

# PARISH & PARISHIONER



ST GILES  
HORSTED KEYNES  
MARCH 2024

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### SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST GILES

**8am Said Eucharist (Holy Communion)** *Meeting with the Risen Lord Jesus in Word and Sacrament, in the Service he gave us. Traditional Language, Book of Common Prayer on the last Sunday in the month.*

**10am Sung Parish Eucharist** *Meeting with the Risen Lord Jesus in Word and Sacrament, in the Service he gave us. More contemporary language. Includes hymns, Bible readings and teaching, prayers, the blessing of bread and wine and receiving Christ's life in them. A warm welcome to everyone always. Especially suitable for children and young families on the 1st Sunday in the month. Coffee usually served after the Service.*

**Church is open daily** for private prayer. **Every Tuesday 4pm Evening Prayer; Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist; Fridays in Term Time 9am St Giles School Worship.** Details of weekday activities are in the weekly news sheet reproduced with the Sunday sermon at [www.stgileschurchhorstedkeynes.org.uk](http://www.stgileschurchhorstedkeynes.org.uk)

### ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, HAMSLAND (ROMAN CATHOLIC)

**All services are currently suspended at St Stephen's:** for details of Sunday Masses and other services, please contact the RC parish church of St Paul, Haywards Heath, 01444 450139 [stpaulshh@dabnet.org](mailto:stpaulshh@dabnet.org).

The next issue of P&P will be published in **April**. Please email items for inclusion by **18th March**. Alternatively, copy can be left in the Martindale post box or sent to me there. Thank you. **Sally Lamb 01342 810814/e-mail: [sallylamb555@gmail.com](mailto:sallylamb555@gmail.com)**

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# MARCH 2024



Sat	2nd	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 5pm, St Giles
Sun	3rd	<b>8am &amp; 10am services</b>
Wed	6th	<b>10am Eucharist</b> <b>The Pilgrim Course</b> Martindale, 7.30pm
Thurs	7th	<b>Life &amp; Faith—The Pilgrim Course</b> 2pm, 20 Hamsland
Sat	9th	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 5pm, St Giles
Sun	10th	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> 8am; All Age 10am– NB 2nd Sunday this month.
Tues	12th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.30pm, Village Hall
Wed	13th	<b>10am Eucharist</b> <b>The Pilgrim Course</b> Martindale, 7.30pm
Thurs	14th	<b>Life &amp; Faith—The Pilgrim Course</b> 2pm, 20 Hamsland
Fri	15th	<b>Village Lunch</b> , 12.30pm, Martindale
Sat	16th	<b>Churchyard Working Party</b> 10-12 noon <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 5pm, St Giles
Tues	19th	<b>Tuesday Group: The Horsted Keynes Golden Hoard</b> 2.30pm, Horsted Club
Wed	20th	<b>10am Eucharist</b> <b>The Pilgrim Course</b> Martindale, 7.30pm
Thurs	21st	<b>Life &amp; Faith—The Pilgrim Course</b> 2pm, 20 Hamsland
Sat	23rd	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 5pm, St Giles
Sun	24th	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 9.40am Outdoor Procession leading to 10am Eucharist
Tues	26th	<b>Danehill Parish Hist.Soc: Anglo Saxon Women—The Power Behind the Throne</b> 7.30pm, Danehill Mem.Hall
Wed	27th	<b>St Giles School Stations of the Cross</b> in Church (and school) 9am – 12 noon <u>No Wednesday Eucharist today</u> <b>The Pilgrim Course</b> Martindale, 7.30pm
Thurs	28th	<b>Life &amp; Faith—The Pilgrim Course</b> 2pm, 20 Hamsland <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7.30pm Eucharist <b>Swifts and Local Biodiversity</b> Village Hall, 6.45 for 7pm (HK Wildlife Group)
Fri	29th	<b>Good Friday</b> 2pm Liturgy
Sat	30th	<b>Easter Eve</b> 8pm Easter Vigil
Sun	31st	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 8am & 10am Eucharists

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Rest in Peace

**Ronald (Ron) Cook** (97), father of Robert, died on 13th February at Summerlands Care Home, Lindfield. Funeral Friday 15th March at 11am at St Giles Church

### Year's Mind

<b>March</b>	3rd	Carol Poulter	2022
	5th	Peter Watson	2019
	29th	Molly Watson	2019
	31st	Robert Fry	2020

The 10am Sunday services are streamed on **Zoom—please contact Marion Lott on [lottmandb@gmail.com](mailto:lottmandb@gmail.com)** if you would like an invitation to join.

### DONATIONS TO ST GILES CHURCH

Church attendance is not back to pre-lockdown numbers, but the bills still have to be paid. There is a supply of white envelopes for donations to St Giles in the Martindale porch; please complete the Gift Aid declaration and put the envelope in the Martindale post box. Thank you.

### DONATIONS TO P&P

As always, we are grateful to everyone who has made a contribution towards the printing costs of P&P. If you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make it payable to Horsted Keynes PCC. Donations can be sent/delivered to the Martindale Centre marked for my attention, or posted to me at Oak Tree Cottage, Chilling Street, Sharpthorne, W Sussex RH19 4HZ. Alternatively, I can provide the account details for bank transfers if preferred. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please ask for a form, or use the little green envelope delivered with your July/Aug P&P. Thank you very much for your support.

**Sally Lamb—Editor** (HKPCC is a registered charity – No 1154482)

*Mrs G Rolfe*



Dear Parishioners

I always enjoy the poems which our Editor, Sally Lamb, puts on the back of ‘*Parish and Parishioner*’. They always seem to be about nature and the changing seasons. Although faith does not come as easily to me as you might expect of a parson, and even though I know nature has a ‘red in tooth and claw’ aspect (Tennyson), the wonder and beauty, intricacy and complexity of the natural world make me feel there must be a Creator. It is just too amazing to be an accident! Scientific understanding enhances, rather than diminishes, my sense of awe.

Christine and I are most fortunate to have always lived in or near beautiful countryside: the Lancashire fells, the Derbyshire Peak District, the Suffolk coast and now the lovely Sussex Ashdown Forest and South Downs. I think that we, who live in the Northern hemisphere, are lucky that the coming of Spring coincides with Easter. The mystery of the resurrection which Christians celebrate is a one-off event, the risen Christ now being always present. The seasons are cyclical, and yet they, and Spring especially, do seem to have echoes of and resonances with new life through death. I would like to share some (slightly adapted) words of Shane Johnson of Ontario, who describes himself as a teacher, writer, musician and lover of playing football.

