

St Mary's Church West Chiltonton

Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful

As We Journey Again

We said our goodbyes to David and Rosemary, watched the removal vans head for the dales and waved our farewells. Actually until 6th October we were not technically in an interregnum, but of course we are well and truly into it now!

We asked the PCC to agree that we are the Churches' voice during this time and also the PCC agreed all the legal areas that the diocese want us to do. So we are 'hot to trot'.

All the visiting clergy have been requested for our services and the Parish profile ('what we would like in a Rector') has been written and agreed by the Archdeacon and Bishop. We now wait for that special person to look at our beautiful village, to read our Profile and to visit the Church, then hopefully request a meeting with us with a view to join this amazing parish. But we really do need you to understand that it often is not a quick happening, so please, we ask you to bear with us all and to carry on giving the support that is always so very evident by you all.

Diane has now retired as Parish Secretary and Brenda Bull has taken over, so as always our needs are being met.

We ask you to come and join us on a Sunday, come and chat with us at any time and remember you are all the heart of this village and we are truly blessed to be part of that beating heart.

As always WE THANK YOU ALL.

Pam Wells

Diane Bennett

What's on at St Mary's in November

- Sunday 3rd November** 8am – said Communion
 10am – Family Service
- Wednesday 6th November** 10am – said Communion
- Sunday 10th November** 8am – said Communion
 10.30am – non Eucharist service
 6pm – Evensong
- Wednesday 13th November** 10am – said Communion
- Sunday 17th November** 8am – said Communion
 10am – Eucharist
- Wednesday 20th November** 10am – said Communion
- Sunday 24th November** 8am – said Communion
 10am – Eucharist
- Wednesday 27th November** 10am – said Communion

**Thursday 21st November at 12 noon – friendship lunch
2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall**

All welcome

Hello Everyone

I am glad to have got my first issue under my belt. If you spot any errors, please email me, I do try to ensure there aren't any, but sometimes they slip through the net.

Adrian attended Father David's final service and said how moving it was. It was both a farewell celebration but also a looking forward to new growth for both Father David and his family in Steeton and for St Mary's. Adrian joined the members of the parish community at the reception afterwards and very enjoyed talking to everyone.

We are now moving into the Christmas season. There are many Charity Christmas Fairs, some of which are in here, do go along and buy something, the charities rely on us, the general public, to help them out. One charity which is dear to my heart, is the Cinnamon Trust, you may have heard of it? The Trust will help people stay with their pets when the owners cannot do as much as they used to, there is more information on page 10.

For those of you looking for a new interpretation of the Bible, have you discovered the Passion Translation? Dr Brian Simmons is the lead translator of the Passion Translation which is a new translation, using Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic manuscripts, I love it and it is my go-to Bible. It makes a good Christmas present!

I love Psalm 92, particularly verse 14 (page 4). The King James version says "fat" for "vitality", but fat means full of sap, hence vitality. So the Lord gives us strength when we are getting old: I say Amen to that!

Till next month, God bless.

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Dear Reader

Starting from the February issue we have had to put the price of the Parish magazine up to £1 an issue. This is the first rise in over ten years. Currently the magazine only just makes enough money to cover the printing costs. Please be aware that this was considered only as a last resort. The annual cost for all who have the magazine from February will be £10 for 10 issues. August and September, and December and January, issues will continue to be combined magazines, the rest will be separate issues.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

St Mary's Church PCC

Pam Wells, Diane Bennett (Church Wardens)

Prayer for the month

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
they shall be filled with vitality and foliage

Psalms 92:14 Modern English Version



Remembrance Sunday Poppy Appeal

We are approaching Remembrance Sunday which marks the end of the Poppy Appeal. This year there will not be a house to house collection in the village, but I hope this will not reduce the donation you make, as the shops and pubs will kindly continue to enable you to donate for your Poppy when shopping. I hope, thanks to your continued support, that we are still able to make a good donation to the British Legion's work, so important to many of those who have served in the armed forces.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Francis Midmer
RBL West Chiltington



**Please note: December/January
is a combined issue
10 issues per year**



WEST CHILTINGTON PROBUS CLUB

The highlight of the month was an exclusive visit to Highgrove House, the home of Prince Charles in Gloucestershire. The trip was organised by our own John Coventry who invited members of the Billingshurst and Worthing Rotary Clubs to join Probos members. The visit included a conducted tour of Broadland Farm, lunch, conducted tours of Highgrove garden and then afternoon tea. Probos members congratulated John on an excellent event. The monthly coffee morning, attended by members and partners was also very well attended.

