

WINCHELSEA PARISH MAGAZINE

1st August 2023





Tanyard Lane in quieter times

Traffic Calming vote closes on Sat 5th

The town meeting in the New Hall on 22nd July was packed out. Our MP and Rother ward councillors were present as Icklesham Parish Council Vice Chair, David Smedley led the meeting through the pros and cons of the options currently on the table - to close Strand Hill, to close it to downhill traffic or to make no change.

The issues are clearly deeply felt. Residents bore witness to their own experience of dangerous traffic speeding through the town and along the A259. People living in Tanyard Lane and Rectory Lane expressed their concern that less traffic in the High Street would inevitably mean more traffic on the trunk road, transferring risk from one part of the town to another. Stephen Rumsey spoke about the possible implications for the Little Shop.

The complexity of dealing with roads that are under the jurisdiction of Highways England on the one hand and East Sussex Highways on the other was clear. The town can make recommendations but cannot compel the highway authorities to act.

The vote is open to all residents of Winchelsea ward. The ballot box will be in the Little Shop until Saturday 5th August. Alternatively, residents can email the parish clerk at icklesham@hotmail.co.uk giving name and address and stating which option they support.

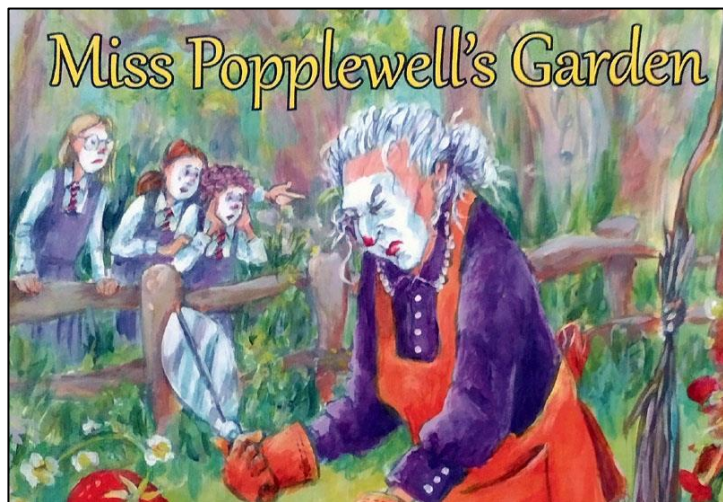
Cllr Smedley urged everyone to vote. He made it clear that names and addresses would need to be included to ensure votes were valid. Anonymous votes will not be counted. Counting will be done by the Clerk and, to ensure confidentiality, no one else will have access to the voting slips and emails.

The result will be announced by the Clerk on 11th August. If there is a clear majority for a single option, a formal proposal will be submitted to East Sussex County Council. ESCC will then publish a Traffic Regulation Order outlining the proposal in local media and request comments on it. Depending on the response, ESCC Planning Committee will then decide to approve or not. If approved, no scheme would be made permanent without a provisional trial and a review of how it was operating.

Even if the town voted to make no change, work would be bound to continue on other ways to reduce the danger from traffic speeding through the town.

Whatever the outcome of the current vote, consultation and action on measures to make it safer for people to cross the A259 both at the bottom of Stand Hill and opposite the New Hall would be essential.

ickleshampc.org
winchelseaRA.com



Outdoor Theatre on Thursday 3rd

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company bring their Summer 2023 outdoor tour to Winchelsea on Thursday 3rd August with a performance on the field at St Thomas's School in Friars Road. The performance starts at 7.30 and the grounds open for picnics at 6pm.

It's April 1940 and there's an intruder in the village of Little Inkleigh. Panic ensues. But they're British. They must stick together. In the meantime, will Jocasta, Daphne and Dotty get the strawberries? And will Daphne be kissed before she's seventeen? A comedy of manners woven with poignancy and gently unearthing buried things from Miss Poppewell's past.

Tickets £23 +concessions. Book online or ring 01323 501260, or ring Hilary Roome 07923 451431
therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk

Bring low-backed chairs, picnics and warm clothing.



Reflections from the Rectory

Since the beginning of the year a group of around fourteen people have gathered in the New Inn on the first Thursday of each month for bible study. If that sounds rather too worthy, it probably has more in common with a book club meeting. We have looked at different passages and different writers from the Old Testament and reflected on what they might mean, their historical context and literary appeal. We will be taking a break during August but in July we looked at several of the Psalms.

The Psalms are a collection of writings which were probably written over a period of a thousand years. They are perhaps one of the more difficult biblical writings to date and scholarship has varied enormously over the years. What is perhaps most intriguing about the Psalms is that they have constantly remained in use to enhance worship since they were recorded; in some cases for 3000 years. They are still revered in Judaism and have become part of our Christian heritage too. We recite a psalm as part of the lectionary on our Sunday morning service and they are always incorporated into the orders for morning and evening prayer.

Although they represent a huge variety of styles and approaches to God one of their most notable features is the way they engage with the challenges of the human condition; something better known hymns sometimes fail to do. They frequently acknowledge what is difficult about life, most famously in the Psalm that Jesus recalls as he is dying on the cross, “My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me?” Having stated and acknowledged what is hard about life, they often move towards a sense of hope and redemption.

