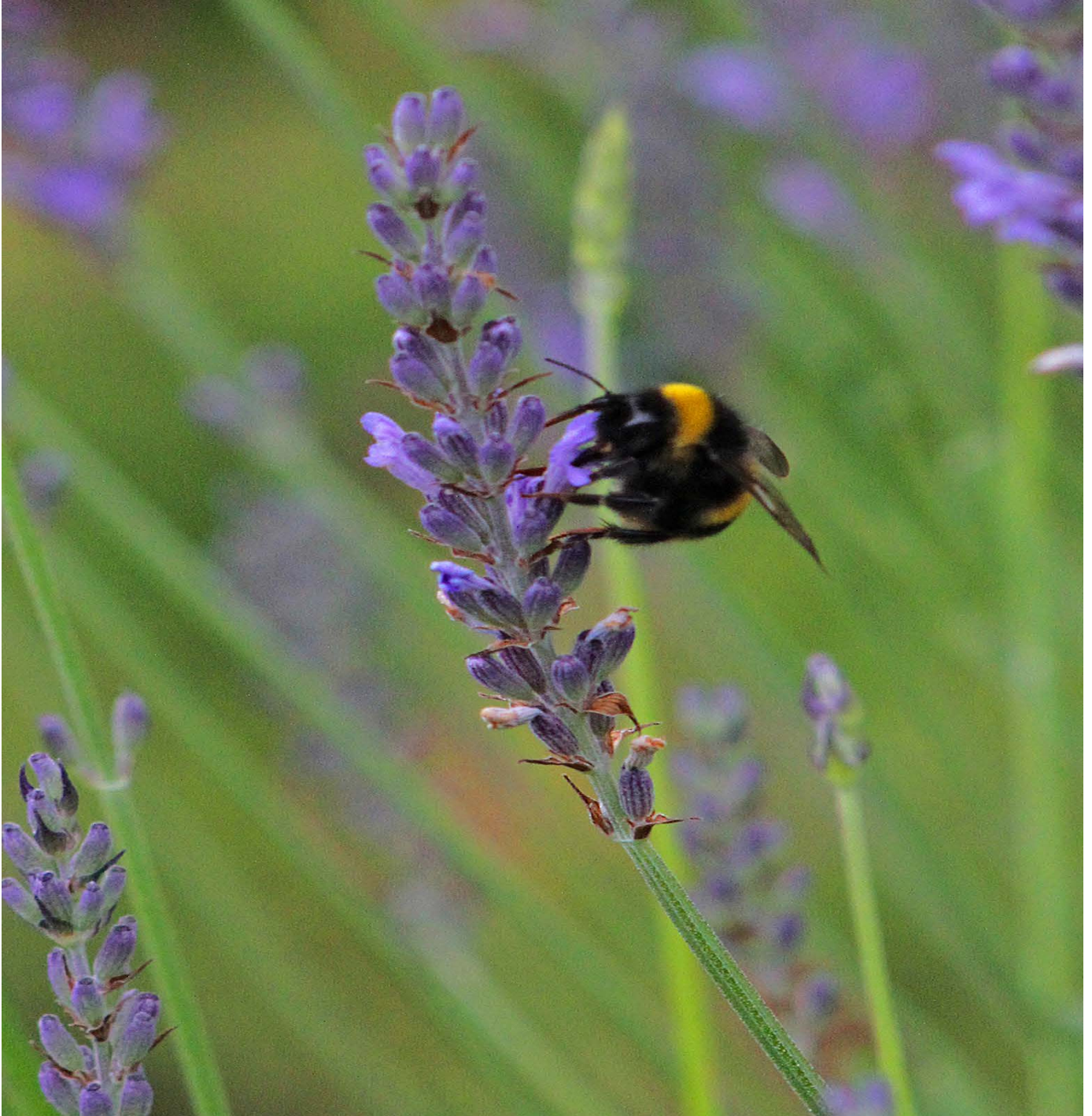


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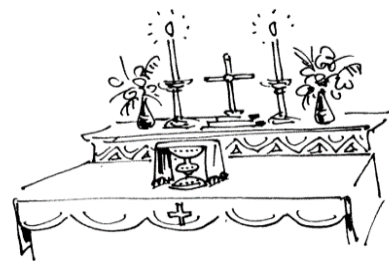
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For the Benefice Readings & Worship Services July 2021



July 4th 5th Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 2: 1-5.

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10.

Mark 6: 1-13.

July 11th 6th Sunday after Trinity.

Amos 7: 7-15.

Ephesians 1: 3-14.

Mark 6: 14-29.

July 18th 7th after Trinity

Jeremiah 23: 1-6.

Ephesians 2: 11-end.

Mark 6: 30 -34, 53 -end.

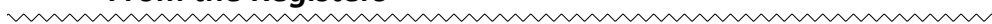
July 25th 8th Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 4: 42-end.

Espheians3: 14-end.

John 6: 1-21.

From the Registers



Times of services – Sundays

Lower Beeding

Eucharist: 8.30 at St. Johns

Eucharist: 10.00 at Holy Trinity

St. Peter's, Cowfold

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

All churches have reopened for Services.

6th) 10am Eucharist

13th) 8am BCP Eucharist; 10am Short & Sweet

20th) 8am BCP Eucharist; 11.15am Eucharist

27th) 10am Eucharist



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Welcome to the July 2021 edition of the Parish Magazine for the Benefice.

Sadly, we are still in semi-lockdown and look to be there until the middle of this month. All being well.

As we don't know how the new variant of Covid will spread or if another might show itself, we must stay alert.

Most of us have now been doubled dosed and there is hope that the vaccines will keep us safe from further infection but we must all keep to the rules.

Keep well and keep safe – Covid 19 is still around and will be with us for some time

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Dear Friends,

Let's Celebrate!

How lovely it has been to be able to get out and about, to be able to meet up in people's gardens and even to go inside each other's homes. We used to take such luxuries for granted but we do so no more. Children were able to visit each other on play dates over half term and since – in a way that some youngsters literally barely remember because the pandemic has been going on for such a large proportion of their young lives.

Despite the postponement of the end of lockdown we do still have a fair degree of freedom and are looking forward to more, hopefully towards the end of this month. It has been such a long haul that I think it would be good to have a rite of passage to mark its ending as well as beginning to make plans to move forward. There are many ways of doing this, and people will want to do so in various ways as individuals and families or groups but I would like to offer one way of doing so.

