

St Mary's Church West Chiltington
Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful

And now the end is near.....it's September 15th actually

Recently it was announced that Rosemary and I would be leaving West Chiltington to move to the parish of Steeton, West Yorkshire, to be closer to our family. This has not been an easy decision. We have absolutely loved our all-too- brief time here in West Sussex and will miss this parish and you all so much. My final service as Rector will be **Sunday 15th September at 10am**. I really do hope that you will join me in church as I thank God for your love, friendship and support and ask for prayers for the future.

I have always tried to share my faith openly, warmly and positively, and I am so proud of St Mary's values of being a ***faithful, hopeful, joyful and prayerful*** Christian community. These values will continue to shine out of that magnificent building long after my tenure as Rector has become a distant memory. That's how it should be.

You are so blessed in this parish to have fabulous wardens in **Diane Bennett and Pam Wells**. I pray that you will give them all your support as they work with the Archdeacon and Bishop to discern the call of your new Rector over the coming months.

Every prayer and blessing

Rev'd David Coleman

Welcome to new editor Maria Radford

We are pleased to announce that from the October issue this publication will be edited by Maria Radford.

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What's on at St Mary's in August and September **THERE'S NO MID-WEEK COMMUNION IN AUGUST**

Sunday 4th August – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).

Sunday 11th August – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).

6pm-- *sung evensong with organ and choir* (60 minutes).

Thursday 15th August – 12 noon *friendship lunch.* 2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Sunday 18th August – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *informal communion* with tea/coffee following in the hall (60 minutes).

Sunday 25th August – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).

September- Mid-week each Wednesday at 10am *is traditional said communion.*

Sunday 1st September – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *informal family service (no communion)* with band and suitable for all ages. Tea/coffee following in the hall (60 minutes).

Sunday 8th September – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).

6pm— *sung evensong with organ and choir* (60 minutes).

Sunday 15th September – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *informal communion* with tea/coffee following in the hall (60 minutes). **Rev'd David Coleman's final service**

Thursday 19th September – 12 noon *friendship lunch.* 2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Sunday 22nd September – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).

Sunday 29th September – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- **HARVEST FESTIVAL *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).**

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**WEST CHILTINGTON
VILLAGE SHOW**

2019

Parade and Presentation Opens a Fantastic Show

The sun shone and welcomed the first parade for 60 years and what a sight! The Silver Band marched, followed by the 'Intergenerational banner' held high and members of the community, many of whom played a part in making the banner. It was an exciting and fun procession bringing so many members of the village together in recognition of the purpose of the original parade in 1919. The show was formally opened by **Reverend David Coleman**, Rector of St Mary's. **Pauline Lugton**, show chairman, presented a Certificate of Award to Headteacher **Julian Rose** on behalf of West Chiltington Community School for 'inviting the wider village community into school, to craft the 2019 Village Show Intergenerational Friendship Banner creating new friendships and understanding through older and younger people working together'.



The banner will be displayed in St Marys Church and the certificate at the School.

The marquee housed a fine collection of competition entries, both in quantity and quality. They were very much appreciated by both public and judges as were the artwork and photographs on display in the Village Hall. The Dog Show pulled huge crowds with eight classes, some of which attracted over 30 entries as did the 'Garage' where 30 beautiful and varied cars were on display.

Ladies that Boogie, Tom Foolery, the West Chiltington Silver Band and Arbour the Tree (part of the Horsham Year of Culture) provided brilliant entertainment with 47 stalls providing a wide range of local food, crafts, plants and local information, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac and children's entertainment. Excellent teas and cakes were provided by The Women's Institute and stronger beverages and BBQ by the Cricket Club.

The show finished with the Ladies and Gentlemen's Tug of War (not together), the Grand Raffle and Prize giving.