There were 43 lunching at the Roundabout Hotel this month where Dr Janet Pennington was guest speaker. Her talk, 'The History of Lancing College' was delivered with passion, more than a touch of humour and benefitted from her years as archivist at the college. She dwelt not only the formation of Lancing College but other related educational establishments founded by Nathaniel Woodard. Woodard who came from humble beginnings, dedicated his life to the church and used his charisma, drive, energy, religious commitment and contacts to found and maintain schools across the country. The emphasis was on education combined with Church of England teachings.



The college was the result of the merger of two separate boy's schools Woodard founded and to this day the formal name is St Marys and St Nicholas. The college has some 600 pupils, is coeducational and boasts an outstanding music department with recitals at the stunning Chapel.

If you are semi-retired or retired and wish meet to like-minded people, why not join us at our monthly lunch meeting where we enjoy high quality speakers and convivial company. Partners are welcome to all other activities, visits and the monthly coffee morning.

As the hours of darkness overtake daylight, we look forward to a warming Autumn lunch at Random Hall, the ever-popular November skittles evening and Christmas festivities at the West Sussex Golf Club.

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 David Goddard: - david.goddard8@icloud.com

THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON

PRESENTS

**A lecture by Richard Whincop:
Nicholas Poussin – Rebel Philosopher**

on

Wednesday 6 November from 2.30 to 3.30 pm

at

WEST CHILTINGTON VILLAGE HALL, RH20 2PZ
Members free, Guests £5

Please contact Caroline Long on 01903 744797 for further information

West Chiltington Village Show
Volunteers Night and AGM
6 November at 7.30pm
Nibbles, Drinks, Meet the Team

With a wide range of attractions and fine weather our village show enjoyed the company of some 2,500 people during the centenary celebrations this year.



The main aim of the show is to draw the village together; it is a hub where once a year everyone can take part in one of the many activities on offer.

Where circumstances permit, we like to support good causes in West Chiltington; if you would like to suggest an organisation which would benefit from a donation please get in touch.

A small team of committee members and a band of volunteers organise the show. We are looking for new volunteers, how much time you can commit is up to you, in the lead up to the show or on show day only, the choice is yours.

Jackie, our Minute Secretary for 10 years has decided to take a well-earned rest but remains an enthusiastic show volunteer. If you would like to take on this committee role please get in touch.

This is what new volunteers had to say about the 2019 show – why not join them for the next show, **11 July 2020**.

Darren

“The best part of joining the committee was seeing so many smiling faces on show day. To think that I had a part to play in the organisation of such a good event meant a lot”

Ellie: Aged 12 (helping grandparents)

“I really enjoyed helping on the skittles stand. It was a lovely day and was really fun to be a part of”

Come and join us at the **AGM at 7.30pm on 6 November** at the **Village Hall** for the formal meeting (very short), a chat (as long as you like) and a few drinks and nibbles.

Visit www.westchiltshow.org or contact Nick: nickvincent49@gmail.com
07788 922031

We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on the difficulties

Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair



St. John the Baptist, Findon Parish Church BN14 0TR
(just off the A24 at Findon)

Saturday 30 November from 10am-12.30pm

Cost is £3.00 to include hot drink, home made cake, savory or mince pie. Lots of goods for sale, raffle and it is a lovely setting in an ancient church. Well behaved dogs welcome. Easy parking.

The Trust's primary objective is to respect and preserve the treasured relationship between owners and their pets. To this end it works in partnership with owners to overcome any difficulties that might arise. A national network of over 15,000 community service volunteers has been established to provide practical help when any aspect of day to day care poses a problem – for example, walking the dog for a housebound owner.

A national fostering service is provided for pets whose owners face a spell in hospital – volunteers take pets into their own homes and supply love and care in abundance until owner and pet can be reunited. The Trust also provides long term care for pets whose owners have died or moved to residential accommodation which will not accept pets.

How you can help: dog walking and/or for short term fosterers who would be prepared to look after a pet when their owner is in hospital.

