

WINCHESEA PARISH MAGAZINE

November 2025



Martin Lew-Gor



Awaiting an announcement

It's hardly a secret around Winchelsea that the post of Rector has been offered and accepted. An official announcement from the diocese should come very soon but the wheels of the Church of England turn slowly and there is still some administrative process to complete before his name can be published both here and in the parish he's coming from. There's every reason to believe that he will be moving into the Rectory in the New Year.

Simultaneously legal process is going forward to create a new Benefice of Winchelsea, Icklesham and Pett. Jonathan Meyer was already responsible for ministry at Pett and the new scheme will formalise that arrangement. The Church Commissioners have published the details which you will find [here](#). Any representations about the proposed scheme must be made by 1st December.



Bishop Martin was in Winchelsea on 5th October and we expect to see him here again early in 2026 for the licensing of the new Rector



Poppy Appeal and Remembrance 2025

This year's Poppy Appeal will run until Tuesday 11th November. Just to confirm that donation tins and trays containing poppy material are available at The Little Shop, The Farm Kitchen, The New Inn, Winchelsea Lodge, the Co-op, Sutton's Shop, The Ship Inn/Jamie's Butchers and the School. Purchases can also be made directly and online via poppyshop.org.uk.

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 Poppy Appeal, Sort Code 30-11-75, Account Number 01937121 at any time. It would be appreciated if the payment reference SFF24 could be used, for any donations made during the Appeal period, as that will credit the gift to the Winchelsea area. However, 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, or by using the QR code on the trays.

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 should be placed in the Black Box in the Church, or in any box at the above locations, on or before 11th November.

CHARITY PUB QUIZ



Sunday 9th November 2025

Winchelsea New Inn

6:30 pm for 7 pm start

Teams & Cost

Max 6 people per table

£20 PER TABLE

(Reserve at the New Inn beforehand)



We do hope for a good turnout at the New Inn Quiz night on Sunday 9th November, with proceeds going to the Appeal and thanks to Jerry Moss for organising this.

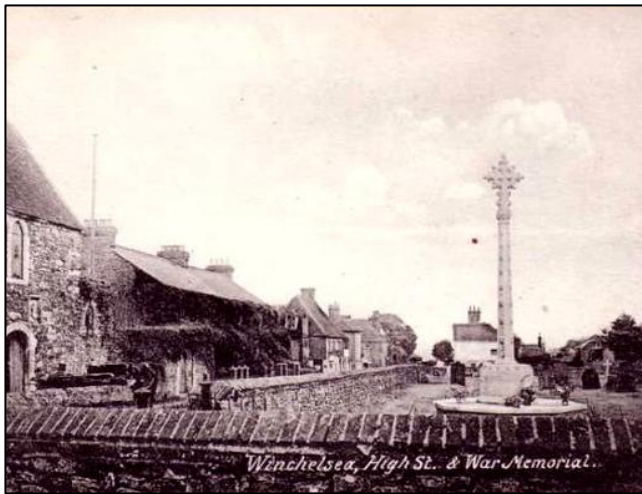
Finally, if you have any difficulty in getting hold of any remembrance material you need, in making a donation, or have any questions about this year's appeal, please call John Rodley on 01797 223458.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, the Mayor will lead a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am. Others who wish to lay wreaths are welcome to do so, and this is very much the decision of individuals.

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.

There will also be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am on Tuesday 11th November, Armistice Day.





Winchelsea Community Shop Update

In October we held our second town meeting, to update everyone on the progress that has been made in moving towards community ownership. More than 90 residents attended, demonstrating just how important securing the future of our shop is to the town.

At the meeting, the steering group announced that a Community Benefit Society has now been established, to operate the shop. It's called 'Winchelsea Community Shop Limited' and has been registered with the Financial Conduct Authority. £42,000 has already been transferred to our new bank account from the 'Little Shop Association'. This money was raised when the previous community shop was sold almost twenty years ago.

Now that the legal structure is in place, detailed negotiations are underway with the owner regarding the transfer of the business. In the short term we will be leasing the premises, however our eventual aim is to most likely purchase the building. In the New Year we will be ready to launch a share offer where residents can buy a stake in the business and have their say. We will explain how it will all work at our next meeting in January or February.

More information is available on winchelsea.com, Rye News and in a newsletter available in the shop. It's already generated some lovely feedback, from those outside the town:

"My wife and I visited the shop yesterday, as we do every few weeks, and learned from Nathan and your excellent leaflet of your future plans. We live in Limpsfield in the Surrey, it too has a very successful community shop which is just celebrating its 25th year of operation."

