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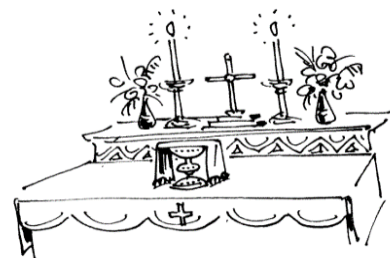
The Benefice of Lower Beeding and Cowfold

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For the Benefice Readings & Worship Services March 2021



March 7th 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17.

I Corinthians 1: 18-25.

John 2: 13-22.

March 14th Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Numbers 21: 4-9.

Ephesians 2: 1-10.

John 3: 14-21

March 21st 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34.

Hebrews 5: 5-10.

John 7: 40-52

March 28th Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a.

Philippians 2: 5-11.

Matthew 26: 14-27.

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 on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday

At the time of publication all our churches are closed for the foreseeable future. Services will go online and will be live-streamed. These can be seen on our FaceBook pages.

At the moment, we are not holding any in-person services in church, but the building remains open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays. It's impossible to know when we might resume services in church, but we are continuing to post services of the two churches' Facebook pages, and will let people know when things change.

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

All our three churches are still closed for Sunday Worship. Services will still take place but live-streamed. As last month you will be able to watch Services via our FaceBook pages.

Ken Eglinton is looking for sponsors. He is joining Cancer Research's campaign to walk 10.000 steps each day of March. He says: I might as well do something useful during lockdown! Please sponsor him if you can – it is a very good cause.

This month's cover photo was taken by Geoff Peckham- thank you, Geoff.

Sadly, we are not out of the woods yet. Lockdown could be with us until perhaps May. Vaccine roll-out continues, and we now have millions of people inoculated – I hope you are one of them.

Keep well and keep safe – Covid 19 will be with us for some time.

Lesley Hendy

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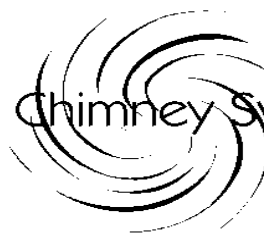
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The Vicar's Letter



At the current time of writing, we are still in lockdown and awaiting further announcements as to when the restrictions may be eased, but the good news is the vaccine is being rolled out as planned and looks to be on track. This and the situation which so many people find themselves in, has had me thinking about what probably most people, especially at this time of pandemic think or reflect about. **The Past, Present and The Future.**

The Past: We all at some time look back on the past and regret about things done or not done. But the past also includes not only our history but the history or the past of the world. In fact, what is past is done, we cannot alter it, as much as at times we wish we could. History, despite what some people seem to be trying to do now, cannot be rewritten, it is possible with the wisdom of hindsight to set out the facts in a different manner and so make it sound different, but they are still the facts. But the past is the past and we should learn from it and use it to guide us in the present and the future.

The Present: The present is the current time, it is in our making to make it good or bad, unfortunately, as we do not have the wisdom of hindsight, it is not always possible to know if our decisions are going to be for the better or not. However, whatever we do, no matter how small, will affect not only ourselves but others as well. So, we need to act wisely, but we all know this is not always the case, after all we are human, again hindsight is a wonderful thing!

The Future: This is the hard one, as the future can be shaped by many of our past actions. So, if we reflect on the past and the present, we maybe will be able to guide the future in some way for the good not only for ourselves but for others as well. One way will be to look on people in the future differently, the pandemic has affected all of us, in many ways and I have seen that people's behaviour has not always conformed to what I would have expected. The 'crisis' we have been through has affected us all, we have very much at times become very isolated and singular in our thinking, so when we can gather together let us stop and take a moment to rethink out preconceived ideas about others and give them the benefit of the doubt and make more allowances for them, after all when we are out of lockdown, we will all be readjusting to a 'new normal', a new time which will not be the same as the past or the present but it will be a new future and to a certain extent a new unknown future for us all.

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."
(Minnie Louise Hoskins)

Quoted by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast 1939.

Keep safe and well, God bless,
Geoff

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News and Views from St. John's, Coolhurst



March 2021 **Bryan Deal writes:**

Thoughts about Covid-19

At the time this is being written those who wish to participate in Holy Communion at St Johns are restricted to viewing the live streams from Holy Trinity. This state of affairs is, of course, a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and there is good reason to be hopeful that it will be temporary. But it may well be that longer term consequences will emerge, and I offer a couple of thoughts

In recent months well-founded fears of infection have impacted the numbers attending. For example, on 17th January just four of us were at the 8.30 a.m. service. On this occasion I understand that the need to self-isolate prevented several regular worshippers from being there and this fact in turn affected others requiring transport. Whilst this experience can be regarded as exceptional one cannot help wondering whether Covid-19 will be the trigger for a longer-term decline in numbers.