Further information: Cinnamon.org.uk



Cinnamon after whom the Trust is named

West Chiltonton Floral Club

(Affiliated to NAFAS)

Our demonstrator in September was Nina Tucknott with her demonstration entitled **Wood U Believe It!** As well as a varied selection of colourful arrangements Nina kept us entertained with an array of interesting facts and information on a whole host of topics.



The next club meeting is the Christmas Workshop on 19th November 1:30pm for 2:00pm. For further information or to book a place please contact Carol Nash on 01798 813608.

Tickets for the Club's Christmas show on December 5th with Margaret Rumens will also be on sale, ticket price £14 to include wine, there is also a raffle. The Club's Show supports Macmillan Cancer Care.

Our meetings are held at West Chiltonton Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltonton RH20 2PZ, unless otherwise stated. If you would like more information please contact: Brenda Bull on 01798 813712.



The West Chiltonington WI met on October 10th in West Chiltonington Village Hall for a talk entitled “Titanic – the Ship that never Sank”. The speaker was Tony Harris, who has been a favourite of the WI ever since he came to us and changed from his everyday attire, (and character) into that of Henry VIII! Being an accomplished actor he totally took over the role of Henry VIII and beguiled us with the stories of his life and six wives. His second visit was as Sherlock Holmes, when he helped us solve the mystery of the identity of Jack the Ripper. Being so popular and entertaining he was welcomed back yet again for a third time to tell us all about “My Life as an Actor” which explained his ability to take on any role.

There are many conspiracy theories regarding the sinking of the Titanic, and this one was quite enthralling. Tony gave a very detailed and most interesting story. To summarise, in April 1912 the unthinkable happened. The supposedly unsinkable Titanic sank “after hitting an iceberg”. Or....so it was thought. The drama of the last hours of the “Titanic” had fascinated the public for 80 years. However, after the discovery of the wreck in 1980, evidence appeared to cast doubt on the accepted wisdom of the great liner’s fate, claiming it was **not** in fact the “Titanic” but the sister ship the Olympic, which ended its days amidst the icy waters of the North Atlantic on that fateful night. It went much further into the scandal of the sinking, with evidence on the alleged scam by the White Star Line, but also possible collusion of the British government in the cover-up. He held the attention of the audience and answered many questions. Tony was thanked and bade us farewell.

There followed a further 45 minutes of Business which included Data Protection, Remembrance Day, Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports, details of Autumn lunch, walks and trips. It was reported that Alma Smiley a long standing member had died peacefully and that Lesley Read had undergone knee surgery. During tea, the raffle was drawn, after which the meeting was closed.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on November 14th when the Committee will be elected. There will also be a Quiz, Craft Exhibition and the Beryl Phippen Award.

Patricia Beard



The next presentation from The Mary How Trust Film Society is: Late Night

The Mary How Trust Film Society will be screening 'Late Night', starring Emma Thompson, on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm at West Chiltonton Village Hall.

"Late Night is sharply written and warmly enjoyable, with Mindy Kaling and Emma Thompson on endearing form" – Empire Magazine

Tickets cost £6.00. Loyalty card: watch 6 films and get your 7th free!

Courtesy of Sundance Institute

Sign up for your free monthly Film Society e-news – your chance to watch trailers and see what's coming soon. Contact: clare.flexman@maryhowtrust.org

Tickets available on the door, and from:-

- The Mary How Trust screening rooms & office – call Clare Flexman on: 01798 877646
- The Mary How Trust charity shop in Pulborough
- The Card Centre, Storrington
- Cherilyn/Nisa Local, West Chiltonton

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

Please contact the Mary How Trust for details: 01798 877640, contact@maryhowtrust.org, www.maryhowtrust.org

From Fr David Coleman sent to him by a parishioner, enjoy!

In a mother's womb were two babies

One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense," said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery, there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, “She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her, this world would not and could not exist.”

Said the first: “Well I don’t see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn’t exist.”

To which the second replied, “Sometimes, when you’re in silence and you focus and listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above.”

Maybe this was one of the best explanations of the concept of GOD.



Dogs Trust Shoreham

Christmas Fair

Sunday 24 November

11am – 2pm

Brighton Road, Shoreham BN43 5LT



West Chiltington Theatre Arts Club

Our thriving club meets at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 2.30pm. We have a speaker on many aspects of the Arts and theatre.

