

WINCHELSEA PARISH MAGAZINE

October 2026





Speaker's Day

Every seven years, the Mayor of Winchelsea gets to be Speaker of the Cinque Ports. It's an ancient office, dating back to the thirteenth century. In more recent times, Speakers have invited civic dignitaries and representatives of the fourteen Confederation members to come together for Speaker's Day, showcasing the host town.

This year mayors, town clerks and mace-bearers gathered at *Greyfriars*, the Surrey and Sussex Drum and Bugle Band led a procession round the town. The Bishop of Dover gave a powerful address at the Service of Celebration at St Thomas's. Guests then returned to *Greyfriars*, where there was a tour of the medieval friary ruins and a formal lunch.

The Speakership passes to the Mayor of Rye next spring, and then moves east year by year, returning to Hastings in 2032 and to us again in 2033.

[Click here](#) to see an eight-minute YouTube video of the event [and here](#) to find out more about the Cinque Ports.





photos by kt Bruce, Sim Canetty-Clarke and Dean Marie



Winchelsea Arts

On Saturday 10th October at 7.30pm, the Rautio Piano Trio, internationally recognised for their precision and stylistic insight, present a programme that demonstrates their authority in Classical and early Romantic chamber music.

Praised by Gramophone for their fresh, alert and technically superb performances, the trio bring definition, balance and expressive finesse to works that include Beethoven's 'Gassenhauer' Trio, whose theme became widely familiar through its use in Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes* (2009). This concert offers chamber music of distinction from three outstanding musicians.

F. J. Haydn - Trio in E major Hob XV:28

L. Beethoven - Trio in B-Flat Op. 11 'Gassenhauer'

F. Schubert - Trio in E flat, D.929

[Click here to see the Programme Notes](#)

Tickets cost £25 from winchelsea-arts.org.uk and at the door

Christmas Oratorio Don't forget to book early for the Christmas concert on Thursday 17th December. Tickets cost £30 for this performance of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and, if past years are anything to go by, they will sell out quickly.

[Click here](#) to see the full 2026-7 Season programme



Harvest Supper and Quiz



The Benefice of Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach,
Icklesham and Pett is delighted to invite you to
the **2026 Harvest Supper and Rector's Harvest Quiz.**



Friday 9th October



7pm for 7.30pm



Winchelsea New Hall



Three course supper



Bar open throughout

Proceeds will be donated to the Rye Food Bank.
There will also be an opportunity to donate
non-perishable food items to this important
local charity.

If you would like to help with catering
for this event, please contact
David Dickson +44 7758 962824

Book here
via QR code



or in person
from
Mary Parker



[Click here to book online](#)

Contact Mary Parker on 07927 107678 or email
parkermary848@gmail.com for offline bookings

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 11th October

11am at St Thomas, Winchelsea

Donations of non-perishable items can be
brought to the service or left in church.

Gifts will be blessed and donated to

RYE FOOD BANK



Church Market

Saturday 7th November

Saturday 5th December

Church Market will continue in the
Court Hall - 10:30 to 12noon.

This is a great opportunity for keeping a
routine of fellowship and community
engagement during the closure period.

Porch Prayers

Thursdays at 10am

A short service of Morning Prayer
gathered in and around the porch at
St Thomas Winchelsea during the
closure period.

Please dress for the weather

While St Thomas's is closed

St Thomas's closes after Harvest so that a new lighting system can be installed. Until mid-December we will be sharing worship with Icklesham and Pett at 10am each Sunday.

Date	Time & Location
18 th Oct	10am at Pett Village
25 th Oct	10am at Icklesham
1 st Nov	8:30am at Pett Level 10am at Icklesham
8 th Nov	Outdoor Act of Remembrance 10:45 Winchelsea War Memorial 10:45 Icklesham Memorial Hall Matins and Act of Remembrance 10am at Pett Village
15 th Nov	10am at Pett Village
22 nd Nov	10am at Icklesham
29 th Nov	10am at Icklesham
6 th Dec	8:30am at Pett Level 10am at Icklesham

NEW INN CHARITY PUB QUIZ

SUNDAY EVENING 4TH OCTOBER

QUIZ STARTS AT 7.00 pm



ALL PROCEEDS TO

ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

MAXIMUM 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM

£20 PER TABLE – CASH PRIZE

FOR RESERVATIONS - PLEASE CONTACT

THE NEW INN DIRECT: 01797 226252

SUNDAY 4th OCT.



PEGASUS
CHOIR

SUNG MASS

at St Thomas, Winchelsea

11:00

Mass in the Dorian Mode

by Herbert Howells

Introit: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (Bairstow)

Anthem: *O Sacrum Convivium* (Guerrero)

Tessa Potts - Order of Service

Copies of the order of service were in short supply at Tessa's funeral last month but more have been printed and they can be found on the chest at the back of church.

Book pause

Because the church will be closed while new lighting is installed we will be dismantling the bookstall. Please don't leave any fresh stock in the meantime!



