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Jonathan Murphy



Reflections from the Rectory

This time of year is always a time of reflection. November is the time of remembering, remembering in many different ways. The 2nd November is marked as All Souls Day and we usually have a service in church remembering those who have died in the previous year and naming anyone else who wishes to honour a loved one.

I do not need to remind people that live around here that on 5th November the gunpowder plot is enthusiastically remembered, and somewhat brutally in Lewes. Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day have been better commemorated in more recent years than they have been for some time.

As well as remembering we start to think about the turning of the year. The turning of the leaves, the shortening of the days as we turn towards the winter season. Advent is spiritually and traditionally a period of preparation when we seek to turn again to Christ and prepare ourselves for his coming at Christmas. I hope to offer Evening Prayer on three evenings during December, when that Advent theme of waiting in hope is explored.

This year we are privileged to hold the Deanery Confirmation service here in Winchelsea. There will be eleven candidates from the deanery, one of them from the parish of Pett and another from our own parish. Their age

range will vary but the two candidates from this group of churches are both in their late teens, one has just begun university and the other prepares for final school exams next year. Both are at turning points in their lives. The service will be led by The Rt Revd Bishop Ruth Bushyager, the Bishop of Horsham in this diocese. She will be the first woman bishop to have been welcomed to our church, which in itself is a significant event. The service will be held on Monday 13th November at 6.30pm



The service of Confirmation allows for the candidates to become full members of the Church and although in some cases Holy Communion can be received before Confirmation, this is unusual.

In the Anglican Church, infant baptism is usual and during the service the Bishop will ask the candidates to ‘confirm’ the promises to follow Jesus that were made on their behalf at their christenings. One of the questions asked will be “Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? And the response is “I turn to Christ.” I have been reflecting with the candidates what that might mean and the truth is that it can mean different things to different people.

But again we have this image of turning, just as summer turns to autumn and autumn to winter. As it happens the Greek word for repent literally means to turn again. It is about re-orienting ourselves realigning ourselves. It is not about a sudden abrupt and dramatic change in direction,

although sometimes it can be. I see this turning as a process, as a way we seek to attune ourselves to the presence of God in the world, to the risen Christ.

As we remember this November, as we reflect on the turning of the seasons, let us seek to turn again, to re-orient ourselves, to use the darker evenings to recharge for better times to come.

Jonathan



Bible Reading at the New Inn

Thursday 9th November 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 chapters 22, 23 and 24 from the Book of Numbers. The passage seems to be an inserted story about Balaam, Balak and the Donkey. It is the Donkey that recognises the will of God first by the way. We try not to be too worthy – it is really book club with a difference. All are welcome.



New Town Clerk

On Saturday 4th November at 2.30pm in St. Thomas's Church the installation of the new Town Clerk will take place.

After five years' loyal service as Town Clerk, Lorna Challand will be stepping down and will be replaced by Jennifer Sutherland. The ceremony, which is expected to take 20 to 30 minutes, last took place when Lorna was appointed in 2018.

The event is open to all and the Corporation invite those attending to remain for a celebratory glass of wine afterwards.

David Merrifield, Mayor.



Remembrance

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

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, the Mayor will lead the ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am, laying a wreath on behalf of the town. Others who wish to lay wreaths are most welcome to do so.

Following the laying of wreaths, there will be a Service of Remembrance in the Church. By kind permission of the PCC, donations made at that service will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

The Rector will lead the Service at Pett and David Page will lead the service at Winchelsea.



Poppy Appeal 2023

This year's Poppy Appeal runs until Sunday 12th November. Donation tins and trays containing poppies and pins are 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 also be made electronically to the RBL - Sort Code 30-11-75, Account Number 01937121 at any time. If making an electronic donation, it would be appreciated if the payment reference SFF24 could be used, as that will credit the gift to the Winchelsea area, but this is not essential. Donations can also be made by texting POPPY2, POPPY5, or POPPY10 (to donate £2, £5 or £10, for example) to 70545.

A new feature, as a trial this year, is that some tins have a QR code attached to them, which is specific to the Winchelsea area. It is understood that this will allow donations to be made via a suitably enabled mobile phone. A stock of gift aid envelopes is available at the back of the Church for cash or cheques (made payable to RBL Poppy Appeal) and these can be placed in the Black Box in the Church, or in any box at the above locations, on or before 12th 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.



Anthem for Wilfred Owen - 4/11/18

“True poets must be truthful”, you said—
and you were: you spared us nothing
of the mud and blood and slime,
of gas-attacks and hideous deaths—
under-aged soldiers’ last breaths—
You never left the rest unsaid—

As though, somehow, your pen bled
blood not ink: in your ironic ‘anthems,’
strange meetings, exposures of so much—
apologies, parables, send-offs, all
hammered out on the harsh anvil
of experience, your words weapons

More powerful and lasting than
guns, tanks, shells or gas—
showing the Hell of Dante, or
Hieronymus Bosch—or ‘Boche’
perhaps you’d say?—knowing
the camaraderie of the damned—Yet,

Offered a desk job, you chose to return
to that same Hell you’d left: to be
with your men, an active officer again—

You could not know that Germany
was already asking for an armistice
a month before you died—or

That it was signed seven days
after your own demise, pointlessly
crossing a canal, that became your Lethe:
And there you were: dead at twenty-five
yet more alive a century on
than most of us ever are.

