

WINCHELSEA PARISH MAGAZINE

January 2025



Nigel Ashton



Christmas 2024



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Ian Rowlands*



Winchelsea and Demelza

On the 1st April 2024 the new Mayoress of Winchelsea, Debbie Cosstick announced that her chosen charity would be Demelza East Sussex.

For a good number of years Debbie and I have had strong links with Demelza. A few months ago, a visit to the Demelza Hub in St Leonards proved to be a very humbling and tear-jerking experience to say the least, yet so inspirational, with over 90 children and families in our area receiving care and support from this amazing positive team.

Since April the Winchelsea community have been busy raising funds for this local worthy charity through a variety of ways, including Quiz Nights, Race Night, a Special Children's Church Service, Music Night, a Dedicated Tour of Winchelsea Cellars, a Mini Auction and many more.

On Saturday 14th December a special community event was held in the New Inn to present the funds raised to members of the Demelza East Sussex team based in the hub at St Leonards. The New Inn was packed with the community celebrating this brilliant achievement.

Peter Cosstick



Christmas Windows

For many a year, it's been a tradition for Winchelsea to decorate and light its windows for Christmas. This year was no exception with over thirty properties creating a special window to a Christmas Music theme and lit from Saturday 14th December. I would like to thank the Winchelsea Christmas Windows team 2024: Lyn, Shirley, Richard, Julian, and Graham for all their support in making this happen.

The wonderful maps were designed by Richard Plumb which made it so easy to follow the trail. The donations received from maps purchased will all go to Demelza, in addition to funds already handed over in December.

A special thank you to the sponsors of the maps and, of course, those that decorated and lit their wonderful windows.

Debbie Cosstick

Photo: Kt Bruce



Saying Goodbye

If you would like to join the congregation of St Thomas's to say farewell to Jonathan and Shirley Meyer, please do come to the New Hall on Friday 7th February at 6pm.

It will be an opportunity to thank them both for their work in the parish. The PCC are organising a collection and will be making a presentation during the evening.

If you would like to contribute to the gift, you can put cash or a cheque made out to 'PCC Winchelsea' in an envelope marked 'Gift' in the black box in the church.

Alternatively, you can make your contribution by bank transfer with the reference 'Gift'. (Sort code 30-90-28 Account Number 01964020).

Jonathan's final service at St Thomas's as Rector will be on Sunday 2nd February (and it's his birthday on 1st).



Winchelsea Goes to Holyrood

Burns Night Supper Dance at the New Hall
with live ceilidh band, the Catsfield Steamers
on Saturday 25th January at 6.15 for 6.45pm

No bar - bring your own whisky and drinks.
Scottish themed challenges with prizes.
No raffle or tombola!

Tickets £18 (Proceeds to the New Hall)

Vegetarian supper: (traditional non-veg offal haggis
available if requested by 15th January)

Coordinators

Wee Davymac Dickson 07758 962824 and
Bonny Billie McHilary 07923 451431

Tickets on sale from Saturday 4th January

A Murder Mystery Evening



A Murder in a 1960's Holiday Camp!

Saturday 15th February 2025

Winchelsea New Hall

Brought to you by the Rye Players on behalf of the Winchelsea Mayor

Ticket price £20.00 (includes 2 course meal) & cash bar

Doors open at 6.30pm

Booking & Enquires call 01797 229087 or

email peterrcosstick@btinternet.com

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Second Wednesday in 2025

All meetings take place in Winchelsea New Hall at 2.30pm

8th January David Hopkins

"I suppose you think you are a man now, Hopkins"

12th February Marianne van Niekerken

Basketry: a contemporary and traditional craft

12th March Simon Mott - *What makes a superstar?*

9th April Wendy Fraser

The Aqueducts and Fountains of Rome

14th May Paul Beard

Barnardo's - A personal insight

11th June Stuart Corner

The curious and secret life of the honey bee

9th July Howard Norton

Stories of Gladstone told through memorabilia

10th September David Dickson - *"Sit down, stop*

talking and listen!" Children's behaviour in schools

8th October Guy Huntrods

The Space Race, then and now

12th November Bill Doherty

The Art of the Glasgow Boys

10th December

AGM followed by a festive event or talk

2ndWeds@gmail.com



A Merchant Seaman's Story

David Hopkins is the speaker at the first Second Wednesday meeting of 2025. His title is *"I suppose you think you are a man now, Hopkins!" A Merchant Seaman's Story, 1942-47*