Italy in Wales

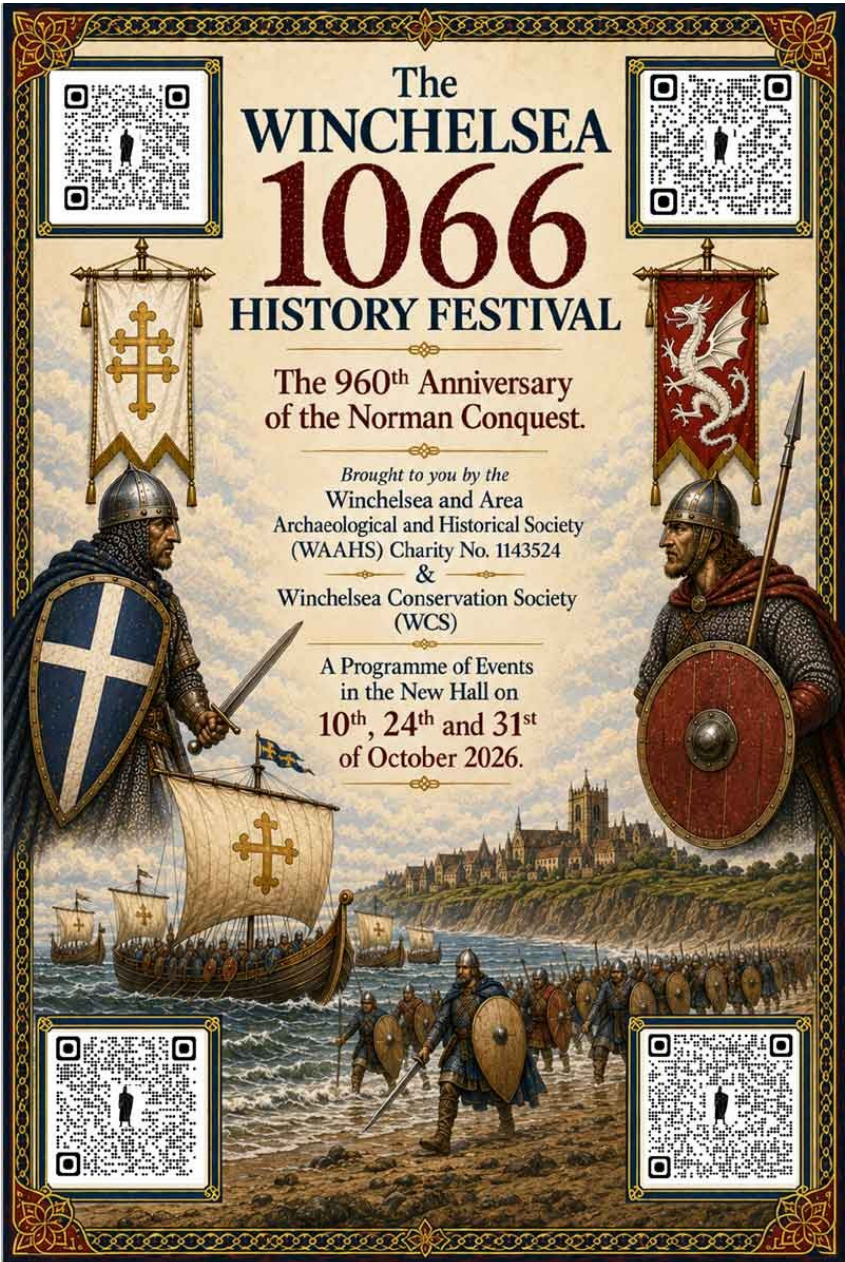
‘Italy in Wales: 100 years of Portmeirion’
by Dr Kathryn Ferry

Second Wednesday Society presents another talk to mark the centenary of the New Hall. We are delighted to welcome back the ever-popular architectural historian, Dr Kathryn Ferry with a fascinating illustrated talk about Portmeirion..

A popular attraction on the North Wales coast, Portmeirion was the vision of architect Clough Williams-Ellis who opened it as an exclusive and highly unusual hotel in April 1926. Through its quirky and colourful buildings, Clough set out to prove that new development could enhance a beautiful location if it worked in tandem with the existing landscape.

He was inspired by the Italian cliffside village of Portofino but over the fifty years it took to complete his village Clough drew on many different architectural precedents, even saving whole buildings from destruction by dismantling and re-erecting them at Portmeirion. Every aspect of the village was carefully designed with Clough laying so-called ‘eye traps’ everywhere to capture and frame views of the gardens and water in a way that remains magical a century on.

14th October at 2.30pm in the New Hall
Doors open from 2.15pm



The WINCHELSEA 1066 HISTORY FESTIVAL

The 960th Anniversary
of the Norman Conquest.

Brought to you by the
Winchelsea and Area
Archaeological and Historical Society
(WAAHS) Charity No. 1143524
&
Winchelsea Conservation Society
(WCS)

A Programme of Events
in the New Hall on
10th, 24th and 31st
of October 2026.

1066 History Festival

Winchelsea Conservation Society (WCS) and Winchelsea and Area Archaeological and Historical Society (WAAHS) are jointly organising a Debate and three Talks. Friends of the Ancient Monuments (FOAM) is organising the Great Debate.

The Site of the Norman Landing and the Subsequent Battle

Two eminent local historical researchers, Stephen Gray MSc and Jonathan Starkey MA, who have both published numerous historical articles, will debate the differing claims. Where did William actually land, and where was the battle actually fought? *Saturday 10th October at The New Hall at 2 for 2.30pm*

What Was the English Landscape Like When the Normans Invaded?

