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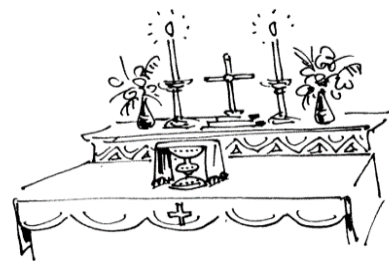


“Never was so much owed by so many to so few”
Remembrance Sunday November 8th



November 2020

*For the Benefice
Readings & Worship Services
November 2020*



November 1st All Saints Day

Revelations 7: 9-end.

1 John 3: 1-3.

Matthew 5: 1-12.

***November 8th 3rd Sunday before Advent ***

(Remembrance Sunday)

Amos 5: 18-24.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end.

Matthew 25: 1-13.

November 15th 2nd Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1: 7 & 12-end.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11.

Matthew 25: 14-30.

November 22nd Christ the King

Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & 20-24.

Ephesians 1: 15-end.

Matthew 25: 31-end.

November 29th The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9.

Mark 13: 24-end.

From the Registers

Times of services – Sundays

Lower Beeding

Eucharist: 8.30 at St. Johns

Eucharist: 10.00 at Holy Trinity

Service for the Bereaved: November 1st

6.00pm at Holy Trinity

St. Peter's, Cowfold

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

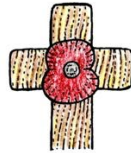
8am BCP Eucharist on Sundays 8th and 15th November

4pm Short & Sweet on Sunday 8th November

11:15am Eucharist on Sunday 15th November

10 am Short and Sweet on Sunday 22nd November

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

In this month we commemorate the fallen in the annual Remembrance Day Services that take place throughout the country. This year the large gatherings have had to be cancelled because of Covid -19 but our clergy are being very inventive in their response to the new circumstances. Revd. Sue, Revd. Martin and Geoff will be livestreaming from the Parish Churches and they can be watched on Facebook and through the websites. For timings see the Vicar's Letter.

Our cover picture of a magnificent Spitefire is a reminder that it is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. It reminds us that when a few take a principled stand they can overcome apparently insuperable odds so good can triumph.

'When you go home, tell them of us, for your tomorrow we gave our today'

Lesley Hendy

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Please stay safe.

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Saturday 14th November

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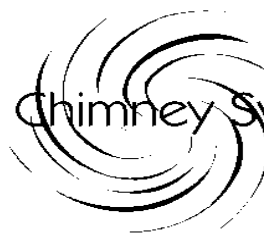
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The Vicar's Letter



Remembrance....

The month of November is dominated by remembrance. This year we have five Sundays in November and three of them are tied up with remembrance of various sorts. We begin on November 1st. This is actually All Saints Day, with the day when the church remembers the faithful departed (All Souls Day) the following day. However, I am holding a service for those who have been bereaved on the Sunday evening at 6.00 pm at Holy Trinity as people are more likely to be free over a weekend. This will be a simple service, designed to be accessible to those who don't usually come to church. Please could you let me know if you would like to attend and if so if you will be accompanied. This is because it would be awful to turn anyone away from such a service and at the moment, we are having to keep an eye on numbers. The service will be livestreamed on the Lower Beeding Parish Facebook page and will then be posted on the St Peters website. If you watch the service you might want to have one or more tealights handy. The camera in the service will not show the congregation.

Then on the 8th November we will have our 10.50 am service at St Peters outside in order to accommodate more people. You can come in groups of up to six. We will also have a service inside Holy Trinity beginning at 10.00 am and this will be live-streamed and I will extend a special welcome at that service to those who are watching. Again, it would be very helpful to know if you are intending to come please.

Those of us who have been working to get the livestreaming up and running, with the backing of the PCC's, hope that we are offering the best possible substitute for marking Remembrance Day. In this very odd year in order to protect its members the British Legion has told them not to march so hopefully everyone can access our services if they wish to. Our Short and Sweet service will be at 4.00 pm and will be Remembrance themed and compliment the more traditional services.

On the very last day of November we move to a different type of remembering. It will be Advent Sunday. During Advent Christians do two things. We remember that Jesus promised to return one day as King of kings and so reflect on whether we would be ready to meet him. We also prepare for Christmas, remembering that God became human in the form of a vulnerable baby.

May God bless our community this November as we remember our loved ones and those who have sacrificed their life or health for us and then begin to look forward as we start the new church year in Advent.

With love, Sue 01403891352 or sue@whartons.org.uk

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News and Views from St. John's, Coolhurst



November 2020

Mark Scrase Dickins Writes:

While thinking about our enlarged Benefice it has struck me that many parish residents may well have little or no knowledge of St John's or possibly where it is. I am therefore copying to you the entry in the newly revised edition of the monumental work originally written by the late Sir Nicholas Pevsner entitled 'The Buildings of England' (pub. Yale Uni. Press 2019) which might be of interest to those of you who do not have a copy. It is sad that due to its isolation in Coolhurst Woods the church has to be kept locked. If anyone would like to see around it I would be happy to open up for you if you fix a date with me on 01403 252416 or mark@marksd.com.