8th January at 2.30pm in the New Hall

Annual membership £15

Visitors £5 - Homemade tea £2

Hilary Roome writes: Many of you will know David Hopkins as a former Winchelsea resident (he has defected to Rye!) historian and teacher. This year David has achieved something quite remarkable, namely the publishing of his father's memoirs with his own historical research providing context and background.

For Rob and me, it has made both of us wonder again what we could and should do with our own fathers' memoirs and indeed about writing down our own, just informally for our children. As well as enjoying David's presentation of his father's youthful experience in the Merchant Navy, you may well find yourself thinking about the potential legacies of your own family histories.

David will bring along a few copies of the book: 100% of proceeds of the sale of the book will be donated, through The Shipwrights Charitable Fund, to The Tall Ships Youth Trust. Cash or cheques £15.

The talk will start at 2:30pm and will be followed by homemade tea. There will be Tessa's raffle of course (donations of suitable prizes are always welcome for the year ahead).

As the Second Wednesday subscriptions are now due, we will open our doors a little earlier, at about 2 o'clock. While cash is good, unfortunately we can't accept cheques. We prefer payment by bank transfer - don't forget your name as reference. Payment details below. If the worst comes to the worst we'll take an IOU. Please tell your friends about us - new members are always welcome.

Winchelsea Second Wednesday Society
(Your name as reference please)
Sort: 09-01-55
A/c 43784800

*With our good wishes
Hilary, Natasha, Kim, Jane, Tessa, Bill, Jenny and Suzi*

2ndWeds@gmail.com

Saturday 22nd February

New Hall at 6.30pm

Avoid a dull February

come to our famous...



In a world of fake news can you spot the real answers?



Winner of the Winchelsea Critic's Award in 2024

"A treasure trove of local trivia and eccentricity." The Ryde News

"If you take part in one quiz this year,
make sure it's this one!"



TripAdvisor

Includes a delicious hot meal & pudding!

Tables of 6 - £15 per person

To book contact Chris Chappell
chriswinchelsea@icloud.com



FOAM - helping to maintain our ancient monuments & museum

FOAM Quiz

The infamous FOAM quiz is back on Saturday 22nd February. February is always a dull month, so come along to the FOAM quiz, and let us add a little sparkle.

As usual we've prepared an eccentric mix of questions, specially written, to test your knowledge. Our starting point is always Winchelsea but, to be honest, the questions quickly spiral into everything and anything that tickles our fancy.

This year our eight rounds will each be based on course from an imaginary meal. So, for example we will begin with an 'amuse bouche', an eclectic mix of questions to tickle your grey cells. Other rounds include, 'Something Fishy!', the 'Mayor's Platter', before inevitably ending with a new version of our 'Is it Cheese?' game.

As usual we will be providing a delicious hot meal, (lasagne this year) and tempting your willpower with lovely puddings.

In the New Hall, we have room for just 12 teams of six people, and the price is just £15 per person (the same as last year). We usually sell out quickly, so book now and, if you haven't got a team, don't worry; we will link you with others in town, looking to join the fun.

In a world of fake news, can your team spot the real answers and win our magnificent vintage cup?

To book a table email Chris Chappell at chriswinchelsea@icloud.com

All profits will go to FOAM; the Friends of the Ancient Monuments and Museum.

Emile Zola



La fortune des Rougon

Introducing Zola

This month Winchelsea Literary Society welcomes David Page who will be giving a talk entitled, *Emile Zola: Dissecting the French Second Empire*

In his lifetime, Emile Zola's novels were enjoyed and denounced in almost equal measure. In a series of twenty books he followed the fortunes of one extended family as its members navigated success and failure in the dynamic but flawed France of Emperor Napoleon III. Later, Zola hit the headlines all over Europe for his impassioned defence of Alfred Dreyfus - 'J'accuse!' In this talk, David tells the dramatic story of Zola's life and introduces us to some of the novels in his famous sequence.

