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Marching into Winchelsea - 1812 - J M W Turner



Raphael Wallfisch

£20,000 raised for Ukraine Hospital

World-renowned cellist Raphael Wallfisch and actors Emilia and Freddie Fox starred in a fundraising concert for Ukraine at Winchelsea Church on 2nd October.

The concert was brought together by Ann Rachlin MBE to raise funds for the *St Nicholas Hospital for Children* in Lviv.

£20,000 has been raised from donations, sponsorship and ticket sales. The performers, Raphael Wallfisch, John York, Emilia Fox and Freddie Fox performed without any fee and all expenses were covered by sponsors so that everything raised could go to the cause. The Hospital plan to put the money towards creating an operating theatre for babies.

The concert began with the Poet Laureate's 'Resistance', powerfully read by Freddie Fox. Works by local poet, Harvey Gillman, and Ukrainian poets Taras Shevchenko and Lesya Ukrainka were interspersed with cello pieces by Beethoven, Messiaen, Bloch, Gliere and Prokofiev. The final poem, Ukrainka's 'Against all hope, I hope' read by Emilia Fox, foreshadowed the possibility of a better future.

At a reception after the concert, Bishop Ken Nowakowski, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in London, spoke about the situation in the country from which he had recently returned, and thanked the Winchelsea community for its support.

The *St Nicholas Hospital for Children* is currently meeting trains from all over Ukraine where they are having to admit severely injured children from all over the country because their local hospitals have been hit by Russian missiles. Many of them have lost limbs and have painful shrapnel wounds and burns, as well as being severely traumatised by what they have witnessed.

To see the *Rye News* report and more photos [click here](#)



Emilia Fox, Ann Rachlin and Freddie Fox



Raphael Wallfisch and John York

Photos by KT Bruce

Remembrance

The Rector will lead a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am on Friday 11th November, Armistice Day.

On Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, the Mayor will lead a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am.

Others who wish to lay wreaths are welcome to do so.

Following the laying of wreaths, there will be a Service of Remembrance in the Church led by David Page. This year the Rector will lead the Remembrance Service at Icklesham.

By kind permission of the PCC, donations made at the Winchelsea service will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. RBL Gift Aid envelopes will be available.



Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal will run until 13th November. There will again be no house to house collection in Winchelsea, but donation tins and trays containing poppies and pins will be available at The Little Shop, The New Inn, Winchelsea Lodge, the Co-op, Sutton's Shop, The Ship Inn/Jamie's Butchers and Winchelsea Sands.



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 Poppy Appeal, 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, for example) 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.

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.

The Guns.

In Amiens town - in Winchelsea
The guns are sounding - the same guns
Are booming - booming every day.
Across the fields of France it runs
That sound of battle and of doom,
Across the furrowed sea it rings
Its heavy flight, until both towns
Hear the same sound; and backward swings

The Pendulum of Time, as I
Read of them both within the thrall
Of war once more. And did I stand
In other days upon the wall,
And hear the rout of battle surge
About those cities. Why should I
Feel my heart shrink and burn with fear
Now in this 20th Century.

What matter Paris, London, Rome
They seem but names that sink and drown
In some forgotten agony
Of Winchelsea, and Amiens - town.

Alix Egerton.
July 5th 1916.

Lady Alix Egerton published several volumes of poems in the first two decades of the twentieth century. We don't know if she lived in Winchelsea but this 1916 poem suggests that she did. Thanks to Di and David Smedley for supplying this - unpublished as far as we know.





Reflections from the Rectory

As we approach the end of October the Collect for the past week is based on the well-known words of Thomas Cranmer from the Book of Common Prayer.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.

We all tend to have very different views of scripture. The Bible, especially the Old Testament is full of rip-roaring stories often involving violent confrontation, ancient records of the patriarchs and the journey to the Promised Land, and although for some it is seen as the story of God's self-revelation, many find it hard to see the face of a loving God within them.

There are also the curious fables such as the books of Jonah or Ruth, and a wealth of what is normally called wisdom literature, which seeks to try and make some sense of the world. Added to this are the angry words of the prophets and the varied poetry of the Psalms whose origins stretch over at least 1000 years.

There are interminable and detailed legal codes, which are have little relevance for us today. The New Testament brings us the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, the letters of Paul

some of whose views seem unpalatable in the modern world, the Acts of the Apostles and the strange visionary and sometimes frightening world of the Book of Revelation.

A few weeks ago representatives of the PCC and the congregation gathered in Old Bexhill at the Old Coach House to spend the morning reflecting on the future of this church and our sister churches within the benefice at Icklesham and Pett. The Coach House at Bexhill is now run by an organisation called the House of Prayer and they were very welcoming and supportive.

I was interested and moved to hear that in the run-up to Easter this year they chose to read the whole Bible in one sitting from beginning to end. This involved different readers and continued throughout the night. I believe it took five or six days and overran by a day or so. They finished at about seven o'clock on Easter morning. The exercise attracted over 200 people over the period and they continue to gather for Bible reading on a weekly basis.