I am going to run **two Celebration Services**. The one for Lower Beeding and Coolhurst will be at 10.00a.m on September 12th and the one for Cowfold will be at 10.00 a.m on September 26th.

Each will be an opportunity to celebrate all those individuals and organisations who have helped each village through the pandemic.

I am hoping that our Parish Councils and schools will help with nominations as well as individuals so that it becomes a real community event, with refreshments afterwards. I would like to include those who went out of our communities to do their regular jobs such as nursing or delivering food as well as those who did so much within our villages. Let's really celebrate all that was done by so many people to make life bearable and in some cases to save lives.

If anyone wants to chip in with ideas for some hymns or anything else to include you are welcome to. All the nominations for each Celebration will be printed in a booklet. If you are nominating a person or organisation for the Lower Beeding Celebration then please let Anna Vereker know and if it's for the Cowfold one then please inform Nikki Favell. The contact emails are justanna.cs@gmail.com and nikkifavell@me.com

Take care and God bless,

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News and Views from the Pews



July 2021 Serena Soames writes:

One weekend. Two events. In Cornwall the G7 discussed, among other things, the future of our world environment, and climate. Here in Sussex, the South of England Show was staged over the same 3 days to celebrate those who really know and use our land. In its Covid pared down form, the Show went back to its roots with a traditional agricultural feel and a reliance on country sports for its main arena displays. And it was a sell-out, hosting 36,000 people over 3 days.

One of the few county shows to incorporate a Hound Show, with judging of foxhounds on Friday and beagles on Saturday, the Show provided a gleaming example of the excellence still aspired to in the hunting tradition, even though pursuit of live quarry has been against the law since 2004. The breeding of these hounds remains an art and finely judged, and the spectacle in the small ring of the hunt staff, young as well as old, in their immaculate and polished livery, showing off their hounds, is fascinating to all those who pass by.

Each day the main arena saw a cavalcade of hounds from different local packs, whose members also raced against each other in the dramatic Inter Hunt Relay.

Lockdown highlighted a general need for people to connect with nature and with the land. Much has been written recently about 'wilding' and for the need to use our land in new ways to increase species diversity, especially as we exit the common agricultural policy post Brexit.

But our genome evolved in an age when man's survival depended on success as a hunter, hence our fascination for it still.

And Man's psyche is also deeply embedded in agriculture, which allowed him to settle in one place and develop more complex social systems.

For a continued connection to nature and to our landscape, we need to keep farming as well as wilding.

In the words of Sting:

*Many years have passed since those summer days
Among the fields of barley
See the children run as the sun goes down
Among the fields of gold*

And while we are connecting with our wild other, one small step we can take towards caring for this precious land is to end the strange practice of putting dog faeces in little plastic bags and leaving them on the path and in the trees.



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Holy Trinity Lower Beeding Bells

You will have noticed I am sure that the bells of Holy Trinity have not been rung since March last year. However, I am pleased to announce that we are preparing to return to ringing.



On Monday 7th June a bell maintenance expert in the shape of Ian Smith from Horsham joined me to carry out an inspection and any necessary work on our bells. You may well have heard the bells being tested. We are delighted to report that apart from tightening a number of nuts, the bells are in perfect working order.

Over the following weeks some of our less experienced ringers have been visiting the tower to have a brief ring to get back into the swing of things.

By the time you receive this magazine we hope to have been able to return to our normal practice on Thursday evenings and for Sunday services. That will have been subject of course to the all clear being given by government. As ever, we will be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to learn to ring or simply to come and say hello and watch.

With fingers crossed -----Graham Burling Tower Captain

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Beeding Guides

On Tuesday 20 April we had our first Guide Meeting of the year and started back with 12 girls – we are already up to 16 so growing quickly now the world is gradually getting back to a little more normality and people are more confident to be out and about. We have managed to be outside for all our meetings apart from one wet evening when we moved back into the hall.

Up until half-term our meetings included a hike round Leechpool Woods, a Wide Game at the Hall and a Macrame Evening. We went to Blacklands Farm for a Crate Challenge Activity which the girls really enjoyed even with heavy rain for most of the evening! We were all soaked but they had such fun! We also made cards for our Senior Citizens Tea Party Guests as we have now not had the party for 2 years. We delivered them all along with a bar of chocolate and have received lovely cards and messages from so many – we all look forward to an extra special party next year!

Our meetings this half term leading up to the summer holidays will include outdoor activities, a Chocolate Themed Evening and a visit to the Ceramic Shack to do pottery. We hope to take our senior girls bowling whilst others in the unit will take part in the Horsham Trail and we are looking into a visit to Southwater for Canoeing.

Our Rainbows and Brownies are also meeting again so Guiding is up and running in Lower Beeding again.

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## Quotes of the month

***With the Olympics and the idea of running a course in mind...***

There is a way of winning by losing, a way of victory in defeat which we are going to discover. - *Laurens van der Post*

Thou, O God, dost sell us all good things at the price of labour. - *Leonardo da Vinci*

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. - *2 Timothy 4:7*

Make the least ado about your greatest gifts. Be content to act and leave the talking to others. - *Baltasar Gracian*

The quality of life is determined by its activities. - *Aristotle*

No great achievement is possible without persistent work. - *Bertrand Russell*



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# Lower Beeding Parish Council News

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## July 2021

Dear Parishioners

Although it looked like the COVID virus was on the retreat, the long-awaited Freedom Day of the 21<sup>st</sup> June was postponed until later next month. This was delayed due to the increase in the number of cases of the Delta Variant. We are now all hoping that the restrictions will be lifted and we can enjoy the rest of the summer without any constraints. Vigilance is still the key word to help us get through this pandemic.

We are making good progress with our Neighbourhood Plan. It is currently being assessed by an external examiner who should give us the final feedback on our Plan by the end of this month. The Examiner will report back to both the Parish Council and Horsham Planning Department.

Our new County Councillor for St Leonards Forest, Cllr Katie Nagel, was welcomed to the PC in May and she will be working for us on any issues pertaining to the County Council. So if you have anything that you will need assistance with, please contact me.

Please remember all Council meetings are now held at the Holy Trinity Church on the last Tuesday of every month. Social distancing and masks must still be worn until further notice.

Here are the recent Horsham Planning Department decisions relevant to our Parish as below: -

**DC/21/0394 Violets Barn, Mill Lane, Lower Beeding, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6PX.**

Erection of a single storey rear plant room extension, repositioning of existing main front entrance door with hipped roof canopy over and alterations and additions to windows and doors to front and rear.