Richard Ormrod





Brontë McFadyean



After the sale of St Richard's

Readers will be aware that, in July this year, St Richard's Church in Winchelsea Beach was sold. As St Richard's was a chapel-of-ease, it belonged to the parish and not the diocese, consequently the proceeds of the sale have been received by the Parochial Church Council.

These funds have arrived at a time when the PCC faces considerable expenditure on essential repair and conservation of St Thomas's following the quinquennial report by the diocesan architect.

The PCC is not able to use of all of this exceptional income to meet the costs of the much-needed repair and conservation work. We have a Christian responsibility to provide support through our parish share to other less fortunate parishes in the diocese who are struggling to cover expenditure on the cost of ministry: clergy housing, stipends, pensions and training. The PCC unanimously approved to pledge an extra sum to the diocese for the next three years for this purpose.

The PCC also must maintain a presence in Winchelsea Beach which continues to be part of our parish. We will be reviewing how we might support those parishioners in the future. In line with our mission, the PCC will also look at increasing our giving to local, national and international charities.

The PCC is fortunate to have this 'windfall' income but is clear that we must demonstrate our practical Christianity and share our good fortune. Some of the proceeds from St Richard's will be spent on the fabric of St Thomas's and on improving the inadequate sound and lighting in the church but we will continue to apply for grants and seek donations from the wider community for much of that expenditure.



Starlings on the Church roof *Helen Mackenzie Smith*

Conservation work at St Thomas's

As you will have seen - hard not to notice - scaffolding was erected about a month ago on the ruined transepts to facilitate the safe conservation work required. The work involves the removal of plant growth from masonry, re-pointing, re-grouting, and replacement of masonry, where applicable, along with selective pinning of elements felt to be unsafe. This work is to make ruins resilient and safe for the next fifteen years or so. This is extremely painstaking work and is being undertaken by skilled masons.

There also has been masonry work carried out in the north aisle interior which has now been completed. It is hoped to carry out some electrical work, namely the replacement and re-wiring of the clock light and cleaning of the clock face. Also, the cleaning of the gutter along the north side next to the clock. The contractor for all of this work is Stone Edge Conservation, an experienced company in this field. We are hoping that all scaffolding will be removed by the end of November.

Under a separate contract, we are planning repairs to the roof over porch on the north elevation, as a result of storm damage. Also, the replacement of lead downpipes, either side of main west door, the result of theft, but instead of lead we are seeking approval to change to cast iron. We are hoping that this work can be carried out mid-November and is fully covered by our insurance.

Charlotte Beecroft. Churchwarden

Fellowship Lunch

St Richard's Fellowship Lunch will be on Friday 24th November at 12.30 for 1pm in Winchelsea Beach Village Hall. This will be the last one for this year as we don't have one in December. Booking essential, please contact. Mary Parker 07927 107678 parkermmary848@gmail.com

Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayers will be on Tuesday 7th November at Cynthia's home, El Indalo, Old Harbour Farm Lane (opposite the Co-op) at 10.am.

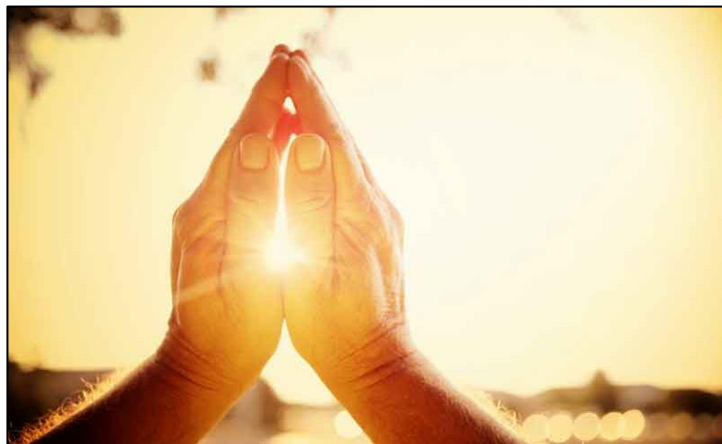


A German Christmas by Candlelight

St Thomas's will be lit by candlelight as Ensemble Orquesta choir and orchestra, directed by Marcio da Silva, perform to celebrate Christmas. The programme will include the famous setting of *In Dulci Jubilo* by Praetorius as well as music by Pez, Buxtehude, Bach, Telemann and Schütz.

This concert promises to be the perfect musical opportunity to mark the festive season. If last year's Venetian Christmas concert is anything to go by, this will be a sell-out, so if you don't have a season subscription, make sure you get your tickets in good time from the Winchelsea Arts website winchelsea-arts.org.uk

Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £22.



Prayer Partner Scheme

Can you keep a secret? For a whole year? Then read on.

The idea is, that if you choose to take part, your name, which you have written on a slip of paper, will be placed on a plate in church on Advent Sunday 3rd December. All participants will choose a paper slip, check that it is not their own or a member of their family, and thus that person becomes your Prayer Partner for the coming year.