Dr Michael Bintley (University of Southampton) explores England's landscape in 1066 using archaeology, literature and the Bayeux Tapestry. *Saturday 24th October at the New Hall at 10.30 for 11am*

The Great Debate What if Harold Godwinson, Harald Hardrada and William of Normandy could each make their case to become King of England? Presented by FOAM in the style of a modern televised election debate, complete with audience questions, Norman refreshments and a vote to decide the winner. *Saturday 24th October at 2.30pm and 6.30pm in the Lower Court Hall*

A Tale Told: A Bard's View of the Bayeux Tapestry

Kathleen Tyson presents a fascinating new interpretation of the Bayeux Tapestry, suggesting it may originally have been intended to accompany the performance of a travelling bard. *Saturday 31st October at the New Hall at 10.30 for 11am*

The Bayeux Tapestry Through the Ages:

Embroidering, Restoration and Conservation

Dr Alexandra Makin, a member of the Scientific Committee for Research for the Bayeux Tapestry, explores how the tapestry was created, preserved and studied today. *Saturday 31st October at the New Hall at 2 for 2.30pm*

[Click here for posters and information on booking](#)

Additional Free Activities

Displays in the Lower Court Hall – Saturdays 10th, 17th
October – 10.30am to 4.30.

The Online Festival

Click on the pdf title to view or download:

Part 1 of the Display – *Introduction to the Bayeux Tapestry.*

Part 2 of the Display – *Commentary on twelve selected
Scenes from the Tapestry*

Festival Walk

Spike Milligan was a keen archaeologist from his time as a child in India. In 1989, he hosted a BBC documentary about archaeology in East Sussex entitled 'Milligan on Mud', which is still available online.



In the programme, Spike is shown in Blackfriars Barn cellar talking to David Martin. David's book with his wife Barbara, "New Winchelsea Sussex - A Medieval

Port Town", 2004, brought together the results of extensive investigations in the town.

Spike Milligan's connection with the area started with his posting on 2 June 1940 to D Battery 56th Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery which was stationed in Hastings Road, Bexhill. He was a signaller.

Although the unit was moved around the area, they did not finally leave until 6 January 1943, on their way to Algeria.



Section 6 of the 1066 Country Walk includes the Artillery Observation Post (OP) or pillbox near Hogg Hill. It was constructed in 1940-41 with an excellent view of Rye Bay and Pett Level. Even if Spike did not visit the pill box, he would probably have been aware of its existence.

On Saturday 17th October, as part of the Festival, walkers are encouraged to explore the 6th Section of the 1066 Country Walk (from Icklesham to Rye via Winchelsea and Iham). This includes the Artillery OP.

Walkers may take the 9.45 (or later) bus from Winchelsea to Icklesham - the start of the walk. The 1066 Walk signs and/or an OS map will assist your self-guided walk.

A 44-page Booklet prepared for walkers explains the history at eighteen viewpoints along the Walk and any relevance to the Tapestry. Click on the pdf title above to view or download.

The 1066 Country Walk goes past the Court Hall, so why not take a break in the walk and visit the free Lower Court Hall displays which are open from 10.30am to 4.30pm?

In the Turner Room, the display is on the Bayeux Tapestry - Introduction and Interpretation; this includes discussion of the relevance of various points along the 1066 Walk to sites mentioned in the Tapestry. Andrew Scott, author of the online booklet, will be present to try and answer any questions.

Light refreshments will be available in the Pratt Room, where there will also be a display of pupils' work from St Thomas' Primary School.



The Watcher - 1066 Walk sculpture



David Dickson

Icklesham Parish Council

Icklesham Parish Council held its latest Full Council meeting on Monday 14th September, with a number of important issues discussed, including traffic and road safety, the future of local public conveniences, the campaign to protect land at Rye Harbour and support for community organisations.

Continuing the fight against speeding

Speeding through Icklesham was a major issue raised by residents at the meeting, with several residents sharing their concerns about vehicle speeds, the narrow sections of the

village and the safety of pedestrians, horse riders and other road users.

The Parish Council continues to collect Black Cat traffic data, which records vehicle speeds and movements across the Parish. This information is shared with East Sussex County Council and Sussex Police and is available to view on the Parish Council's website. The Council is also investigating the ownership of two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in Icklesham which have reportedly been out of operation for some time. The Parish Council is also looking at signage for Laurel Lane to remind drivers of the presence of horses.

County Councillor Daniel Bradley confirmed that he is working with Sussex Police on speeding issues and that two undercover police vehicles are now operating in the area to monitor speeding. He also encouraged residents to continue reporting road and highway concerns.

Supporting local community services

The Parish Council approved a £3,000 grant to Rye & District Community Transport towards its Dial-a-Ride service. The service provides valuable transport for local residents who may otherwise struggle to access essential services and facilities.

The Council also agreed to donate £50 to Icklesham Horticultural Society towards daffodil bulbs, helping to support the continued improvement of the local environment.

The Council has also approved its usual contributions towards local remembrance events, including a £100 donation to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal and a wreath and donation for the annual Mary Stanford Lifeboat Memorial Service.

Continuing the campaign to protect Rye Harbour

The Parish Council continues its work on the Save the SSSI Land at Rye Harbour campaign. Although there has been limited progress to report, the Council has resent its correspondence to the new Secretary of State via the Prime Minister, continuing to press for attention to the concerns surrounding the future of the land at Rye Harbour. County Councillor Daniel Bradley has also written to the Secretary of State regarding the issue. The Parish Council will continue to

keep residents updated as further information becomes available.

Public conveniences and asset devolution

The Parish Council also continues to work on the transfer of local public conveniences and Rye Harbour Car Park. For Winchelsea Beach and Winchelsea, the Council authorised the Clerk to sign a licence which would allow works to commence before the legal transfer takes place to expedite matters.