Until widespread immunity can be established public worship as a gathering in one place is inevitably disrupted. In the meantime, our vicar together with Fr Martin and all the others involved should be congratulated for setting up the streamed services. Whilst I believe they do meet Christ's injunction that we should meet in His name and do help to maintain a sense of congregational worship, there is no substitute for direct human contact and as a result there may be considerable frustration resulting from the intermittent nature of public worship since lockdowns began. Will this impact the size of the St Johns congregation? I take a hopeful view because I think it likely that the long-standing affection for St Johns held by many of us plus the benefits of the streamed services will prevail and so I look forward to our numbers reaching pre-pandemic size. However, that number is not large, typically fifteen or so. The question of whether we can do better leads to my second thought.

It is often spoken that we should learn lessons from dramatic experiences and because the virus threatens the entire population of the world those lessons will be global in scale. One we can all learn is the power of love for one's fellow man. We are witnessing world-wide a remarkable demonstration of self-sacrifice by health workers and carers who put their own lives at risk to care for the sick. Many of these may well not be Christians and people of all faiths and no faith have made the ultimate sacrifice. In the "War Against the Virus" these people are its casualties. I sense that in this country at least and probably elsewhere this lesson is fresh in people's minds and I hope the churches can give a lead in maintaining this memory. If we do then perhaps more people will turn to the gospel message.



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New Terms abound, often in the form of a totally new word and sometimes in the form of an extended or altered meaning to a normal word. The latest arrival is a word with the extended sense and it will resonate for all who've endured it for a very long time: 'lockdown'.

There are connotations of securing ones' home in anticipation of a storm or hurricane, with shuttered windows and barred doors. The peril is implied, and the security is sought within.

The present confinement may stir vague ideas of seeking shelter in our ancestral past, a past centuries ago when man used natural caves as makeshift homes, a happy provision by natural causes of a handy



home. In parts of southern Italy whole communities still live in caves to-day and the tradition goes back for millennia into our prehistoric age. The Spanish town of Santillana del Mar in Cantabria adds to its historic lustre by its proximity to the famous caves of Altamira. An amateur archaeologist in 1879 was led by his eight-year old daughter to an interesting hole in the ground where a fallen tree had dislodged some rocks revealing the entrance to a network of caves. The longest is a kilometre long

and the most famous part is a high roof covered in wonderful paintings, mainly of ochre, showing herds of bison, horses, deer and what may be wild boar. They have been dated by modern methods to as far as 36,000 years ago, though most come from two separate periods of about 18,000 and 16,000 years ago. The figures are skilfully executed, many with shading to give form, with multiple colours and outlines, some even employing natural protuberances to heighten a three dimensional effect.



The most telling is the least artistic, a feature which speaks directly to us across the multiple generations. Perhaps by way of signature, perhaps just for the fun of it, some painters placed a hand on the cave wall and spat a mouthful of ochre over it leaving a clear hand outline behind. We can thus almost shake hands with an ancestor ten times further back than the Romans.

To mention people in caves rapidly prompts notions of that most notorious of caves, the place of confinement in Plato's world view where mankind is trapped only viewing shadowy images of reality on the cave wall. The real world is behind us, or at least out of our direct view, and the fire between us throws flickering shadows on to the wall in front, leaving us to guess at the nature of true reality. Plato seemed obsessed with the notion that the actual world of everyday experience is only a mimicry of a higher or truer reality which is only graspable partially by us on this earth but can be intuited by the trained intelligence.

Apparently Plato was much indebted to Pythagoras --he of the theorem—who was convinced that the world was reducible to number and that this physical world is an imitation of an eternal mathematical world. All things are number, he said, and the cosmos derives from mathematical principles. Plato took up this idea of a superior reality and constructed the metaphor of the bound captives in the cave as an analogy of our limited insight into the true essence of the world.

The concept may well appear perplexing to many, Bertrand Russell asked why bother with the cave at all, yet the image is powerful and has strongly influenced Western thinking down the ages. Another 20th century philosopher, Alfred North Whitehead, is quoted as claiming that “ the safest general characterisation of the European philosophical tradition is that it consists of a series of footnotes to Plato.”

There is a curious contrast between Plato’s cave and our own predicament in lockdown now. We all feel as if we are trapped in a cave of our own, our secured homes, while the wall of our living room is the source of flickering images from another reality brought to us by the electronic ingenuity of television. We long to taste again the freedom of that external world yet know it is best for our own salvation and the protection of others that we stay put, fixed in our chairs watching the panoramic visions of other times and places. We hope to emerge into the sunlight of better days, while being acutely aware of the loss of so many others, and feel perhaps a little guilty that we find our homes rather tiresome, those very homes we have laboured so long throughout our lives to buy and own.

Whatever about Plato’s cave, the caves of Altamira or our home caves, the time is now within view when Christians will celebrate the release from a different cave of their Saviour Jesus Christ. A primary essence of this belief is the descent into the tomb of death and the emergence from it to a heavenly future life, free of the troubling perplexities of earth and its attendant griefs. The Christian tenant of faith dovetails neatly into the Platonic parable, with an earnest meaning of individual redemption through the precedent of Christ, an historic event given poignant pertinence in our current lockdown at a time of plague.