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. The Committee are very grateful to all the volunteers who made the show possible, hopefully you all had fun. ***If you would like to be involved for the next show on 11th July 2020 please contact jackietpicton@gmail.com***



Time to Talk

BEFRIENDING

Honouring, connecting and engaging with older people in Sussex

Have you ever heard someone tell you that they don't want to live anymore because they feel so lonely? Or that they are living without hope or would rather go without food than a forty-five-minute visit every fortnight from their friend? Sadly, at *Time to Talk Befriending* we hear these comments from older people almost every day.

Time to Talk Befriending is a local charity rooted in the Sussex communities it serves. We offer a personalised model of intergenerational befriending, community outreach and seasonal campaigning, signposting and group befriending across the City of Brighton and Hove. As a result of a pilot in 2017 we also currently support a small number of older people in Adur and Worthing. We work with older people aged 65+ who experience feelings of chronic loneliness caused by social isolation. The foundation of the Charity is built on Christian values. We are motivated by our belief that older people should be honoured and respected. We continue to work collaboratively with individuals and organisations from different backgrounds, faiths and beliefs to tackle the serious issue of loneliness head on.

Through the Charity, we witness first-hand how friendship and connection through befriending and events in partnership with local Churches and schools brings a sense of belonging to people who usually go for weeks or months with minimal human contact.

Although, not everyone will experience feelings of loneliness in their older years, Theresa May, called the issue *'one of the greatest public health challenges of our time'* (A Connected Society, 2018). Further evidence confirms that there are staggering numbers of people living across Sussex who are at risk of loneliness which is why we have been

actively providing intergenerational befriending and events, community outreach, interdenominational Church services, signposting and seasonal activities over the past five years to tackle this serious life-threatening issue head on!



Most of our work takes place across Brighton and Hove and we currently support a small number of people in Adur and Worthing. It is a genuine blessing to currently support over 300 people, most of whom are aged 80+, however we are just scratching the surface in terms of meeting the need. Our plan for 2019 is to continue grow our 'friendly and professional' award winning service in Brighton and Hove and we prayerfully hope our model will expand across Sussex in due course.

In addition, since the foundation of the Charity we have provided pastoral support on a small scale to our members who are housebound and unable to attend Church. Our hope for 2019 however is to expand this important ministry by providing Anna Chaplaincy to our members through the Bible Reading Fellowship's, Gift of Years programme.

The Anna Chaplaincy service at *Time to Talk Befriending* was commissioned on the 24th January 2019. The special event was held at Holland Road Baptist Church led by ex-Broadcaster **Debbie Thrower** who heads up the Gift of Years programme and the **Rt. Rev'd. Richard**



Jackson Bishop of Lewes. This new offer at *Time to Talk Befriending* has been developed in response to an unmet need to bring Church out to individuals in the community who experience feelings of deep loneliness caused by social isolation. The Anna Chaplaincy service at *Time to Talk Befriending* will

respectful to the cultural and religious beliefs of all faiths and to those searching for meaning in and for their lives. The newly commissioned Anna Chaplain's will be responsible for inspiring and supervising trained Anna friends who will volunteer their time to provide a menu of prayer, spiritual reflection, devotional studies, worshipful music, Holy Communion and support to access places of Worship upon request.

Diane Watts, diocesan parish development officer, said: *"It's wonderful that Anna Chaplaincy is active and spreading through the Diocese. The value of a listening ear for so many in our communities cannot be underestimated and I would encourage as many as possible to get involved and benefit from the mutual blessing of working with those in older age."*

Just twenty pounds per month would go a very long way to help sustain this charity and the majority of funds will go straight to the front line, so if you can help us to tackle the serious issue of loneliness by giving, please kindly visit our website for further details www.tttb.org.uk/donate/ First published in Faith in Sussex

AROUND THE WORLD AND 'EXTRAS!'

June and July saw two speakers offering fascinating insights. **Pam Goodall**, on *"Around the world on a bike"* and Magician and Punch and Judy man **Jonathan Cann** on *"The Life of a Film and T.V. Extra."*

In 1995 at the age of 59, Pam started group cycling, but by 1999 she decided to cycle all round the world alone. She was asked what planning she had made, and her answer was *"If have no plans, NOTHING can go wrong"*



She ordered a tailormade bicycle specially for her needs (complete with the knitted dolly on the crossbar who had travelled the world with her).