At our last meeting Mr Andy Thomas gave us an amazing illustrated talk on Lewes, the town's Bonfire Societies and their celebrations on November 5th when as many as fifty thousand people attend.

We shall not have a theatre trip this month as we saw "Toast" on 31st October.

Our November meetings feature an aspect of the conflicts in past years. On 12th November Melanie Gibson-Barton will speak on "From Passchendaele to Peace".

We are approaching membership renewal time and this time will use a slightly different method which should ensure that every one will receive a calendar/membership card.

Plans are being made for 2020's programme of theatre trips. Our list of speakers is complete and we are already looking forward. Should readers wish to join us please telephone our Hon Secretary on 01798 812984. A year's membership costs £16 per person.

Laying your life down in tender surrender before the
Lord will bring life, prosperity,
and honour as your reward.

Proverbs 22:4

Passion Translation

**THE ARTS SOCIETY
SOUTH DOWNS**

**Wednesday 6th November
Helen Clifford will give a talk on
Garrards, Royal Goldsmiths**

**Wednesday 4th December
Val Woodgate will give a talk on
The Art of Christmas**

**Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall
Coffee from 9.50 Lecture 10.45
New Members, Visitors (£6) warmly welcomed
Please call Hilary 01403 785302**

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk



The Member's Evening in September was to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the formation of WCDS. The evening, which was attended by nearly 90 members, opened with an introduction by Janet Methley of a hilarious performance of 'Dinner for One' by Laurie Wylie,



a sketch made famous by Freddie Frinton. Julian Hoad as the butler James, becoming more and more inebriated as the dinning progressed, was ably supported by Angela Sloan's Miss Sophie. The performance was followed by a magnificent supper organised by Christine Pearson and her helpers. A short video and photographs of the evening are available on our web site www.wcds.co.uk We also announced the winner of our original one act playwriting competition, Chairman's Challenge', which this year was won by Ralph Wigg with an entry entitled

'Jimmy'. The depth of playwriting talent in the society can be measured by the fact that this year four plays were entered.

Rehearsals are well underway for our next production, 'The Three Days of Christmas' by Edwin Preece, which will open on **21st November** and will play for three nights. Tickets, £10 each, will be available from our usual box offices Nisa Stores and The Post Office, West Chillington and The Card Shop, Storrington from **18th October**. You can also book via our web site www.wcds.co.uk so why not visit and watch the video at the same time. We will be set building on Sunday 10th November so why not come along and give a hand, lunch will be provided for willing helpers, contact Geoffrey Steward by e-mail chairman@wcds.co.uk

We keep our web site up to date through the efforts of our Webmaster, Rob Pearson, and there (www.wcds.co.uk) you will find the link to our on-line box office in addition to lots of information about the Society and its activities. If you would like to find out more why not come down to a rehearsal, Monday's and Thursday's at 7.30 in West Chiltonington Village Hall or contact our membership secretary Christine Pearson, membership@wcds.co.uk



Members enjoying the magnificent supper

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea
until he has something to forgive.

C S Lewis

Thy Kingdom Come

Many voices join in prayer

Hundreds of people attended the Many Voices, One Spirit celebration at Brighton Dome on Pentecost Sunday.

There were personal messages of support from Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and the Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson was delighted to see all the churches coming together for the event, with church leaders from across the city involved.

He toured the venue to meet all the exhibitors and said: “What they do is a blessing to our communities.”

The event was part of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative and it was curated by Rev Martin Poole, vicar at St Luke’s Brighton.

It included prayer stations during the day, which were fully booked, workshops for children and families and evening worship which nearly 1,000 people attended, and support from partner organisations - Mothers’ Union, Family Support Work, YMCA Downslink Hove, Bible Society, USPG, Refugee Tales and Together In Sussex.

Rev Poole said: “It was wonderful to know that a secular venue in central Brighton was dedicated to prayer and worship for the whole of Pentecost Sunday.

“The Brighton Dome staff really engaged with the event and we believe it’s the first time anything like this has been done there.

“The evening worship was a perfect reflection of the Many Voices, One Spirit theme as we had attendees from a broad range of churches other than Anglican, including Roman Catholic and Baptist, all united in our worship and prayer by the power of the Holy Spirit.

“I’d like to extend our thanks to our support partners, to Stuart Barbour and his band for delighting the audience with their music and to our main speaker Roy Crowne for a truly inspirational talk.