*"I was the last resident Winchelsea police officer. I am delighted that Nathan is to remain in 'charge' of the shop. I knew Nathan as a child and a young man and know he has worked very hard to make the Shop work. I do so hope the future of the Shop is finalised. It was and obviously still is a great asset to Winchelsea and the surroundings".
Edmund Hobby, [sometimes known as Hobby the Bobby].*

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those amazing FOAM Cellar Tour guides, together with their helpers, and the generous residents who allow them to use their cellars. During September they ran six tours on our behalf, as part of the Rye Arts Festival and managed to raise a massive £1,395 for the Little Shop.

Christmas is coming and that's an extra busy time for the Little Shop. Our wonderful team of volunteers are already in place to help Nathan make sure everything runs smoothly. We will be distributing leaflets, picking up turkeys, helping with fruit and veg orders and taking care of deliveries. We've also had some kind offers to decorate the shop as part of Winchelsea's Christmas Windows.

And don't forget, whenever you can, help your community shop by popping in and buying something!

The Little Shop Steering Group: Ali Casey, Glen Marks, Dave Richards, Rosemarie Roberts, Ian Rowlands



**SATURDAY
15TH
NOVEMBER**

10.30AM TO 3PM



WINCHELSEA CHRISTMAS FAIR

GRAND RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS

LOCAL ARTISANS - ARTISTS, JEWELRY,
TOYS, CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, ART
PRINTS, BULB BOWLS, BASKETS, CARDS,
CHOCOLATE, WINE, FUNGI KITS,
CANDLES, COSMETICS, CASHMERE,
WALKING STICKS, BAGS, AND MORE



ENTRY £1

Under 16s Free

**WINCHELSEA NEW HALL
TN36 4AA**

Registered Charity no. 235174



At the New Hall

100 Club

The winning number for the 100 Club for October was 63. Congratulations to the winner of the £100 prize!

New Hall Christmas Fair

Come along to the New Hall on Saturday 15th November between 10.30 and 3pm and start your Christmas shopping early! As usual the hall will be beautifully decorated and we have an amazing range of premium artisan stallholders. Come and shop for Christmas cards, Christmas decorations, jewellery, bulbs, artwork, books, bags, ceramics, toys, chocolates and fine wines (to name but a few!). As well as the stalls we have a raffle, tombola and refreshments where you can get in the Christmas spirit by enjoying homemade sausage rolls and mince pies.

Our tombola and raffle are great fundraisers for the Rye Food Bank and the New Hall so please come and support us. If you can help us on the Tombola by donating the odd bottle of wine (or spirits) chocolates or a nice Christmas gift set please drop off to John & Sue at 1 Hiham Green, or contact them and they can collect from you:

johnhmcgeown@gmail.com mob. 07796 272720

suejmcgeown@gmail.com mob. 07766 915111

*New Hall Management Committee – Rob Mortimer,
John McGeown, Sergio Rebecchi, Mary Tidyman,
Rosemarie Roberts and Ali Casey*



A New Mayor for Winchelsea

Peter Cosstick writes: It gives me great pleasure to announce that, on Saturday 18th October, members of Winchelsea Corporation met in the Court Hall where it was formally agreed that the Revd David Page is now the Mayor Select for Winchelsea. This unanimous decision was reached following full consultation of all Freeman of Winchelsea.

David will take up office on Easter Monday 6th April 2026, when I step down after two years of office.

2026 is a special year for the town as Speakership of the Cinque Ports Confederation will be transferred to Winchelsea on 21st May, and David will become Speaker on this date. This post is held for one year and comes to Winchelsea every seven years.

David was previously Mayor of Winchelsea between 2020 and 2022, during those very dark and worrying times of Covid. It's wonderful that he will now be serving in happier times, and fully enjoy his term of office.

David and Howard moved to Winchelsea in 2006 and both continue to be involved in numerous town activities. David produces the magazine, looks after *winchelsea.com* and does the admin for the annual NGS garden openings.

He has served as a governor at St Thomas's School and was one of the team that produced the 2025 Winchelsea Book. Currently he is covering various duties at church until the new Rector arrives.

I am sure you will be delighted to hear this news, and no doubt will share with me in wishing David every success.