These projects remain an important area of work for the Parish Council, and further updates will be provided to residents as the transfer and improvement works progress.

Looking ahead

The Council also agreed to move its future Full Council meetings from Mondays to Tuesday evenings, helping to avoid clashes with Rother District Council meetings and making it easier for District Councillors to attend.

The next Full Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.15pm at Rye Harbour Village Hall, with future meetings being reorganised for Tuesday evenings.

Icklesham Parish Council would like to thank all the residents who attended the September meeting and contributed to the discussions. Resident involvement continues to be an important part of identifying local issues and helping the Council understand the priorities across the Parish.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday 12th October – Planning followed by Allotment Committee – 6.15 pm at Winchelsea Court Hall
Monday 26th October – Planning Meeting – 6.15 pm at Icklesham Pavilion

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



Dan Flanagan leads the players off at the end of the final game of the season

Winchelsea Cricket Club

The Winchelsea cricket season ended with two home draws, beginning on 6th September with New Romney the visitors in a hastily arranged game when the planned opposition dropped out. The final fixture brought a draw with Battle as Dan Flanagan finally reached the century he had threatened to score all season.

The year's results showed two wins and four draws from the thirteen games played (six of which were at home). Whilst on the face of it those results may look disappointing, the season felt a success in many ways.

Sports historian Jack Williams quoted from the *Sussex Express* when he wrote that 'In 1930 only two villages from the rural hinterland of East Sussex did not have a cricket team'. By the 1970s many local villages still had their own club including, of course, Winchelsea, whose fixture list included matches with Brede, Guestling, Icklesham and Ore.

Sadly all four sides have now folded, as have many others throughout Sussex. Winchelsea, of course, survives and in a way represents the wider area rather than the town itself.

Reflecting this, the current team includes Will Wheeler who farms in Icklesham with his father David (who is a former captain and Chairman of the Winchelsea club) and Will's cousins Simon and Phil Wheeler, who farm at Tibbs in Udimore along with their father Robert (who also played for Winchelsea in the past).

Particularly pleasing this year has been a number of Winchelsea residents joining Mike Stoneham and John Josiah on the field of play. Martin Lew-Gor played in the opening fixture and from there didn't miss a game, bringing with him the helpful enthusiasm that the town has come to know - and he also brought his son Jale to play for the team!

Paul Silk played the last three games and straight away got through a number of overs, whilst Giles Boland got off the mark earlier in the season.

Captain James Jury again took on the task of putting the team together each week and also undertook the work involved in getting the pitch prepared for home matches. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has helped the club through the season - visiting teams especially enjoy tea in the New Hall, and we are all appreciative when residents drop by to watch the cricket for a while.

John Josiah



Martin Lew-Gor studious in defence



WRA October Update

We are very pleased to welcome David Deley, who lives in Winchelsea and runs a local business, to the committee of Winchelsea Residents Association. David brings both business experience and local knowledge to the committee. We are actively seeking more new members. Do let us know if you would like to contribute.

No left turn/ no right turn National Highways and East Sussex County Council have still to respond to our MP's request for a meeting and WRA's challenge on the proposal for a parish wide vote. WRA has discussed directly with IPC and raised as a formal concern that requires IPC to respond at full Council meeting in September. We must act on this. No local traffic plan, whatever it may be, can go forward unless the parish wide vote proposal is removed. We will update at our AGM on 7th November.

20 mph zones We have no recent information on IPC support for 20 mph zones in specific hotspots in the parish, current view of ESCC or impact if a parish wide vote is required.

Speed Watch Volunteer training is planned in October. Training dates and venues will be circulated to everyone who has expressed an interest with active sessions from November onwards. Do contact David Dickson if you would like to be involved - davidamdickson@yahoo.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch Thanks to the efforts of Adam Hart, Neighbourhood Watch app is up and running with regular updates from the police. WRA is supporting a meeting planned with the new PCSO, Daryl Holter.

Winchelsea Fete Donation Thank you to everyone who visited the WRA fete stall. Julie Gurr's knitted animals raised £100 for the Mallydams Wood Animal Rescue Centre. It was a real pleasure visiting the centre to give them our donation and to meet the volunteers and their animals.

WRA Annual General Meeting The meeting will be in the New Hall on 7th November 11.30-1pm. This is later than usual to allow time for the Church Market. The Clerk at Icklesham PC, Jenner Sands, is speaking on her role and how the Council supports the local area. Adam Hart will introduce Neighbourhood Watch and the planned meeting with our new PCSO. We will also be giving more detailed information on the current scale of traffic and the particular problems it is causing in our High Street.

The meeting is your opportunity to raise questions and comments on what we are doing and local issues that are important to you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact the WRA via www.winchelsea.com
email: RA@winchelsea.com



Winchelsea Neighbourhood Watch Group

Come and meet our new

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Winchelsea Neighbourhood Watch Group, supported by Winchelsea Residents Association, invites all Winchelsea residents to meet our new PCSO,

Daryl Holter



**SATURDAY,
28TH NOVEMBER 2026**



9.00am



Winchelsea New Hall



Daryl will speak about policing and community matters of particular interest to Winchelsea, followed by an opportunity for residents to ask questions and raise issues.



**Have a question or something you would like
Daryl to address?**

Please email your questions in advance and RSVP for the meeting, to

WinchelseaNeighbourhoodWatch@gmail.com

by 22 November 2027



Safer Communities • Stronger Together



Write, Publish and Survive

The next Literary Society meeting is on Friday 16th October at 7 for 7.30pm in the Court Hall. The speaker is Tim Bartholomew and the title of his talk is: 'Write, Publish and Survive!'

