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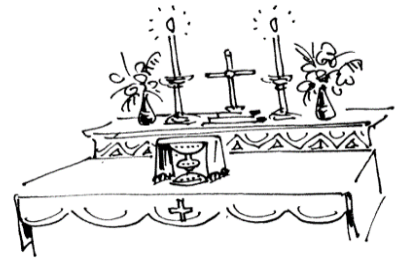


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**October 2020**



*For the Benefice  
Readings & Worship Services  
October 2020*



**October 4<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Harvest)**

Isaiah 5: 1-7.

Psalms 80:9-17.

Philemon 3: 4-14.

Matthew 21: 33-end.

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 25: 1-9.

Psalms 23.

Philemon 4: 1-9.

Matthew 22: 1-14.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 45: 1-7.

Psalms 96: 1-13.

I Thessalonians 1: 1-10.

Matthew 22: 15-22.

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Last Sunday after Trinity**

Leviticus 19: 1-2 & 15-18.

Psalms 1.

I Thessalonians 2: 1-8.

Matthew 22: 34-end.

***From the Registers***

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***Times of services – Sundays***

**Lower Beeding**

Eucharist: 8.30 at St. Johns

Eucharist: 10.00 at Holy Trinity

**St. Peter's, Cowfold**

St Peter's has an 8 o'clock on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday

8am BCP Eucharist on Sundays 11th and 18th October,  
Harvest plus 10am eucharist on Sunday 4th October,  
10am Short & Sweet on Sunday 11th October,  
11:15am Eucharist on Sunday 18th October,  
11:15am Short and Sweet on Sunday 25th October.

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Welcome to the October 2020 edition of the Parish Magazine for the Benefice.

Both Parishes will hold Harvest Services on 4th October and all donations of prepacked and tinned foods will go to the FSW Foodbank. Please be as generous as you can this year.

Holy Trinity CEP school has returned with all pupils back in school.

Don't forget that British Summertime ends on 25<sup>th</sup> October

Covid-19 has not gone away as was hoped. We still need to stay vigilant when we are out and about. At the time of going to press, only 6 people can meet together.

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Please stay safe.

Copy date for next magazine-

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

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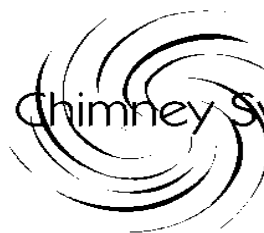
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# The Vicar's Letter



## *Martin's Meanderings*

*"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." ( 1 Chronicles 29. 14 )*

Last month, Geoff wisely reminded us that we find hope in the Bible, since there we meet the God Who has seen His children through many troubles in the past, and brought them safely to the other side. Moving into Autumn, the cooler weather and the changing colour of the leaves demonstrate, through the beautiful cycle of the seasons, that God is there, quietly sustaining us and all of creation: another good reason for hope in testing times.

Two seasons or feasts of the Church combine at this point to emphasise God's closeness to all He has created, and to elicit appropriate responses from us. First there is Harvest, when we joyfully celebrate all being safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. Our response is thanksgiving to God, our Maker, Who doth provide for our wants to be supplied. And when we recall God gave us everything, it should produce deep gratitude that leads to generosity. This generosity should be both giving back to God and His Church of our time, talents and wealth, in accordance with our ability, but also an open-handed, compassionate, response to the needs of others. There is much need throughout the world at the moment, and also in our own land and local communities, where the economic effects of Covid-19 are being very unevenly distributed. Some of us may be relatively unscathed, other households devastated by the loss of employment or the folding of a business. The Horsham foodbank and the diocese's Family Support Work organisation are facing unprecedented demand for their services. Harvest is a good time to consider those words of King David with which I began this letter, and to deepen our response to God's great generosity.

The second Church season falling at this time is Creationtide, a period dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. As we become aware of the fragility of the beauty all around us, and of the damage we are doing to it, it is a chance to recalibrate our relationship with God's creation, to move back from plundering to stewardship, God's original calling to humankind.

As we give thanks to God for the bounty of His harvest, and the beauty of His creation, may our response be generous and pleasing in His sight.

May God bless and sustain us this Harvest- tide and always,

Fr. Martin



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# News and Views from St. John's, Coolhurst



October 2020

## The toll of lockdown on low-income families

Coronavirus has left low-income families struggling with a significant deterioration in living standards and high stress levels. So warns a new report from Child Poverty Action Group and the Church of England.

The report, *Poverty in the pandemic: The impact of coronavirus on low-income families and children*, is based on a survey of families with children who are eligible for free school meals.

It found around eight in 10 respondents reported being in a worse financial position than before the pandemic, and half were much worse off because their income had fallen while costs have risen.

Nearly nine in 10 respondents reported spending substantially more than before on food, electricity, and other essentials – usually because they have been at home much more. Many families also said that the cost of food had gone up significantly during the early part of lockdown.

The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, who speaks for the Church of England on matters relating to children and families, said: "In these unprecedented times, we all need to ask ourselves urgently how we can help our neighbour. It is also imperative that the Government does all that it can to protect families and children."

Alison Garnham, Chief Executive of Child Poverty Action Group, said: "Low-income parents have been living under a cloud of anxiety in lockdown - trying to find money for family basics as their costs have been rising. That's taken a very heavy toll."

There will be **Harvest Services on 4<sup>th</sup> October in Lower Beeding Parish** and all donations will go to support the FSW food bank. Too many families in West Sussex are in need of our help and support at this time. (see p.34)

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We have all had a surreal six months. We watched with horror as things worsened and the pandemic took hold and then one previously unimagined event after another became a reality. Who would have predicted lockdown and school closures?