Speaker's Day in Winchelsea 2019

The myths and mysteries of Winchelsea Corporation

For those of you that would like to know more about the Corporation, why we exist and what we do, on Saturday morning 8th November I shall be hosting a very informal 'pop in and see me' event in Winchelsea Court Hall between 11.00 and 12.00. All welcome. *Peter Cosstick*



Mike Stoneham, Peter Cosstick, Celia King *KT Bruce*

Tales from the Court Hall

Last week, Winchelsea Lower Court Hall and once the town gaol was transformed into an atmospheric setting for ‘Tales from the Court Hall’. Performances were held over two evenings, both playing to a sell-out audience from far and wide. The evening centred around several true tales and real characters who have lived in Winchelsea over a two hundred year period and for different reasons found themselves ‘guests’ of the Court Hall.

Following extensive research these were ‘but voices from the past’ providing some amusing, some chilling, some outrageous and some very sad tales. The tales were performed by Mike Stoneham and Celia King, with research by Debbie and Peter Cosstick (who also acted as host).

With much applause from the audience, this very successful evening raised £900 for Winchelsea Corporation to assist in supporting various restoration and renovation projects.

Peter says, ‘Many years ago during my childhood I was a big fan of ‘Tales from the Crypt’ and this inspired me to develop and produce ‘Tales from the Court Hall’. Debbie and I spent a fair amount of time on research and then writing the tales’.



WINCHELSEA FILM NIGHT

In conjunction with Winchelsea New Hall



No one heard her until she sang

Jane Horrocks in
LITTLE VOICE

with
Michael Caine
Brenda Blethyn
Jim Broadbent
and
Ewan McGregor

SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER 6.30 for 7.30 SCREENING

Admission Free
Refreshments, Pay Bar.
Come early, enjoy a drink or two.



The Glasgow Boys

The Glasgow Boys were a group of Scottish artists in the late 19th century who rebelled against traditional, academic art by focusing on contemporary rural life. Their work represented the beginnings of modernism in Scottish painting. Bill Doherty, Winchelsea's own Glasgow Boy, will be speaking to Second Wednesday Society and telling us more....

12th November at 2.30pm in the New Hall

The AGM will be held on 10th December at 2.30pm, followed by a talk on Grayson Perry by Andrew Ashton.

Members free - Visitors £5 - Homemade tea £2.

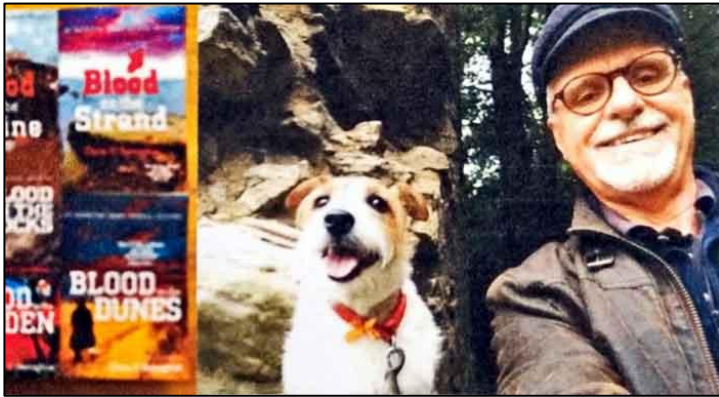
Annual membership £15 due in January

BACS preferred: ref "your name"

Winchelsea Second Wednesday Society

Sort code 09-01-55 a/c 43784800

2ndWeds@gmail.com



Rye Noir Soir

Local crime novelist, Chris O'Donoghue, greeted a Lit. Soc. audience intent on drawing the veil from novel writing as “Lovely people of Winchelsea”. Some of the less restrained sceptics present were seen surreptitiously scanning the assembly in search of possible addressees. Doubtless aware of the maxim that “*everyone has a book in them*” he proposed to slake the thirst of any wannabe authors by revealing his own *modus operandi*.

He presented his own distinctly modular C.V. – ceramicist, modeller, novelist – and the requisite personality traits for the prolific writer: - solitary, self-centred and selfish. Energetic engagement was his prescribed approach to the task – “*just sit down and write*” and like De Quincy in “*Murder as a Fine Art*” placed procrastination in the lowest circle of his personal “*Inferno*”.

The aspiring novelist should be “target driven”, aiming for between 80,000 and 100,000 words. Our speaker proposed a minimum planning outline of plot, character and narrative before opening the sluices for any flow of consciousness. O'Donoghue classified plots as the work of either precision crafters awash in preliminary detail before starting or “*pantsters*” writing by the seat of their pants and surrendering the narrative to the spontaneity of the moment.