*‘Many of God’s creations help illustrate the truths of the resurrection. In the animal world, we see many of the birds return from their migration South to sing their songs once again, as if back from the dead. Animals rise from the tomb of hibernation to resume their lives again. And from somewhere buried deep in the earth, the little green frog comes back to the pond crawling out of its frozen crypt.*

*In the world of flora, unseen to the naked eye, the germinated seed throws off the tightly wrapped grave clothes of its shell and begins pushing its way through the soil, bringing its future sheaves with it. And who hasn’t observed the bright green shoots of tulips rising from their flowerbed graves reaching up to touch the sky?*

*Lastly, in the insect kingdom we see the lowly caterpillar willingly encase itself in its self-made tomb, from which it emerges with a new body capable of movements and possibilities impossible in its first state of being. And then there’s the droning bee. Somewhere under a rock or inside a tree, far away from the living world above, the pollinating bee awakens from its hypnotic sleep of death to make honey for the world once again. Over and over again, the truth of the resurrection is illustrated by the lives of the creatures God has made.’*

Our families join Fr Peter and me in wishing you all a joyful Easter,

**Fr David**



*Do come and join us for  
Mothering Sunday Family Eucharist  
at St Giles Church  
Sunday 10th March at 10am  
Celebrating Mothers & Others who care for us.  
Children's activities and refreshments afterwards.*

**St Giles, Horsted Keynes**

**You are cordially invited to a**

**BAPTISM REUNION**

**For all children baptised at our church  
and their parents.**

*Personal invitations are being sent for the last five years but  
all are welcome!*

**MOTHERING SUNDAY  
(Mother's Day)**

**10th March 2024 - 10am  
All Age Eucharist**

*Posies for mothers and Simnel Cake afterwards*

**RSVP to Fr David, [revdave@timicomail.co.uk](mailto:revdave@timicomail.co.uk)  
or Fr Peter [frpetersutton@outlook.com](mailto:frpetersutton@outlook.com)**

## The Egg that shares the Easter Story

Easter is early this year - so yes, it's time to think about getting your order in if you want one of these!

Made by The Meaningful Chocolate Company, the Easter Eggs are made from Fairtrade Chocolate and have plastic-free packaging. However, the main feature is that each egg comes with a booklet which tells the Easter Story (new edition for 2024).

Prices have been held for the second year running:

- The Original Easter Egg (milk chocolate) is £4.50
- Dark Chocolate Egg £5.50
- Fun Pack (6 small milk chocolate eggs packed in egg box format) £5 #
- Special Edition for £10 (Milk Chocolate egg, a milk chocolate bar & Easter card).



By ordering in bulk, we get free delivery. There is a sign-up form in St Giles church porch - or you can order from me by 'phone, email or note through The Rectory letterbox! (Payment by cash/cheque/bank transfer on collection/delivery.)

**Christine Murdoch, The Rectory, Station Road, Horsted  
Keynes Tel: 01825 790317;  
email: [christine@timicomail.co.uk](mailto:christine@timicomail.co.uk)**

## **The Pilgrim Course: Turning to Christ - a course for the Christian Journey**

*suitable for explorers, the curious, and those who are still travelling.*

**Wednesdays in March up to 27th March 7-30pm in the Martindale  
Thursdays in February to 28th March 2pm at 20 Hamsland**

*Booklets will be provided at a voluntary cost of £7*

### **Life and Faith**

Thursday afternoons during Lent at 20 Hamsland. Meeting just after 2pm for tea or coffee before discussion starts at 2.30pm. We are following The Pilgrim Course—Turning to Christ, as is the Wednesday evening Lent Group. You are welcome to join any session at either group. Lightly structured sessions invite lively discussion, enhanced by complementary reflections, exploring the basics of what it means to be a Christian.

More info from **Barbara 790375 or Chris 790467**



### **Churchyard Working Party**

**The first Working Party in the churchyard of 2024 will take place on Saturday 16th March, 10am to 12 noon.**

**There will be a lot of Winter clearing up to do, along with the usual jobs. Please bring your own tools, but refreshments will be provided.**

**Hope to see you there. The more of us there are, the more we get done!**

**Hilary Nicholson (790777)**



# A turning point?

Find out more about the Christian faith

Join a small group exploring The Pilgrim Course

Where?

Giles Moore Room, Martindale Centre, Horsted Keynes  
and 20 Hamsland

When?

Wednesdays 7.30pm from 21st February—27th March  
Thursdays 2pm from 22nd February-28th March

Contact

Fr David Murdoch [revdave@timicomail.co.uk](mailto:revdave@timicomail.co.uk) or  
Fr Peter Sutton [frpetersutton@outlook.com](mailto:frpetersutton@outlook.com) for  
Wednesday sessions

Barbara 01825 790537 (for Thursday sessions)

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## There's something missing

Have you walked through the churchyard in the past few weeks and sensed that something is missing, but not known quite what? Or had the sense that there is certainly something amiss but you can't quite put your finger on it? Maybe the aberration is difficult to pin down because it usually requires an upward glance as you stride through the church gate, and that glance would usually be prompted by the sound of one of our church flags being caught by the wind... but there's no flag to make this happen....and there's no flag because there is NO CHURCH FLAG POLE.

Our most recent flag pole was (surprisingly to some of us who remember a timber flagpole being erected as a generous legacy) made of fibreglass. It was held vertical, bolted between two lengths of railway line set deep in concrete. In flag pole parlance, this support is called a tabernacle and was probably first constructed to support the square sides of the bottom of the previous timber pole. The tabernacle steel uprights have gradually rusted away and, finally, the winds from that extraordinary run of named storms we've had so far this winter made the pole loose in its fixing bolts and to tilt alarmingly, until there was nothing to be done but to call on a professional team to lower and remove the damaged pole. So who was most to blame? Was it Agnes in September 2023, Babet in October, Ciaran or Debi in November, Elin, Fergus or Gerrit in December, or Henk, Isha or Jocelyn in January 2024?



*As it was*

More to the point, of course, is what are we going to do next? While there are many who feel that we can't possibly have a churchyard without a new flagpole, with flags to mark Saints' days, festivals and special anniversaries, such as Remembrance Sunday, there is no budget for a new flagpole. As I mentioned above, in the past a new flagpole was provided as a result of a generous legacy. All we know for certain at the moment is that we have quotes for the installation of a new pole of about £2,500.