Tim is an actor, writer and comedy public speaker. He lives with his wife in East Sussex with their dog who is a cavapoo (King Charles Spaniel and poodle cross). During Tim's acting career he featured in *Doctors* as a bewildered widower, *Call the Midwife* as an indignant CEO and as Father Christmas in the M&S Christmas commercial.

As an author Tim has written five books, his most recent being 'Angel in Tobago – A Paradise in Peril' which was published in 2024 and is described as a light-hearted 5-star-reviewed thriller. He has also written *Slave to Beauty: The complete Trilogy*, *Casting Couch*, *Love Knot* and *Body Language*.



Poetry? Yes, please!

With the big event looming, National Poetry Day (theme = wonder) on 1st October, Lit. Soc. chairman, Richard Ormrod, assembled the members in the Court Hall for a creative exploration of Poetry. In defining poetry, he gave us a characteristically down-to-earth granular offering (dare we say “prosaic”) from F. R. Leavis which was quickly bettered by Gertrude Stein’s invocation of knowing, doing and feeling.

Anticipating the querulous question “who then are the poets?” our speaker obliged with a series of illustrations. John Donne furnished an example of violent imagery on the page preceding the emotional turmoil of remorse, submission and repentance and in a reflective old age he penned 19 *Holy Sonnets* with the confessional *Sonnet III* being best known “To poore me is allow’d no ease, for long yet vehement grieve hath bene, th’ effect and cause, the punishment and sinne”.

Gerard Manley Hopkins belied the Jesuits’ reputation for political machinations with a complex idiolect, or characteristic authorial voice, focussed on Nature as

evidence of divine creativity. *“God’s Grandeur”* almost opens with a mission statement “The world is charged with the grandeur of God” and emphasises inherent abundant generosity with “.... nature is never spent.” Hopkins’s religious fervour was being challenged by the tides of secular scepticism, unsettling Matthew Arnold on *“Dover Beach”*, causing him to wonder if “the grating roar” of the shingle moved by the tides represented the previously reassuringly full tide of the Sea of Faith retreating with a “melancholy, long withdrawing roar”.

Pagan deities forced themselves into the poetic Pantheon and we sense Eros hovering at Andrew Marvell’s shoulder in his urgent, ardent suit of his “coy” mistress where he explains life is short so “.... Now let us sport while we may” and “....at once our time devour”. It is only fear of introducing an anachronistic note that stops us donating a fire extinguisher to the mistress!

The Tudor courtier Sir Thomas Wyatt in “They Flee from Me” laments a past liaison where one who stalked his chamber bare foot, ate out of his hand and sweetly did him kiss has now passed into “a strange fashion of forsaking”. A frisson attends this sonnet as readers debate whether the inconstant nymph was Anne Boleyn.

Up on Mt. Olympus the Greek god of Death, Thanatos, jostled Eros et al. aside for W. H. Auden’s *“Stop All the Clocks”* (an emotional poem of loss from the 1930s) which enjoyed a resurgence in the 80s and 90s with the AIDS epidemic, the Heysel stadium tragedy and John Hannah’s memorable recitation at the funeral part of the 1994 *“4 Weddings...”* film.

Sylvia Plath’s working of the theme of 9 in *“Metaphors”* presented a witty and ingenious view of her pregnancy in 9 lines of 9 syllables, each containing a metaphor for the unmentioned pregnancy, was the cleverest reading of the evening.

With his varied miscellany of poems Richard ensured that the Lit. Soc’s minds would be suitably furnished with poetry to embrace the wonder-themed Poetry Day.

Bill Doherty



WINCHELSEA FILM NIGHT

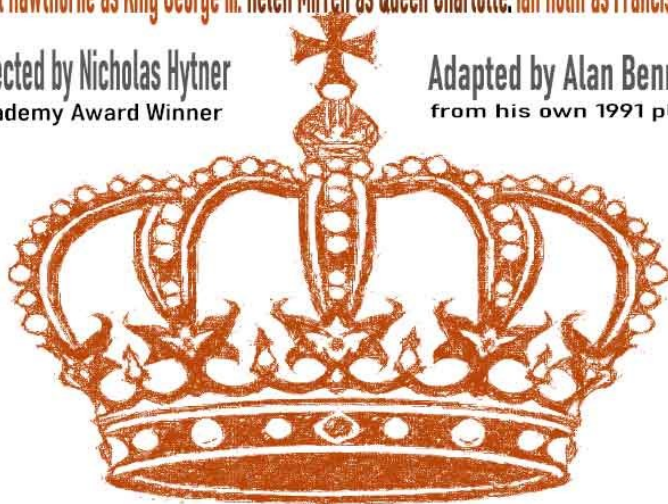
In conjunction with Winchelsea New Hall

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE

Nigel Hawthorne as King George III. Helen Mirren as Queen Charlotte. Ian Holm as Francis Willis