He placed himself in the latter category. The cast needs 2 or 3 boldly painted characters and between 4 and 7 from a more muted palette. The writer must maintain a realistic narrative but should delay editing and correcting until a

substantial quantity of text was committed to paper. Chris's wife was a journalist and sub-editor on one of the broadsheets and she edits his work. He would advise everyone to find an editor or even a beta-editor whose informal feedback was generally useful.

Nowadays, meaningful contact with publishers has become increasingly difficult and the days when they read submitted manuscripts are gone, although self-publishing has become easier with Amazon offering a one book at a time publishing option.

How does the prospective novelist summon that elusive Muse who would open the vein of inspired creativity? Chris advised starting with a picture of something concrete, citing how a description of part of his model railway layout generated the head of steam which sent "*Blood on the Tide*" rolling. O'Donoghue's thrillers are set in Rye and Romney Marsh in the decade following the Second World War and he is scrupulously attentive to period detail.

While many crime writers develop an almost emotional relationship with their principal character, our speaker arrived with one, basing his main protagonist, Detective Inspector Sonny Russell, on an uncle of the same name. Russell is the antithesis of the hard-boiled Sam Spade investigator fuelled by chain smoking, the bottle of red eye in the desk drawer and the Java jug bubbling on the shelf. He is a vegetarian, favours "*Breakfast Tea*", has Buddhist leanings and lives in a converted railway carriage at Winchelsea Beach inseparable from his Jack Russell terrier, Aggie.

Floating in this cosy bubble his only comment would have to be "*Eat your heart out, Montalbano!*"

Bill Doherty

Autumnal

Summer is over -
trees stand stark
as startled deer
their antler-branches
rigid in the air;

Winter is coming -
bringing darkness
death to foliage
icy winds,
quiet despair;

Christmas draws nearer -
with blood berries
on wreaths of thorn,
cold comfort
for the new-born;

Spring hovers distant -
a promise only
on the horizon,
holding out hope
like a dove in a storm.

Richard Ormrod





John Wesley's Chapel

The Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations in October proved to be mainly traditional rather than historic. It was led by Maggie Woods – Co-Chair of Methodist Women in Britain 2024/25 - and the collection for this year's *All We Can* Harvest Appeal raised a pleasing £128.

The following week the Chapel and St Thomas's hosted a visit from the older children from the Staplecross Methodist Primary School as part of an RE project. They took a great deal of interest in the historic differences as well as the common thinking of the two denominations as well as noting the significant variance in the architecture.

Our next event is on Saturday 1st November when we shall have an All-Saints Day celebration. This will be a first for the Chapel and we are delighted that Rev Carol Cockcroft will be leading the service. Some will know Carol as she is a Team Vicar at St Michael's and All Angels Parish Church in Bexhill and also happens to be our new neighbour in the house next door to the Chapel. We meet at 10.30am for tea and coffee before the service which starts at 11.

It is not long then till the last event of 2025, when there will be an Advent Service on Sunday 7th December at 3pm, and this will be led by our new Chair of the Management Committee, Rev Ian Couchman. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.