At our gathering we discussed a variety of different aspects of parish life and how we might improve things and move forward. Something that emerged from all the parishes was the desire to have some form of Bible study.

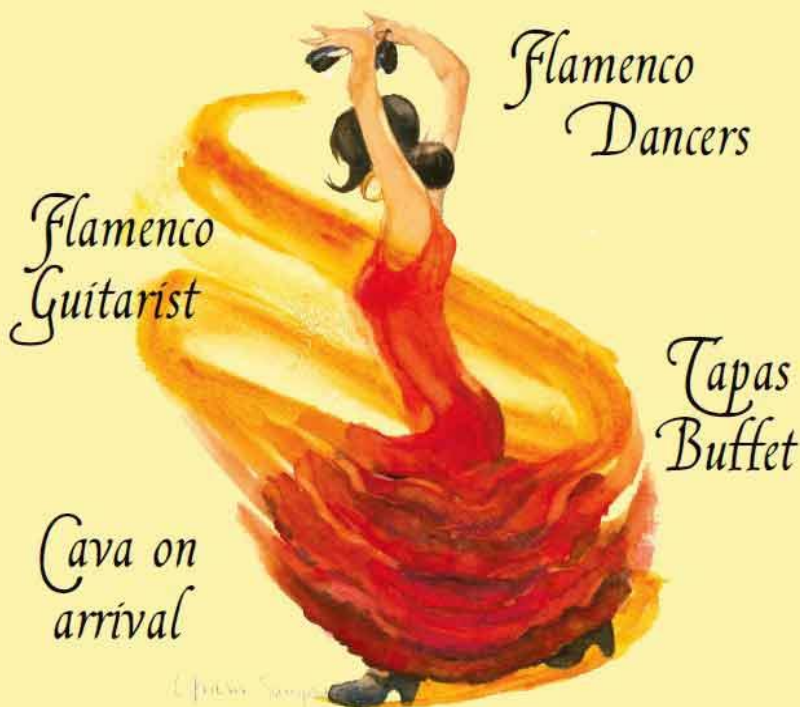
After some discussion it was suggested that we meet in the pub for a series of Bible study meetings. The plan is to have our first session on Tuesday 6th of December at 5pm or 6pm. (to be confirmed) We will start in the New Inn in Winchelsea and in due course we hope to meet in some of the other pubs in the benefice.

I see this as a kind of book club with a difference. You don't need to have any kind of faith but if you are curious come along.

With every blessing, *Jonathan*

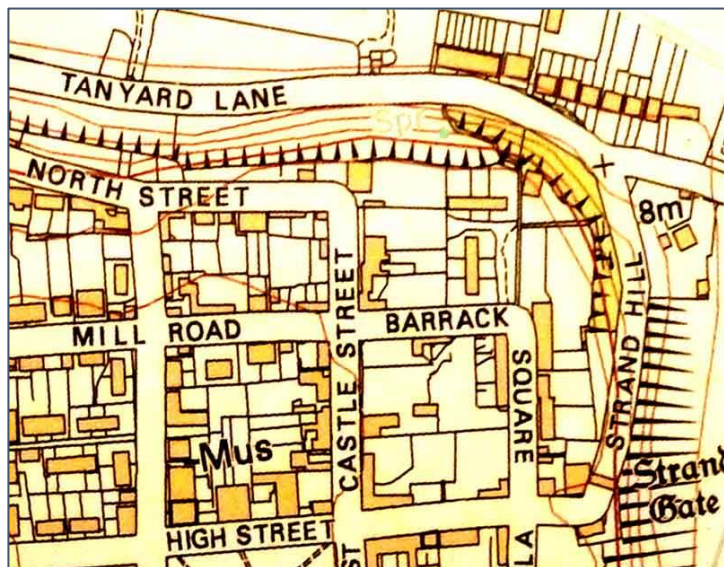
Winchelsea
Spanish Evening

New Hall, Winchelsea TN36 4AA
Friday 4th November 2022 - 7 for 7.30 p.m.



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

The charities supported by the Mayor and Mayoress are the Corporation of Winchelsea and Demelza House Children's Hospice.



Residents' Association

In their October mailout to members, the WRA committee reported that Icklesham PC have agreed to progress to the next stage on the 'no left turn, no right turn' traffic calming option, with a meeting involving IPC, the consultants and East Sussex Highways.

The design being considered provides an extension of the existing built-out pavement at the bottom of Strand Hill and a small traffic island nearby. East Sussex County Council and National Highways must agree to the project if it is to be successful.

An A259 Working Group meeting involving residents from along the full length of the main road took place at the end of September.

WRA has submitted a request to East Sussex Highways asking for nine new dropped kerbs to improve accessibility around the town for the disabled, elderly and families with prams and buggies.

winchelseaRA.com



Entry £1 - Children free

Christmas Fair

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. The Fair runs from 11am till 3pm.