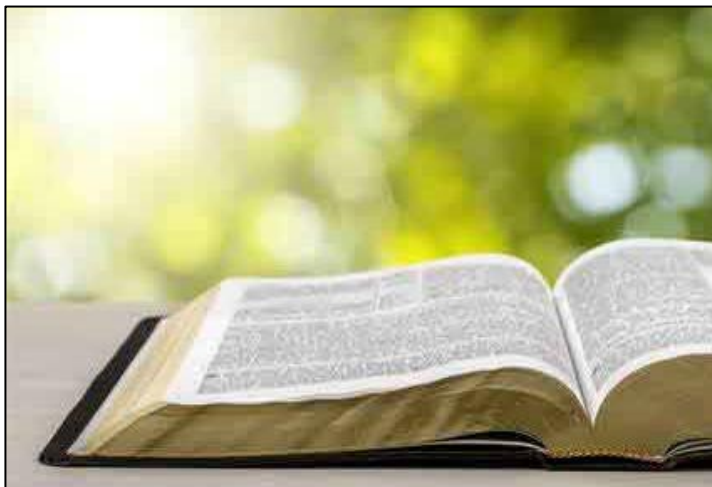
The reason I have chosen to reflect on this is that I noticed that the Bible Society commissioned a special garden for the RHS flower show in Tatton Park this week. It was designed by Ollie Pike, who is only 24. His garden is based on Psalm 27 and it was inspired by the graveyards Ollie used to visit during lockdown, which he found to be calming and welcoming spaces where he could reconnect with nature.

Psalm 27 which begins ‘The Lord is my light and my salvation’, spoke to him of God’s protection in the face of challenging circumstances, and of the eternal hope found in him. Stone markers and a tomb-like structure speak of our mortality, but there’s also the sense of a journey through grief to hope. The planting evokes a meadow, with soft grasses and wildlife-friendly flowering plants.

There is a well-established biblical tradition based on reflecting on the natural world which makes the Psalms ideally suited to such interpretation. Psalm 27 is about facing one’s fears and anxieties but then leading us into hope, “Wait for the Lord: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, wait for the Lord!

We all have moments of doubt and anxiety sometimes a beautiful garden can be a source of hope, sometimes a wonderfully crafted Psalm can uplift us – however we seek peace, “take courage, wait for the Lord!”

Jonathan



Bible Study at the New Inn

Thursday 7th September at 6pm

We will meet as usual in the backroom of the pub. The session is very informal and lasts an hour. We will be looking at the book of Ruth, which is short and deals with interesting themes. All welcome.

Churchyard Working Party

Friday 8th September 10am till 12

There will another working party in the churchyard. All are welcome and refreshments will be offered. Depending on the conditions we may be cutting the wildflower areas back at the same time. Let Jonathan know if you plan to attend.
revdjonathan@btinternet.com

Fellowship Lunch

There will be no Fellowship Lunch in August. We are taking a break but would like to thank all our regular diners for attending this year and for their generous donations to the various charities we support. We look forward to seeing you all again on 29th September. *Mary Parker*



WINCHELSEA FILM NIGHT

Winchelsea Residents Association in conjunction with Winchelsea New Hall

Smart, witty, and engaging...film of the year 2007

JUNO



WINCHELSEA NEW HALL

SATURDAY 19th August

6.30 for 7.30

Admission Free
Refreshments,
Pay Bar.

Come early, enjoy a
drink or two.

Screening
starts at 7.30pm

<p>Winchelsea New Hall</p> <p>100</p> <p>CLUB</p>	<p>You could win a cash prize of up to £100 each month...</p>
<p>For £24 per year, or £2 per month, we'll allocate you a number in our monthly prize draw.</p>	

New Hall 100 Club Last Few Numbers Left

Please sign up if you haven't done so already. A final reminder about the 100 Club - raising funds for improvements to the New Hall and giving you the chance to wish a cash prize each month. £2 per month, £12 per six months or £24 annually will buy a number between 1 and 100 in the monthly draw, which will take place on Saturday Film Night.

Half the proceeds go to the winner and half to the New Hall. There are a variety of quick and easy ways to pay and the first draw takes place on Saturday 19th August. We only have a few numbers left so please sign up and help us reach 100! Please email or call Ali or Rosemarie.

Ali 07926 128737 ali.casey63@gmail.com

Rosemarie 07941 458628 rosiero96@icloud.com

The New Hall is running the Light Lunch offering at the Summer Fete, plus the usual afternoon teas. Anyone willing to lend a hand to our team? Please get in touch with Rosemarie or Ali. Thanks.

While I've got your attention, The New Hall would welcome new members onto the management committee. We meet every other month (which takes about 90 minutes) and members skills are matched to help with our running of the Hall. Come and join our team! *Rob Mortimer*



Common Darter

High Summer in the Churchyard

Shirley Meyer writes: Last week I was digging out some ragwort from the flower circles when I realised how incredibly dry and hard the soil is. To be honest, I was surprised that the plants had managed to survive. Although we have had some rain, we have had a lot of sun and drying winds too.

The daisies did well and now the purple knapweed (don't be put off by the name) is flowering prolifically, attracting lots of insects, such as dragonflies, bees, butterflies and smaller hoverflies for example. *Daucus Carota* (wild carrot) is also strongly in evidence. It is an interesting flower as it has a small black dot in the middle which mimics the presence of a fly and, thus, attracts insects to the pollen.