"St John 1838, a chapel orne built in St Leonards Forest at the expense of the Scrase Dickins and originally approached from their house.. Small but expensively faced in ashlar with a large belfry. Small transepts for the family pews of the Scrase Dickins and their Aldridge relatives. Transepts and a porch have carved bargeboards without the flamboyance of those typical of PF Robinson who might otherwise have been considered as the architect. Decorated lead guttering on south side. Jo Scott was faithful to the original design in his new east end (1887-9), the only embellishment being circular windows with lacy tracery for two additional transepts (organ chamber .and vestry) The interior is beautiful and High Church in intent. Chancel divided from the nave by three elegant arches springing from unpolished Sussex marble shafts that echo the nook-shafts in the nave windows. Is this arrangement 1830's (the side arches allowing a view of the altar from the family pews) or by Scott, who completed the composition in the east window? The division of the transepts from the chancel by octagonal piers gives the east end, for its size, a surprising spatial complexity.

By Scott the REREDOS (1884) painted with Last Supper, traceried wooden pulpit and wrought-iron Altar rails (1894). His son CMO Scott did expensive but unspecified work 1933-4 and designed additional furnishings, eg the pews and plain cover for the 1930s Perp Font – Altar frontal and hanging eagle. Textiles are not usually mentioned in this series but these are vital parts of the pictures. By Jane Lemon of the Sarum Group c 2000. STAINED GLASS. South window with medallions in Wiles's style, as is the colourful west window of c 1863-71 – north transept signed Lavers, Barraud and Westlake. North nave saints by Heaton, Butler and Bayne. Also, probably South transept 1884 and a south nave signed Kempe. Scrase Dickins wall tablets in south transept Charles, leathery strapwork in alabaster, Charles Spencer ceramic tablet, neo renaissance enamel frame."

In the private churchyard many Scrase Dickins graves.. (Including a Commonwealth War Grave)



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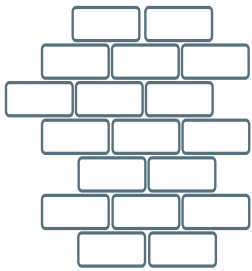
Tuesday Club



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

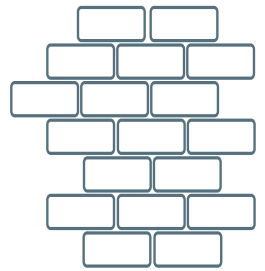
At the moment, the date for this is not known. However, if you wish to have any information concerning the Club for further details please contact Janet Warwick 01403891789 or rjwarwick12@hotmail.com

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Lower Beeding Association News

Charity No. 267433

The LBA held its AGM on Tuesday 29th September at the village hall – we were all distanced out. The Annual Accounts and Annual Trustees Report was approved and will be filed with the Charity Commission in time for the agreed extension due to the coronavirus lockdown.

President: Derek Fry.

Chairman: Roy Wicking. **Treasurer:** Gwynie Jenkins. **Secretary:** Jackie Fake.

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250 Club: If you wish to go on the waiting list for the 250 Club or know more about the Club please contact your collector or 250 Club promoter Paul Smith 01403 891293 em: Smiffy.Clan@btinternet.com

Wells : Snippets of interest to be expanded with your help. My piece on Wells last month has brought the following.....

“There are two wells in the garden and one in the Platt (field) of **Hop Gardens** in Newells Lane (formerly known as Salt Box Lane). Back in the 1930s the Platt Well was well used in the winter with beautiful water as it was filtered through sand. One of the garden Wells was used in the summer as it was the deeper one. Sue can remember her father, who was a doctor, measuring the depth of water every morning and recording the details on a chart. He was extremely fussy about the safety and had the water tested regularly.”

Another snippet about Hop Gardens is that the Canadians during the war years lived in the house and the downstairs bathroom, which had very thick walls was used as a command post and air raid shelter!!

The cottage was on an important bridleway between Nuthurst and Lower Beeding and name changed from Saltbox Lane when the A281 was established.

Salt was probably brought up from Shoreham to London ??? hence the original name.

Goodyers Farm also had and still has a wonderful Well which was used until the early 1950s. The water from the Well was heated in the copper, placed in a tin bath beside the open fire !

And the loo incidentally was down the garden “Rose Cottage”.

One at 21 **Mill Lane**, has been incorporated into the room with a glass top. I hope he has it properly piped so when it rains it does seep up to his sitting room !

In 1919 Jacksons Farm on Hammerpond Road (formerly Lane) was purchased by Edwin Smith and he and his wife Annie moved in in 1920. There was no bathroom only an outside earth closet and the only drinking and washing water came from a spring at the bottom of the garden but had to be cleared of algae before use. Mains water came into the area in the 1950s.

Another one that is in good condition and still used today but only for watering the garden is at **The Paddocks** in Sandygate Lane.

Please anyone in Hammerpond Road, or elsewhere, who can tell me a bit about their wells I would be pleased to know ! **Well House**, which was at one time a school, where my grandfather attended in 18

I would imagine most houses in the village pre-1900s would have had Wells or springs.