You will then pray for that person as often as possible throughout the year, every day if you can. You will be strengthened by knowing that someone is praying for you. Your other obligations will be to send a Christmas card, an Easter card and a birthday card if they have given their date of birth. You simply sign it 'From your Prayer Partner.'

If you happen to notice that your Prayer Partner is not at church, make discrete enquiries to see if they are all right. During the week before Advent, send a card saying who you are. It remains secret until then.

If you like the sound of this, please fill in a slip and put it in the box provided. I will leave papers and the box on the chest at the back of the church from 19th November. If you have queries, please come and talk to me.

Marion Lovell.



Christmas Raffle

As part of the New Hall's joyful Winchelsea Christmas Fair on 11th November, we are holding our annual charity Grand Raffle, the proceeds being shared equally with Rye Food Bank. There are 22 wonderful prizes, including a Nature Reserve tour for 12, a hamper, Rye Retreat, meals out, cinema tickets, wine, and many vouchers generously donated by local businesses.

Get your raffle tickets at the Little Shop from Saturday 4th, or you can contact Hilary on 07923 451431 roome12hilary@gmail.com. Tickets will still be available at the Fair, where the draw will take place at 3pm.

Thank you very much, everyone, for your support.



We are after donations for the tombola at the Christmas Fete. Any donations welcome for both the adult and kids' tombola. Please leave any donations with Ali Casey at *Wren Cottage* - 07926 128737. If you do not have anything to give but would still like to donate, we will accept cash donations and use the proceeds to buy gifts. The proceeds will be split between Rye Food Bank and the New Hall.

New Hall News

Our big fundraising event, Winchelsea Christmas Fair, takes place on Saturday 11th November with local artisans and craftspeople, a food hall, children singing carols, refreshments, and the Hall beautifully decked out in 'white and light' Come and buy your Christmas gifts. Grand Raffle tickets are already on sale. Proceeds go to the New Hall and Rye Food Bank.

We are planning an Auction of Promises evening event to brighten up the mood on 9th March. Make a note in your diary now and we will give the tantalising details over the winter.

On Saturday 23rd September at Film Night in the New Hall, just before the screening of 'French Kiss', Graham Large spun the balls and Richard Plumb drew the winning number of 60 for the 'Winchelsea New Hall 100 Club', filmed by Jonathan Murphy and posted on the Community Corner WharsApp.

On 14th October, prior to Film Night's screening of 'Fried Green Tomatoes', the assembled residents paused their conversations at the busy pre-show drinks hour for Rosemarie Roberts to spin the balls and draw number 89.

Half of all the revenue raised from the '100 Club' is going towards the refurbishment of the ladies and gents toilets. The other half goes in prize money for our lucky monthly winners.

We will be continuing to sell 'numbers' throughout the year to enable us to raise more revenue (and further increase our monthly cash prize). Please sign up if you haven't done so already. £12 per six months or £24 annually will buy a number in the monthly draw, which will next take place on Saturday 11th November's Film Night, prior to the screening of 'Day of the Jackal'.

Sign up at Film Night or please email or call
Ali 07926 128737, ali.casey63@gmail.com
Rosemarie 07941 458628, rosiero96@icloud.com



WINCHELSEA FILM NIGHT

Winchelsea Residents Association in conjunction with Winchelsea New Hall

Fred Zinnerman's Film

THE DAY OF THE JACKAL



SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER 6.30 for 7.30 SCREENING

Admission Free

Refreshments, Pay Bar.

Come early, enjoy a drink or two.



Christmas Windows 2023

It's that time of year again, when we start thinking about Christmas Windows. We had an amazing response last year, so it would be wonderful if you can take part once again this Christmas and help to light up our lovely town. And if you have a new neighbour or someone you feel might like to get involved, please ask them on our behalf.

For those who haven't participated before, it's worth saying that this isn't a competition, it's all about coming together as a community, whether that's a simple lantern, a few fairy lights on a tree, or something a bit more lavish in your window – it's up to you. There are no themes or rules it's just a bit of fun!

This year, the committee plan to take a step back, to recharge our batteries, (see what I did there!) so we won't be producing a trail guide or nagging our regular sponsors. That's partly because our chairman John Davidson, and treasurer Lyn Davidson have decided to step down, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work over the last few years.

Our constitution requires us to hold an AGM in October, but this year we will delay it until the Spring. That will give us a chance, to recruit some new members to our committee, who I'm sure will bring some fresh ideas and impetus to next year.

If you are planning to join us and light up your home, it would be nice to turn on your lights around the weekend of the 16th of December, so we can all enjoy them during the run up to Christmas. We usually suggest turning them off after New Years Eve, but of course they are your lights, and you can do whatever works best for you.

