were not touched.

In the early 1970s, the Servants with Jesus came to believe that the coach house was God-appointed to be the home of their new ministry. It had been part of the old manor of Bexhill in the historic Old Town on the hill, part of the

manor site that had belonged to and been used by the Church for 700 years, and part of King Offa's gift 'in eternal possession to Almighty God to serve the praise of God and the honour of the saints.' It is now run by the House of Prayer, East Sussex. www.hopeastsussex.org

The aim will be to spend a few hours away from the parish considering some of the aspects of the life of our churches.

Our benefice is comprised of two parishes and the Rector is also priest in charge of Pett, which has two churches. Each of the churches have very distinct characters and potential. There will not be a strict agenda but I would imagine the morning should follow a basic format.

We will gather for a short said morning prayer, lasting about 20 minutes. We can then split into different groups, one for Icklesham, one for Pett and another Winchelsea.

I would envisage raising:

Worship, Service Patterns and Styles

Ways of connecting with the wider community - Publicity

Stewardship

10.30am Morning Prayer

11:00 – Coffee

11.30 – 12:15 General Discussion

12.15 – 13:00 Separate Discussions

1.00pm – 2.00pm – Lunch - A local café is offering a soup and sandwich lunch to be served in the Coach House at £7.50 per head. I will need to confirm numbers.

2:00pm – 2:30pm – Coffee and Summing Up.



Notable Art Exhibition result

After the gap of two years the Millennium Artefacts Society was once again able to stage a successful exhibition over the August Bank holiday weekend. The Chairman and the committee would like to thank all those who exhibited paintings, pottery photographs and jewellery.

This year we had 44 artists and 144 exhibits. Sales of works of art amounting to £6,509 were achieved and a further £716 was raised from the sale of raffle tickets.

The Society is most grateful to all the donors of the very generous raffle prizes, and to all those who contributed to making the weekend such an enjoyable success.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary since the Society began to undertake the work of the fund raising used to preserve and maintain the town's artefacts, The Town Sign, the Millennium Tapestry now with its new oak stand in the Church, and the Beacon which will once again be lit in celebration for King Charles III's coronation.



Life drawing workshop

The life drawing workshop on Saturday 17th September went extremely well. My daughter, Ellie, was kind enough to pose for us, draped in a variety of fabrics such as muslin and satin, which flowed and reflected light in different ways. We looked at proportion and construction points, negative and positive space, weight of line and basic shading.

Without exception, everyone who came along showed progress in the two hours that we worked, which was very gratifying. There has been much positive feedback and, therefore, I am planning to run a follow up session on

Saturday 29th October. If you are already on the mailing list you will receive notice of this; if not, please contact me at the email address below.

I am proud to have this lovely testimonial from Sue Taberer, who came to the session seeking a new experience, having never put pencil to paper before...

On Saturday 17th September I was pleased to have attended my first ever Life Drawing Class. It was in the Winchelsea New Hall and was run by the very talented Shirley Meyer. It was a wonderful afternoon (which flew by) and I was terrified as I had never drawn before and am not an artist, but Shirley and the other participants, (all who are at different levels) put me at ease. Our model Ellie was fabulous. I learnt so much in such a short time and have to admit I can't wait for the next art event.

Thank you once again.

Budding artist, Susan Taberer

Thank you to all who came along. You all made it worthwhile. Shirley

shirleymeyer@btinternet.com

(if you wish to be added to the mailing list).



The Flowers of Youth and Age

The Winchelsea Second Wednesday Society reconvened on the 14th September, after the summer break. We were looking forward to getting back together and then at lunchtime on the 8th, news broke from Balmoral. We'd known it was coming, sooner rather than later, but it still shocked us. Apart from the varying degrees of grief, we knew it would also herald enormous change within our Nation. And change is destabilising and unwelcome as a rule.