Little Paddocks

“Nothing is permanent. Don’t stress yourself too much because no matter how bad the situation is.....it will change”.

Well that’s it for now.

Other info: Jean Black 01403 891523

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Lower Beeding Parish Council News

November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Council has been preparing for the possibility of another lockdown in our district.

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Peter Knox

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I look forward to hearing from you.

We also continue to post regular updates on our website www.lowerbeeding.com to keep you abreast of any changes and advice you may need during these stressful times.

Stay safe!

Peter Knox

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1st November: All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

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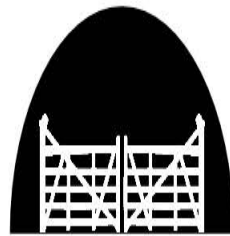
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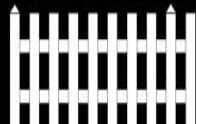


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# Lower Beeding Horticultural Society Report

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After last month's update that indicated the schedule for 2021 will follow the schedule for this year there have been several gloomy statements on the spread of the pandemic and how it is proposed that it is dealt with. As a result, we aren't now planning any events next year until the spring show, which we hope to hold in March. This means that the quiz evening is being moved to the spring. This is a changing situation so please look out for the periodic newsletters and these parish magazine updates for more information. Now is the time to take advantage of our seed purchasing arrangement with Thompson & Morgan. This gives us discounts of 50% on all seeds and 20% on non-seed items – potatoes, onion sets, plug plants, etc. Members have received order forms to be completed and returned to me by 14 November. If you would like to take advantage of this scheme and haven't received a form, then please let me know (details on back cover).

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## Gardeners' World

The summer has well and truly given way to autumn as I write this November article in early October. We're experiencing windy and wet conditions and, as I write each year, these conditions bring the leaves down onto our gardens. This in turn marks the onset of the serious raking and collecting that is likely to continue well into December as the falling that started in earlier months comes in with a vengeance. November is a month of preparation for next year, not just outside but indoors too as we start to consider what we want to grow and in so doing ordering our seeds, potatoes, and allium sets. And if you decide on autumn sowing, the garlic can go into the ground as soon as you get them.



There is more to garden work this month than clearing away leaves and other debris. On the vegetable plot preparation can start with attention to the rotation of crop groups so that no crop is grown in the same area more than every third year. Unless you have a designated bed for a particular vegetable – and many will have for runner beans, for example – rotation follows a simple three-group approach. These are loosely referred to as 1) root crops – beetroots, carrots, parsnips, potatoes plus others, 2) brassicas – cabbage,

broccoli, sprouts, cauliflower and others, 3) "others" – beans, cucumbers, lettuce, peas, spinach, sweet corn, tomatoes and others. Divide the vegetable patch into three areas and follow the cycle for the groups 1-2-3, 3-1-2, 2-3-1 in successive years. In other words, the root crops go into the first area, then the second, then the third before returning to the first area in year 4. Add no manure and no lime to the root crops area, add manure or compost to the brassicas area and lime in February, add plenty of manure or compost to the "others" and add lime only if the soil is known to be acid. On the plot there is still the likelihood that brassicas and roots continue to deliver good crops for the kitchen, but where crops have finished try to manure where required before the end of the year, so it's best to start this sooner rather than later and basing the manuring on your rotation plan. On top of manuring, the digging of beds in the next month or so will allow the harder weather to get into the soil and help break it down.

Spring-flowering bulbs should have been planted last month, however with bargains to be had as the garden centres sell-off their excess stocks it's still worth planting out daffodils as early in the month as you can. And tulips, too, can still go out this month. Herbaceous plants are now mostly past their best and can be cut back hard. It's a good time to divide these too, to prevent overcrowding and to fill in vacant areas of the beds. November is as late as you want to leave planting out winter bedding plants, among them wallflowers and winter pansies. Complete the lifting of dahlias, begonias, and gladioli, and remove the dead foliage before storing for next year. The lawn shouldn't need a further cut this year, although temperature and rainfall might dictate otherwise. Be sure to clean all the leaves from the lawn, small piles collecting in corners are going to cause the grass to suffer. November signals the turn of the gardening year, combining cleaning and general maintenance with planning and preparation for next year. And if the weather holds it's a great way to get out into the fresh air and exercise. I hope you find pleasure in whatever tasks you choose to do.



Hortulanus

**Hugh thanks to Joan Hackett for organising the September Walk.**

**Many people thoroughly enjoyed the morning and the lunch at The Hornbrook.**

**This event raised £3000+ for the Lower Beeding Churches.**







## Thank You

Thank you to all our families for your help and support to keep the HTLB family safe during these difficult times.

We are continuing to review and improve our infection control measures to ensure that the risks to children and staff are kept to the minimum. As we are a small school, with a very small group of staff, making sure they are all keeping well is vital if we are to keep the school running as normal.

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We are also tremendously grateful to everyone participated in our Harvest Celebrations this year and who provided such an amazing amount of food for Family Support Work.