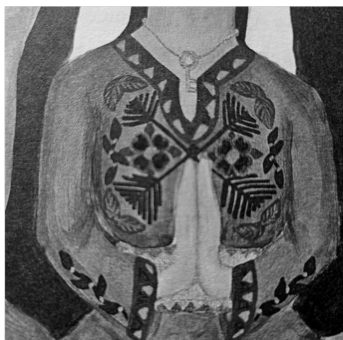
**David Lamb**

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*5pm in church each Saturday*

*until 23rd March*

*Short Scripture readings, meditations and prayers  
on some of the things that happened to Jesus  
during his last hours on earth, and their meaning  
for our lives today.*



## **World Day of Prayer— March 1st 2024**

*This year's theme is: “I beg you,  
bear with one another in love”,  
which was chosen some years ago,  
since when it has been in  
preparation by the **women of  
Palestine**. This seems to me to be  
extraordinarily timely.*

*Services are scheduled at:*

*10.30am **St Edward the Confessor**, Royal George Road,  
Burgess Hill, RH15 9TD*

*10.30am and 7.30pm **Our Lady and St Peter's Church**,  
London Road, East Grinstead, RH19 1EY*

*In previous years I have found these services extremely  
appropriate.*

*If ever prayer was needed, then now is when—how about  
going along?*

**Chris W**



The Sussex charity for children since 1890

FSW report the longest waiting lists for their services that they have ever seen, saying it is a sad reflection of our times and the struggles that so many families are facing at the moment. The biggest issues currently are financial problems, support for children with SEN, and mental health difficulties, and by the end of March they expect to have supported over 650 families in the past year. Having more volunteers would greatly help their practitioners run group sessions etc, so if you feel able to help please contact the office (01273 832963) and speak to Jane (West Sussex) or Alison (East Sussex).

The numbers for January's work were:

- 216 individual visits and 1080 calls with families supporting 255 adults and 168 children
- 50 supported meetings with other agencies
- 45 group sessions held supporting 766 parents and 235 children
- 112 food deliveries made

The **FSW Spring Supper** will be held at Wivelsfield Village Hall on 15th March, 7pm for 7.30pm. Come and celebrate St Patrick, Spring and FSW whilst enjoying home-cooked traditional Irish food and amazing puddings, with entertainment by Scaynes Hill Community Choir. Tickets are £17.50 per person, email [admin@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:admin@familysupportwork.org.uk) /tel 01273 832963. Cash and card bar and raffle on the night.

With spring on the doorstep, there is the usual promise of NGS open gardens blooming throughout Sussex and supporting FSW with their teas. The first is on **6-7th April at Butlers Farmhouse**, Butlers Lane, Herstmonceux BN27 1QH. 2-5pm, admission £6, children free. Then on **28th April, Warren House**, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9JR is opening its gate, same admission charge, no time as yet. Watch out for more dates and gardens in future issues!

Thank you, as always, to all who leave items in the box in the church porch. These are gratefully received down at FSW headquarters to replenish their foodbank, which understandably is much in demand by the families they are supporting. On their current wish list are **ketchup and other table sauces, jam, tinned vegetables (not pulses or potatoes), tinned meats and cleaning products.**

**Sally Lamb**



## The Horsted Cahagnes Society



The Society's aim is to foster the links that have existed since the 11th century between Cahagnes (Keynes), a village in Normandy, and our village. For over 50 years, Society members, of all ages, from Horsted Keynes visit Cahagnes, staying with families and, on alternate years, we play hosts to villagers from Cahagnes.

We are hosting the French this year from Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th April. The outline programme will be:

25th April: French arrive about 18:00, drinks at central village location.

26th April: Day trip to site of historical interest.

27th April: Local activities. Evening party in village location.

The Society is extremely grateful for the generous donation of £500, provided by the Parish Council, to be spent on the party we are hosting. If you have any interest in learning more about the Society, meeting some of the villagers from Cahagnes, then please do consider coming to the party. At the last party we hosted, there were about 30 non-society members in attendance and it was excellent fun.

Please contact **Sarah Amos (HK 790 490)** or **Robert Record (HK 791 613)** for further enquiries.



## **Physio led Pilates**

Due to popular demand new classes have been added to the timetable.

Classes on Tues, Wed and from 18th April new classes on Thursdays.

Classes in The Martindale.

It's low impact, can make you stronger, more flexible and benefit your posture and balance. Reduce your back pain and improve your exercise performance. Whether carrying an injury or injury free, you can practise under controlled conditions.

**It's no wonder Physios love Pilates!**

Please contact Jayne Phillips  
BSc(Hons)Physiotherapy, HCPC, CSP, APPI  
*[pointepilates@outlook.com](mailto:pointepilates@outlook.com)/07740948705*

# Swifts and Local Biodiversity

**A talk by Edward Mayer from Swift Conservation**

**hosted by Horsted Keynes Wildlife Group**

**Find out how to help our  
local wildlife, swifts,  
butterflies, bees and  
beautiful native plants,  
survive and thrive.**

**This talk will help you make  
your garden and street  
useful nature reserves.**



**Horsted Keynes Village Hall  
Thursday 28th March at 7pm (doors open at 6.45pm)**

**All welcome but BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL  
To book, please email [hayley\\_plum@hotmail.com](mailto:hayley_plum@hotmail.com)**

**Admission £3 for adults, £1 for under 16s, payable on the door  
(proceeds to Swift Conservation and Horsted Keynes Wildlife Group)**

**Refreshments will be provided.**

## HORSTED KEYNES PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



**H ♦ K ♦ H E L P**



**If you need an errand running or urgent practical help, or  
otherwise to talk in confidence, please ask for**

**H K HELP**

### **CONTACTS:**

(If you think someone needs help, with their permission  
please contact

**H K HELP** on their behalf.)

- ♦ **Peter Heasman** telephone **01825 790459**, or email ***peteliz.heasman1@gmail.com***
- ♦ **David Lamb** telephone **01342 810814**, or email ***davidlamb54@gmail.com***
- ♦ **Fr David** telephone **01825 790317**, or email ***revdave@timicomail.co.uk***

### **PRAYER**

*...please be assured of our daily prayer for you — it is not all, but it  
is the best we can do for each other.*

**Bishop Martin**

**If you have a prayer request, contact HK Prayerline  
in confidence on 01825 791040 or  
email *hkprayerline@gmail.com***





## Horsted Keynes Tennis Club

We are a friendly and welcoming tennis club in the heart of Horsted Keynes, details of our facilities, activities and membership fees are listed below.

- \* Active Membership
- \* 3 NEW Tarmac Courts
- \* 10 Week Junior/Adult Tennis Development Groups
- \* Cardio Tennis
- \* Active Drills Hitting Sessions
- \* Adult/Youth Tennis Camps
- \* Member Doubles, and mini-league competitions
- \* Member Social Tennis Sessions
- \* Weald/Horam League Doubles Matches
- \* Club Social Events

### JOIN TODAY

Single Adult membership is £110 pa

Joint membership is £130 pa - two adults or one adult and one junior at the same residence.

Family membership is £150 pa - any family members.

Junior membership is £35 pa

Multiple Junior membership is £60 pa - two or more juniors at the same residence.

Social membership is £10 pa

Email [membership@hktc.co.uk](mailto:membership@hktc.co.uk) for more information

Tennis Coaching associated with [egtenniscoaching.com](http://egtenniscoaching.com)

Group/Individual – Adult/Youth - Email: [Rob@egtenniscoaching.com](mailto:Rob@egtenniscoaching.com)

*Horsted Keynes Tennis Club Committee*



## St Giles CofE Primary School

Nurture - Inspire - Respect - Achieve

**Bringing out the best in every child**



We are now halfway through the school year, and what a busy one it has been! At this stage in the year, it is a wonderful opportunity to take a step back and reflect on our school community and what makes St Giles so special. We have recently spent quite a bit of time thinking about what makes St Giles unique and how that uniqueness enriches the curriculum we offer our children. We are hoping to capture this on our website soon for everyone to see what we think makes the school so special.