Pam set off from Horsham, riding 65 miles the first day plus another 20miles to reach a bed and breakfast. Her first destination was some 1,000miles away (the Danube). When she arrived she discovered a dedicated cycle path and many thoughtful strangers were met on the way, who hospitably invited her to stay for the night, bath, and breakfast.

In Bulgaria, sleeping in her tent was found to be illegal. She then cycled to Istanbul, and, via Iran, flew to Pakistan, then on to India, Delhi, Burma, Vietnam, and Hanoi. In Delhi, she had a major crash on a concrete kerb but still made a TV appearance with a black eye and bruises. Her bicycle was repaired for 20p, (here it would have cost £700).

She was questioned for two hours in immigration when she arrived in USA. From Texas she cycled to Georgia to visit her family. After just over one year she arrived back in Horsham finding she had lost 2-stones in weight and enough adventures to fill a book- ***Riding it Out*** which was duly published.

Jonathan Cann outlined how frustrating and insecure the role of ‘extra’ is with continuous repetitions and bad weather. In ***The Young Poisoner’s Notebook***, he played a mental patient dressed in a thin asylum costume. The scene took part in the rain and the main actor couldn’t remember his lines so repeated shots were taken; it was cold and Jonathan was waterlogged! All he could think about was his health and safety for which he was not covered!

In ***Mary Poppins Returns***, he was playing the part of a puppeteer; standing next to a lady and her dog. There were subsequently many shots of Jonathan in the film. It turned out that both the lady and dog were connected to the Director— the message being that it makes a difference who you stand next to! After five days of filming it was nearly time to wrap up and we were told that “wrap” meant WIND, REEL and PRINT – very succinct.

We could have listened forever to his recollection of his film and T.V. extra parts in titles such as ***Wind in the Willows, Chariots of Fire, Ghost, Summer of Rockets, Bollywood, Hold the Sunset, East Enders, Skyfall*** to name a few.

At the July meeting **Gilly Lindsay** won the coveted President’s floral table piece and **Ruth Voke, Sorrel Richards and Pat Beard** were all congratulated for the winning photographs in the 2020 calendar. Pat was also presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for years of dedication looking after WI members’ publicity.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Sept 12th (guests welcome) contact Secretary Jill Vincent 01798 812715

Flying for life after the flood



This spring, after cyclones Idai and Kenneth hit Mozambique, Mission Aviation Fellowship's Disaster Response team went into action

Six weeks and six hundred miles apart, high winds and horrific flooding hit coastal communities in east Africa. Low lying areas around Beira were submerged when Cyclone Idai made landfall in March. Floodwaters covered 1,200 square miles, destroying 240,000 homes and killing 600 of the 1.85 million people affected. *MAF* was swift to take off and mobilize a disaster response.

Rooftop relief

The devastation was witnessed by government officials, aid agencies and international media including the BBC who boarded *MAF* flights to see for themselves.

MAF's Jill Holmes shared 'People are stuck on rooftops surrounded by kilometres of water that's still rising with more rain coming,' reported Rick who co-ordinated *MAF's* disaster response. 'It is a heart-breaking situation. Entire villages areas that were dry yesterday are now submerged.'

Partnering with local helicopter operator *Mercy Air*, *MAF* distributed tonnes of high-energy biscuits, provided by the World Food Programme, dropping boxes from the air into the water and onto rooftops.

Food, shelter, medicine

Survey flights tracked flood waters and identified new areas of need, including the displaced people of Beira. The city bore the brunt of the

storm remaining cut off by floodwaters for several days. *MAF* flights carried food, hygiene kits and family tents to people who'd lost everything. As more agencies began to arrive, the need shifted from food and shelter to healthcare. *MAF* assisted *Samaritan's Purse* in reopening the Buzi airstrip to serve a temporary field hospital – the government clinic having been utterly destroyed.

During the month-long response, *MAF* and *Mercy Air* conducted 73 flights, carried 222 passengers and transported 16,058 kg of urgently needed supplies to 16 destinations.