Within our small town, events and gatherings due to be held over the subsequent weekend were cancelled or postponed. Hilary and I had a long conversation about what the correct thing to do would be. The Second Wednesday has always been a community hub and an excuse for friends and neighbours to meet up. We gather, we learn, we're entertained and then we chat, share and eat cake; so on balance we felt that especially at this time, being together was a better choice than not.

In that spirit, we welcomed Dr Patricia Erskine-Hill to the New Hall and she transported us to XV and XVI Century

Venice. Due to its very specific and unusual topography, its culture differed in many ways from other European cities.

The 'Libro d'Oro', or Golden Book of Nobility, was a formal directory of the noble families who formed the elite end of a very rigid class system. When a daughter married, she would take with her an onerous dowry of 20,000 ducats.

There was just one place left for any subsequent daughters, the convent. At one point Venice had forty nine convents, with 120,000 very reluctant noble residents, ranging in age from 12 years old, to the very elderly. It is estimated that fifty percent of young men therefore, remained unmarried.

Actions have consequences and in this case, a gap in the market was created. A class of Courtesans developed. The refined, cultured and educated "Honest Courtesans" who held salons, spoke different languages, were musical and artistic and the "Courtesans of Light" who well... advertised their wares by leaving a light on in the window!

This cruel and regressive system of enforced confinement and social engineering lasted right up to the XVIII Century and the dissolution of the Venetian Republic by Napoleon.

With a screeching gear change, we can make the season last a little longer by looking forward to the return of Dr Kathryn Ferry on 12th October. She is the author of *The Nation's Host: Butlin's and the Story of the British Seaside* and will present 'Camping De-Luxe, Billy Butlin's Holiday Villages by the Sea'.

On a personal note, I took this month's photo in Green Park. It shows some of the flowers left for Her Majesty The Queen. As a Londoner, I never miss the City more than on such extraordinary, grand, spectacular and unifying moments.

Natasha Robinson

WINCHELSEA FILM NIGHT

Winchelsea Residents Association
in conjunction with Winchelsea New Hall
Presents Alan Parker's...



Come early.
Enjoy a drink
or two.
Doors open 6pm

Admission free
Refreshments
Pay Bar
Screening starts 7pm

SATURDAY 15th October
6.00pm for 7.00pm
WINCHELSEA NEW HALL



Wildflowers for 2023

When we lived in Ewelme in Oxfordshire our previous parish, the churchyard had an area of primroses that was very pretty in spring and there was a great opportunity to plant a beautiful yellow carpet, aided by the local school pupils.

It was a really successful project and they are still flourishing. Primroses (*primula vulgaris*) and Cowslips (*primula veris*) inhabit different landscapes. The common primrose is a flower of damper places, under hedgerows and shade, whereas the cowslip loves open meadows, pasture and banks.

Cowslips declined dramatically in the 1950s due to modern farming methods particularly the ploughing up of old grassland and the use of chemical herbicides. But they're fighting back on roadside verges and have probably been helped by the scattering of wildflower seed mixes. Because of the open nature of St. Thomas's churchyard, they are appropriate for planting here.

Their flowers are vital for pollinators and a good source of nectar, particularly for early solitary bees, for butterflies such as the Brimstone and moths. Because they can be grown easily and naturalised in an unmown lawn (we already have some in The Rectory's wildflower circle) or wildflower meadow area, it would be a fantastic community

project to grow some from seed, for the churchyard meadows and around the town.

Winchelsea has so many enthusiastic gardeners, so if you love the idea and would like to join in then let me know. I am planning to stock up on seeds and if we had just ten people, each growing ten plants then we already have one hundred cowslips! What could be easier? Contact me on shirleymeyer@btinternet.com for further details.



Also, if anyone loves growing seeds, I have several packets of other varieties, that have been bought for the circles. Not all can be sown in situ and will have to be grown as plugs. If you would like to be more closely involved, please also contact me on the email address above.