We are reaching that time of year when mowing the meadows has to be considered and planned. In 2022 we cut at the end of August and it is probable that we will do so again this year. With the annual churchyard working party suggested for Friday 8th September, 10am to 12.30pm, we thought some of you might like to join in the harvest raking when we cut the grass too. It is good fun and would be a marvellous chance for some of us to get together as a community with a common cause. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, then please contact me on the email below. The date is not set in stone as we are weather dependent, but I would contact you as soon as a decision is made.

In the meantime, when you are crossing the churchyard, don't just pass by the circles. Stop, linger and look at the insects buzzing around and be reminded that their presence is the reason we started the project in the first place, in order to support the swift population. Their pollinating actions are a bonus.

Enjoy August and watch the skies for the departure of the swifts; I always miss them.

shirleymeyer@btinternet.com



Michael Howard

IT'S NEARLY HERE: DON'T MISS THE AMAZING

WINCHELSEA SUMMER FETE

& FUN DOG SHOW

STALLS · GAMES · TOMBOLA
RAFFLE · BAR · BARBECUE
LIGHT LUNCHES · TEAS

12 NOON TO 4.30PM

SAT 12TH AUGUST
WINCHELSEA
CRICKET FIELD

ADMISSION ONLY £1 · UNDER 16s FREE
SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Summer Fete

We're now just a couple of weeks away from the 2023 Winchelsea fete. This year, the Cricket Club has been organising things, but at the risk of sounding clichéd, the fete is very much a community event and we're delighted that so many from our community have taken up the invitation to participate.

FOAM will be there with their famous bottle stall; light lunches and teas will be available courtesy of the New Hall; something slightly stronger from the New Inn (plus a barbecue); Jonathan and Natasha Murphy in conjunction with the school PTA are organising a wonderful tombola; WRA will have various fun and games on offer as will the Rye Memorial Hospital and Rye Rotary Club; Winchelsea Garden Society will have plants and recycled tools for your garden; and, of course, Crick Hooper will be running the waggily popular dog show. Clare and Katy Jo Howman will be face-painting the kids (of all ages).

Plus lots of other stalls (including Charles Palmer Vineyards), games and attractions (look out for the chickens!). It's Winchelsea's fete, and we look forward to seeing you there. *Mike Stoneham*





paws 'n' claws of Rye

FUN DOG SHOW

**At the Winchelsea Summer Fete
Saturday 12th August on the Cricket Field
2pm start, entries from 1pm**

Classes

- 1. Prettiest Bitch**
- 2. Most Handsome Male Dog**
- 3. Best Puppy (4 to 12 months)**
- 4. Best Young Handler under 16 years**
- 5. Best Veteran over 8 years**
- 6. Waggiest Tail**
- 7. Dog Most Like its Owner**
- 8. Best Rescue**
- 9. Mayor's Champion Best in Show
And Reserve**

**£2. 00 per entry or
three entries for £5. 00.**

**Judging by Ellie Bourn of
Ellie's Pet Services.**



Winchelsea Summer Fair Tombola

**A REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF
TOMBOLA PRIZES.**

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

- BOTTLE OF WINE, CHAMPAGNE OR SOFT DRINKS
- CHOCOLATES OR SWEETS
- SMALL GIFT ITEMS: CANDLES, BOOKS, TOYS OR STATIONERY.
- VOUCHERS: GIFT VOUCHERS FOR A LOCAL BUSINESSES OR EXPERIENCE.

Please Drop-off any Donations to:

**Natasha and Jonathan Murphy
4 Hiham Green
Winchelsea**

**If you're unable to drop off your donations we can
collect, please contact us on 07979 420005**

PLEASE DONATE BEFORE 6TH AUGUST

Proceeds of the Tombola will go to St Thomas's School
st-thomas-winchelsea.e-sussex.sch.uk

Help us raise money to maintain the town's ancient buildings.