Ian Rowlands



Winchelsea Christmas Windows 2025

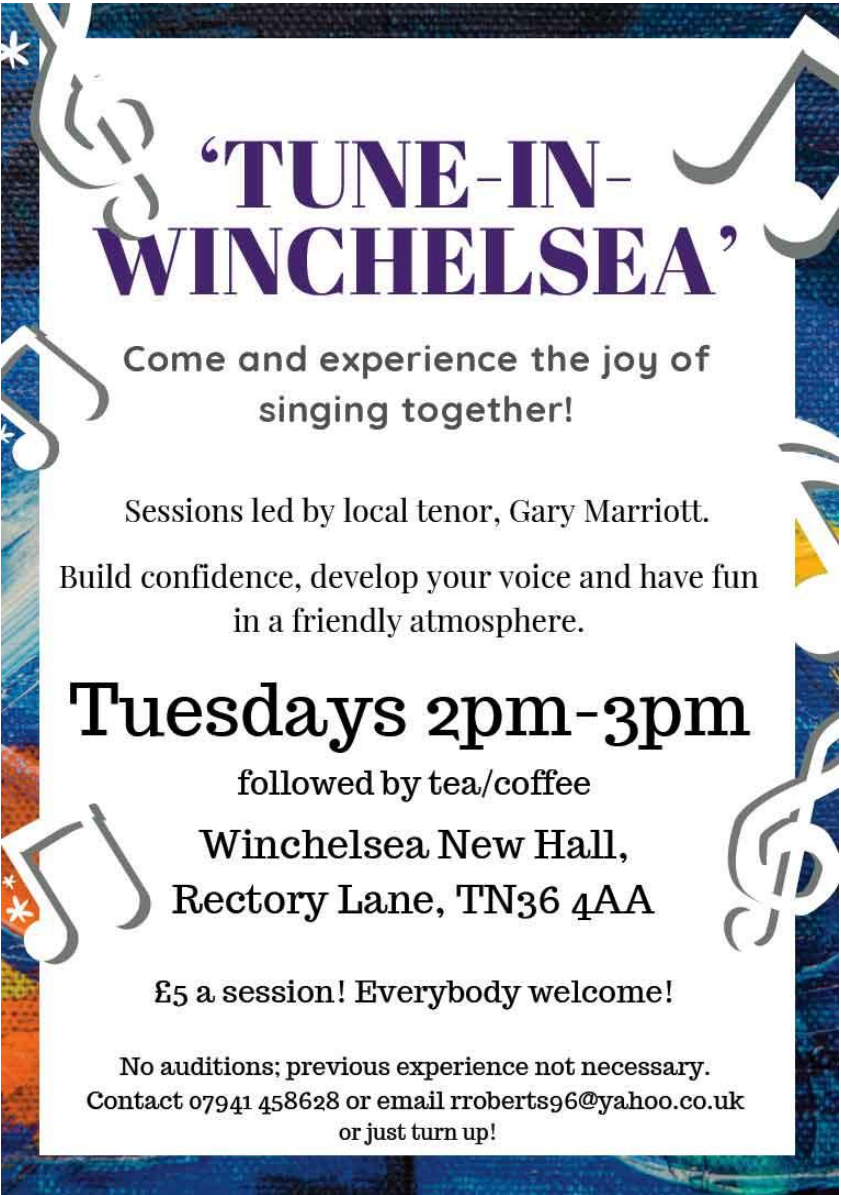
As Christmas fast approaches, the Winchelsea Christmas Windows Team are looking forward to welcoming as many households as possible to join in this year's celebration of Christmas. The theme this year is Christmas songs or carols, Christmas films or pantomimes.

We had a great response at the October Church Market with lots of residents signing up to take part but we still need more window's to be lit and decorated. Lighting Up date is Saturday 13th December 4.30pm to 8.30pm and every day at these times up to and including 31st December.

Closing date for your window to be included on the town trail is 24th November. The team will be at the November Church Market so please come and have a chat with us or call me on 01797 229087 or email me at deborahmbeverley@btinternet.com.

Let's keep this wonderful Winchelsea tradition going and light up our windows for Christmas. All proceeds from the sale of the town trails will be donated to Demelza Children's Charity.

Debbie, Richard, Lyn, Julian and Graham



'TUNE-IN- WINCHELSEA'

**Come and experience the joy of
singing together!**

Sessions led by local tenor, Gary Marriott.

Build confidence, develop your voice and have fun
in a friendly atmosphere.

Tuesdays 2pm-3pm

followed by tea/coffee

**Winchelsea New Hall,
Rectory Lane, TN36 4AA**

£5 a session! Everybody welcome!

No auditions; previous experience not necessary.
Contact 07941 458628 or email rroberts96@yahoo.co.uk
or just turn up!



Wine Society

Winchelsea Wine Society is holding a special pre-Christmas event on Friday 28th November when we are creating our own version of the 'Call My Bluff' game. Local residents are invited to join us while tickets are available.

As usual there will be a tasting of six good quality wines. However, on this occasion these will come from premium vineyards from around the world and before learning about them our WWS experts will take it in turn to describe and identify the wines – two will be bluffing and one telling the truth. Is that an Australian Shiraz, or a favourite Sicilian red or a discovery from South West France ?

Participants will be seated in groups of 5-6 to help share thoughts, with each group deciding who in their opinion is fibbing and who is not. Chris Chappell will act as quizmaster and keep the evening ticking along. It's not a competition, there are no prizes, but we can guarantee some very good wines and a lot of fun !