## Decision: Application Permitted

**DC/21/0376 Woodland Cottage, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6NQ.**

Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/20/1842 (Replacement of pitched roof with a flat roof to create an additional first floor habitable space. Erection of a first floor extension and rear balcony.

## Decision: Application Permitted

**DC/21/0471 1 Crabtree Cottages, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6NH.**

Non-Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/19/0704 (Demolition of existing open pergola and erection of an enclosed link with roof lights between existing house and conservatory. Replacement of existing conservatory roof.

## Decision: Application Permitted

If you need any advice on any issues pertaining to any issues please contact me on: -

**TEL: 07540 418155**

**E-MAIL: [clerk@lowerbeeding.com](mailto:clerk@lowerbeeding.com)**

**Keep Safe!**

**Peter Knox**

Clerk to Lower Beeding Parish Council

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Solution to Sudoku (p.26)

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Lower Beeding Association News

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1990s – 2000s

Throughout the 1990s and early 2000s the LBA continued to offer the village the summer fete which has been running for well over 40 years. The spring and autumn events have slipped mainly due to no one coming forward! However, other activities have been held at the hall and sports field with the Spring and Summer Horticultural shows; guides, brownies and rainbows;

dancing classes; Cricket, football and stoolball, to name a few. BUT the LBA would like to offer the village get togethers with say BBQs, barn dances, Horse Racing nights or whatever you want. So all you public spirited newcomers (from 15 years ago!) please come forward with ideas - WE NEED YOU FOR YOU !

1997 Medieval Tournament

This unfortunately was a one-off event. And it would be fun to have them again.



2000 Horsham Judo Club

This club was very popular run by Derek Paxton and the team came several years. Derek also ran a Self Defence Class at the Hall with his father.



Dave Fitzgerald - 1947 to 2021

It is very sad that David Fitzgerald passed away on the 17th May after a long illness. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The LBA pass condolences to Roberta and the family.

Welcome to Alex and Mark who have recently moved into Mill Lane - and **Congratulations** on the birth of their daughter Aoife on the 14th April. A sister for Reuben.

Wanted: LBA Treasurer vacancy

If you are reading this and have a neighbour or friend who is an accountant/bookkeeper please mention that the LBA, which is a small charity that runs your Village Hall and Sports Field, requires asap someone to look after the charity's accounts. It is unfortunately a voluntary position but a very important part of the system to keep the facility going.

The LBA is looking for a new treasurer as Gwynie is stepping down. This position is ideal for someone with accountancy background who is semi-retired and interested in the activities of the village. Gwynie is happy to help the new person into the role. Everything is up-to-date and she has introduced online banking.

Please contact Jean Black on 01403 891523 or Roy Wicking on 010403 891710.

Jean Black 01403 891523



Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

The society, in common with most of the village group activities, continues to struggle to stage its planned events this year. The latest event that is in jeopardy following the delay in invoking the final stage of the lockdown easing is the visit to Prenplants on 8 July. If you were planning to attend this event please contact Tom 01293 851319 or tom@plimmers.co.uk to check what is likely to happen.

The society is also due to hold its AGM for 2020, postponed from October last year. We can continue with the postponement until such time as indoor gatherings are allowed, notwithstanding the fact that we have not as yet applied for a delay in submitting our annual report for the year. The committee will communicate further on this as the situation becomes clearer.

We still have our summer show scheduled for 21 August, we will abide by the guidance from the government on the easing of lockdown when deciding whether this can go ahead or not..

Tom

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Gardeners' World

After a wet and mostly dreary May June has begun to provide us with much warmer and drier weather, with some very warm (and in the case of the past few days, hot) days and enough rain to keep everything growing well. In fact most of the plants are growing rapidly, and that goes for both the vegetables and for the herbaceous borders in particular. Hostas, Digitalis, and much more besides are all looking very healthy and we are seeing a steady succession of flowers as we go through June. Aside from the plants, we've seen a bigger variety of birds than usual too, with cuckoos, a pair of greater spotted woodpeckers, a pair of partridges, and even a young tawny owl, all using the garden as their base. The only downside is that they start their chattering at first light. With July usually one of the hottest months watering is likely to be one of the main tasks in the month. Many vegetables can go for long periods without water and as such don't need to be as frequently watered as containers which will dry out very quickly.



On the vegetable plot most of the work in July is maintenance. Pinch out the tops of cordon tomatoes when they have formed four trusses. I picked this up from my father a long time ago now and it is the preferred approach of many gardeners. And, while you are at it, pinch out the side shoots too. Bush types though don't require pinching out. They will also benefit from regular feeding with a high potash

fertiliser this month, Tomorite being one of the more popular brands for this. The same feed can be applied to cucumbers, courgettes, and marrows, all of which will produce a better crop with such feeding. Any space that is freed up following open-ground grown early potatoes, broad beans, and other early harvested crops can be used to start of over-wintering crops that will be ready for next spring. This makes good use of the ground and saves it being vacant during the winter months. There are still crops that can be sown for this year too, among them carrots, beetroot, and salad leaves. Pinch out the growing tips of runner beans once they have reached the top of their supports. And give them a good watering every two-three days if the weather is very dry. These prefer a moist soil otherwise they may abort their flowers or produce a weak crop. Finally, watch out for the first signs of tomato blight, the early tell-tale brown blotches on the stems and spray with a suitable fungicide. The same treatment can be applied to potatoes as a prevention, with the first application early in July.

Whilst most of the maintenance in July focusses on the vegetable garden the flowers require attention to. In the herbaceous border, the Hostas are reaching their full growth, with flower stems starting to appear too. Along with that growth comes the perennial problem of how to maintain the fine foliage without suffering damage from slugs. Other herbaceous plants suffer a similar vulnerability, for example Lupins, Brunnera, Delphiniums, and the only advice here is to find a solution that works for you and to stick to it. At the first signs of rust on rose leaves, if you are unlucky enough to see it, spray with a suitable commercially available treatment. And don't leave this too long, if you do then the roses plants might just have to be dug out and destroyed. Bedding plants will require deadheading to prolong their flowering life, baskets and containers, in particular, will require plenty of watering this month too. Prune wistaria to 5-6 leaves from the stem on the new growth.

Finally, keep the lawn tidy this month, it might not be growing as fast as in June but it can still become untidy, and tidy up any weeds that show themselves. Because, of course, they benefit from a good watering too!