One of the things we considered are all the enrichment activities that we offer our children. If you look back through past editions of the P&P, you will find mention of a number of special events, trips, and enrichment weeks organised in school to name but a few examples. In January, Maple Class joined a cast of thousands to sing at the O2 in London at one of the Young Voices concerts. This was such an amazing event for parents, children, and teachers alike and you can read all about it from two of the Year 5 children and also from Mr Savage. In the run-up to Easter, we have some more events coming up for the children to look forward to. At the start of March, we will be holding our annual Book Week celebrating the enjoyment of reading and giving the children the opportunity to dress up as characters from their favourite books. It is always a great week and the teachers have already started planning their costumes as a surprise for the children. Last year, they all went as characters from the book "The Day the Crayons Quit" – who knows what the theme is this year? The children will just have to wait and see! Science Week is the week before the Easter holidays and the theme for that this year is "Time". In between these weeks, we have some sporting events for both KS1 and KS2, a dance opportunity at Ardingly College, Science lessons for KS2 at Cumnor House and, to round off the term, a reflection on the Stations of the Cross and the annual PTA Easter Egg hunt.

Our community is also something that makes us special, both that of the school and the wider village. At St Giles, we are incredibly lucky to have strong parental support, especially through our class reps and the amazing PTA. Many schools are

struggling to keep their PTA running; we realise how lucky we are to have such brilliant parent/carer backing and appreciate all of the support our PTA offers to so many of our school activities. Over the past term and a half, the class reps for Oak, Elm and Sycamore 3 have successfully organised cake sales, with the money raised used by the teachers to buy things on their class wish list. These 'extras' are always welcome additions to the class resources. Elm and Sycamore 3 are still thinking about what they want to get, but Oak Class have used some of their money to buy more things for 'choosing activities' and Miss Fleet has some ideas for the outdoor area too. As a school, we are so grateful for everything that the PTA do – the money raised from their events help fund enrichment activities and equipment which benefit all our children and give them opportunities that they might not otherwise have had. Our next big project is looking into how we can improve our playground and a revamp of the quiet garden – this may take a while to achieve, but we have already got underway with some of it! As they say – watch this space!

With very best wishes,

*Mrs Coulson*

## **Maple Class trip to the O2 in London for Young Voices – Wednesday January 17th 2024**

### **Young Voices Part 1!**

On Wednesday we had the time of our lives. We went to London to sing with over 8,000 children and even more parents. We sang multiple songs in unison from South Korean folk songs to late 90s bangers (where all the parents went back into how they were in the golden days!) We practised together one time through before going for the real deal. We met the singer and rapper of the famed world book day rap,... MC GRAMMAR!!! Later we met one of the world's best drummers, Nandi Bushell and she is only 13 years old!?! She has played all across the world and practised with the world famous 2000s band the Foo Fighters. After that we met the singer, Natalie Williams, she sang most of river deep mountain high and we sang the chorus. We got conducted by David Lawrence. Late at night, we made our way back to Horsted Keynes and arrived on the green at half past eleven.

Jack and Felix

*Continued on next page....*

## Young Voices Part 2!

Last Wednesday, I was delighted to join Mrs Symonds, Miss Murray, Mrs Self, and members of Maple class for a visit to the O2 London to take part in Young Voices 2024!

Although St Giles has taken part in Young Voices before, just like the children this was my first experience and what an experience it was! Billed as the largest children's choir in the world, it is reported that over 150,000 children collectively participate in Young Voices concerts at various arenas and stadiums across the UK each year. Sitting with the children though, it was clearly more than just a choir.

For many children, this may have been their first time visiting an arena and certainly performing in one. Climbing the steep steps to take our seats, there was certainly a moment of awe and wonder as the children took in their surroundings, peered down at the stage, excitedly ate their lunch, and were joined by thousands of other children all there for one reason – to sing (and dance). Once rehearsals were underway, the arrival of the 'celebrities' created even more excitement as conductor David Lawrence and the Young Voices band were joined by Andy Instone from Urban Strides, MC Grammar, Natalie Williams and 13-year-old drumming sensation, Nandi Bushell.

The evening performance really was both an audio and visual spectacular and the children will no doubt cherish the memory of sharing both their wonderful singing voices and incredible dance moves with the audience. Thank you to all the adults who have supported the children during rehearsals and for accompanying the visit. Thank you also to all the parents, carers, grandparents, and siblings who travelled up to the O2 for the show! We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Mr Savage





## ***Horsted Keynes Parish Council***

*www.horstedkeynesparishcouncil.com*

Over the past few months there has been a bout of anti-social behaviour and graffiti in the village. The Parish Council have paid for the removal of the graffiti but in less than 24 hours there were more reports of damage. These costs come out of council tax funds and so it is all of us who pay for this damage. If you see anything please report it to 101.

We are hoping to have the PCSO come to talk to the village at our Annual Parish Meeting on April 9th. Please come along and hear from him and also an exciting presentation from the Cricket Club.

Let's keep this village beautiful.

### **Chair Parish Council**

#### **HKafe**

Quite what the rules were—who knew?? A frantic game of 'Throw, throw Burritos' involved almost everyone at HKafe last week. Cards flew round the table, sets were laid, the whole interspersed with duels or battles or full-scale burrito wars when squidgy, soft, vaguely burrito-resembling objects were flung around. This was preceded by an energetic practice session in burrito slinging, with everyone getting very warm.

And waffles were consumed.

And afterwards the Youth Council met, many of whom had visited the Houses of Parliament the week before for a personal tour.

Another Tuesday afternoon at HKafe—years 7 and above, meeting at the Martindale after school 3.30-4.45pm.

**Chris W**

## **DANEHILL PARISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We look forward to meeting you all for the start of our new season's talks on

**Tuesday 26th March  
in Danehill Memorial Hall (aka the village hall).**

There is a varied and interesting programme of speakers this year, beginning with Imogen Corrigan, who will be enlightening us on the role of Anglo-Saxon women as the power behind the throne.

Doors open at 7.15 for 7.30pm.  
Members: Free. Guests: £4.00.

### **Village Lunch—12.30pm— Friday 15th March**

The Village Lunch in March will be at its rightful time, the third Friday of the month. As usual there is a team already planning to cook up and serve it to us. The price for the lunch is now £5.



The usual list will be in Horsted Keynes Stores. Please sign up before Monday 11th. Don't forget to indicate if you have any special dietary requirements.

We'll be very pleased to see you!