Rev. Sue provided a remote Harvest festival Service from her study in the morning of Wednesday September 30th and in pouring rain, families brought their Harvest gifts to the Church Car Park where they were being gathered. 15 bags were collected and put with bags given by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church. FSW was extremely appreciative.





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Following his defeat, Napoleon was exiled to the Mediterranean island of Elba. Wellesley was Britain's representative at the peace conference in Vienna, when the stunning news arrived that Napoleon had escaped from Elba, returning to widespread French acclaim.

Wellesley took command of the Anglo-Dutch army near Brussels that was stationed alongside a Prussian army. Within three months Napoleon was advancing upon them. His bold plan was to isolate the two armies and annihilate each separately before the Austrians and Russians could arrive on the French border. Napoleon defeated the Prussians at Ligny, whilst his second in command, Marshal Ney, engaged indecisively with Wellesley at Quatre Bras. The allied armies were forced apart, albeit it not as far as Napoleon had hoped.

Wellesley withdrew to a site he had noted the previous year as favourable for a battle: the north ridge of a shallow valley on the Brussels road, just south of the small town of Waterloo. Napoleon advanced upon him there. Following heavy rain, Napoleon waited for some hours to allow the ground to dry. Wellesley's army then held firm against a series of attacks. In the early afternoon one of the most terrific artillery barrages of the entire war was launched upon Wellesley's infantry. "A hard pounding this," Wellesley commented to his staff, "let's see who will pound longest." He moved his infantry further back over the ridge to shelter from the guns. There they formed squares to resist French cavalry attacks.

Prussian troops started to arrive on the French right flank. Napoleon had to divert forces to hold them back, while Ney ordered repeated cavalry attacks that failed to break the British squares. As more Prussians arrived, Wellesley moved troops from his left flank to support his centre, which was under severe French pressure. The French now fiercely

attacked the allies all along the line, but they were increasingly outnumbered. When Wellesley ordered the counterattack, the French broke, leaving the field in disarray.

Wellesley had remained calm throughout the battle, despite virtually every man of his personal staff being killed or wounded. As Wellesley said, the battle had been a “near-run thing”. Gazing at the battlefield in the aftermath, with dead and dying men and horses, he was also moved to comment “Next to a battle lost, the greatest misery is a battle gained.”

So ended the extraordinary career of Napoleon, whose military genius and ambitions had led directly to the deaths of 6 million men and up-ended the political map of Europe. Britain was the only power that had constantly kept up the long struggle against France, often alone. She now ensured that a vengeful peace was not imposed on France and that a balance of powers was maintained. Partly for that reason there was no titanic conflict between great powers for 99 years - until the First World War. It is a cruel shame that the victorious allies in 1918 decided to impose a vengeful peace on Germany.



Wellesley's prestige in Europe and at home was immense. Many in the establishment, including George IV, were in awe of him. As commander of the allied army that occupied France for three years, he acted with justice, restraining those whose vindictiveness might have led to renewed war. He went on to serve in the Tory government, becoming prime minister in 1828.

Many parliamentary seats had few electors, and some represented towns that no longer existed. In lots of seats a local noble effectively decided who the MP should be. Although other seats had a broader franchise, the new rising towns of Birmingham and Manchester had no seats at all.

However, Wellesley resisted reform. Having seen in Europe terrible death and destruction arising from instability, he firmly believed in the established order and feared that reform would merely encourage unrest and demands for further reform.

Conversely, as an Irishman, Wellesley recognised that the anti-Catholic laws were leading to disorder. Many Tories voted against his act to lift these laws and it passed only with the help of the Whigs. Wellesley and his Home Secretary, Robert Peel, then had to threaten to resign in order to force the king to grant the Royal Assent. Repeal of the penal laws split the Tories and raised expectations for wider political reform. A wave of riots swept Britain. Wellesley's refusal to accept reform led to the fall of his government.

The new Whig government introduced an act to widen the franchise and reform constituencies to be more representative. The Tories, led by Wellesley, blocked it, leading to more widespread rioting. Following a general election, the act passed in the House of Commons but was defeated in the Lords. A wave of near insurrection swept the country. The Reform Act of 1832 was only passed by the House of Lords after the new king, William IV, threatened to fill that House with newly created Whig peers if it were not.

When the Tories were later returned to power, Wellesley installed Peel as Prime Minister. Wellesley served as Foreign Secretary and later as Leader of the House of Lords. Hugely influential, he gave public support to anti-reform positions, but ensured that whenever Peel needed votes in the Lords, they were always forthcoming.

Wellesley died at the age of 83 after a stroke. A million and a half people turned out for his state funeral as he was buried in St Pauls Cathedral, next to Lord Nelson.

Wellesley was one of the greatest ever defensive generals. Many of his battles and tactics are still studied in military academies around the world. Fighting almost non-stop for 16 years across India, Spain, France, and Belgium, Wellesley was never defeated in a major battle. He applied his extraordinary physical and mental stamina, his deep practical knowledge, and his force of personality to overcome all sorts of shortcomings among his subordinates, superiors, supply, and resources. He had tremendous foresight and patience and a brilliant eye for terrain. His skilful use of limited resources was critical in sustaining the war in the Iberian Peninsula that was a huge drain on French resources.