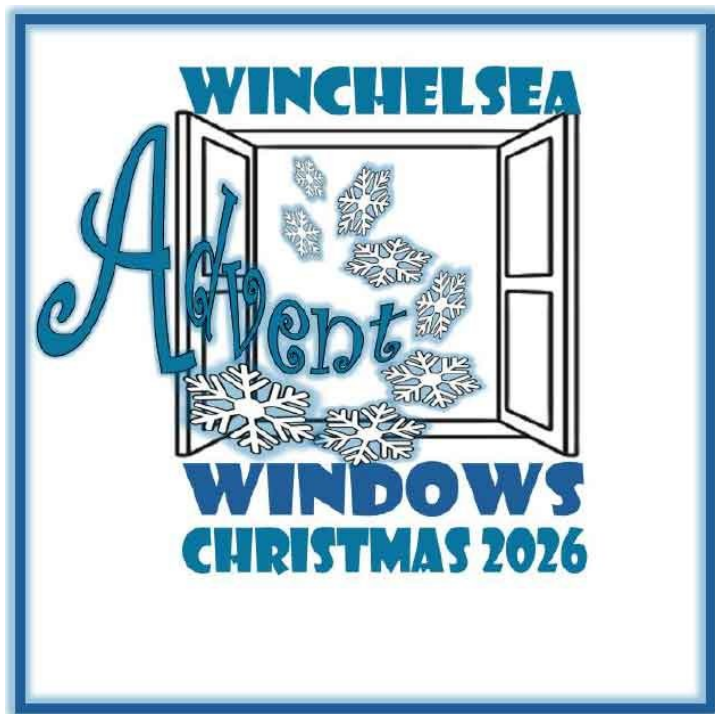
Directed by Nicholas Hytner
Academy Award Winner

Adapted by Alan Bennett
from his own 1991 play



SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 6.30 for 7.30 SCREENING

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



Advent Windows 2026

As the glorious summer fades into autumn, our thoughts turn to the coming months, Christmas and Winchelsea's wonderful Christmas Windows.

Some years ago the window displays were linked to Advent and, on each day of December, a new window would be lit at the allotted time and revealed. Our aim this year is to revert to this. So we would love to invite you, wonderful volunteers, to offer your time, effort and creativity again.

Our theme will be 'Christmas Music'. The window scene can be linked to a Christmas carol or any piece of music that relates to Christmas.

It is always such a pleasure to see people walking around and following the trail, it really does give so much pleasure to residents and visitors. Indeed many people visit Winchelsea on the weekend before Christmas just to view the windows!

Last year a significant amount was raised for charity and again this year proceeds will go to a local charity (to be decided).

We propose that each evening from 1st until 17th December a window is lit in turn and then, on Friday 18th December the remaining windows 18-24 are lit which will mean that all windows will be lit for the weekend prior to Christmas. Switch on times are 4.30 to 9.00pm each day.

We would love you to take part again this year and if we take turns to open up each day then we would need to have a commitment of 24 windows for it to work. Therefore please could you let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take part. You can let us know your choice of window in due course.

We will be at Church Market on Saturday 3rd October if you want to chat about it or email/ contact me on 07976 838514 cenaylor@gmail.com

Many thanks

Caroline Naylor and Richard Plumb



ROL CHARITY PUB QUIZ

New Inn, Winchelsea

Sunday 8th November 2026

6.30 pm for 7 pm start

£4 per person

Tables of 4-7



(Please Reserve at the New Inn beforehand)

2026 Poppy Appeal

This year's Appeal will run from Thursday 22nd October to Wednesday 11th November.

I am grateful to all those in Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach, who have again agreed to host donation boxes and trays containing a variety of products. These will, hopefully, be available from the start of the Appeal, at The Little Shop, The New Inn, Winchelsea Lodge, The Farm Kitchen, the Co-op, Sutton's Shop, The Ship Inn/Jamie's Butchers,

Winchelsea Sands and the School. Purchases can also be made directly and on-line via poppystore.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 via QR codes on the trays or by BACS 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 electronic donations made during the Appeal period, as that will credit the gift to the Winchelsea area. However, this is not essential.

It is hoped that a stock of gift aid envelopes will be available in the Church porch for cash or cheques (made payable to RBL Poppy Appeal). I should be grateful if these could be placed in any collection box, or be given to me, or Jerry Moss, on or before 11th November please.

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 me on 01797 223458.

The Quiz With thanks to Jerry Moss, we again plan to hold a quiz in the New Inn. The planned date is Sunday 8th November at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, with proceeds going to the Appeal. It will be great to again have your support of this initiative. The format is as for other similar events, namely tables of up to 4/7 and an entry fee of £4 per person. Please book a table directly with the New Inn, or speak to Jerry.

Remembrance With the Church being closed, there will be no Service of Remembrance in Winchelsea, but the Mayor will lead the normal wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November. A silence will also be held at the same place at 11am on 11th November, Armistice Day.

Thank you.

John Rodley - local appeal organiser.

Winchelsea Garden Society

**Tuesday 20 October
at the New Hall**

A short talk by

Dr Richard Claxton

CEO of the National
Garden Scheme on
Therapeutic Gardening
followed by

Gardeners' Question Time

Your chance to put your
gardening questions to
our panel of experts

- Richard Claxton
- John Dunk
- Marc Fulljames
- Howard Norton

£5

including a glass of wine

*Which plant should I choose?
How many will I need? Does
it like sun or shade? Which
plants can survive a drought?
When should I plant them?
Which are the most reliable
plants? What can I do about
slugs, snails and other pests?
What is the best time to water
plants? Should it be at dawn
or dusk? Which plants are
most attractive to butterflies
and bees? Which plants are
thugs and should be avoided?
Why isn't my plant thriving?
Which plants can tolerate
strong winds? When should I
prune my roses and how far
should I cut them back after
flowering?*

7 pm to 9 pm



Winchelsea Beach in October

Mothers Prayers

Tuesday 6th at 10am at *Parkhill*, Sea Road.