As with most people I have had to try and prioritise. Initially during lockdown that was to produce livestreamed services plus an email document each week. As I was producing two different services that took most of my working week. Once we were back in church there were of course risk assessments to be done and we continue to note who is in church each week on a rolling basis. I am now livestreaming just one service which is a repeat of the Sunday Eucharist and will do this until we are able to livestream a service on Sundays.



However, there is an aspect of church life which just had to be abandoned as lockdown happened and our thoughts were elsewhere which now needs to be picked up in order that we are properly and legally run. I am referring to our Annual Parochial Church Meetings. The national church has

put through appropriate amendment to its rules to give us an extension this year until 31<sup>st</sup> October.

We will be having our APCM at Holy Trinity, **Lower Beeding on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and at St Peter's, Cowfold on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.** Both will follow on from the main morning service and each will be immediately preceded by the Annual Vestry Meeting when the churchwardens are elected. After the APCM there will be a short PCC to elect key officers. These meetings are important as we receive reports about church life since the last APCM and look forward too. Much has happened since the last APCM, which was held in an interregnum in both parishes.

It is my intention to hold these meetings in church or the Parish Room unless government regulations in force on those dates preclude that, in which case the meetings will be electronic as we have to hold them by 31<sup>st</sup> October. This would be second best because it might exclude some people but I feel sure we could make the quorum. It is important that we continue to run our parishes legally.

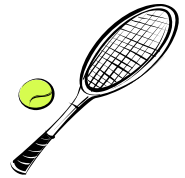
Please continue to take care, with love, Sue.

*(Re-issued as the AGM's for both Churches are taking place this month)*

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Neil would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to his Sussex Churches Bike Ride. He completed the challenge on 12th September cycling 70.4 miles and visiting 36 churches. He is delighted to have exceeded his fundraising target, raising £511 for St Peter's Church, Cowfold. Here he is at the end of the ride feeling tired, hungry and accomplished.

He included Holy Trinity and St John's on his route - the hills of Coolhurst after some 60 miles nearly broke him but he pushed on through! We now have a gallery of the 36 pictures taken on the ride which could form the basis of a quiz, name that church!



## 12<sup>th</sup> October:      Edith Cavell, nurse

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Edith Cavell is a good saint for NHS workers this year: she cared for the sick despite the danger to her own safety.

Edith was a vicar's daughter from Swardeston in Norfolk, where she was born in 1865. She became a governess, but her heart was for nursing, so she went on to train at the London Hospital, before nursing in various hospitals such as St Pancras and Manchester.



When Edith was 42, she decided to go abroad, and was appointed matron of a large training centre for nurses in Brussels. She was still there seven years later, when the First World War broke out and German troops invaded Belgium on their way to Paris and the Channel Ports.

Edith's nursing school became a Red Cross hospital, and she turned down the opportunity to return to the safety of England. Instead, her nurses tended wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies.

Sadly, in 1915, when the Germans began their occupation of Brussels, they took a dim view of Edith's work. But they would have been even more unhappy had they known she was helping to smuggle 200 British soldiers across the border into the Netherlands!

Finally, the Germans arrested Edith in August 1915, and put her into solitary confinement. They tricked her into confessing to a charge which carried the death penalty. But Edith refused to show either regret at what she had done, or any fear or bitterness towards her captors.

On 11<sup>th</sup> October 1915, the night before her execution, Edith was visited by the Anglican chaplain to Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together they said the words of *Abide with Me*, and Edith received her last Holy Communion. She told Gahan: "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

Edith was shot by a firing squad next day, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915.



After the war her body was exhumed and buried in Norwich Cathedral. Her memorial service in Westminster Abbey attracted thousands. A commemorative statue of her stands near Trafalgar Square



## Tuesday Club



Sadly, as with all other events during this difficult period, The Tuesday Club will not be able to meet again until the lockdown is lifted.

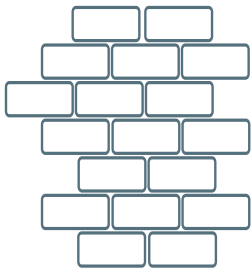
At the moment, the date for this is not known. However, if you wish to have any information concerning the Club for further details please contact Janet Warwick 01403891789 or [rjwarwick12@hotmail.com](mailto:rjwarwick12@hotmail.com)

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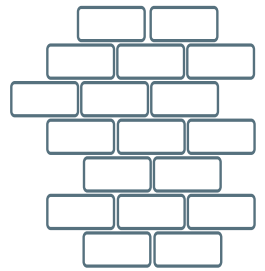
# Lower Beeding Association News

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Village Hall hirings are still restricted but at the time of writing (9<sup>th</sup> September) even more restrictions are likely to come into force. It is really a case of watch this space because things are changing all the time.

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It is a year ago when the Parish Council dedicated a granite memorial to the "Airfields of Britain". As many of you will know, or not, the memorial was placed at one end of the emergency airfield at the back of Dockers Lodge and Cottages. It reads.....

"In Memory of Lower Beeding Airfield, opened in 1917 closed in the 1940s. Dedicated to all units and personnel based here. Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust."

The strip runs from the Dockers Lodge, past South Plain (where there was an apple orchard) down to Warninglid Lane. It is still a long wide, open field – may it remain that way ! I remember it as an emergency airfield as I was born at Windyridge by Plummers Plain Garage – built by Bunny Carter (one of four local boys). Windyridge now pulled down to make way for car parking. There was an air raid shelter at the back of the house which had a small double bed and a little primus stove. The mound of the shelter was used by my brother Graham to practice over on his trials bike.

I wonder how many of you in the village have a well in your garden ? I know Mill Lane has and also some up on Hammerpond (Lane) Road. Some of the older properties would have had outside loos. Please let me know if you have any history you would like printed about your part of the village. Here's to the next time....