There will be refreshments, an adult and a children's Tombola, and another wonderful Grand Raffle.

Proceeds from the Raffle will be split 50/50 between the New Hall and Rye Food Bank. You can buy raffle tickets in advance from the pub or the shop,

It's not too late to help with a small donation for our Christmas themed Tombola; 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 at rakaposhi123@hotmail.com 07960 945235

We look forward to seeing you there.

Urgent request to borrow Christmas lights

As you may recall, last year we borrowed warm white Christmas lights from local residents. We hope 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



Tessa admitted to Order of St Richard

Tessa Potts was among those from all parts of diocese who were admitted to the Order of St Richard by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, at a special service in Chichester Cathedral on 8th October.

The Order was founded in 2019 and each year membership is awarded to lay people in recognition of their exceptional service in their deanery, parish and local community.

Tessa's award was made for her service to Winchelsea parish as a devoted sacristan for 26 years and for supporting all areas of parish work.

Fran Rogers, from our sister parish of Pett was admitted to the Order at the same event. She was given the award for turning the small beachside church at Pett Level into a dynamic community space that nourishes and brings strength to many thousand visitors each year.



Winchelsea Arts

This month's concert takes place at St Thomas's on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm with a recital of songs given by Welsh tenor Elgan Llŷr Thomas and pianist Edmund Whitehead.

Elgan Thomas studied at the Royal Northern College of Music and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. In the 2021-22 season he made his debut at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and he also sings for English National Opera and Scottish Opera.

Pianist and conductor Edmund Whitehead was part of the Jette Parker Young Artists Programme at the Royal Opera House and assisted and was mentored by Sir Antonio Pappano.

This is a change to the published programme. Ukrainian mezzo-soprano Kseniia Nikolaieva has had to withdraw but her concert is being re-scheduled for next season.

Tickets cost £20 online from winchelsea-arts.org.uk and at the door. Free admission for under-18s.



Conservation Society at Chatham

31 booked to go but 4 had to cancel, and we are very grateful that no one asked for their money back. This has been such a help to the society's finances. So 27 braved all sorts of traffic jams from the M20 to the unbelievably uncoordinated, so-called system of traffic lights in Chatham. A world class museum deserves better recognition by the local council regarding access by road. Train stations are some distance away.

But all this was forgotten at least temporarily, as members roamed the well-presented exhibits including three still floating warships, a submarine and the official RNLI collection of their rescue boats. But two areas stood out.

The first and newest exhibition was on the artefacts brought up from the seabed wreck of HMS Invincible. This man of war sank 250 years ago but many shackles ropes and personal belongings etc had been very well preserved in the mud and have been included in this newest display that has only just opened.

The demonstrations in the 'Ropery' were quite the best. The building is a quarter of a mile long and those who work there making ropes, use bikes to get around. The machinery dates back to the industrial revolution and still works perfectly well, and the guides were delightful.

The party from Winchelsea was surprisingly well behaved until we lost two tall, elderly gentlemen just as we were due to leave. Bets were on that they were enjoying a tippale and this proved to be the case. We departed Chatham in very good spirits (till they closed the M20). *John Spencer*



Arresting the ravages of time

A Conservation Society talk on Saturday 19th November at 10.30am in the Court Hall - coffee from 10. 'Arresting the ravages of time - the conservation of medieval masonry'.

The talk is to be given by John Bailey who dedicates his career to the conservation and repair of historic buildings. Surveyor of the Fabric to Rochester Cathedral and others and inspecting architect for many important churches including St Thomas' Winchelsea and St Mary's Rye, John also works on the conservation of ancient buildings such as Bodiam Castle (from a boat), the Tower of London, Windsor Castle and Ypres Tower, Rye.

Sat 19th November at 10 for 10.30am (tea/coffee)
Free to members and £5 to non-members at the door.



Happy stays, careful ways, warm days

In 1892, Joseph and Elizabeth Cunningham, staunch Presbyterians, opened a Summer Camp on the Isle of Wight, for disadvantaged boys from Liverpool. Fast forward to 2022 and you wouldn't think that this paternalism would affect the way we work and play today. Enter stage left Billy Butlin.

After an insecure and peripatetic childhood, he ended up with his maternal family on the showgrounds, running amusement parks. He was gifted with business acumen and the flamboyance of a showman. These winning traits, coupled with his workaholic nature, turned him into a multi-millionaire, a household name and a peer of the realm, when he was knighted in 1964.

It's easy to look back and laugh at the Butlin's Holiday Camps that he created, inspired by the Cunninghams. But many of his pioneering ideas are still very much part of our lives today; the All-Inclusive Holiday, the Family Activity Holiday and the Kids Club. He gave Britain the first monorail, the first dry ski slope and the first celebrity chef.