The wine tasting will start in the New Hall at 6.30 pm on Friday 28th November. Doors open from 6.15pm with a glass of sparkling wine offered on arrival. Tickets for the event are £20 each. Availability is limited. To reserve your place, please contact winchelseawinesociety@gmail.com



Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm

Handel: Messiah by Candlelight

Ensemble OrQuesta *directed by* Marcio da Silva

The church will be specially decorated by Nigel Ashton for this candlelight performance of Handel's oratorio which was premiered at the Fishamble Street Musick Hall in Dublin in 1742

At the first performance, ladies were asked to 'wear dresses without hoops' and gentlemen had to 'remove their swords' in order to free up space for the huge audience. The piece has remained a firm favourite with audiences and this concert promises to be the perfect start to the Christmas season

winchelsea-arts.org.uk

There are still a few tickets left
[Click here to book](#)

[Click here to see the full Season programme](#)



WAAHS goes Roman

On Saturday 18th October the Winchelsea and Area Archaeological and Historical Society (WAAHS) held the second of their planned series of autumn and winter talks in the New Hall. On this occasion the Speaker was Blake Galloway, a young, extremely confident and engaging archaeologist and heritage professional who in his downtime doubles as the Stadium Announcer at Ipswich Town Football Club.

Blake gave a confident, thoroughly detailed and well-received audio-visual presentation on the Culver Archaeological Project (CAP) and Bridge Farm Project near Lewes. CAP was started in 2005 to investigate the historic landscape surrounding the Barcombe Villa complex, a 1st to 4th century Romano-British settlement.

Twenty years later continuing archaeological research now seeks to understand the historical environment present within the greater alluvial plain of the Upper Ouse Valley. CAP has become internationally renowned as a major open

area archaeological excavation site, with university students, professionals and local volunteers all engaged in trying to interpret the local landscape and the archaeological remains.

Simultaneously, surrounding fields have also undergone extensive geophysical surveys that have uncovered additional areas of potential interest, including Roman Roads (and junctions).

Blake, who clearly retains a boundless enthusiasm for his subject matter, started at CAP and Bridge Farm as a volunteer and now works in a supervisory capacity. Some of the images he displayed included those of a surprisingly well-preserved wood-lined Roman well, numerous Roman coins, shards of pottery and even complete pottery vessels.

At the conclusion to his talk Blake compared CAP with the recent uncovering of sections of the Icklesham Roman Road, as well as earlier excavations in Icklesham that uncovered Roman tiles and iron-ore bloomeries.

Grace O'Neill



Uncovering a section of the Roman Road
at Icklesham

**WINCHELSEA CONSERVATION SOCIETY (WCS)
WINCHELSEA / AREA / ARCHAEOLOGICAL &
HISTORICAL SOCIETY (WAAHS)**

"THE MEDIEVAL ENGLISH TRAVELLER FROM WINCHELSEA TO BEYOND"

by Professor Anthony Bale.

Saturday 29th November 2025, 2 pm

The New Hall, Rectory Lane, Winchelsea TN36 4AA



**Professor of Medieval & Renaissance
English Literature**

at the University of Cambridge

Author of

**"A Travel Guide to the Middle Ages:
The World Through Medieval Eyes"**

£5 Entry, or Free to WAAHS & WCS Members (or join)

Winchelsea Garden Society

Gardeners' Question Time

Which plant should I choose? How many will I need? How often do I need to water it? Will it survive the winter? When should I plant it? Does it like sun or shade? What is the most reliable variety? Is it vulnerable to pests? Is it a thug? Why isn't it thriving?

What would you like to ask our panel?

**John Dunk, Marc Fulljames &
Howard Norton**

Please email your question to **sallyrhodda@me.com** and then come to the Court Hall, Winchelsea at 5pm on Thursday 20 November to hear them answer as many questions as they can before 7pm.

Entry is £5 including a glass of wine.



Literary Society in November

Gillian Southgate is the speaker at November's meeting and her topic is 'Ways of Seeing: The Work of William Blake'.

Gillian pursued an academic career teaching English and American Literature for 30 years in Canterbury, having first trained as a journalist in Warwickshire. She writes and publishes poetry, reads avidly and has delivered in the past a number of lectures for the Lit Soc, including Geoffrey Chaucer, The Bloomsbury Group, Katherine Mansfield, and the Writing Voices of America.

She has a deep affection for Winchelsea; she and her husband Peter have been coming to the town for the last fifteen years and very much enjoy the vibrancy and variety of stimulating activities available to them.

Friday 21st November at 7pm for 7.30 in the Court Hall.



Sold Out!