**James Nicholson (01825 790777)**

## DANEHILL PARISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on various projects with which DPHS have been involved

2022/3 saw us very busy working on recording the older part of Danehill Parish Burial Ground. NB: This is a 'civil' burial ground not a 'parochial' cemetery. This means that it is unlikely to be included in the nationwide push to record all graveyards. Our amazing team has done sterling work and we thank everyone who has helped – from clearing brambles, gorse, combating ants' nests etc, to recording the family trees of the majority who lay quietly in Danehill, and finally digitising the information making it available to all, not just our local parishes but worldwide. We are still happy to receive more information.

It has been suggested that we investigate 'lost' buildings of C20th. These could be of any age, not necessarily timber-framed but all varieties. If you have any information that we could collaborate on that would be wonderful and gratefully received.

While collaboration is my buzz word of the moment, I must thank those people from 'my' three parishes. (I have yet to work out exactly which parish I can claim as my birthplace but how lucky I am to feel loyalty to Danehill, Fletching and Horsted Keynes.)

The weather for our Open Day at All Saints to mark the official end of our Burial Ground project could not have been more blustery and chilly if it had tried – and this was August. Those brave souls who came along were relieved that we were snug inside the church, not tramping around outside. Our stalwart visitors arrived armed with more family information and photographs. One or two were able to correct their family information and we were delighted. (We are not the Post Office.)

From Fletching we were so grateful to Mary Butterworth who enabled me to search more diligently on the Ling family. To Mary from HK who was truly amazing in pushing things forward and enabling us to display sculptures created by Mary Stella Ling—all information vital in the display of Mary Stella Ling's work in All Saints' Church, Danehill. Collaboration and co-operation paid off. Thank you.

**Sue Ray**

## There's more to sharing than you may think...

Have you borrowed anything from Share Haywards Heath yet? If you have, you will already appreciate the benefit of being able to have a piece of equipment available just for one-off use. It means you have saved money by not having to buy the item yourself, as well as not needing to find somewhere to store it. Moreover, it means that you haven't added to the huge number of items being manufactured for occasional use and this can only be better for the planet in the long run.

Whether or not you have used the service, you might like to consider it in a slightly different light. How often have you thought about buying a new item of kitchen equipment but then been unsure if you will like it or how useful it will actually be? Share Haywards Heath gives you the opportunity to 'Try Before You Buy'. So maybe borrow a slow cooker, an air-fryer, a bread maker or an ice-cream maker to help get a feel for how they work and how they may or may not fit into your life.

You may also be surprised by some of the other items that are available to borrow.

- Did you take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January, only to find the birds were harder to identify than you imagined and perhaps a pair of binoculars would have been useful?
- Do you need to use a pressure washer – but only as a one-off or very occasionally?
- Is there nobody around to feed your cat while you are going to be out a bit longer than usual – maybe a cat feeder would help. Or perhaps you'd just like to try one to see if your cat likes it!
- Going hiking, or on a day out where you need to take a lot of gear? - maybe a rucksack would help.
- Been asked to present to a group and wish you had a projector? – Share Haywards Heath have one to lend!
- Finally, would you like to make a special cake for a loved one? Borrow the heart-shaped cake tin.

Have a look at the website for more inspiration or to check if we have what you need: [www.sharehh.org.uk](http://www.sharehh.org.uk)

**Share Haywards Heath operates from  
Lindfield Scout Hut, Eastern Road, Lindfield RH16 2LP  
Opening Times: Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.00am  
Saturdays 9.00am to 10.00am**

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4. Bring your item back on the agreed date

**Contact:** [contactsharehh@gmail.com](mailto:contactsharehh@gmail.com)

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***Events - March 2024 - May 2024***

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[www.eastgrinsteadbookshop.co.uk](http://www.eastgrinsteadbookshop.co.uk)

**Tickets for all events must be purchased in advance.**

**An evening of Geography, Tim Marshall**  
**Thursday 21st March, 7pm (£18)**

‘*The Future of Geography*’ shows how we got here and where we’re going, covering great-power rivalry; technology; commerce; combat in space; and what it means for all of us down here on Earth. An evening of geo-politics.

**An Evening with Alison Weir**  
**(rescheduled from August)**  
**Thursday 28th March, 7pm**

**An evening of Storytelling with Danyah Miller**  
**Thursday 11th April, 7pm (£18)**

Danyah’s book ‘*Seven Secrets of Spontaneous Storytelling*’ combines stories with ways to bring storytelling into your own home. Come and enjoy an evening of interactive storytelling and learn strategies to bring storytelling into your everyday life.

**Alison Weir Book Launch: In conversation with John Pye**  
**Thursday 9th May, 7pm (£20)**

In an event to celebrate Alison's new book, '*Mary I Queen of Sorrows*', Alison and John will be discussing history, writing and much more!  
Come and enjoy another wonderful evening with the master of historical writing, Alison Weir.

**Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall**  
**Wednesday 15th May, 7pm (£20)**

An evening of lively and thoughtful conversation between Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall & Christina Coleman, Green Party candidate, discussing Hugh’s new book ‘*How to Eat 30 Plants a Week*’, a shared love of rural Britain, and broader, mutual concerns around the environment.

We've been having fun doing various Unit Meeting Activities which all count towards badges the Brownies can collect. One evening it was Slime Time and we made our own slime using a recipe from the BBC Good Food website but, of course, slime should never be eaten! Whilst being very sticky when taken out of the bowl, after some kneading and folding and rolling the slime around it became very pliable. Brownies really enjoyed the evening and the leaders and young leaders had fun too!

We've lost some of our 10-year-olds who have become 11-year-olds since the start of term and are now too old for Brownies. One of them, Harriet, gained her Brownie Bronze Award before she left so well done, Harriet!

We had another enjoyable evening when Brownies gained their Space interest badge. They designed their own planets, gave them a name and listed three facts about them. The designs were then transferred to ping pong balls and when put on a tea light they glowed in the dark.

At the time of writing we haven't been to the County Thinking Day event in Horsham on Saturday 24th February, joining with around 600 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers across Sussex Central. See next month's P&P for a report on this.

Congratulations to our Unit Helper, Emma, who has earned her one year Service Award from London and South East Region. She'll be presented with a badge and certificate very soon!

**Kay MacNaughton**  
**Rhoda Miles**  
**Emma Bell**



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**New funding for two-year-olds from April:** We will be supporting parents to use their funded hours in any of our sessions through our parent donation model. Please get in touch to register your child for when they turn two so that we can reserve a place.



**Join our lottery:** for £2/month you have the chance of winning £100 and feeling great for supporting our Preschool—please contact [fundraising@horstedkeynespreschool.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@horstedkeynespreschool.org.uk) to join in!

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**February 100 Club lottery winner: Congratulations Alan Deayton! Thank you for your support!**

## **Danehill Memorial Hall**

**Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm**

Our last film before summertime, is

### **“Wicked Little Letters”**

We have a very popular interval with snacks for sale.

Tickets are £9 on the door or £8 + £1.50 at

[cinemobile.uk](http://cinemobile.uk)

Like most halls, we encourage bringing a cushion!