Shirley Meyer



Poppy Appeal 2022

This year's Poppy Appeal will run from 27th October to 13th November. It is intended that donation tins and trays containing poppies and pins will be available at the usual locations in Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach, namely The Little Shop, The New Inn, Winchelsea Lodge, the Co-op, Sutton's Shop, The Ship Inn/Jamie's Butchers and Winchelsea Sands, but these will be confirmed in the next issue of this magazine.

As ever, donations will be gratefully accepted by the Royal British Legion (RBL) with gift aid being much appreciated. Donations can be made electronically to the RBL, Sort Code 30-11-75, Account Number 01937121, using the payment reference SFF24. They can also be made by texting POPPY2, POPPY5, or POPPY10 (to donate £2, £5 or £10) to 70545.

A stock of gift aid envelopes will be available at the back of the Church for cash or cheques (made payable to RBL Poppy Appeal) and these should be placed in the Black Box in the Church, or in any box at the above locations, before 13th November. In addition, if you have any difficulty in getting hold of any remembrance material you need, in making a donation, or have any questions about this year's appeal, please call John Rodley on 01797 223458.



FOAM at the Fete

Despite the really hot weather for the August Fete, the FOAM bottle stall was again a huge success raising just over £500 for FOAM.

Huge thanks goes to our bottle stall mastermind, John Lusk and his team on the day, Paul Williams, Geraldine I'Anson and Ian Rowlands for all their hard work. Also, thanks to Chris Chappell for our rather wonderful new FOAM banner which you can expect to see at all upcoming FOAM events.

And lastly thanks to all FOAM members & town folk who donated wine and who came to support all the stalls on the day. It was a great day for all.

Phil Mack, Chair FOAM

(Apologies from the editor for missing this out of the last issue)



Future of the Fete

Next year's summer fete is in danger of not taking place unless residents are prepared to assume responsibility for running the event. It brings a great deal of pleasure and fun to the community as well as raising money for worthwhile causes in the town and area.

New Hall committee has run the fete for the last five years and has decided to hand over the reins to others in the community. This reflects the fact that over many years various groups in the town have assumed responsibility for running the Fete.

Handing over benefits:

The structure and organisation are in place for a future management.

The location at the New Hall and cricket field is unchanged.

Dog Show manager (Crick Hooper) has confirmed that this part of the Show will continue

Stallholders who numbered over 40 in all this year are clearly identified and come along every year with great enthusiasm.

Finally the New Hall committee will be happy to advise the new group taking over.

Please get in touch.

John Davidson
Chair of the New Hall Management Committee



Left turn, right turn

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed the mistake in last month's Residents' Association report on traffic calming options. It should have read 'the preferred option of no left turn from A259 into Strand Hill and no right turn from Strand Hill onto A259' and not the other way round. Apologies from WRA for the confusion.



Winchelsea Anniversaries 2022

200 Years Ago

1822 was not a good year for Winchelsea's gaoler. At that time the town prison was still in the Lower Court Hall. The present garden was used as an exercise area. The openings which now contain the windows were filled in with stonework. The inner room contained two cells and we presume that the outer room included whatever provision was made for the gaoler himself. The man with that responsibility was Thomas Sylvester Keene.

Keene's life must have been made difficult by the consequences which arose from the death in that year of one of his prisoners. Fortunately for him there was no suggestion whatever that any negligence was contributory. Nevertheless he would have had to give evidence at the inquest which was held in the Upper Room, now the Museum, before the Deputy Mayor, George Stace, sitting as Coroner, and a jury of fifteen Winchelsea men.

Details of what the witnesses said have not survived but a doctor must have appeared and given evidence that the prisoner, had died of natural causes. for the jury's verdict is

recorded thus: 'The members of the jury on their oaths say that Humphrey Wickham being a prisoner in the common gaol of Winchelsea on the nineteenth day of September in the gaol aforesaid departed this life by the visitation of God in a natural way to wit of a fever and not otherwise.'