Hortulanus

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"The Summer looks out from her brazen tower,
Through the flashing bars of July."

- Francis Thompson, *A Corymbus for Autumn*

"Answer July—
Where is the Bee—
Where is the Blush—
Where is the Hay?

Ah, said July—
Where is the Seed—
Where is the Bud—
Where is the May—
Answer Thee—Me—"

- Emily Dickinson, *Answer July*



Holy Trinity Primary School



This spring term hasn't had a great start. Just after the Christmas holiday we went into a 9-week lockdown, which wasn't very pleasing for the school. But, we have had some good news, our school has won a grant for a wildlife garden just outside Eagles classroom. We so far have £300 for our wild life garden, and thanks to Mia's Nan for donating £50.

Our wildlife garden will include lots of equipment for wildlife to feel right at home, such as: wood logs, bricks, flowers, bird baths and lots more. We are hoping we can win another grant. We have entered another one to win up to £3000 for our wildlife garden. We really hope we win and can do a lot to save as much wildlife as possible.

Eagles class have written letters to people they hope could reply and maybe help us with our wildlife garden adventure. Some of them have replied but some are still waiting for a response. A few people have written to David Attenborough and surprisingly we've had two replies for Miley and Luca.

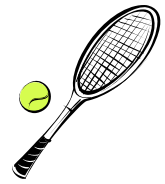
We are very lucky that Leonardslee Gardens have helped out with our wild garden. They have been saving up wood logs for us to use for our garden project. Also, Mrs Mohan has entered lots of grants to win money to use for our garden.

Eagles Class

If you read Michael Blencowe – Sussex Wildlife Trust on pg 36. you will see what happened when the Sussex Wildlife Trust team came to Holy Trinity CoE Primary.



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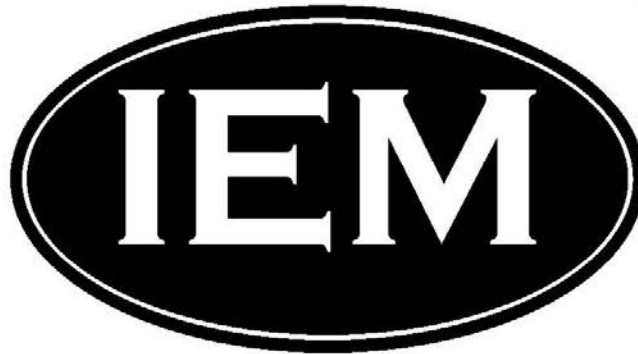
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74. Sir Robert Peel**1788 – 1850****Part 2: A prime minister of principle**

Last month I described Peel's substantial reforms of policing, prisons, the penal code, and his founding of political conservatism. Now as (Tory) prime minister, in order to stimulate trade and also reduce the cost of food for the industrial workers, Peel lifted many restrictions on foreign trade and cut a wide range of tariffs.

He was keen to go further. 25 years earlier, Corn Laws had been enacted to keep the price of grain high by restricting imports, thereby maintaining the revenues of the aristocracy and landed gentry (then the majority of the electorate). At these inflated prices 60% of the pay of factory workers went on food (a third of that on grain). Many factory owners pressed for repeal of the Corn Laws in order to reduce upward pressure on wages. As a believer in the principle of free trade, Peel eventually became sympathetic to repeal.

In 1842 high grain prices caused widespread distress and disturbances in the country. Peel's attempt to repeal the Corn Laws was heavily defeated in the Commons. This defeat widened a split in the Tory Party between liberals and paternal traditionalists.

The Industrial Revolution was creating much wealth, but it was also replacing skilled self-employment with machines. The growing masses in the ill-built towns and cities were often plunged into squalor and misery. All, including children down to the age of ten (sometimes even younger), were set to work 13 hour days at unprotected, maiming, power looms. Even worse, in deep mine tunnels naked little boys and girls, caked black with coal dust, dragged coal trucks on all fours. Prematurely aged by hard toil and loss of all hope, ill-nourished people inhabited crowded tenements with grossly inadequate sanitation, which of course became disease-ridden.

Peel was of a new breed of politician who saw politics as a moral responsibility, rather than an exercise of patronage. He was deeply concerned by the misery of the industrial poor, and the revolutionary danger that lay in it. He united the Tory paternalists and liberals to enact significant reforms: the 1842 Mines Act forbade the employment of women and children underground; the 1844 Factory Act limited working hours for children and women in factories and set rudimentary safety standards for machinery; the 1844 Railway Regulation Act set a minimum standard for rail passenger travel and compulsory services at a price affordable to poorer people to enable them to travel to find work.

Like most Tories, Peel was wary of political reform, but he understood better than most that industrialisation was changing Britain and, when change became inevitable, managed reform was better than disorder. Unrest in Ireland, however, proved more difficult to resolve. Peel's moderate proposals foundered on the intransigence on both sides.

Peel became the target of a failed assassination attempt; a deranged man stalked him for several days before killing Peel's personal secretary, mistaking him for Peel himself.



In 1845, faced with the failure of both the English wheat harvest and the Irish potato crop, Peel determined to repeal the Corn Laws, although he knew this would probably end his prime ministership. Landowners resisted what they perceived as an attack on their interests. and much of the Tory Party would not support him. The debate lasted for months.

Peel could see the looming disaster in Ireland, exclaiming, “Are you to hesitate in averting famine because it possibly may not come? Good God – how much diarrhoea and bloody flux and dysentery [must] a people bear before it becomes necessary for you to provide them with food?”

The worst years of the famine came after Peel was ejected from office, but in his time he secretly used government funds to import food. He also set up road building projects to create employment. This was revolutionary - governments did not provide relief for the poor. That was down to the local communities.

Eventually, with support from Whig, Radical, and Irish MPs, the Corn Laws were repealed, Peel’s ally, the hugely influential Duke of Wellington, having also persuaded the House of Lords. On the same day, Peel was forced by his party to resign.

Peel retained a hard core of supporters in parliament, known as Peelites. At one point he was actively courted by a Whig/Radical coalition, but due to his conservative principles he refused to join them. Nevertheless, he remained influential in parliament on several important issues especially the furtherance of free trade.

Four years after leaving office, Peel died after being thrown from his horse. He left a wife and seven children.

His Peelite followers, led by Lord Aberdeen and William Gladstone (both future prime ministers) went on to fuse with the Whigs, becoming the Liberal Party. Hence Peel is seen as a founding father of both the Conservative and the Liberal parties.