FAiR Coffee Morning

Wednesday 28th in the Community Hall from 10 - 12.30.

All welcome. There will be coffee, tea, cakes and pastries all free of charge. Also information stands and a speaker.

Monthly Bingo

Wednesday 28th - with afternoon tea in Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at 3pm. Doors open at 2.30. Only £1 a game. Cash prizes depending on the number of players

Fellowship Lunch

Fellowship Lunch will be in the Community Hall at 12.30 for 1pm on Friday 30th October. Please contact Mary Parker on 07927 107678 or parkermmary848@gmail.com to book.

Halloween and Rock'n Roll Extravaganza

on Saturday 31st October starting at 7.30. For information contact Mary Parker.

winchelseabeach.org.uk

English Translation by Amanda Holden

Rossini's

The Barber of Seville

WINCHELSEA
NEW HALL

A whirlwind of love,
wit and mischief.

**SATURDAY 7.30PM
20 FEBRUARY 2021**

New Hall

Rectory Ln.
Winchelsea
TN36 4AA

Tickets:

£25 (plus booking fee)

Box Office:

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The Merry Opera Company
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Merry Opera returns

Save the date! We are delighted that the Merry Opera Company will be returning to Winchelsea on 20th February with *The Barber of Seville*. This company entertained us gloriously earlier this year with their professional production of *Così fan tutte*, transforming the New Hall beyond recognition.

As previously, we have reserved half the seats and Hilary Roome will be selling tickets very soon so you can sit with your friends. (But you can also buy online to choose other seats)

There will be a bar open from 6.30pm and during the interval - proceeds to the New Hall.

Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* hits the stage in a whirlwind of brilliant disguises, breathless scheming, and unmatched vocal fireworks.

Count Almaviva falls head over heels in love when he sees the beautiful Rosina. But he is stymied by her curmudgeonly, controlling guardian, Dr. Bartolo, who wants her hand - and her fortune - for himself. Enter Figaro, the town's wily, fast-talking barber, who orchestrates a series of plots to outsmart the old doctor

With high-octane energy and enchanting romantic duets, Merry Opera has created a deliciously mischievous show, sung in English (translation by Amanda Holden) by a cast of young professional opera singers directed by John Ramster. A perfect introduction for opera newcomers and a beloved staple for seasoned enthusiasts.

<https://www.merryopera.co.uk/whatson>.

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
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 18.30-19.30	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	Beginners/Refreshers. Build confidence, learn the basics
Wednesdays 19.30-20.15	Line Dancing	Great fun, easy to learn!
Wednesdays 20.15-21.00	Salsa/Bachata	Feel the rhythm, share the joy! For all Weds dance classes contact Alex Wingate 07828 158412
Thursdays 09.30-10.30	Scottish Dancing	A fun, friendly class, suitable for beginners. Contact maddycoelho@hotmail.com
Thursdays 10.45-11.45	Pilates with Celia	Suitable for all ages and abilities. Contact Celia on kingcelia54@gmail.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 which 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 via WhatsApp



Dolly Turner

Vera Blanche Turner known as Dolly was born on 16th February 1926 in Winchelsea. The family lived in Castle Cottage, Castle Street. Dolly was the youngest of eight brothers and sisters all residing in Castle Cottage. She went to the old school at Winchelsea.

The photo above was of her 100th birthday, when she received a card from the King. Dolly went over to New Zealand, where her brother Gordon also lived, in the 50's.

Dolly died peacefully at a nursing home surrounded by her family. Still remembered in Winchelsea which she visited every year until she was unable to fly.



QUIZ NIGHT

COME ALONG FOR A SPOOKY NIGHT OUT!

Teams of up to 6 quizzers battle it out for a host of wonderful prizes! Earn extra points for your team if you want to dress up for Hallowe'en!

Friday 30 October | Doors open 7:00PM

The Tudor Room at The Mermaid Inn, Rye

Quiz starts at 7:30PM

**Tickets £5 per person | 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 Health and Care



Charity no. 1014232 Company no. 02740665

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Big Sing and Raise Your Voice

Big Sing Join St Michael's Hospice on Saturday 10th October, from 9.30am–9.30pm, for the much loved Big Sing. A day filled with live music celebrating the incredible talent of local choirs. With performances running throughout the day, you can drop in for a few songs or stay for the whole event. Whether you're stopping by during a busy Saturday or settling in for an entire day of harmony, you'll be part of something uplifting and joyful.

Raise Your Voice Start your Big Sing weekend early with Raise Your Voice on Friday 9th October, from 6pm–9pm. An energetic, inclusive evening designed to get you singing, laughing and celebrating together. Expect fun choirs, plenty of chances to sing along, and a lively atmosphere that's perfect for a Friday night out. There'll be fizz, nibbles and feel-good music to set the tone for the whole weekend. Bring your mates, enjoy a relaxed and friendly evening, and get ready to Raise Your Voice before Big Sing begins the next morning.

Both events are completely free to attend. Pop along to celebrate singing, support your local choirs and your local hospice.