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**October 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

As another month of uncertainty passes it appears that we are no closer to beating the Corona Virus than we were in April. However, with the new 'Rule of 6' coming into force last month we must continue our vigilance to keep our Parish and District low on infection rate.

The Parish Council are prepared for further outbreaks and lockdowns, if necessary. If you need any support of any kind please contact me and we will get the assistance you may need.

We also post regular updates on our website [www.lowerbeeding.com](http://www.lowerbeeding.com) to keep you abreast of any changes and advice you may need during these stressful times.

As we have been advised by the government that we cannot hold public meetings until further notice. Nevertheless, the Parish Council are still holding virtual Planning and Council Meetings via Zoom software.

The details of all meetings are on each agenda and all parishioners are welcome to join in or listen to the meetings.

Next virtual meetings as follows: -

**Planning                      13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parish Council              27<sup>th</sup> October**

Stay safe!

Peter Knox

Clerk to Lower Beeding Parish Council

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## Reflected faith: Music and Singing

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Many churches are holding Sunday, weekday and pastoral (Baptism, Wedding and Funeral) services again in their buildings.

However, for most of us no singing is allowed; and this often means no music is being played.

Whilst the churches were closed, one of the key things about worshipping together that people missed was the communal singing and the listening to the organ or other instruments.

If we look at the time taken to sing in each service (approximately a third of the whole service) and the amount musicians are usually paid, we can see the level of importance churches give to singing together.

So, although we understand the science behind the 'no singing rule' (breath is exhaled more forcibly so reaches further) it is still very strange to be in our normal church buildings but not to be able to sing.

Singing hymns and songs helps us to learn about our faith, to pray and to express our praise – but what is it about singing *together* that lifts our hearts in our time of worship?

There are plenty of said responses during most services, but they don't have that same *lift*!

Is it the physical breathing aspects, the sounds we aim to make, or indeed the way our voices join and blend together?

All through the Bible there are passages telling of times of singing: of musicians leading processions towards a place or time of worship.

There are many exhortations in the Psalms to the people to come together, 'singing with joy and thanksgiving'.

The Bible also talks about a time to put down our instruments and refrain from singing. Let's hope and pray that our time for restraint will pass quickly and we will soon rejoice together with thanksgiving, joyful and loud singing!

***This month:*** How can you best sing to the Lord? It is usually easier to sing along with a video of people singing than to a recording alone.

Have a look for suitable videos to join in with their singing, a recording if that's not possible, or even a hymn book. Perhaps video call a church friend and sing the first verse of a couple of your popular songs and hymns together.



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# Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

With most of this year's calendar of events being cancelled we have decided to carry over the current calendar and schedule over to next year with changes to the dates of various events but keeping the show schedules for 2021 as for 2020. So, for example, if craft items have been prepared for this year they can be carried over until next year. The date changes are currently being established with the view to publishing an update by the end of the year.

The trustees of the charity have recommended, and the committee have agreed, that the AGM is postponed probably until 2021, in accordance with the guidance from the Charity Commission. We shall, though be producing accounts for filing within the statutory requirements, we are hopeful that the postponed AGM can take place before the need for filing.

Let's hope that 2021 will allow the society to get back to a full calendar of activities.

Best wishes

Tom

## Gardeners' World

A strange year that has seen us in lockdown for several month which in turn has perhaps given us a little more time to work in the garden. As we approach autumn many of the crops have just about finished, the herbaceous borders are past their best, the annuals are still providing us with a strong showing of late colour. And the lawn still needs cutting. Soon, the leaves will be falling in abundance and we'll turn our attention to that task. In fact by the time this is published we'll probably already be collecting up leaves from round the house and the garden. October signals that we are entering the long period of preparation for next year's garden display. With that said there is plenty to keep us busy as the days shorten and the clocks go back an hour towards the end of the month. Much of the work involves just a few general tasks – clearing and ground preparation, plant tidying, deciding what to do about areas of the garden that need improvement, and beginning the process of planting and plant selection.



Before starting the preparation work for next year, there are still a few varieties that can be planted out in the vegetable patch this month, including over-wintering garlic, broad beans, and late-planted small salad seedlings for harvesting in March. For garlic, October is a good month to plant after clearing earlier vegetables – courgettes and beans for example – and where no soil cultivation is necessary. Just dib holes 3-5cm deep and 10-15cm apart and drop in a clove into each hole, pointy end upwards., and then space rows 40-50cm apart. Softneck varieties are what we mostly buy in supermarkets, here in Lower Beeding they will happily over-winter. Varieties for autumn sowing that are available from the seed specialists and garden centres include Albigensian Wight, Rose Wight, and Germidour. These can also be planted in spring although I've not had much luck with spring sowings because they need a long growing season and, sown now, will put down root systems before the frost arrives. Broad Beans can be sown by the end of the month and in a similar manner to garlic. The most popular for October sowing is Aquadulce Claudia, again seeds are readily available from most seed suppliers and through garden centres. As the harvest finishes, and as an alternative to digging, try clearing the soil of debris and weeds and then spreading 3-5cm of compost or manure over the bed. Then let nature take its course to complete the decomposition.

The herbaceous borders will be dying back now – just look at the hostas! – and the time is coming when they should be cut back and the dead foliage composted. This also presents a good opportunity to divide any that have outgrown their position, and to perhaps move around as necessary to improve the shape of the herbaceous planting. Sadly for me one of my herbaceous beds has an infestation of bindweed so it looks like I'll have to dig everything up to clear the offender and then replant. But it does provide me with a good opportunity to move varieties around. Hardwood cuttings can be taken now, too, especially for philadelphus "mock orange", viburnums, forsythia, any many other species. The same goes for fruit bushes such as gooseberries and fig. Propagating in this way is a slow process but is usually successful.