Winchelsea Fete

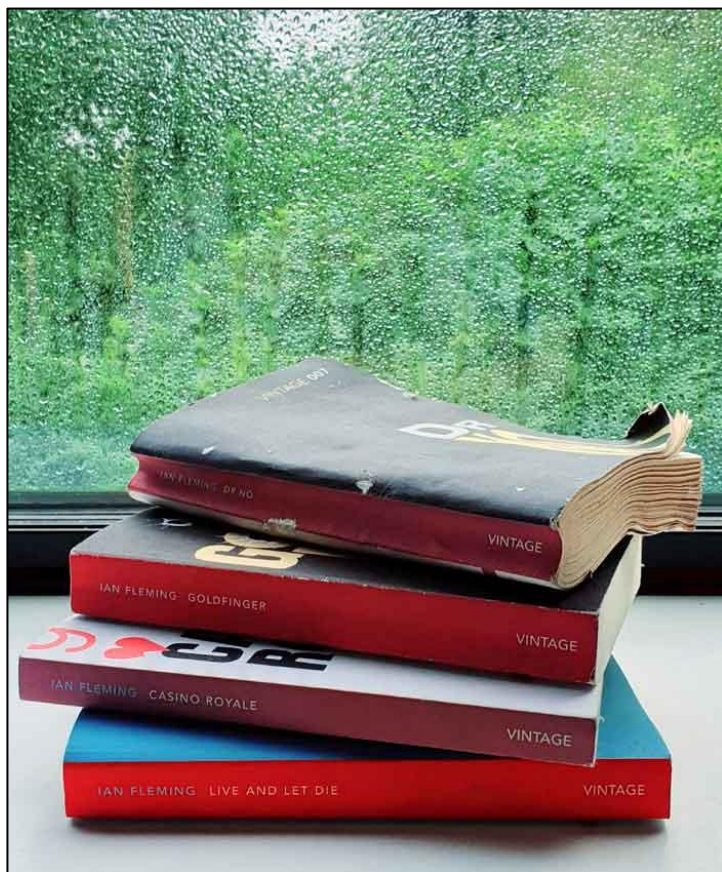
August 12th

**We need
your wine!**

**Please can
you spare a
bottle or two
of your best
plonk!**

**Drop your bottles off at
either Phil & Ian's at
Lines End or Chris & Ali's
at Wren Cottage.
By August 10th!**

winchelsea-foam.org.uk



From Winchelsea to Whitehall

Natasha Robinson writes: As a teenager, in a bid to make me read, my grandmother got me a Nancy Drew mystery. It worked and I read a couple more. Fearless, independent and always in the right, was Nancy, which is why she appealed to this south London kid.

Had I grown up down here, maybe she would have got me 'The Gay Dolphin Adventure' instead. After all, it's set in a hotel, run by the mother of one of the main characters and my parents ran a restaurant...

But I had to wait many years before I discovered Malcolm Saville; until I moved to Winchelsea and like most of you, walked past Chelsea Cottage, Castle Street.

Ignorance is rarely bliss, it's just ignorance and certainly nothing to advertise. But being curious and willing to plug the gaps in your knowledge and constantly learn, are what the Second Wednesday Society is all about.

I'd seen his books at the Rye Harbour Discovery Centre, I'd featured the blue plaque on The Hope Anchor in Rye, on the Rye News Instagram page; but until I heard Elaine Luke's passionate talk, I had no idea who Malcolm Saville really was.

He published over sixty children's books and ninety in total. They were translated into nine languages, made into films and featured on *Children's Hour*. But somehow he never gained the fame of the person he replaced as editor of the magazine *Sunny Stories* in 1954, Enid Blyton.

He was far more of a descriptive writer, the local landscape becoming as much of a character in his books, as any of the protagonists. In fact he also wrote about nature, conservation, gardening, architecture and religion, as well as 'The Adventure Of The Life-Boat Service' and 'The Story of Winchelsea Church'.

Anyone in Literary Society with me, will remember that I love the James Bond novels. Written at the same time as Saville's stories, they are darker and more political than the films, as they come from the pen of an insider of this murky world. It almost goes without saying, that there is a link between both authors and that link is Winchelsea. Another former resident, Vera Atkins, is supposed to be the inspiration for Miss Moneypenny.

'The Shady Life of Ian Fleming' will be brought to light by our friend Hugh Willing, who we welcome back to the Second Wednesday Society on 13th September.

So enjoy August; keep dry, keep cool, keep warm or batten down the hatches. Whatever the weather, as residents of Winchelsea, your interest will be stirred, but nothing will get you shaken and circle the second Wednesday in September in your diaries.

2ndWeds@gmail.com



Chopin, Liszt, Franck and the Impressionists

Pianist Charles Owen will play for Winchelsea Arts on Saturday 2nd September. He enjoys an extensive international career, performing a wide-ranging repertoire to outstanding critical acclaim. This concert will present music of three giants of the Romantic era, as well as exploring the major turning point in piano composition at the turn of the twentieth century as exemplified by the Impressionists Debussy and Ravel. These composers began writing music which was no longer bound by the conventions of the nineteenth century, using tonality and harmony in strikingly new ways.

‘One of the finest British pianists of his generation’
(Gramophone Magazine).

Chopin : Berceuse, Op 57 and Barcarolle, Op. 60

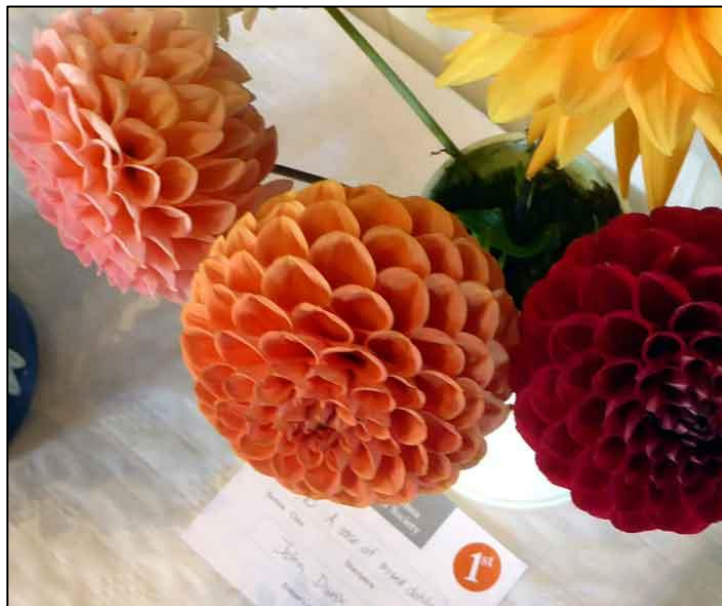
Ravel : Pavane pour une infante défunte

Debussy : Ballade, Masques and L'isle joyeuse

Liszt : Deux légendes

Franck : Prélude, Chorale et Fugue

Tickets online from winchelsea-arts.org.uk
and at the door. £22 (free for under 18s)



Garden Society

Summer Show

As you may have noticed, the date of our next show has changed to 26th August. The committee felt that after our recent hot summers, flowers can often look a bit sad by September, the month when we have traditionally held our Autumn Show. September is also the month when many Winchelsea residents take holidays after the end of the school holidays.