October was my first anniversary in post, as chair of the Second Wednesday Society. Exactly one year ago,

Dr Kathryn Ferry had been our speaker. As a specialist in seaside architecture and culture, she returned to entertain us with tales of Billy Butlin and the undeniable mark that one man left on us, socially and culturally.

Now that the clocks have gone back, there's no denying that the summer is over. The short days make the next few months feel the longest; and the cold will definitely make them the most expensive. With my catering hat on, I can offer a couple of energy saving tips that may help.

Boiling the kettle with only the amount of water required is a well-known tip. But whereas tea needs a full boil, instant coffee doesn't, so stop the kettle when the water is hot, rather than boiling. When cooking vegetables, you can put them all together in the same pot, staggering them according to the time they need to cook.

Use a microwave, pressure cooker or air fryer as they require or use less energy than an oven. If you are using the oven, use all the shelves. Doing the washing up by hand instead of using the dishwasher helps your bank balance, if not domestic progress.

And finally keep the elements at the back of your fridge dust free if possible. The cleaner they are, the less hard they will have to work and therefore the less energy they will consume.

Anyone in need of the warmth of good company or the heat of West African adventure, need look no further than the Second Wednesday Society on 9th November, when we'll be joined by Brigadier Hugh Willing. He will introduce us to a very unconventional Victorian explorer: *'Mary Kingsley Friend of Cannibals, Fish and Fetish'*.

Hugh is a very experienced local speaker, so welcome autumn, embrace November and come and spend the afternoon with us at the New Hall.

Natasha Robinson



Garden Society plans for next year

The 2023 Winter Lecture sees the welcome return of Troy Smith, Head Gardener at Sissinghurst, and takes place on the afternoon of Saturday 21st January.

Some changes are planned to the Society's main events. There will be a Spring Show, a bit earlier than usual, on Saturday 25th March and, also reflecting changes in the seasons, the Autumn Show becomes a Summer Show, held at the bank holiday weekend, on Saturday 26th August. The Rose Show is being moved to the Church and will take place during the June Church Market.

Garden Openings

The June National Garden Scheme opening in Winchelsea will take place on Saturday 17th, with an additional opening in support of the Memorial Hospital at Rye on the following afternoon. Gardens will open for St Michael's Hospice the weekend before, on Saturday 10th. There won't be a Spring garden opening in 2023.

Autumn at Sheffield Park



Stunning reds and golds greeted members of Garden Society when they visited Sheffield Park on a gloriously sunny day in mid-October. It has been an exceptional year for Autumn colour. Photos by Shirley Meyer.



Planting for the future

Shirley Meyer writes: Firstly, I must say a big thank you to all the people who have volunteered to grow Cowslip seeds for the churchyard, following my article last month. It is a great community project where we can all feel we are making an important contribution. I still have some seeds left if anyone else would like to have a go.

It seems slightly counter-intuitive to be sowing seeds now as we are approaching the time of year when growth slows down and plants have a rest. Many plants retreat underground for protection from the coming winter temperatures, but some hardier ones weather the storms of frost, wind, rain and, sometimes, snow.

It is a time for planning for the future. I don't know how many of you are, like me, addicted to sifting through seed catalogues and plant web sites with a view as to how the garden will develop or change next year, but I love it.

Not only have I been thinking of my own garden and allotment, but the churchyard wildflower group met to discuss how the circles should develop in 2023. We all agreed that more flowers are needed if we are to fulfil our mission of providing plenty of host plants for pollinators. That's our direction of travel for 2023.

Also, next year the Church will be having it's Celebrating Creation event beginning on 19th May and we will work hard to ensure your churchyard looks at its best for the occasion.

But your gardens are the biggest natural resource around. Did you know that when Great Dixter surveyed their insect and pollinator species they actually found more in the gardens than in the wild meadow areas, which are extensive? This was the reverse of what they expected.

Having a wildflower patch, an unmown area of lawn, a pond or planting for pollinators,(or all of them) are ways that we can easily contribute to the survival of failing species.



Your local nature group Winchelsea Wildlife, monitor species around the town from the swifts to bees, from moths to fungi. In 2023 we are considering awarding a medal or a prize for the best wildlife friendly garden, so listen out for news of that - and get looking at those seed catalogues for inspiration!



Winchelsea Anniversaries

80 Years Ago

Early in June 1942 the Mayor of Winchelsea, Lt Col Ernest Goldschmidt, received a message marked 'Secret - not to be divulged in advance'. It came from the prime minister, Mr Winston Churchill.

The mayor's attention was drawn to the wish of the President of the United States that Sunday 14th June should be set aside as a day on which the flags of all nations fighting in the allied cause should be paraded and honoured.

The prime minister's message, to be read out on the day, included: 'In this ceremony we pledge to each other not merely support and succour till victory comes but that wider understanding; that quickened sense of human sympathy; that recognition of the common purpose of humanity without which the suffering and striving of the United Nations would not achieve its full reward. I join my voice to his in honouring today the forces of the United Nations.