Cyclone Kenneth arrived on 25 April. Even more ferocious than Cyclone Idai, it headed for Mozambique's remote northern Capo Delgado province. Gemma Connel, joined the first *MAF* survey flight. *'We've just come back from an aerial assessment where we've seen some of the villages that were hardest hit by Cyclone Kenneth,'* she said. *'They look like they've been bulldozed!'*



Impact on the islands

The islands of Ibo and Matemo were directly in the cyclone's path. 90% of roofs gone and many of the 15,000 islanders' homes obliterated.

Thereafter, *MAF's* twice daily shuttle flights delivered a total of 544kg of food, provided by IRIS Relief, and 3,000kg of tarpaulins, provided by the UK Department for International Development.

We also deployed the VSAT communications system enabling hundreds of aid workers to access the internet.

'Without VSAT communications would have been impossible between teams on the ground and the main operations centre,' explained Silke.

'MAF has been supporting us since the start, enabling us to respond better to the people in need.'

Pilot Dave Holmes dropped off aid workers to assess the need in Matemo, a village he described as *'ground zero for the eye of the storm'*. Medical equipment and a water purifier accompanied the doctors who undertook urgent medical care for ill and injured islanders.

Please give

Every four minutes an MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world. To give to this vital work please phone 01303 852819 or contact MAF by post at Mission Aviation Fellowship Castle House, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone Kent CT20 2TQ.



West Chilmington Dramatic Society



Our Drama Festival has been completed and information regarding the winners can be found on our web site **www.wcds.co.uk**

The 70th anniversary event of the West Chilmington Dramatic Society (WCDS) will take place on **21st September 2019**. See **www.wcds.co.uk** for more information.

Our November production will be the first performance of the latest play by well known local playwright, **Edwin Preece** and is a comedy entitled *'Three Days of Christmas'* directed by **Ralph Wigg**. The auditions will be held at the West Chilmington Village Hall on **Monday 29th July and Thursday 1st August at 7.30pm** so please do come along, you may wish to get involved with this production either onstage or back stage.

For more information visit our web site **www.wcds.co.uk** or email our Membership Secretary, Christine Pearson at **membership@wcds.co.uk**
Geoffrey Steward, Chairman



THE MOTHERS' UNION

West Chiltington & Storrington Branch



An invitation from Sally Boyland...

I have succeeded Jean Hunt as Branch Leader having been a member for over 20 years. For me the MU is as relevant now as ever, working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate change. We are a vibrant and committed organisation that helps the most disadvantaged at home, advocating for the rights of families and building loving supportive relationships.

At a local level we draw strength from being part of an international Christian charity in supporting families in our own area. Among other things, annually we raise money in support of AFIA holidays (Away from it All), an MU initiative allowing families quality time away from their often difficult circumstances. Last year this benefitted 26 families including 50 children up to the age of twelve, 13 of whom had health problems.

I would love it if you would come and be part of this adventure with us. It's easy to forget that even in Storrington and West Chiltington there are many young mothers and children struggling with the pressures of everyday survival. We are committed to reaching out and helping in any way we can. We aim to do this in the context of the enjoyable social atmosphere and good fellowship of our meetings.

If you'd like to find out more about how you can be involved in MU then call me, Sally, on 01798 815117. I'd love to hear from you.



West Chiltington Horticultural Society

for people who enjoy gardens and gardening

It seems a long time ago now but back in June the produce on display at the Society's Summer Show lived up to the high standards we have come to expect. This was despite what seemed to be the wettest and windiest weather of the year in the week before the show. From my own experience we seem to endure extremes of weather just before every Summer and Autumn Show. Or is that just my imagination? Whatever the weather our Autumn Show will be back at the Village Hall **on Saturday 7th September at 2.30pm**. Do come along and enjoy the displays and you can also enjoy some home-made cake and a cuppa, as well as buying a plant or two. All are welcome and admission is free.