We have therefore moved the event forward to the end of August and renamed it the Summer Show. We are hoping that this will enable entrants to have more blooms to display and allow more people to see the show.

This new date falls on the bank holiday weekend when the Winchelsea Millennium Artefacts art exhibition is held. Both events should benefit from the greater numbers of visitors to the town at this time. Families may have children or grandchildren staying over this weekend and so we have included an extra feature in the show. We would like these youngsters to bring to the show a display of flowers in a jam-jar. The flowers can be of any type.

Garden Society at the Fete

We will also have a stand at the Winchelsea Summer Fete on Saturday 12th August. We will be offering for sale a range of plants and some garden tools. If you have any tools or garden equipment in working order that you would like to donate, please bring them along to our stand after 10.30am on the day. The proceeds of their sale will go towards subsidising future Society coach trips.

August Garden Social

Our August social will take place in the garden of Dominie and Ken Wilson at North Point in Rye on Friday 4th August. Details are being circulated to members by Cynthia Martin.

Hyde Hall outing

A bargain coach outing to Hyde Hall RHS Garden in Essex is booked for Thursday 7th September. Put the date in your diary!

Bulbs at the Christmas Fair

Looking further ahead, we will be taking part in the Christmas Fair on Saturday 11th November when we will be selling pots of hyacinth bulbs in a range of blue, white and purple colours. If you can donate any pots suitable for planting 2-3 bulbs, Howard Norton would be pleased to receive them. His contact details are howard@ryeview.net, or phone 01797 226524.

Happy gardening!
Sally Rhodda



WINCHELSEA ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Free Admission
Works of Art for Sale
Grand Raffle

THE COURT HALL
WINCHELSEA

August 26 and 27
10.00am ~ 6.00pm
&
August 28 2023
10.00am ~ 3.45pm



Winchelsea Cricket Club

If the first visit of the season to Catsfield was akin to being stuck in traffic at the Dartford Crossing, the second was like finally making it across the river only to have no option but to use Thurrock Services - a desperately depressing game in which Winchelsea had no luck whatsoever and lost.

A similar story a few weeks later at Brookland, where having bowled reasonably tightly and restricted the home team to 215, Winchelsea batted like novices and were beaten by just over 100 runs. In between, two games were lost due to sides being unable to field a team.

The traditional, Sunday village game that many of us grew up with is under threat, a victim of the desire for limited over, win or lose, bish-bash-bosh cricket, served by the various Saturday leagues. All is not yet lost however, and we fight on. As this goes to press the Winchelsea team will be going into battle against arch rivals, Northiam. It could be a long day...

August Fixtures:

6th - Ashburnham, away, 2pm start
13th - Crowhurst, home, 1.30pm start
20th - Clive Vale, home, 2pm start
27th - No fixture

Mike Stoneham



Michael Howard NT

What's happening in Icklesham Parish

National Trust Winchelsea Landscape Revival

The National Trust have developed a blog page on their website to keep residents informed of the progress of the Winchelsea Landscape Revival project. There is a very helpful FAQs section which we feel answers a lot of residents' questions.

[Click here to read the latest NT update](#)

Winchelsea Traffic Calming

The Parish Council held a public meeting at Winchelsea New Hall on Saturday 22nd July to vote on the remaining options for traffic calming in Winchelsea. There was a 20-minute presentation and then over an hour of discussion. The meeting was very well attended so thank you all for taking the time to attend and take part in this important matter.

Please remember, voting for the preferred option closes on 5th August. There is a voting box in the Little Shop where you can post your forms. Alternatively, you can email these to the Clerk at the email below. Please rest assured that all votes will remain confidential and please contact the Clerk if you have any questions. The results will be published on the Parish Council's website on Friday 11th August.

Website

The Parish Council met in Winchelsea Beach on 10th July and at this meeting IPC agreed to set up a new media working group to revamp the Parish Council's website (at present hosted by Rother District Council) to encourage better community engagement.

Allotments

The Council also agreed to officers collecting deposits equal to one year's rent for new tenancies for allotment plots - this is due to the number of allotments left unattended.

We currently have a vacant plot at our Pear Tree Marsh site. If you would like to apply for this plot, please complete an application form (available on our website) or contact the Clerk.

Toilets

Although IPC have been in discussion with Rother District Council regarding acquiring the toilets in Winchelsea Beach and Winchelsea for some time it was agreed to officially start the process. This may take some time as this will be subject to satisfactory surveys and reports etc. so there is a lot of work to do before IPC are to become responsible as both buildings are currently in a state of disrepair. Meanwhile we have redecorated the public toilets in Rye Harbour, the donation box is being utilised which defrays the cost, and they look so much nicer for our residents and visitors to use.

Upcoming meetings

Planning and Allotments Committee:

14th August 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall

Planning and Full Council:

11th September 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm at Icklesham Hall

Agendas for all meetings are displayed on Parish noticeboards and website a week before the meeting therefore if residents want to raise any issues or concerns, please contact the Clerk, Jenner Sands, at ickleshampc@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07714 169901.

ickleshampc.org

John Freeman MBE

John died on 25th July. Retired from the Army with the rank of major, John moved to Winchelsea with Anna in 2000. He became chairman of the Museum and of the New Hall Committee where he was much involved in the planning of the extension to the west end of the building.