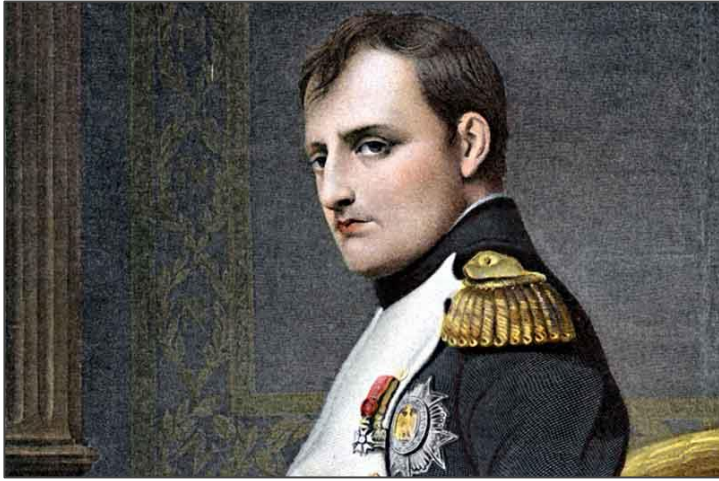
As usual we will keep it touch and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

The Christmas Windows Committee:

Ali Casey, Chris Chappell, Graham Large and Shirley Meyer



Anthea Dabolins returned to Winchelsea in early October for lunch at the New Inn hosted by a group of town residents. Flowers and the proceeds of a collection at the Little Shop were presented in thanks for Anthea's faithful service at the Court Hall post office.



Napoleon and the Jews

is the title of this month's Second Wednesday talk by Chris Viner. Napoleon was the only government leader to give Jews equality when other nations kept them in bondage. Napoleon viewed all religions with tolerance, sympathy and understanding.

This history lecture will be given by military historian Chris Viner who has a specialist interest in Napoleon Bonaparte.

When we arranged it over a year ago we had no idea how just how "live" a subject it might be. This talk is based in the past and the Second Wednesday Society presents it in the spirit of promoting education and increasing understanding in a safe social setting.

8th November at 2.30pm in the New Hall.
Annual membership £15. Visitors £5.
Homemade tea £2

2ndWeds@gmail.com

Winchelsea Conservation Society



**John Bailey:
“The Life & Role of a
Church Architect”**



**A Talk at the Lower Court Hall
10 am on Saturday 18th November 2023**

**£5 Entry or Free to WCS Members
Contact Judith Payne on 01797224861**



Why bother with Milton?

Howard Norton is the speaker at Winchelsea Literary Society's meeting on Friday 17th November.

Author of *Paradise Lost* - the greatest epic poem in the English language - John Milton was also deeply engaged in the politics of his time. A convinced republican, he served Oliver Cromwell's government, campaigned against censorship and wrote in defence of divorce.

The meeting takes place in the Court Hall at 7pm for 7.30.
Free to members. £5 admission to non-members.

literarysoc.winchelsea.secretary@gmail.com



Winchelsea Archaeological Society

In February WAS had a talk on *The Towers of Winchelsea*. It included discussion of the Roundel in Castle Field, the tower in the SW corner of the churchyard and the Greyfriars tower. What were these towers for - were they bell towers (to announce curfews), watch towers (to spot fires), clock towers, signal towers, navigation markers, remains of mills or places of refuge; how old might they be? Could one of these towers be the tower on the Winchelsea seal - this discussion was not conclusive.

As a follow-up, WAS has a new talk entitled *Understanding Features of the Corporation Seal* by Andrew Scott.

This will take place on Saturday 9th December in the New Hall at 11.15am. Refreshments will be provided from 11am.

Pedrick (1904) p 128 speaks highly of the seal: “..a striking contribution to medieval art. The ship is well drawn, vigorously presented and studiously detailed, while the scene aboard is one of life and activity. The seal as a whole is almost perfect in its artistry.”

This talk will try and explain all the intricate detail on both sides of the seal and finally will come up with an unexpected potential site for a tower, perhaps linked with Old Winchelsea.



Annunciations and Nativities in Western Art

A day school with Professor Tina Beattie on Monday
4th December at the Hub on Rye Hill TN31 7SQ.

Tina Beattie is Professor Emerita of Catholic Studies at the University of Roehampton in London. She has published widely and lectured internationally on traditions surrounding the Virgin Mary in western art, theology and culture.

Paintings of the Annunciation and Nativity are among the most widely represented genres in western Christian art, but do we always know what we are looking at? We will spend the day studying some familiar paintings as well as some unusual themes and perspectives.

There will be two sessions: 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 3.30.
Refreshments are available from the café at the Hub.

Tickets cost £30 - concessions are available - and can be booked at tinabeattie.com

Winchelsea
Italian Evening

New Hall, Winchelsea TN36 4AA
Saturday 25th November 2023 - 7 for 7.30p.m.