We would love to see you!

## GARDENER'S CALENDAR



***March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers*** is the saying. However, with so much rain in January and February I think we all need March winds and April sunshine. When the ground eventually dries up, make the most of better soil conditions to prepare vegetable plots, flower borders and rake worm casts. Sowing of some of the hardier annuals can be done this month under glass or cloches, eg. sweet peas, antirrhinums, alyssum, marigolds, larkspur, clarkia and lobelia. Also tomatoes and peppers for greenhouse production. When pricking out remember to hold by a leaf not the stem - there's only one stem but a leaf is replaceable. Also don't leave it until the seedlings are really congested with roots entwined which leads to roots and stems being damaged in the untangling.

For the vegetable garden, sow lettuce, leeks, broad beans, sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, kale (give protection against pigeons and other birds) and, when you've prepared and raked the plot ready, sow directly into the ground peas, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, kohlrabi, rocket, spinach and onion sets (except red ones which are best left till April to reduce bolting). It's too early for courgettes and the other members of the tender squash family, likewise French and runner beans, and sweetcorn which can't go out till early May in case of frost.

Over-wintered fuchsias, chrysanthemums and pelargoniums can be propagated by cuttings with the help of bottom heat. Any planting of container-grown shrubs, trees and herbaceous plants you plan for the garden are best in the ground by Easter to allow roots to establish before summer, though it's hard to imagine no rain for a month right now!

Complete pruning apple and pear trees as soon as possible as the blossom starts to appear this month.

Prune hybrid tea roses - cut each stem to 6 inches from its base; floribunda roses - cut down to 12-15 inches and thin out congested or crossing stems; also buddleias, cutting the latter back hard, leaving just 1-2 inches of last year's growth and removing any old woody stems. Other pruning includes viburnums, choisyas, mahonia and early spring-flowering shrubs like winter jasmine once the flowers are over.

Lift and divide any congested clumps of herbaceous plants, throwing away (ie, compost or green waste bin) the old middle section and replanting the newer outer parts before their growth really gets under way. Bulb foliage may look a little unsightly for a while but don't cut it off until it's died down as the nutrients in the leaves go into the bulb for next year's flower.

Enjoy the Easter holiday at the end of the month.

**Lindsay Shurvell—Courtlands Nurseries**



**Uckfield, Lewes & Newick Arts Society  
The Civic Hall, Uckfield, March 13th 2.30pm**

***Behind the Scenes at the National Gallery:*  
Siân Walters**

The National Gallery is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. Siân will be showing us many of the nation's favourite paintings and taking us behind the scenes to watch how the sometimes very difficult and delicate conservation work is carried out. Siân is an art historian and has been a lecturer at the Wallace Collection and the National Gallery for over 20 years. Recently she was a Highly Commended finalist in the World's Best Guide Awards.



Siân studied music as well as art history: she was awarded a choral exhibition at Cambridge University and a 1st for her dissertation. She often arranges art tours which have a musical element, such as an evening at the opera, tickets to a concert or a visit focusing on the musical heritage of a city. Siân ran a series of free, live lectures during lockdown in 2020. These can still be viewed online at any time - just click on *Art History in Focus*.

We are in the Civic Hall Uckfield, parking is free and the lecture will start promptly at 2.30pm. The cost is £7 but, if you are interested in joining, please contact me. We do need new members so please think about it; the cost is reduced, as we are half way through our programme, and for that you get all the lectures, our newsletter, the Arts Society Magazine and the opportunity to go on one of our specially organised visits.

**Annette Shelford ([annette@shelford.net](mailto:annette@shelford.net))**

## **First Steps**



### **Wednesday at the Martindale**

**9.30am** A new half term so we have double quantity, freshly-made, lemony yellow playdough, neatly positioned on our green toddler table in four shaped portions—a cube, a pyramid, a sphere and a cylinder.

**10am** Conversations flow, toddlers share toys with various degrees—or lack—of enthusiasm, babies crawl, examine their world and us, suckle or snooze, and tea or coffee is sipped or slurped.

**10.45am** Energetically assisted by an enthusiastic two-year-old, the full-size double table is spray-cleaned, prior to the arrival of plates of fruit and 'specially-created-at-vast-expense-for-toddlers' snacks—and swiftly followed by the toddlers themselves, scrambling to climb onto the chairs and claim a coloured bowl for their share.

**11.15am** Eager little hands stretch out to choose a set of bells or rattle to shake, as a very few favourite songs are sung; sometimes sleeping bunnies lie transiently almost still, more often there is vigorous bumping up and down on the big red/blue/green/rainbow/white/stripey/pink - - tractor while 'bringing in the hay' while the wheels on the bus continue (fortunately) to go round and round until we finally 'put our whole self in' to round off the hokey cokey.

**11.30am** Approximately the same quantity, still lemony yellow playdough, mostly still on the small green table in rather more abstract shapes, including a large lump rescued from the scoop on one of the toy diggers found transporting it aimlessly amongst the scattered cars, dollies and ride-on donkeys, is gathered up and hidden away for a week in the Martindale fridge. Until the next time - - -

**CJW**

## Horsted Keynes



## Tuesday Group

In February, on a damp, grey day, we were entertained, if that is the right word, with a quiz. Elaine Berry had thought of some very challenging questions, but it wasn't taken too seriously, and we had an enjoyable afternoon. It was lovely to see so many guests—we hope to see them again. Thank you, Elaine.

It was a poignant day to hear of the passing of a lovely man, Ron Cook. He was a quizmaster for us for many years.

Next month, we are looking forward to hearing from Andy Bliss, our very own High Sheriff! This is from the latest email I have received about the talk: *In 1929 a workman dug up a treasure hoard of ancient 14th and early 15th Century gold coins in Horsted Keynes. Why were they buried and how do they connect to a former High Sherriff who lived nearby?*

Come along on 19th March to find out!

**Advance notice:** We are holding our annual **Plant Sale on 4th May**. Please bear us in mind if you are planting seeds or dividing up plants! Thank you.

**Linda Allan**

## WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

The Horsted Club between 10.30 and 11.45 am



Every Wednesday the Club hosts a friendly coffee morning which is usually attended by 8 - 12 villagers. Tea/coffee and cakes are enjoyed as we chat and catch up on what's going on in our lives.

Newcomers are very welcome and made to feel at home. So why not come and join us!

## Come and Sing

By the time you read this, six of us from Horsted Keynes will have spent a morning at Fletching as part of a workshop organised by the Fletching Singers and based on *Faure's Requiem* and *Cantique*. What an adventure!



In the meantime we continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at the Martindale (7.45-9pm) and are learning a variety of pieces—Mozart's *Fa la la la la*—*The Blackbird's Song* (not the Beatles' one!), *Isle of Hope*, *Isle of Dreams*, *Blessing*—to name but four.