If you are still requiring a ticket, please join the waiting list here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/foam> , select your preferred performance and Phil Mack will get back to with any returns or last minute spaces.

FOAM ■

2 dates for your diaries

Carols in the
Court Hall



Friday Dec. 19th
6.30 for 7pm

FOAM
Quiz

Saturday 28th February

New Hall at 6.30pm



Details to follow soon!

FOAM Carols and Quiz

We have two dates for your diary.

On Friday 19th December at 7pm it's FOAM Christmas Carols. Singing carols with your neighbours in the beautifully decorated Lower Court Hall is a lovely experience. As usual Peter Hatch will be playing the keyboard and Ian Rowlands will be your master of ceremonies.

The event is a thank you from FOAM, for your support during the year, in helping us maintain the town gates, well, Court Hall and Museum. There is no charge, all members are welcome, and a glass of wine and something to nibble will be on offer. Doors open at 6.30pm.

However, to manage numbers, we will once again be asking you to reserve a ticket online. Details will follow a little nearer the time.

On Saturday 28th February, at 6.30pm it's the annual FOAM Quiz. It really is the best way to brighten up a dull February. As usual Chris Chappell will be providing an eccentric, unusual and frankly bizarre mix of questions.

And to celebrate the arrival of the Bayeux Tapestry to England in 2026, there will be a distinctly Norman flavour to some of them. We will be taking table bookings immediately after the New Year. Hope you can join us.

Chris Chappell on behalf of the FOAM Committee
chriswinchelsea@icloud.com



Fellowship Lunch

at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall on Friday 28th November at 12.30 for 1pm. All welcome. Anyone who hasn't already booked should contact Cynthia on 01797 226074. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

First Wednesday Coffee Morning

on 5th November in Winchelsea Beach Community Hall from 10.30 to 12. All are welcome.

Craft Fayre

on Sunday 30th November from 10.30 - 3pm in Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.

Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayers will be on Tuesday 4th November at 10am at *El Indalo*, Old Harbour Farm Lane.

Bible Study at the New Inn Winchelsea

The next Bible Study session will take place on Thursday 6th November at 6pm. We will be looking at chapters 15 and 16 of Acts of the Apostles. Everyone is welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT

**In aid of St Mary & St Peter
Church, Pett**

**Pett Village Hall
22 November 2025
7.30pm start**

**£5 per person
with a max team of 6 per team**

Bring your own food and drink

**To book please email:
pettchurchquiz@gmail.com**



St Michael's Hospice

Lights of Love

As the air turns crisp and the evenings draw in, St Michael's Hospice invites you to come together to celebrate and reflect on precious memories of those you miss at their Light of Love events.

Annabelle, who's been to many of the Hospice's Lights of Love events, shares, "I write the same poem to my parents every year on my star. Just reading the words back to myself will bring tears to my eyes."

You can dedicate a star in memory of someone you miss, either by emailing lightsoflove@stmichaelsospice.com with your full address to order by post, or by creating your tribute online. You can add a message and upload a photo, your dedication will then be added to the glistening Hospice trees, visit smhlightsoflove.memorypage.org to dedicate online.

The Hospice have Lights of Love services happening across Hastings and Rother, including at St Mary's Rye. visit stmichaelsospice.com/event/lightsoflove2025 to find out more



FIREWORKS QUIZ NIGHT

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT!

Form a team of up to 6 and get ready to battle it out for a host of wonderful prizes!

Friday 14th November | Doors open 7:00PM
The Tudor Room at The Mermaid Inn, Rye
Quiz starts at 7:30PM

Tickets £5 per player | Please bring your own snacks |
Licensed bar | Raffle

To reserve a table email fundraising@ryehospital.org.uk
or call 01797 228842



In aid of Rye, Winchelsea & District Memorial Hospital Ltd

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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	Suitable for all ages and abilities. Contact Celia on kingcelia54@gmail.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
Tuesdays 18.00-20.00	Rother Fitness	Contact Rachel at rotherfitnessgroup@outlook.com
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



Rye Food Bank

Cam writes: I am writing to advise you that the next Winchelsea doorstep Food Bank collection behalf of Rye and Winchelsea Rotary Club will be Tuesday 18th November between 10am and 1pm. I have been the town collector for the last five years , commencing just before COVID struck, collecting on the third Tuesday of every month. These donations I deliver personally to the Foodbank the following day for distribution to local needy families. I am always looking for new donors and would be grateful if you would spread the word in the town and tell your neighbours.