Peel was endowed with great intelligence, integrity, and an immense capacity for hard work. As an administrator he was one of the greatest public servants in British history. *He served twice as prime minister and twice as home secretary.* A pragmatic gradualist, he put nation before party and sought consensus. These were tumultuous times, with upheavals in Ireland, unscrupulous exploitation of the vastly increasing numbers of both urban and rural poor, and radical extremists demanding social and political reform with threats of revolution. Much of the establishment believed the response to all of this should be repression through a draconian criminal code and restrictions on liberties. Peel did more than most in ensuring that Britain avoided the extremes. While evading the wrath of the landed gentry, he steered Britain down the way of managed and orderly liberal reform. *He implemented landmark social reforms* and is the father of modern policing. The repeal of the Corn Laws won him immense prestige (outside of the landed classes) and his death caused a national demonstration of sorrow.

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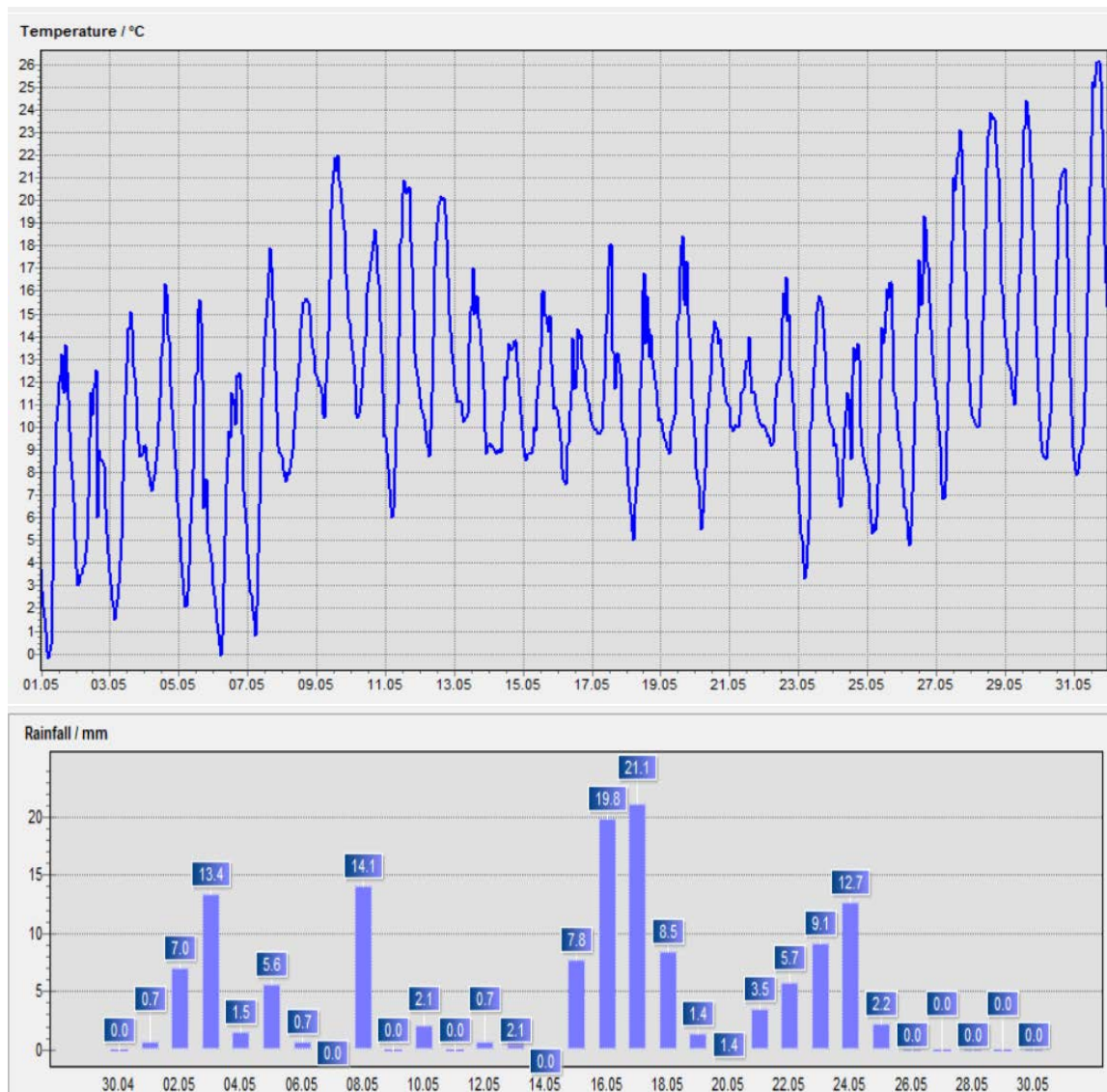
WEATHER REPORT

WEATHER FOR MAY 2021



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| Rainfall in May 2021 | 5.55" | 141mm |
| Rainfall in May 2020 | 0.52" | 13mm |
| Rainfall for 2021 | 14.58" | 370mm |
| Rainfall for 2020 | 16.05" | 408mm |
| Warmest day | 26.1°C on 31 st | |
| Warmest night | 10.6°C on the 10 th | |

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| Coldest day | 12.6°C on the 6 th |
| Coldest night | -0.2°C on the 1 st |



From my records this was the wettest May (back to 2006), with an inch more than the closest which was in 2007. It more than made up for the dry April.

From the MetOffice:

“May began very unsettled and unseasonably cold, with frosts in many places; it became less cold after the first week but continued with frequent rain or showers for most areas. The UK experienced a number of deep low pressure systems that resulted in a number of notably windy days. The weather settled down for the final few days of the month, when it also became much warmer.

The provisional UK mean temperature was 9.1 °C, which is 1.3 °C below the 1981-2010 long-term average, making it the coldest May since 1996. Mean maximum temperatures were up to 2 °C below normal in some areas, but mean minimum temperatures were only around 1 °C below average for most places. Nearly all areas had a wet month, with only parts of western Scotland having near or below average rainfall, and many places from eastern Scotland to Wales and south-west England had well over double their usual May rainfall, making it provisionally the UK’s fourth wettest May in a series from 1862, with 171% of average. Sunshine was rather below average for most areas except Northern Ireland, with 86% of average for the UK overall”. From their data it seems that Central South and SE England had only 83% of average sunshine – and it felt like it.