Let us pay this tribute to the valour and sacrifice of those who have fallen and to the courage and endeavour of those who fight today. Let us remember everyone, man, woman and child, who in the oppressed and tortured countries works for the day of liberation which is coming'.

Mr Churchill used capital letters for 'United Nations' by way of emphasis. He meant, of course, the countries which were fighting on the allied side although the two words now look to us as though they apply to the organisation established after the war.

Preparations for this event caused quite a stir in Winchelsea. Realising that it was most unlikely that any community would be able to display the flags of all the twenty-two nations named, the Ministry of Information wrote: 'It has been agreed as a compromise that where the flags are unobtainable the saluting base may be draped with the Union Jack, bunting, and as representative selection of the allied flags as is available'.

Winchelsea did its best. A saluting base, draped with flags and bunting as required, was built at the corner of the High Street and Hiham Green. From it the mayor, flanked by members of Winchelsea Corporation, took the salute.

Neither the Ministry of Defence which circulated the prime minister's letter nor the Ministry of Information which followed it up were aware that the mayor of Winchelsea was not the town's elected civic head and Colonel Goldschmidt certainly thought he was. Nevertheless the parish council was in no way involved and nobody at the time seems to have minded.

The army units forming Winchelsea's garrison put on a good show. The guard of honour, presumably inspected by the mayor, was provided by the 16th Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry to whose commanding officer Colonel Goldschmidt wrote thanking him for his cooperation and congratulating his men on 'their fine and soldierly appearance'. The parade was led by the 1st Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Canada. The mayor also wrote commenting very favourably on the smartness of the men and the excellence of their drill.

In conclusion it should perhaps be noted that Colonel Goldschmidt, a determined and eccentric figure within the town, despite the pressures of the time, steadfastly refused to Anglicise his German name, although a good many of his correspondents did it for him.

Malcolm Pratt



National Trust Association

Thursday 10th November

Walk: We start from the Bull's Head, Boreham Street, returning back there later for our well-earned lunch.

Thursday 17th November

Talk on Tom Crean – Unsung Hero of Antarctic Exploration, by Michael Smith. Tom Crean ran away from his Kerry home, aged 15, to join the British navy in 1893. He travelled to the Antarctic with the famous explorers, Scott and Shackleton. He explored the unknown, crossed ice fields and wild oceans and courageously saved friends from death, resulting in him receiving the Albert Medal. Michael has a life-long interest in Polar exploration, and wrote a bestselling biography of Tom Crean.

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Walk: A walk around the Rye area, followed by a festive meal at the River Haven Hotel, Rye.

If you wish to join our association or just come along, email Dee Williams, Membership Secretary, membershipryenationaltrust@gmail.com

John Wright



Wine Society Christmas Tasting

Winchelsea Wine Society are holding a further wine tasting at 6pm on Saturday 19th November which is based around the notion of a full 'Christmas Lunch'. A few places remain for this event, and anyone wishing to join us should contact us as soon as possible at the address beneath

The Christmas wine and food pairings planned for the tasting will be as follows. The first pair of wines will include a delicious sparkling wine which punches well above its price and an aromatic still white wine, both of which should pair very well with the smoked salmon canapes they will be served with.

The second pair of wines have been selected to stand up to the Christmas Turkey and all the trimmings - on the evening a turkey and cranberry canape (and a vegetarian alternative) will be offered. We will provide a classic 'head to head' Old versus New World premium Syrah/Shiraz contest here. You can decide which you prefer.

The third and final pair of wines will be contrasting delicious and luscious fortified and light dessert wines, both of which should partner our Christmas pudding cake and blue cheese canapes equally well. Which goes best with which, will be put to the vote.

We hope the evening will provide you with food for thought regarding your Christmas wine shopping list.

We do hope you can make our second wine tasting, which should be lots of fun and put us in good Christmas spirits. To reserve a place at this tasting, which will cost £16 per person, please contact us ASAP by e-mailing to brianleonard779@gmail.com

Icklesham '60s Gig

There will be a gig at Icklesham Memorial Hall on Saturday 12th November with music played by the local band, *The Roller Coasters*. They are going to play music of the '60s, starting at 6.30pm. In the interval, bangers and mash will be served. Bring your own drinks of choice. The cost of tickets is £8, and proceeds will go towards the Icklesham Church roof fund.