John was made a freeman of the town and subsequently served as a jurat. He was a cellar tour guide for some years and wrote regular articles on historical topics for the magazine. John and Anna moved to Sevenoaks in 2019 but always regarded Winchelsea as home.

John's funeral will take place in St. Thomas' Church, most probably on Friday 11th August.

[Click here for the final details which will be posted as soon as they are confirmed](#)





Affordable Housing at Icklesham

The completion of fifteen new rural homes that are affordable for local people was celebrated on 14th July.

Prior to the houses being built, there were a total of 167 affordable homes in the Parish of Icklesham. The 15 new homes represent a 9% increase in social housing provision, making a significant difference to the lives of local people in the Parish. The homes at Orchard Close will remain affordable and for local people in perpetuity.

Speaking at the event, Geoff Foot, Chairman of Icklesham Parish Community Land Trust, said: "For many years Icklesham Parish Council has been concerned at the dearth of local affordable housing due to rising local house prices and the lack of affordable housing options. Younger families were having to leave the villages or were having to live in unsuitable accommodation.

"We received over 500 bids for the houses and a number of deserving applicants had to be turned down. Certainly, for me it brought home the scale of the problem with the lack of local affordable housing, both here and across the district."

The Icklesham Parish Community Land Trust played a pivotal role in the development of the site working in partnership with Icklesham Parish Council and with the invaluable help of the Sussex Community Housing Hub without which the project would never have got off the ground. Other partners included Rother District Council, Hastoe Housing Association, ECE Architecture, Westridge Construction Limited and employer's agent McCreith Construction Consultants.

Fifteen homes have been developed at Orchard Close on the former agricultural land: twelve for social rent and three for shared ownership. All homes have been prioritised for people with a local connection to the Civil Parish of Icklesham, such as those working in the village, those with close family in the area, or those who have previously lived there but have been forced to move out because of a lack of affordable housing.

New tenants, Libby and George, said: "Where we lived before there were seven of us in a small 3-bedroom house and we were living on top of each other. Then me and my partner moved here and our son was born a few weeks later. It's made a massive difference to our lives, having our own home, having lots of space and a garden. I love it."

Another resident, Rowland Gardner, said: "I've lived in Icklesham previously for around 20 years. Sheila and me lived in a park home prior to our move here. We're delighted with our new home."

Before construction started, an archaeological survey was carried out and small pieces of broken Roman pottery were found along with the remains of a Roman Cremation Vessel. There was also an unusual find with evidence of a cremation burial inside a square-ditched enclosure – possibly that of a child. It is not known if the excavated deposits were self-contained or are part of a larger settled area.

Community Land Trust

July also saw the Annual General Meeting of the Community Land Trust. It was poorly attended. The Board was re-elected with no-one coming forward wishing to join the Board. This is of concern as the interests of the Trust and the Parish will be best served by some younger people coming forward to take up the reins so that our hard-won experience can be passed on. We also need to ensure that the Trust remains active long term to protect the new housing and to ensure they continue to give priority to residents of the Parish.

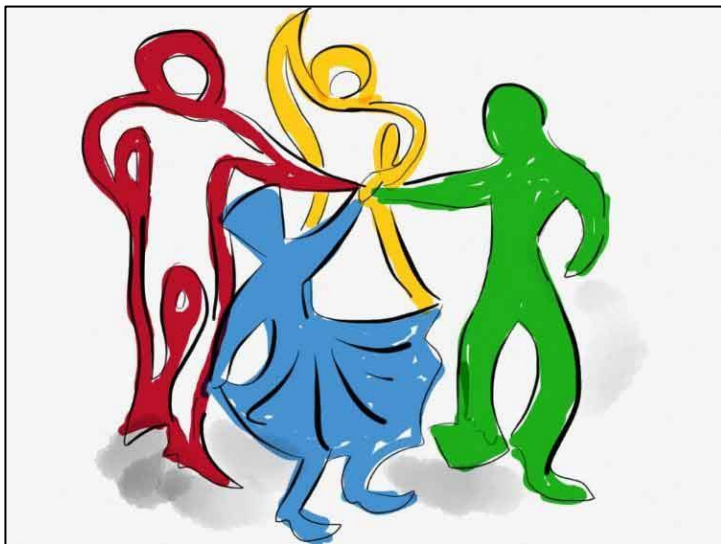
The meeting noted that after the allocation process for the fifteen homes was completed, that some 35 qualifying households were left with their housing need unsatisfied. A motion that the Parish Council should be asked to fund a further Housing Needs Survey to provide an up-to-date estimate of housing need.

As Secretary to the Trust, I have already passed the request to the Parish Council and I anticipate it will be discussed at their September meeting.

If a scheme is shown to be justified the Trust will use the experience we gained to reduce the timeframe for delivering a development. Seven years from survey to delivery is too long in my view. Our key partners have indicated a willingness to take part in a further scheme. That will save time on the design process as selecting consultants takes time.

The existing Board is willing to start another project, but parishioners should appreciate that some of us may not be able to see it to fruition. Membership of the Trust is open to all residents of the Parish. It cost £1 to join. with no annual fee. Please consider joining.