Although stern and rather abrupt, Wellesley also had great charm, as well as unfussy practicality and incorruptible commitment to duty. He was nicknamed “the Iron Duke” for his thin lipped ice-cold resolve, and became part of the Victorian ideal image of manhood, of unemotional endurance: “the stiff upper lip”.

Where did the term ‘stiff upper lip’ come from?

The **phrase** to keep a ‘**stiff upper lip**’ is erroneously thought to be an English invention which refers to that quintessentially British trait, the repression of emotion when in a crisis or adversity. However, in fact it originated in North America; one of its early users was the American frontiersman, soldier and politician Davy Crockett (1786-1836). He died during the battle of The Alamo at the age of 49.

WEATHER REPORT

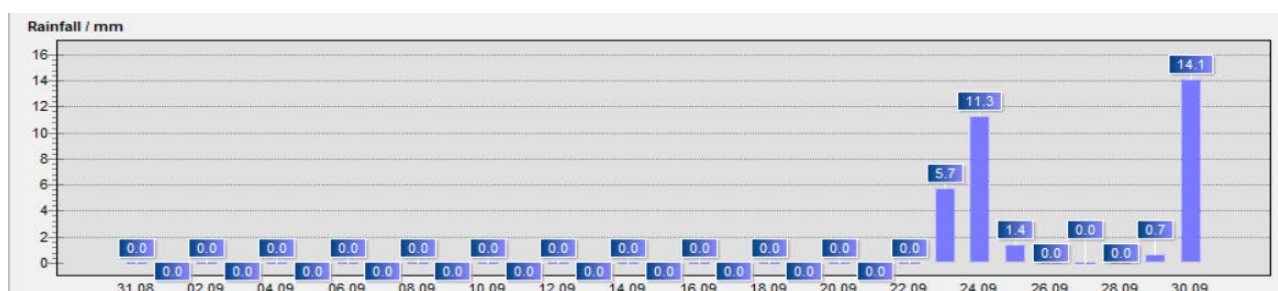
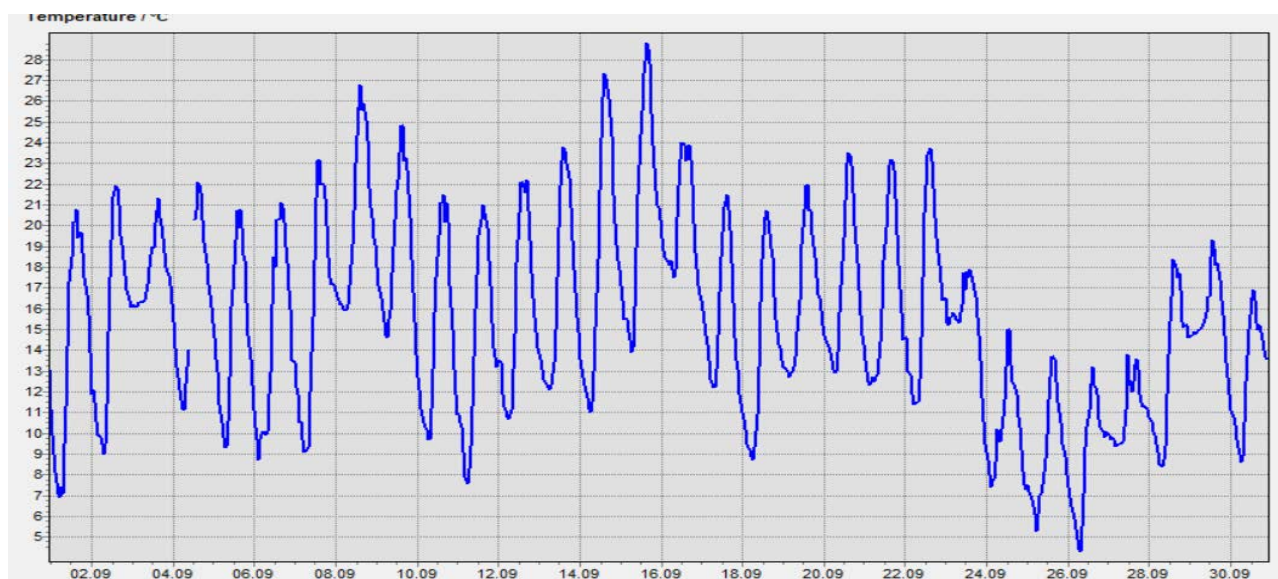
WEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER 2020



Rainfall in September 2020	1.36"	35mm
Rainfall in September 2019	4.67"	119mm
Rainfall for 2020	22.35"	568mm
Rainfall for 2019	22.02"	559mm

Warmest day	28.8°C on 15 th
Warmest night	18.1°C on the 16 th

Coldest day	13.2°C on the 26 th
Coldest night	4.3°C on the 25 th



While the overall rainfall for September was unremarkable, the graph clearly shows that it was dry until the 23rd of the month. The rainfall year to date is about the same now, as this time last year, however last year produced a very wet Autumn and the signs are that this might be repeated again this year.