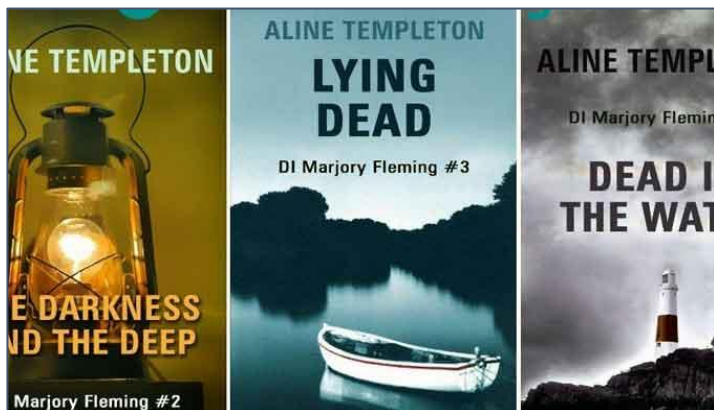
To book tickets, please ring 01424 814118 and speak to Brian, Roger or Jeanette Pitt.

Craft Fayre at Winchelsea Beach

on Sunday 20th November at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall from 10am to 3pm. Free entry.

Little Shop Association EGM

The Little Shop committee wish to announce that, due to diary clashes and New Hall availability, the proposed Extraordinary General Meeting has been delayed until the New Year. We will announce the date in due course.

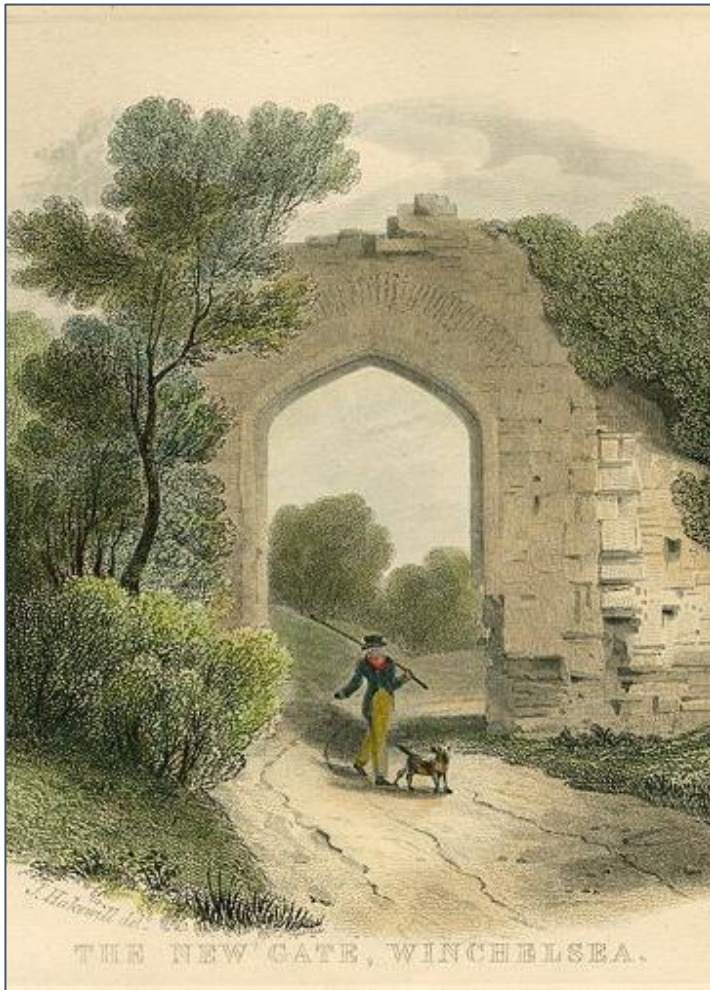


My Life Of Crime

Literary Society's next speaker is Aline Templeton, a grande dame of crime writing and past chair of the Society of Authors, based in Edinburgh. Aline grew up in the Scottish fishing village of Anstruther and attended Cambridge University.

Described by Val McDermid as the 'crime czar of Scottish small towns', Aline's creations include DI Marjory Fleming.

Friday 18th November at 7pm for 7.30 in the Court Hall.
Members free, guests and visitors £5.



Archaeological Society AGM

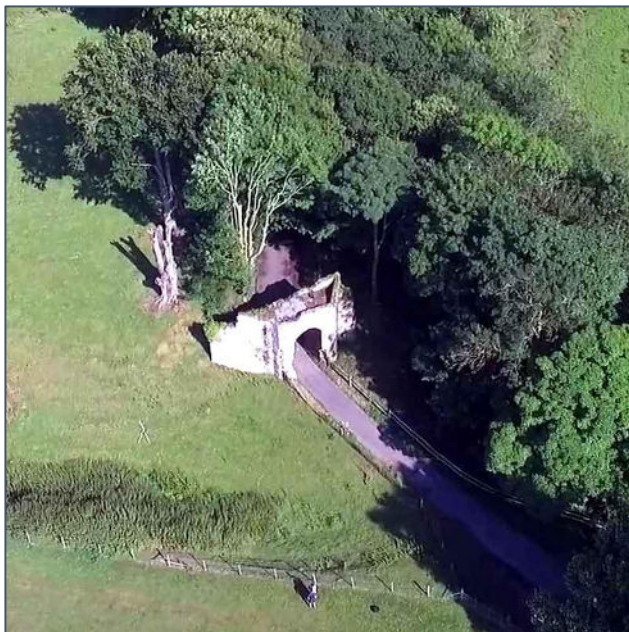
The Winchelsea Archaeological Society Committee invites you to the WAS Annual General Meeting on Saturday 26th November at 11am in the New Hall.