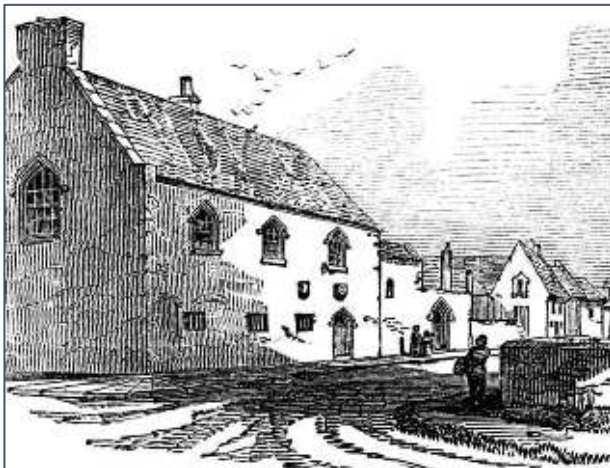
Keene, however, would not have escaped blame when, in the same year, another prisoner escaped. He had to swear an oath before the magistrates declaring that Thomas Warden, convicted for revenue offences had unlawfully escaped.

This would have caused the gaoler and the authorities particular anguish because two years earlier the escape of Pierre Joseph Masier, a Frenchman captured and convicted of smuggling, had led to an inquiry.

Two solicitors from Rye examined the Winchelsea gaol in detail and found it to be insecure. The catches to the locks of the prison door were not of iron, the yard wall was in a dilapidated state and the 'buildings contiguous to the entrance to the prison do not form a sufficient barrier to the approach of persons from without.' The words 'from without' are firmly underlined, implying, of course outside assistance.

Despite these defects, probably only superficially dealt with, the prison remained in use, even after Warden's escape, for another fifty years.

Malcolm Pratt





Christmas Fair on 12th November

The Winchelsea Christmas Fair 2022 will be held on Saturday 12th November from 11am to 3pm in Winchelsea New Hall.

This year we have lots of new stallholders attending the Fair so be sure to come and start your Christmas shopping early on Saturday 12th November and support local craftspeople, artists and artisan food producers.

Stallholders this year at the Fair will be selling their baskets, papercrafts, jewellery, heritage toys, clothes, ceramics, hand

dyed yarns, art prints, chocolate, cakes, preserves and local food. There will also be on sale embroidery, bags, bird boxes, wines, vintage collectables, Christmas decorations, cards & gift-wrap and candles, all locally produced.

There will be refreshments, an adult and a children's Tombola, and another wonderful Grand Raffle. Proceeds for the Raffle will be split 50/50 between the New Hall and Rye Food Bank.

Children from St Thomas' Primary School in the town will be singing carols for us again which is sure to really make us all feel very Christmassy!

Our Tombolas will focus on Christmas Treats. If you are able to help with a small donation that would be very much appreciated; wine, chocolates, sweets and anything just a bit Christmassy would be great! Jerry Moss would be happy to collect any donations or you could drop off at Gable, Hiham Green. Jerry can be contacted on:

Rakaposhi123@hotmail.com 07960 945235

As you may recall last year we borrowed warm white Christmas lights and some artificial Christmas trees from local residents. Hopefully you will agree that the hall looked amazing and got everyone in the Christmas mood. Can we ask you again please! Contact Ali Casey who will be happy to collect or if more convenient you can drop off at Wren Cottage in the High Street. Ali.Casey63@gmail.com
07926 128737

We look forward to seeing you there!



Winchelsea Christmas Fair

Saturday • 12th November • 11am - 3pm

Winchelsea New Hall

Refreshments • Tombolas • Grand Raffle

Beautiful crafts & artisan produce

Baskets • papercraft • jewellery • heritage toys • clothes • ceramics
hand dyed yarns • art prints • chocolate • embroidery • bags
bird boxes • wines • vintage collectibles • preserves • cakes
Christmas decorations, cards & gift wrap • candles

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Final Fling

Winchelsea Bowls Club has had a great year in all its matches - in winning over 60% of its friendlies, coming runner up in the Rother League, winning the Iden Tournament and coming in the top five in other external Tournaments in the area.