Friday 17th January 2025 at 7 for 7.30pm Court Hall
Members free, non-members £5

literarysoc.winchelsea.secretary@gmail.com



Angela Hill: With Great Pleasure

Admiration for a popular member rather than hedonism saw the Lit. Soc. defy adverse auguries on Friday 13th to hear Angela Hill's selection, distilled from a lifetime's literary enthusiasms. Assiduous programme readers might have imagined the desultory flap of a St. George's flag and discerned a thematic Anglophilia in this miscellany, neatly bookended by A.A. Milne. *Vespers* found 3-year-old Christopher Robin's mind wandering at prayer while moral intensity waxed in Belloc's *Cautionary Tale*, vividly depicting *Jim*'s wilful escape from nurse at the Zoo and his consequent systematic ingestion by a lion.

The whimsical "honeymoon" in Lear's *Owl and the Pussycat* delivered the Nonsense promised on the tin as, energised by their *mince and quince*, the pair's beach waltz anticipated by a century Jack Vettriano's *Singing Butler*. Creative juvenilia and local interest combined in *The Visitors* (sic), written in Lewes and Bexhill by the precocious primary school-age Daisy Ashford, whose work, complete with solecisms and spelling mistakes, enjoyed commercial success and admiring comments from some literary lions of late-Victorian England.

Shakespeare's *Henry V* stoked patriotic ardour before Harfleur's fractured walls, drawing on the troops' warrior heritage and rekindling their spirit before hurling them once more "unto the breach" at the start of the Agincourt campaign. Sinew suitably stiffened and blood summoned, we joined Wordsworth *On Westminster Bridge* observing that *Earth had nothing to show more fair* than the unexpectedly attractive cityscape of early morning London, described as the poet habitually would Nature

There was a subliminal message for steadfast English yeomen as he was departing to visit his illegitimate daughter at Calais, a legacy from his *sans culottes* days when he succumbed to unhinged Jacobin *Sensibilité*. Sonnets from a trio of Great War poets illustrated the changing emotional attitudes to the conflict among England's warrior caste.

Brooke's unalloyed idealism and embrace of patriotic self-sacrifice in *The Soldier* yielded to Sassoon's *Dreamers*, citizens of *death's grey land* awaiting their ordeal, cut adrift from pleasures of hearth and home, now sustained only in their dreams. Owen's *Anthem for Doomed Youth* substituted tactical moves in trench warfare for elements of religious funeral rites and the ensuing mourning.

Next, we lit on the culinary rituals anatomised in Betjeman's *How to Get on in Society*, satirising a bourgeoisie immersed in Nancy Mitford's U and Non-U taxonomy.

Fortunately, our audience eschewed partisan opinion on the correct nomenclature for table linen or the arcana of pouring tea. Every English anthology demands a Philip Larkin lamentation and the auctioneer's invocation *Going, Going* despaired of the incipient physical disappearance of England.

After riding the wave of post-war iconoclasm in Kingsley Amis's *Lucky Jim*'s chaotic pathway to giving a potentially career-defining lecture on *Merrie England*, we made land on the reassuring Anglican stability of Trollope's Barsetshire Chronicles through which, the author concluded, *ran the true savour of English life*. One listener was heard humming Flanders and Swann's *The English, the English, the English are best* as he left - and who could now disagree with that?

Bill Doherty



Literary Society 2025

17th January David Page:
Emile Zola: Dissecting the French Second Empire.

21st February AGM, followed by Alan Judd:
The Evolution of Spy Fiction.

21st March Gavin Esler:
Does Britain Get the Leaders it Deserves?

18th April Lord Gawain Douglas:
The Four Quartets (a mini-lecture and reading)

16th May Members' Evening

20th June Marek Urbanowicz:
The Life and Poetry of Ted Hughes.

18th July Summer Party

19th September Tomiwa Owolade:
James Baldwin: What it Means to be an American.