Peter Turner



Barn Dance at the Beach

Winchelsea Beach Community Association present
a Barn Dance with the Catsfield Steamers
in Winchelsea Beach Village Hall
on Saturday 2nd September from 7 to 10pm

Admission £12
Bring your own food and drink
Booking essential

Contact Mary Parker
07927 107678 parkermary848@gmail.com

Ride & Stride

Sponsored event

Helping to preserve Sussex Churches

Saturday 9th September 2023

**Walk, Run, Ride, or Cycle to raise money for
churches in Pett, Pett Level & Winchelsea
plus the Sussex Historic Churches Trust**

What are the options?

15K Circular walk starting from Pett Church

There will be an organised walk starting at St Mary & St Peter Church in Pett at 10.30am, walking to St Nicholas Church at Pett Level where we will stop for lunch (bring sandwiches or buy lunch at Eaters) before heading along the Royal Military Canal up to St Thomas' Church in Winchelsea. We will break for tea in the church and then head back to Pett, via Wickham Manor and Pannel Lane. The total length of the walk is 15K but you can walk as much or as little as you want.

Do your own thing!

If the organised walk doesn't appeal, you can choose to walk, run, cycle or ride a route of your own choice and length. The important thing is to have fun, get out into the country, get some exercise and raise much needed funds for our historic church buildings

Sponsorship forms and further details are available from:

John Case, Nine Acres, Pett Road, Pett, Hastings, TN35 4HE

email: johnncase@me.com or phone: 07525 032 198

sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

johnncase@me.com



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve in August

Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th (10am – 3pm)

John Muir Holiday Scheme for Young People

5 days of practical conservation tasks that enable young people to make a difference.

Weds 2nd (10 – 1pm) - Meadows and Minibeasts Morning

Take a closer look at some of the small creatures that live in the grassland.

Monday 7th (10am – 1pm) Marine Monday

Journey down to the sea for a beach adventure with rock pooling and exploring for fossils.

Tuesday 8th (10am – 12pm) Summer Saltmarsh Explorer

Come and find out about the creatures and plants that live in the mud.

Wednesday 9th (10am – 12pm) Summer Flower Fairies

Discover a world of flowers around the Nature Reserve and make your own flower fairies.

Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Nature Babies

Introduce your baby to the great outdoors with our nature-based baby group.

Saturday 12th (8.30am – 4pm) Friends' Open Day

Meet up with the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, including a guided walk and stalls in the Discovery Centre.

Monday 14th (10.30am – 2.30pm) Microscope Monday

Take a closer look at some of our special wildlife using microscopes, magnifiers and binoculars.

Thursday 17th (10am – 12pm) Mini-beast

Learn about some of the invertebrates that live on the reserve.

Friday 18th (10am – 12pm) Sensational Spinners

Get to know about some of the spiders at the reserve and look for their delicate webs.

Sun 20th (9am – 1pm) Friends Walk: Flat Beach Birds

Join the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve for a walk to see our summer breeding birds.

Monday 21st (10am – 1pm)

Beginning Birdwatching in Summer

Visit a few of the hides to get excellent views of seabirds, ducks and a whole lot more.

Thursday 24th (11am – 1pm) Animal Tracks and Signs

Children will explore the beach looking for tracks, signs and following trails.

Friday 25th (1pm – 3pm) Wild Beach Fun Day

An afternoon of family fun and games on the beach.

Saturday 26th (10am – 12.30pm) Wildlife Watch

Monthly club for children to discover more about Rye Harbour's special wildlife.

Tuesday 29th (10am – 3pm)

Wilder Holidays: animal tracks and prints

Learn to track animals, find their prints and make your own clay coasters to take home.

Wednesday 30th (10am – 3pm)

Wilder Holidays: minibeast mayhem

Discover moths in the special reserve light trap and become an entomologist hunting for minibeasts.

To find out more about any of these events, or to book a place, go to

rye.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/discovery-centre/events



Pett Level Rescue Boat

A huge thank you to all those who take the time to support us, through volunteering, donations or simply stopping to chat to us on Sundays.

Our first fantastic news is the promotion of two of our volunteers. Oona Flower was made up to crew having been a trainee for just ten months – an amazing achievement from a talented and dedicated individual. In July, Stuart Homewood was promoted to helm, having been with PLIRB since 2021. Stuart is an incredible asset to the team; he is a highly knowledgeable and experienced crew member and has devoted many hours to advancing PLIRB training procedures. A huge congratulations to both.

PLIRB was tasked multiple times during June and July and our team were quick and effective on each occasion – a testament to the hard work from every volunteer. The shouts included delivering first aid (including jelly fish stings), assisting a yacht in difficulty, a person stuck in mud and a late-night shout to support a multi-agency search for a missing vulnerable person. Even at midnight, our response time from being paged to launching was just 15 minutes – we thank every member of our team for their swift response and commitment.

On Sunday 2nd July we hosted the annual Sea Sunday service which recognises and gives thanks to all seafarers

and their families. The service is a collection of songs, prayers and personal thoughts to say thank you and support all those who go to sea. The service ended with a blessing of our boats.

In August PLIRB will be at the Icklesham Fete on 5th and Winchelsea Fete on 12th these are fantastic community events raising money for great causes and we hope to see you all there.