If you are a Member, don't forget to come along to the special presentation by the Greyhound Brewery on **14th August in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**. We will find out how to brew the perfect pint as well as being able to test our taste buds on the beer, and our brains in a quiz. I am not sure that beer and brains go together that well but I am sure it will be fun. Other drinks will be available.

We return to our regular meetings on **9th October** with a talk "Growing in Containers" by **Barry Newman**. More details of the competition tables nearer the time.

For more information contact Carys Pickett 01798 815371 or go to the website www.westchiltingtonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Normality at its best.....a letter to the Editor

What a refreshing afternoon for those who were at the Rectory garden party, hosted by Rev'd David and Rosemary in June.

Refreshing, in that one was able to meet so many folk, previously not known to this writer. Refreshing, too, in the drinks and food continuously available during the leisurely afternoon... and all with a 'live' band too!

The simple conclusion 'thanks', says so much on this occasion.

Philip Newman

Editor adds- *It was an absolute pleasure to host around 65 people on a sun-kissed afternoon at the Rectory. Thanks to all who helped with food, serving drinks and to the wonderful B Side who played for us.*

£319.21 was donated for church funds- THANK YOU!

'We are the Church for everybody; we are the Church of people who don't go to church.' Bishop Stephen Cottrell talking about the Church of England to Russell Brand in his podcast *Under the Skin*

Please Note
NO SEPTEMBER ISSUE
Future issues for 2019 will be:
**October; November and a combined
December/January issue**



**'Fisherman's Friends'
Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm West
Chiltington Village Hall**

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877646**

**The Mary How Trust charity shop in Pulborough
The Card Centre, Storrington
Cherilyn/Nisa Local, West Chiltington**

**Would you like to sponsor a movie? Receive VIP tickets to the film
and help the Trust's important health screening work. Please contact
the Mary How Trust for details.**

West Chiltington Women's Institute Summer Tea Russ Fry reports.....

We were all advised, on our invitation cards, "*Not to be late for this very important date!*" Being obedient, well-disciplined W.I. ladies we naturally obliged and stepped into the fantasy land of ***The Mad Hatter's Tea Party***. The Village Hall had been transformed into a colourful and imaginative kingdom of bunting, stage decorations, table ornamentation and impressive poster design. Tables were overflowing with everything calorific which, with a welcoming glass of prosecco or two, set the mood of the afternoon.



The tables had been themed from characters in Alice in Wonderland and we could see the influence of The Mad Hatter, The White Rabbit, The Dormouse, The Caterpillar, The Queen of Hearts, The March Hare and of course Alice herself; all

reflected in costume and design.

This magical theme continued throughout Tea and then greatly accelerated when Close Up Magician **David Croucher** was introduced. The next hour was spent in disbelief as David performed unbelievable tricks right under our noses. To the Bridge playing members the art of producing the correct playing card was maddening as well as to the

tying of creative right knots for our Arts and Craft ladies - all over our heads but most impressive and entertaining.

We finished off with a raffle and themed quiz where we learned that a consultation with The Caterpillar might help to combat the additional calories consumed – after all it was he who told Alice she could eat mushrooms to change size!



Special thanks go to, not only our Committee, but to the two men hidden in the kitchen who volunteered to help set up and wash up – thank you **Chris Dewhurst** and **Nick Vincent** for your support.



THE MOTHERS' UNION

West Chiltington & Storrington Branch

Jean Hunt reports..... June and July were eventful months for our members with 3 of us visiting the Eastbourne Family Contact Centre for the Open Day on 14th June. The Speaker was from Fegans, a charity that works with children and families and is looking to work in partnership with MU at the Centre. We heard shocking statistics about the abuse of children, and that 1 in 4 teenage girls between the ages 15 to 17 are self-harming.

Bible passages were suggested as offering some hope to these challenges, from a brilliantly impressive and compassionate speaker

whose powerful message was almost heard by the local MP who arrived at the end of the talk.