In-house competition winners this year have proved the quality of all the members and the improvements in play which the club is achieving all round and the results confirm that play.

We finished off this year with a win of the Rother League Final Fling - this is all nine League clubs putting a team of four in and playing each other. It is an all-day event and Winchelsea won after an eventful finish on the last end. Congratulations to Chris Waters, Paul Trigg, Rick and Norma Read (pictured).

Congratulations go out to all the club members and players for the support and efforts made this year and the results.

The Club is now closed for winter works and will be reopen next April 2023. Please visit the Club web site for all details.
winchelseabowlsclub.co.uk

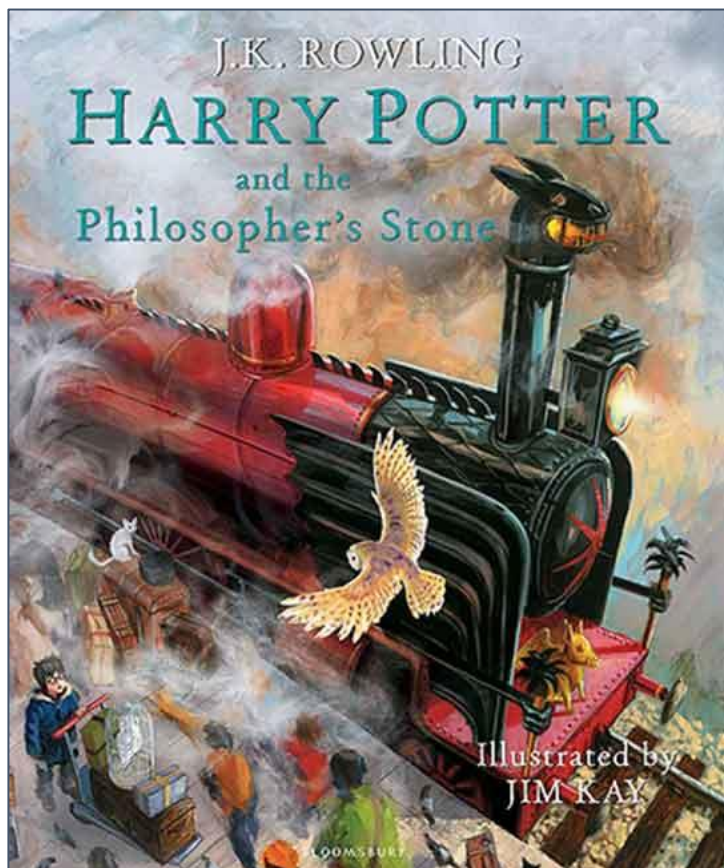
Mike Melvin



Charity Quiz Night at the New Inn

Paul and Debbie will be holding a quiz in support of Winchelsea Museum on Sunday 30th October at 7pm.

Maximum six people per team. Cash prize and raffle.
To book, phone Paul on 01797 226252
or pop in to the pub.

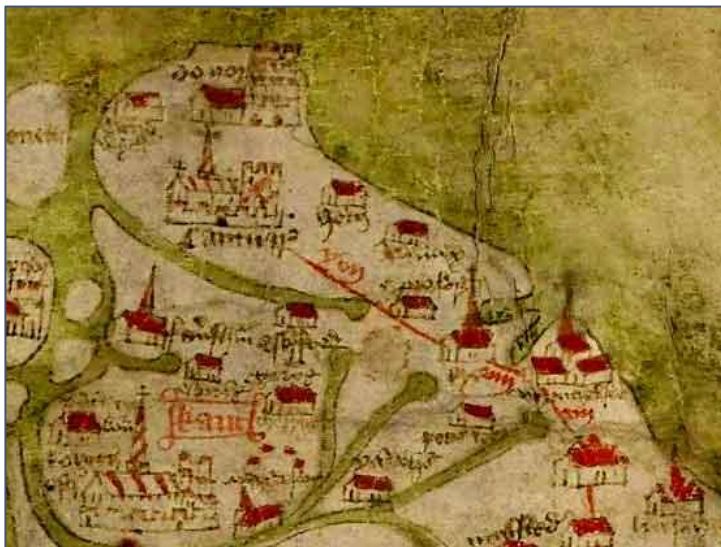


Literary Society

Talented artist and Winchelsea resident Jim Kay will talk about his 'Life as an Illustrator' at the Literary Society meeting on Friday 21st October.