As I write this at the beginning of September we are in the midst of Storm Alex. It made me realise that I have not given the storm names for the 2020/21 (Starts 1st September 2020) season so here they are:

A-Z of storm names 2020/21				
A Aiden	G Gavin	M Minne (Minn-eh)	S Saidhbhin (Sigh-veen)	Y *
B Bella	H Heulwen (Hail-wen)	N Naia (N-eye-a)	T Tobias	Z *
C Christoph	I Iain	O Oscar	U *	*These letters are not included. This ensures we are in line with the US National Hurricane Centre naming convention and will maintain consistency for official storm naming in the North Atlantic.
D Darcy	J Julia	P Phoebe	V Veronica	
E Evert (Eh-vert)	K Klaas (Klaa-s)	Q *	W Wilson	
F Fleur	L Lilah (Ly-la)	R Ravi	X *	

However, where is Alex and why is it not called Storm Aiden?

The first name on the 2020/21 storm name list is Storm Aiden but this is from the western group of European Storm namers. This includes Met Eireann (Ireland) Met Office (UK) and KNMI (Netherlands). However, there are other groups, a northern one with Scandinavian countries and a SW group with AEMET (Spain) IPMA (Portugal) Meteo France and RMI (Belgium). As the storm affects France first and most severely, this time it has been Meteo France who got in first and did the naming.

As for the forecast for the rest of the year. Global drivers of UK weather, such as the El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO), become more influential during autumn and winter. This leads to better predictability than in summer. A La Nina event is now underway in the tropical Pacific Ocean and is expected to be present throughout the Outlook period. La Nina is the cold counterpart to El Nino, and at this time of year it causes a greater than usual likelihood of northerly or north-westerly winds over the UK, leading to increased chances of below average temperatures. This is tempered by the overall general warming so overall, temperatures could be about average.

La Nina is linked to greater chances of dry conditions over the North Atlantic and wet conditions over Scandinavia. Since the UK sits between these, however, small shifts in the pattern could have large consequences, meaning its impact on precipitation is quite uncertain.

For both October and October-December as a whole, long range prediction systems are in relatively good agreement in representing the effect of La Nina on the UK region described above. As a result, wetter-than-average conditions are only slightly more likely than drier-than-average conditions.

So an unsettled, low pressure dominated period but one that could be quite cold at times as the jet stream aligns north west to south east, possibly even with some cold snaps from the north.

More generally La Nina should take control of the weather system and the effects could well last throughout the winter.

Elizabeth Ogg

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# Bonfire Night - Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>

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Jan Mckinnell recently came across a book of poems by Bill West. Bill was the father of old friends of Jan who live in Hever. Bill lived in Hawkhurst, Kent and was a reader Emeritus which he had earned through his long ministry to the church and community and he had good reason to feel proud of his legacy of poetry – always eagerly awaited each month by readers of the Hawkhurst Parish magazine. His poems appeared in the magazine for over forty years. His sharp wit and skill with words had never failed him, even on his hospital bed. He said, “Poetry has long been regarded as the best words in the best order”.

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This is his poem called:

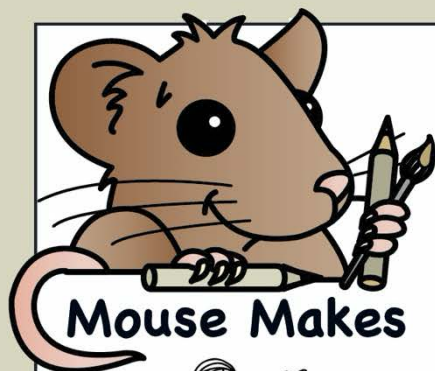
## **“5th November”**



Guy Fawkes has had a goodly run,  
Four hundred years to date,  
His treason plot just went astray'  
And therefore sealed his fate!  
In that long time we might well ask,  
To celebrate the date,  
How many bonfires have been lit?  
And guys have met their fate!?  
And children with guys on parade,  
Begged pennies for the guy,  
Not for the guy – but for themselves,  
Some fireworks to buy!  
Such fireworks will brighten up,  
The night sky all around.  
A quite fantastic spectacle,  
As any to be found  
'Twas all four hundred years ago,  
- In truth it can be said.  
If this event occurred today,  
'Twould end in tears instead!



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REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