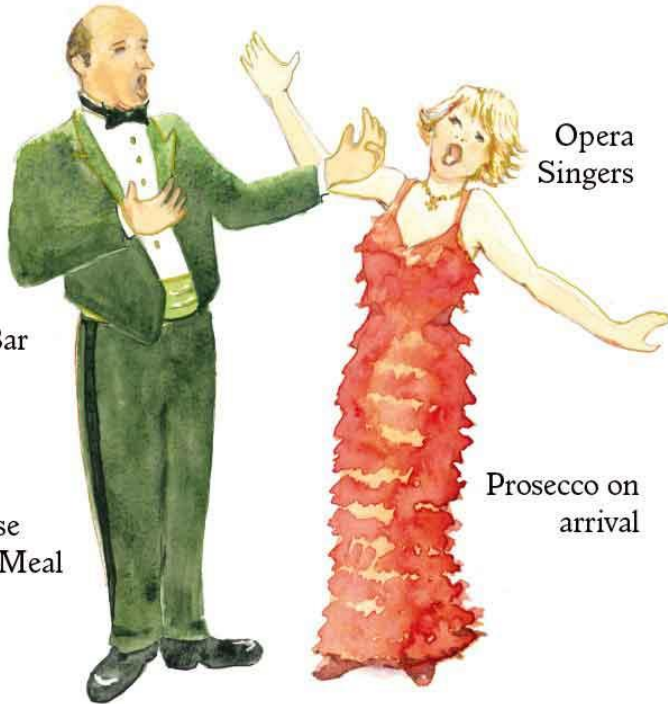
Raffle

Cash Bar

3 Course
Italian Meal

Opera
Singers

Prosecco on
arrival



Tickets £40 available from the Little Shop, High Street, Winchelsea
Raffle in support of the Mayor and Mayoress' Charities
The Corporation of Winchelsea and Demelza House Children's Hospice



Patient Participation Group

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Rye Medical Centre Patient Participation Group will take place at The Hub on Rye Hill (adjacent to the Medical Centre) on Wednesday 15th November at 6pm.

The PPG is there for the benefit of all patients registered with the practice and all patients are warmly invited to attend. Nominations for the vacant seats on the committee are being sought - either in advance or on the night. Further enquiries to the Secretary are welcome by email to ryemcppg@gmail.com

There will be ample car parking in the Hub Car Park and the Rye Medical Centre Car Park.

For more information on what the PPG does, check here: ryemedicalcentre.com/patient-group/about-our-ppg

Ben Chishick, Secretary

WINCHELSEA BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 278165



**Christmas
Craft Fayre**

WINCHELSEA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER

10 am - 3 pm

ALL WELCOME

FREE ENTRY

**REFRESHMENTS INCLUDING HOMEMADE
CAKES**



What's happening in Icklesham Parish

Budget

IPC has begun considering the budget for the financial year 2024/25. We are of course mindful of the current financial climate with so many costs increasing so just like last year, although some of our costs have increased, we have been prudent and saved costs in other areas. We are able therefore to keep the precept to a minimum whilst maintaining our standards and in fact increasing the grant to the church for grass cutting to help them with their bills.

Parish Council Website

IPC is in the process of totally revamping its website as the current website is hosted by Rother DC for free but it is very basic. IPC's Media Working Group shortlisted some local web design companies and NetWise who specialise in Parish Council websites was chosen at our meeting of 11th September. We are currently collating all the information needed for the new website and cannot wait to roll it out to residents.

Toilets Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach

IPC are aware that Rother DC announced their intention to undertake trial closure of various public conveniences throughout Rother – the good news is that Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach disabled toilets were not included.

For months now IPC has been in discussion with Rother DC regarding acquiring these toilets as we did at Rye Harbour. Negotiations are in the very early stages due to the complication of the poor state of both buildings needing refurbishment work before being fully operational. Obviously this would mean IPC securing a Public Works Loan as it did for the traffic calming design work so watch this space....

Winchelsea Beach Bus Shelter

IPC held a well-attended drop-in session for residents regarding a potential new bus shelter on 11th October. The Parish Council have applied to East Sussex Highways for match funding for the project and will be applying for a Community Grant from Rother District Council.

With all projects throughout the Parish, whether it is for buildings or equipment Jenner, our Clerk always investigates grant funding to help ease the burden on our precept. A total of £5,588 has been awarded so far this year and further grants totalling £11,000 have been applied for.

Upcoming Meetings and Attendances

13th November – Planning then Full Council 6.15pm and 7.15pm at Winchelsea New Hall.

12th November – Remembrance Sunday St. Thomas's Church Winchelsea

27th November – Planning 6.15pm and then Open Spaces Committee 7.15 pm at Court Hall.

Agendas for meetings are displayed on the Parish noticeboards and website a week prior to the meeting. If residents would like to raise any issues or concerns, please contact the Clerk, Jenner Sands on ickleshampc@hotmail.co.uk, by post to PO Box 148, Winchelsea, TN31 9FP or telephone 07714 169901.



Traffic calming: possible ways forward

The Winchelsea Residents Association meeting at the New Hall in October included discussion of traffic calming in the light of the responses of the relevant local authorities following the vote in the town. In an email to members after the meeting, the committee outlined possible ways forward:

‘There is no single measure that is both effective and acceptable to everyone. There are financial and operational challenges, whatever we decide. We need to be willing to invest time and money with no guarantee of success.

‘We summarise below three possible ways forward. They are not mutually exclusive and there may be a mix of measures that can make a positive difference.

‘Investigate new options

- Accept ESCC assertion that majority support for closure is not sufficient to deliver it.
- New and creative ideas are needed. Familiar measures such as speed bumps, traffic lights, bollards have been rejected by national agencies and / or East Sussex County Council.
- A new group of residents could offer a fresh view on possible options not considered previously. These may include use of technology to identify through traffic and/or limiting access hours - both of which could be enforced by ANPR. Protected parking spaces could be established that

reduce road width. Research on costs and suitability would establish whether viable or not. We would need volunteers to help take this forward.