17th October An Evening with James Walton,
Literary Presenter on Radio 4

21st November Gillian Southgate:
Ways of Seeing: The Work of William Blake.

12th December With Great Pleasure:
Sue and Tony Moore and Readers.



John Wesley's Chapel 2025

Thank you to all who came to the Christmas Celebration Service in mid-December. It was a really lovely time of lessons and carols with Rev Tricia Williams and we're most grateful for the collection which totalled a magnificent £250 in support of the Christian Aid Disasters Emergency Committee Middle East Appeal.

There is no event at the Chapel during January, but the programme for 2025 is currently as follows, and you may like to note some in your diary now for future reference:

Saturday 15th February 10.30 for 11am – 'Agape Meal' otherwise known as a Methodist Love Feast.

One Sunday during March – a united Service of Praise, hopefully at St Thomas's. Confirmation of arrangements to follow.

Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm – Reflections for Holy Week service conducted by Rev Jonathan and Dr Julie Todd

Saturday 17th May 10am to 12pm
Coffee Morning with History talk at 11am.

Sunday 15th June - Singing Workshop, tea and service from 3 to 7pm

Sunday 13th July - Chapel Anniversary with singing under the Wesley Tree – from 2.30pm with Revds Philip and Catherine Wagstaff.

Saturday 9th August – 10am to 12pm – Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th September 10am to 5pm
Heritage Open Day with Concert at 2pm

Saturday 11th October 10.30 for 11am
Historic Harvest Celebration service

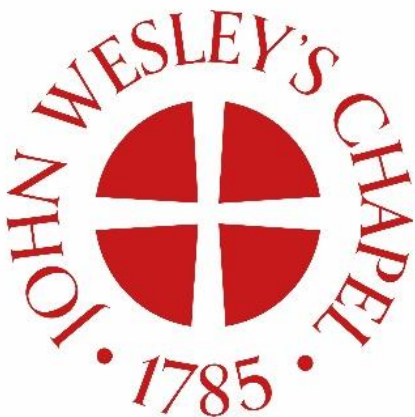
Saturday 1st November 10.30 for 11am
All Saints Day service

Sunday 7th December at 3pm – Advent Service

The Chapel will also be open when there are
Open Gardens Days.

Everyone is invited to Chapel events and services, so if you would like to come to one or two (or even all), you will be very welcome.

Mike Lambourne





Winchelsea Beach in January

Tuesday 7th

Mothers Prayers at 10am at *Morvah*, Sea Road.

Friday 31st

Fellowship Lunch will be on Friday 31st January in the Community Hall at 12.30 for 1pm. Anyone wishing to come who has not already signed up should contact Mary Parker on 07927 107678..

Work on the new extension to the Community Hall is due to start on 6th January and will continue until the end of March. All the usual events will be able to continue but entry will be through the side door. People using the car park must take extra care of people coming in and out of the side door and there may well be disturbance from noise from the builders.



WINCHELSEA FILM NIGHT

In conjunction with Winchelsea New Hall

Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Ciarán Hinds

IN BRUGES

Comedy, Crime, Drama

After a job gone wrong, hitman Ray and his partner await orders from their ruthless boss in Bruges, Belgium, the last place in the world Ray wants to be.



SATURDAY 18th JANUARY 6.30 for 7.30 SCREENING
Admission Free
Refreshments, Pay Bar.
Come early, enjoy a drink or two.



Icklesham Parish Council

Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach Toilets

For many years the Parish Council have been in discussion with Rother District Council to take over the toilets at Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach so it was a real shock to the Parish Council to learn that the District Council intended to market for lease the toilet buildings in Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach to local businesses.

These are now being marketed on Dyer and Hobbis' website and stipulate that the business would need to provide public toilet facilities during their opening times. Due to the poor state of both these toilets our idea was to demolish them and rebuild so we asked for the freehold interest of both sites to reflect the massive investment that would need to be made, but instead we were ignored and they were put up for leasehold sale.

Furious Parish Councillors discussed this development at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 9th December and agreed to

write a strongly worded three page letter to Rother District Council, resisting this course of action and reiterating our interest in the freehold. The Parish Council also agreed to issue a press release, outlining our position to our residents which will be published soon. We will keep residents informed of any developments.