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My mother died, in much pain, of cancer in her 50s. Her family were very prone to cancer. Relatives being treated for, and often dying of cancer was a regular feature of the first half of my life. Whilst the family is still prone to cancer, it is much more common for them to recover these days. That is in part due to the wonderful work of Cancer Research UK. Please support their work with a donation.

Ken Eglinton

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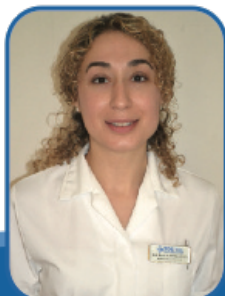


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As we move into Spring with better weather and many of us having received their first vaccine, we can hope that life can soon get back to normal again.

First of all our Community Speed Watch is still on hold until we receive further instructions from Sussex Police to proceed. We expect that to be sometime this month. The Parish Council has also set up a Transport Working Party to evaluate how we can adopt more effect ways of dealing with speeding vehicles and other Parish improvements. If you would like to volunteer to join this group, please let me know.

We have had a recent spate of fly tipping. If you see any instances of this happening then please do not hesitate to contact me and I will have it removed. In addition should you witness any fly-tipping we will need evidence to prosecute the culprits. That can be in the form of a photograph of the vehicle with a time and date.

Planning Applications made in January

1/ DC/20/2451 Forestry Barn at Warren Wood, Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain.

Change of use of existing forestry building to mixed-use forestry building and shoot day room.

The PC unanimously opposed this proposal on the following grounds: -

A. The justification / need for the change of use is to enable the culling of deer for forestry management. At no point does the application explain why this process needs a "day room" to host such activities. If this is for management of carcasses or similar then this should be made clear.

B. The application suggests that shoots of a commercial nature, that is multiple guns and over multiple days during the "season", will be associated with the building. That is not consistent with the proposed use of the building to support deer population management.

The building would appear to actually need a license to serve food and drinks and other services associated with a commercial premise of this nature. Presumably the frequency and nature of the shoot is not associated to forestry management but is in fact a commercial operation with a specific purpose of offering social shooting. This should be made clear in the application, and the introduction of birds is expected with ecological impacts that have not been measured or considered.

2/ DC/21/0101 & 0102 Leonardslee House, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding Horsham

Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of Planning Permission DC/20/0267 (conversion of office space into hotel suites) to allow additional external soil vent pipe, incorporation of raised floors for some en-suite, removal of section of existing internal first floor wall, and installation of new window to serve en-suite.

Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of Listed Building Consent DC/20/0268 (alterations to convert office space into hotel suites) to allow additional external soil vent pipe, incorporation of raised floors for some en-suite, removal of section of existing internal first floor wall, and installation of new window to serve en-suite.

The PC had no objection to both of these applications.

If you need any advice on any issues pertaining to lockdown or isolation, please do not hesitate to contact me on:-

TEL: 07540 418155

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Stay safe!
Peter Knox

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**Sunday 14 March**  
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## Part 2. Lower Beeding Sports Field

Now that the land had been acquired the cricketers, footballers, stoolballers and many other interested groups came together to fund raise £2500 to clear the field by dynamiting the trees, catching many rabbits, digging drains and generally preparing the field.

The very first fund raising event was the collection throughout the village of waste-paper which was stored at Dockers Farm and the two lorry loads of paper collected raised £200. Fund raising events at the site were a bonfire night and a pony Gymkhana organised by Bernard Bradley (Clerk of Works at Gatwick). One further bonfire night was held at Richard Hicks' Cisswood Farm. The Gymkhanas continued at the Hicks', at John Christian's Winterpick Farm then latterly at Jane Hicks' Holme Farm. The 200 Club at £12 a year, was started by Brian Howard and monthly draws were held with dances at the Mannings Heath Village Hall with Austin Mini cars (£500 Each x 2), cameras, tvs, etc. but eventually money prizes were what people wanted.

## Burning and clearing.....

Walt Cubbitt



## Dynamiting



### Dynamited tree space

The tree plus root and debris went over the hedge onto the road – fortunately some one was on guard stopping the traffic at time of blast !



Jim Humphrey, 2 Christian boys, John Christian, Graham Carter  
but who are the others?

The sports field was ready and the Cricket Pavilion built with a verandah completing the LBSA project in 1965.

As the Mill Lane Village Hall was no longer a viable proposition ten years later Bernard Bradley, John Holden, Mike Burgess and Jim Humphrey formed a committee and established the LBA in 1975. In 1976 the footings were laid and by October 1977 it was opened by Lady Loder who was presented with a bouquet by Miss Lower Beeding Jackie Burgess.



We are lucky to have such a superb hall and sports field and look forward to when life finally gets back to near normality.