- The priority is to encourage drivers to slow down and drive safely! Residents on the ground could target the most obvious sites of speeding and poor driving, with local Speed Watch. This would be most effective if 20mph was instituted throughout the town.
- Residents could generate data to show that cutting through the town saves little or no time and educate the wider community accordingly.
- We would work directly with ESCC to clarify which suggestions may be acceptable to them at an early stage, so managing time and resources more efficiently.

‘Progress a formal proposal to close Strand Hill direct to East Sussex County Council

- Closure remains the most cost effective and efficient measure to manage through traffic.
- July 2023 result: 73% turnout and 2 to 1 in favour is a strong mandate.
- Challenge ESCC’s untested view that more local support is needed to counter future objections.
- Resident, local business and school support should take priority over non-resident drivers.
- A formal proposal to ESCC provides a more transparent and accountable process. Councillors must explain their decision with an independent appeals process if needed.
- Most of the groundwork is done with outline designs, independent evidence on vehicle numbers, speeds, alternative measures, and level of resident support.

‘Do nothing

- Through traffic is not a big enough problem.
- ESCC may not support whatever measures we suggest and money spent applying to ESCC may be wasted.
- Non-resident drivers likely to object to any proposal.
- No one has been killed or seriously injured on the roads in Winchelsea.’

The WRA Committee have asked members to get back to them with any comments before their next meeting on 9th November. info@winchelseaRA.com



Mig Kimpton at Garden Society

On a rather wet and windy Saturday in October, the Winchelsea Garden Society hosted a talk in the New Hall by florist, Mig Kimpton.

The dreary weather outside was soon forgotten as he kept us entertained and amused with stories about how he became a florist, his involvement with the theatre and his move from London to Deal. He accompanied his talk with a demonstration of floral art and produced three beautiful arrangements using a variety of flowers and foliage.

Each member of the audience had been given a raffle ticket as part of the cost of entry. At the end of the demonstration the 3 arrangements were raffled and the lucky winners each taking one home were Tessa Potts, Natasha Murphy and Cynthia Feast.

After his talk, Mr Kimpton was happy to answer questions and lots of members crowded round to chat to him and to learn more. The afternoon was hugely enjoyable and we plan to ask him back again next year.

migkimptonflowers.co.uk



DATES FOR THE DIARY

5th November

Bonfire Night Quiz

26th November

Rye Bay Crew performing Songs of the Sea - 7pm - 9pm

3rd December

Completely Scuppered performing Sea Shanties - 7pm start

22nd December - Festive Night

*Have any 3 courses from the Festive Menu and enjoy
a free bottle of house red or white per couple*

23rd December

Christmas Songs from the Rye Bay Crew - 6pm - 8pm

Food served until 6pm on Christmas Eve

Bonfire night charity quiz for the Museum

All proceeds of the New Inn quiz on 5th November will go to Winchelsea Museum. £20 cash per table, maximum six per table. 6.30 for a 7pm start. Come and support us and help raise some funds for the Museum

Please call to book your table: 01797 226252



E F Benson Ghost Stories

To raise money for FOAM we are planning a very special [and quite spooky] event in December. Over three evenings, our fantastic readers will each be presenting a ghost story written by E F Benson.

Today the author is chiefly remembered, for his Mapp and Lucia novels, portraying social rivalry in the nineteen thirties in Rye, where he lived. However, it was for his ghost stories that he was best known during his own lifetime, creating tales that featured vampires, homicidal spirits, monstrous spectral worms and slugs and other entities of nameless dread, while at times having a comic dig at charlatan mediums.

We have chosen a selection of the most chilling and, to create a suitable atmosphere, the cellar at *Lines End* will be specially dressed and lit for the occasion. The event will take place at 7.30pm on Friday December 8th, Saturday December 9th and Sunday December 10th. On each evening you will first assemble in the Lower Court Hall, you will then be led by lantern light to the cellar, where our four readers will be waiting with their scary stories. The event should finish at approximately 9.30pm.

Please note this event is not suitable for young children.
Dress warmly, and wear sensible shoes, as the steps down to the cellar are quite steep.

At each performance we have room to seat just 25 people, so please book early. The price is £22.50 (plus booking fee) per person and includes a glass of mulled wine, or non-alcoholic equivalent. Tickets can be booked online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/foam>. Scroll down and select the date you would like to attend.