Our Branch hosted the Chichester District Festival Eucharist at St Mary's Church, West Chiltington Church on 25th June, led by **The Rev'd. David Coleman**. Banners and their carriers assembled outside the church making a colourful sight before parading into church. Around 80 members from across the Diocese attended a joyful and uplifting service followed by food and fellowship in the Church Hall.

The Annual Garden Party on 4th July at the home of **Jean and Raymond Hunt** was attended by 32 members and guests, who enjoyed beautiful weather and a delicious strawberry tea provided by the members and the challenge of **Barbara Middleton's** quiz. A magnificent £274 was raised which will go to support our 2 caravans at Winchelsea and Selsey for Away From It All Holidays.

On Mary Sumner Day **9th August** there will be Evensong at 5-30pm in Chichester Cathedral to which Mothers' Union members are especially welcome. This affords an opportunity to see the Diocesan Mothers' Union Banner which is now permanently displayed in the cathedral, and to join in worship and fellowship with other members.

On **5th September** we will be holding our Corporate Communion Service at St Marys Church, West Chiltington Church at 12 noon followed by a Ploughman's Lunch (£5) in the Church Hall. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to join us. If you would like lunch please ring Jean Hunt (01798- 813681) to book for catering purposes by 1st September.

Rev'd David Coleman's
farewell service as Rector of St Mary's
Please join us at 10am on **Sunday 15th September** at
St Mary's West Chilt for David's final service
(informal communion) before he moves to
Steeeton.



West Chiltington Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following a resignation, we now have a casual vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor. We are made up of 13 volunteers who give some of their time, common sense, local knowledge and love of West Chiltington to represent the residents on the Parish Council, which is the first tier of local government. Why not come along to one of our meetings to see how we do it? All councillors must either live or work in the parish. To obtain an application form email Anna Chambers, Parish Clerk at clerk@wcpc.org.uk or phone any of the councillors for an informal chat to find out more about this voluntary community role. All details are on the West Chiltington Parish Council website www.wcpc.org.uk

Community Speed Watch

Drivers who speed in excess of the legal limit is a constant matter of concern – most of West Chiltington has a speed limit of 30mph, and 20mph in the old village. Here's what our PCSO Erica Baxter has to say about Community Speed Watch schemes:

"In past months a great deal has changed to make the systems and methods of Community Speed Watch more fluid to use and more effective. Below is a list of answers to some frequent queries:

- Yes, community volunteers do stand roadside in yellow jackets and take speed readings, about 4 can make up a group but having more does help with flexibility.
- Sites can be established in 20, 30 and 40 mph zones and identified sites are assessed for compliance and safety before approval.
- They are fully trained and insured through being part of CSW and are using approved and calibrated equipment. There is a variety of roles.
- There is support available at all times via the CSW website which has excellent advice and manuals for groups and contact direct

with the support team for occasional times that this is not sufficient.

- The results that they enter directly onto the CSW system have wider value than is generally understood – for instance, action is taken against speeding drivers; data is recorded including driver profiles recording bad behaviour where appropriate; data can inform further police action where appropriate; data can indicate a Camera Van site may be advisable.
- The online systems have improved for users over past months and continue to become more accessible and effective.
- A measurable reduction in speed has been found in Sussex communities that operate a CSW group and this is gained through the educational factor that the group creates.
- That effective educational factor is the main value of Speed Watch and it firmly places the system as a key tool in tackling the sort of situations described at our meetings.

If you would like to help set up a West Chiltington Speed Watch group please either contact our Parish Clerk or go directly to the website www.communityspeedwatch.org for more information

NB The eagle eyed amongst our readers will have noticed a couple of errors in last month's issue. Apologies have been received with thanks.

To contact the Parish Council:

The Parish Office, Church Street, West Chiltington, RH20 2JW.

The office is normally open Tuesday-Thursday 10am – 2pm. Please phone before visiting.

01798 817434 /email: clerk@wcpc.org.uk /www.wcpc.org.uk / Find us on Facebook



Every Little Helps! *At last month's General Synod of the Church of England it was reported that there were now more Messy Churches worldwide than branches of Tesco. 61% of those who come to Messy Churches are not regular churchgoers in any other context. This is good news when you consider that only 12% of respondents from the latest British Society Attitudes Survey identify as CofE.*

West Chiltington Croquet Club



We have had another very busy month for members with the Village Show, a Taster Session, a Doubles and Dining Evening hosted at the Queen's Head and club competition matches.