You may well have areas of the garden that you want to change, perhaps adding more vegetable growing space or replacing herbaceous planting schemes with shrubs, and vice versa. Or you might have a lawn that is in need of repair. All these tasks fall into the general category of areas for improvement. For the lawn, it might be the case that you need to replace old or worn out areas and the time is right for that task. The quick way is to lay turves, the cheaper way is to sow grass. Either way, getting the repairs done this month will give a good period of grow-in before the cold weather bites. And start planning and preparing those areas of planting that you wish to change for next year. One job that you can do, whether you are changing your layout or simply planning for next year's planting, is to spend the darkening evenings with the seed catalogue, there's no time like the present for selecting and ordering what will become next year's colour and harvest. Whatever you get up to, be sure to enjoy your gardening.

Hortulanus

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## Advice from WSCC

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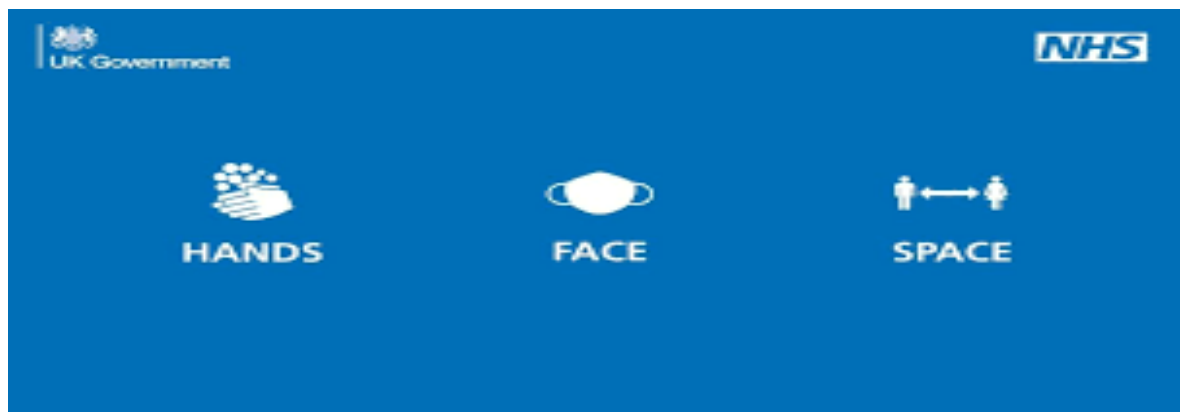
- Stay at home as much as possible
- Limit contact with other people.\_\_\_\_
  - keep\_your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
  - \_wash your hands regularly

Unfortunately, this means that some traditional activities, such as sleepovers are best avoided. We know that this is really hard for children but is an important part of your role in reducing transmission.

It is also important that people should avoid sharing a private vehicle with members of another household as you will not be able to keep strict social distancing guidelines.

If you must do this, try to:

- \_share the transport with the same people each time
- \_keep to maximum of six people at any one time.
- \_open windows for ventilation
- \_travel side by side \_or behind other people rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow face away from each other
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## 70. Sir Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

**1769 – 1852**

Last month I described Wellesley's achievements as a soldier and administrator during eight years of service in India. He returned to a United Kingdom that now included his homeland of Ireland. The Protestant dominated Dublin parliament had been induced into making Ireland part of the UK, with the objective of Catholics being given greater freedom without Protestants feeling threatened. Wellesley was elected as a Tory MP, and served as Chief Secretary for Ireland. He proved to be firm but fair between the Protestant and the Catholic communities. But the UK parliament resisted relaxation of anti-Catholic laws.

In Europe, the war situation was looking grim. Napoleon had defeated both Austria and Prussia, forcing humiliating peace terms on each. Even worse Russia, after a heavy defeat at the hands of Napoleon, had changed sides and was now allied with him. Fearful that Denmark and its fleet would join the Franco-Russian alliance, Britain attacked Copenhagen by sea and land until the Danish fleet surrendered. Wellesley commanded the land force.

### Part 2: The Peninsular War



Despite Spain being Napoleon's ally, he wanted it more fully under his control. He sent an army of occupation, deposed the king, and placed his own brother, Joseph, on the throne. This sparked a widespread Spanish uprising.

Promoted to the rank of lieutenant general, Wellesley was sent with an advance force to invade French occupied Portugal. He defeated the French in two battles, but was then superseded in command by the arrival of General Dalrymple with further forces. Dalrymple's incompetence

led to them both being recalled, while the British army invaded Spain. Napoleon himself



then arrived with his veteran troops and forced a disastrous British retreat. Napoleon then marched on Austria at the news that they were about to re-enter the war against him.

Wellesley convinced the government to give him command of the British army of 23,000 in Lisbon. To the north was a French army of 20,000, and to the east another of 22,000. Wellesley audaciously took the offensive. By a swift secret march north he surprised and defeated the French army at Oporto.

Wellesley next advanced into Spain to join with Spanish forces, but found them to be erratic and unreliable. Abandoned by the Spanish at Talavera, the outnumbered British resisted several heavy assaults by the French. Victory was achieved but with heavy casualties. Spanish supplies, repeatedly promised, never arrived. When another French army almost cut Wellesley off from Portugal, his starving army was forced into a desperate retreat, losing a third of its men. Wellesley never trusted the Spanish again, although he appreciated the Spanish guerrillas who severely hampered French supply and tied down large numbers of their troops in garrisons.