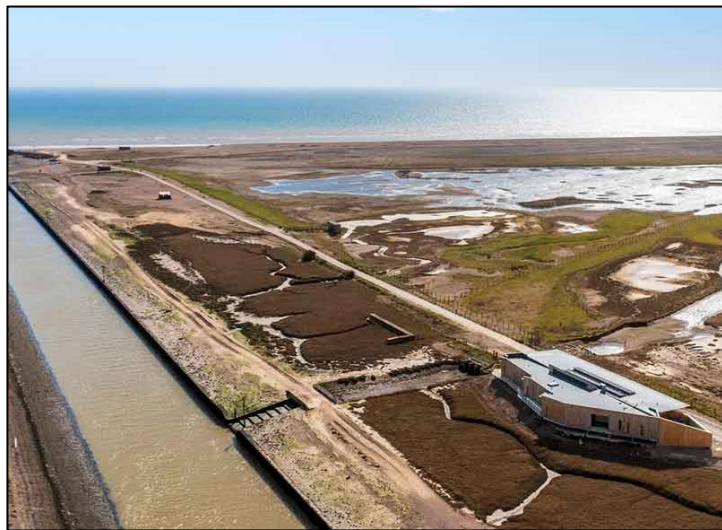
In 2024, FOAM will be helping to fund vital maintenance to the West Elevation of the Lower Court Hall, please support our efforts, by attending this unique event. We do hope you can join us.

In the forward to a collection of his ‘spook’ stories, Benson wrote: “These stories have been written in the hopes of giving some pleasant qualms to their reader, so that before they go to bed, when the night and house are still, they may perhaps cast an occasional glance into the corners and dark places of the room, to make sure that nothing unusual lurks in the shadow. For this is the avowed object of ghost-stories and such tales as deal with the dim unseen forces which occasionally and perturbingly make themselves manifest. The author therefore fervently wishes his readers a few uncomfortable moments.”

If you need any further information, please contact Chris Chappell or any member of the FOAM committee.
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve in November

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22th & 29th, 9:45am – 11:15am Weekly Wednesday Wellbeing Walk

Enjoy the outdoors with a gentle, sociable, morning walk across the reserve. Meet at the public toilets in Rye Harbour village, TN31 7TT. Booking not required, but suitable footwear and clothing is essential.

Friday 3rd, 10am – 4pm Opticron Optics Day

Drop in to the Discovery Centre, and try out a range of Opticron binoculars and telescopes designed for wildlife watching. An expert will be on hand for advice and all optics will be available to purchase on the day. Sales help to support the Discovery Centre and the Reserve.

Saturday 4th, 10am – 2:30pm Wildlife Rangers

Our monthly group for teenagers interested in wildlife, taking part in practical conservation, or those wanting to volunteer for their DofE awards. Suitable for ages 12-16 years. Bring a packed lunch. Parents do not accompany. Meet at Rye Harbour village car park. Free, but booking essential. Email: ryeharbourlearning@sussexwt.org.uk.

Saturday 11th, 8:30am – 4pm Friends' Open Day

Meet the Friends of Rye Harbour, starting with a guided walk from the car park at 8:30. Stalls and craft items in the Discovery Centre from 10am – 4pm, 833 Lottery draw and a

chance to meet other Friends and committee members. All welcome. Meet at Rye Harbour village car park. No booking necessary.

Saturday 11th, 10am – 12:30pm

Festival of Lights Wildlife

Celebrate Diwali at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, make a diya lamp to take home, make food to be shared and plant a seed for the future, too. Suitable for accompanied children, aged 5-13. Meet at Rye Harbour Village car park,. Booking essential, £7 per child.

Saturday 11th, 1:30pm – 3pm

The Artist Paul Nash and his Association with Rye

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. An illustrated talk by Jim Northover on the English modernist landscape painter, Paul Nash, and his relationship with Rye. Meet at Rye harbour Discovery Centre. Booking essential. Free for members, suggested donation of £5 for non-members.

Thursday 16th, 10am – 1pm

Beginning Birdwatching in Autumn

Join us for a circular walk of approximately 3km as we visit a few of the hides for excellent views of the birds of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Binoculars recommended. Suitable for adults. Meet at Rye Harbour Discovery Centre. Booking essential, email mesduncan@sussexwt.org.uk.

Saturday 18th, 10am – 3pm Guide in a Hide

Drop in to the Gooders hide between the car park and the sea, where there will be guides stationed throughout the day to show you the birds. Binoculars, telescopes and spotter sheets available for you to use. Suitable for all. 400m walk south towards the sea from Rye Harbour car park, TN31 7TY. No booking necessary.

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th, 10am – 4pm

Festive Makers Market

Showcasing the talents of local artisans and makers, and the perfect chance to buy a unique present from the stalls of jewellery, ceramics, chocolates, textiles, prints, honeys and more. Rye Harbour Discovery Centre.

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

Get active, get involved



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Weekly Wellbeing Walks

Enjoy the outdoors with a morning of gentle walking across Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Suitable for all abilities.

Wednesdays 9:45 am – 11 am

Meet at the shelter next to the public toilets in Rye Harbour village, close to the bus turning circle and bus stop – ideal for coming by bus

Booking isn't needed but suitable footwear is!

Information about all our events can be found here:
sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on or scan the QR code:



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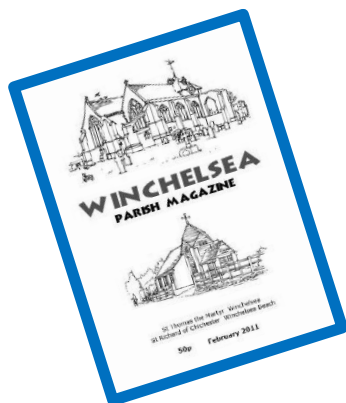
You can find out more about Rye Food Bank and ways you can offer support, here: ryefoodbank.com

Cam will be making his November doorstep collection on the morning of Tuesday 21st. If you are donating, please contact him so that he can draw up a collection schedule.