This has been a busy summer leading cellar tours and walks around the town. On 8th October twenty four walkers came to the New Gate to try and understand why it is so different from the Strand and Pipewell Gates, “Why in all England there is no medieval gateway to all appearances so unaccountably situated” (Bradley 2017).

This was very productive with many helpful contributions. It was followed by tea and cake in the adjacent garden of a member, Susan Wood to whom we record our grateful thanks.

As a result of these successful events, the Society is now in a position to resume geophysical surveying in areas of particular archaeological interest; new equipment will be bought that should speed up both the taking of measurements and the analysis of data.

So the AGM is an opportunity to contribute to discussions on future activities, to offer help in the running of the Society and to learn more about this fascinating and unique town. Please contact Andrew Scott on 01797 224637 or email andrewscottb@aol.com prior to the AGM if possible, if you would like to play any part in these future activities.





Winchelsea Christmas Windows and Carols Round the Town

As Christmas approaches we have started planning for this years' Winchelsea Christmas Windows.

For any newcomers, we would encourage you to join in and decorate a window or part of your garden to help make Christmas in the town extra special. There is no theme or rules, it's taking part that counts, whether it is a candle in your window, lights in the garden, or a winter wonderland. We had 100 residents taking part last year.

This year's event will run from Saturday 10th December to New Year's Eve. We suggest lighting your display from around 4.30pm to 8.30pm. Of course, this is just a guide, participants can choose their own start date and lighting period.

To celebrate the windows trail, we will for the first time, be organising the annual Christmas Carols around the town.

These are scheduled to take place on the evenings of Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd of December.

This is a great opportunity for those taking part to admire the windows and raise some money for our charities. Any profits from the event will be split between the church and a remarkable Hastings charity, 'Dom's Food Mission', who distribute the equivalent of 6,000 meals each week using food donated by supermarkets, which would otherwise just go into landfill. Helping those less fortunate in the area while reducing food waste. More information on the carol singing will appear in the December edition of the Parish Magazine.

We will once again be producing a trail guide, based on last year's booklet. And copies will be available in the shop and pub with a donation bucket. Further money will be raised through our generous sponsors and a 'Just Giving' page.

This Christmas we hope you will once again be able to take part and encourage your neighbours and those new to the town to join us and 'light up Winchelsea'.

Please contact Chris Chappell if you would like to take part and he will be happy to answer any questions and offer practical help. ChrisWinchelsea@icloud.com

*On behalf of the Winchelsea Christmas Windows Group:
Ali Casey, Lyn Davidson, Shirley Meyer, Chris Chappell,
Graham Large and John Davidson*



Diocesan Pilgrimage 2023

Our Archdeacon, Dr Edward Dowler, is leading a Chichester Diocese Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 6th and 13th February next year.

Here is the link to the booklet on the Diocese Website:

<https://cofechichester.contentfiles.net/>

It would be great if we could organise a group from Winchelsea. Shirley and I are not yet committed to it but we are seriously considering going. Do let me know if you think you might be interested.

Jonathan



St Richard's

It is now almost two years since we first considered the future of Saint Richard's Church. Most of you will be aware that the PCC took the difficult decision to close the church and there has been extensive discussion and consideration of the matter. This has been supported by the Bishop and Archdeacon.

We have prayed and considered all this for some time and we are close to presenting the church for sale on the market. We have considered the services of three selling agents and the PCC approved Dyer and Hobbs on 17th September 2022.

They were recommended by the diocese and have special experience in dealing with the sale of churches and church buildings. There are still a few matters with regard to land registration, which need clarification but we expect to receive guidance from the solicitors in the very near future. It is likely that the church will be marketed in within the next week or so.

The question of the exhumation and re-burial of ashes from Saint Richard's is currently being considered by the Chancellor of the Diocese, who is head of the diocese with regard to legal matters. All those for whom we have identified next of kin have been contacted and so far all the responses have been in agreement with our proposals. Any

sale of Saint Richards will be subject to the matter of the exhumation being settled.

Assuming the outcome results in an acceptable offer and sale of the building. It is the hope of the Rector and the Bishop that some of the resulting funds will be made available for the mission of the Church in Winchelsea Beach. This will depend on the agreement of the PCC.

If you have any comments or questions do not hesitate to contact Jonathan.

Easy Fundraising

Some time ago I commended this organisation to help with fundraising for the church. In the last eight months or so, 15 people have joined and we have raised almost £150 for church funds.