We would welcome new members, no audition needed. It's an enjoyable and good-for-you evening. Come and see—come and sing!

Further info from **Chris 790467**.

## ACOUSTIC 'FOLK' NIGHT AT THE GREEN MAN

If you enjoy listening to folk music  
singing or playing a musical instrument,  
come and join us for a good night out  
in a relaxed atmosphere.

First Tuesday of each month—  
Next sessions Tues 5th March  
7-45 set up - 8pm start

For more info please contact  
Austin at The Green Man  
Or Brian Reynolds: 01444 242233

## MARTINDALE CENTRE

Are you planning an event of any sort?

*Do come and check out the Martindale Centre. Situated in the centre of the village, we offer great space for gatherings of all sizes, from 100 people to smaller more intimate groups. The kitchen, with its excellent fast dishwasher, cooker, fridge/freezer and microwave, is available for all users, together with china, glasses and cutlery as required. There is free parking on site and outside space with wonderful views across the Weald. We can accommodate Bouncy Castles for children's parties, either inside in the Dame Margery Hall or outside in the grounds.*

*Our hire rates are available on the St Giles Church website ([www.stgileschurchhorstedkeynes.org.uk](http://www.stgileschurchhorstedkeynes.org.uk)) and for further details of availability, please contact Paul Fairweather on 790375 or email him on [martindalehk@gmail.com](mailto:martindalehk@gmail.com)*

**Hope to see you soon!**



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### **Upcoming Events**

**Mother's Day** — 10th March — 3-course menu — Booking advised. 2 sittings (12-2pm – 2:30-4pm)

**Ladies' Night** – 26th March

**Charity Race Night** – 28th March

**Band Night** – 30th March

**Seafood Night** – 11th April — £50pp — 6 courses.

1st course served at 7:30pm

See website for full details

### **Offer**

**Ladies' Night** – 50% off food for any ladies dining with us, last Tuesday of each month

Please see our website for further information or call and talk to one of the team

***<https://www.thecrownhorstedkeynes.co.uk>***

## Uckfield Model Railway Club

is holding an **Open Day**  
on 6th April, 2024  
at the Luxford Centre, Library Way, Uckfield TN22 1AR  
from 10am until 4pm.

Entry is FREE and club members will have model railway layouts working and be giving demonstrations of modelling techniques.

Everyone is welcome.

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- A commercial popcorn machine, sound activated disco lights and use of kids party toys for small donations to various societies!

*£20/h for exclusive use for private functions, £15/h for charity/community events and further reductions for day hires/regular bookings.*



***Horsted Keynes - Helping to keep our village safe***

***Area Co-ordinator Mrs Tricia Raney - [hkeynesnw@aol.com](mailto:hkeynesnw@aol.com)***

***Mrs Tricia Raney (as above)*** - Station Road (including The Martindale, Rixons Close & Rixons Orchard) and The Green (including Allotments, Hillcrest, The Crown, The Green Man and The Village Hall),

***Mr Ian Johnston 01342 811298*** - Broadhurst Manor Road & Chilling Street.

***Mrs Mary Elston (Deputy) 790260*** - Keysford Lane to the waterworks, with the addition of Waterbury Hill, up to and including Little Oddynes Farm.

***Mrs Philippa Gibbons 791208*** - Challoners & Home Farm Court

***Mrs Heidi Mowforth 790825*** - Railway Cottages and the Bluebell Railway (HK)

***Mrs Peggy Rothwell 790950*** - Hamsland (including St Stephen's Church).

***Mr Clive Illingworth 790890*** - Boxes Lane, Jefferies and Lewes Road.

***Mr Clive Collins 790609*** — Cheeleys, Church Lane (including St Giles) & Leighton Road.

***Lt. Col. (Retired) Geoffrey Vesey Holt MBE, BA (Hons Dunelm) 791187*** - Bonfire Lane, Birch Grove Road (including Lucas & Westall House) with the addition of Wyatts Lane.

***Mr Mike Palmer 790890*** - Chapel Lane (including the Recreational Ground, Cricket, Horsted and Tennis Clubs), Sugar Lane and Treemans Road.

***Police Contact Numbers:***

***999 = Emergency      101 = All other calls (calls cost 15p) or 01273 470101***

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Hello everyone,

We hope you're finding the new layout of our page helpful.  
Being a rural parish, we believe that this is now more inclusive.



### **Village centre issues:**

Sadly, as many of you who are signed up to our  HK NHW ALERT emails will be aware, the Memorial Pavilion on the Recreational Ground became the latest target for yet more vandalism.

If you saw or heard anything on or after the 14th January then please ensure that you report it. If you want the current situation that we are unfortunately experiencing resolved, then report it. As always, the contact details for Sussex Police and Crime Stoppers are opposite

We have been asked to mention parking again. Please park considerately by not parking on pavements, across drives or access routes and only taking up the space you need. If you are fortunate to have off-road parking, please use it.  
Thank you.

### **Rural parts of the Parish:**

As mentioned last month, it's lambing time. They and their mothers will be returning to their fields for the spring, summer and autumn seasons. Please be respectful of them and the farmland by keeping dogs on leads when enjoying your walks on all the footpaths around the parish.

Farmers, please ensure that you are also reporting any and all incidents to the Rural Crime Team (RCT) via DISC or 101 etc.

### **HK NHW information:**

Sussex NHW is supporting the UK Government's National Campaign Against Fraud. The Home Office, via the NFIB, NCSC and partners, have launched this new campaign, '**Stop! Think Fraud**'. More information can be found at [www.stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk)

**Stay safe and help our wonderful community by reporting incidents.**

**Tricia Raney (Mrs)**

**Area Co-ordinator Horsted Keynes Neighbourhood Watch & Country Watch**

**Member of Sussex Rural Crime Partnership & Sussex Community Resilience Partnership**

## LINDFIELD REPAIR CAFE

Lindfield Repair Café had some very important visitors to their event on 3rd February – two 72-year-old teddies, both given to their owners when they were born. They were each given a new lease of life and the Repair Café team were thrilled to receive this wonderful account of *Ted's day out*, sent in by his delighted owner.

‘Ted had not expected to go on an outing today. Such a joy to see sunshine and people, having spent the majority of his adult life in darkness, alone, in the loft, gathering injuries over the years. Foot lacerations, cuts to his paws and a recent broken nose had added to his discomfort.

Ted was not looking his best, but then, at 72, not all of us are. Ted and I have both seen better days, but we’ve never left each other, both still here and both 72.

We originally lived in Wales where I was born. Ted joined me shortly after my birth. He was a Londoner, from Hamleys. We loved Wales and then moved to Sussex where we’ve been ever since.

So, our outing today was to the Lindfield Repair Café, where my dear friend Polly, artist in residence, kindly encouraged us. I had not been totally honest with Ted when I told him we were going to an exclusive private hospital where he would undergo surgery to improve his condition and enhance his quality of life. I assured him, however, he would be very well looked after.