Expect insights and wondrous images. Jim won the Kate Greenaway Medal in 2012 for Patrick Ness's book *A Monster Calls* and was then personally selected by J K Rowling for the illustrated edition of Harry Potter books. Jim is also a printmaker and concept artist. creepyscrawlers.com

Literary Society meets at 7 for 7:30pm in the Lower Court Hall. Complimentary glass of wine. Members free, guests and visitors £5.



Winchelsea and Pilgrimage

The final Winchelsea Archaeological Society walk of the season is entitled 'Winchelsea and Pilgrimage' and will take place on Saturday 8th October.

We will look at the approximate sites of the Holy Cross Leper Hospital, St Bartholomew's Hospital and Blackfriars Priory near the New Gate, and the routes used by pilgrims from Southampton to Canterbury (the 1360 Gough map pictured above) or to Spain or to Rome and perhaps onwards to Jerusalem.

Was New Gate Well a water stop for pilgrims as well as, in the late 19th century, a source of piped water for Winchelsea?

Was the New Gate, without a portcullis, really designed for defence against attack? As Bradley (2017) put it, "In all England there is no medieval gateway to all appearances so unaccountably situated."

What a challenge - we have to work out an explanation!

The walk is free and starts at the Town Well at 2.15pm, lasting about 60 to 75 minutes. All are welcome.



King's Dues

On 24th September, the Mayor, David Merrifield, became the first resident, in 70 years, to pay the King's Dues to the Chamberlain, Neil Clephane-Cameron. During the reign of her late Majesty the payment was referred to as the Queen's Dues but is now retitled following the accession of King Charles III.

Winchelsea

Spanish Evening

New Hall, Winchelsea TN36 4AA

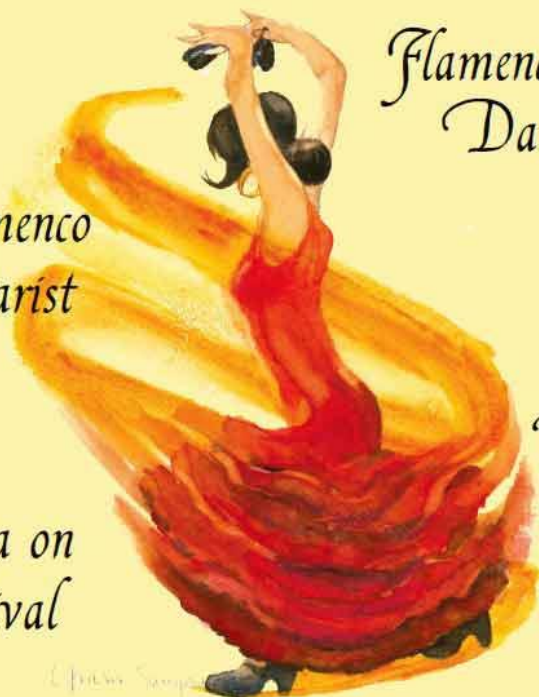
Friday 4th November 2022 - 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Flamenco
Guitarist

Flamenco
Dancers

Tapas
Buffet

Cava on
arrival



Tickets £35 available from the Little Shop, High Street, Winchelsea
Raffle in support of the Mayor and Mayoress' Charities



Christmas Windows AGM

On Monday 10th October between 6.30 and 8pm, the Christmas Windows Group are holding their Annual General Meeting in the New Hall.

Everyone is very welcome, it's a chance to look back at last year's event and discover where the money we raised went. And of course, an opportunity to look forward to this year's event.