New members who joined last season are showing great promise and helping to maintain our winning streak in matches with local clubs., Prospective new members are always very welcome to come along to hosted sessions and try out the game.

We are a very friendly club who meet on Monday and Friday mornings at 9.45am and Wednesday afternoons at 1.45pm in West Chiltington Recreation Ground. There are Roll Up sessions on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning and also other opportunities to play during the week with equipment available.

Further details at www.westchiltingtoncroquet.com ,
email: wchiltcroquet@gmail.com or telephone 01798 368941

THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 7th August
Sarah Lenton will give a talk on
Opera, The Melting Pot of Culture

Wednesday 4th September
Oliver Everitt will give a talk on
Victoria & Albert
Patrons of Art & Collectors

Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall
Coffee from 9.50 Lecture 10.45
New Members, Visitors (5) warmly welcomed
Please call Hilary 01403 785302

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

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THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1890

Nikki Kerr writes.....

This summer we are running activities to help ease the burden on our families that can be posed by the long school break. These include a visit to Chichester Cathedral and our family day at Warnham Park – both of which we are hoping will attract around 100 children and their families. These trips can make

the world of difference to them, as it gives them a chance to get away from their difficult home situations and spend a day simply enjoying the fun that other families take for granted.

The day-to-day work in the last month has been as busy as always and we have been receiving new referral requests almost daily. Mental health issues and domestic violence situations are currently the main drivers behind referrals, and these are complex situations that will require a lot of intensive support. Please keep our practitioners in your prayers as they try to juggle many difficult cases at once.

We would like to make a request for food and shop donations if possible – we are so grateful to those parishes that already support us regularly with donations, but at the moment stock is running very low. We are particularly in need of children's clothes and toys for our shop, and for toiletries, coffee, biscuits and tinned vegetables for the foodbank. If you are able to help with any of these then please let us know by calling us on 01273 832963.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

June's work in numbers

- **147 individual meetings with families supporting 11 grandparents, 146 parents and 143 children**
- **43 supported meetings with other agencies**
- **15 group sessions supporting 2 grandparents, 137 parents and 230 children**
- **94 food deliveries made**

WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB

(Affiliated to NAFAS)



At our June meeting we entertained by **Carole Norman**, with her demonstration entitled *Two of a Kind*, in which

she showed how arrangements in the same container could look so different, with a mix of both traditional and contemporary designs and a beautiful selection of fresh flowers. A fun evening was had by all.

The next meeting is on 20th August 7pm for 7:30pm, when we look forward to an enjoyable summer evening and welcoming **Michelle King**, with her *'Tutti Frutti'* demonstration.

On **17th September 7pm for 7:30pm** our demonstrator will be **Nina Tucknott** with her programme *'Wood U Believe it'*. Both evenings will be an opportunity to meet friends and enjoy great demonstrations in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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WEST CHILTINGTON PROBUS CLUB

Forty six members and partners travelled to the Chichester Yacht Club where, overlooking the harbour, we all enjoyed a fine lunch, a very pleasant way to while away a few hours

Ben Mottram was our guest speaker, a lecturer who combined enthusiasm with a deep understanding of cataclysmic events caused by either human involvement or natural causes. Known as Black Swans these events included the Mongol empire which became the largest contiguous land empire in history. Whilst it created the Silk road, it killed 25% of the total population, destroyed cultures and the established irrigation systems. Although the empire declined in the 14th

century the population of the Middle East did not recover until the 1960s.

This month, I was fortunate enough to be seated in the company of some new members and enjoyed wide ranging conversations from sport through local events to some of the major issues facing the world today. With widely differing views we skirted around the 'B' subject remaining on good terms.