## 250 Club

As you will have seen the club was started back in 1960s at £12 a year and for at least 30 years it has been £20 when it should really now be at least £40! - maybe next year with a revamp! However we are holding it at £20 for this year with one draw at Christmas the same as last year with £1000 top prize. We can however accept a few more members this year if you so wish.

Please contact Paul Smith on tel: 01403 891293

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Paul will be contacting you all shortly

Jean Black

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Solution to Wordsearch (p.32)





Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

Our programme of events this year faces a further delay to its start, with the cancellation of our spring show which was due to be held on 27 March. With the uncertainty surrounding the future easing of lockdown restrictions it isn't possible to plan for the event with any certainty, hence we have had to take this decision for the second year running. As for the next scheduled event, the quiz night in April, we will have to wait and see whether it is possible to go ahead with this event.

Composts are now being delivered to those members who ordered last month. With the cancellation of the spring show we will need to distribute fuchsias and seed potatoes to those members wishing to enter the special classes in the summer show. If you are interested in entering either of these two classes please let Tom know, tom@plimmers.co.uk/01293 851319.

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## Gardeners' World

It's the second week in February and we're experiencing the coldest spell of weather this winter, and some of the coldest temperatures we've had for several years. The snow last week is slowly disappearing and the forecast for the coming week suggests it'll soon be gone as the temperatures rise. What with the wind chill it has felt extremely cold when venturing outdoors for a walk or to do a little work in the garden. But winter will soon be behind us, and we can look forward to warmer weather as we start gardening in earnest this year.



So a little too cold to be outdoors at the moment although by the time March comes around I'm sure that will change and we can set to on the jobs that will need doing. And with the month marking the start of the main sowing and planting period there are a few things that will keep us busy outside. First though, don't be over-zealous in sowing straight into cold ground – the soil lags air temperature at this time of year – and most vegetables are not going to germinate below around 6C. When you see weeds starting to germinate then you can take it that so will your vegetable seeds. Expect this from the middle of the month onwards. You can sow outdoors carrots, parsnips, peas, broad beans, cabbage, and turnips among other crops. For added protection for carrots and parsnips I will cover the seed bed with glass or polythene sheeting, this means that there is no chance of waterlogging if there's heavy rain, and offers some protection from lower than expected temperatures. As an alternative I've had success covering the rows of seeds with upturned plastic guttering. Ensure the soil is moist when sowing and that the seed is fresh, especially for parsnips. These are erratic in germination at the best of times, they take a couple of weeks to come through, and they need to be kept moist – these small seeds can easily dry out otherwise and if parsnips dry out mid-germination they are likely to fail. Plants that have been started off in the greenhouse can be moved out to their growing beds once they've been hardened off properly. If you haven't done this before then it's a simple process of acclimatising the young plants to the colder

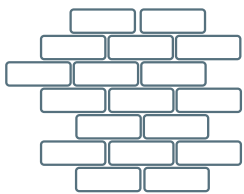
temperatures. The simplest way is to move the young plants outside by day and to a south-facing aspect for up to two weeks and to cover them with fleece or similar material, bringing them back inside at night. BY the third week they can stay outside all night too, but it's best to provide some overnight protection from any frost that might arise. Last month I suggested starting shallots in the greenhouse and the time will come early in March when these will need hardening off prior to planting out.

In the flower bed sweet peas can be planted out in March, along with hardy annuals that can be grown from seed straight into the bed. And it's the ideal time to divide any herbaceous perennials that have become too large in their current position. Hostas are a case in point here. Seeds that are still too tender for direct sowing can be started in the greenhouse now, many will germinate on the greenhouse bench, however if you have a propagator then this will give better results. Hellebores that produce flowers from ground level will need trimming, removing the old leaves to expose the flowers.

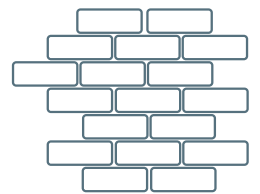
Among the many other jobs that you'll need to embark upon are; the lawn, it's going to need a trim this month in all probability; tidying up last year's hydrangea growth by removing old heads; planting out summer-flowering bulbs; pruning and feeding roses to promote strong new growth; and this is the start of the ideal period for planting out new herbaceous plants, this and the next month or two will give them a good start to their life in your garden display.

So whatever you decide to do during the month, enjoy it and look forward to more months of flowering, harvesting, and gardening activity. Happy gardening!

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An online safety update has been included with this week's post. During lockdown children are spending more time online, both for school-work and for playing games and catching up with friends. The attached newsletter gives lots of useful tips and ideas to ensure that they are safe

With Spring not far off, it feels that the outlook is getting brighter. The peak of infection appears to be over and hospital admissions and infection rates continue to fall. So, we are looking forward to the Government sharing their plans for the re-opening of schools soon. We have been told that this will be from 8th March at the earliest, so we will be returning to some weeks of home learning after our half term break.

We will of course be in touch once we have had time\_to\_digest\_the\_Government's\_road\_map\_, which is due to be shared on or around 22nd February. It looks as if our INSET day, planned for 22nd February, may come at an opportune moment!