As we move into the Summer months it becomes harder to predict the longer term weather due to the more unreliable weather patterns experienced at this time of year. With very weak drivers there is little to go on, however there seems to be some agreement in that there is a stronger than average chance for a high pressure system to be close to the UK, especially in June and early July. So as far as predictions go from the Met Office Contingency Planners for the next three months:

- A hot summer is more likely than normal
- A near-average summer, however, seems more likely
- Greater than normal chance of impacts of hot weather such as heatwaves
- The chance of either a wet or dryer than average summer are equal

Elizabeth Ogg

How climate change could affect your cup of tea

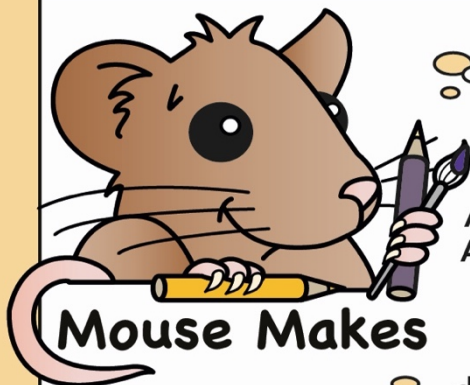
Now here’s something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on: the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.

Kenya, the world’s foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.

Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in Kenya’s best tea-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

As one tea farmer in Kenya’s Western Highlands, explained: “We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder.”



Mouse Makes



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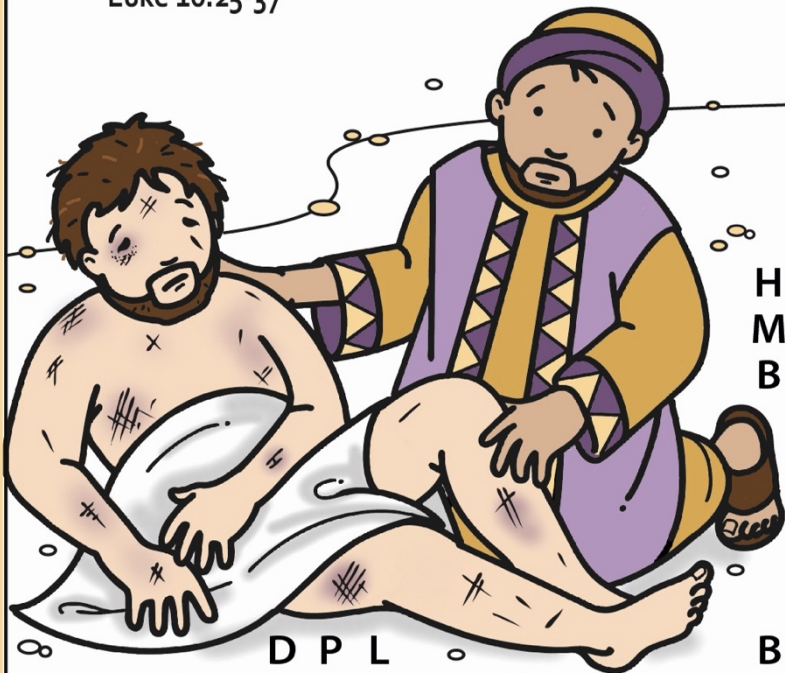
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?"
and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead.
A priest saw him but walked by on the other side.
A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side.
A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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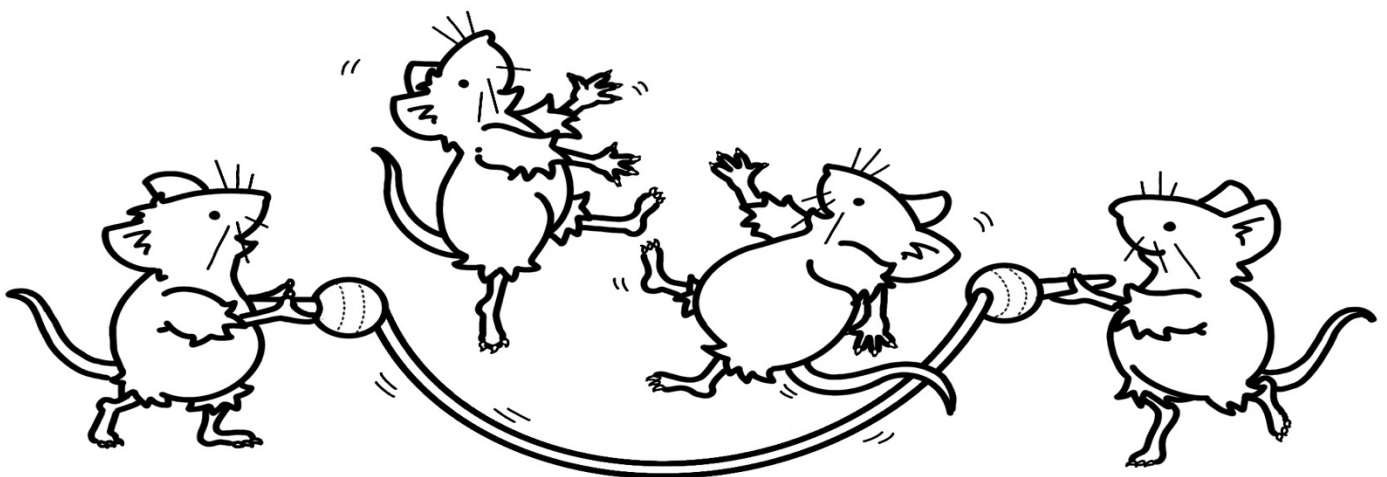
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Heavy falls of drenching dew;
Summer crown! o'er glen and glade
Shrinking hyacinths in their shade;
I welcome thee with all thy pride,
I love thee like an Eastern bride.
Though all the singing days are done
As in those climes that clasp the sun;
Though the cuckoo in his throat
Leaves to the dove his last twin note;
Come to me with thy lustrous eye,
Golden-dawning oriently,
Come with all thy shining blooms,
Thy rich red rose and rolling glooms.
Though the cuckoo doth but sing 'cuk, cuk,'
And the dove alone doth coo;
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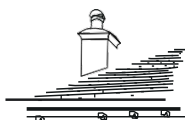
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Crabtree Cavaliers 2021

By popular demand cricket updates from the Crabtree Cavaliers are back! This year they will be trying once again to win the Gullick Cup in the North Section of a new 'Sussex Slam' competition (www.sussexslam.co.uk) and after a usual slow start to the season recent performances and results have created a confident belief that silverware will soon be on display in the village hall.