When the Spanish briefly abandoned guerrilla warfare and formed a large army they were comprehensively defeated by a much smaller French army. Meanwhile Napoleon once again decisively defeated Austria in a series of battles. It seemed that no one could stand for long against the extraordinary prowess of the French

armies, particularly when they were led by Napoleon himself. Apart from Spanish guerrillas, Britain and Portugal were again alone in facing Imperial France. Despite leaving considerable garrisons in Germany, Napoleon was now able to send substantial reinforcements to Spain. However his relationship with Russia was deteriorating and he started to plan a massive invasion of that country. Knowing that a French invasion of Portugal was inevitable, Wellesley prepared carefully. Supplies were assembled, the

Portuguese army was rebuilt by a British general and, in complete secrecy, the Lines of Torres Vedras, stretching 30 miles across the Lisbon peninsula, were constructed. These were a massive three-line system of mutually supporting field fortifications, mounting 600 guns.

When a newly enlarged French army invaded Portugal, British opinion both at home and in the army was that Wellesley must evacuate Portugal. Instead, having ordered the countryside in front of his Lines to be devastated, he held the Lines for three months before the starving French were forced to retreat.

Wellesley now prepared to invade Spain. This time he would not rely on the Spanish for supply, but would ensure he had secure supply lines through the mountain passes into Portugal. These passes were commanded by three powerful fortresses. Wellesley fought a long difficult campaign to capture them, fending off multiple French relieving armies. He repeatedly demonstrated his coolness under pressure, albeit on one occasion weeping at the sight of bloody carnage among his troops.

At peak strength, the French army in Spain numbered 300,000. Wellesley never had a fifth of that. The French however were forced to spread their forces widely as an army of occupation, whereas Wellesley could concentrate his forces to achieve local superiority. He was always acutely aware that Britain had no other army should he ever be pinned down and defeated. He carefully conserved his resources, skilfully exploiting the freedom of manoeuvre that he had but that the French, as an occupying force, lacked.

Wellesley insisted on brutal but fair discipline in his army, and respect for the religion and property of the Spanish people. He was scornful of idle gentlemen officers, and expected all to work as hard as he did. He ensured that his army was better organised than the French and was careful never to demand more of his men than they could deliver. When they faltered, he always had back-up ready. The Royal Navy supplied him with provisions or the monies to buy supplies locally, whereas the much larger French armies were forced to live off the land, arousing much Spanish resentment.

In the face of an aggressive French attack at Salamanca, Wellesley coolly and decisively completely reformed the disposition of his army to exploit a mistake in French positioning, defeating them and capturing Madrid. However, in response, the French combined other forces to heavily outnumber Wellesley, forcing him to withdraw his army towards Portugal.

This was a war of attrition. Facing the Anglo-Portuguese army, the French could never



disperse their forces widely enough to suppress the Spanish guerrillas that sapped their supplies and ambushed their units. Nor could they afford to maintain an army large enough to trap and overwhelm Wellesley. Every time they tried, he avoided battle until shortage of supply or guerrilla attacks on outposts forced the French to again disperse their forces.

News arrived of Napoleon's disastrous winter retreat from Moscow. Of his Grande Armée of 685,000 men that had invaded Russia in the summer of 1812, only 90,000 made it back. In the following year the Russians advanced into Poland. Much of occupied Europe rose up to throw off the French yoke. Napoleon summoned troops from Spain and elsewhere, and defeated the Russians and Prussians in two major battles in Germany.

In Spain, Wellesley was still outnumbered but was ready to once again take the offensive. Instead of advancing eastwards towards Madrid, he surprised the French by marching north-east, through country considered impassable, and switched his supply line from Portugal to Santander on Spain's north coast. This threatened to cut the French army off from France, and so forced them to abandon Madrid. After skilful manoeuvring, Wellesley eventually brought them to battle at Vitoria, winning a decisive victory and capturing all the French guns and much of their baggage including the treasure looted by Joseph Bonaparte. In celebration, Beethoven wrote an overture. Wellesley was promoted to field marshal.

At the battle's end, instead of pursuing the beaten foe, the British troops broke ranks to loot the abandoned French wagons. This gross abandonment of discipline caused an

enraged Wellesley to write in a famous dispatch, "We have in the service the scum of the earth as common soldiers". Although later, when his temper had cooled, he extended his comment to say that although many of the men were, "the scum of the earth; it is really wonderful that we should have made them to the fine fellows they are".

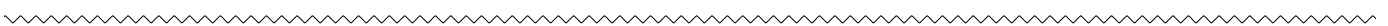
Meanwhile in Germany the brutal three-day battle of Leipzig was fought. With enemies closing in on all sides, and over 600,000 men involved, Napoleon was defeated for the first time in a major battle. As he retreated towards France, the allies gathered to invade. Wellesley knew that now was his best chance to invade France.

Overcoming stiff resistance in the Pyrenees, Wellesley advanced into southern France. He knew that French looting in Spain had inspired a huge resistance movement, and so insisted that food be paid for and that looters and rapists be hung. He could not trust the discipline of the Spanish troops, so he sent them home. The French army however, after 20 years of rape, pillage, and arson across Europe, were unable to restrain themselves just because they were now in France. This all had the remarkable effect of the local population, already resentful of conscriptions and war taxes, soon treating the British as liberators rather than invaders.

Meanwhile in the north, half a million allied troops had invaded France. Despite a brilliant campaign, Napoleon was so outnumbered that he was unable to save Paris. Soon after, he abdicated and was exiled to the Mediterranean island of Elba.

In seven years of fighting, the Peninsular War consumed more of Napoleon's men and resources than did his disastrous expedition to Moscow. Wellesley had defeated seven of Napoleon's marshals. Hailed as a conquering hero, Wellesley was made Duke of Wellington and was granted many works of art from the Spanish royal collection that he had recovered from the French.