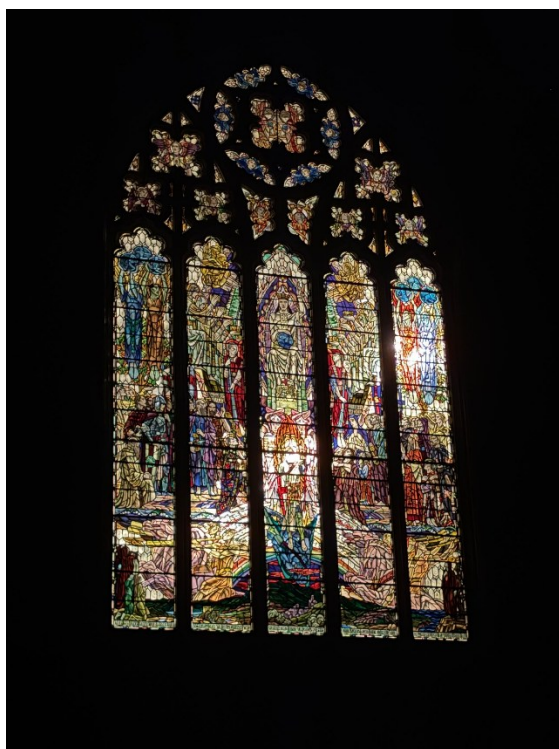
Outlet Sale St Michael's Hospice invites you to their Outlet Sale on 24th October and 28th November 10am – 12pm at their Donation Centre. It's the perfect chance to pick

up great items at low prices, from furniture and homeware to fashion, craft materials and more.

The sale is packed with a wide mix of stock, including one-off pieces, everyday essentials and creative supplies for your next project. Whether you're redecorating a room, refreshing your wardrobe or hunting for craft bargains, there's always something new to explore.

You're welcome to browse at your own pace, drop in for a quick look, or stay and hunt for hidden treasures. Every purchase helps support your local hospice.

Find something special and enjoy a great value shopping day at the St Michael's Hospice Donation Centre, Unit 1, Queensway Avenue South, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 9AG.



Paul Youtlen



Rye Food Bank Donations

Cam writes I will be making the September Food Bank doorstep collection on behalf of the Rye and Winchelsea Rotary Club on Tuesday 20th October between 10am and 1pm.

For the last 6 years I have collected on either the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of each month and delivered these donations the following day to the Food Bank in Rye, for distribution to needy local families.

I am always looking for new donors and would be grateful if within the Town, you would tell your neighbours. My telephone number is 01797 226414, which has an answer phone facility.

Please help the Food Bank if you can.

*Donald Cameron 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 October 2026

Thursday 1st	Bible Study - New Inn - 6 to 7pm
Saturday 3rd	Church Market - 10.30 till 12 FOAM 'The Fallen'
Sunday 4th	8.30am: Holy Communion (BCP) at Pett Level 11am: Sung Mass at Winchelsea with the Pegasus Choir New Inn Charity Quiz - 7pm
Tuesday 6th	Mothers' Prayers
Friday 9th	Harvest Supper and Quiz - New Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Saturday 10th	1066 History Festival Talk - New Hall - 2pm for 2.30 Winchelsea Arts Concert - St Thomas's - 7.30pm
Sunday 11th	9.15am: Parish Eucharist at Icklesham 11am: Harvest Thanksgiving at Winchelsea
Wednesday 14th	Second Wednesday Society - New Hall - 2.30pm
Friday 16th	Literary Society - Court Hall - 7pm for 7.30
Saturday 17th	1066 History Festival Walk Film Night - New Hall - 6.30pm for 7.30
Sunday 18th	10am: Benefice Eucharist at Pett <i>Services at Winchelsea resume on 13th December</i>
Tuesday 20th	Garden Society Question Time - New Hall - 7 to 9pm
Saturday 24th	1066 History Festival Talk - New Hall - 10.30am for 11 1066 - The Great Debate - Court Hall - 2.30pm and 6.30pm
Sunday 25th	<i>Clocks go back</i> 10am: Benefice Eucharist at Icklesham <i>Services at Winchelsea resume on 13th December</i>
Friday 30th	Fellowship Lunch - W B Community Hall - 12.30 for 1pm
Saturday 31st	1066 History Festival Talks - New Hall - 10.30 for 11 and 2 for 2.30
Sun 1st Nov <i>All Saints</i>	8.30am: Holy Communion (BCP) at Pett Level 10am: Benefice Eucharist at Icklesham <i>Services at Winchelsea resume on 13th December</i>



Further ahead

Sat 7th Nov	Church Market at the Court Hall Winchelsea Residents Association AGM
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Sat 21st Nov	Christmas Fair

Please send copy for the November Magazine
to ryeview@gmail.com
as soon as you have it to hand but, in any case
before Wednesday 28th October

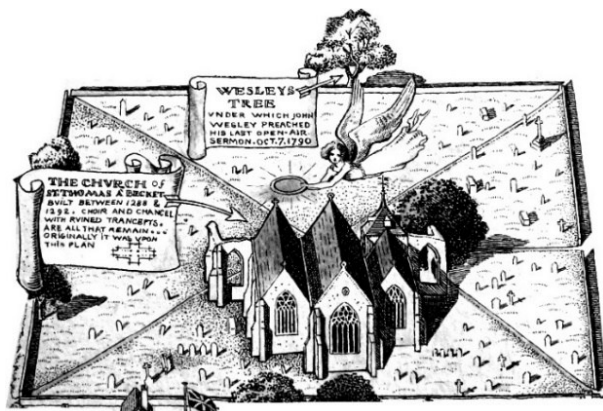


For Winchelsea Beach information go to
winchelseabeach.org.uk

For Winchelsea information go to
winchelsea.com

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

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



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