Results/Fixtures

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| Mon 3 May: | Away to Royal Oak of Wineham 158 for 6 and lost by 6 wickets |
| Wed 12 May: | Away Jolly Tanners at Staplefield 113 for 3 and lost by 7 wickets |
| Tues 1 June: | Away to the Stout House at Horsham CC– Sussex Slam/Gullick Cup 145 for 6 and lost by 9 wickets |
| Thur 10 June: | Away to Southwater Sports Bar– Sussex Slam/Gullick Cup 119 for 6 and WON by 21 runs |
| Thur 17 June: | Away to RSA Royals at Horsham CC– Sussex Slam/Gullick Cup |
| Tues 22 June: | Home to the Stout House at Lower Beeding– Sussex Slam/Gullick Cup |
| Mon 5 July: | Peter Miller Trophy v the Farmers at Poynings CC |
| Tues 6 July: | Home – Opposition tbc |
| Thur 22 July: | Home – Opposition tbc |
| Sun. 25 July: | Tour match away to Milton CC in Dorset |
| Sun. 1 Aug: | Sussex Slam – North Area (Gullick Cup Final) at Horsham CC |
| Sun 15 Aug: | Single Wicket Competition at Lower Beeding |
| Mon 30 Aug: | Lower Beeding Pub Challenge v the Plough |
| Sun 5 Sept: | Crabtree 8 a-side Tournament |

The Cavaliers generally play on mid-week evenings and are always looking for new players (of any age between 14 to 75!) and please contact Russell Knapton (01403 892532 or russell.knapton@btinternet.com) if you are interested in playing. The Cavaliers thank **The Crabtree** for their continued generous sponsorship and purchase of our distinctive shirts and team caps plus bats. Follow the Cavaliers on https://crabtreecavaliers.play-cricket.com/match_reports

Match Report: Southwater Sports Bar – 10 June 2021

Those with a working knowledge of Genesis (no, not that one) will well know that, in the time before the Great Flood, giants once strode the earth. These mighty men, it was assumed, were all drowned in the waves that only Noah and his prototype Pets at Home superstore could survive. Those assumptions were washed away at the Southwater cricket ground, as eleven giants crushed all before them, leaving only a trail of destruction and an economical run rate in their wake.

On a run of seven consecutive losses stretching back to July 2019, albeit with increasingly encouraging performances of late, it was easy to see why the Cavaliers would be distinct second-favourites to the hosts, Southwater Sports Bar. Now based at their frankly magnificent new facility on the edge of the ever-growing conurbation, and having put on over 200 the last time they faced Crabtree at home, Southwater were clearly confident they could chase down any total set before them and duly opted to field first. The Parry/White partnership once again opened for the Cavaliers and, though helped by four byes in the first over, found runs hard to come by with some tight bowling from the Southwater openers. White struggled to get going and was soon dispatched by the impressive Howe, the pick of the opposition bowlers, who finished with 3-0-9-2. Next man Palling similarly found getting runs on the board a challenge and when he fell for a solitary run it became clear that this was not going to be the run-fest seen the previous week at Horsham. And when opener Parry was adjudged leg before for just 15, Crabtree were teetering at 35/3 from almost 8 overs.

Back in the olden days of course, this would have signalled an early 90's England-style collapse, but anyone predicting such events in this day and age would have greatly misjudged the newfound resilience of the Cavalier middle order. Captain Knapton, rested last week, displayed his usual impeccable reading of the game and set about a steady run accumulation exercise, around which the more expansive Cavalier batsmen could play to their more natural attacking style. Having accrued just 44 runs in the first 10 overs, the Cavaliers turned up the heat in the second half, defying the belief that Southwater bowling 'downhill' would prove an even greater challenge. Sloggett (16) and Knapton Jnr (18*) combined with Knapton Snr to put on a further 56 runs in the next 7 overs, before the more experienced Knapton (31) fell to the bowling of Southwater captain Osbourne (2-0-14-1). Useful lower order contributions from Maasingale (6) and Smith (2*) dragged Crabtree up to 119.

The onlooking, and by now quite sizeable, crowd adjudged this 'about average' (either that or they were referring to Crabtree as 'bang average' – which would probably have been the greatest compliment ever received by the Cavaliers). If the euphoria of putting on a decent total was blown away in a matter of a couple of overs last week, it was certainly not the case this time around. Opening bowlers Williams (3-0-15-0) found pace and bounce and Robinson found the cut strip – already a vast improvement on previous weeks. Southwater were in deep water after the second over, losing Ong and next man Ayling in consecutive deliveries, as Robinson picked up his first wickets for bloody ages (3-0-12-2); the first of these involving a superb take from keeper Palling, putting in another impeccable, and man of the match worthy, performance behind the stumps.

First change bowlers White and Smith continued the pace barrage, with Smith (4-0-16-1) first picking up the wicket of opening bat and Southwater top scorer Brown (21), before White's nagging line was rewarded with two wickets, including a rare wicket maiden, to finish with impressive figures of 4-1-15-2. By now the Sports Bar were in deep trouble and at the end of the 13th over found the

run rate required had climbed to over nine. It would be at this stage that the Cavaliers would usually contrive to find a new and innovative method to secure defeat from the jaws of victory; however, the vengeful God that sought to sweep all but the most just from the face of the earth in the previously mentioned flood, can also be a kind and merciful God and this in this instance he bestowed upon the Cavaliers the twin titans named Parry and Sloggett. One bore the gift of accuracy, the other of wickets. Parry completing his full complement of overs for just 15 runs conceded and Sloggett, offering varieties in both line and length, adding two more to his wicket tally. With that, both the Southwater reply was over, falling 21 runs short of the target, and the Crabtree Sussex Slam had properly begun; the journey to Hove now surely a formality. A terrific team performance. Giants of the game all.

Olympic Gold

This month should see the start of the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A number of New Testament letters refer to Olympic sport including Hebrews: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race, but despite the struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, He will enable us to finish the race.

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond was determined to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line. Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek, to which his father said, "We're going to finish this together." They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side. Let's not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race!