*Next month I will conclude on the extraordinary career of the Iron Duke*





# WEATHER REPORT

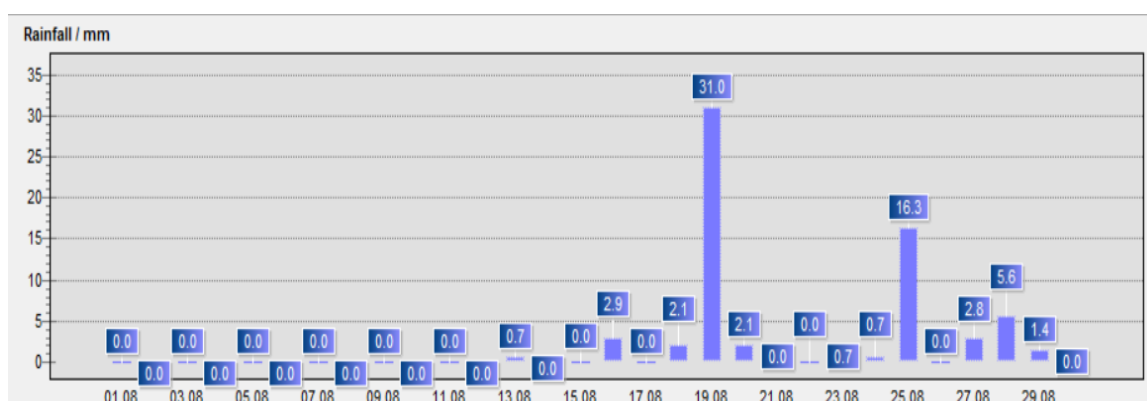
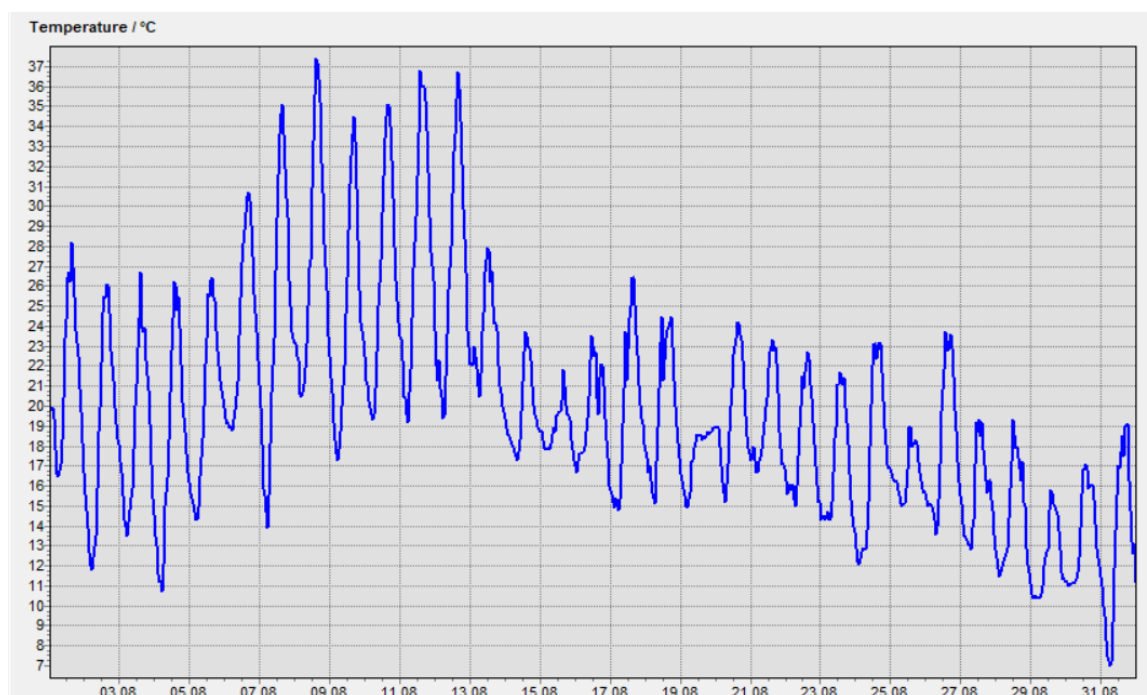


## WEATHER FOR AUGUST 2020

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| Rainfall in August 2020 | 2.61"  | 66mm  |
| Rainfall in August 2019 | 2.03"  | 52mm  |
| Rainfall for 2020       | 20.99" | 533mm |
| Rainfall for 2019       | 17.35" | 441mm |

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| Warmest day   | 37.4°C on 8 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Warmest night | 20.5°C on the 7 <sup>th</sup> |

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| Coldest day   | 15.8°C on the 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Coldest night | 7.0°C on the 30 <sup>th</sup>  |



From the MetOffice:

“August started off with low pressure and showery, mostly cloudy weather. Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> the weather turned warm or hot and sunny in most regions, with some thundery outbreaks, and temperatures widely exceeded 30 °C in the south and locally 35 °C in the south-east. The weather turned more unsettled mid-month with showers and longer spells of rain. From the 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> the weather was often wet and windy with depressions heading in from the west, and Storms Ellen and Francis brought especially wet and windy weather to most of the country on the 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. It turned cooler and quieter during the last few days.”

The rainfall in total was unremarkable, however half the amount fell on the 19<sup>th</sup> with a further quarter falling on the 25<sup>th</sup>, courtesy of Storms Ellen and Francis.

It was recorded that sunshine levels for England as a whole were down on the 1981-2010 averages, however the South East and Central South region recorded the highest level at only just below average.