2025/26 Budget

The Parish Council have been discussing the 2025/26 budget making every effort to keep costs down for the benefit of our residents. The budget and figures will be formerly agreed by the Council at the Full Council meeting on 13th January.

Planning Enforcement Issues

The Parish Council have recently written to Rother District Council to formerly complain regarding the lack of planning enforcement currently being undertaken throughout the Parish. The Parish Council were not satisfied with the response received from Rother District Council and will be seeking the assistance of the local MP in this regard. It is felt that if they cannot do this, how would they possibly control the opening of our toilets if they sell them off.

Anne Gun Carriage Fundraising

The Parish Council held a fundraiser on 7th December at St Thomas' Church where historian and author Richard Ensor gave a very interesting talk all about the history of the Warship Anne.

The Parish Council raised a total of £718.76 and all proceeds will be used for the restoration of the Anne Gun and the building of the gun carriage. The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and gave donations. The Parish Council would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help organising the event and at the event.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday 13th January

Planning Meeting 6.15pm followed by Full Council Meeting at Icklesham Memorial Hall.

Monday 27th January

Planning Meeting 6.15pm at Winchelsea Court Hall

We hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and would like to wish all of our residents a happy and healthy New Year.

Please remember IPC are here to represent you and welcome your views on any matter. Please send your views and requests to clerk@icklesham-pc.gov.uk or write to PO Box 148, Winchelsea, TN31 9FP 07714 169901

[icklesham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@icklesham-pc.gov.uk)



Celia Barker



Phone Call

An appeal on behalf of the public phone in the High Street.

If you would like to retain a public phone for use in emergencies when mobiles don't work, please consider emailing the Planning Officer at Rother DC. The real threat to the future of this phone line is detailed by BT inside the phone box but we can appeal right now.

A number of residents are very keen that this phone line should remain open. Mobile reception in this town is patchy, and if the mobile network goes down our High Street telephone line will be the important back up. There would appear to be no other public emergency telephone in the surrounding villages, including Rye. Icklesham Parish Council support the retention of this phone line as does the Winchelsea Conservation Society.

WCS has had success appealing against closure once before and Peter Hatch managed to get the box repainted at that time. Please register your objections asap by email to michael.vladeanu@rother.gov.uk and, if you can face it, to customer.serv.payphones@bt.com as well.

*With many thanks,
John Spencer (retired Chair of WCS)*



Conservation Society

As we reach the start of a new year, we of the Conservation Society Committee wanted to publicly thank our retiring chairman John Spencer for his tireless work for the society, and for the conservation of Winchelsea over many years.

In the last year, thanks to good sleuthing by committee members, we managed to track down and contact the owner of Martens in St Thomas Street and his niece, who has started a programme of repairs to the long-neglected house.

Similar hard work has meant we have put together a comprehensive record of the ancient paths and roadways around Winchelsea, garnered from a range of historical

sources including local walkers, books, aerial photographic surveys, drone footage and LiDAR investigations.

This has enabled us to have a constructive dialogue with the National Trust which contributed to their granting more permissive paths around the town so we can all enjoy to the full the land and views surrounding Winchelsea.

We will continue to work throughout 2025 for the conservation of this unique town in which we are all privileged to live. *June Grindley*



The photo shows a 'walk and talk' with the new NT Head Ranger, Simon Everitt. There were representatives from the WRA and WAAHS (formerly WAS) present. We were shown and discussed the new permissive footpaths on the NT-owned Western Slopes, and their section of the Brede Valley adjacent to Iham.

Photos by Jerry Moss



The Gardeners' Year

Winchelsea Garden Society have several events in the diary for 2025, and there will also be open garden days.