Thanks once again to the whole HTLB community for your help and support so far this term. We have achieved so much by all working together.

*Tracey Bishop*



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## GREAT BRITISH WOMEN

My 12th great British woman was Queen Elizabeth I of England. As she is included in my main great Britons list, I move on to number 13.

### 13. Damaris Cudworth Masham 1659-1708



Damaris Cudworth was the daughter of a distinguished Cambridge philosopher, second husband to her mother. At that time most children received early education from their mothers, and formal education was mostly available only for male members of the elite. Damaris, however, grew up with three older siblings and five half-siblings in a brilliant household of academics embedded in college life.

She read widely on contemporary philosophy, despite a weakness of eyesight which affected her ability to read as copiously as she wished. Her scholarly calling, itself unusual for a woman in her time, was achieved in spite of this.

At the age of 26 she married Sir Francis Masham, a widower with eight children. Their marriage produced one son.

From her early twenties, Damaris maintained a close personal relationship with the great philosopher, John Locke (pictured next page). He described her as being “so well versed in theological and philosophical studies, and of such an original mind that you will not find many men to whom she is not superior in wealth of knowledge and ability to profit by it.” She and Locke were of great importance to one another in their friendship and studies. From the age of 59, until his death 13 years later Locke, who never married, lived in the Masham household. He brought with him his library of some 2,000 books and encouraged Damaris’ philosophical thinking. Much of Locke’s last will and testament is devoted to legacies and arrangements for Damaris and her son.

Constant companions, she and Locke exchanged ideas and theories and entertained many other theologians and philosophers (including Sir Isaac Newton). She influenced Locke’s second revision of his *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* while Locke worked on various revisions of this treatise during his time with the Mashams.

During this time, she published her first work, *A Discourse Concerning the Love of God*. Shortly after Locke’s death, she published her best-known work, *Occasional Thoughts in Reference to a Vertuous or Christian Life*. Both were published anonymously, so as to avoid prejudice or irrelevant courtesy towards a female scholar.

In these works Masham combined the liberal philosophy shared by her father and Locke, and their appeal to reason, with her clear insights as to its applicability to women.

Reason: a critical approach to religious, social, and philosophical matters that seeks to repudiate beliefs or systems not based on, or justifiable by, reason.

She criticised the double standards in the expectations of male and female morality, and also the lack of access for women to formal education.

Masham pointed out that women are rational beings and they cannot achieve their potential without education. Moreover, an inferior education leaves women unfit to give their children a proper education.

She bemoaned the fact that however beneficial for themselves and their children, an education in women is rarely valued by society. Men “foolishly thinking, that Money will answer to all things, do, for the most part, regard nothing else in the Woman they would Marry. ... Girls, betwixt silly Fathers and ignorant Mothers, are generally so brought up, that traditionary Opinions are to them, all their lives long, instead of Reason”.

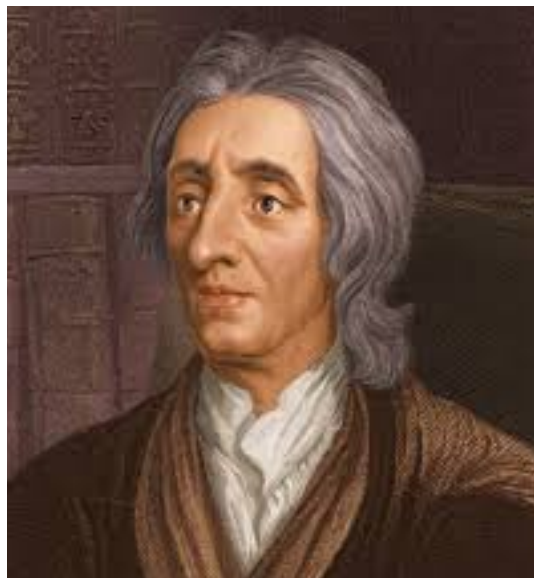
Women should, in any case, have access to education in their own right, because “Women have Souls to be sav’d as well as Men,” Being created as rational beings, it was imperative for women to understand the principles and values behind their own beliefs. Women are told that “They must *Believe* and *Do* such and such things, because the Word of God requires it; but they are not put upon searching the Scriptures themselves, to see whether, or no, these things are so.” Masham further argued that a woman's duty and knowledge should not be grounded on the “uncertain and variable Opinions of Men” but that they should, instead, be able to nurture their minds and form their own opinions. This was revolutionary stuff.

Over several years, Masham’s correspondence with the great philosopher and mathematician, Gottfried Leibnitz, explored their respective theories, including the latter’s work on the relationship between body and soul.

Masham emphasised the importance of free will: “without a capacity in the Creature to act contrary to the Will of the Creator there could be no dessert, or self-excellency in any Created Being; contrariety to the Will of God is therefore permitted in the Universe as a necessary result of Creaturely imperfection, under the greatest endowment that a Created Being is capable of having, viz. That of Freedom or Liberty of Action.”