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Since his first effort in February 2011, your editor has now produced 150 editions.

Thanks, everybody, for your contributions, support and encouragement.

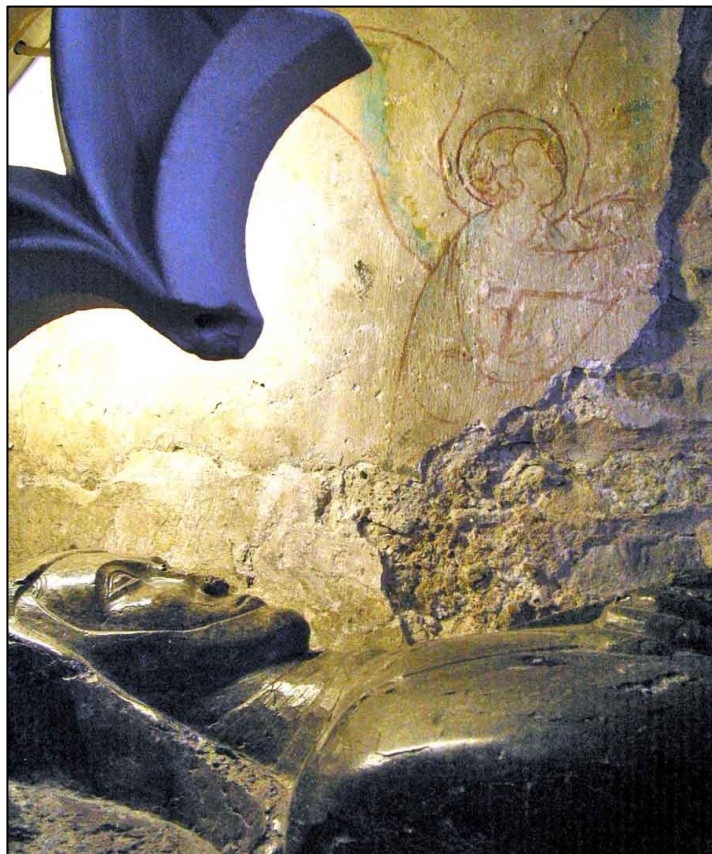
Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar

November 2023

Saturday 4th	Church Market at St Thomas' - 10.30am till 12 Installation of Town Clerk - St Thomas's - 2.30pm
Sunday 5th <i>All Saints</i>	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea New Inn Charity Quiz - 6.30 for 7
Tuesday 7th	Mothers' Prayers - El Indalo, Old Harbour Farm Lane - 10am
Wednesday 8th	Second Wednesday Society - New Hall - 2.30pm
Thursday 9th	Bible Reading group - New Inn - 6pm
Saturday 11th	Act of Remembrance - Winchelsea War Memorial - 11am Winchelsea Christmas Fair - New Hall - 10.30am to 3pm Film Night - New Hall - 6.30 for 7.30pm
Sunday 12th	8.30am: BCP Holy Communion at Pett Level 10.30am: Remembrance Service at Pett 10.55am: Act of Remembrance at Icklesham 10.55am: Remembrance Service at Winchelsea
Monday 13th	Deanery Confirmation Service at St Thomas's - 6.30pm
Friday 17th	Literary Society - Court Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Saturday 18th	Conservation Society - Court Hall - 10am
Sunday 19th	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Friday 24th	Fellowship Lunch - WB Community Hall - 12.30 for 1pm
Saturday 25th	Corporation Italian Evening - New Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Sunday 26th	9.30am: Parish Communion at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea WBCA Christmas Craft Fayre - WB Community Hall - 10am to 3pm
Sat 2nd Dec	Church Market at St Thomas' - 10.30am till 12
Sun 3rd Dec <i>Advent Sunday</i>	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea

Further ahead

8th, 9th, 10th Dec	FOAM E F Benson Ghost Stories
Sat 9th Dec	Archaeological Society talk
Sun 17th Dec	Service of Lessons and Carols
Thurs 19th Dec	Winchelsea Arts German Christmas Concert
Fri 22nd Dec	FOAM Carols in the Court Hall



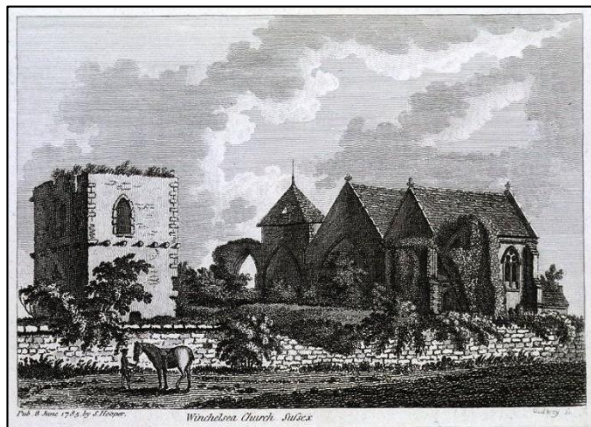
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