Saturday 25th January

Garden Society AGM at 10am at the Court Hall

Saturday 22nd February

Garden Society Winter Lecture

Saturday 22nd March

Spring Show

Saturday 5th April

Tulip Show

Saturday 17th May

Garden Society Talk

Saturday 31st May

Open Gardens for St Michael's Hospice

Saturday 7th June

Rose Show

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July

Open Gardens for the NGS and a local charity

Saturday 23rd August

Summer Show

Garden Society are also proposing a midweek outing to RHS Wisley in February and plan to resume their popular monthly Garden Socials once winter is over.

	am	Literary Society (Court Hall)
		Garden Society AGM (Court Hall)
FEBRUARY 2025		
Saturday 1st		
Wednesday 12th	am	Church Market
Saturday 15th	pm	Second Wednesday Society (New Ha
Saturday 15th		Archaeological Society AGM
Saturday 15th	am	Wine Society AGM
Friday 21st	eve	Murder Mystery Evening (New Hall)
Saturday 22nd	pm	Literary Society (Court Hall)
Saturday 22nd	eve	Garden Society Winter Lecture (New H
		FOAM Quiz (New Hall)
MARCH 2025		
Sunday 1st		
Sunday 1st	am	Church Market
Tuesday 5th	eve	

Winchelsea Forward Planner

The Winchelsea Forward Planner is now over ten years old. It was devised to deal with a situation that often used to catch people out as they started to plan events for their societies: how to know whether someone else had plans for the same day?

The Planner is a simplified listing that enables everyone to check for potential clashes. Most committees in the town email me events for inclusion and receive the update when it goes out at the end of every month.

If you don't receive the Planner but think it would be helpful to you, let me know and I'll add you to the list. Equally, if you've been receiving it but no longer need to, I'll take you off.

David Page ryeview@gmail.com



Thai Pop Up

Winchelsea Farm Kitchen are holding a Thai Pop Up evening with London chef Dan on January 31st. [Click here to see the Menu](#) and for all the details. To book either call or message or email us at the shop.

winchelseafarmkitchen@outlook.com



St Michael's Hospice

Hastings Half Marathon

Move for St Michael's this year at the Hastings Half Marathon. The marathon is a cherished local event featuring elite, club and fun runners battling with the notorious 13.1 mile route around the St Leonards and Hastings. The streets will be lined with lively supporters cheering the runners on.

Everyone running for the Hospice will receive a Runners Reward Bag full of goodies to help your recovery, plus all the tea and cakes you can manage in the Hospice marquee after the race. Children aged 7-16 can get in on the action too with the mini-race, starting just after the main event (children must be supervised by a parent).

The Hospice fundraising team is here to support you every step of the way. To let us know that you're running, contact

Anthony Mannion at 01424 456 396 or email fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com
Find race details and sign up at hastings-half.co.uk.
Run, fundraise, and make a difference!

Can you display a collection pot?

Are you a local business or part of a club, committee or group? If you're looking for an easy way to support St Michael's Hospice – why not grab one of their collection pots? It's simple to sign up to receive one, email fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com to request a pot, they'll drop it off, you collect spare change, and when it's full, the Hospice will swing by to pick it up. That's it! No hassle – just an effortless way to make a big difference for your local Hospice. Let the Hospice know if you'd like to support them in this way.

St Michael's Hospice Thursday Coffee Stop and Saturday Social

St Michael's Hospice understands how hard it can feel to reach out, especially if you're feeling lonely. That's why they warmly invite you to their Thursday Coffee Stop which happens every Thursday from 10am-12pm, in the Hospice Cafe. Or their Saturday Social takes place on the last Saturday of every month from 10am – 12pm in the Arthur Easton Centre.

These informal events are a welcoming space to meet others and have chats, all whilst sipping tea and eating cake. Everyone is welcome. To find out more, email the team at commvolunteering@stmichaelshospice.com or call them on 01424 445177.



Rye Food Bank

The next Winchelsea doorstep collection will be on the morning of Tuesday 21st January.

You can also take contributions directly to the food bank on any Wednesday morning before 11.30. Rye Food Bank is located at the Baptist Church in Cinque Ports Street and has its own car park to the rear of the building. Jempson's in Rye also has a collection point for donations within the store.

Financial donations are also much appreciated.