Damaris Cudworth Masham died at home and was buried in Bath Abbey.

She was a philosopher, theologian, and advocate for women's education who is now admired as a proto-feminist. Despite weak eyesight and lack of access to formal higher education, Masham won high regard among eminent thinkers of her time, with an extensive correspondence and two published works. She also enjoyed a long, mutually-influential, friendship with the great philosopher John Locke. For most of recorded history in most societies women had few rights. Marriage was the best career they could expect, and in that role they were expected to be completely subservient to their husband. It was therefore generally considered that they really had no need for much of an education. Indeed, many men felt inadequate, or even threatened, if they came across an educated woman. Masham was fortunate to have an enlightened father, a supportive husband, and an open-minded philosopher-friend. She was the first to keenly observe the moral and societal loss that arose from the failure to educate females. She demonstrated by her philosophical works that women are every bit as capable as men in the exercise of reason.



***(Ken needs sponsors for his walk for Cancer Research. Find details on p.10)***

# WEATHER REPORT

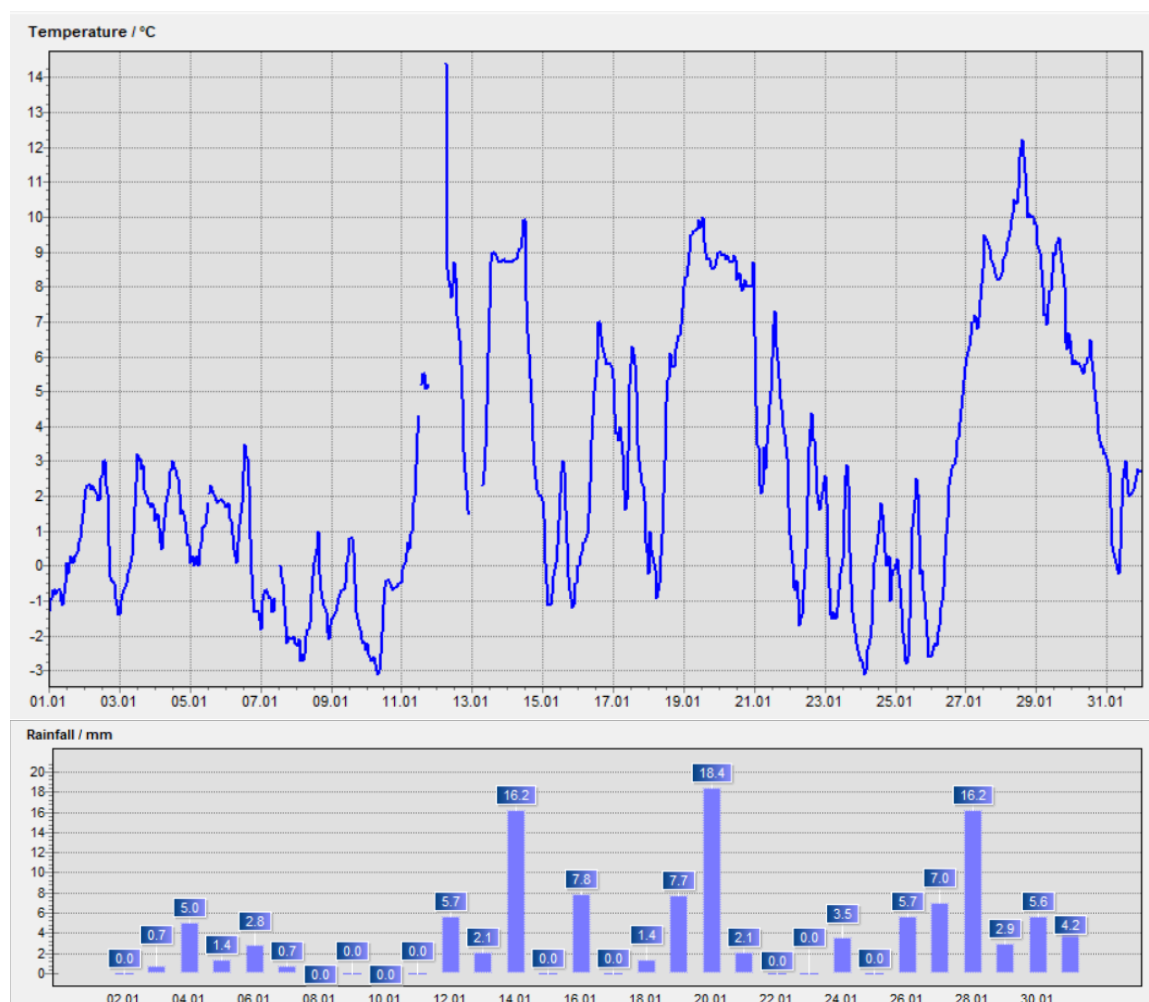


## WEATHER FOR JANUARY 2021

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| Rainfall in January 2021 | 4.64" | 118mm |
| Rainfall in January 2019 | 3.58" | 91mm  |
| Rainfall for 2021        | 4.64" | 118mm |
| Rainfall for 2019        | 3.58" | 91mm  |

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| Warmest day   | 12.2°C on 28 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Warmest night | 2.1°C on the 20 <sup>th</sup> |

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| Coldest day   | 1.0°C on the 8 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Coldest night | -3.1°C on the 10 <sup>th</sup> |



Please ignore the temperature reading on the 12<sup>th</sup> as this was an error that took place when I replaced the external sensor. The correct high for that date would have been just under 9°C.