We have some exciting plans we want to share with you, and we are eager to hear your thoughts on how we can make Winchelsea Christmas Windows even more magical.

This year we are suggesting that we share any profits from the event between St Thomas' Church and Dom's Food Mission in Hasting, a representative of this charity will be coming along to the AGM, to explain how they help to feed those less fortunate and make an impact on food waste.
domsfoodmission.com

So, if you can spare an hour, please come along. There will be a glass of wine and some nibbles to entice you!. To help

with numbers it would be great if you could let us know if you are able to come: chriswinchelsea@icloud.com

By the way, we are always looking for some helping hands, as there are lots of jobs to do, from delivering leaflets to helping decorate someone's window, so if you have a little spare time and would like to get involved, please come along to the AGM or contact one of the group.

Best wishes the Winchelsea Christmas Windows Group.
John & Lyn Davidson, Ali Casey, Shirley Meyer, Chris Chappell and Graham Large.





Winchelsea Cellar Tours 2022

After a two-year Covid enforced break, tours of Winchelsea's medieval cellars returned this year. The tours are operated by Friends of the Ancient Monuments and Museum together with the Winchelsea Archaeology Society.

For FOAM they are an important source of revenue, which is used to maintain the Town Gates, The Court Hall, Town Well and Museum.

Understandably after a two year lay-off, our guides were a little out of practice, so in April we began with two free tours for residents. Since then, there has been no stopping us, with 27 public tours run on Saturday mornings. And we didn't stop there, FOAM has been busy running a further seven tours in conjunction with Rye Arts Festival, and five private tours for clubs and organisations.

We usually take fifteen people on each tour, and this year just about every tour has been sold out well in advance. Jean Owen who took on the daunting task of organising the tours, tells me that over 680 visitors have taken a cellar tour this year.

So, a huge thanks to Jean and this year's guides, John Lusk, John Spencer, David Merrifield, Stuart Raine, Andrew Scott, Chris Chappell, Robert Holland and Martin Owen. With a special mention to Richard Feast, who stepped in to run a tour at the last minute. And of course, the Cellar owners and the National Trust who let us use their cellars at Manna Platt, Salutation Inn, the Stone House, and Rookery Cottage.

We would also like to thank John Dunk for unlocking [and locking] the cellar door at the Salutation Inn, no less than forty-one times this year. And Nathan and Danny in the Little Shop who store the bits and pieces we need to run the tours – it really is a team effort.

Planning is already starting for next year's tours, so look out for the posters in the New Year if you or your friends would like to come along.

You can also contact me, if you would like to help us, or indeed would be interested in becoming a guide.

Chris Chappell
info@winchelsea-foam.org.uk



Pett Level Rescue Boat

In September's edition we mentioned our annual Open Day and we are delighted to provide an update on what was a glorious and busy occasion.

The headline is that we raised an incredible total of £6225. This is a hugely significant amount and a massive contribution to boost both our operating funds and specific fundraising projects.

We cannot thank everyone enough, from every stallholder, prize giver, volunteer, donator and visitor – your contribution is simply what helps us keep going. Thank You!

For the first time, we ran a fun dog show which was wonderfully popular. We introduced a bar to the event, meaning not only could we serve teas, coffees and our Pett Punch, but also an array of local beers, ciders and lagers and at great prices.

A super compliment to the ever-popular BBQ. The games were a huge attraction and great to keep the kids (young or old!) amused! Play Your Cards Right was bigger and better

and boosted by Splat the Rat, Hoopla and Get Your Kit On! All in addition to the annual staples of guess the weight of the cake and number of sweets in a jar.

The music this year was provided by Pan Up Pipes, a local steel drum band – and what more could you want in the fabulous sunshine. Playing an eclectic range of songs, they kept the crowds entertained and uplifted. A big thank you to them.

As temperatures drop and the days shorten, always remember that safety awareness remains an important part of our work. Please continue to be vigilant about weather warnings, seasonal tides and currents and stay mindful of the dangers at both the top and bottom of local cliffs.