Thanks also to our guests speaking in languages: Max from Zimbabwe in Ndebele; Ouldouz - Farsi speaker from Iran; Joshua - Portuguese speaker from Brazil and Priscilla - Hindi speaker from India. Also, Bishop Richard and Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, Martin Lloyd Williams for their support and to Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner for concluding the event with prayers.”

First appeared in Faith in Sussex

There is no saint without a past,
no sinner without a future.

St. Augustine



THE MOTHERS' UNION

West Chiltington and Storrington Mothers Union

Our 4th October meeting was led by Andrea Carlson-Hedges, who also gave a very interesting account of her Cultural tour of Northern Cyprus, accompanied by photographs. It has had a very colourful history of invaders. Salamis was the first place visited by St. Paul and the beginning of Christianity. We had a good attendance and Anna Forster kindly came to play piano for our hymns.

At our meeting on 7th November Jean Hunt will be speaking about her visit to Soweto.

We meet the first Thursday of each month, except for August, at 2pm in West Chiltington Church Hall, visitors very welcome.

West Chiltington Horticultural Society for people who enjoy gardens and gardening

Our Autumn Show in early September was very well supported with 190 entries in total. We are ever grateful for the support we receive from our local Village Nurseries, who each year supply members with a single variety of fuchsia to grow on through the summer in order to enter their prize plant into our Autumn show.



A small group of members enjoyed a visit to Sussex Prairie Gardens at Henfield on a gloriously sunny day in September. The gardens, planted with wide swathes of grasses and colourful herbaceous plants, really showcase the prairie planting style with large blocks of colour and form. The owner gave an entertaining talk on the creation of the garden.

For October we welcomed back Barry Newman who talked about “Growing in Containers”. He covered various types of containers, plus the growing mediums to use and examples of types of flowers, fruit and veg that are ideally suited to container growing. He is always an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker and many of the members came away with a few new tips and tricks to try out.

Our next meeting is on 13 November at 7.30pm when Steve Bradley will give a talk about “**Behind the Scenes at Chelsea**”- see what it takes to get ready for the world’s most famous flower show! His experience building medal-winning gardens at some of Britain’s leading horticultural shows, including both Chelsea and Hampton Court Palace, gives him a unique insight into the workings of these events.

The monthly competition table categories for November are:-

- A seasonal arrangement. All plant material to be homegrown. Accessories may be included, if desired
- 1 flowering houseplant
- OPEN CLASS (People’s Choice - any exhibit, excluding anything listed in the 2 classes above)
- Photographic competition – Title is “**TREES**”. Maximum size 5”x7”

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

Carys Pickett

The Arts Society West Sussex

**The AGM for members only will be held at 1.30 on
Tuesday 5th November**

**followed at 2.15 by a talk given by Alice Foster on
The Art of Partying - A Feast for the Eyes!**

From Greek Mosaics through Renaissance allegories,
16th century peasants, to 18th century harlequins, depictions
of parties have always been popular in the history of Western Art.

**On Tuesday 3rd December Diana Lloyd will give a talk on
The History of Stained Glass
as seen through the Christmas Story**

The Christmas Story has been the subject of stained glass
windows from the late 12th century at Chartres to the Victorians
Damage created by the Second World War has given artists like
Chagall further opportunities.

**Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2pm
Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the talk**

Please call 01903411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com

Visitors most welcome - £5

www.theartssocietywestsussex.org

Dear Friends

We are currently busy receiving all the very generous Harvest donations from local schools and churches. It is such a joy to see our foodbank so well stocked in preparation for the difficult winter months when our families can really struggle. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everybody who has already made a contribution or whose Harvest festival is approaching within the next couple of weeks – it really does make a huge difference to our families.

Looking ahead to December, we are holding another Christmas carol service at Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint on Wednesday 11 at 7.30pm. The President will be the Bishop of Lewes (who is also FSW Chaplain). It will be one of his last engagements before he leaves the Diocese to be installed as Bishop of Hereford so we hope that a lot of people will join us to say goodbye.