Upcoming activities include an exclusive visit to Durrance Manor, a BBQ at the Roundabout Hotel, a trip to Highgrove House in Gloucestershire, Autumn lunch at Random Hall and the November skittles evening. The committee are well advanced planning the Christmas lunch and events for 2020.

Our lunch meeting is on the first Wednesday in the month. Membership is open to retired **PRO**fessional and **BUS**iness men, if you would like to know more please contact our Secretary Rodger Hunt at:- **rodger.atsj77@gmail.com**



Fryern Ladies' Probus Meeting

Russ Fry reports.....After a tasty fish and chips lunch at the Roundabout Hotel, our speaker, **Dr. Paul Hellyer** talked to us about "**Mercy Ships**"- the largest charity operating floating hospital ships worldwide since 1978. They bring hope and healing to the forgotten poor; following the 2,000 year ethics of Jesus but using retired ocean liners and ferries.

These floating hospitals, staffed entirely by volunteers, provide humanitarian aid like free health care, community development projects, community health programmes, agriculture projects and palliative care for terminally ill patients in 57 developing and 18 developed nations around the World. Two out of three people worldwide cannot access safe, affordable surgery when they need it – this equates to five billion people- a huge amount!

They help treat dental and eye problems, cleft lips and palates, tumours, club feet, childbirth injuries, burns and various other conditions. Paul, a dentist by profession, has been a short term volunteer dentist in a number of African countries for different charities including Mercy Ships where he served in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

To find out more about giving to the work of Mercy Ships or volunteering with them see www.mercyships.org.uk or call 01438 727800

Our next meeting will be on August 1st when we shall discuss forthcoming trips and hear Barry Newman speak on Horticulture.



WEST CHILTINGTON THEATRE ARTS CLUB

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We have speakers and organise popular visits to local theatres taking the stress out of travel and parking.

“MoTown – The Musical” is our next trip on **Wednesday 21st August** New Victoria Theatre, Woking leaving the Village Hall Car Park at 12.45pm. **On Tuesday September 10th** at 2.30pm **Gilly Halcrow** will pose the question ***“Whatever Happened to Christopher Robin?”***

On **Wednesday 18th September** we shall visit The Hawth, Crawley to see ***“Cabaret”***. Set in decadent Berlin in the 1920s Sally Bowles entertains guests at the Kit Kat Klub with show stopping numbers such as ***“Money makes The World Go Around”*** and ***“Maybe This Time”***. We shall leave the Village Hall Car Park at 1.15pm in time to guarantee a good seat !

Should you wish to join us please telephone our Hon. Secretary **Geoff Adams on 01798 812984**. The annual subscription is £16 reducing as the year marches on. Visitors are always welcome for a nominal fee.

THE LAST WORD- FROM REV'D DAVID

*I've gone back to **Monica Furlong's** words which were shared when it was announced I'd be coming here as your Rector. I hope some of this has been evident in my ministry with you since March 2018.*

'I am clear about what I want from the clergy. I want them to be people who can, by their own happiness and contentment, challenge my ideas about status, success and money.

I want them to be people who can dare, as I do not dare, and as few of my contemporaries dare to refuse to work flat out and to refuse to work more strenuously than me.

I want them to be people who are secure enough in the value of what they are doing to have time to read, to sit and think, and who face the emptiness and possible depression which often attacks people when they do not keep the surface of their mind occupied.

I want them to be people who have faced the problem of prayer.

I want them to be people who can sit still without feeling guilty and from who I can learn some kind of tranquility in a society, which has almost lost the art.

It may be true that it is only in so far as the clergy start by exploring their inner loneliness and its relation to Christian belief that all their hard work is going to reach others who, for one reason or another, are alone, and so begin to heal our society.

I want to suggest that their great strength will be the fact that they have no strength except the strength of love. They are closer to Christ... because like Christ, they have so few defences against the world.

Without any certainty that it is going to be appreciated or understood they go out to other people, able only to offer their own relationship with God, a longing to help, to love and to heal. They are prepared to be vulnerable, to make themselves' a fool in a way which only Christians still attempt.'