As predicted, a colder than average January with average rainfall spread through most of the month, making it feel very dreary.

## From the MetOffice:

"The first ten days of January were generally cold, with wintry showers in places in the first week and more general precipitation on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. It turned milder and wetter in the south from the 10<sup>th</sup>, but colder air persisted at times in the north, resulting in some snow at the frontal boundary. Storm Christoph brought very wet and windy weather between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, with many stations having over 100 mm of rain. It was colder from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> with snow in places, mainly in the west and the Midlands. From the 26<sup>th</sup> it turned mild and wet in the south, but remained generally cold in Scotland."

The Met Office forecast for Feb- April (Contingency Planning) show that the current drivers for this period are:

- A mature La Niña which increases the likelihood of westerly winds
- The Sudden Stratospheric Warming (SSW) which occurred in early January, shifted the prevailing westerly winds south of their original position with resultant effects into February.

Currently, there is good agreement on an increased chance of a southward shift in westerly winds early in the season, before the more usual westerly winds return.

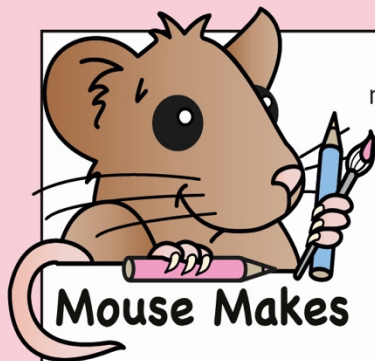
The patterns mentioned mean that early in this three-month period, Atlantic low-pressure systems are more likely to track further south than usual. This increases the chances that the start of the period will be cold, with an associated increase in the chances of impacts from snow, frost and fog (as is happening as I write this). The trajectory of weather systems also means that there is uncertainty in the amount of precipitation, but for the three months as a whole, there is a greater than usual chance of mild and dry conditions, although of course cold and wet conditions remain possible (or any combination of the above!).

Elizabeth Ogg

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"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." —Charles Dickens

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Who is my mother?

Look up the Bible verses then find the mother's names in the word search

CAIN and ABEL
Genesis 4:1-2

JOSEPH
Genesis 30:22-24

ISHMAEL
Genesis 16:15

TIMOTHY
2 Timothy 1:5

RUBEN
Genesis 29:32

GAD
Genesis 35:26

SAMUEL
1 Samuel 1:20

OBED
Matthew 1:5

ISAAC
Genesis 21:3

Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary, she looked after him, worried about him and prayed for him. She **cuddled** Jesus when he was born, **cried** when he died and **rejoiced** when he rose from the dead.

SOLOMON
1 Chronicles 3:5

JOHN
Luke 1:57-60

ESAU and JACOB
Genesis 25:24-26

JESUS
Acts 1:14



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A Guiding light for 50 years...

1st Lower Beeding Guides has provided experiences and opportunities for girls aged 10-16, and been a part of the community since it began in 1917. There have been many pivotal women involved in the unit's evolution, but for the past 49 years, one has featured particularly heavily.

Mandy Hazell, now Wicking, joined the Lower Beeding Guides in July 1972, two months before her 10th birthday (sorry for giving your age away Mandy!). She had a particular affinity and love for the outdoors and embraced camping with the unit. She has camped every year since, from small, traditional camps at Monks Gate to huge international camps made up of thousands of young people.

Mandy thoroughly enjoyed her time as a Guide and proceeded to complete her Young Leader's certificate. At this time, the unit was run by Mary Long and Mandy stepped into the position of Assistant Guider to support Mary. The pair were a force to be reckoned with and formed a very special relationship during this time.

The roles were reversed in 1986 and Mandy stepped up as Guide Guider. She has led the unit ever since, with the help of Karen Norris, Julie Sayers, Allyson West, Hannah Scholefield, Grace West and Amy Sayers. It's somewhat a family affair, but this team of seven women have strengthened the unit, ably lead by Mandy. It has been a challenging few years for many reasons, but the unit is still going strong after more than a century.

Mandy has dedicated a huge amount of time and effort to 1st Lower Beeding Guides and the wider Guiding community. We are not sure that there are many people in the Guiding movement who do not know her name, and that is thanks to her amazing contribution.

She is by no means going anywhere, but she has decided to step back to Assistant Leader and Hannah and Grace will be taking on the role of Guide Guiders. This is a rather special handover as they are Mary Long's granddaughters; she would no doubt have been very proud of all three of them.