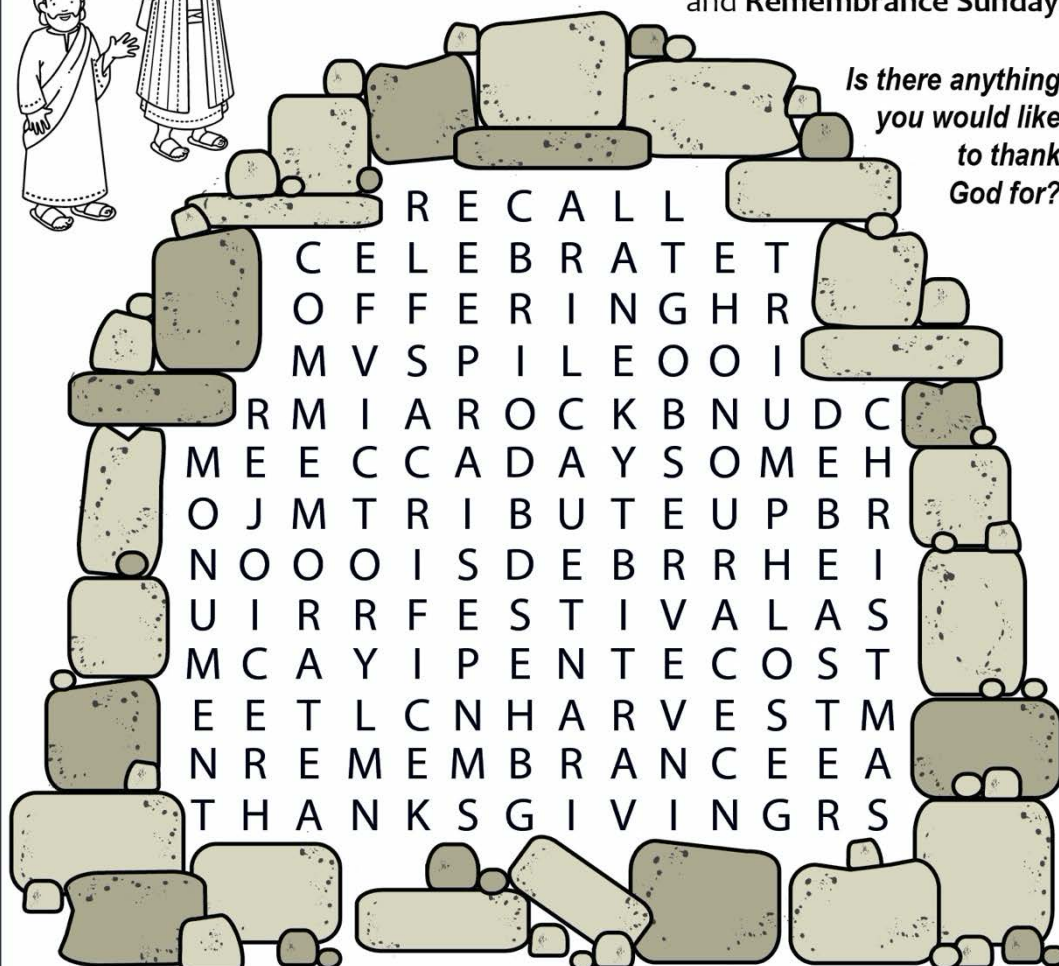


READ Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

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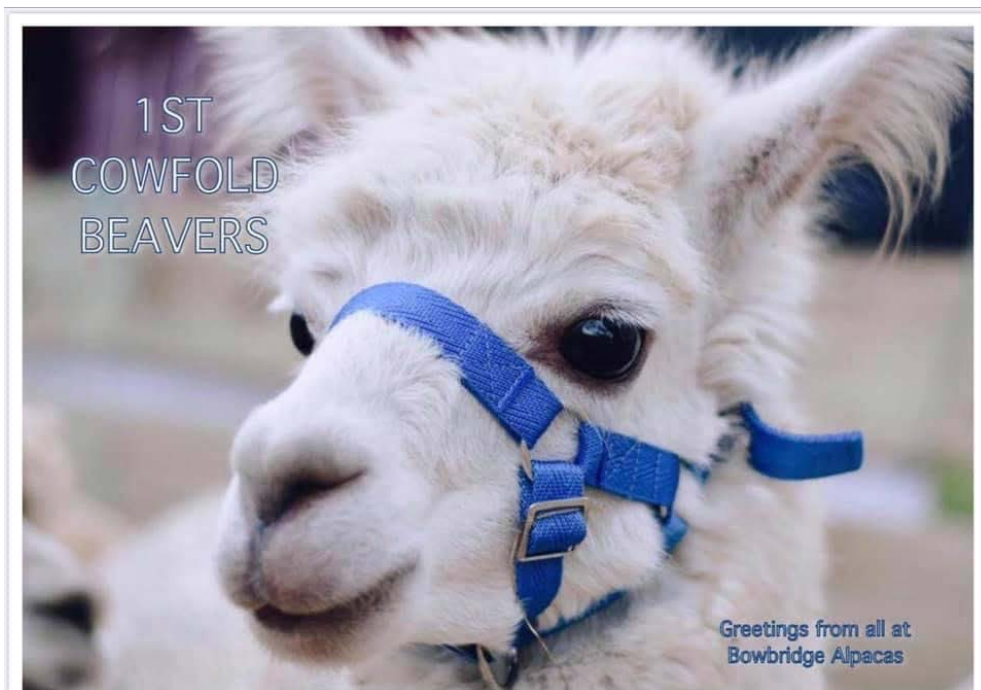
1st Cowfold Scout Group

Great News!

We have a new Member!

1st Cowfold Beaver and Cubs had the opportunity to visit Bowbridge Alpaca in Scotland via a Zoom call. We learn all about Alpaca's, loads of interesting facts and seeing how different each one is. We got to meet all the Alpaca's and found out about each one of them.