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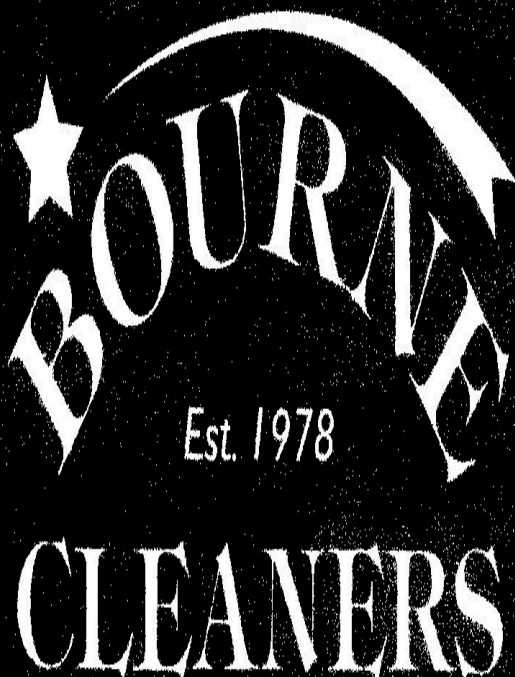
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Sussex Wildlife Trust District - July

By Michael Blencowe

As part of our Wilder Horsham District project, I recently visited the children at Lower Beeding School. I had received some lovely handwritten letters from two of the pupils Nyah (aged 9) and Charlie (aged 10). Nyah's letter told me that her classmates had really learnt to appreciate wildlife during the pandemic. Charlie informed me that "biodiversity means a lot to our school because we really do need to pay attention to our wildlife and look after it" and they invited me to come and talk to their class.

The children were keen to show me their plans to create a wildlife friendly garden with a pond, hedge, log pile and wildflower area and the Sussex Wildlife Trust team agreed to help them out. But first we decided to investigate what wildlife was already using the school grounds. We set up a trail camera (a night-vision camera which is triggered by movement) and, a week later, we came back and the children viewed the results. The camera footage showed a crow, a cat, a fox and then anybody living within a 20-mile radius of Lower Beeding would have heard the children let out a very excited cheer as something very prickly snuffled in front of the camera...

I can't help but smile when I see a hedgehog. Maybe I'm fondly recalling my own childhood hedgehog encounters in my garden. Or maybe I still have fond memories of cheese and pineapple hedgehogs at parties. Either way they are amazing little animals. Sadly, I just don't see many hedgehogs around anymore. Lower Beeding science teacher Jackie Jameson told me "I haven't seen a live hedgehog since I was a child, so I was thrilled to see one too!!!" You can view the video on our Wilder Horsham District Facebook page.

There were an estimated 30 million hedgehogs snuffling about in the 1950s. By the 1990s a survey estimated that only 2 million were left. A more recent study suggests that we can now halve this number again. There are many reasons for this prickly Armageddon. Pesticide use has left them with less slugs, snails, beetles and other bugs to eat and changes in farming practice means that there are simply less hedges to hog. Our own urges to tidy up and fence off our gardens don't help our spiky friends either. But we can all do our bit by leaving a small corner of our gardens to grow a bit wilder to provide hedgehogs with food and a home.

The children of Lower Beeding are showing us the way. They are making their school grounds wilder and ensuring there are gaps in the fence to let the hedgehogs roam through. They've also had a full woodworking day, making nesting boxes, bug hotels and a hedgehog home. Like young Charlie said, "we really do need to pay attention to our wildlife and look after it".

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The Bible reflects this. It is filled with the metaphors of stepping, walking, running and goals, pilgrimages, journeys, all to describe the years of our lives.

So, choosing your next step in life this year is important. The good news is that you need not do it on your own. In God, you have a divine 'life coach'. He knows you perfectly – and He has a plan for your life. Most of all, His plan is to have a close personal relationship with you.

We've all seen toddlers staggering towards danger, ignoring their parents' cries of warning. We've all seen adults making a mess of their lives. They are ignoring their personal divine Shepherd, Guide, Teacher and Helper.

A baby learns to walk safely by listening to its parents. We learn what God's will is for us through daily reading of His word, in the Bible, and in obeying what we read.

For when God guides us, He does not hand down a divine map of our lives for us to follow on our own. His guidance is more like that of a torch – a little advance light, day by day, for our immediate daily path.

Remember, the Lord wants you to succeed in the earthly goals that He has for you! So, trust Him to be your guide and helper as you step into your future.

Help our children cope

Research has found that one in six children aged 5 to 16 in England reported a probable mental health disorder last year – up from one in nine in 2017.

Anxiety and depression have escalated beyond anything seen before in the NHS. And so, the NHS plans to have 400 mental health support teams working across 3,000 schools in England, offering support to almost three million pupils by 2023.

Sir Simon Stevens, chief executive of the NHS, said: "Coronavirus has taken its toll on us all, not least children who have been stuck at home unable to see their friends and without the routine of school life." It had been for many, he said, "a year of turmoil."

All in the month of JULY

It was:

100 years ago, on 1st July 1921 that the Chinese Communist Party was founded.

Also 100 years ago, on 10th July 1921 that Belfast's Bloody Sunday took place. Protestant loyalists attacked Catholic enclaves and set fire to homes and businesses, sparking rioting and gun battles. At least 17 people were killed and more than 70 injured. 2,000 people were left homeless.

Also 100 years ago, on 30th July 1921 that the hormone insulin was discovered by Frederick Banting and Charles Best at the University of Toronto.

80 years ago, on 19th July 1941 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his 'V for Victory' campaign.

75 years ago, on 22nd July 1946 that the King David Hotel bombing took place in Jerusalem. The Irgun (a militant right-wing Zionist group) bombed the hotel which housed the British administrative headquarters for Palestine. 91 people were killed.

60 years ago, on 1st July 1961 that Diana, Princess of Wales, was born. (Killed in a car crash in 1997)

Also 60 years ago, on 2nd July 1961, that Ernest Hemingway, American novelist and short story writer, died. Winner of the 1954 Nobel Prize in Literature. Best known for For Whom the Bell Tolls, A Farewell to Arms, and The Old Man and the Sea. (Suicide)

40 years ago, on 4th July 1981, that the Toxteth riots broke out in Liverpool.

Also 40 years ago, on 17th July 1981 that the Humber Bridge, linking Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, was officially opened. It was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge at that time.

Also 40 years ago, on 29th July 1981 that the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer took place at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

25 years ago, on 5th July 1996 that the first cloned mammal was born. Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. (Died 2003)

15 years ago, on 15th July 2006 that Twitter, the micro-blogging social network, was launched.

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

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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