For further details about Rye Food Bank and how to make a donation go to ryefoodbank.com

Donald Cameron-Clarke 01797 226414

What's On Weekly At Winchelsea New Hall

Mondays 09.30-10.15	Pilates with Hannah	Suitable for all. Contact Hannah on 07936 151529 or email hannahpilateshastings@gmail.com
Mondays 15.00-15.50	Zumba Gold	Suitable for all. Contact Daisy at fitnessbythesea@outlook.com
Mondays 16.00-17.00	Pilates with Celia will resume in 2025	Suitable for all ages and abilities. Contact Celia on kingcelia54@gmail.com
Tuesdays 10.00-11.00	Yoga with Natasha	Suitable for everyone from beginners to experienced. Contact Natasha on 07946 399211 or email nn@natashanandininyogini.com
Tuesdays 14.00-15.30	Tune In Winchelsea	Fun singing group run by local tenor Gary Marriot. All ages and abilities welcome. Contact Rosemarie on 07941 458628
Wednesdays 18.00-19.00	Rother Fitness	Contact Rachel at rotherfitnessgroup@outlook.com
Thursdays 09.30-10.30	Scottish Dancing	A fun, friendly class, suitable for beginners. Contact maddycoelho@hotmail.com
Thursdays 18.00-19.00	Rother Fitness	Contact Rachel rotherfitnessgroup@outlook.com
Fridays 09.30-10.15	Pilates with Hannah	All welcome. Contact Hannah on 07936 151529 or email hannahpilateshastings@gmail.com

**The hall has Table Tennis, Badminton and Pickleball equipment and can be booked on an ad hoc basis for £2 per person per hour (£1 for under 16's) – contact Rosemarie on 07941 458628 or WhatsApp

Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar
January 2025

Saturday 4th	Church Market at St Thomas's - 10.30 till 12
Sunday 5th <i>Epiphany</i>	8am: BCP Holy Communion at Winchelsea 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Tuesday 7th	Mothers' Prayers - Morvah, Sea Road - 10am
Wednesday 8th	Second Wednesday Society - New Hall - 2.30pm
Sunday 12th	8.30am: BCP Holy Communion at Pett Level 9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Friday 17th	Literary Society - Court Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Saturday 18th	Film Night - New Hall - 6.30 for 7.30pm
Sunday 19th	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Pett 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Saturday 25th	Garden Society AGM - Court Hall - 10am Burns Night Dance - New Hall - 6.15 for 6.45pm
Sunday 26th	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Friday 31st	Fellowship Lunch - WB Community Hall - 12.30 for 1pm
Sat 1st Feb	Church Market at St Thomas's - 10.30 till 12
Sun 2nd Feb <i>Candlemas</i>	11am: Benefice Eucharist at Winchelsea <i>Jonathan's farewell service</i>
Fri 7th Feb	Farewell to Jonathan and Shirley - New Hall - 6pm

Further ahead

Sat 15th Feb	Murder Mystery Evening
Sat 22nd Feb	Garden Society Winter Lecture FOAM Quiz

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as soon as you have it to hand but, in any case,
before Friday 31st January



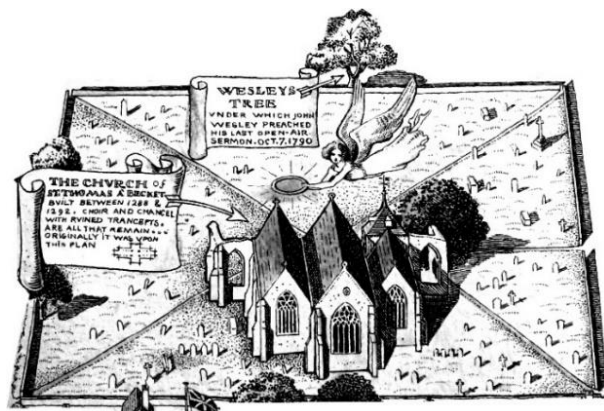
Gavin McFadyean

For Winchelsea Beach information go to
winchelsea-beach-community-association.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



Rector of Winchelsea and Icklesham and Priest in Charge of Pett

The Revd Jonathan Meyer
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 The Rector's day off is Monday

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