My telephone number is 01797 226414. As a result of the recent Harvest Festival , St Thomas's congregation donated 54.2kg (120lbs) of donations to the Rye Food Bank. Subsequently the local Food Bank. Co-ordinator, Bob Harper wrote a letter of thanks to St Thomas's Parochial Church Council thanking them for such a splendid donation and thank you all for your support in these uncertain times.

Cam Clarke, Old Malt House, Winchelsea

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

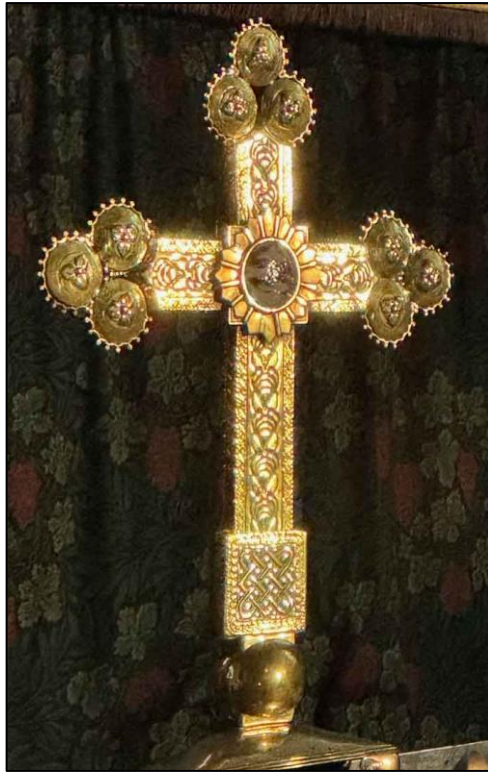
Winchelsea Church and Town Calendar November 2025

Saturday 1st	Church Market at St Thomas's - 10.30 till 12 All Saints Celebration - Wesley's Chapel - 10.30 for 11am
Sunday 2nd <i>All Saints</i>	8.30am: Holy Communion (BCP) at Pett Level 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Tuesday 4th	Mothers' Prayers -10am
Thursday 6th	New Inn Bible Study - 6pm
Saturday 8th	Film Night - New Hall 6.30pm for 7.30
Sunday 9th <i>Remembrance</i>	10.30am: Remembrance Service at Icklesham Memorial Hall 10.45am: Remembrance Service at Pett followed by Holy Communion 11am: Act of Remembrance at Winchelsea War Memorial followed by a Remembrance Service in Church New Inn RBL Charity Quiz- 6.30pm for 7
Tuesday 11th	Act of Remembrance - War Memorial - 11am
Wednesday 12th	Second Wednesday Society - New Hall - 2.30pm
Thurs 13th - Sat 15th	Turn of the Screw - Court Hall
Saturday 15th	Christmas Fair - New Hall - 10.30am to 3pm
Sunday 16th	11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Thursday 20th	Gardener's Question Time - Court Hall - 5pm to 7pm
Friday 21st	Literary Society - Court Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Saturday 22nd	Quiz Night - Pett Village Hall - 7.30pm
Sunday 23rd	9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Parish Eucharist at Winchelsea
Friday 28th	Fellowship Lunch - WB Community Hall - 12.30 for 1pm Wine Society - New Hall - 6.15 for 6.30pm
Saturday 29th	WAAHS & Conservation Society Talk - New Hall - 2pm
Sunday 30th <i>Advent Sunday</i>	11am: Benefice Eucharist at Winchelsea

Further ahead

Thurs 18th Dec	Messiah by Candlelight
Fri 19 Dec	FOAM Carols in the Court Hall
Sun 21st Dec	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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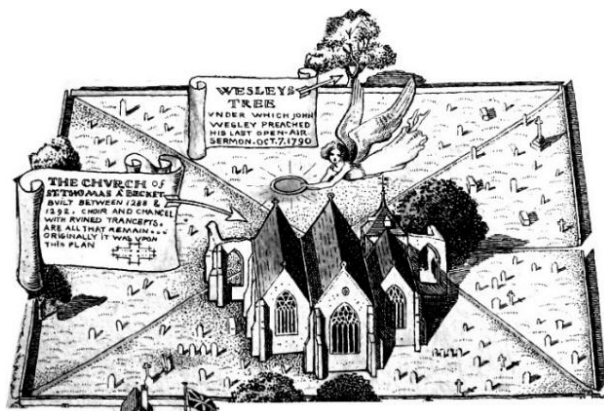
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