If 60 people were to sign up we might achieve £1,000 or more in a year. There is no cost to the user. Once you sign up you simply go to the *easyfundraising* site and from there log in to the company from which you want to make an online purchase.

You might raise £1.20 for a supermarket shop or £20 for a computer, as I did when ordering from Currys through the site. The larger the purchase the bigger the donation.

Please consider it, it is easy to use follow the link below and if you are visiting for the first time you will need to logon after that it is very simple.

easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Jonathan



Fellowship Lunch

Fellowship lunch in November will be on Friday 25th at 12.30 for 1pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.

This will be the last one for this year. We don't have one in December because there is too much going on around Christmas

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

Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayers will be on Tuesday 1st November at 10am at Cynthia Martin's House, El Indalo, Old Harbour Farm Lane (opposite the Co-op).



Sunset and trucks - Barry Yates

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

November is always an interesting time at the reserve, but do you know the outdoor areas of the reserve and our wonderful Discovery Centre are hubs of activity too?

On Sundays 6th and 20th, come and walk with a warden on one of the nature reserve's circular routes from 10am to 1pm. No booking required, just meet us at the Rye Harbour village car park to join the walk.

If you'd like to boost your birdwatching skills or learn more about the saltmarsh, Guide in a Hide takes place Sunday 27th November, 10am - 3pm. Drop into Gooders Hide, the one between the car park and the sea, and meet our friendly volunteer guides. They can share their expertise and lend you some binoculars and scopes for the best possible views.

November sees the return of the Environment Agency's trucks for this winter's essential sea defence work. This involves a convoy of large trucks moving shingle to Pett Level along the nature reserve's environment agency tarmac road. This annual undertaking also keeps the harbour at Rye open for navigation.

rye.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

*Katherine Crowther
Communications Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust*



Rye Food Bank

I will be making the November doorstep collection in the morning on Tuesday 22nd. 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.



Christmas Attic Sale

**in the
Lower Court Hall
on
Saturday 5th November
10.30am to 4pm**

**Selling books, jewellery, antiques
and much more, including pictures**

with a donation from proceeds to
Médecins Sans Frontières and Butterfly Conservation

Admission free

...including, among other things, the pictures books and small antiques that David and Howard are selling to raise funds for Médecins sans Frontières and Butterfly Conservation. The big downside is gathering pace.

Pop over after Church Market and have a look!

Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar **November 2022**

Tuesday 1st	Mothers' Prayers - 10am
Friday 4th	Spanish Evening - 7 for 7.30pm - New Hall
Saturday 5th	Church Market 10.30am till 12 Christmas Attic Sale - 10-30 to 4 - Court Hall
Sunday 6th	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Communion at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Wednesday 9th	Second Wednesday Society - New Hall - 2.30pm
Friday 11th	Act of Remembrance - War Memorial - 11am
Saturday 12th	Christmas Fair - New Hall - 11am to 3pm Winchelsea Arts Concert - St Thomas' - 7.30pm
Sunday 13th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	8.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett Level 10.30am: Service of Remembrance at Pett 10.50am: Service of Remembrance at Icklesham 11am: Act of Remembrance at Winchelsea War Memorial 11.05am: Service of Remembrance at Winchelsea
Friday 18th	Literary Society - Court Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Saturday 19th	Conservation Society Talk - Court Hall - 10.30am Wine Society Tasting - New Hall - 6pm
Sunday 20th	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Friday 25th	Fellowship Lunch - WB Community Hall - 12.30 for 1
Saturday 6th	Archaeological Society AGM - New Hall - 11am
Sunday 27th <i>Advent Sunday</i>	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Sat 3rd Dec	Church Market 10.30am till 12
Sun 4th Dec	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Communion at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea

Further ahead

Fri 16th Dec	Winchelsea Arts Concert
Sat 17th Dec	FOAM Carols in the Court Hall
Sun 18th Dec	Service of Lessons and Carols
Sat 21st Jan	Garden Society Winter Lecture



Richard Cooper

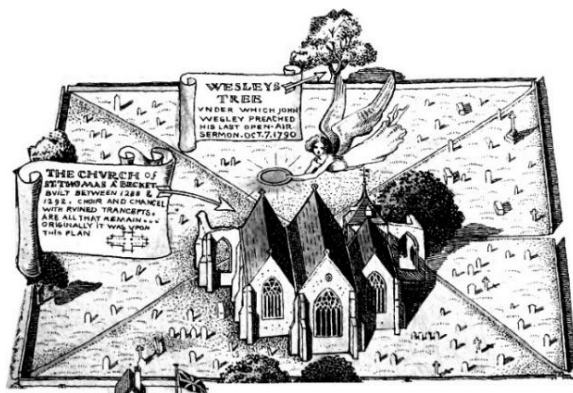
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before Wednesday 30th November**

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winchelseabeachcommunityassociation.co.uk

For Winchelsea information go to
winchelsea.com

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

For weekly news from the local area go to
ryenews.org.uk



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