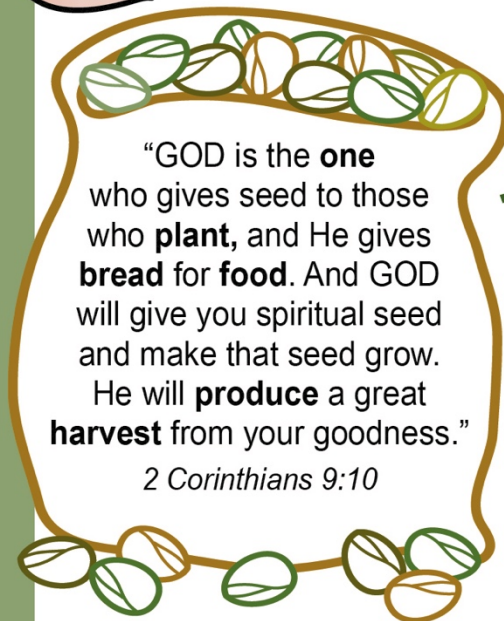
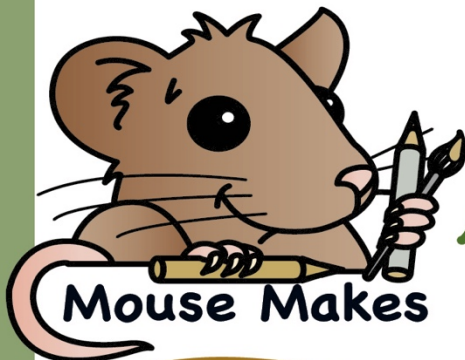
At the moment the forecast for September is looking to be warm and dry. The warmer than average conditions are likely to continue but with the increased likelihood of westerly winds dominating the weather through Autumn, there is a strong chance for a mild, wet and windy later Autumn.

Elizabeth Ogg

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**Weather Folk Lore**

Much rain in **October**, much wind in December.  
For every fog in **October**, a snow in the winter.  
Full Moon in **October** without frost, no frost till full Moon in November.





"GOD is the **one** who gives seed to those who **plant**, and He gives **bread** for **food**. And GOD will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will **produce** a great **harvest** from your goodness."  
2 Corinthians 9:10



Look out for seeds in the park and garden and in your kitchen store cupboard.

How many different seeds can you find?

**Jesus** said:  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_ **seed** that a man took and sowed in his **field**. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild \_\_\_\_\_ come and nest in its branches."

Read  
Matthew  
13:31-32

**Jesus** said:  
"You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree "Go jump into the lake" and it would do it."  
Luke 17:6

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things grow."  
1 Corinthians 3:7

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Cowfold Scout Group

## **Great News!**

1<sup>st</sup> Cowfold Scout Group have been able to start meeting back face to face meetings, with the current rules we are still able to meet, which we are all so pleased about.

Although it is a little different than before we have had to work in small groups, keeping 2 meters apart and 25 meters between each group. But we are working with it and being able to offer a programme to all the sections.

## **These are just a few things we are going to be doing:**

Beavers, are going to look at leaves and make animals, go on a hike and have a campfire. Cubs have been on a hike, and are going to be learning about the outdoors and trying some new skills.

Scouts have learn some first aid, are going on a hike, making fires and cooking on them. Explorers have played foot rounders, are having a games evening, going on a hike and a picnic on the green.

One thing the Executive Committee are looking into is a pathway around the edge of the field in Cowfold to try and make it safer and easier for all, not just the Scout Group but all the local community as well. Look out for more details on this.

The Executive Committee are really pleased to welcome two new treasures into the role, Nita Reynolds and Suzanne Redford will be taking over from Ian Jewell who has been in the role for around 10 years, thank you so much Ian for all your work with the Group. The Committee has been able to grow in number over the past few months with Claire O'Brien, Fiona Williams, Steve Sims and Helena Bailey joining and taking on roles.

If you are interested in finding out about the Group, putting your young persons name on the waiting list or offering help please email [gsl1cowfold@horshamscouts.com](mailto:gsl1cowfold@horshamscouts.com)

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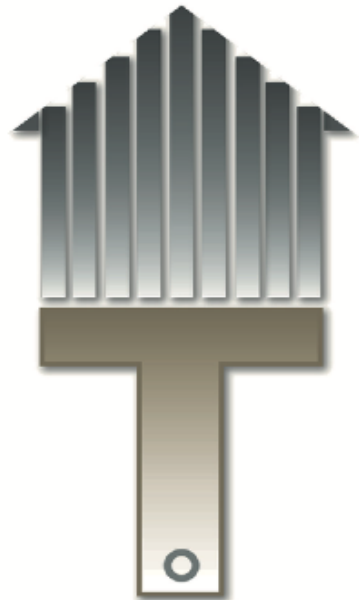


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# FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

## COVID-19 Announcement

In these difficult times for everybody, we have been deciding how best to keep our staff safe whilst also continuing to provide support to our families. Whilst we are no longer able to visit families in their homes we are continuing to provide support by phone and other means.



## COVID-19 update September 2020

1st Sep 2020

During the summer holidays we continued to provide our families with emotional and practical support, including encouraging and supporting day trips for individual families, even if it was only a picnic in the local park. At the start of the new school year we are already supporting families anxious about what will happen and the impact this change will have on their children.

We are also acutely aware that there will be many other families returning to school who will need support, as the challenges of lockdown shift to the challenges of returning to life with a difference. We know that many of our families are very keen for our group activities to resume, but until schools are up and running we are being cautious about restarting them. We are doing this so that our families, volunteers and staff all stay safe.

Staff are returning to Garton House from Tuesday 1 September – the office will be open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. We are all looking forward to being able to meet face-to-face again and being able to continue supporting families.