The Beavers and Cubs decided to adopt Maximus.



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Although you don't have to be Bear Grylls, if Bear did offer to help at 1st Cowfold he would be most welcome.

The Leaders, Helpers and Executive Members are all volunteers and give up their time to help with the running of the Scout Group, without each of them we couldn't do everything we do.

We would like to say thank you to everyone that has helped over the years and is still helping today. You don't have to be in charge every week to do your part,

**You don't have to  
be Bear Grylls to  
volunteer.**



you can be the person looking after badges, setting up a website, helping with T-shirts without everyone we could not run so a big thank you to everyone.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group please email,  
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# Poetry Cornered

## High Flight

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Pilot Officer, John Gillespie Magee Jr. was a World War II Anglo-American Royal Canadian Air Force fighter pilot and poet, who wrote the poem High Flight. He was killed in an accidental mid-air collision over England in 1941 aged 19.

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds,--and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—Wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I have chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air...  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never a lark or even eagle flew---  
And, while with silent lifting mind I trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.





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## On the Wing

The last of our summer visitors leave, (although occasionally house martins may still be feeding young); and by the end of October/early November our winter visitors are here. Look out for Redwing and Fieldfare feeding on yew berries in your burial ground. If you see several Mistle thrushes amongst them they may have arrived from northern Europe and Russia, adding to the numbers of resident thrushes found over the summer, some of whom in turn may have migrated south.

We think of Robins as a permanent feature of our gardens and churchyards, often believing we have got to know a particular individual. Actually, many winter Robins have migrated here from colder climes and the average life span of a Robin is only 9 months, so this is unlikely to be true.

Some birds are 'true migrants', swallow for example always travels to Africa regardless of weather. Other birds such as chiffchaffs and blackcaps will respond to the weather, going south ahead of cold spells. As a result of climate change, these less programmed migrants may now stay with us all winter.

Migrating, birds need places to rest and feed and burial grounds can be excellent for this. Many bird species are in trouble with populations declining steeply. Providing food and shelter for birds on the move and those wintering here can make all the difference. Bird boxes are used for sheltering as well as nesting. Dense ivy and hedges give shelter from the weather and berry-bearing shrubs provide a rich food source. Consider pruning hedges and shrubs later in the winter so that birds can feed on the berries for as long as possible. As well as nest boxes could you have water in a simple bird bath? From a bird's perspective, your site can offer a warm welcome for its weary wings – a bit like a transport café or a cosy pub for birds!

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Solution to Sudoku (p.32)

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**Mole** by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust  
**...and I live in a hole**



If your lawn is full of nectar-rich flowers for butterflies and bees, with a patch of long grass for grasshoppers and hedgehogs, then Mother Nature will thank you. But if you're one of those particular people who demands that their lawn is a perfectly manicured carpet, slathered in chemicals and shamelessly shaved each summer Sunday, then Mother Nature will not be happy and she'll send in her best hit man. So while we remember, remember Guy Fawkes in November, I'm here to celebrate Britain's other infamous tunnelling terrorist – the mole.

It's hard to bond with the mole. Like 99.9% of us, I've never seen one and probably never will. They're almost a supernatural entity – the Bigfoot of the back garden. Their invisibility means my mental image of the mole has been painted by *The Wind in the Willows* and children's cartoons instead of real-life encounters. I'm always surprised when I see an actual photo of one and it's not wearing glasses.

Moles aren't blind. Admittedly, they'll be struggling by the second line of an eye test but there isn't much call for perfect eyesight when you spend all your life in total darkness. Instead, their pink nose is covered with 5,000 sensory organs which register touch and vibration, allowing the mole to 'see' with its snout; a super-sense that makes them efficient hunters. Their tunnel network spreads out like an underground web and when a wiggling worm drops into it the mole's super-senses tingle, sending them scrambling through their pitch-black passageways. Worms are captured, cleaned, beheaded and stored, still wriggling, in a larder for future consumption.

The mole's front paws are like a pair of giant pink snow-shovels and come equipped with an extra thumb; a characteristic they share with the giant panda. These wide shovel-hands can move an incredible 540 times their own weight of soil in a day. That's like me moving 55.46 tonnes of mud (and before you go scrambling for your calculators, yes, I could do with losing a few pounds).

The molehills that erupt on our lawns are spoil heaps created by the construction work below. OK – they're unsightly but gardeners should be welcoming moles. When potted, molehill soil makes an excellent growing medium for seeds and seedlings, so if you're blessed with molehills - grab a trowel. Once the tunnels are completed the molehills will stop appearing and, in the long run, mole burrowing bestows untold benefits to soil aeration and quality. But for me, it's a pleasure just knowing that such an amazing animal is living, unseen, a few inches below my feet. Some people will still complain but I guess some folk will always make a mountain out of a, well, y'know.



Mole©Steve Bottom Sussex Wildlife Trust.jpg

# PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

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

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

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

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

## **HOLY MATRIMONY**

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

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

## **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

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

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

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

## **MINISTRY OF ABSOLUTION**

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

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