The unit is very lucky to have Mandy and a lot of its success and longevity is down to her. She will continue to be heavily involved and mentor Grace and Hannah, but she certainly deserves a page dedicated to her.

Congratulations and thank you Mandy...here's to the next 50 years!



‘Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.’ Leo Buscaglia

Those of us who have the privilege to call Mandy Wicking a friend know that she epitomises the quote above.

Thank you, Mandy for all you have done and all you will do for people of this village.



Take a break!



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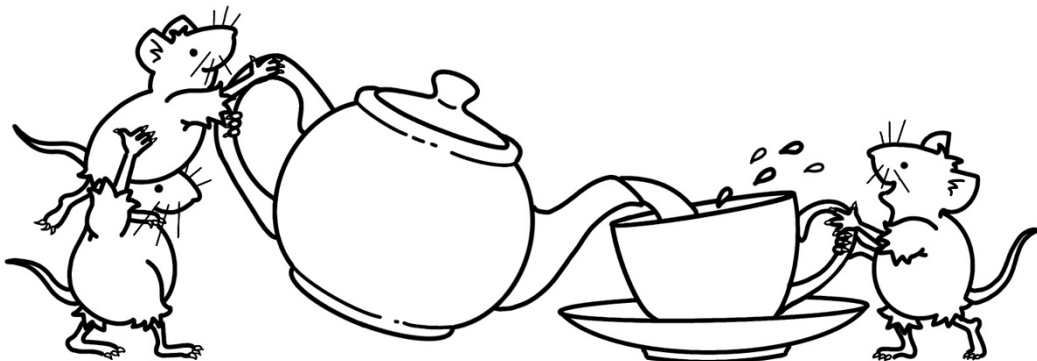
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Martin writes that all at FSW are looking forward with hope and planning activities for the summer so we can take out our families, meet our supporters and just have some fun. The last nine months have seen lots of change for all of us. FSW is no exception. Some long-term members of staff were made redundant, and the physical offices in Hastings and Uckfield closed, Jude and Michelle still very busy with support for their families still active.

In recent years FSW has benefitted from Lent lunch donations at Lower Beeding. These excellent lunches have been a time of sharing and fellowship. However due to Covid 19 the lunches cannot take place, but FSW is in need of donations and your prayers to keep the charity viable to continue their essential work.

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March by Alfred Edward Housman

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That late before his chariot swam,
Rides on the gold wool of the Ram.

So braver notes the storm-cock sings
To start the rusted wheel of things,
And brutes in field and brutes in pen
Leap that the world goes round again.

The boys are up the woods with day
To fetch the daffodils away,
And home at noonday from the hills
They bring no dearth of daffodils.

Afield for palms the girls repair,
And sure enough the palms are there,
And each will find by hedge or pond
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Brimstone butterfly by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

This lockdown has certainly felt harder because of the winter. Don't get me wrong, I've enjoyed the bleak beauty of the season: bare trees, frosted landscapes. But now I need something to get my heart racing. I need a sign – some hope in these challenging times, a promise of those dynamic spring months ahead, a flash of colour. In March my light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming butterfly.



On sculpted, vibrant yellow wings the brimstone butterfly makes his elegant entrance into the New Year on those bright March days when you feel the warmth of the sun on your face. Its distinctive yellow wings have given birth to a legend – that this 'butter-coloured fly' was the inspiration for the word butterfly. This claim may be a myth and it's also untrue that these March brimstones are the first signs of the year's new life. By the time brimstones appear in March they are already on their last (six) legs. Fresh brimstone butterflies emerged from their chrysalises in late summer, so by now they could be seven months old – and in butterfly years that's ancient. Admittedly, almost all of that time they've been asleep in a hedge, sheltered from the storms under holly and ivy. Yet despite the worst winter weather they always emerge immaculate in the spring. They must be made of Teflon. When they awake the (bright yellow) males search for a mate, they mate, the (pale yellow) females lay eggs and then both die. Still, an adult life of over ten months earns them the title of our longest-lived butterfly. An insect OAP.

The brimstone's caterpillars feed on the leaves of buckthorn and alder buckthorn, unobtrusive shrubs which, like the butterfly, are widespread across Sussex. When I first became the proud owner of a garden it was only a matter of days before I evicted the gnomes and planted an alder buckthorn. The following spring, I was excited to watch a brimstone laying her tiny skittle shaped eggs and I studied the caterpillars as they hungrily defoliated my tree, content in the knowledge that I was doing my bit to raise the following year's brimstone brigade.

My first brimstone sighting each year doesn't exactly mean that spring is starting but it's certainly a sign that winter is starting to end. And, after the tough winter that we've all just suffered, that's good enough for me. Either way, this beautiful yellow butterfly is a welcome messenger of what's to come – the first sulphurous spark to ignite the blaze of spring. Let's hope that with the spring comes hope for a brighter year for us all.



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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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