F Family
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The Sussex Charity for Children
Since 1870

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9TS
Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7.30pm

President: FSW Chaplain Rt Rev Richard Jackson,
Bishop of Lewes

Mulled wine and mince pies after the service

Contact 01273 832 963 for more information

www.familysupportwork.org | [f](https://www.facebook.com/FswFamilySupportWork) FswFamilySupportWork | [t](https://twitter.com/FSWSussex) @FSWSussex
Registered charity no: 285337

We will also be holding another Christmas raffle this year, hoping to build on the success of last year, which raised over £500. If anybody has anything they would like to donate as a prize, we would love to hear from you – please contact Melissa on 01273 832963 ex.304 or by email melissa@familysupportwork.org.uk. Last year we

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received prizes including a brand new bike, Bluetooth speakers and restaurant vouchers so similar items would be hugely appreciated. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from early November so more information about that will be available in the next update.

September's work in numbers

186 individual meetings with families supporting 9 grandparents, 169 parents and 225 children

37 supported meetings with other agencies

32 group sessions supporting 9 grandparents, 184 parents and 341 children

256 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Give thanks for the family who have successfully beaten drug addiction and are now reunited with their son – we have been supporting them for 5 years to help them get to this point

Pray for our staff who have been invited to speak at various churches and other organisations over the coming weeks

That the right volunteers will come forward to help us continue some of our activities – without enough helpers they will have to stop running.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



West Chiltington Parish Council

**Meet your Parish Council – Saturday 30th November 10am – 12noon
(apologies for the incorrect date in the last issue)**

West Chiltington Cricket Pavilion, Mill Road RH20 2PZ

This annual event is an ideal opportunity to see how your Council is working for you and to chat informally to councillors and find out what we do. This is the chance to discuss the precept and the upcoming budget planning meeting. We will also be asking for your ideas for future projects. Refreshments will be offered and there is plenty of free parking.

Speed Watch is coming

Vehicles exceeding the 30mph or 20mph limits is the subject high on the list of concerns from residents. Research has shown that Community Speedwatch helps drivers to become more aware of the speeds they are driving. West Chiltington now has a Community Speedwatch group and more volunteer members are always welcome - not all jobs involve being out on the street. For all enquiries please contact by email wccommunityspeedwatch@gmail.com

Purple Bus

The Purple Bus is a mobile youth provision operated by 'Sussex Clubs for Young People' for young people in the rural communities of Sussex. We have had news that this will be coming to West Chiltington soon. Watch this space for more details.

Community Café and Youth Project

This is an ongoing initiative from the Parish Council and if anyone has any comments and ideas and would like to help to achieve the restarting of a youth centre and/or a café hub please contact our Parish Clerk.

what3words - get the app!

Now you only need three words to quickly refer to any exact location. The **what3words app** has divided the world into a grid of 3m x 3m squares and assigned each one a unique 3 word address. With **what3words** there's no need for complicated descriptions, erroneous addresses or lengthy coordinates. Your location is identified with 3 words and you can save favourite places. The app is particularly useful for all the emergency services if someone in need of help is in an area that they aren't familiar with, allowing the emergency services to find your exact location. It is being used more widely and everyone is being encouraged to use it instead of addresses and postcodes. Why not find out what your own home's 3 words are in case you need to call an ambulance, particularly if you're hard to find?

Budget Cuts and Hedge Cutting

At a recent meeting of Horsham Association of Local Councils, Chris Stark of West Sussex County Council Highways said that WSCC needs to save a further £1.8m on their highways budget and outlined the actions to achieve these savings including: stopping cyclical gully cleaning, reducing the number of highway grass cuts per annum from 7 to 5, halting weed spraying unless a safety issue, only replacing lines and signs for safety, reducing winter gritting from 41% to 31%. There is a need for villages to take more responsibility for tidiness locally rather than waiting for WSCC to do it.

Planning Applications

A reminder that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee for all planning applications to Horsham District Council and as such the Parish Council Planning Committee discusses all forthcoming applications at the next Planning meeting – the 1st Tuesday of every month. Anyone

with comments to support or object to any planning application is allowed to speak for 3 minutes during the public session. Please look out for the Agenda on our website or on our notice boards, published at least 3 working days before the meeting.

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:

This is the kind of life you've been invited into,
the kind of life Christ lived.

He never did one thing wrong,
not once said anything amiss.

They called Him every name in the book and He said nothing back. He suffered in silence, content to let God set things right. He used his servant body to carry our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way. His wounds became your healing.

You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you're named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls.

1 Peter 2:21-25

Message Bible