We were not disappointed. We were introduced to Ted’s surgeon, Susan, and both immediately felt at ease, knowing that Ted was in kind and capable hands. General anesthetic, operation successful and home for rest and recuperation. What a joy for both Ted and me, especially when we were told that we were both looking amazing for our age. Gratitude for that.

Ted is now rejuvenated, never to return to the dark loft. He’s now in the light, enjoying life, we’re together and wherever I go Ted will go.

This is Ted’s second life; he’s no longer Ted. He was deserving of a better name so he’s now Edward Thomas. Thomas was my maiden name and Edward Thomas is my favourite Welsh poet. So now we are looking forward to this new life together and many years of fun.

With love from Edward and Helen Thomas.’

Lindfield Repair Café opens its doors again at 10am on **Saturday 2nd March** and they will once again be welcoming local social enterprise *How to Basically*, who run DIY courses aiming to empower individuals and make them less reliant on third party help:

<https://howtobasically.co.uk/>

They will also be running **DIY activities in the Kids’ Room**. (Please note participating children must have an adult to help them.)

### **More Volunteers Urgently Needed**

The Repair Café is looking for more volunteer repairers to help its very busy electrical/electronic repairs team as well as those who enjoy working with children and could help with activities in the Kids’ Room (alongside parental/carer supervision). Founder Trevor Carpenter says: ‘One of our most important aims is to help kids understand the concept of repairing and to become our next generation of repairers.’

*Lindfield Repair Cafe is open on the first Saturday of the month at the United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield, from 10am to 1pm.*

*(On bank holiday weekends the date will be moved to the second Saturday of the month).*

**Next event: Saturday 2nd March**

**Website: <https://www.lindfieldrepaircafe.org/>**



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# REPAIR CAFÉ

Forest  
Row

## Let's stick together

Meet Forest Row Repair Café's "can-do" ceramics repairer – Fran Rawlinson

By Fleur Britten

When broken items are brought to Forest Row's Repair Café in pieces, Reception invariably says, "Ask Fran!", knowing this will give those items the best chance of repair. "I'll have a go at anything," she says.

Although Fran Rawlinson is known for seamlessly resurrecting broken ceramics, she's fixed chairs, glass ornaments, wooden cases, picture frames, jewellery – and she's seen her fair share of valuable pieces, including a Martin Brothers vase worth four figures, a William Moorcroft jardinière, and a fabulous Casa Pupo lamp. "It's why I love it – because of the joy it gives people to have something that's precious to them mended. It's very rewarding."

To Fran, repairing is "simple" – though anyone who's attempted to glue back together broken treasures, only to find the final piece doesn't fit, or nothing aligns, will know this isn't the case. For Fran, though, who says she "was blessed with spatial awareness", it's like a "3D jigsaw puzzle – and I love puzzles".

Fran believes she inherited her mother's handiness, having been raised on a farm watching her lay a brick path, say, or work wonders with wood: "She was good at everything." Fran would "sit at her elbow" and learn – her first project was to make a hamster cage out of wood and chicken wire (admittedly, it chewed its way out).

After art college and a career in graphics, Fran kicked against the computerisation of her craft, and instead did a course in china mending. Lacking the patience of a museum-grade restorer, she says, she sees repair as a hobby, volunteering at no less than three Repair Cafés each month—Chailey, Forest Row and Lindfield—leaving her just one free weekend.

Fran was also painting from a young age, and you may well see her with a paintbrush at the Repair Café, because, "quite often, when I put things back together, there are little pieces missing". She closes this space with filler, then paints over it in a perfect, hand-mixed colour match: "It's not good enough for me for it just to be in one piece."

Frankly, we're lucky the museums didn't get her.

**The next Forest Row Repair Café is 16th March 2024, 10.00am – 1.00pm, with last orders at 12.30pm.**

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**To avoid any clashes, check the Village Diary (Sally Lamb 01342 810814)**

### **April**

- 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter 10am All Age Eucharist to include renewal of Marriage Vows
- 13th Blessing of the Marriage of Simon Murdoch and Netnapa Kaswiset, 12 noon
- 19th Village Lunch, 12.30pm, Martindale
- 20th Marriage of James Twisleton and Rebecca Padgham, 12 noon  
St George's Q100 Bonny Quiz, in aid of RNLI
- 21st 10am Eucharist to include Baptism of Felicity and Clementine Brown
- 25th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30pm
- 25th-28th Cahagnes visiting Horsted Keynes

### **May**

- 4th Tuesday Group Plant Sale
- 5th Rogation Sunday All Age Eucharist

### **June**

- 2nd Why is Sunday special? All Age Eucharist
- 8th Horse Racing on The Green (Cahagnes)
- 18th HKPOSAL AGM, Small Village Hall

### **July**

- 6th Roving Meal (Cahagnes Society)
- 7th Sending Out All Age Eucharist

### **August**

- Jesus the Bread of Life All Age Eucharist

### **September**

- 1st St Giles All Age Eucharist

### **October**

- 6th Harvest All Age Eucharist

### **November**

- 3rd All Saints All Age Eucharist

### **December**

- 1st Advent/Toys All Age Eucharist

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*See the land, her Easter keeping,  
Rises as her Maker rose.  
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,  
Burst at last from winter snows.  
Earth with heaven above rejoices;  
Fields and gardens hail the spring;  
Shaughs and woodlands ring with voices,  
While the wild birds build and sing.*

*You, to whom your Maker granted  
Powers to those sweet birds unknown,  
Use the craft by God implanted;  
Use the reason not your own.  
Here, while heaven and earth rejoices,  
Each his Easter tribute bring -  
Work of fingers, chant of voices,  
Like the birds who build and sing.*

*(Easter Week—Charles Kingsley)*

The bird in the spotlight in Horsted Keynes at the moment is the swift (see HK Wildlife Group's article in last month's P&P about the special nesting boxes being made and installed in the village). Inside this issue are details of the promised talk about these amazing birds taking place later in March.

As we were staying with friends in Winchester at the time, we participated in the RSPB Birdwatch with them: the most plentiful birds visiting during the appointed hour of counting were woodpigeons (not surprising since their garden backs onto woodland), but we were thrilled to spot two pairs of fire crests (or quite possibly the same pair revisiting).

Meanwhile another friend in Capel, Surrey reported that starlings are usually the most common visitor to her village garden, although typically only three showed up in the hour (our Winchester friends never see starlings in their garden but we see many here). Sadly, we no longer have the little owls who used to hunt and nest in our garden, although we still hear and sometimes glimpse the tawny and barn owls in the evening. Never, though, would we expect an eagle owl such as the one seen sitting on a relative's bird bath in a Cape Town suburb—this was *not* usual there either, and a big surprise!

Enclosed is an Easter card giving the services in Horsted Keynes during Holy Week. A warm welcome awaits you all at St Giles.

Sally Lamb