To keep in touch and to purchase our merchandise, please check out our website

<https://plr.b.com> or our social media: Twitter @PLIRBRescue; Facebook @PettLevelRescueBoat and Instagram @pettlelevelindyrescueboat.

Rye Seniors' Fair

Organised by Sally-Ann Hart MP, this will take place on Friday 21st October from 2pm to 4pm.
Location to be announced.

So far, the confirmed stalls are: Rye British Legion, Friends of St Mary's, REACT, Rye Neighbourhood Plan, Rye Vax Centre, Rye Hub Homes for Ukraine, British Gas, Optivo, Jempson's, Rye Parish Church of St Mary, RVS Luncheon Club and the Women's Institute.



Rye Food Bank

I will be making the next doorstep collection on the morning of Tuesday 18th October. If you are donating could you contact me please , so I can draw up a collection plan.

Donald Cameron-Clarke 01797 226414

Monetary donations can be sent to Rye Foodbank at Barclays Bank - sort code 20-54-25 - account number 83501116; through the Jempson Foundation; or cheques to Rye Foodbank c/o 24 North Salts, Rye.

If you donate via the Jempson Foundation and are a taxpayer, gift aid can be applied, If you make a bank transfer, please do send a message (via ryefoodbank@gmail.com) so they know who it is from and can send a receipt, if required.

Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar

October 2022

- Saturday 1st Church Market 10.30am till 12
- Sunday 2nd** **8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea**
9.30am: Parish Communion at Pett
11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Ukraine Reborn Concert - St Thomas' - 4pm
- Saturday 8th New Hall AGM - 10am
Archaeological Society Walk - 2.15pm from the Town Well
Winchelsea Arts Concert - 7.30pm - St Thomas' Church
- Sunday 9th** **9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham**
11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
4.30pm: Harvest Festival Service at Pett
- Monday 10th Christmas Windows Group AGM - New Hall - 6.30 to 8pm
- Wednesday 12th Mothers' Prayers - St Richard's - 10am
Second Wednesday Society - New Hall - 2.30pm
- Saturday 15th Winchelsea Film Night - New Hall - 6pm for 7
- Sunday 16th** **9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett**
11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
- Tuesday 18th Garden Society Visit to Sheffield Park
- Friday 21st Rye Seniors Fair
Literary Society - Court Hall - 7pm for 7.30
- Saturday 22nd Parish Away Morning
- Sunday 23rd** **9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham**
11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
- Friday 28th Fellowship Lunch - WB Community Hall - 12.30 for 1
- Saturday 29th Life drawing workshop
- Sunday 30th** *Clocks go back*
11am: Benefice Eucharist at Winchelsea
4pm: Benefice Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed
Charity Quiz at the New Inn - 7pm
- Fri 4th Nov Corporation Spanish Evening - New Hall - 7 for 7.30pm
- Sat 5th Nov Church Market 10.30am till 12

Further ahead

- Sat 12th Nov Christmas Fair
Winchelsea Arts Concert
- Sun 13th Nov Remembrance Sunday



Winchelsea May 2021

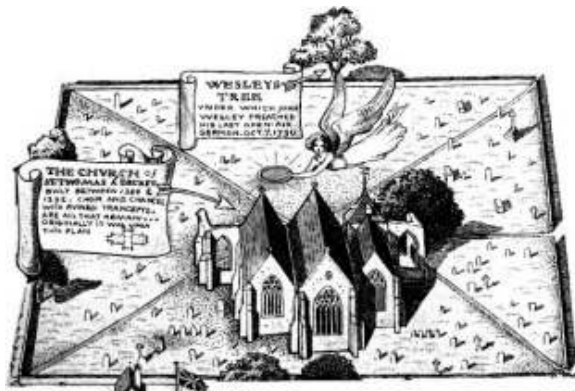
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winchelsea-icklesham-churches.org.uk

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