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# Poetry Cornered

## *An October Garden*

Christina Rossetti - 1830-1894

In my Autumn garden I was fain  
To mourn among my scattered roses;  
Alas for that last rosebud which uncloses  
To Autumn's languid sun and rain  
When all the world is on the wane!  
Which has not felt the sweet constraint of June,  
Nor heard the nightingale in tune.

Broad-faced asters by my garden walk,  
You are but coarse compared with roses:  
More choice, more dear that rosebud which uncloses,  
Faint-scented, pinched, upon its stalk,  
That least and last which cold winds balk;  
A rose it is though least and last of all,  
A rose to me though at the fall.





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# Veteran Trees & Ancient Yews

Churchyards are a true haven for veteran trees, particularly the oldest trees in Britain, the ancient yews. Individual yew trees may predate Christianity, with some trees believed to be several thousand years old. These trees may well indicate an earlier, pagan site of spiritual importance and can be the oldest feature in an area, definitely the oldest living thing.

There are about 800 ancient and veteran yews in the churchyards of England and Wales, three quarters of the British population. Internationally, Britain is a stronghold of veteran yew trees and so these churchyard yews are really important on a global level. Look on the [Ancient Yew Group website](#) for information on how to find these timeless giants – they are well worth a visit.

Yew trees, like other veteran trees, hollow out naturally as they grow older, this happens at about 600 years with yews, earlier with other species. This cylindrical shape is particularly strong and hollow trees can withstand storms that bring down younger specimens. Yews have no known upper age limit as they can endlessly regenerate by sending down aerial roots which root in the soil and fuse with the main trunk. In addition, boughs tend to bend to the ground where they will take root and grow.

Burial grounds often contain other species of veteran tree. Whilst these won't be as old as the oldest yews, they may well be many hundreds of years old and magnificent specimens in their own right. They are likely to have a whole range of other plants, lichens, birds and other animals living in and on them. Look for dead wood within the crown of the tree plus holes, flaking bark and crevices containing a range of fungi, beetles, bats and birds.



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5	4	9	2	8	3	6	1	7
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3	8	6	4	9	5	7	2	1
4	7	5	8	1	2	3	9	6
7	1	3	9	5	4	8	6	2
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*Not what they seem*

Once upon a time, we were terrified of Tawny Owls. They were a portent of evil in fairy tales, folklore and just about every scary story, film or poem that needed a creepy cliché. But in today's crowded marketplace of international terrorism, climate change and saturated fats the owl's powers to scare us are fading. Recently, it appears this spokesman of the supernatural has got itself a new publicist. Its modern image is one of a cuddly pin-up, more Harry Potter than Hammer Horror.

But stand in the woods on a moonlit night and listen for an unseen owl's ethereal call. It's an ancient, unnerving sound that still speaks to something buried deep within us and ignites a primeval fear. The Tawny Owl is the largest and commonest of our island's five owl species, typically nesting in holes in old trees in our remaining woodlands. But what is it about this bird that has given us the willies throughout history? Let's start with those huge, lifeless black eyes that seem to stare into your very soul. An owl's eyes are not spherical but tubular like two telescopes and give amazing vision at low light levels. However, the eye's stretched shape and position on the owl's face presents a narrow field of vision. To compensate, a Tawny Owl has special bones and blood vessels in its neck so it can perform that freaky, Exorcist-like head twist. This gives the bird the ability to scan all around without having to move their bodies and arouse detection by prey.

And in the world of a nocturnal hunter, silence and stealth are everything. Special serrated feathers slice the air, allowing it to fly as silently as a phantom and aerially ambush its victims. Incredible hearing achieved by asymmetrical ears allows them to accurately pinpoint the rustle of a nervous vole below. They can hear fear.

And then there's that disembodied voice arising from the darkness. The male's far-carrying baritone 'hooo-huhuhuhooo' and the female's squawky 'kerr-wik' response are like a mis-matched duet between Johnny Cash and Janet Street-Porter. These calls help establish, maintain and defend a breeding territory and from October the birds are at their most vocal. Of course, Tawny Owls really couldn't give two hoots about scaring us but throughout history these spectral calls have provided a soundtrack to our deepest fears. In a society which is becoming increasingly detached from nature, it's time to get out into the woods this Halloween and allow ourselves to be unsettled once again by these mystical birds.



Tawny Owls©Darin Smith /Sussex Wildlife Trust



# PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

**Although Revd. Sue Wharton works part-time there is an answer machine which is checked regularly, although Friday is always a day off.**

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

Enquiries about Baptism are welcome for those of all ages who live within the parish or who have a family connection with it.

In the baptism of your child, you as parents are: thanking God for his gift of life, making a decision to start your child on the journey of faith and asking for the Church's support.

Making a decision later in life to be baptised is a commitment to a life of faith, which is completed by being Confirmed in the Church.

Being baptised at any age you become part of the worshipping community of the church and we look forward to welcoming you at our services.

## **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Marriages are celebrated between couples, one of whom is resident in the parish, who have a family connection to it, or whose name is on the Electoral Roll.

Enquiries are welcome subject to the regulations of the Church of England, more information on which and on getting married in church can be found at the following website: [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Holy Communion can be brought by members of the church to any who are sick or housebound, regularly if desired.

Relatives, friends or neighbours should feel able to pass on information about those known to be sick or in any other need. As well as receiving Holy Communion, those in need can be anointed with Holy Oil as a sign of the prayer of the Church for the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

Please contact us immediately where anyone is in danger of death.

## **MINISTRY OF ABSOLUTION**

Advice and counsel can be requested and Absolution can be given by the priest to those wishing to make a special confession of sins. The Sacrament of Forgiveness and Reconciliation is an established part of the life and teaching of the Church of England.

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