Then on Sunday 20th August it is our Annual Open Day. Every year this is a brilliant day for all the family and our largest fundraising event. Along with the Grand Raffle, there will be the fun dog show, our hilarious games (and this year the Stocks are back.), a bar, live music, sea display, stalls and bottle tombola. Tickets for the Grand Raffle are available from PLIRB on Sunday mornings, Pett Butchers and the Royal Oak. Top prize is an Aquaplanet Max 10' 6" inflatable paddle board with a paddle board lesson and wetsuit.

PLIRB continues to thank Robin Lyons and the Royal Oak in Pett for their continued donation towards our fuel costs. We presented Robin with a thank you certificate to show our appreciation. Ongoing donations such as this are immensely valuable and ensure we can continue essential training and always be prepared to launch on a shout.

Don't forget we have a great selection of PLIRB merchandise to purchase, including 2024 calendars at only £5, trolley token keyrings, pin badges, hessian bags and car stickers. As a special promotion, you can buy a calendar and hessian bag for only £10.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer – we look forward to seeing you at one of the community events. Do come and visit us on Sundays – and remember that we always welcome new volunteers. 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://plirb.com> and our social media: Twitter [@PLIRBRescue](#); Facebook [@PettLevelRescueBoat](#) and Instagram [@pettlevelindyrescueboat](#).



PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT

OPEN DAY

**Sunday 20th August
11am-3pm, PLIRB Boathouse**

GRAND RAFFLE

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Rye Food Bank

You can find out more about Rye Food Bank and ways you can offer support, here: ryefoodbank.com

The Food Bank team recently reported:

‘We are entirely volunteer staffed and have no premises costs due to the generosity of Rye Baptist Church. Every penny we receive from our benefactors is spent on food.

‘A summary of what we have achieved this year:

8 tonnes of food given out plus 3.16 tonnes of fresh produce and 1.6 tonnes of non-food. 1,582 adults and 919 children fed, a total of 2,501 people.’

The Food Bank also runs a benefits advice service.

Cam will be making his August doorstep collection on the morning of Tuesday 15th. If you are donating, please contact him so that he can draw up a collection schedule.

Donald Cameron-Clarke

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Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar

August 2023

Tuesday 1st	Mothers' Prayers - 'Parkhill' Sea Rd - 10am
Thursday 3rd	Outdoor Theatre - St Thomas' School - 7.30pm (Picnics from 6)
Saturday 5th	Church Market at St Thomas' - 10.30am till 12 Final day for voting on traffic calming proposals
Sunday 6th	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Saturday 12th	Summer Fete - Cricket Field - 12 till 4.30pm
Sunday 13th	8.30am: BCP Holy Communion at Pett Level 9.30am: Parish Communion at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea Winchelsea Cricket Club home match - 1.30pm
Monday 14th	IPC Planning & Allotments Committees - Court Hall - 6.15 & 7.15pm
Saturday 19th	Film Night - New Hall - 6.30 for 7.30
Sunday 20th	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea Rescue Boat Open Day - PLIRB Boathouse - 11am to 3pm Winchelsea Cricket Club home match - 2pm
Saturday 26th	Millennium Artefacts Art Exhibition - Court Hall - 10am to 6pm Garden Society Summer Show - New Hall - 2pm
Sunday 27th	9.30am: Parish Communion at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea Millennium Artefacts Art Exhibition - Court Hall - 10am to 6pm
Monday 28th	Millennium Artefacts Art Exhibition - Court Hall - 10am to 3.45pm
Sat 2nd Sept	Church Market at St Thomas' - 10.30am till 12 Winchelsea Arts Concert - St Thomas' - 7.30pm Barn Dance - WB Community Hall - 7 to 10pm
Sun 3rd Sept	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Thurs 7th Sept	Garden Society Outing to Hyde Hall Bible Study - New Inn - 6pm
Fri 8th Sept	Churchyard Working Party - 10am till 12
Sat 9th Sept	Ride and Stride



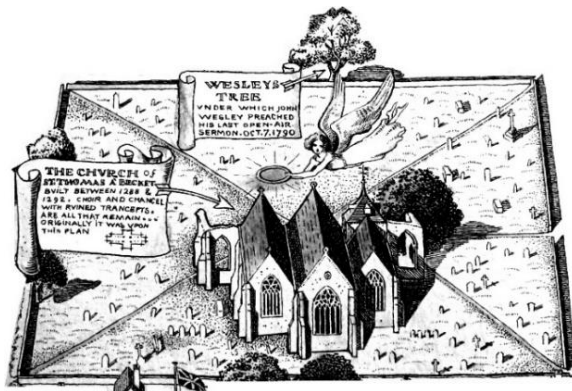
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winchelseabeachcommunityassociation.co.uk

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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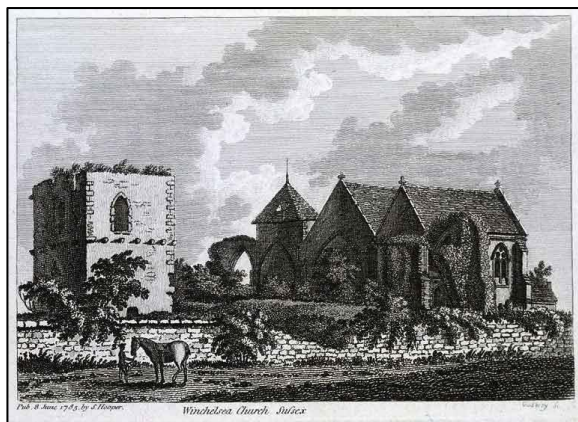
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